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COMMUNITY COLLEGES

Three's not a crowd

CSI welcomes third community college

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — For more than 40 years there has only been one local community college in southern Idaho.

But that all changed early Wednesday morning when election results confirmed that residents in two of Idaho's most populous counties supported the creation of their own community college district.

The decision gives Canyon and Ada counties the authority to create a taxing district, which would finance a locally controlled community college in the Treasure Valley area.

Idaho already has two taxpayer supported community colleges, which include the College of Southern Idaho and North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene.

Officials at both colleges say they welcome the creation of a third community college district.

"We are excited to have a third community college that we can work with," said Jerry Beck, president of CSI. "Once they (Idaho State Board of Education) have appointed their board members, I am sure that our board will meet with them to discuss the trials and tribulations of starting a community college."

"Ultimately, it's most about the patients we serve and about all the family members of ours who are patients."

— Arthur 'Skip' Oppenheimer, St. Luke's Health System Board chairman

A NEW BEGINNING

for St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center



Photo by KYLEE DENT/Photo

From left: Retired anesthesiologist Lyle Wenderlich, Roger Madson, director of Idaho Commerce and Labor, Jeff Harris, St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center board chairman, Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow, Arthur 'Skip' Oppenheimer, St. Luke's Health System board chairman and Ed Dahlberg, St. Luke's Health System CEO, break ground Wednesday at the 40-acre site of the new hospital in Twin Falls.

Twin Falls celebrates groundbreaking for hospital, which will open in 2010

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — When Ben Katz arrived in Twin Falls in 1952 looking for a job as a physician, the cost of seeing a doctor was a little different than it is today.

"The average office call was \$3," a now-retired Katz said Wednesday. "When I started practice and charged \$5, I was known as the most expensive doctor in town."

The price of health care has increased, but so has the size and importance of the southern Idaho medical community — from about 30 physicians to 160, Katz said. And its most significant modernization officially began Wednesday.

St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center celebrated its new beginning Wednesday as local dignitaries and officials broke ground for its new \$120 million hospital on the corner of Pole Line Road and Grandview Drive, expected to open in 2010.

"When you look at it in the biggest picture way, this is about people," said Arthur "Skip" Oppenheimer, St. Luke's Health System Board chairman. "Ultimately, it's most about the patients we serve and about all the family members of ours who are patients."

The event's speakers, including members of the hospital's regional system, retired doctors and government officials, told a crowd of nearly 300 people that the new facility will play an important role for Magic Valley as it continues to grow, both for young patients and the elderly.

The groundbreaking, a lively event with jazz musicians, light refreshments and informative boards, was held on the one-year



AP Photo/Chris Wedel

Nearly 300 people were present Wednesday during the groundbreaking for the new St. Luke's hospital in Twin Falls.

Video coverage and a photo gallery of the ceremony

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anniversary of when 88 percent of Twin Falls County residents approved the sale of the hospital to the non-profit organization by the county.

The hospital is currently the county's largest private employer, with about 1,500 people. Many touted its contribution to the region's economic development, as well as its cooperative relationships with local entities like the College of Southern Idaho, which has one of Idaho's top nursing programs.

Merle Call, who worked in a hospital lab for more than 20 years and has been volunteering for about

eight, is looking forward to the new building which will have leading environmental benefits and facilities to emphasize patient privacy.

"Medicine gets in your blood and you don't get it out," Call said.

The day capped several years of struggle among the hospital, local governments and the public, and the decision to relocate nearby a neighborhood drew opposition from its residents.

"To those of you who persevered ... you've had to work through quite the political maze to get here," said Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow. "There's been many delays in this process. Some were very serious. Some were political. Some were financial challenges they had to get by to get to this day."

Government reporter Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at 735-3204 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.



Chris Schubert/Times-News

Kenny Mann, 23, of Jerome bought \$12 of gas Tuesday for his 1999 Dodge Ram 1500. He said he hasn't bought a full tank of gas for the pickup in two or three months because of the increase in fuel prices.

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Idaho's average gas price 19th highest in nation

By Chris Steinbach
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — In this instance, one plus one doesn't equal three.

There are plenty of ones. And enough twos. But the Oasis Stop 'N Go at 515 Washington St. N. ran out of three this week — for the sign — which it displays as fuel prices.

"You try being five feet tall and changing a 60-foot sign and see if you don't break a few numbers," state manager Brenda Garza said.

Prices across Idaho this week have ranged from \$3.09 a gallon at an Exxon station in Hayden to \$3.45 a gallon at a Chevron station in Mountain Home, according to www.idahogasprices.com.

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New deal might postpone shutdown of hundreds of Magic Valley wells

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

BURLEY — The Idaho Department of Water Resources and a group of groundwater pumpers have reached an agreement that could postpone more than 700 Magic Valley wells, the department announced Wednesday.

This is the second time this month a curtailment order has been derailed. A previous order that affected pumpers in the Thousand Springs reach is on hiatus, pending a court hearing later this month.

The latest postponement, which affects users in the American Falls reach near Burley, comes after the Idaho Ground Water Association offered to guarantee the Twin Falls Canal Co. 1.075 million acre feet of water for its surface users. That's

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Family says body found in Iraqi river is that of missing U.S. soldier

The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — A body recovered by Iraqi police from the Euphrates River south of Baghdad Wednesday was identified as one of three American soldiers abducted in an ambush claimed by al-Qaida, relatives and

officials said.

"A second body was also found in the area but was not immediately word if it was also one of the missing soldiers, according to a U.S. military official who requested anonymity because the information has not yet been released.

Military officials told the family of Pfc. Joseph Anzack Jr. of Torrance, Calif., that a commanding officer identified the remains recovered from the river, but that DNA tests were still pending.

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Anzack



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TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with weather forecast for Twin Falls. Columns: Today, Tonight, Friday. Rows: Parity cloudy, Quiet weather expected, Scattered clouds, High 71, Low 46, 76 / 52.

MINI-CASSIA Today: A mix of sun and clouds. Highs, upper 60s to near 70. Tonight: Quiet, dry weather expected. Lows, 40s. Tomorrow: Sunny and a few degrees warmer. Highs, lower 70s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

The Rocky Top Cloggers Spring Show, including a 6:30 p.m. pre-show with bluegrass music and cowboy poetry by the Big Rigs, 7 p.m., Twin Falls City Park Bandshell, free admission; dinner available for purchase as fundraiser for costumes and travel expenses; bring lawnchairs, 404-1217.

Joseph Kesselring's comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace," presented by Laughing Stock Theatre Company, 7 p.m., neoStage Theatre, Ketchum, \$20 for adults, \$15 for students and \$30 reserved seating, 726-4857.

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.

CITY DEVELOPMENT

Workshop 2: Downtown, part of the Twin Falls comprehensive General Plan Update, 8 to 9 a.m., Crowleys, 144 Main Ave. S., and 1 to 2 p.m., Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N., 735-7276 or awestenskw@tfd.org.

Workshop 3: Outlying Areas, part of the Twin Falls comprehensive General Plan Update with activities for children and a door prize, 6 p.m., Twin Falls Library, lower level, 201 Fourth Ave. E., 735-7276 or awestenskw@tfd.org.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Preceptor Alpha Kappa Sorority end of year potluck, 6:30 p.m., home of Carol Quaintance, 733-6810.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068. Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128.

HEALTH

Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., no cost, 737-2977.

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

Twin Falls Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program for senior citizens, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St., free for all senior citizens, 737-5946.

ADDICTION SERVICES

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, 731-3231.

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

"Overcoming Co-dependency," 7:30 p.m., Miracle Valley Counseling Center, 213 Third Ave. E., no cost (free-will offering accepted), 734-9603.

OPEN HOUSE

Open House for Community Support Center Inc., with fun activities, question/answer opportunities and hotdogs, 4 to 8 p.m., 1409 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, 737-0777.

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 email at sbrowne@magicvalley.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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Save the children

The odds of a child becoming a professional athlete: 1 in 16,000. The odds of a child being killed before birth: 1 in 5. The odds say that it's time to start listening.

— JOHN COX, Twin Falls

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MAGIC VALLEY



Fossil Days launches festival season

HAGERMAN — The 20th annual Fossil Days festival, celebrating the town's proximity to Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, happens Friday and Saturday.

Agreement could delay shutdown of wells

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Dairymen's association applauds court decision

GOODING — The Idaho Dairymen's Association is applauding a recent court decision that says Gooding County commissioners erred in denying a siting permit for a controversial confined animal feeding operation.

Heated meeting causes councilman to leave

WENDELL — In as many months, two people have left the Wendell City Council meeting because of Mayor Rex Strickland. This time it was Councilman Jason Houser who, during last Thursday's meeting, got the mayor to rap his gavel.

ISP Trooper Chris Glenn honored by students

FILER — Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn was the guest of honor Tuesday at a Filer Elementary School assembly recognizing his courage and determination.

OBITUARIES

Ann Carter (Anna Louise Carter), 87. James Hugh Legg, 66. Louise Ballantine Virginia Glover Scott, 94. Wilda Stewart, 80.

IDAHO LOTTERY

Table with Idaho Lottery results for Wednesday, May 23. Columns: Lottery game, Winning numbers, Payout. Rows: Wild Card, Power Play, Mega Millions, Pick 3, Pick 4.

IDAHO/WEST



Woman creates art with camera phone

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Patrice Elm hasn't touched her bulky 35 mm camera since last fall. The emerging visual artist from Los Angeles has discovered that all she needs is the diminutive gizmo she clips to her jeans and flips open to chat with friends. The quality was good enough to persuade John Matkowsky, owner of Dkrkm, a small gallery in Los Angeles showing Elm's work through Saturday, to do his ever-show of digital prints.

Investigators focus on shooter's arsenal

SPOKANE — Jason Hamilton was prohibited from possessing weapons when he used two high-powered rifles to kill three people and wound three others before fatally shooting himself in Moscow, Idaho, authorities said Wednesday. The 36-year-old janitor, who moved from the Boise area in the late 1990s, fatally shot himself in a Presbyterian church after killing his wife—pregnant and a church sexton—and wounding three other men, authorities said.

Senate slashes foreign worker portion of bill

WASHINGTON — The Senate voted Wednesday to slash the number of foreign workers who could come to the U.S. and temporarily fill as part of a broad bipartisan immigration bill. A new guest worker program would be capped at 200,000 a year under the proposal, which passed 74-24 over strong opposition by the Bush administration.

McCall unveils plan to avoid bankruptcy

BOISE — The central Idaho vacation town of McCall is hoping to stave off a reputation-buoying bankruptcy with a plan to start paying off \$6.2 million it owes construction and insurance companies that built and financed a lava-still-plagued wastewater treatment plant. The city still plans to appeal the federal judgment against it in the case, Mayor Bill Robertson told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

State rejects N. Idaho builder's marina plans

BOISE — Idaho land managers rejected a marina developer's expansion plans, ruling the project that already destroyed important kokanee spawning beds on Lake Pend Oreille could do permanent damage to the important sport fishery.

NATION/WORLD



Ex-aide: Gonzales knew more than he let on

WASHINGTON — Alberto Gonzales' top aide knew more about the firings of U.S. attorneys than he told investigators, Gonzales' former White House liaison tells a House committee. Testifying under immunity from prosecution, Monica Goodling also says she may have used "inappropriate political considerations" in hiring prosecutors — a violation of law.

Turkey coops to help fuel power plant

BENSON, Minn. — The mix of turkey droppings and other bits and pieces flowing through Greg Langmo's fingers back onto the floor of his barn isn't just filthy dirt. It's fuel. Langmo is standing on some 750 tons of the stuff that will help fuel a power plant — and will be the first in the U.S. to use poultry litter.

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Study: Larger hospitals are better for preemies

UNDATED — Thousands of sickly newborns could be saved each year if officials closed some of the nation's smallest neonatal intensive care units, according to a new study that suggests larger hospitals are better able to treat the infants. Extremely premature babies were up to twice as likely to survive when treated at a busy, advanced-care center instead of one of the many community hospitals that have opened ICUs in recent years.

Political talk turns personal on 'The View'

NEW YORK — Watching two faces of the conservative Elisabeth Hasselback squabble on ABC's "The View" is nothing new, but Wednesday's dustup seemed particularly nasty, as the co-hosts trading accusations and personal digs.

SPORTS



Giambi meets with MLB over drug comments

NEW YORK — On the same day a report alleged he failed an amphetamine test, Jason Giambi met with lawyers from the baseball commissioner's office Wednesday to discuss his recent comments on steroids. "The commissioner requested that Jason come in in response to the USA Today piece. Jason was interviewed this morning," union general counsel Michael Weiner said. He was not interviewed about the amphetamine reports which appeared in the Daily News. The paper said he flunked the test within the last year.

Peterson, Johnson take top region honors

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls softball ace Amber Peterson was selected as the Player of the Year Tuesday for the Class 5A All-Region Four-by-Six Teams. Coach Robert Johnson was named Coach of the Year as well. The Bruins had three girls named first team, two tabbed for the second team and one honorable mention selection.

WNCC makes JUCO World Series

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — The NJCAA Division I Region 1B Tournament champion Western Nevada Community College baseball team will begin play in the 2007 Alpine Bank JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colo., on Saturday. The 39-22-2 Wildcats reached Saturday's 5:30 p.m. game against 31-20 Delgado Community College of New Orleans by winning the NJCAA Division I Western District regional tournament.



Guillen leads Mariners in win over D'rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Jose Guillen had four hits and two RBIs. Miguel Batista gave up one run in six innings and the Seattle Mariners beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 5-1 on Wednesday night. Guillen's single in the seventh drove in Jason Ellison and Ichiro Suzuki. Guillen is 14-for-37 with three home runs and 17 RBIs in his last 10 games, raising his average from .176 to .202.

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School

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Subsequent trustees would be elected by voters starting in 2008.

Backers of the College of Western Idaho — slated to be located in Nampa — said it was time to add a third school in southwestern Idaho where the population exceeds 500,000 and is among the fastest-growing region in the state. The college is estimated to cost taxpayers an additional \$4 million annually to operate.

But there are concerns about the impact a third community college will have on CSI and NIC.

For example, more than 500 students from the Treasure Valley area were enrolled in courses at CSI last year. With full-time students paying about \$1,050 in tuition each semester, CSI could lose more than \$520,000 per semester if those students chose to enroll in classes at CWI.

Beck said there is enough demand in Idaho for affordable education and specialized job training to supply three community colleges. But, he added, the colleges should work together to ensure they are not duplicating programs.

"Most of the time, people

(Community colleges) need to provide high-quality programs that serve the needs of the community, and what we shouldn't do is compete against each other."

— Jerry Beck, CSI president

who enroll in community colleges are seeking specialized programs," Beck said. "So we (community colleges) need to provide high-quality programs that serve the needs of the community, and what we shouldn't do is compete against each other."

Local industries in the Treasure Valley area are hoping that will happen with the creation of CWI.

The proposal of a community college even drew financial commitments from some of the region's biggest companies, including Micron Technologies Inc. and Washington Group

International. They said a College of Western Idaho would boost workforce training and increase access to affordable higher education for Idaho residents.

Currently, only about 45 percent of Idaho high school students go directly to college — the fourth-worst rate in the nation.

Classes would be about half the cost at existing universities such as Idaho, Idaho State and Boise State University.

The proposal needed a combined 67 percent yes vote from the two counties in order to pass — and that yes vote stood at 68.5 percent with the one Ada County precinct left to count.

The 2007 Legislature agreed to contribute \$5 million toward startup costs; however, opponents said the cost of the new school, on the heels of rapid escalation in property values, would be too burdensome. They also argued that Caldwell is already home to a small satellite campus of Ontario, Ore.-based Treasure Valley Community College that relies solely on student fees, not local tax levies, to offer classes.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Gas

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Based on AAA Idaho's daily fuel gauge report, Idaho's average price of \$3.24 is 19th highest in the nation.

Garza said her customers have not been complaining. "I think they expect it," she said.

But Kenny Alam of Jerome wasn't one of her customers Tuesday. He paid \$12 for 4.378 gallons that he put into his 1999 Dodge Ram 1500 at Fred Meyer, 705 Blue Lakes Blvd.

"I just need to make it until tomorrow when I get paid and then I'll fill it up," said Mann, a 23-year-old construction worker.

But it has been at least two or three months since he bought a full tank of gas, Mann said. "It's like \$10 to fill it up."

Nationwide gasoline prices and hotel rates are going through the roof, but that hasn't discouraged people from planning getaways on Memorial Day weekend.

Studies "show that the majority of consumers expect to continue to see high gas prices this summer, but they seem to be taking this much more in stride than they have in the past," said Suzanne Cook, executive vice president of research for the Travel Industry Association.

But families are making

adjustments. They are planning to stay fewer days at less expensive hotels closer to home and they'll dine in less expensive restaurants, said Sandra Hughes, vice president of travel for AAA.

The action will start Friday, the AAA said, as the number of travelers trekking 50 miles or more for the holiday weekend is expected to rise about 2 percent from last year. It was up about 1 percent in 2006.

Summer travel won't be much different, so expect crowded airports and packed airplanes, said Chris McGinnis, editor of Expedia Travel Trendwatch. Fares aren't going up as much as they did last year, when they rose about 10 percent.

"It's getting crowded" out

there, but prices are holding firm," McGinnis said.

Low-cost carriers are adding planes and seats for summer, putting pressure on major airlines to hold the line on fares. Some airlines raised fares during the past two weeks, but retreated when others declined to follow.

Travelers will tolerate only so much in fuel costs, said Cook of the TIA, which found in a survey that one-third of more than 2,000 respondents would cancel a trip if a gallon of gas hit a nationwide average of \$3.50.

"There is that small risk that if gasoline prices do in fact get that high, our industry will suffer," she said.

The Los Angeles Times contributed to this report.

Water

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likely enough to postpone curtailment until at least November, when the canal company assesses how much water it provided for the previous season.

"We've put together a plan that will provide Twin Falls (Canal Co.) the water that's required for them to give a full water supply," said Lynn Tominga, IGWA president. "We think it's

a pretty fair deal."

Tominga said IGWA will lease storage water at a cost of \$6.30 an acre foot, plus \$3 per acre foot for transporting the water through canal systems.

IGWA is yet to finalize the purchases.

IDWR Director Dave Tutill said he is relieved the agreement will postpone curtailment. But he said he's not ruling out shutdown later this summer. As the season pro-

gresses, if it appears the pumps won't be able to provide the water they've agreed to, he may still order pumps closed.

"My assessment has been to delay the curtailment order and continue to monitor IGWA's progress," Tutill said.

Though the agreement satisfies the state and pumps, surface water users say they're not sure pumps can find the

water they've promised to lease.

"The question is whether water users will be willing to lease their storage water," said John Simpson, an attorney for the canal company. "It's pretty dry out there."

Times-News staff writer Matt Christensen covers the environment. He welcomes comments at 735-3243 and at matt.christensen@lee.net.

Missing

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"They told us, 'We're sorry to inform you the body we found has been identified as Joe,'" said the soldier's aunt, Debbie Anzack. "I'm in disbelief."

Anzack, 20, vanished along with the two others after their combat team was ambushed May 12 about 20 miles outside of Baghdad. Five others, including an Iraqi, were killed in the ambush, subsequently claimed by al-Qaida.

American forces also disclosed nine more deaths Wednesday, raising to 20 the number of U.S. troops killed in four days.

The spike in American deaths and the discovery of the bodies come at a difficult moment for Washington, where the Bush administration and Congress are struggling to agree on funding for the unpopular war. The search for the captured soldiers has also taken thousands of troops out of the pool of forces for the Baghdad security crackdown.

Nationwide at least 104 people were killed in sectarian violence or found dead Wednesday, including 32 who perished in suicide bombings. One bombing took place 60 miles west of the capital, the other in a city to the east near the Iranian border.

In the search for U.S. soldiers ambushed and captured May 12, thousands of U.S. and Iraqi forces have trudged in temperatures above 110 degrees through desert and lush farmland, sometimes wading in sewage-polluted irrigation ditches.

Maj. Gen. William Caldwell, the chief U.S. military spokesman in Iraq, said the remains, later identified as those of Anzack, were recovered by Iraqi police.

Witnesses said the police using civilian boats searched for other bodies on the river in Musayib, about 40 miles south of Baghdad, and U.S. troops intensified their presence on a nearby bridge as helicopters flew overhead, witnesses said.

Hassan al-Jibouri, 32, said he saw the body with head wounds and strip mines on its back floating on the river Wednesday morning. He and others then alerted police.

The military has warned that U.S. casualties were likely to increase as troops made more frequent patrols during the U.S.-led security crackdown in Baghdad, now in its fourth month.

The other missing soldiers are Spc. Alex R. Jimenez, 25, of Lawrence, Mass.; and Pvt. Byron W. Fouly, 19, of Waterford, Mich.

At Jimenez's father's home in Lawrence, a former mill city north of Boston, a yellow ribbon also was tied on the front door. Ramon Jimenez, who speaks Spanish, said through a translator in a cell phone conversation that he has been buoyed by the support of friends and family.

"The hope is very high that God is going to give Alex back to him," said Wendy Lutzon, a

family friend who translated the conversation and has been serving as a spokeswoman for the family.

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NATION

Senate slashes guest worker part of immigration bill

By Julie Hirschfeld Davis
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Republicans and Democrats pledged strict new conditions on a broad immigration measure Wednesday, as the White House and the bipartisan group that crafted it fought to keep their compromise intact.

The Senate voted overwhelmingly to slash the number of foreign workers who could come to the U.S. on temporary visas.

It also endorsed toughening the security measures that would have to be in place before millions of illegal immigrants could begin gaining permanent legal status or a new temporary worker pro-

gram could be launched. The measure faced new challenges as Democrats sought to loosen its limits on family-based immigration and Republicans proposed further security measures.

The guest worker program would be capped at 200,000 a year under the Democratic proposal approved Wednesday, which passed 74-24 over strong opposition by the Bush administration.

Commerce Secretary Carlos Gutierrez said the program, proposed by Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., would interfere with a "central component" of the White House-backed immigration measure: That plan provided for 400,000 worker visas annually, plus an

option to increase that number to 600,000 if market conditions demand it.

"The Bingaman amendment would eliminate this critical flexibility and cut the size of the temporary worker program in half," Gutierrez said in a statement.

Senators approved a proposal by the Republican Sen. Judd Gregg of New Hampshire to toughen the bill's so-called triggers, which condition the temporary worker program and the granting of legal status to illegal immigrants to strict border security and enforcement measures.

They also adopted a proposal by Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., to crack down with

mandatory prison sentences on illegal immigrants who re-enter the U.S.

The changes came as the administration urged the Senate to approve the immigration legislation despite fresh criticism from presidential hopefuls and lawmakers in both parties.

"The proposal offers a much-needed solution for our nation's broken immigration system," the White House budget office said in a statement. "This proposal would deliver an immigration system that is secure, productive, orderly and fair."

But in a reminder of the widespread distaste for the measure within President Bush's party, House GOP

leader John Boehner of Ohio was quoted describing the bill with a common four-letter expletive during a closed-door meeting Tuesday.

His office said the comment, first reported on National Journal's "Hotline" blog, was "nothing but an off-the-cuff

wisecrack made jokingly during a private gathering," but noted that Boehner has "serious concerns" about the Senate measure.

"The bill would grant an estimated 12 million unlawful immigrants quick legal status and tougher border security."

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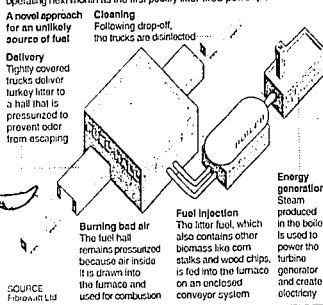
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Waste not: drawing power from the coop

The 55-megawatt Fibromint LLC plant in Benson, Minn., will begin operating next month as the first poultry litter-fired power plant in the U.S.



Turkey coop waste will power first U.S. poultry litter electric plant

By Steve Kamowski
Associated Press writer

BENSON, Minn. — The gray, sandy mix of turkey droppings and other bits and pieces flowing through Greg Langmo's fingers back onto the floor of his barn isn't just funky dirt, it's fuel.

With 16,000 hens gobbling around him, Langmo is standing on a 15-inch layer of turkey litter — some 750 tons of the stuff — that represents a new source of energy.

It will help fuel a \$200 million power plant due to begin full-scale production next month. The 55-megawatt Fibromint LLC plant will be the first poultry litter-fired power plant in the United States, tapping a novel source of renewable energy to produce enough power for 50,000 homes. Its developers are planning similar plants in other major poultry states.

Poultry litter — a combination of droppings, wood chips, feed hulls, shed feathers and spilled feed — has long been spread on fields as a fertilizer. That's cheap and effective, but it can cause nitrates and phosphates to build up in soil, groundwater and runoff. So poultry producers across the country have been looking for

another way to get rid of it. "We've got a long-term, economically and environmentally sustainable alternative to land-spreading — the only advancement in manure management technology since the development of the spreader," said Langmo, a turkey farmer who also fuels manager for Fibromint.

The poultry industry's dilemma created an opportunity for Fibromint Ltd., which developed three smaller poultry litter power stations in Britain in the 1990s. As it happens, Minnesota is the nation's largest turkey-producing state.

When the state's producers learned about Fibromint, farmers and local officials began an intensive courtship of the company. At the same time, Minneapolis-based Xcel Energy Inc. was looking for new sources of renewable energy to comply with a mandate imposed by the Minnesota Legislature that requires it to get 140 megawatts of power from biomass annually.

Poultry litter works as a fuel because it's relatively dry, so it's easy to burn compared with cow and hog manure, which are too wet and smell far worse. Three tons of poultry litter have about as much energy as a ton of coal.

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EDITORIAL

Faith-based counseling
may not help all meth users

Faith can move mountains. But can it cure meth addiction? A coalition of Magic Valley residents dedicated to stanching the methamphetamine scourge in the Magic Valley thinks so. The Southern Idaho Partners Against Drugs are actively seeking involvement from churches, religious groups and individuals who believe that faith-based initiatives can succeed where conventional methods of treatment and prevention fail.

Fifty-six organizations across the Magic Valley have signed on to the campaign, and pledged to recruit many others.

That's laudable, but the jury is still out on whether a spiritual approach works.

Sharon Custer believes it does. A Christian counselor by profession, she also heads the new Miracle Valley Bible College, a ministry of the Twin Falls-based Miracle Valley Ministry Center. A major purpose of the school, which is affiliated with the Jacksonville, Fla., Theological Seminary, is to train Christian counselors to deal with addicts and alcoholics.

Through prayer and Christian counseling, Custer says addicts have an 80- to 90-percent chance of fully recovering. Estimates of the success rate of secular counseling range from 5 percent to 40 percent.

She advocates a method known as TheoPhostic counseling, which encourages addicts to confront falsehoods in their lives and, through prayer, find a relationship with God.

Developed by Kentucky preacher Ed Smith, TheoPhostic counseling is based on the premise that negative emotional feelings can usually be traced back to a believably earlier event. Beliefs and emotions are inextricably linked, he says.

Unless people get Christ into their lives, they won't change, Smith believes.

But Smith has his critics, both in the theological and psychological professions, who argue that trying to mix psychology and religion is inappropriate, and potentially dangerous. Some of them dispute his professed success rate in curing addicts, although independent research comparing religious to conventional drug-counseling methods is hard to come by.

The point is that TheoPhostic counseling, like other faith-based initiatives, offers no guarantees. It's an interesting technique that may work with some addicts, but perhaps not with others.

And it's not the only spiritual-based treatment strategy that other members of SIPAD embrace.

What's indisputable is that the involvement of the religious community in what is arguably the Magic Valley's most serious problem is vital. Life is all about making choices, and choices usually have a moral basis. That's why using meth is wrong, not just foolish and illegal.

We need good people who are willing to roll up their sleeves and do the unglamorous work of proving to addicts — and to plentiful meth users — that there's a better way.

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QUOTES OF THE DAY

"They were afraid of being branded unpatriotic. I'm troubled by the fact that we were so shockingly vulnerable to being manipulated."

— Former Vice President Al Gore on the media and Congress not questioning President Bush's claim that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction in Iraq to justify an attack on the country.

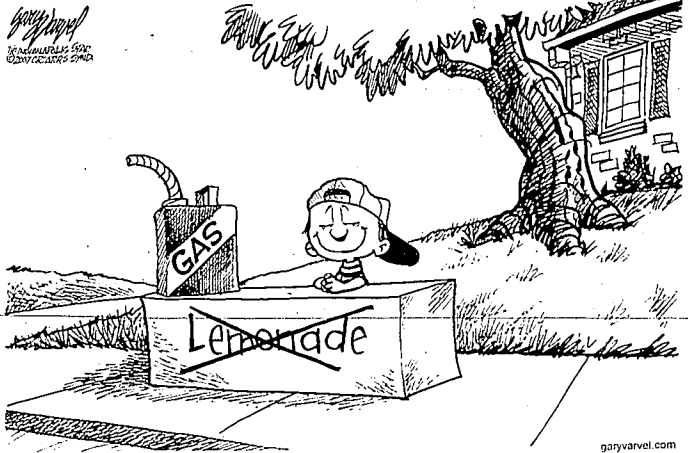
"Democrats have finally conceded defeat in their effort to include mandatory surrender dates in a funding bill for the troops, so forward progress has been made for the first time in this four-month process."

— House Republican leader John Boehner on the anticipated passage of a final Iraq spending bill that funds the war and does not order troops home.

— The Associated Press

Our view: Religious counseling may be a valuable treatment strategy for meth users, but it shouldn't be the only approach to curing addiction.

What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.



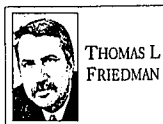
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Laughing and crying over exiting scholars

First I had to laugh. Then I took part in commencement this year at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, one of America's great science and engineering schools, so I had a front-row seat as the first grads to receive their diplomas came on stage, all of them Ph.D. students. One by one the announcer read their names and each was handed their degree — in biotechnology, computing, physics and engineering — by the school's president, Shirley Ann Jackson.

The reason I seemed like everyone at Rensselaer was forgot Ph.D.'s at the ceremony — for a moment, as the foreign names kept coming — Tong Lu, Xu Xie, Tao Yuan, Fu Tang — I thought that the long class of doctoral students in physics were going to be Chinese, until "Paul Shane Morrow" was called. It was such a caricature of what Jackson herself calls "the quiet crisis" in high-end science education in this country that you could only laugh.

Don't get me wrong, I'm proud that our country continues to build universities and a culture of learning that attract the world's best minds. My complaint — why I thought that to cry — was that there wasn't someone from



THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

the Immigration and Naturalization Service standing next to Jackson stapling green cards to each of these foreign-born Ph.D.'s. I want them all to stay, become Americans and do their research and innovation here. If we can't educate enough of our own kids to compete at this level, we'd better make sure we can import someone else's, otherwise we will not maintain our standard of living.

It is pure irony that Congress will not open our borders — as wide as possible — to attract and keep the world's first-round intellectual draft choices in an age when everyone increasingly has the same innovation tools and the key differentiator is human talent. I'm serious. I think any foreign student who gets a Ph.D. in our country — in any subject — should be offered citizenship. I want them. The idea that we actually make it difficult for them to stay is crazy.

Compete America, a coalition of technology companies, is pleading with Congress to

boost both the number of H-1B visas available to companies that want to bring in skilled foreign workers and the number of employment-based green cards given to high-tech foreign workers who want to stay here. Give them all they want but only do our companies need them now, because we're not training enough engineers, but they will, over time, start many more companies and create many more good jobs that they would possibly displace. Silicon Valley is living proof of that — and where innovation happens matters. It's still where the best jobs will be located.

Folks, we can't keep begging about these things. You just have a graduate where foreign-born students dominate your science graduate schools, research labs, journal publications and can now more easily than ever go back to their home countries to start companies — without it eventually impacting our standard of living — especially when we're also slipping behind in high-speed Internet penetration per capita. America has fallen from fourth in the world in 2001 to 15th to today.

My hat is off to Andrew Bassie and Mitch Sifry, co-founders of the Personal Democracy Forum. They are trying to make this an issue in the presidential campaign by creating a movement to

demand that candidates focus on our digital deficits and divides. (See: <http://www.techpresident.com>) Bassie, who unsuccessfully ran for public advocate of New York City in 2005 on a platform calling for low-cost wireless access everywhere, notes that "only half of America has broadband access to the Internet." "We need to go from 'No Child Left Behind,'" he says, to "Every Child Connected."

Here's the sad reality: 9/11, and the failing Iraq war, have sucked up almost all the oxygen in this country — oxygen needed to discuss seriously education, health care, climate change and competitiveness notes Garrett Graff, an editor at Washingtonian magazine and author of the upcoming book "The First Campaign," which deals with this theme. So right now, it's mostly governors talking about these issues, noted Graff, but there is only so much they can do without Washington being focused and leading.

Which is why we've got to bring our occupation of Iraq to an end in the quickest, least bad way possible — otherwise we are going to lose Iraq and America. It's coming down to that choice.

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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Fight the drought: Think about your water usage

Yes, Bud Manker (letter, May 18). I too am concerned about my drought in Idaho, and Twin Falls especially. You were right about the city and its residents changing their concept of landscaping into xeriscaping.

It is my belief that if people really don't care or aren't aware of our drought until they have to make some kind of sacrifice. Now just what kind of sacrifice can residents of Twin Falls make to help our water shortage? Well, I have a few suggestions for everyone, and you can pick. Just one to help.

* Fix those leaks! Can save 100 gallons a day.
* Turn off the faucet while brushing your teeth. You will save two to three gallons per minute.
* Monitor your sprinklers according to the weather.
* Change your toilet to xeriscaping your yard.
* Consider your toilet to a new water-efficient one. Doing any one of these is money in your pocket.

Speaking of your pocket, did you read the "Annual Water Quality Report" in your water bill? After reading this, I wonder why everyone is buying bot-

tl? Is it taste or convenience?

Did you know that we purchase enough plastic bottles to go to the moon and back five times?

By the way, it is not healthy to refill the brother either! Why not buy a Leixion water bottle (at most stores) and fill it with water from your tap or use a Brita or Pur water filter? Did you know that more children are getting cavities due to the lack of fluoride in bottled water?

Remember conserving our precious water is a shared responsibility!
CAROLYN D. BAIRD
Twin Falls

Immigration bill is poor legislation reshaped

This letter is in regard to the "amnesty" bill that Congress is trying to shove down our throats.

This bill is just a reshaped of the one passed in 1996, which was supposed to secure our borders and track workers in the United States, and it failed miserably! Why? Because it wasn't enforced.
In the aftermath of 9-11, it is imperative that we, the people, let our representatives know how we feel. Our borders are wide open to all kinds of threats stemming from the massive influx of illegal aliens.
First, we must build that fence across our southern border. Second, we must start fining employers that hire the illegal aliens, and \$500,000 per

incident would be a starting point. Third, we must give our law enforcement personnel the authority to ask if a person is illegal, and if so, then to detain and deport them immediately. We must support them in this effort. Fourth, there should be no provision for the so-called "anchor babies." If at least one parent is an illegal alien, then the child should not have citizen status.

If you think our Social Security is in bad shape now, wait until we have to start paying it out to 12 million illegal aliens. Look at the effect on our hospitals, school systems, judicial system. Our taxes go to have English as a second language. And why do I have to press "1" to hear a recording in all those?

Should we in Congress should be ashamed of themselves for even thinking of giving amnesty to those that don't respect the laws of our nation. Please, contact them. And if they continue to support this piece of "el-toro-poo-poo," then take them to account the next time they come up for re-election.

RAYMOND MILLER
DIAMOND

Closing school for deaf and blind is a mistake
As a parent of a student at the Idaho School for the Deaf and Blind, I find it unbelievable that they would even consider closing the one

source of fine education of our deaf and blind children in Idaho.

This transaction is not only going to be devastating to the student but to everyone — public school children, teachers and their parents. Idaho public schools are overcrowded as it is. Imagine putting a deaf or blind student in that classroom. The teacher would have to change the way they teach to cater on that deaf or blind child (that they are not educated to teach in the first place), leaving the rest of the class to fend for themselves with the result of every child in Idaho, not being educated the way they should be, but we have a No Child Left Behind policy?

Every student at ISDB is on an Individual Education Program — a state-monitored, federally funded education for children of special needs or severely handicapped children. The regulations of the text version of the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act of 1997, it clearly states that every child "shall be placed in the least restrictive environment," meaning a deaf, blind to severely handicapped child in a public classroom setting is not the least restrictive environment for this child.

As we residents, parents and educators need to stand up for what is right. We cannot allow our school to be closed and change the education of our future for the worst.
WENDI MCKNIGHT
Shoshone

New immigration bill offers amnesty by another name

I wish I could believe the president and those senators who claim their agreement on immigration legislation will "fix" the problems of open borders and illegal aliens. I can't, because the public has had no input into the measure: the last time Congress "fixed" the problem, it got worse; and it appears Democrats and Republicans care more about harvesting votes for their respective parties than doing what's best for their fellow citizens.

The bill would allow for the hiring of 18,000 additional border patrol agents, construction of 370 miles of fence and 200 miles of vehicle barriers, ground-based radar, camera towers and aerial vehicles. Employers would have to electronically verify new hires within 18 months and all existing employees within three years. The priority of border security first, legalization sec-



CAL THOMAS

only sounds good. Only after the border is secured, say the senators and White House, will the guest-worker program kick in. Again, I wish I could believe this, but when it comes to immigration, I don't trust either party. It's a safe bet that once the U.S. government legalizes the illegals, many will not abide by the conditions. What then?

The president can say the Senate measure isn't amnesty, but that doesn't make it something else. The fact is that many of those who broke our laws to get here will be allowed to stay.

A new immigrant category called the "Z Visa" will be introduced. Z-1 covers illegal aliens who got here and started work before Jan. 1, 2007. Z-2 is for parents and spouses of illegals who qualify under the Z-1 category. Z-3 is for the children of illegal aliens qualifying under the Z-1 category.

As the Heritage Foundation's Brian Darling has written, "Z Visa" holders can remain in their "Z" status indefinitely, meaning they never have to pursue a "pathway to citizenship." They'd also be allowed to get Social Security numbers and benefits from some welfare programs. And writes Darling, "there is no cap on the number of amnesty recipients in the draft language." Z Visa holders can't vote, but who doubts that a liberal judge will rule such a ban unconstitutional? Only in America can one violate the law and then appeal to the law

and the Constitution for undeserved rights.

The draft language requires illegals to return "home" for a year or two before applying for citizenship, but who will enforce that provision? No president is going to suffer the political fallout from a mass deportation of lawbreakers, especially after they've been on Oprah with their babies, crying their eyes out. Neither am I betting that imposed fines will be paid.

That this bill is hundreds of pages long and was mostly crafted in secret without hearings and without input from the public should also make us wary. So should Sen. Edward Kennedy's enthusiasm for it. Each time Kennedy embraces a bill, the Republican usually gets his pocket picked. Worse, Republicans don't seem to mind.

Radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh predicted last week

that if the Senate draft legislation becomes law "there is an 80 percent chance that Hillary Clinton will be the next president of the United States ... we are doomed in '08." He predicted this would be "the last straw as far as the Republican base is concerned in being able to trust Republicans that it elects to represent them."

Why do our elected leaders care more for noncitizens than they do citizens? There is no constitutional right to come to America; neither is there a right to become a U.S. citizen. Do we let robbers keep the money if they successfully break into a bank? Isn't this the message we have been sending to illegals: if you can get here, you can have all sorts of goodies previously reserved for people who abide by the laws?

Former Attorney General Edwin Meese thinks the only way to solve the illegal immi-

gration problem is for lawmakers to "uphold the principle that the rule of law requires the fair, firm and equitable enforcement of the law." He would avoid granting amnesty to those who've lived and worked in the United States illegally and ensure that any temporary-worker program is short term.

Meese knows something about the subject. He admits 1986 legislation that attempted to stem the tide of illegal immigration by combining amnesty with increased workplace enforcement of immigration law failed.

The stakes are enormous, for the country and for the future of the Republican Party. It's not just passing this measure; it's both sides can claim "victory" if the victory is a Pyrrhic one.

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Richardson, Huckabee long shot presidential contenders, but refreshing



WASHINGTON — The liveliest pair of candidates in the large fields of Democratic and Republican long shots, Bill Richardson and Mike Huckabee, are also — not coincidentally — the likeliest to break through into the top ranks of their parties if anyone ever does.

It helps that both of them can boast extensive experience in actually running a government. Huckabee spent a decade as the Republican governor of Arkansas and Richardson is in his second term as the Democratic governor of New Mexico.

They are not the only ones with statehouse experience. Jim Gilmore was the one-term Republican governor of Virginia and Mitt Romney served a single term as the Republican governor of Massachusetts.

But while they are dour and determined, Richardson and Huckabee communicate a good-humored enjoyment of the chase that is as refreshing as it is rare.

In their diaries, political reporters can imagine what a race between those two would be like: two lively, loquacious politicians with strongly opposed viewpoints, but a liking for people — and a promise of a few lighter moments to relieve the tedium and the tensions of a long campaign.

Odds are, it will never happen, even though Americans have tended to prefer governors over senators when it comes to picking a president. That's why no sitting senator has been elected president since John F. Kennedy in 1960.

But Bill Clinton and George Bush, both of whom came straight from the statehouse to the White House, have taken much of the bloom off that particular rose.

Huckabee, who hails from Clinton's home town of Hope, and Richardson both built their reputations in relatively small, out-of-the-way places. And as we learned with both Clinton and Bush, mastery of a state legislature does not transfer to mystery of Congress.

Nonetheless, the early going has shown Huckabee and Richardson poking their heads above the others who are striving to break out of the second tier — seen of them on the GOP side, five



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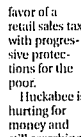
favor of a retail sales tax with progressive protections for the poor.

Huckabee is hurting for money and still searching for an early voting state where he can plant his flag. He may never find it, but given the question marks overhauling the three Republican front-runners, Rudy Giuliani, John McCain and Mitt Romney, there could be room for him.

Richardson has a better chance and a clearer strategy in the Democratic race. With his wealth of experience — long service in Congress, ambassador to the United Nations, secretary of energy, diplomatic trouble-shooter — he can match credentials with anyone: He is also the first serious Hispanic candidate for president — a calling card in Nevada alone among the early states, but later of great use in California, Illinois and New York, if he can get that far.

Richardson had an off night at the first Democratic debate but he has starred at other joint appearances, and his open, friendly personality makes him a welcome presence. It seems to be lunging

for positions that separate him from the front-runners — for example, pledging unrealistically to remove every single American soldier, Marine and airman from Iraq. But his real problem is that Hillary Clinton, Barack



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NATION

Close some neonatal intensive care units, save more babies

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press writer

Thousands of sickly newborns could be saved each year if officials closed some of the nation's smaller neonatal intensive care units, according to a new study that suggests larger hospitals are better able to treat the infants.

Extremely premature babies were up to twice as likely to survive when treated at a busy, advanced-care center instead of one of the many community hospitals that have opened ICUs in recent years.

Even among the most advanced centers, those that handled the most babies had the best survival records, said Claran Phibbs, lead author of the study appearing in today's New England Journal of Medicine.

"It's quite persuasive," said Dr. David Goodman, a Dartmouth Medical School neonatal care specialist who was not involved in the study. "The study reviewed nearly 48,000 premature births and fetal deaths in California from 1991 through 2000, using birth and death certificates and hospital records. Researchers focused on babies with very low birth weights of 1 to 3 pounds.

California's top neonatal intensive care units — called Level 3 NICUs — offer the full range of neonatal care and surgery. They had the best survival rates. Those that treated more than 100 premature babies each year had the lowest death rate — about 18 percent. In similar facilities that treated 50 to 100 infants a year, about 20 percent died.

The trend continued in less comprehensive neonatal units.

Political discussion turns personal on 'The View'

NEW YORK (AP) — Watching Rosie O'Donnell and Elisabeth Hasselbeck squabble on ABC's "The View" is nothing new, but Wednesday's dusty scummed particularly nasty with the co-hosts trading accusations and personal digs.

A political discussion over the war in Iraq became heated when an angry O'Donnell decried Hasselbeck for not standing up for her when media outlets suggested that she called U.S. troops "terrorists" during a previous debate.

"What you did was not defend me. ... I asked you if you believed what I said," the Republican pundit was saying — you said nothing, and that's cowardly," O'Donnell said.

Responded a stern Hasselbeck: "Do not call me a coward, because No. 1, I sit here every single day, open my heart and tell people what I believe."

O'Donnell and Hasselbeck were shown on a split screen as the argument progressed without commercial interruption.

O'Donnell, who is leaving the ABC daytime talk show next month, said she wasn't going to fight anymore. "So for three weeks, you can say all the Republican crap you want."

Hasselbeck discussed the words in an interview with syndicated entertainment show "Extra" that was to air Wednesday evening.

The lower the level of care and the smaller the number of babies, the higher the death rate. In Level 2 NICUs that saw 10 or fewer tiny babies a year, more than 31 percent died.

The effect was seen across race and size differences in the infants studied, and in both genders.

Based on the results, researchers estimated that consolidating intensive care units could prevent 21 percent of deaths among especially small infants.

Why the difference? Hospitals with busy neonatal units also have advanced obstetrics care, including around-the-clock anesthesiology and other services to quickly handle emergencies, Phibbs said. They also have more practice.

But in the last 20 years, the number of NICUs boomed — from 578 in 1985 to 838 in 2004, one industry survey found. In California, the number rose from 156 in 1991 to 168 in 2000.

One reason is more doctors

specializing in neonatal care. Goodmann said. Hospitals have also recognized that such care can be lucrative. Virtually all NICU patients have public or private insurance, and hospitals charge a lot for this kind of care. "NICUs make money for hospitals," Caughey said.

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Minico's silver lining

I imagine a group of teenagers in cleats kicking the tar out of every beloved childhood pet you've ever known. Now imagine that no matter how brutal the beating got, there was nothing you could do to stop it. Maybe now you have a sense of what it was to be one of the Minico baseball fans lining the first-base side of Bishop Kelly High School's Roy Peterson Field Saturday afternoon.



EAGLE EYES
Eric Larsen

Six innings of the 2007 Class 4A baseball championship in Boise had this year's Spartans team writing its name among the program's greats, up there with the Warburtons and Schows of years past. One inning added a rare tale of loss to Minico's history as the first-year Columbia High Wildcats stunned the Spartans with a five-run top of the seventh in their 10-9 championship victory.

The tendency here would be to call Minico's loss one of the largest collapses in program history. Judging by the Spartans' body language, by the wide, disbelieving eyes of the younger brothers and sisters who witnessed the failure of their own heroes first-hand, maybe it was.

Or maybe it was something else. Because for as much as Minico wanted this title, the Nampa community that embraced Columbia baseball in its inaugural season needed it. Wildcatters star pitcher and leadoff hitter Brock Jessup needed it more than anyone else.

One day earlier, Jessup's older brother was there in the Peterson Field stands, cheering his kid bro on as the Wildcatters put a 12-1 beating on cross-town rival Nampa to reach the title game. Saturday, Jessup's brother was a painful memory still so fresh, worn on aching hearts and the white armbands of each Columbia player.

Overnight, a young man who the Jessup family and Columbia officials have not released details about died. The details are unimportant. The only detail that matters is though they sometimes fight, though they can hurt each other like no others can, the brothers love their brothers.

In the face of a loss so great, the business of a lesser love confronted Jessup. A baseball game — the biggest one of his life — beckoned. These are the moments so many of us are lucky to find unimaginable: The moments when

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Giambi meets with MLB

Visit coincides with report he failed an amphetamines test

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — On the same day a report alleged he failed an amphetamines test, Jason Giambi met with lawyers from the baseball commissioner's office Wednesday to discuss his recent comments on steroids.

The commissioner requested that Jason come in in response to the USA Today piece. Jason was interviewed this morning, Union general counsel Michael Weiner said.

He was not interviewed about the amphetamine report, which appeared in the Daily News. The paper said he flunked the test within the last year.

Asked about the report at Yankee Stadium, Giambi said: "I can't give you an accurate explanation."

Asked about the meeting, he said, "I hope it went smooth. It was definitely a willingness on both sides."

Giambi said no follow-up session has been scheduled. The meeting, at baseball's main office, lasted less than an hour.

"It's more or less now wait and see," he said.

Yankees manager Joe Torre said "we have no knowledge" of a positive test. General manager Brian Cashman said commissioner Bud Selig "personally told me that he is going to be looking into this and investigating the situation, and for us to no comment. And that's what we're doing."

Cashman also said he wasn't trying to trade Giambi, who has a no-trade clause and \$21 million in salary due this year as well as next year, the final guaranteed season in his contract. "That's not something that's currently on my plate," Cashman said.

Yankees captain Derek Jeter said the reports weren't a distraction to Giambi or the team.

"I don't think he's concerned about it," Jeter said. "If



New York Yankees' Jason Giambi waits to start warming up before playing the Boston Red Sox Wednesday at Yankee Stadium in New York.

it doesn't bother Jason, I don't see why it should bother anybody."

The meeting included Bud Manfred, baseball's executive vice president for labor relations, senior vice president Frank Conolly and Howard Ganz, an outside lawyer.

Giambi brought along agent Arn Tellem, lawyer Brian O'Neill and Weiner, who represented the players' association.

Tellem and Manfred declined to discuss the meeting.

Management and players did not agree to ban steroids until late 2002. Testing with penalties did not begin until 2004 and penalties for a first offense didn't start until 2005. An agreement was reached before the 2006 season to also ban amphetamines. An initial positive test subjects a player to counseling and up to six additional tests over the next year, and a second positive test leads to a 25-game suspension.

Gene Orza, the union's

chief operating officer, said baseball officials could not confirm or deny the News report because they don't want the absence of a denial in any drug-testing case to be interpreted as a confirmation.

Names of players who test positive for amphetamines for the first time are not made public.

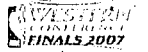
The only other player linked to a positive amphetamine test has been Barry Bonds.

Jazz struggle against savvy Spurs' lineup

By Jaime Aron
Associated Press writer

SAN ANTONIO — Back when the Utah Jazz had Karl Malone, John Stockton and other playoff-tested veterans, they had a simple way of dealing with postseason newcomers: Patience.

"Let the other team make a mistake. That's what you do when you have guys who know how to play and how to play with each other," coach Jerry Sloan said. "The other team will screw it up."



Two games into the Western Conference finals, Sloan is seeing it happen again — only this time, it's his club lacking the know-how, and the championship-savvy San Antonio Spurs taking advantage.

Tim Duncan, Tony Parker and the Spurs easily won the first two games of the series, taking over both on second-quarter meltdowns by the Jazz that smacked of exactly what Sloan was talking about: badly missed shots that shouldn't have been taken, sloppy turnovers, blown defensive assignments and silly things like falling to box out on free throws.

Utah has trailed since there was 5:17 left in the first quarter of the opener, a span of 90 minutes, 43 seconds that's about as lopsided as the difference in playoff experience between these teams: The Jazz have eight players in their first postseason, while San Antonio has six guys left on its 2005 title team.

"We are going to play the game and take the shots that are there and make the plays that are there," Duncan said following a 105-96 victory Tuesday night. "Those are the times we have made our runs. It is not by design. It is not by anything else other than we are playing possession to possession."

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Keyshawn Johnson retires, joins ESPN as game analyst

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Keyshawn Johnson has caught the damn ball in the NFL for the last time.

Johnson, who played a great game and talked one as well during an 11-year career, retired Wednesday despite several offers to continue playing.

He'll soon be expressing his strong opinions on ESPN. "I wouldn't trade my career for anyone's," Johnson said at a news conference on the University of Southern California campus, where he starred before the New York Jets made him the first overall selection in the 1996 draft. "I've done everything I wanted to do in my career," he said. "I just couldn't find one thing that could drive me back to playing football. As I learned from Bill Parcells — the circus doesn't stay in town very long."

Johnson has agreed to a multiyear contract, and will appear on several ESPN telecasts, including pre-game



Carolina Panthers receiver Keyshawn Johnson (19) breaks a tackle by St. Louis Rams defender Fakhri Brown (34) in Charlotte, N.C., on Nov. 19, 2006.

shows on Sundays and Monday nights, and do some radio work as well.

"We're still working on all the different platforms they want me to be a

part of," he said. Johnson, who turns 35 in July, was released three weeks ago by the Carolina Panthers. He said at least a half-dozen teams offered him a new job.

"These guys were terrific, from Lane Kiffin to Bill Belichick to Jeff Fisher," Johnson said, referring to the coaches in Oakland, New England and Tennessee, respectively. "They all wanted me to play football for them. At the end of the day, it just didn't fit into what I wanted to do now."

Jerome Stanley, Johnson's agent, said his client agreed to terms on what he called a substantial deal with ESPN. "We're very, very pleased," Stanley said, adding that the Titans offered close to \$8 million for two years, with most of the money guaranteed.

Fisher said Johnson informed him he was retiring Wednesday morning.

"He let me know that this decision had nothing to do with us and everything to do about him and his desire to

move into the broadcasting business and leave his playing days behind," Fisher said. "I've known Keyshawn for a long time and I am happy he is able to walk away on his own terms after a very successful career."

Fisher became friends with Johnson while he played at USC and Johnson was a ball boy.

Johnson became the 16th player in NFL history to reach 800 career receptions and the 26th with 10,000 receiving yards last season, when he caught 70 passes for 815 yards and four touchdowns for the Carolina Panthers.

He finishes with 814 receptions for 10,571 yards and 64 touchdowns in 167 games.

"I wavered time and time again," Johnson said. "I've lived my dream. Now, I'm going to live another dream. I think today is not as emotional as the last two weeks, thinking about it. There were times when we're sleepless nights, wondering if this was the right thing to do."

American Legion schedules, rosters needed

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — In preparation for the fast-approaching American Legion baseball Class 4A and Class 5A seasons, the Times-News requests that all area coaches send in season schedules and numerical rosters by Friday, June 1.

Times-News sports reporter Eric Larsen will be working on compiling a comprehensive season preview as well as would also appreciate season records from last year and any available statistics for returning players.

Information can be faxed to 734-5538, e-mailed to elarsen@mgicvalley.com or phoned in to 735-3220.

Petersen, Johnson take home top region honors

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls softball coach Amber Petersen was selected as the Player of the Year Tuesday for the Class 5A All-Region Four-Five-Six Teams.

Head coach Ken Johnson was named Coach of the Year as well. The Bruins had three girls named first team, two tubbed for the second team and one honorable mention selection.

The Bruins won the conference's regular-season and tournament titles in May to reach the 5A state tourna-

ment in Post Falls, where they fell in consolation.

Class 5A All-Region Four-Five-Six Softball Teams

Player of the Year: Amber Petersen, Twin Falls
Coach of the Year: Ken Johnson, Twin Falls
First Team
Twin Falls — Katelyn Fink, ss., Kristina Bennett, of, Kim DeLoach, of, Rachel Lee, of, Courtney Brown, p., Kristina Hartman, of, of.
Syracuse — Aubrey Torres, ss., Kasha Fisher, jr., P/3B
Spray Lake, of, of.
Sibola — Jami Price, jr., 3B
Medford — Heather Palmer, p., OF
Second Team
Twin Falls — Kadi McKee, ss., C, Alicia Simon, of, ss.
McAdams — P/3B
Hawley — P/3B
Syracuse — P/3B
Sibola — P/3B
Medford — P/3B
Hawley — P/3B
Honorable mention
Twin Falls — Dawn Smith, ss., SS/2B
McAdams — Jessica Kwik, ss., SS
Spray Lake — Emily Allen, h., 3B
Sibola — Seiya Roy, p., 3B

Western Nevada reaches JUCO World Series, will face Delgado CC in opener

Times-News

GRAND JUNCTION, Colo. — The NJCAA Division 1 Region 10 Tournament champion Western Nevada Community College baseball team will begin play in the 2007 Alpine Bank JUCO World Series in Grand Junction, Colo., on Saturday.

The 39-22-2 Wildcatters reached Saturday's 5:30 p.m. game against 31-20 Delgado Community College of New Orleans by winning the NJCAA Division 1 Western District regional tournament. WNCC defeated Central Arizona College 5-4 and Western Nebraska Community College 11-8 before taking the district title with a 13-10 victory over Central Arizona on May 18.

The Wildcatters advanced through the Region 10 Tournament as the No. 3 seed,

winning pool play in Twin Falls before sweeping in six games against Southern Community College in the tournament's championship series. WNCC enters the JUCO World Series on an eight-game post-season win streak.

Sophomore ace Cole Rohrbaugh is expected to get the Game 1 start as the Wildcatters look to advance through the 10-team double-elimination tournament. This year's JUCO World Series marks the 50th anniversary of the event. The NJCAA Division 1 Golden Anniversary Team will be honored, with former College of Southern Idaho players Chris Hanks and Shell Scott among the honorees.

Further information on this year's JUCO World Series can be found at <http://www.jucorgo.org/>.

SPORTS

Lining

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everything tells us to stop but time continues its march onward.

Jessup played Saturday. He played and maybe was the reason Columbia won. After the Spartans went up 5-0 in the first inning, Jessup wasn't called out for the rest of the game.

In the top of the third, he hit a towering two-run home run to right field, one he told Wildcates head coach Bill Diplo he wanted to hit for his brother.

In the fifth, he walked and scored, cutting the Minico lead to 6-5. In that pivotal top of the seventh, it was Jessup's full-count leadoff walk that started the turning of the tide in Columbia's favor.

As you're reading this, maybe you're a religious person and maybe you're not, but there's an old saying that God doesn't always give you what you want, but he always gives you what you need.

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There's no doubt that Saturday's loss is likely the hardest any of this year's Minico players will ever take on the baseball field.

No one should expect the Spartans to see the silver lining on the black cloud that just dumped all over them.

That doesn't stop it from existing.

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Guillen keys M's past D' Rays

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Jose Guillen had four hits and two RBIs, Miguel Batista gave up one run in six innings and the Seattle Mariners beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 5-1 on Wednesday night.

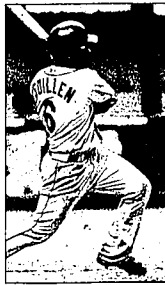
Guillen's single in the seventh drove in Jason Ellison and Ichiro Suzuki. Guillen is 14-for-37 with three home runs and 17 RBIs in his last 10 games, raising his average from .176 to .202.

Batista (4-1) stopped a personal two-game losing skid. He allowed seven hits, two walks and had five strikeouts.

Yanietis Betancourt gave Seattle a 2-1 lead on his fourth-inning double.

BJ Upton homered for the Devil Rays, who have lost five in a row after a season-high four-game winning streak.

Kenji Johjima made it 3-1 with an RBI double off Casey Fossum (3-4) in the sixth.



Seattle Mariners batter Jose Guillen lines a two-run single off Tampa Bay Devil Rays pitcher Brian Stokes during the sixth inning Wednesday night in St. Petersburg, Fla.

advantage stand up.

Twins 5, Rangers 3

ARLINGTON, Texas — Justin Morneau homered for the third time in two games and Boof Bonser won his third straight start, leading Minnesota wins over Texas.

Morneau's 14th homer of the season, a solo drive in the third off Robinson Tejeda (4-1), gave Minnesota a 3-1 lead.

Sammy Sosa pinch hit for Texas with two on and two outs in the ninth and struck out, remaining two home runs shy of 600.

Yankees 8, Red Sox 3

NEW YORK — Andy Pettitte pitched seven vigorous innings and Hideki Matsui hit one of two homers off an ineffective Carl Schilling to lead New York.

Light-hitting Doug Mientkiewicz also connected and Derek Jeter passed Joe DiMaggio for fifth place on the franchise hits list to help the Yankees take two of three in the series and move within 9½ games of A.L. East-leading Boston.

Matsui drove in three runs, while Jeter, Mientkiewicz and Johnny Damon had three hits apiece.

Steve Trachsel (3-3) allowed two runs, five hits and three walks in six innings. The right-hander left with a 3-2 lead, and the beleaguered Baltimore bullpen made the

loss.

Orioles 5, Blue Jays 2

BALTIMORE — Corey Patterson stole home at the end of a boisterous rundown, Brian Roberts went 3-for-3 with two walks, and Baltimore beat Toronto.

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Tigers 8, Angels 7

DETROIT — Magglio Ordonez had his 20th two-homer game and Detroit held on to snap Los Angeles' six-game winning streak.

Carlos Guillen and Curtis Granderson also homered for the Tigers. Granderson drove in three runs, Placido Polanco drove in two and Ivan Rodriguez was 3-for-4.

Athletics 4, White Sox 0

CHICAGO — Chad Gaudin threw seven-plus scoreless innings, Brian Boesch hit his first home run in almost three seasons and Oakland ended a three-game losing streak.

Gaudin (4-1) retired 16 straight from the second to the seventh, and won his second straight start to help the A's avoid a series sweep by the White Sox. Alan Embree pitched a perfect ninth for Oakland.

Mark Gardner led Cleveland, and Philadelphia rebounded after blowing a four-run lead in the ninth to beat Florida.

Florida tied the game with a bizarre rally that included two ejections, two defensive gaffes by the Phillies and an injury to their closer, Bret Myers, who had, with a strained right shoulder.

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— The Associated Press

Phillies 8, Marlins 7, 10 innings

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National League

Mets 3, Braves 0

ATLANTA — Oliver Pérez pitched seven strong innings, David Wright hit his fourth homer in the last four outings and the New York Mets shut

out Atlanta.

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Selanne, Ducks get a crack at Stanley Cup

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — The Ducks' Teemu Selanne was quite frightened in the closing moments against Detroit, and quite emotional afterward.

Anaheim withstood a late surge by the Red Wings, so Selanne — who runs 37 in July — will play in the Stanley Cup finals for the first time.

Shortly after Anaheim's 4-3 win in Game 6 of the Western Conference finals, Selanne stood amid the hubbub in the locker room, his freshly shaved T-shirt and hat proclaiming that the Ducks were playing for the Stanley Cup.

"This is a special moment for me," he said, smiling but a bit choked up. "I've been watching the finals on TV for so many times, it's great to finally be able to play in them."

"Wow, what a thrill." The Ducks, who wrapped up their series against Detroit on Tuesday night, will begin the league championship round against the Ottawa Senators on Monday night in Anaheim. Game 2 is on the

television.

After Anaheim built a 3-0 lead in the first two games of Game 6, the Ducks seemed well on the way to their second appearance in the Stanley Cup finals, where they lost Game 7 to New Jersey in 2003.

Selanne's career rejuvenated after he underwent knee surgery in 2004 and the Ducks brought him back to Anaheim in August 2005. Selanne was the team's leading scorer with 48 goals and 46 assists during the regular season. It was his most productive season since he had 107 points in 1998-99, during his first year in Anaheim.

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Closing arguments end Landis hearing for now

MALIBU, Calif. (AP) — They got ready to turn out the lights on the Floyd Landis courtroom drama

Wednesday, a whopper of a case that whirled wildly between arguments about wardrobe choices, malfunctioning machines, shoddy science and much more.

Like any other soap opera, this story isn't close to being resolved.

It could be a month or more before the three arbitrators who sat through nine days of testimony start through all the evidence and issue their decision. Whoever loses is almost sure to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

The final day began with scientific testimony and ended with closing arguments. Not surprisingly, the sides squabbled over who would go last.

When they finally figured that one out — the Landis people presented — Landis attorney Maurice Suhr told the panel what he thought of the testing methods that produced Landis' positive tests.

"Garbage in, garbage out," Suhr said.

He spoke after attorneys for the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency resumed their attacks, showing evidence they say proves Landis used synthetic testosterone during his win last year, and taking one last swipe at his character.

"Usually all you get to hear about in a case like this is what was in the athlete's urine," attorney Richard Young said. "In this case, the events and the evidence have also shown us a glimpse of what was in the athlete's mind."

Young was referring, of course, to the Greg LeMond affair, a debacle of a day for the Landis camp that must have made him wonder if exposing the arbitration process to the public was such a good idea.

LeMond, a three-time Tour de France winner, showed up last Thursday and told of being sexually abused as a child, the president of the panel said.

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Pistons lukewarm about Game 1 win

DETROIT (AP) — The Detroit Pistons usually need contributions from every starter and a couple of reserves to win.

In Game 1 of the Eastern Conference finals, Detroit beat the Cleveland Cavaliers with only Richard Hamilton and Rashad Lewis consistently producing.

"It's a positive that we won, but it's a negative because we didn't feel like we won," Wallace said Wednesday.

"That's just the way that we feel, the aura that's in our locker room."

The bad vibe might have stemmed from Chauncey Billups' rough night.

The point guard had only three points and a playfully high seven turnovers — surpassing his total from the previous four games — entering the fourth quarter Monday.

Billups said sometimes after a lackluster game, watching film shows the Pistons didn't play all that badly. Game 1 against the Cavs didn't fall in that category, though.

"My performance taking care of the ball and trying to set the table, it was pretty bad," he said. "But we came out with the win, and that's all that counts."

"Good" teams win ugly games.

Billups wasn't alone in his struggles. Tayshaun Prince was 1-for-11 from the field,

when the Spurs set a franchise playoff record with 13 3-pointers and Parker had a career playoff-best 14 assists, those were simply byproducts of what the defense gave them.

With guards Deron Williams and Derek Fisher unable to stay in front of the speedy Parker, the Jazz overcompensated by packing the lane once he got there. That left shooters wide open on the perimeter and Parker had no trouble finding them. They then had no problem finding the bottom of the net. Brent Barry went 3-for-3 on 3s in the breakout second quarter and Bruce Bowen 3-for-3 in the fourth quarter, when the Spurs pushed away Utah's final challenge.

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Adelman handed reins of Rockets

HOUSTON — Rick Adelman's top priority as the new Houston Rockets' coach is to make life easier for Yao Ming and Tracy McGrady.

After starting out a season, the 60-year-old Adelman was introduced at a news conference Wednesday, ending a strange, two-week courtship that began before Houston fired Jeff Van Gundy.

Adelman met owner Les Alexander for the first time on May 11 and shared his ideas on making Yao and McGrady more dynamic offensive players.

"I've always felt that if you can put a player in a position to be better, and they know that's happened, that's going to make the team better and they're going to buy into what you're trying to do," Adelman said. "I know that's successful, because I've done it in the past."

Adelman was sold on Adelman almost immediately.

"One of the first things he said to me was, 'I think I can make life easier for your two big stars,'" Alexander said. "I can put them in positions where they can, instead of going against the time trying to score, they can be more relaxed and have an easier time scoring." That's one of the keys to this team being a big winner — having our two best players in a position where they can be more productive.

Adelman's introduction comes five days after Van Gundy was dismissed. The Rockets went 52-30 last season, but Houston never advanced

to the second round of the playoffs in his four seasons.

Vincent offered Bobcats' coaching job

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Charlotte Bobcats have chosen Dallas assistant Sam Vincent as their new coach, a person familiar with the search said Wednesday.

The person, speaking on condition of anonymity because of an official announcement had not been made, told The Associated Press that Vincent would be introduced at a news conference Friday.

Vincent will be reunited with Bobcats pioneer and owner Michael Jordan, who has the final say on all basketball decisions. Jordan and Vincent played together for two seasons with the Chicago Bulls in the late 1990s.

The 41-year-old Vincent will replace Bernie Bickerstaff, who also served as general manager in the expansion team's first three seasons. Bickerstaff is staying with the Bobcats in a front office role and has been heavily involved in the coaching search with Jordan.

Wittman signs contract to remain Wolves coach

MINNEAPOLIS — Randy Wittman learned one thing after taking over as interim coach of the Minnesota Timberwolves' midway through last season. "That I don't want to do it again," Wittman said Wednesday after signing a multiyear contract that makes

him the permanent replacement for Dwane Casey in Minnesota.

"That was a hard situation. It's very hard to try to maintain and keep things together when things all around you are falling apart."

To say things were falling apart puts it lightly. Vice president of basketball operations Kevin McLeode fired Casey in January, looking for more consistency from a team that was 20-20 at that point.

McLeode turned to Wittman to smooth things out, hoping his experience running the Cleveland Cavaliers would serve him well in his new job.

But the Timberwolves were consistently bad under Wittman, who spoke openly of a lack of team chemistry and poor attitude from some players as things spun out of control. They finished the season 12-30 with Wittman at the helm and missed the playoffs for the third straight season.

Armed with a new contract that removes the "interim" tag from his job title, and a full off-season and training camp to instill his system, Wittman thinks things will be different next season.

"It does make a difference," Wittman said.

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New York	21	14	94	
Los Angeles	20	15	93	
Toronto	20	15	93	
Chicago	19	16	92	
St. Louis	19	16	92	
Arizona	19	16	92	
Colorado	19	16	92	
San Francisco	19	16	92	
Philadelphia	19	16	92	
Minnesota	19	16	92	
Washington	19	16	92	
Atlanta	19	16	92	
Florida	19	16	92	
Seattle	19	16	92	
Texas	19	16	92	

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WESTERN LEAGUE

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Idaho Falls	4	1	23	
Boise	3	2	22	
Blackfoot	3	2	22	
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Shoshone Falls	3	2	22	
Timberline	3	2	22	
Wendover	3	2	22	
White Salmon	3	2	22	
Yakima	3	2	22	

GAME PLAN

TV SCHEDULE

AUTO RACING
 6 p.m.
 SPEED — Formula One, practice for Monaco Grand Prix

11 a.m.
 SPEED — NASCAR, Busch Series, final practice for Quikrete Auto Parts 300, at Concord, N.C.

1 p.m.
 SPEED — NASCAR, Nextel Cup, practice for Coca-Cola 600, at Concord, N.C.

4 p.m.
 SPEED — NASCAR, Busch Series, final practice for Quikrete Auto Parts 300, at Concord, N.C.

8 p.m.
 SPEED — NASCAR, Nextel Cup, practice for Coca-Cola 600, at Concord, N.C.

8 a.m.
 TWC — European PGA Tour, BMW Championship, first round

11 a.m.
 USA — A.G. of America, Summer PGA Championship, first round

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Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Could the gold rush be returning to Idaho?

At least half of the county's commercial and residential properties are worth between 26 percent and 30 percent more than five years ago, according to the Twin Falls County Assessor's Office.

County Assessor Gerry Bowden has completed 99.33 percent of the county's properties and has just 240 parcels left to file his progress all but ensures the county will meet the July deadline. Missing the deadline would have meant losing \$3.2 million in sales tax revenue, which the state would have redirected toward financing appraisals.

The increased values, which refer to nearly 18,000 parcels that Bowden completed over the past year, were given Wednesday to the county commissioners.

It is a sharp recovery for Bowden, who fell under state scrutiny last May when he and the county signed a contract with the Idaho State Tax Commission to monitor Bowden. He also got \$175,000 for additional staff.

Bowden, who works on a five-year cycle of reaching 20 percent each year, fell heavily behind last summer and through August had appraised just 53 percent.

He blamed understaffing, the county's 11 percent inflation rate since 2000 and employees taking vacation.

On Wednesday, he told commissioners that his biggest setbacks are residents who refuse his staff entry to homes, and that sales of homes remain exempt from property tax. He is requiring appraisers to work sometimes without basic knowledge of homes. Idaho is one of two states with such an exemption.

"What I'm saying here is inflation has caught up with us," Bowden said.

The rise in property value inevitably means a slight property tax raise for residents. That amount is not expected to be known until at least June 1, when assessments are mailed to county residents.

"It's the cost of living in Idaho," said Commission Chairman Tom Mikesell.

But even then, a home value increase will not match a property tax rise by the needed percent. For example, a home worth 30 percent more will not see a 30 percent tax hike.

Residents can appeal to the county, and if they are still unsatisfied with Bowden's figure, they may appeal to the commissioners, who serve as the Board of Equalization.

Eight cases made it to the commissioners in 2006.

Case could open door for CAFO lawsuits

Judge says Gooding County erred in denying siting permit; dairy industry applauds ruling

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

GOODING — The Idaho Dairymen's Association is applauding a recent court decision that says Gooding County commissioners erred in denying a siting permit for a controversial confined animal feeding operation.

The case involves a permit request by dairyman Edward Rosa, who applied for a permit for 3,199 animal units last year. Commissioners denied the permit last May, saying Rosa had

not met the criteria for a permit. Fifth District Court Judge John K. Butler disagreed, ruling commissioners didn't follow their own laws in nixing the permit.

In a statement released to the press, the industry said Butler's decision could open the door for more lawsuits in cases in which commissioners ignore county laws. The statement applauded Butler's decision and lambasted Gooding County commissioners for folding to public outcry rather than weighing facts in the case.

"Obviously, the industry is happy about the outcome of this petition," said Bob Naberout, president of the association that released the statement. "But the most encouraging thing about it is that it will make our industry think about using the court system more often when counties go beyond their boundaries in decision-making."

In the Rosa case, Butler implied commissioners gave too much weight to public testimony in opposition to the permit. In his opinion, Butler wrote: "... the mere fact alone that a large number of citizens oppose the siting permit is not a legitimate basis to deny a siting permit for conforming use, unless that opinion is relevant to the criteria for approval." In short, he

said commissioners made their decision based on emotion, not fact.

Butler ordered commissioners to re-evaluate their earlier decision and to pay Rosa's attorney fees.

According to a recent study by Boise State University, Gooding County is home to about 135,000 milk cows, more than any other county in Idaho. Gooding County commissioners have enacted several moratoriums on new livestock operations in recent years, and they are in the process of updating livestock ordinances.

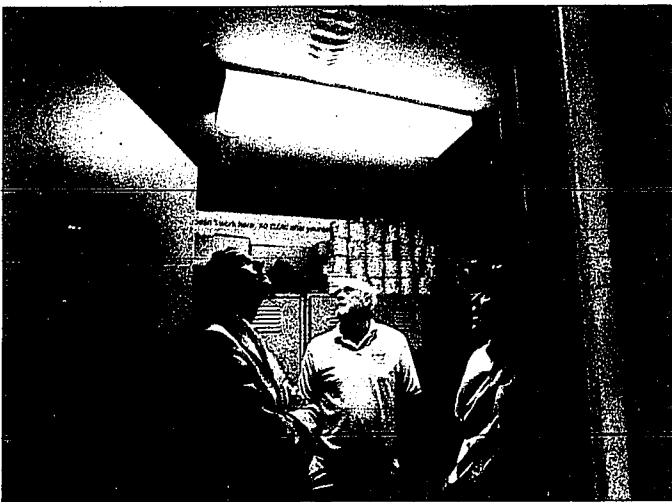
Commissioner Helen Edwards declined to comment for this story, saying the commission still had to review Rosa's application.

Calls to Rosa's dairy were not returned.

"I feel it's the worst building the city has, by far."

— Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course Superintendent Kevin Packard

Not up to par



City councilmen Shawn Bariga, left, and Greg Lanting, center, inspect a water-damaged roof Wednesday on a tour of the Twin Falls Municipal Course's maintenance building with course Superintendent Kevin Packard, right.

Golf course head makes pitch to councilmen to fund new maintenance building

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The roof leaks and sags. The walls have holes. One room stays below 50 degrees year-round.

Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course's almost 70-year-old maintenance building is falling apart.

"This place leaks like a sieve," said course superintendent Kevin Packard, who has worked there for more than 20 years. "I feel it's the worst building the city has, by far."

To try to make a case to

the Twin Falls City Council to fund a new building and lease better equipment, Packard led a tour Wednesday for two council members and the city's parks and recreation director of the nearly 70-year-old structure, and there was no shortage of problems on display.

Packard referenced a \$285,000 estimate to build a 12,000-square-foot facility. He showed a bathroom installed several years ago where workers often eat lunch, too — and pointed to a ceiling that the city paid thousands of dollars

to repair.

"I just don't think people realize how bad it is until they see it firsthand," said Councilman Greg Lanting, who worked in the pro shop as a kid. "I thought it was bad, but it's a lot worse."

Packard also wants new vehicles and mowers. Some are more than 20 years old. The newest is from 1999. In the last three years, four engines have gone out and many parts are no longer available.

"This is one of the better seats," he said, sitting down and picking up some

loose fabric.

The tour came as the city begins preparing next year's budget. The course's operations are generally handled by golf pro Mike Hamblin and the maintenance costs are fronted by the city, which typically loses \$40,000 a year operating the golf course.

"I just feel like the golf course is pushed aside — that we're neglected," Packard said.

Government reporter Jared S. Hopkins can be reached at 735-3204 or jhopkins@mag-ivalley.com.

ELECTION

ROUNDUP

Voters support Blaine Manor sale

HAILEY — Voters Tuesday overwhelmingly supported the sale of Blaine Manor, the county-supported elder care facility in Hailey, with the proceeds to be turned over to the private Crox Canyon Ranch Foundation. In all, 1,224 people or 90.94 percent voted yes; 120 people or 8.92 percent voted no.

Sun Valley lowers tax on retail goods

SUN VALLEY — Sun Valley residents didn't turn out in big numbers for the special election to lower taxes on retail hard goods, but they did pass the measure by a big percentage. Out of 261 ballots cast, 80 percent or 209 voters said yes and 20 percent or 52 said no. The Special Non-Property Tax Ballot Initiative included charging a 1 percent tax on ski lift tickets and season passes sold in Sun Valley.

Belleuve approves levy increase

BELLEVUE — Bellevue voters Tuesday approved a levy increase that will put an additional \$200,000 per year into the city budget. Sixty percent of voters needed to support the levy increase for it to go into effect, and 67 percent supported the measure. Two previous attempts to increase the levy rate in recent years had failed in the ballot box. In all, 185 people or 67 percent voted yes; 90 people or 33 percent voted no.

Voters give OK to \$4.35-million bond

SUN VALLEY — Sun Valley voters said "fine" to a general obligation bond for \$4,350,000, which includes construction of two wells and one reservoir. The wells are partially finished but the Lane Ranch reservoir, a concrete storage tank, would be brand new. Out of 212 voters, 172 or 81 percent voted yes and 19 percent voted no.

— From staff reports

Filer students give donation to Glenn

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — A thunderous applause greeted the excited Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn on Tuesday as he moved to the front of the Filer Elementary School auditorium.

Glenn was the guest of honor at an assembly recognizing his courage and determination. On behalf of more than 500 of their fellow students, fifth-grade brothers Logan and Austin Beard presented Glenn with a check for \$500 and a special book containing class photos and the

thumbprints of each student.

"The staff and students at Filer Elementary School say thank you to you and your family for the sacrifice you have made for us," Logan Beard said. "Two thumbs up for one of Idaho's finest."

Encouraged by physical education teacher Vicki Leach, the staff and students of Filer Elementary started collecting nickels, dimes and quarters that eventually filled a water-cooler jar.

"Each of us were asked to contribute one dollar," Leach said. "It's important for the kids to support the men and women who put their lives on

the line to keep them and our communities safe."

Six months ago, Glenn was shot in the neck while trying to stop a Twin Falls robbery suspect Adam Mover and was left paralyzed from the chest down. He spent the next 10 weeks at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

"To have these kids take the time and energy to do this for us is just amazing," he said. "It's another example of all the support we've had."

John E. Swayze lives in Filer. He can be reached by e-mail at swayze2@aol.com or 326-7212.

Accident slows traffic on I-84

Times-News

JEROME — Slowing traffic in the eastbound lanes of Interstate 84 on Wednesday morning triggered a four-vehicle wreck, according to the Idaho State Police.

No one was seriously hurt. At 5:07 a.m., traffic either slowed or stopped near Exit 173, the primary exit into Twin Falls, causing a line of vehicles to collide.

Bryan Edwards, 33, of Gooding, was the only person taken to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He was treated and released. Idaho State Police are investigating.

Divided by a ditch

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — In as many months, two people have left the Wendell City Council meeting because of Mayor Rex Strickland.

This time it was Councilman Jason Houser who, during last Thursday's meeting, got the mayor to rap his gavel. Houser wasn't forced from the meeting, but left before things got any uglier, he said.

Houser had expressed

concern about being told during the previous council meeting May 3, that city resources would not be used to dig out a ditch and run pipe to a user who had his irrigation water cut when the ditch was covered.

"This time it really blew up," Houser said. "My concern is that we are there to speak for the people of Wendell, and a majority on the council seems to have forgotten that. (Councilman) Don

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OBITUARIES

Wilda Stewart

NAMPA — Wilda Stewart, 80, of Nampa, passed away peacefully at her home on Monday, May 21, 2007, surrounded by her loving family. A funeral to honor and celebrate her life will be at 10 a.m. Friday, May 25, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Locust Building, 607 W. Locust Lane in Nampa. Wilda will follow at the Cloverdale Memorial Park in Boise.



The family will greet loved ones and friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at the Alsp and Persons Funeral Chapel, 404 10th Ave. S. in Nampa (466-3545) and from 9 to 9:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Wilda Mae (Johnson) Stewart was born Nov. 12, 1926, in Caldwell, Idaho, the daughter of George and Julia Johnson. Wilda had two brothers, Don and Irvin; and three sisters, Gloria, Helen and Edith. Wilda grew up on the Johnson Fruit Ranch south of Lake Lowell and graduated from Nampa High School in 1945. She attended BYU the following year and was married to Karl "Jack" Stewart in September of 1946 in the Salt Lake City LDS Temple.

Jack's success at work caused the family to move about southern Idaho with the Amalgamated Sugar Company until they moved to Minnesota with another sugar company. Wilda found happiness wherever they lived and was very active in the Mormon Church, where she held numerous leadership roles. She also spent countless hours supporting her children in their athletic, cultural and educational endeavors and later

enjoyed spending time with her 13 grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren as well. During their retirement, Jack and Wilda had the opportunity to provide service to their country. One trip in particular brought great joy to both of them as they served in the U.S. Army. After his discharge, he worked as a coal miner and logger before moving west. He worked most of the remainder of his life as a truck driver.

James Hugh Legg

TWIN FALLS — James Hugh Legg, 66, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, May 22, 2007. Jim was born March 30, 1941, at Summersville, W.Va., one of seven children born to Walter Ray and Amy Gladys Legg. He served three years in the U.S. Army. After his discharge, he worked as a coal miner and logger before moving west. He worked most of the remainder of his life as a truck driver.

He married Parry Cottrell, and they had one daughter, Kimberly Dawn, born in 1964. They later divorced and Jim moved west, first to Colorado, Iowa, Nebraska and finally Idaho, where he has lived for the last 20 years. He was preceded in death by his parents, Irvin and Amy Legg. He is survived by his

daughter, Kim (Chaz) Gibson of Hagerman, Idaho; his sisters, Doris Walters of Punta Gorda, Fla., June Balles and Patty (Fred) Brown, both of Summersville, W.Va.; his brothers, Glenn (Betty) (Joann) of Littleton, Colo., and Bill (Cora) of Bufiles, Iowa; grandchildren, Amy Norman, Kalyn Gibson and Dylan Gibson, all of Hagerman, Idaho; and several nieces and nephews.

Jim had many friends who, along with his family, loved him and will miss him dearly. At Jim's request, no service is planned. Cremation will take place, under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory, "Chapel by the Park."

Virginia Glover Scott

KETCHUM — Virginia Glover Scott, age 94, of Berkeley Springs, W.Va., and formerly of Ketchum, died Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at Berkeley Springs Rehabilitation and Nursing. Born July 6, 1912, in Tunneton, W.Va., she was the daughter of the late Chalmers Herbert and Edith Elizabeth Frankmeyer Glover. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Jerome, Idaho. She attended public schools in West Virginia and was a school teacher in the West Virginia, Maryland and Ohio public school systems. Following her teaching career, she worked as a property manager in Ketchum and had been a homemaker in recent years.

She is survived by one nephew, Arlie Winters Jr. of Berkeley Springs, W.Va.; two nieces, Carol Gault of Sarasota, Fla., and Glenna Glover of Ketchum, Idaho; and three stepsons, Bob Scott of Harrison Township, Mich., and William Scott and Gary Scott, both of Cape Cod, Mass. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Bradford Scott; one sister, Genevieve Winters; and three brothers, Chalmers H. Glover Jr., Wilton Glover and Edwin Glover.

A private service will be held at the Ketchum Crematory. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to First Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A, Jerome, ID 83338. Local arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel in Hailey, Idaho.

Louise Ballantyne

GILBERT, Ariz. — Louise Ballantyne, devoted mother, grandmother, aunt, great-grandmother, was called home to be with the Lord on May 21, 2007.

Louise graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1940 and married Kenneth Ballantyne of Twin Falls. After 45 years of marriage, Ken was called home to heaven in July 2005. Louise and Ken were longtime residents of Twin Falls, where they raised their family. After retiring, Ken and Louise relocated to Oregon. They enjoyed many years of visiting in California, golf, fishing, group dinners and loving friendships brought lots of joy to her life. Louise is survived by her son, Tom Ballantyne and daughter-in-law, Chris of Twin Falls; daughter, Diane of Gierhart; and son-in-law Charles of Gilbert, Ariz.; Jeff Ballantyne and daughter-in-

law, Lori of Minneapolis, Minn.; and Ballantyne St. Eugene of Idaho. Louise is survived by her sisters, Ethelmae Walters of Seattle, Wash., and Geraldine Thompson of Spokane, Wash.

She adored her grandchildren, having seven grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren. Louise kept busy just keeping up with birthday cards. Just to know Louise was to love her. She will be in our hearts forever, as her beautiful memories will remain with those who loved her. A celebration of her life will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at the Southeast Valley Baptist Church, 14302 E. Williams Field Road in Gilbert, Ariz. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 E. Flower St., Phoenix, AZ 85014 in Loving Memory of Louise Ballantyne.

Ann Carter

TWIN FALLS — Ann Carter (Ann Louise Carter), 87, of Twin Falls died of natural causes May 21, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

She was born on the family farm in 1919 near Loveland, Ohio. She attended a one-room country school for the first eight grades and then graduated from Loveland High School in 1937 and Ohio State University in 1941 with a Bachelor of Science degree in education. She was a member of the Delta Zeta Sorority at Ohio State. She took additional college courses at Washington University in St. Louis, Mo., and the University of Colorado at Boulder. She married John Newton Carter on Oct. 11, 1948, in Loveland. Into this union were born three children, George Edgar (in 1951), MaryAnn Colleen in 1954 and John Newton Jr. in 1957.

1905. Ann held teaching positions in Ohio, Missouri, Illinois, Maryland and in Twin Falls, where she taught second grade at Morningside School for 16 years until her retirement in 1962. She was a member of the First Presbyterian Church and the American Association of University Women.

Survivors include her son, George of Twin Falls; daughter, MaryAnn (Daunny) Willis of Russellville, Ark.; sister, Mary Oeder of Monroe, Ohio; and grandson, Alex Carter of Twin Falls. She was preceded in death by her husband, John; son, John Jr.; brother, Stewart; and her parents, Mary and Robert.

Funeral Price will conduct the graveside service at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 30, at Sunset Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary. Memorials may be made to the Twin Falls Public Library, Children's Book Depository, 201 Fourth Ave. E., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday.

Deadline is 3 p.m. for next-day publication. The e-mail address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com.

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

SERVICES

Lois Nichols, formerly of Rupert, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery. Pastor John Marshall officiating (Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel).

JoAnn Bringham Johnson of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Springdale LDS 1st and 2nd Wards, Church, 517 E. 200 S. in Burley. Friends may call from 10 to 10:40 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Fae Nichols of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary. Friends may call from 1 p.m. to 1 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Both Routt of Filer, graveside service at 11 a.m. Friday at the Filer Cemetery; viewing from 4 to 6 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Dollie M. Ferrenburg of Jerome, memorial graveside service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Jerome Cemetery, 900 W. Ave. 1 in Jerome (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Marlene M. Judd-Lance of Hollister, friends and family may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls; no public service is planned.

Artese Leona Campbell Mills Selman, formerly of Albion and Stone, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at the Malta LDS Ward building; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupter Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before

the funeral Friday at the church.

Betty Irene (Ragsdale) Baughman of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Community of Christ Church, 20264 Highway 30 in Buhl; reception follows at the Mooming Valley Clubhouse, 210 Mooming Road in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Margery Josephine (Sprecker) Priest of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the House-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; family and friends may call from 6 to 6 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

John "Jack" Marvin Holmes of Kimberly, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at White Mortuary, 136 Fourth Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Marvin Thomason of Hines, Ore., and formerly of Shoshone, graveside service at 2:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Wilkette National Cemetery in Portland, Ore. (LaFollett's Chapel in Burns, Ore.).

Edna Mary Winn of Burley and formerly of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 6 p.m. Tuesday and one hour before the service Wednesday at the funeral home.

Albert "Al" Henry Huber of Jackpot, Nev., celebration of life at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Jackpot High School (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

COMMUNITY NEWS

Fashion show tonight at Roper Auditorium

TWIN FALLS — Fashion shows featuring original costume designs by Twin Falls High School students will be held tonight in Roper Auditorium.

Sponsored by the TFHS Drama Department and the school's Costume Design II class, shows are scheduled for 6, 7 and 8 p.m. Admission is \$5.

Boise professor to speak at brown bag lecture

TWIN FALLS — Boise State University professor Robert Sims, a specialist on the history of the Windyka Rehabilitation Center where Japanese-Americans were interned during World War II, will talk about the subject Friday at the final Magic Valley Arts Council Brown Bag Lecture of the year.

Sims, a professor emeritus in the BSU history department, will speak at noon in the program room of the Twin Falls Public Library.

He teaches classes in 20th century U.S. history. His

research interests include the Great Depression, the Pacific Northwest and Japanese-American history. He has been at BSU since 1970 and served as dean of the College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs.

Sims is currently preparing a manuscript on the Hunt Camp, which was located in eastern Jerome County and operated from 1942-45. Japanese-Americans who lived in the West Coast were relocated to inland internment facilities like the Hunt Camp following the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor.

The lecture is free and open to the public, and those who attend are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch.

To pre-order a box lunch or for more information, call the arts council at 734-ARTS.

Co-sponsored by the library and Magic Valley Reads, the Brown Bag Lecture Series is made possible by the Idaho Humanities Council, the state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities, and Falls Branch Independent Meat Co.

GALC announces Block 5 grades

GOODING — The Gooding Accelerated Learning Center announced its 2006-2007 Block 5 grades.

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DEATH NOTICES

Warren R. Guyer

KIMBERLY — Warren Riley Guyer, 84, died Thursday, Dec. 20, 2006, at his home in Fort Mohave, Ariz.

in Kimberly.

Doug Rees

MERIDIAN — Doug Rees, 48, of Meridian, died at home Tuesday, May 22, 2007.

Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise.

A viewing will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, May 24, at the

Jan S. Johanson

TWIN FALLS — Jan S. Johanson, 58, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, May 23, 2007, at her home.

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

Murtaugh School District announces meals policy

MURTAUGH — The Murtaugh School District announced its policy for free and reduced-price meals for children unable to pay the full price for meals served under the National School Lunch Program and School Breakfast Program.

Each school and the office at Murtaugh High School will have a copy of the policy available for review by any interested party and applications for the program. Application forms will be sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply, households should fill out the application and return it to the school.

Under the provisions of the free and reduced-price policy, Terri Anderson, Food Service director, will review the applications and determine eligibil-

ity. Itulings may be discussed informally with the official. Those wishing to make a formal appeal may make a request either orally or in writing to Michele Capps, Superintendent, Murtaugh Schools, P.O. Box 117, Murtaugh, ID 83344, or call 432-5454.

Breakfast is free for all students. Regular lunch prices are \$1.25 for kindergarten through third grade, \$1.40 fourth through 12th grades and \$2.50 for adults.

Eligibility guidelines for free meals are \$22,321 annual salary for a household of three; add \$4,524 per year for each additional family member. For reduced-price meals, the annual salary is \$31,765 for three people; add \$6,438 for each additional family member.

TFCA EARNs MONEY FOR ORPHANAGE



Twin Falls Christian Academy principal, Brent Walker, left, presented a check to missionaries Scott and Deslee Prickett of Morocco. TFCA students earned \$3,200 for their orphanage during the school's annual Spirit Week.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

May 22 arraignments

Earl A. Boyer, 38, Kimberly; aggravated assault; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for June 1; \$150,000 bond.

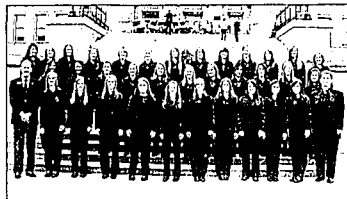
Fernando Contreras, 29, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, second offense; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for June 12; \$500 bond.

set for June 12; \$100 bond; failure to appear; requesting a place where a controlled substance is used; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for June 12; \$300 bond.

Scott E. Tiedeman, 42, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for June 12; \$500 bond.

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JUNIOR HIGH CHOIR SINGS IN BOISE



The Robert Stuart Jr. High School Bel Canto Choir performed under the direction of Karen Goodrich in the State Capitol Rotunda on March 9. Several groups performed throughout the week in celebration of Music in our Schools Month. Senator Tom Gannon of Buhl invited the choir into the Senate Chambers and gave them a brief explanation of the voting process and responsibilities of the State Senate.

Ditch

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Bunn covered a ditch and he should have been held responsible. As far as I'm concerned, he broke the law."

Bunn said he got a verbal OK from Public Works Director Pat Munyon before the ditch was covered last fall.

"It wasn't me who covered the ditch," Bunn said. "Yes, I am one of the property owners along where the ditch was, but the contractor I sold the other property to was the one to cover it. The ditch flooded last year and it was in the way."

Calvin Campbell, prosecuting attorney for Wendell City and Ganting County, didn't return calls from the Times-News, but North Side Canal Company Manager Ted Diehl said the city typically has an expressed easement by the ditch, regardless of whether it is on city or private property.

"If the ditch had been there longer than five years, the private property owner would need to get written permission by the city to do anything to it," Diehl said. "And, usually, the cost of covering the ditch and running pipe to other users is picked up by the property owner, not the city."

Munyon stands behind the city's actions.

"This is really being blown out of proportion. The time and equipment used was really of negligible cost to the city," Munyon said. "The people complaining about having the ditch buried didn't even use it, and they are making a mountain out of a molehill."

Houser wants the city to take another look.

"The city council decides how to change the irrigation system and nobody ever came to a public meeting to discuss this. It was just done," he said.

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Investigation looks into Moscow shooter's arsenal

By John K. Wiley
Associated Press writer

MOSCOW — Courthouse shooter Jason Hamilton was supposed to surrender his firearms after a conviction for domestic assault, but the law doesn't provide for a search that might have turned up the high-powered assault rifles he used to kill three others and himself, a police official said Wednesday.



Hamilton

The 36-year-old janitor, who moved from the Boise area in the late 1990s, fatally shot himself in a Presbyterian church early Sunday after killing his wife, a police officer and a church sexton, wounding three other men and pouring more than 100 bullets into a county courthouse, authorities said.

Idaho State Police investigators learned Tuesday that Hamilton, 36, had purchased the fully automatic AK-47 assault rifle from a federally licensed firearms dealer in Harvard, Idaho, in late 2004 or early 2005, before he was in trouble with the law. Assistant Moscow Police Chief David Duke told The Associated Press.

The federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives field office in

Spokane, Wash., was checking Wednesday whether paperwork the dealer filed was proper, Duke said.

The AK-47 was a stock automatic weapon and had not been modified, Duke said.

Julianne Marshall, a Bureau of Alcohol, Firearms, Tobacco and Explosives spokeswoman in Seattle, said she did not have information and could not comment on the Hamilton case.

But because the fully automatic AK47 is classified as a machine gun under the National Firearms Act, a purchaser would have to buy it from a registered seller or firearms dealer, pay a \$200 tax to transfer the registration, and pass an ATF background check, she said.

The application of someone convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence would be rejected, she said. Also, the law requires a registered gun owner convicted of such a crime to transfer the gun to someone else.

Hamilton also used a semi-automatic Springfield M-1A

rifle, Duke said. That weapon had been purchased by telephone or over the Internet and delivered to a Moscow-area sporting goods store, where Hamilton picked it up, Duke said.

Both weapons were purchased legally before Hamilton was convicted of domestic assault on his girlfriend in 2006, Duke said Wednesday. Authorities also found several other guns in a locker in Hamilton's home near Moscow.

The investigation focused Wednesday on how Hamilton, who apparently briefly flirted with the white supremacist Aryan nations group, could have amassed such an arsenal despite a series of run-ins with the law.

Because Hamilton's conviction was for a misdemeanor, parole or probation officers were not required to search his home for prohibited weapons, Duke said.

Hamilton's name was placed on a national database that would have blocked attempts to purchase weapons after his conviction, but guns he purchased before that date would not show up on the list, Duke said.

Also in the home, where the body of Hamilton's wife,

Crystal Hamilton, was found after the shootings Sunday, were a shotgun, .22-caliber rifle and a .22-caliber handgun, Duke said. The investigation was looking into whether the guns were registered in Hamilton's name, or his wife's, Duke said.

Federal law prohibits anyone who is "mentally defective" from purchasing a gun,

but Idaho is among 28 states which do not share mental health information with the FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Check System based in Clarksburg, W.Va. Hamilton had been screened by mental health professionals after an unsuccessful suicide attempt in February.

Duke said the investigation into Hamilton's ties to the

Aryan Nations shows he was not an active member.

Federal agents from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the FBI and the Latah County Sheriff's Department who searched his home found an Aryan Nations flag, literature and an enrollment certificate that had been filled out in 2002, Duke said.

McCall officials introduce plan to stave off \$6.2-million bankruptcy

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The central Idaho vacation town of McCall is hoping to stave off a reputation-bruising bankruptcy with a plan to start paying off \$6.2 million it owes construction and insurance companies that built and financed a lawsuit-plagued wastewater treatment plant.

The city still plans to appeal the federal judgment against it in the case, Mayor Bill Robertson told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

In a closed-door executive session Tuesday night, the City Council drew up a plan to use a \$300,000 budget surplus to start payments to St. Clair Contractors Inc., based in Boise. The plan also calls for borrowing \$600,000, the maximum under Idaho law, to be repaid from next year's property tax receipts.

McCall would also ask a judge to allow it to raise property taxes to pay off the balance of the judgment over time.

Avoiding bankruptcy would skirt a legal black-eye that might discourage investors who are helping prop up the local economy, Robertson said. McCall, located on Payette Lake, has seen significant real-estate investment as residents of growing Boise, 100 miles to the south, snap up vacation property.

"It's perception," Robertson told the AP. "We're a resort town. We depend so much on the Boise and Treasure Valley, on investment money, buying second homes. We believe it would be better if we can avoid that (bankruptcy)."

The plan still must be approved by the City Council, which could happen as soon as Thursday evening, he said. The sewage treatment ponds were ordered in 1995 by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, which told McCall to stop pumping its treated wastewater into the Payette River. Originally planned as a \$6.8 million project, it's cost the city \$8.9 million, Robertson said.

Contract disputes resulted in the city terminating its contract with St. Clair in 2001.

Employers Insurance of Wausau, a Wisconsin-based company that provided bonding for the ponds, finished the work, but challenged McCall's move to dump St. Clair as the contractor.

After a series of lawsuits and a 27-day federal court trial in 2004, McCall was finally ordered by U.S. District Court Judge B. Lynn Winmill last month to pay \$6.2 million immediately, either with surplus funds, borrowed money or by issuing bonds. The damages are on top of the \$9.1 million cost of the ponds.

Robertson is hoping the move to initially use \$300,000 in surplus city money and borrowed cash will satisfy St. Clair and Wausau that McCall is acting in good faith, even as city leaders appeal the award.

Ron Blewett, the Lewiston, Idaho-based attorney for Wausau, said the company would consider McCall's proposal.

"We're talking about a hypothetical situation, because the


City Council hasn't acted formally," Blewett said. "However, Wausau looks forward to working with the city. We'll see what the future holds."

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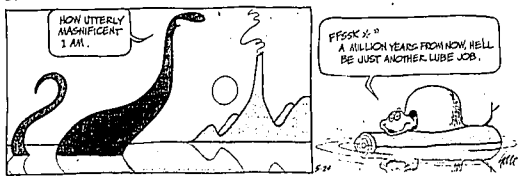
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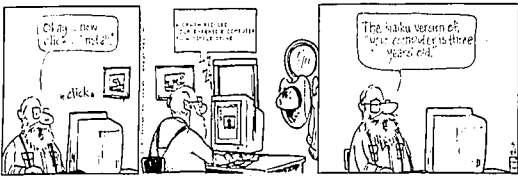
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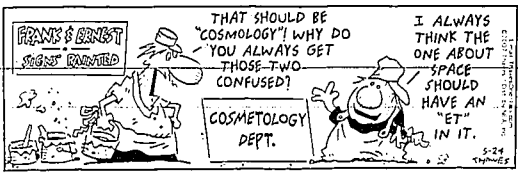
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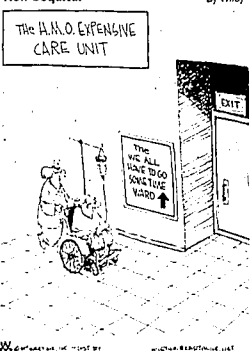
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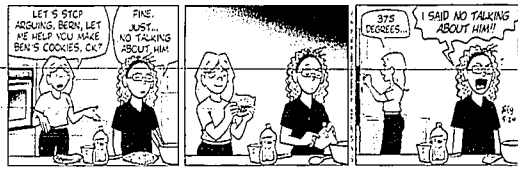
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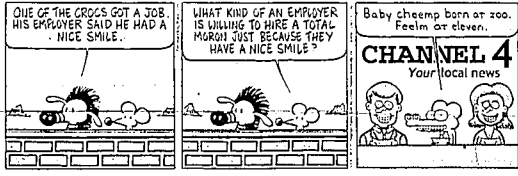
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By Pat Brady



Aries, there's difference between love, friendship

IF MAY 24 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You may become an important cog in the community machinery and someone to be relied upon as a peace-maker in the year ahead. For a few weeks you may need to mind your p's and q's and avoid temptation — especially September and December. Honor all commitments faithfully and take your obligations seriously for the best success. Look forward to the beginning of the year, when you can make your enthusiasms and make progress through a lucky break or chance meeting.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Know the difference between love and friendship. That person who is lighting a fire in your heart might not be aware of the flames. Go ahead and look — but don't touch.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Dive into a treasure trove of creativity. New surroundings might help you rediscover some latent talents or merely make you feel better about your self. Cash in on your inventive ideas.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Talk in cheer for the best success already in motion, there is no reason to make an alteration on a sudden whim. But if you must please a significant other,

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it is time to make a change.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): No strings attached. Someone close could say the magic words that unlock your originality or your love of personal independence. Exercise a magnetic personality to get your way.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Smiles can pave the way. Someone or something impulsively shocking can grab your attention. It is a perfect day to meet someone at a distance in an online chat room for an anonymous adventure.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A one-of-a-kind purchase might be tempting. If you are a shopaholic, you may be attracted to a unique antique or a homemade Afghan from an exotic location. Go ahead and splurge.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Get noticed. You are likely to stand out in a crowd and sparkle in any group. Although new admirers might flock to your side, only the test of time will tell if a new relationship will last.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):

Listen to the voice of reason. You can strike a balance that pleases and motivates everyone. Your objective opinion is highly valued and may put you in the good graces of your social set.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): True friends are always there by your side through thick and thin. Make the best of positive cosmic conditions by concentrating on what your companions really want and need.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Get out of the rat race. Partners might be in the mood for a break from routines or hold on or will be temporarily distracted by a novel opportunity. You are certain to shine in social situations.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Remain objective and detached. Admiration or hero-worship is not the same as true love or heart-pounding romance. Friendly interest and genuine concern will lure new contacts into your circle.

COMICS

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

SEE THIS SIGN! KEEP MOVING!
DONT EVEN THINK OF PARKING HERE

HOW DID YOU GET THIS CUSHY JOB?
I ASSIGNED IT TO MYSELF.
IT'S CALLED HIDING IN PLAIN SIGHT

5-24

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

SOMETIMES I ASK MYSELF IS WHAT WE DO IMPORTANT?

BOSS! OF COURSE IT IS!

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THANKS. I NEEDED TO HEAR THAT.

HOT MUCH OF A LIVIN. BUT A LIVIN.

5-24

The Born Loser By Art Sansam, & Chip

HEAR THE NEW SPIDER-MAN MOVIE IS GOOD!

UH-HUH!

ARE YOU GOING TO SEE IT?

NOPE!

I HAVE ARACHNOPHOBIA.

5-24

Garfield By Jim Davis

SO HOW DO YOU LIKE ESPRESSO?

NOT BAD! REALLY! I THINK I COULD LEARN TO LOVE IT.

5-24

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

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Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

MOM! YOUR POOR BROTHER HAS BEEN SICK IN BED ALL DAY.

MAYBE I CAN ENTERTAIN HIM.

MOM! SCREECH!

5-24

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

DO YOU HAVE ANY REGRETS, CHARLIE BROWN?

LOTS OF THEM.

I REGRET THE BITES I SHOULD HAVE GIVEN.

5-24

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

THE KING WOULD LIKE YOU TO TAKE PART IN A FOX HUNT.

WHAT'S THE CATCH?

THE FOX IS SICK.

5-24

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

MRS. WILSON SAYS HER COOKIES HAVE LOVE BAKED IN 'EM, BUT ALL I SEE ARE RAISINS!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane

COULD YOU MAKE LOTS OF FLICE, MOMMY?

"I'm running for class president and I need votes."

5-24

Witty answer to 'how are you?' makes some people feel fine

DEAR ABBY: Like "Fine, Thank You in Gastonia, N.C." (March 23), I, too, was annoyed when people greeted me with the mindless, "How are you?" "How ya doin'?" etc., which required me to respond to someone who clearly had no interest in a real response. (I understand their feigned interest is more automatic than real.)



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

So, I make a game of it. Unlike the greeter who blurs out the salutation without thinking, I listen and am prepared with several responses. For "How ya doin'?" I answer, "Not so good. My wife and oldest son and I just got out of three months in rehab for peanut butter addiction. I was a two-jar-a-day man myself. My boy had it even worse — three jars of the hard stuff, crumbly!"

When asked, "What's up?" I'm inclined to respond, "My blood pressure, cholesterol and body mass index!"

—**DAVE IN MARSHALL, WIS.**
DEAR DAVE: Many readers who wrote to comment on that letter said they were perplexed at how "How are you?" has essentially replaced the greeting "Hello." And they were eager to share the quips they use to answer that rhetorical question. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have an alternative to the answer you gave

set the tone for my own day by answering, "I'm fabulous, thanks! How are you?" You know the old "Take it 'til you feel it" philosophy? That's why I originally started doing it, but it has paid off for me because I receive positive energy in return. Not only do I actually feel happier after the interaction, but it's difficult for someone else to respond negatively to your smile.

—**COLLEEN IN PORT COQUITLAM, BRITISH COLUMBIA**

DEAR ABBY: My reply? "I'm better on the inside than I look on the outside."
—**JOYCE IN CONVERSE, TEXAS**

DEAR ABBY: I once heard this response: "Vertical and ventilating!" I still laugh when I think of it.
—**DOC IN CHARLESTON, S.C.**

DEAR ABBY: My favorite response is one I get from a friend: "All monitored systems are functional."
—**ED IN SAN JOSE**

DEAR ABBY: My husband's grandfather, a Lutheran minister for more than 70 years, always used to say, "I'm answering the roll call." (He lived to be 102.)
—**FAITHFUL READER IN MISSOURI**

TODAY IN HISTORY

By The Associated Press

Today is Thursday, May 24, the 144th day of 2007. There are 221 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On May 24, 1844, Samuel F.B. Morse transmitted the message, "What hath God wrought" from Washington to Baltimore as he formally opened America's first telegraph line.

On this date:

In 1819, Queen Victoria was born in London.
In 1881, some 200 people died when the Canadian ferry Princess Victoria sank near London, Ontario.
In 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge, linking two New York City boroughs, Brooklyn and Manhattan, was opened to traffic.

In 1941, the German battleship Bismarck sank the British dreadnought Hood in the North Atlantic.

In 1957, anti-American rioting broke out in Taipei, Taiwan.

In 1962, astronaut Scott Carpenter became the second American to orbit the Earth as he flew aboard Aurora 7.

In 1976, Britain and France opened trans-Atlantic Concorde service to Washington.

In 1977, in a surprise move, the Kremlin ousted Soviet President Nikolai Podgorny from the Communist Party's ruling Politburo.

In 1986, the Union Flag was flown in Israel for the first time in 38 years as Margaret Thatcher became the first British prime minister to visit the Jewish state.

In 2001, 23 people died when the floor of a Jerusalem wedding hall collapsed beneath dancing guests in a horrifying scene captured on video.

Ten years ago, the space shuttle Atlantis, returned to Earth, bringing with it NASA astronaut Jerry Linenger, who'd spent four months aboard the Russian Mir space station.

Five years ago: President Bush and Russian President Vladimir Putin signed a landmark nuclear arms reduction treaty in Moscow. U.S. Olympic Committee president Sandra Balwin resigned, a day after she admitted lying about her academic credentials.

One year ago: In rare, election-year harmony, House Republican and Democratic leaders jointly demanded the FBI return documents taken in a Capitol Hill raid as part of a bribery investigation of Rep. William Jefferson of Louisiana. Taylor Hicks was named the new "American Idol" over runner-up Katharine McPhee.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Today's Birthdays:
Comedian Tommy Chong is 69. Singer Bob Dylan is 66. Singer Patti LaBelle is 63. Actress Priscilla Presley is 62. Country singer Mike Reid is 60. Actor Jim Broadbent is 57. Actor Alfred Molina is 54. Singer Rosanne Cash is 52. Actress Kristin Scott Thomas is 47. Rock musician Vivian Tambile is 44. Actor John C. Reilly is 42. Actor Eric Close is

40. Rapper-recording executive Heavy D is 40. Rock musician Rich Robinson is 38. Actor Billy L. Sullivan is 27. Actor-rapper Big Tymie is 24. Country singer Billy Gilman is 19.



Dylan

THOUGHT

"Man is what he believes."
— Anton Chekhov, Russian author-dramatist (1860-1904)

Official disavows debauchery claim on MySpace

PHOENIX (AP) — A state official claimed on his MySpace page that he volunteers to help children only to indoctrinate them in the "splendors of lawlessness," but said it was a joke intended only for his friends, not the public.

"It's exactly the opposite of me as a person," said Dennis Seavers, executive director of the state fingerprinting board, of his profile on the popular networking site. "If I had known that the public would

see it, I never would have done it."

But Sen. Linda Gray said she was troubled by his page and still had questions after speaking with him Monday.

"To me this is a sick joke," said Gray, a Republican who works on legislative issues about law enforcement. "I have a concern about what he wrote about himself and whether there needs to be professional evaluation of his behavior because he such a high responsibility as director

of the fingerprinting board."

The small operations-branch agency considers appeals from prospective teachers and others required to submit fingerprints for criminal background checks.

Seavers' page said that he lived "a quiet daytime life as a state employee" but that his friends knew him "as wild debauchery interested in self-promotion and enrichment. And by enrichment, I mean money. None of this self-esteem crap."

Ashes of Florida man's father dumped on lawn

CAPE CORAL, Fla. (AP) — A man's vehicle was vandalized and his father's ashes were dumped in his front lawn, authorities said.

Wayne C. Caraway, 35, said he believed a robber broke into his 1987 Ford Bronco and thought a cedar box with a

plastic bag full of his father's ashes contained drugs. Nothing in the car was stolen, he said.

But last thing to think about what they thought when they opened the box up and saw a baggie full of ashes," Caraway told the Cape Coral

Daily Breeze.

Caraway's father died in 1995. Caraway was going to spread his father's ashes along the Fishcanehatchee Strand in the Florida Everglades, his father's favorite fishing spot. He said he normally kept the ashes in his house.

WORLD

Refugees criticize Lebanese army, back militant group

By Louise Roug and Raed Rafel
Los Angeles Times

NAIHR EL-BARED, Lebanon — Palestinian refugees fleeing their homes Wednesday under cover of a cease-fire expressed outrage at three days of shelling by the Lebanese army, and sympathy for the militant group that was the target of the barrages.

"They didn't want to harm us," said Amira Suleiman, referring to the radical Islamic militant group Fatah al Islam. "They are peaceful, reading the Quran."
Suleiman and 10 other members of her family were among an estimated 15,000 residents who have streamed out of the Nahr el-Bared refugee camp in the last two days. She carried only a few plastic bags filled with clothes.
Her son referred to those who ordered the shelling as "dogs of the government," drawing the ire of some of whom had to be restrained as he shouted: "What are you saying? That Fatah al Islam isn't inside the

camp? Who is fighting them?"
The battle against the small radical group, which is ideologically linked with al-Qaida, threatens to undermine Lebanon's fledgling army.
Lebanese officials have asked for \$200 million in military aid from the U.S. to fight the militants.
Observers fear that other radical factions may rise up in any of Lebanon's 11 other camps that are home to about 400,000 displaced and disenfranchised Palestinians.

"The weapons of radical Islamists are now part of the Lebanese equation," said Nicolas Nassif, a Beirut-based political analyst. The government has been forced to strike at the camps, he said. "There is no real choice. If we reach a point where Fatah al Islam's existence in the camp is accepted, the situation will be very dangerous."
Fawzi Akkawi, a political observer and editor of Executive magazine, called the Lebanese security forces "gendarmes des San Tropez" and "tourism police."

"They cannot deal with these groups," he said. "These groups are going to continue to strike because they receive support from Syria."
Some Lebanese government officials have charged Syria with providing weapons and money to the group but have offered no solid proof. Syrian officials have denied the accusation.

French anti-terrorism police have expressed concern since 2005 about al-Qaida-linked extremists in northern Lebanon's Palestinian refugee camps. They said their investigations showed that a French extremist underwent training at a camp in the Tripoli area, where Nahr el-Bared is located.
"Two years ago we were very concerned about the presence of Islamists in the Palestinian camps in Lebanon," a senior French anti-terrorism official said. "We looked into it very closely. We shared it with our allies and evidently it was not a unique case, but there were, in Lebanon, training camps, or at least training facilities."
The network of Abu Musab



A fighter from the Fatah Islam group shouts anti-Lebanese army slogans at the Palestinian refugee camp, Nahr el-Bared, in the north city of Tripoli, Lebanon, Wednesday.

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IAEA: Iran advances nuclear program

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — The U.N. nuclear monitor reported notable advances in Iran's uranium enrichment program Wednesday while warning for the first time that its knowledge of the country's nuclear activities was shrinking.

The International Atomic Energy Agency's findings, while not surprising, set the stage for possible new U.N. sanctions — the third set of penalties since December.
The report by IAEA chief Mohamed ElBaradei expressed the agency's concern about its "deteriorating" understanding of unexplored aspects of Iran's nuclear program.

"That finding reflected frustration with the results of a four-year IAEA investigation opened after revelations that Iran for nearly two decades had been clandestinely developing enrichment and other nuclear activities that could be used to make weapons."
A senior U.N. diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to publicly comment on the report, suggested the shrinking hole left for inspections by Iran's roll-back of previous monitoring agreements was potentially as worrying as its refusal to suspend uranium enrichment.

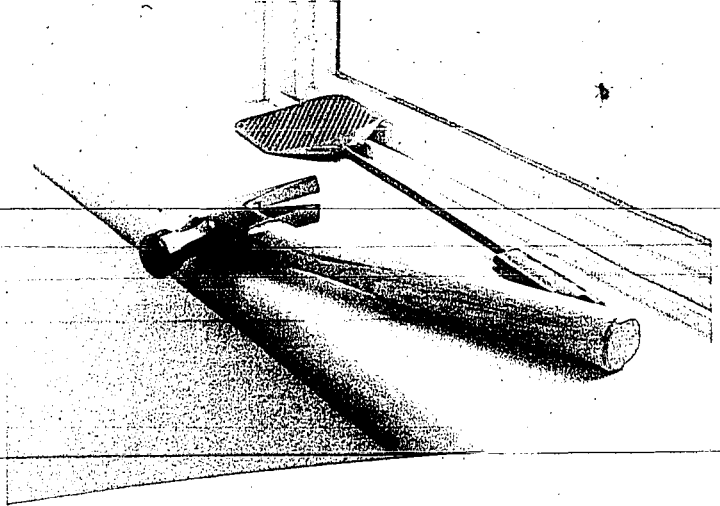
In Washington, Undersecretary of State Nicholas Burns said the report showed "Iran is thumping its nose at the international community."
Gregory L. Schulte, the chief U.S. delegate to the IAEA in Vienna, asked: "How can the world believe Iran's claims that its pursuits are peaceful, if Iran's leaders increasingly withhold information and cooperation from a show of nuclear watchdogs?"

In a shadow's American military strength, ships carrying 17,000 sailors and Marines moved into the Persian Gulf on Wednesday, just days before U.S.-Iran talks on Iraq.

The war games which culminate in an amphibious landing exercise in Kuwait, just a few miles from Iran — appeared to be a clear warning to Iran ahead of the talks and possible U.N. sanctions.




"The Americans are sending a message to Iran that they are not coming to the negotiating table weak, but with their military at Tehran's doorstep," said Mustafa Alami of the Dubai-based Gulf Research Center.

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House zeroes in on gas price gouging

Market Watch

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Dow Jones Industrials	-14.30
Nasdaq composite	-10.97
Standard & Poor's 500	1,522.28
Russell 2000	338.64

close	change
Con Agri	25.67 ▲ .32
Dell Inc.	26.26 ▼ .12
Idacorp	32.72 ▼ .49
Lithia Motors	26.53 ▲ .02
Micron	11.53 ▼ .35
Supervalu	46.96 ▼ .09

Stocks of local interest

close	change
June Oil	65.77 ▲ .26
(Light sweet crude by barrel)	
Live cattle	91.85 ▼ .65
June gold	662.6 ▲ 2.7

Commodities

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Law will stiffen penalties; many say it will be hard to enforce

By H. Josef Hebert
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Responding to high costs at the pump, the House approved legislation Wednesday that would outlaw gasoline price gouging.

Many lawmakers said that may be easier to say than to detect or enforce.

The legislation would penalize individuals or companies for taking "unfair advantage" or charging "unconscionably excessive" prices for gasoline and other fuels.

Opponents said the language was too vague and that the Federal Trade Commission, which would enforce the law, has not clearly defined price gouging.

"I don't know what 'unconscionably excessive' means," said Rep. Joe Barton, R-Texas, the bill's chief sponsor. Democratic Rep. Bart Stupak of Michigan, said he had no doubt the FTC would be able to determine price gouging once the agency had a law to uphold.

The measure would establish the first federal law against



Rep. Bart Stupak, D-Mich., right, talks with Rep. Joseph Courtney, D-Conn., center, and Rep. Peter Welch, D-Vt., at a gas station on Capitol Hill in Washington, Wednesday, prior to a news conference to discuss high gasoline prices.

energy price gouging. The FTC now can investigate price manipulation under antitrust laws. Currently, 29 states have price gouging statutes; enforcement varies widely.

Stupak's proposal only would go into effect — and then for just 30 days — if the president declared an energy emergency.

The bill calls for penalties of up to \$150 million for companies and up to \$2 million and 10 years imprisonment for individuals found to be

engaged in price gouging. Twenty-nine state have various price gouging statutes, but the vary widely in enforcement.

The FTC has investigated allegations of price manipulation but failed to find widespread violations. In a report last year, the agency said an investigation after Hurricane Katrina hit in 2005 uncovered 15 incidents that could have been price gouging. But other factors also could have explained the high

prices, it said.

The House passed the legislation by a vote of 284-141 as majority Democrats pushed for action ahead of the Memorial Day weekend. Prices at a near-record levels heading into the holiday, the traditional kickoff for the summer driving season.

Senate Democrats said they would take up energy legislation — including price gouging — next month after they finish an immigration bill.

That energy measure would

require that vehicles get better mileage and that 35 billion gallons of ethanol serve as a substitute for gasoline by 2022 — a sevenfold increase over today's levels.

"Our legislation will dramatically increase American-made and grown renewable fuels production," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., also has promised an "energy independence" proposal before July 4.

What it means

NO GOUGING: The House approved legislation Wednesday that would outlaw gasoline price gouging and penalize "unconscionably excessive" prices.

WHAT'S THAT MEAN: Opponents, including the Bush administration, said the legislation was too vague. Others said the Federal Trade Commission, which would enforce the law, has not clearly defined price gouging.

WHAT'S NEW: The bill would establish the first federal law against energy price gouging. Twenty-nine states have gouging statutes; enforcement varies widely.

FAA gives airlines more flight flexibility

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — With a record number of flights expected this summer, the Federal Aviation Administration said Wednesday it would expand the use of an air traffic control strategy intended to minimize weather-related delays.

The agency's "airspace flow program" allows airlines to choose between flying longer routes to avoid stormy weather or accepting delays that are aggravating for flyers and costly for the industry.

"If your flight isn't scheduled to fly through bad weather, you don't have to sit on the tarmac," FAA Administrator Marion Blakey said in a prepared statement. "If it is affected by bad weather, your airline has the choice of taking a delay... or flying around the storm."

The program was introduced last year in seven high-traffic, air-travel regions in the Northeast, reducing delays due to bad weather by 9 percent, the FAA said.

More people putting their vehicle's gas under lock and key

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — With regular unleaded fuel reaching more than \$3 a gallon, it makes sense to try to conserve gasoline.

Most people will cut unnecessary trips to the mall or forgo summer vacations to save on fuel. But there are always some bad apples in the bunch who feel entitled to steal fuel when their own tanks are empty.

"A lot of people I know say they know someone who has had their gas stolen, (which) has prompted them to purchase a locking gas cap," said Lance Bickler of Twin Falls. "It seems to happen more in crowded neighborhoods. I live out in the boonies and instead of a locking gas cap I have a dog that sits out by my truck."

Many Magic Valley retailers say that when gas first topped \$3 a gallon last summer, they experienced an

onslaught of locking fuel cap sales. "The trend appears to be continuing this year."

"I'd say out of 15 customers, six are buying the fuel caps," said Kevin Hertzinger, with Napa Auto Parts in Bull. "When gas went up last year, that's when we really started seeing people get concerned about protecting their gas."

On average, Hertzinger said, locking gas caps cost about \$30.

"Get your gas stolen once and you won't worry about the price," he said. "It is well worth the cost. But make sure you purchase a locking cap with its own original key. If it says 'keyed alike' then your neighbor could end up purchasing a lock with the same key and use it to open your cap."

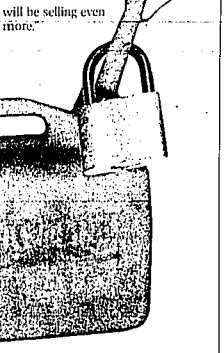
With gas prices steadily on the rise, Cindy Harbaugh, manager for I Hub City Auto Parts, is preparing for increased sales of locking caps.

"People are going to get more inter-

ested in ways to save their fuel. Buying locking caps is just one option. Personally, I think people are going to get more interested in getting a hike," Harbaugh said.

Twin Falls retailers see locking fuel cap sales rising as well.

"We are selling more today than three years ago, that's for sure," said a J & D Brandon Andersen, manager of Carquest Auto Parts. "I think that as fuel reaches \$4 a gallon, we



Views from a cell

Woman creates art with her camera phone

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Patrice Elmi hasn't taken her bulky 35 mm camera since last fall. The emerging visual artist from Los Angeles has discovered that all she needs is the diminutive gizmo she clips to her jeans and flips open to chat with friends.

Take a look at her photography — colorful abstracts of urban settings — and it's not immediately obvious that her equipment of choice is a cell phone camera.

Even LG Electronics Inc., maker of the handset Elmi uses, initially didn't believe her photos originated from her LG300 cell phone when she asked the company to sponsor a recent gallery exhibit of her camera-phone art.

"When people see my images, they don't believe that I took them with a cell phone," she said. "The depth and clarity of the images are so phenomenal."

The quality was good enough to persuade John Matkovsky, owner of Drkrm, a small gallery in Los Angeles showing Elmi's work through Saturday, to do his first-ever show of digital prints.

"I think it's the future," Matkovsky said. "I think in two years, or 10 — I don't know — it'll be normal, and everyone will be doing cell-phone photography shows."

Elmi said her camera phone "addiction" started last fall when she encountered a corner of a



Patrice Elmi tours her photo show "Views from a Cell" taken with a cell phone camera at the Drkrm gallery in Los Angeles, Calif., recently. Elmi hasn't touched her bulky 35 mm camera since last fall. The emerging visual artist from Los Angeles has discovered that all she needs is the diminutive gizmo she clips to her jeans and flips open to chat with friends.

building that she wanted to photograph. She had left her camera bag at home, but then realized she was carrying a camera — in her phone.

Elmi uses the same core principles, such as composition and lighting, that she previously used with her Nikon film camera but applies them within the limitations of her new equipment.

Her phone lacks a flash and zoom capability, so she focused on close-ups and made the most of natural lighting. Vibrant colors were often in play.

"I love it so much because it's so convenient," she said. "Now I'm just

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— Artist Patrice Elmi

carrying one little thing, taking pictures."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Rupert, Burley post offices to celebrate 'Star Wars' stamp

BURLEY — The Rupert and Burley post offices will celebrate the release Friday of 'Star Wars' postage stamps with a special event from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The 41-cent "Star Wars" stamps go on sale at 9 a.m. Friday.

Children of all ages are invited to participate in a stamp design contest, where entrants can design a "Star Wars" Stamp design pages are available at the Rupert Post Office, 724 F St., and the Burley Post Office at 1354 Overland.

Shoshone Silver expands uranium holdings in Nevada

WALLACE — Shoshone Silver Mining has expanded its California Creek uranium mining in Elko County, Nev., to 43 claims covering 600 acres.

Potential uranium resources have not yet been quantified. The company said it plans further exploration and development of the property, potentially as a joint venture.

Shoshone Silver Mining was founded in 1969 as a silver production, development and exploration company. It maintains a portfolio of mineral exploration projects across the West and in Mexico.

Free health care seminar in Burley Friday

BURLEY — Dr. Rose Thomas will conduct a free seminar at 6 p.m. Friday at the Steadhouse Convention Center, 1340 Oakley Ave. in Burley.

A no-host buffet will be available. Beverages will be provided for the

seminar, "Prevention vs. Detection, Sick Care vs. Health Care, Who's Responsible and What We Can Do?"

Thomas has been in the health field more than 27 years. She began her career in Hospice and Home Health Care, bringing comfort to families and their loved ones. She received her certified massage therapist degree from Twin Lakes College in California and went on to become a certified nursing assistant. She has worked as a physical therapist technician, chiropractor's assistant and has assisted at many births. In 1996, she became a board-certified naturopathic doctor.

For information, call 878-9118.

Qwest shareholders reject executive pay clout plan

DENVER — Qwest Communications International Inc. shareholders soundly rejected three proposals Tuesday that would have given them more clout in decisions about executive compensation.

The votes came during the Denver-based telecommunications company's annual meeting, where Chief Executive Officer Dick Neupert was peppered with questions about salary and bonuses — including his — and cuts or caps in benefits for about 49,000 retirees across Qwest's 14-state territory.

The proposals on executive compensation, sponsored by retirees and American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees Pension Plan, come as more shareholders are seeking a greater role in deciding how company executives should be paid.

— From staff and wire reports

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Intermountain Grain & Livestock as well as other metal commodities were not available Wednesday.

WORLD

Stiff sentences given to prime minister's assassins

By Zoran Djindjic and Tracy Wilkinson
Los Angeles Times

BELGRADE, Serbia — Slobodan Milosevic's feared paramilitary commander was found guilty Wednesday in the 2003 murder of pro-Western Prime Minister Zoran Djindjic, an assassination that shocked the nation and damaged the cause of democratic reform.

Milorad Ulemek, former head of the notorious Red Berets, his deputy and 10 other men were convicted of planning and carrying out the murder of Serbia's first democratically elected prime minister. The killing was a bid to return Milosevic's allies to power and halt Belgrade's cooperation with the war-crimes tribunal at The Hague, the court said.

Djindjic became prime minister at a crucial time in Serbian history, elected after he helped topple Milosevic from power in 2000. The charismatic and popular Djindjic, then 50, was killed after he extradited the former Serbian strongman to The Hague, Netherlands, where Milosevic died last year of a heart attack while on trial for crimes against humanity.

Serbia's attempts to rehabili-

tate itself after the Milosevic years of isolation and ostracism have been fitful, with noteworthy progress often met by nationalist resistance.

Concluding a long and complex prosecution that has both riveted and polarized Serbia, a panel of judges handed stiff jail terms to Ulemek, convicted of masterminding the murder, and his deputy Zvezdan Jovanovic.

Later outside the courthouse, the defendants' families and friends were met by several thousand youthful members of Djindjic's Democratic Party and other pro-democracy activists who booed and hurled shouts of "killer!"

All defense attorneys said they would appeal the verdicts.

Djindjic. The prime minister was slain March 12, 2003 as he arrived, walking on crutches at the time, at the main government building in downtown Belgrade.

"This was a political murder, a criminal deed aimed against the state," presiding Judge Nata Mesarovic said as

she read the verdict to a packed courtroom that included Serbian President Boris Tadic and several people who served as top officials in the Djindjic government.

Djindjic was killed "after democratic changes in Serbia, when most of the citizens believed that the situation in Serbia could be changed and life could be better," the judge said.

Ulemek and Jovanovic were each sentenced to 40 years in prison, the maximum under Serbian law. The other defendants received between eight and 35 years. Ulemek smiled slightly while Jovanovic held a steady smirk. Then, in the middle of the judge's reading, they and their convicted accomplices stood up and walked out of the courtroom.

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Ulemek



Jovanovic

Pope clarifies remarks on Christian colonization

Los Angeles Times

ROME — Confronted with continued anger in Latin America, Pope Benedict XVI on Wednesday acknowledged that the Christian colonization of Indian populations was not as easy as he portrayed in a major speech earlier this month in Brazil.

The pope did not apologize, as some indigenous and Latin American leaders have demanded. However, he did say that it was impossible to ignore the dark "shadows" and "unjustified crimes" that accompanied the evangeliza-

tion of the New World by Roman Catholic priests in the 15th and 16th centuries.

"It is not possible to forget the sufferings and injustices inflicted by the colonizers on the indigenous population, whose fundamental human rights were often trampled upon," the pope said. "Certainly, the memory of a glorious past cannot ignore the shadows that accompanied the work of evangelizing the Latin American continent."

Still, he said, recognizing the sins should not detract from the good achieved by the mis-

sionaries: "Mentioning this must not prevent us from acknowledging with gratitude the marvelous work accomplished by the divine grace among these people in the course of these centuries," he said.

Benedict was addressing pilgrims gathered in St. Peter's Square for his weekly public audience.

Benedict took his first papal voyage to the Americas earlier this month, visiting Brazil. In his final and most important speech of the five-day visit, the pope gave what many saw as a revisionist account of history.

"This was a political murder, a criminal deed aimed against the state."

— presiding Judge Nata Mesarovic

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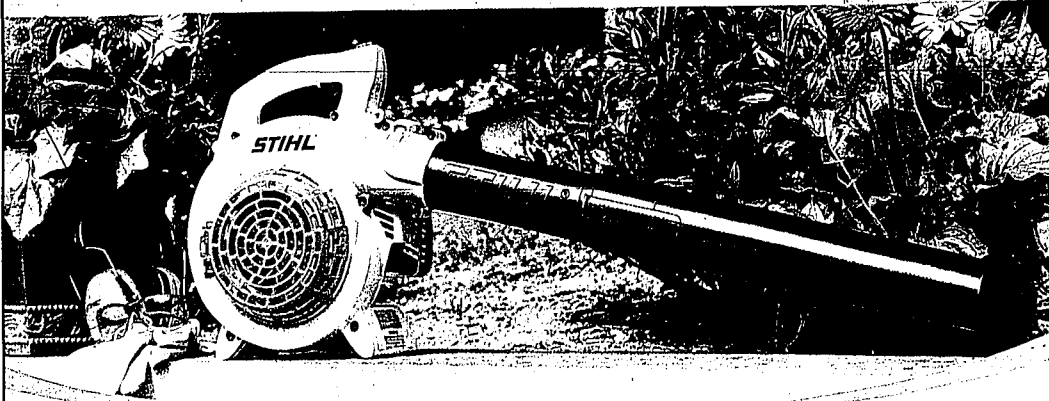
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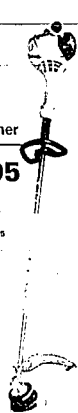
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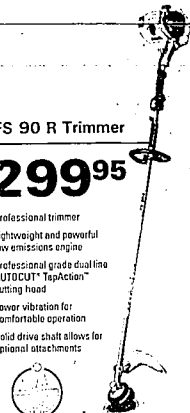
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Expiring justice

Statute of limitations looms for murders of Mexican women

By Manuel Rog-Franzia
The Washington Post

CIUDAD JUAREZ, Mexico — For 13 years, June 14 has brought tears, tortured memories and enduring pain to Griselda Salas.

It was on that date, in 1993, that her 16-year-old sister, Guadalupe Ivonne Salas, disappeared. Guadalupe Ivonne's body turned up less than a week later in a park in this dusty, windswept industrial city near the U.S.-Mexico border.

Guadalupe Ivonne, who was raped and strangled, was one of the first victims in Mexico's grisliest modern-day crime mystery — the murders of more than 400 women in the past 14 years.

Ciudad Juarez, many of the bodies dumped in the desert, horribly mutilated.

The killings — mostly of poor young factory workers, have inspired two Hollywood motion pictures and enraged human rights groups, which have filed volumes with accusations of corruption, botched investigations and official negligence.

Yet the mystery remains unsolved.

Now the earliest of those cases are quietly slipping off legal docks because Mexico, unlike the United States and many European countries, has a statute of limitations for murder. At a time when U.S. prosecutors are resurrecting civil rights-era murder cases — some more than 40 years old — Mexico is closing murder cases forever after 14 years.

With each passing day, it appears likely that a legal technicality may end a quest to unravel a string of slayings that shocked the world.

"It is totally and absolutely grotesque to think that murderers could be enjoying their freedom because of this law."

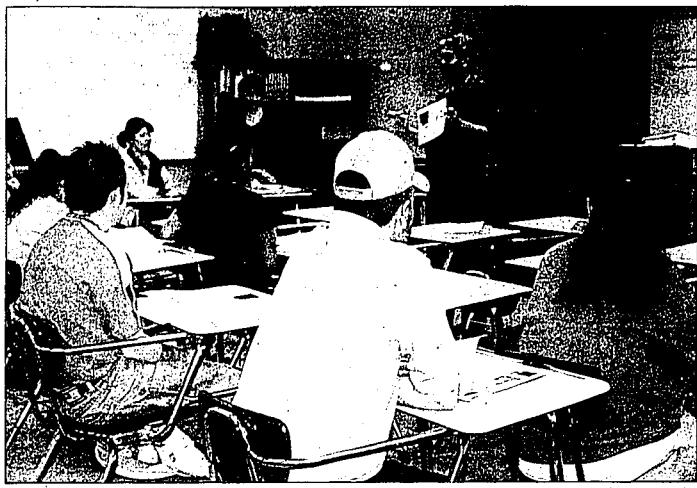
— Jaime Garcia Chavez, a Chihuahua state legislator who is pressing to abolish Mexico's statute of limitations

Chavez's effort to give investigators more time to untangle that mess by extending the statute of limitations, a gambit he considers a long shot, has already come a long way. In March, he secured a law that allows the state to prosecute a murder case even if the victim died more than 14 years ago.

The next could be Guadalupe Ivonne Salas, though prosecutors say they may be closing in on a suspect — a promise that her family is reluctant to believe after years of dashed hopes.

Salas, a petite 16-year-old, shared a single bed in a cluttered shack with her infant daughter and her mother, Yicky Salas. The family, like thousands of others, was drawn to Ciudad Juarez by the maquiladoras — assembly plants, most of them owned by U.S. companies — that sprang up blocks from the border because of an abundance of cheap labor and that transformed the town into the fourth most populous city in Mexico.

Young women were especially prized by factory supervisors because they were considered more reliable and less rowdy than men. Almost overnight, women were making money while men were still struggling to find jobs, leading to resentment in the local macho culture that activists cite as a social undercurrent to the slayings.



Sam Byrd, director of the Center for Community and Justice, helps a group of Latino parents in Wendell understand the workings of the education system while they learn to speak English.

Latino parents prepare children for college, beyond

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Do you think getting your child ready for college is difficult? Imagine being in a foreign country where you do not speak the language, and your child wants to become a nurse, teacher, or maybe a lawyer. Should your child be denied higher education until you learn the language?

Sam Byrd, director of the Center for Community and Justice in Boise, does not think so. He travels the state presenting a Parent School Partnership program to groups of parents of school-age children. The program is designed to orient parents who don't speak English to the workings of the education system while they learn English.

A dozen Spanish-speaking adults hunched over workbooks one evening recently in a classroom at Wendell High School. They were focusing on their children's future college. They hope to be able to offer guidance and help their child focus on required courses, grades and extracurricular activities, as well as SAT college placement tests. The parents want to effectively help their child gather information about college admission, request college applications and catalogs, and apply to and visit several college campuses, program organizers say.

starting the planning process early so that by the time their child reaches college age they and their child will be prepared. Byrd reminds them of details covered earlier in the discussion and offers words of encouragement as these parents of students enrolled in the Wendell school system work on plans for their children's college and future.

Getting their child to college is just one part of an educational curriculum designed to involve immigrant Latino parents in their child's education, Byrd said.

"No matter what language people speak, all parents are concerned about their children and want them to succeed," said Ann Wilcox, an English as a Second Language teacher at Wendell Elementary. This group (parent school partnership) helps the parents orient themselves to what is happening in the community while they learn to speak English.

The Parent School Partnership curriculum covers topics like "the child's classroom and teacher," "parent-teacher conferences," "school structure, district and government," "school board, voting and elections," "educational funding from property taxes to bond elections to the legislature," "parent's rights and responsibility in the child's education," "the community at large," "the importance of community involvement" and "family health."

The Wendell group meets

about once a month during the school year.

"It takes a year and a half to get through all the lessons in the curriculum," Byrd said. "Once one group of parents finish, we start over with a new batch of parents."

The Parent School Partnership program opens doors and demystifies the education process. After they studied how the school board works, they visited a school board meeting, said LeAnne Orr, an ESL teacher at the high school.

Currently, Byrd works with 12 parent school partnership groups around the state, from Fruitland to St. Anthony, and has taught between 500 to 700 Latino parents in the past year and a half. The Center for Community and Justice is a nonprofit founded with an office located in Boise and funded by contributions and donations, and recently received a \$25,000 grant from the Albertson Open Golf Tournament held in Boise last year.

The parent school partnership project has been in the Wendell schools for about a year and a half.

"Because of the No Child Left Behind Act, the Parent Partnership Program is essential due to the increase of the Spanish-speaking population in the local community, state and all over the United States," Orr said. "Our hope is that involving the parent in the child's school process will result in an increase in stu-

dent achievement. We are trying to help develop a culture in the Latino community and it is really too soon to see definite results."

Maria Gonzales, a teaching assistant at Wendell elementary and liaison to the Latino community, has worked in the Wendell schools for 16 years.

"It is too soon to see results from this parent involvement project," she added. "But, I do see an increase in the number of Latino students who graduate from high school each year compared to 16 years ago when I started working in the district. When I started, four of five Latino students would graduate each year. Now, the number is closer to 12 or 15. We have Latino graduates from Wendell in colleges throughout the state — at the University of Idaho in Moscow, Idaho State University in Pocatello, Boise State University in Boise and at Lewis and Clark in Lewiston."

"Our student handbooks are written in both English and Spanish, which helps increase the information flow from the school to the home and from the home to the school. The children realize their parents know what is happening and are involved in their education so are not tempted to skip school or neglect homework," Gonzales added.

"This program is another way to help motivate the kids to succeed in school and life. That is the key — figuring out how to motivate the kids," Orr said.

Trade official says plan to allow Mexican trucks into states is on track for July

The Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — A pilot program to allow Mexican trucks into all areas of the United States should be in place by July, a top U.S. trade official said.

Access to the U.S. by Mexican trucks has been delayed for years by safety and environmental concerns and resistance from U.S. truckers.

"To my mind Mexico has lived up to its responsibility" in addressing safety concerns raised by the U.S. Congress, said Franklin L. Lavin, undersecretary for international trade for the U.S. "We fully intend to go ahead with liberalization in July. So we're on track."

Lavin spoke to U.S. business leaders at a luncheon sponsored by the American Chamber of Commerce in Mexico City.

The administration of U.S. President George W. Bush has announced a one-year pilot program

for Mexican trucks to enter the U.S. But an April launch was delayed for additional public comment under pressure from the U.S. Congress.

A lawsuit was filed in a federal court last month to block the project by the Teamsters Union, the Sierra Club, Public Citizen and the Environmental Law Foundation, citing safety and environmental concerns. Of major concern is whether Mexican trucks, often older than U.S. vehicles, will be able to meet rigorous U.S. safety standards.

"Some in the U.S. have legitimate concerns and others are coming from a more nationalistic bent," Lavin told journalists after the luncheon.

In other matters, Lavin said Mexico's high crime rates may have an impact on U.S. investment "on the margins," but said that it should be far outweighed by the "positive news," including Mexico's continued economic growth and acceptance of U.S. products.

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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 MAGISTRATE DIVISION

Case No. CV-2007-1146
CHILD PROTECTIVE ACT SUMMONS
 in and for the County of:
ZANE JOHNSON-EVERSOLE,
 d.o.b. 06-04-92
 A Child, over the age of eighteen
 of the STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO:
BRYAN JOHNSON

YOU ARE NOTIFIED THAT:
 A Petition, a copy of which is attached, has been filed in the above-entitled matter in the Magistrate's Division of the District Court of Twin Falls County, Idaho, by the Prosecuting Attorney, alleging the above-named child comes within the Court's jurisdiction under the Child Protective Act. You are hereby directed to appear personally for a Review Hearing at the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shepherson Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, on July 12, 2007, at 9:30 AM.

You are notified that service of the attached Petition upon you, as the parent(s), guardian, or custodian of this child, confers personal jurisdiction of the Court upon you and subjects you to the provisions of the Child Protective Act. You are notified that if you fail to appear without reasonable cause, the Court may proceed in your absence or you may be proceeded against for contempt of Court. You are notified that the parent(s), guardian, or a custodian may be financially liable for the support and/or treatment of the child. You are further notified that the child and parent(s), guardian, or custodian have the right to be represented by an attorney of your choosing, or if financially unable to pay, have the right to have an attorney appointed by the Court to represent the child or the parent(s), guardian, or custodian at the Court's expense. If you are unable to appear at the hearing given above, at which time the Court shall consider appointment of an attorney for the child and require whether the parent(s), guardian, or custodian require the appointment of an attorney. You are further notified that there shall be a rebuttable presumption that if a child is placed in the custody of the IDHW and was placed out of care of the home for a period not less than 150 days in the last one hundred twenty-two (22) months from the date of adjudication, the IDHW shall initiate a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights. This presumption may be rebutted by a finding by the Court that the filing of a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights would not be in the best interest of the child and their family, or that the children are placed permanently with a relative.

WITNESSES MY HAND AND SEAL OF said Magistrate Court this 18th day of May 2007.
CLERK OF THE DISTRICT COURT
 By Deputy Clerk

PUBLISH: May 24 and 31, 2007

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Case No. CV-07-1560
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
 In the Matter of the Estate of
JAMES SULLIVAN,
 Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or his estate are advised 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 both to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED this 5th day of April, 2007.
 Jennifer Sullivan
RAYBORN and RAYBORN
 By R.E. Rayborn
 Attorney for the Estate
 PO Box 1211
 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0321

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- FOUND Heeler cross, young male. Found in north of town. Call 208-352-4385.
- FOUND large cat in the Heyburn area. White color with green eyes. 208-431-4222.
- FOUND Parakeet, white & gray with purple on the back, found in front yard Eastland and Stadium area of TF. 208-358-3908
- FOUND Pit Bull, blond in color wearing red collar, east of the Chamber of Commerce in Heyburn. Call 208-879-5032 days or 208-879-5032 evenings.
- FOUND Lab male black 160 lbs., always smiling. No collar or tag. Large paws. By Martin St. and the hospital. Roward! Call 208-212-6522 or 208-212-7285
- FOUND gray Cockerle, 520 in dogme over near the park. My name is "J". Call 208-324-1415
- FOUND Blue Tick male, has 3 collars, name tags and phone numbers on collar, lost in the Fairfield area. 208-924-4522. Call 539-9423. REWARD.
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Fill in the grid so that every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for today puzzles on page E-12.

207 Education

Buhl School District is accepting applications for a **Special Education Early Childhood Teacher**. Application materials are available at the District Office 520 Main St. Buhl, ID or by calling 543-6436. For more information regarding this position call Suzanne Wilkin at 543-9208. EOE and Drug Free Workplace.

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-209 General

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GENERAL Blue Lakes Country Club is now hiring for the following positions:
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GENERAL Community Care Worker Jerome Now accepting applications for work in group homes. Starting \$8hr; benefits after probation. Pick up application at 1128 N. Lincoln, or 878 E Main Jerome. 9am-5pm

209 General

GENERAL Snake River Spinners is seeking a **Spray Tech Manager** All licenses req. Exc pay with unlimited growth opportunity 280-3822 or 543-6630

GENERAL TWIN FALLS Care Center is looking for help in the kitchen. Prefer someone that has experience in therapeutic diets and familiar with the Idaho Food Code. Farm willing to train the right person. If you are a quick learner, fast paced, and dependable fill out an application at 674 Eastland Dr. Call Cindy at 208-724-4264. We are a Drug Free Workplace. EOE

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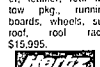
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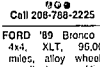
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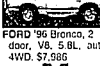
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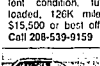
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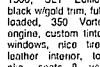
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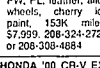
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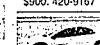


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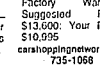
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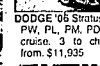
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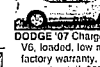
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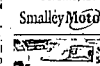
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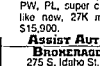
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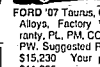
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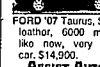
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TELEVISION

1. "American Idol" (Wednesday), Fox.
2. "American Idol" (Tuesday), Fox.
3. "House," Fox.
4. "Grey's Anatomy" ABC.
5. "Dancing With the Stars" (Monday), ABC.
— From Nielsen Media Research

FILM

1. "Spider-Man 3," Sony.
2. "28 Weeks Later," Fox Atomic.
3. "Georgia Rule," Universal.
4. "Disturbia," Paramount.
5. "Delta Force," Lionsgate.
— From Media By Numbers LLC

HOT FIVE

1. "Buy U a Drank (Shawty Snappin)," T-Pain (feat. Yung Joc), Konvict.
2. "Makes Me Wonder," Maroon 5.
3. "Girlfriend," Avril Lavigne, RCA.
4. "Give It to Me," Timbaland (feat. Nelly Furtado & Justin Timberlake), Mosley.
5. "Because of You," Ne-Yo, Def Jam.
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ALBUMS

1. "Call Me Irresponsible," Michael Buble, 143.
2. "Strength & Loyalty," Bone Thugs-n-Harmony, Mo Thugs.
3. "Special Occasion," Bobby Valentino, DTP.
4. "Because of You," Ne-Yo, Def Jam.
5. "The Best Damn Thing," Avril Lavigne, RCA.
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CONCERT TOURS

1. Billy Joel.
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3. Rod Stewart.
4. Eric Clapton.
5. Bob Seger & The Silver Bullet Band.
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VIDEO SALES

1. "Scooby-Doo on Zombie Island," Warner Family Entertainment.
2. "Yoga Conditioning for Athletes," Galim Video.
3. "20,000: Leagues Under the Sea (Special Edition)," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
4. "The Punisher," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.

5. "Mr. Deeds," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.
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VIDEO RENTALS

1. "Night at the Museum," 20th Century Fox.
2. "Deja Vu," Touchstone Home Video.
3. "Dreamgirls," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
4. "Alpha Dog," Universal Studios Home Video.
5. "The Hitcher," Universal Studios Home Video.
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DVD SALES

1. "Dreamgirls," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
2. "Night at the Museum," 20th Century Fox.
3. "Deja Vu," Touchstone Home Video.
4. "Happily N'Ever After," Lions Gate Home Entertainment.
5. "The Queen," Miramax Home Entertainment.
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— From USA Today

TOP ITUNES DOWNLOADS

1. "Makes Me Wonder," Maroon 5
2. "Buy U a Drank (Shawty Snappin)," T-Pain featuring Yung Joc
3. "Home," Daughtry
4. "Thinks Fr Th Mmrs." Fall Out Boy
5. "Never Again," Kelly Clarkson
— From Apple Computers Inc.

VIDEO GAME REVIEW

Two new flavors of Pokemon available for the Nintendo DS

BY MATT SLAGLE
 The Associated Press

The world of Pokemon just keeps getting bigger with "Pokemon Diamond" and "Pokemon Pearl" for the Nintendo DS. These new E-rated, \$34.99 video games introduce an entire new menagerie of collectible critters, improved graphics and multiplayer battles.

The changes in these kid-friendly titles are more like tweaks than overhauls, so expect more of the same Pokemon experience rather than entirely new games. That's a good thing for a franchise that continues to thrive more than a decade after its introduction.

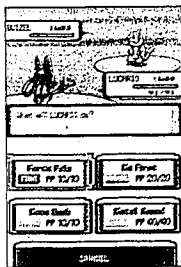
You play as a boy or girl Pokemon trainer who roams through fictional forests, towns, grasslands and caves on a quest to become a Pokemon master and defeat the evil Team Galactic.

Collecting, trading and fighting, rare Pokemon is the game's main allure. You'll constantly face other trainers, quest-givers and wild Pokemon to fight against to earn money and experience.

You can also capture wild Pokemon in a Poke Ball and add them to your collection of up to six critters.

The turn-based battles use a rock/paper/scissors system and it's quite addictive once your roster of Pokemon gains experience and grows in stature with new abilities.

The standoffs are about as nonviolent as a fight can be. The losers don't die, they just faint. There are over 100 new Pokemon to collect in these two new games. The only difference between "Diamond" and "Pearl" is the selection of Pokemon you'll uncover.



This image from video, provided by Nintendo of America Inc., shows a battle between two Pokemon in the new game 'Pokemon Pearl' for the Nintendo DS.

The DS does bring some welcome changes to the game-play. Battles are a lot more fluid now because you can tap the lower touch screen to select actions instead of navigating through a series of annoying menus.

Overall, though, the touch screen ability isn't as widely used as it may be and many options are available only through a traditional, more clumsy button interface.

The games also make use of the Nintendo's free wireless multiplayer gaming network, but it's very restrictive. You can't just connect and have random Pokemon fights with other strangers around the world.

Instead, you have to share a special connection code with friends to play on the Internet. It's a bit of a pain if you don't have any friends who own "Diamond" or "Pearl," but I suppose such measures make it safer for the legions of children who adore the series.

Here comes summer

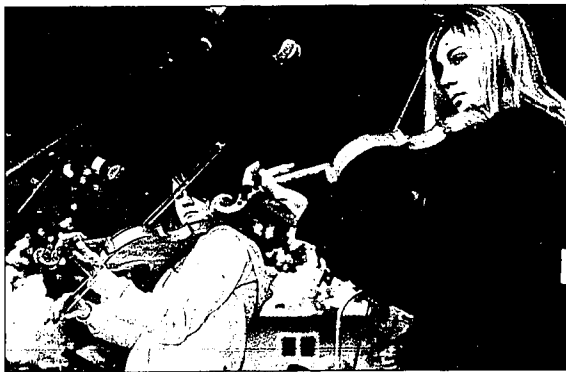
Fossil Days kick-off warm-weather festival season

BY BLAIR KOCH
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — What better way to spend Memorial Day weekend than at Hagerman Fossil Days?

The 20th anniversary event, which marks the unofficial start of south-central Idaho's season of warm-weather festival season, will begin Friday with a tribute to the Hagerman Horse.

The Hagerman Horse was discovered in 1920 by cattle rancher Elmer Cook. After he showed the bones to H. T. Stearns of the U.S. Geological Survey, the relics were passed to the Smithsonian Institution. After the bones were identified as belonging to an extinct horse, the area where the fossils were discovered was excavated and three tons of specimens were sent to the Smithsonian.



A number of activities await visitors at this year's Hagerman Fossil Days, including music, a parade and a carnival, just to name a few.

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On Friday, U-Haul will officially unveil a design of the extinct horse as one of its designs painted on the sides of the company's new moving vans.

"We have always been about education and having the Hagerman Horse on the side of so many vans will give us that much more exposure and perhaps bring a few more people to the park," said Neil King, superintendent of the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument. "It will get the name of the Hagerman Horse out there."

Other fossilized fun events for the weekend include free tours of

the monument's research lab and fossil collection, scheduled for three different times on Saturday. Those interested in the tours should sign up at the monument visitors' center at 221 N. State St.

Of course, Fossil Days isn't just about ancient history. From a karaoke contest, a wine-and-cheese tasting/beer garden, parade, vendors and entertainment in Coltharp Park, the city is rolling out the red carpet.

The grand marshal for Saturday's 11 a.m. parade up State Street is King. At the Hagerman

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Fossil Days schedule

Friday

(all events in Coltharp City Park unless otherwise noted):

- 6 p.m. — Opening ceremony
- 6-10 p.m. — Vendors and carnival open; cheese and Beer garden
- 7-10 p.m. — Karaoke contest

Saturday

• 7-10 a.m. — Breakfast at Hagerman Senior Center

• 9:30-11 a.m. — Three-on-3 basketball tournament at Hagerman High School.

• 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. — Vendors and carnival open.

• 11 a.m. — Parade (starts at the south end of State Street and travel to the northern edge of town)

• 12:30-1 p.m. — Parade winners presentation

• 1 p.m. — Research lab and fossil collections tour at Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument

• 1-2:30 p.m. — Old-Time Fiddlers concert

• 1-4 p.m. — Hole-in-one contest at Billingsley Creek State Park north of Hagerman (\$1 for two hits)

• 2-4 p.m. — Tractor pull at Billingsley Creek State Park

• 2-30 p.m. — Research lab and fossil collections tour at Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument

• 3 p.m. — Fish scramble

• 4 p.m. — Research lab and fossil collections tour at Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument

• 6-10 p.m. — Third Take rock concert.

• 6-10 p.m. — Wine, Cheese and Beer Garden



Hagerman Horse on U-Hauls

U-Haul, the Phoenix-based do-it-yourself moving-services company, will paint an image celebrating the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument on each of 1,800 new moving vans.

According to the company, its 26-foot trucks will showcase Idaho's Hagerman Horse.

The animal was a precursor of the modern horse and lived in Idaho more than 3 million years ago along the shores of what was then Lake Idaho.

At 6 p.m. Friday, U-Haul will officially unveil what it calls the "Idaho SuperGraphic" as its Venture Across America campaign visits Coltharp Park in Hagerman, the site of Fossil Days.

The unveiling will kick off the opening ceremonies for this year's event.

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- "Spider-Man 3"
- "28 Weeks Later"

Odyssey Theater

- "The Ex"
- "Fracture"
- "Hot Fuzz"
- "The Invisibles"
- "Next"
- "Wild Hogs"

The Orpheum

- "Georgia Rules"

Grand-Vu Drive-In

- "Blades of Glory"
- "Lucky You"

Motor-Vu Drive-In

- "The Bridge to Terabithia"
- "Meet the Robinsons"

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Magic Lantern

- "Fracture"
- "Georgia Rule"
- "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End"

Ent'

- "Shrek the Third"
- "Spider-Man 3"

Big Wood Cinema

- "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End"

Ent'

- "Shrek the Third"
- "Spider-Man 3"
- "28 Weeks Later"

Skittles Cinemas

- "Hot Fuzz"
- "In the Land of Women"

BURLEY

Century Cinema

- "Della Fauce"
- "Hot"
- "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End"

Ent'

- "Shrek the Third"
- "Spider-Man 3"

Burley Theater

- "The Bridge to Terabithia"

JEROME

Jerome Cinemas

- "Della Fauce"
- "Shrek the Third"
- "Spider-Man 3"
- "Wild Hogs"

'PIRATES OF THE CARIBBEAN'

Too much ballast, too little booty

BY BOB STRAUSS
Los Angeles Daily News

About two weeks into "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End," you give up trying to figure out who's on who's side and what everyone's saying in unintelligible accents.

Then Keith Richards shows up for a few minutes and all is suddenly right with this incredibly bloated franchise operation. Except for that nagging unease when you realize that the real-life buccaneer and Tulling Stone speaks more clearly than most of the professional actors in the cast.

If obviously feels at home. For sheer excess, "POTC" beats this month's other wimpy three-pacts by 20,000 leagues. I've long believed that too much is a good thing wherever pirates are concerned. Unlike most critics, I actually wanted more of the ingeniously wacky fighters' chase that went on forever at the climax of last year's "Dead Man's Chest." But "At World's End" finally jumped the shark. Or more accurately, it jumps the blue whale. Maybe a whole pod of them.

One thing that can be said about "World's End" is that it really strives to give people their money's worth, something not nearly as apparent in the current "Spider-Man" and "Shrek" products.

Generous as it may be with action and spectacle, though, there's a ponderousness to this one that counterweights the good booty.

I'm all for seeing a serious pirate movie one of these days, but that's not the agenda that's being established for this glib-mocking, lighthearted series. Plus, even if it does bring emotionally charged climaxes to a couple of characters' stories, any movie with upside-down oceans, fish-faced people and Johnny Depp's Capt. Jack Sparrow can't pass for grand tragedy.

And crabs. Lots of crabs, actually. For some reason, this movie is big on crabs. . . .



Martin Klebba, Geoffrey Rush, Orlando Bloom, Naomie Harris and Johnny Depp in "Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End."

Director Gore Verbinski and writers Ted Elliott and Terry Rossio seem to understand this from the previous voyages they've taken us on. Laughs are attempted whenever possible here. But the preponderance of plotting and—*avast!*—moral lessons in this sum-up adventure squelches a lot of chuckles.

In trying to show and tell even more, the sundry myth-conscious filmmakers often forget how to just have fun with all of this nonsense.

"World's End" starts up some weeks after "Dead Man's Chest" left off. Back-from-the-dead Capt. Barbosa (Geoffrey Rush) has led disturbing young lovers Will (Orlando Bloom) and Elizabeth (Keira Knightley), woodoo priestess Tia Dalma (Naomie Harris) and the usual gang of stapstick sailors to Singapore.

Following the first of about 50,000 double-crosses and noisy fights, it's off to Davy Jones' Locker to rescue Capt. Jack. He's been in the ultimate purgatory since getting grabbed by old squid-ace's (Bill Nighy) monster Kraken: Stuck on a grounded Black Pearl, alone except for multiple, yapping manifestations of his own minging psyche.

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Anyway, after the rescue, Sparrow and Barbosa bleker over who's really in command of the Pearl as they try to round up the world's Pirate Lords for a showdown with the East India Company's massive armada.

The British fleet is augmented by the Flying Dutchman, since

'Pirates of the Caribbean: At World's End'

Starring Johnny Depp, Keira Knightley, Orlando Bloom. Starts Friday at Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Magic Lantern of Ketchum, and Big Wood Cinema of Hailey. Rated PG-13.

evil corporateeer Lord Cutler Beckett (Tom Hollander) now controls that heart-in-a-box—that means so much to Davy Jones.

There's more. And more and more and more, and of which is beautifully designed and spectacularly rendered. And it's really not all that hard to follow the complicated story's basic outline; but it just becomes wearying.

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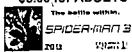
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Movies

Movie nuggets

• "Are We Done Yet?"/No rating Rapper-turned-actor Ice Cube in a remake of the 1994 Gary Grant-Myrna Loy classic comedy "Mr. Handbags Builds His Dream House," With Nia Long and John C. McKinley. PG.

• "Blades of Glory"/B+ Will Ferrell does to ice-skating what he did to NASCAR in "Fal-ladega Nights." Namely, eviscerate the sport's rituals and clichés without ever making fun of the fans. Ferrell and Jon Heder play rivals with very different styles. Barred for life from ever competing in men's singles after a brawl at the World Championships, they team up to become the first same-sex duo in pairs skating. This is what a dumb-and-dumber comedy should be: pure inspired fantasy. PG-13. 1 hour, 33 minutes.

• "Delta Force"/No rating Down on his luck after losing his job and his girlfriend, Larry the Cable Guy decides to join neighbor Bill Engvall and his comically happy buddy DJ (Qualls) for a relaxing weekend of drinking and target practice. But when the hapless guys are mistaken for Army Reservists by hard-nose sergeant Keith David, they're loaded onto an army plane headed for Fallujah, Iraq—and mistakenly ejected in a Humvee somewhere over Mexico. Convinced they're actually in the Middle East, the wannabe soldiers have a rural vil-

lage from a siege of bandits and become local heroes. PG-13.

• "The Ex"/D This isn't so much a movie with a plot as it is a filmed series of situations in which Zach Braff (a) injures himself, b) humiliates himself, or c) both. Borrowing early and often from "Meet the Parents" and "You, Me & Dupree," this desperate comedy finds Braff starring as bumbling straight man Tom (sorta like his role on "Scrubs"), who always manages to say and do the most painfully awkward things around his wacky-in-laws and co-workers, with whom he's never in sync. Most of these moments involve Chip (Jason Bateman), the high school boyfriend of his wife, Sofia (Amanda Peet), who uses a wheelchair because he's paralyzed from the waist down. Every-one thinks Chip is a great guy, a real go-getter. But Tom knows he's up to no good, sabotaging him at the New Age advertising firm where they both work and single-mindedly trying to inactivate himself back in Sofia's life. The film from director Jesse Perez, from a script by first-timers David Guion and Michael Handelman, is never funny and repeatedly falls flat. It simultaneously feels truncated and interminable, and it grossly wastes the comic talents of Amy Poehler, Paul Rudd, Don Logue and Charles Grodin, making his first movie in 13 years. PG-13. 89 minutes.

• "Fracture"/B Anthony Hopkins gives a little Letecia-like as a man who kills his wife after discovering she's having an affair.

About the rating system

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

and Ryan Gosling is an ambitious DA who takes what he thinks is an open-and-shut case, only to learn it's nothing of the sort. There's an insulting and superfluous subplot about Gosling and his sexy boss-to-be at a private firm. But the interplay between the leads makes up for a lot. And while the ending is basically a trick, it's a good one. R. 1 hour, 55 minutes.

• "Georgia Rule"/C- Best rule this one out, despite the gifted, hard-working cast. The movie's failure can't be blamed on Jane Fonda, Kelly Hu (Luftman or Lindsay Lohan). The fault lies with Garry Marshall's lukewarm direction and—the real culprit—is an abysmal script. Bad Girl Lohan is shipped off by her overwhelmed, alcoholic mom (Luftman) to spend the summer in sleepy little Idaho, Idaho, with her crusty, nononsense grandma (Fonda). Needless to say, she hits the place like an avalanche in a tank top. Yes, there's trouble in Idaho!—and enough clichéd emotional baggage to fill a season of "Montel." R. 1 hour, 51 minutes.

• "Hot Fuzz"/B Edgar Wright and Simon Pegg's follow-up to their well-received "Shaun of the Dead" is a slobberily silly movie. Pegg plays a London supercop banished to the sleepy town of Sandford because he's making everyone else look bad. Taped with rolly-poly Nick Frost, Pegg soon discovers that Sandford, like its American cousin, Stepford, has its secrets. The movie is quite happy to be more slapdash than sly and, at two hours, could use some trimming. But it's good fun, especially when it sends up Hollywood action films and their blood-drenched clichés. R. 2 hours, 1 minute.

• "Lucky You"/C- This klutzy poker flick stars Eric Rana as Vegas poker pro Huck

Cheever. We're supposed to root for him even though he's really an addict, with some of an addict's problems, like stealing. And we're supposed to care if he winds up with Drew Barrymore, who seems to have realized she has no character to play and so just drifts, blankly, on autopilot. Robert Duval is the daddy with whom Huck has daddy issues. The real issues here are with the script, which never figures out where it wants to take the audience. PG-13. 2 hours, 41 minutes.

• "Meet the Robinsons"/B+ Disney's latest digitized animation flick features some nice 3-D that's used more to enhance the story rather than just swoop-out-of-the-screen gimmicks. (Note: It's being shown in both regular format and 3-D; check ads for which version is playing where.) Little Lewis is an orphan and a ceaseless inventor who is contacted by both a bad guy and a boy his own age who have come from the future. It ends up going back to the future and falls in with a family of eccentrics in a long, hyper-sequenced kids will love but adults may find exhausting. But the movie's final 10 minutes provide surprising twists that make it more satisfying than the usual Disney fare. G. 1 hour, 42 minutes.

• "Next"/No rating Las Vegas showman magician Nicholas Cage can use a few minutes into the future. When a terrorist group threatens to detonate a nuclear device in Los Angeles, FBI agent Julianne Moore must use all her wiles to capture Csis and convince him to help her stop the cataclysm. PG-13.

• "Shrek the Third"/C- The third time is not the charm for the immensely popular ogre and his pals. It's talky, overpopulated, even the ha-ha so-called adult jokes are stale (Elle Hooters becomes Ye Olde Hooters; try explaining that to your 6-year-old). When Princess Fiona's Shrek (Mike Myers) inherits the throne — no female rulers in Far Far Away, another nice message for the kids. But he just wants his swamp, so he, Donkey (Eddie

Murphy) and Puss in Boots (Antonio Banderas) go in search of the next in line, a *Hey-Dude* loser named Arlie (Justin Timberlake). The animation is impeccable, the film mercifully short, but that doesn't keep it from being one big hiddi-hiddi bun-bun. PG. 1 hour, 33 minutes.

• "Spider-Man 3"/C+ A servicable Spidey (Tobey Maguire, still a peach in his dual role) is better than new, but when it seemed things were going smoothly for our hero, there are four new supervillain villains on the horizon. Most stunning, Thomas Haden Church as the Sandman and, most psychologically, Spider-Man himself as his own evil twin. Oh, there are troubles with Mary Jane (at dull role, dully played by Kirsten Dunst), too. Fans won't feel cheated — and the wanna-be factor is understandably massive — but somehow Spidey has gotten tangled up in his own overlong, overdone, underwritten web. PG-13. 2 hours, 20 minutes.

• "28 Weeks Later"/B+ An impressive, jolting sequel to the quasi-zombie flick "28 Days Later." Blandier and more action-filled than the original, "Weeks" nevertheless stays faithful to the grim, grimy tone director Danny Boyle established in his 2002 film. The sequel's director, Juan Carlos Fresnadillo, made the fascinating Spanish film "Intacto." Six months have passed since the first film.

The infected have died, and London's Isle of Dogs is being converted into a repopulation center and "Green Zone" for survivors. Run-oh by a U.S.-led NATO force. Uh-oh ... If "28 Days Later" was a year too early to find analogies to the war in Iraq, the sequel is all over it. But you don't need to care about the movie's political analogies to enjoy the movie, which focuses on a father (Robert Carlyle) reuniting with his kids. Then, of course, everything goes wrong in a story that pulls no punches. R. 1 hour, 39 minutes.

— Sources: Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Associated Press

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"Apocalypto"

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"Apocalypto" turns out to be not a case of Montezuma's revenge but of Mel Gibson's: It's something entirely unexpected, a sincy, taut poem of action.

Brazenly politically incorrect, it actually connects with another 'cult film of epic political incorrectness. Old-timers will immediately be put in mind of Cornel Wilde's "Naked Prey" of 1966, a brilliant if racist classic in which the "natives" of an unnamed tribe capture a Briton on safari and, after finding various colorful tortures for his companions, decide to stalk him for sport. The movie then devolves to pure narrative as the valiant, agile, resilient, tough-as-leather-hoasting hunter turns the tables on his pursuers.

The same figure is at the center of "Apocalypto": A hunter being hunted, who turns out to be equally valiant, agile, resilient and tough as leather-hoasting. And, like his British antecedent, he hunts back. It isn't pretty, except of course — by the subversive rules of cinema — it is, especially when he puts spectacular coups de grace on the most savage of his pursuers.

It's Mexico's Yucatan Peninsula in its vaguely pre-Columbian times, in that seemingly endless epoch when the mighty Mayan city-states ruled supreme and took their pleasures from the land and surrounding peoples with no thought to consequence or brotherhood. They were rulers; everyone else was naked prey.

Our hero is no city Maya, however. He is one Jaguar Paw, brilliant, supple, expressive (Rudy Youngblood), of an indigenous forest people. Certainly Gibson over-romanticizes this hunter-gatherer lifestyle, in a Potemkin village of surpassing beauty, these happy children of innocence cavort like so many Rima the Bird Girls, chattering in Yucatec, joking healthily about sex, living in perfect monogamy in warm little family units under the watchful eye of the benevolent patriarchy Flint Sky.



Jaguar Paw (Rudy Youngblood) has a bad day at the hands of Maya warriors in Mel Gibson's "Apocalypto."



Kazunari Ninomiya and Ryo Kase, playing Japanese soldiers, just want to get off two Jima alive in Clint Eastwood's "Letters from Two Jima."

But this is all about to end. One morning Mayans arrive in force, and the results are not pretty.

This begins the film's center passage, a kind of tour of the hell that is the Mayan city-state. We see it from the dazzled captive outsider's point of view. It appears to be late in the day for Mayan race, as slash-and-burn agriculture has finally used up the land, and so the elaborate trade routes between cities have withered. Plague has struck. The priest-kings of the Maya have turned to human sacrifice for salvation.

(Rupert archeologist Richard Hansen, a specialist in Mayan culture, was the technical adviser on the film.)

Gibson conjures up a city built around genocide as religious ceremony, and shows the swift deliverance of new victims to the temples, their quick blue paint job and their arrival at the pinnacle of death. There, each in turn is splayed backward over a ceremonial post, his limbs secured by four priests while a fifth performs the myocardial interruption with a flint knife.

Gibson may not be much of a deep thinker, but he's a heck of a storyteller.

—Washington Post

"Epic Movie"

PG-13

According to Webster's, a "spoo" is "a light humorous paro-

dy." By that definition, writers-directors Jason Friedberg and Aaron Seltzer's latest stab at the genre, "Epic Movie," is anything but.

While "Epic Movie" portends to skewer blockbusters such as "Superman Returns" and "Pirates of the Caribbean," it's really nothing more than a disjointed series of scenes and references cobbled together as a backdrop for sophomoric humor.

The film features Jayma Mays, Adam Campbell, Hal Penn ("Harold & Kumar Go to White Castle") and Faune A. Chambers ("White Chicks") as, of all things, twentysomething "orphans" who are plucked out of scenes from "The Da Vinci Code," "X-Men" and "Snakes on a Plane." From there, they end up in Willy Wonka's chocolate factory before stepping into the world of Narnia.

Narnia — or Gnatnia as it's called for "legal reason" — is the main stage for the bulk of the film. A smattering from other films appears throughout, including Darrell Hammond's dead-on takeoff on Johnny Depp's "Birates of the Caribbean" character, one of "Epic's" few noteworthy performances.

The real problem with "Epic Movie" is that while it does a decent job imitating films, it never bothers to make fun of them, which is what Friedberg and Seltzer did so well with "Scary Movie."

—Los Angeles Times

"Letters from Two Jima"

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The first major film made by an American — Clint Eastwood — to tell the story of World War II in the Pacific from the Japanese point of view, "Letters from Two Jima" is most valuable as a massive correction.

Since that December morning in 1941, the Japanese soldier has been viewed as a little boot-toothed four-eyed psychopod of kamikaze Bushido. "Letters"

changes all that. It starts and stops on "sulphur island," that fiasco of volcanic ash so close to the mainland (760 miles) that it's formally a part of the prefecture of Tokyo, and where on Feb. 19, 1945, two divisions of American Marines came ashore in what would be one of the bloodiest battles of the war. The figures tell the story: More than 6,000 Americans and more than 21,000 Japanese died in 35 days of fighting. There were about a thousand Japanese captured.

It's that last one that conveys an image of fight-to-the-death pathology among the Japanese grunts. It was common for the hopelessly outnumbered and surrounded, to say nothing of starved and sickened, Japanese to commit suicide (the movie depicts, horrifyingly, the grenade as weapon of choice) rather than face the eternal shame of throwing their rifles down and raising their hands. But the movie makes the point, over and over again, that this self-extinction was enforced from above, a brutal dictate of the Japanese warlord class who had taken over the government. The poor regular guys: Their attitude toward pulling the pin and holding the little crenelated cylinder to their chests was no different than yours or mine, as in: No, thank, I'll skip this grenade stuff if it's all the same to you.

The film's fanning device is a modern-day excavation by Japanese archaeologists probing the now-deserted fortifications of Iwo, in which a sack of mail, undelivered, is uncovered. The movie then uses the recovered letters as vessels by which to float through the last five months of preparations and battle.

The view is kaleidoscopic, from the commanding general and his staff to a group of draftees who keep asking "Why me?" even if they never get an answer.

—Washington Post

Events calendar

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Theater/Ketchum
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Variety/Twin Falls

The Rocky Top Cloggers Spring Show will be held at 7 p.m. at the Twin Falls City Park bandshell. Pre-show will be at 6:30 p.m. with bluegrass music and cowboy poetry by the Big Fligs from Utah. Free admission and open to the public. Bring lawn chairs. Dinner will be available for purchase as a fundraiser for costumes and travel for the group.

Blues/Twin Falls

Swamp Cats will play at 8:30 p.m. at Johnny's at Senior Cascares. No cover charge. Johnny's is at 645 Filver Ave.

Poker/Twin Falls

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

Rock/Boise

Heaven Bastards will perform at the Neoroux Lounge at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Markets in Halley and Ketchum. The Neoroux Lounge is at 111 N. 11th St.

Rock/Boise

Black My Heart will play the Venue at 6 and 11 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Markets in Halley and Ketchum. The Venue is at 521 W. Broad St.

FRIDAY, MAY 25

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Festival/Hagerman

Hagerman will celebrate Fossil Days in and around Collihar Park. Friday's highlight will be a wine, cheese and beer garden from 6-10 p.m. and a karaoke contest from 7-10 p.m.

Variety/Twin Falls

The Magic Valley Arts Council presents the final lecture of the Brown Bag Lecture Series at noon at the Twin Falls library. Dr. Robert Sims, professor of history-emeritus and former dean of College of Social Sciences and Public Affairs at Boise State University, will discuss "Mindoka: A Japanese American Prison Camp." The event is free and open to the public. Bring a lunch or preorder a box lunch. To order one, call 734-2787. Twin Falls Public Library is at 201 Fourth Ave. E.

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Country/Jackpot

The Nitty Gritty Dirt Band will do two shows a night, at 8 and 10 p.m. at Cactus Petes Resort Casino. Tickets, which are \$30, \$35 and \$40, can be reserved by phoning (800) 801-1103, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Markets in Ketchum and Halley. The Big Easy Concert House is at 416 S. Ninth St.

Acoustic/Twin Falls

Rick Kuhn will play from 7 to 9 p.m. at Viderra Vines. No cover charge. Viderra Vines is at 138 Main Ave. S.

Country/Twin Falls

Ronogato will play from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Johnny's at Senior Cascares. Cover charge is \$5. Johnny's is at 645 Filver Ave.

Variety/Twin Falls

Graco Escape Weekend will be featured at Kruger's Night Life. Doors open at 7 p.m. No cover charge before 9 p.m. Kruger's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Country/Jerome

Country Classics will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at the Snake River Elysia Lodge. Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. Everyone is welcome. Dinner will be available from 6 to 9 p.m. The lodge is at 412 E. 200 S., on U.S. Highway 53.

Rock/Utah

Miss the Bear will perform at the Venue in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. Tickets, which are \$14, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at

<http://www.smithstix.com>. In the Venue is at 219 S. 600 W.

Country/Declo

The Playboys will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, no cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Idaho Highway 81.

Country/Twin Falls

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

Planetarium/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Herritt Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho will present "Far Out Space Places" at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for children and \$9 for families. Children under 4 not admitted.

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Festival/Halley

Halley will celebrate Springfest in Roberta McKeath Park. There will be entertainment both days and 60 booths selling crafts and food. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. both days.

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Pop/Utah

Utah Symphony will perform music from Broadway shows at 6 p.m. in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. Tickets, which are \$20, \$30, \$40 and \$50, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is at 123 W. South Temple.

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Hagerman will celebrate Fossil Days at various sites around Collihar Park. Highlight is the 11 a.m. parade down State Street. Other events include lunch at the Herritt Center for Arts and Science from 7-10 a.m., a carnival from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., a concert by the Out-Time Fiddlers from 1-2:30 p.m., a tractor pull at Billingsley Creek State Park from 2-4 p.m., a sign scramble in the park at 3 p.m., a concert by Third Take from 6-10 p.m., and a wine, cheese and beer garden from 6-10 p.m.

Country/Twin Falls

Renegade will play from 9 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Johnny's at Senior Cascares. Cover charge is \$5. Johnny's is at 645 Filver Ave.

Country/Declo

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Variety/Jarbridge, Nev.

Milestone will play from 8:30 to 12:30 p.m. at the Outdoor Inn for the annual Memorial Day celebration. No cover charge.

Country/Boise

Skinny Puppy will perform at the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$23, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Markets in Halley and Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is at 416 S. Ninth St.

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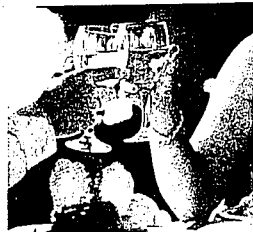
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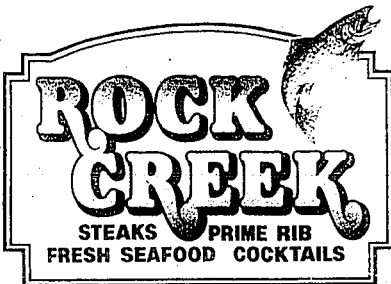
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TWIN FALLS

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• **Arizon Mexican Restaurante, 1824 Blue Lakes Blvd.** — Applesby \$3.25 to \$7.50 entrees (\$6.75 to \$12.99). Rice, beans and pre-made margaritas and pasta entrees. Hours: Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; Sunday, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. *Maria Lopez, owner 733-6695.*

• **Buffalo Cafe, 218 Fourth Ave. W.** — Buffalo chips, omelets, sandwiches, \$3.75-\$9.50. Hours: Monday through Friday, 6:30 a.m.-2 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday, 7 a.m.-2 p.m. 734-0271.

• **Chili's, 2800 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.** — Ribby back ribs, pizza, fajitas, rib-eye steak, \$7.95-\$14.95. Full bar. Hours: Sunday through Thursday, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m. *Charlie Gerard, manager 734-1167.*

• **Deport Grill, 545 Shoshone St. S.** —

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 735-3222 or e-mail him at scrump@magvalley.com. It's a free service.

Country sausage, burgers, beef-on-bread roast beef/pork sandwiches, coffee, steak, \$1-\$14. Hours: Monday through Saturday, 24 hours; Sunday, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Steve and Jen Swan owners 733-0710.



Java in Twin Falls offers a variety of food and drink, including its famous Bowl Of Soul and Confetti Scrambled Eggs.

Rippo's edgy coffee house style fits Ketchum and Twin Falls

BY STEVE CRUMP
Times-News writer

Java

• **228 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Twin Falls, and 191 E. Fourth St., Ketchum** — Breakfasts, pastries, sandwiches, salads, \$3.95-\$7.95. Hours: Twin Falls, Mondays through Saturday, 6 a.m.-9 p.m.; Sundays, 7 a.m.-7 p.m.; Ketchum, Mondays through Friday, 6 a.m.-6 p.m.; Saturdays and Sundays, 7 a.m.-7 p.m. 733-9555 (Twin Falls), 726-2882 (Ketchum). *Todd Rippo, owner.*

(ordering coffee and waiting while it was brewed from scratch. Same goes for food.

Homemade pastries and coffee imported from a grinder in San Diego have been Rippo's stock-in-trade since he opened his Ketchum eatery in 1991, but developing a full-service menu for Twin Falls is a bit trickier than doing so in the Wind River Valley. The food has to be familiar, accessible, affordable — and fresh.

Early on a recent morning, I stopped by Java in Twin Falls for one of the house specialties, Confetti Scrambled Eggs (\$5.95). It consists of scrambled eggs,

two kinds of cheese, fresh tomatoes and green onions, served with two flour tortillas, a house salsa and sour cream.

The most striking element was the tomatoes — I could taste them.

American consumers have become so accustomed to tomatoes tasting like red rocks that it's a pleasant surprise when they're flavorful.

The decision to use scallions as opposed to chopped onions in the recipe is inspired. The trouble with regular onions is that they overwhelm the other ingredients; green onions are milder, with a taste that seems as if it's come from a garden, not a warehouse.

Confetti Scrambled Eggs, topped off with a large cup of the house coffee, was a delightful way to start the day.

I've dined at three of Rippo's four coffee houses — in Twin Falls, Ketchum and downtown Boise — and the food has been consistently appealing and imaginative.

A little bit country, and a little bit rock 'n' roll, I guess.

Local filmmakers show off their 48-hour best

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Give a group of filmmakers 48 hours and a red ball, and you might be surprised with what they come up with.

The chance to find out is coming up.

The I48 Film Festival presents its "Best of Show" viewing on June 1 at 7 p.m. in the Lamp-house Theater.

"This is a chance to support local filmmakers and independent film," said Karma Metzler Fitzgerald, who set up the viewing. "This year we have four local filmmakers in the line up."

The I48 — Idaho 48 — is a movie competition in which teams each come up with a 5- to 7-minute film within 48 hours or less. At 6 p.m. on Friday, May 11, they were given a general line of dialogue, a prop and a character to work into a script; they had to produce a short movie and turn it in no later than Sunday, May 13, at 6 o'clock.

"It allows us all to dream a little bit," Fitzgerald said. "We can

finish a film in a weekend and none of us has to give up our day jobs to do it — although that's what we'd really like to do."

About 45 teams compete statewide, the majority of them in Boise. Last year, two local teams took part and one of them, Mother's Milk Film, won the awards for best sound and best film in the novice division.

Winners of the statewide competition were announced May 20.

The June 1 event is open to the public. Admission is by donation.

"Lamphouse owner Dave Woodhead is a faithful supporter of independent film and graciously allows us to use the space for the viewing," Fitzgerald said. "The donation goes straight to him to help offset his costs."

I48 is sponsored statewide by True West Cinema Festival, the Idaho Film Foundation, the Boise Weekly, The Flicks cinema in Boise and the Idaho Steak House in Meridian.

Center looks at the need for greed

BY KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times News

KETCHUM — Stephanie Wilde couldn't help but be angered as she watched a chief executive officer and his wife wreak havoc on a well-respected corporation located just blocks from her art gallery in downtown Boise.

Between 1988 and 1995, William Agee and his wife Mary — whom he romanced and promoted while at Bendix Corp. — took construction giant Morrison-Knudsen from solid financial footing to the brink of bankruptcy through questionable personal expenditures, using the corporate jet as a family taxi and hiring a cadre of personal body guards.

The couple also instituted a reign of fear, tapping employees' phones and firing dozens of workers.

"I was just finishing up 23 years of working on pieces dealing with the subject of AIDS as I watched this," Wilde said. "And I realized that, while AIDS deals with physical death, that what was going on with this corporation represented the death of morality. I began realizing that corporate leaders were losing their moral compass and, as they did, their employees were suffering financial death."

Wilde started drawing people in a state of debauchery naked from the waist down, eating little people. As they did, they defecated small coins — the people they were eating turning into money.

As she worked on the piece, the Enron scandal broke in 2001. That only added fuel to her artistic fire as she watched Chairman Kenneth Lay, CEO Jeffrey Skilling and other executives of the nation's seventh-largest corporation walk away with more than a billion dollars while employees lost their jobs, health insurance and life's savings.

"I'm not 7 feet by 7 foot work of art," Wilde said. "I will be among two dozen pieces exploring the issue of corporate and personal greed in the Sun Valley Center for the



William Agee



Mary Agee



Ken Lay



Jeff Skilling

Arts' new multi-disciplinary project "Profit and Loss," which opens Saturday.

The project will also include two films, a panel discussion and a lecture by Barbara Ehrenreich, who documented her experiences working for minimum wage in her 2005 book "Nickel and Dimed: On Not Getting by in America."

Other art in the exhibit includes Bob Conger's latch-hook rug portraits of philanthropic corporate CEOs; Minerva Cuevas' photographs of an installation in a Mexico City amusement park in which she pasted the logos of oil companies onto bumper cars; Jooyeun Park exploring the proliferation of Western products, language and pop culture; Marcus Kenney's collages made from remnant materials that have been tossed out; Matthew Gusek's artwork that uses maps as a surrogate for paint as a way to illuminate the sociopolitical history of trade and territory; and Gabriel Kuri's large-scale tapestries made of sales receipts.

"I've been wanting to do something on greed — it's astounding how much stuff we seem to need or think we need," said Kristin Poole, the project curator. "As it turns out, she is one of a number of artists who are making work promoting dialogue about the issues of excess, consumerism, and corporate and individual responsibility and the distribution of wealth."

"Profit and Loss" examines the notion that the pursuit of happiness has become linked to the pursuit of stuff, often at the cost of denying to Americans' Inner selves. And it contends that the United States is exporting that

insatiable desire for more material goods to the rest of the world right along with Coca-Cola, Nike and Starbucks.

"Wouldn't it also be lovely to export the values our country was founded on — like equality and freedom of thought, speech and religion?" Poole said.

Wilde's artwork features a single woman — symbolic of the fact that her piece started with the wife of the Boise CEO whose excesses contributed to the downfall of her husband's corporation and that it ended with the woman — Sherron Watkins, Enron's vice president for corporate development — who blew the whistle on the company's wrongdoing.

A corporate ladder serves as the background, representing the idea that corporate employees are participating in an optical illusion.

Big Business executives wearing black vests and sporting little droplets of blood on their white collars and cuffs eat little people who are colored white because they're kept in the dark.

Repeated images of falling bodies represent workers falling through the cracks, as well as the seduction of falling into accepted behavior that is ethically questionable.

A gray silk suit is meant to show the color of corporate suits. Blood on the frame represents blood that's being spilled. On the outside are piles of bloody people — casualties from the Enron scandal — fallen into red rubble.

Four eyes at the top of the piece serve as a reminder to be vigilant about ourselves and others.

"Fifty years ago, what happened at Enron would have been

so deplorable," said Wilde, who co-owns Stewart Gallery in Boise with her husband Lane Bune.

"But even as the crooks at Enron were being exposed, even as they were being driven to prison, they were rationalizing it all. At some point, we as humans have to realize what we've done and take responsibility for it — especially people in power."

Fortunately, the need to acquire more and more is being offset in some cases by a growing desire to give back and take care of others.

That was demonstrated last year by Warren Buffett — the world's second-richest man — as he announced plans to give away 85 percent of his Berkshire Hathaway fortune, most of it to the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation that fights such diseases as malaria, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis in addition to improving U.S. libraries and schools.

And it's demonstrated by such corporations as The Gap, which offers a line of clothing to help African women and children affected by AIDS, and Target, which distributes a percentage of sales to schools.

"Some corporations are re-defining their corporate philosophy to say that the company's value lies not just in its profit but also in its social work and community," Poole said.

Poole hopes the exhibit will prompt viewers to question what they value. And where they draw the line between comfort and excess.

"Often, we think happiness comes when we get a new car or a new bike," she said. "And, in some cases, we do need that new car to get the kids to school or ourselves to work."

"But there seems to be this push for profit and accumulating things at the expense of everything else and it's showed our ability to clarify what we really value," Poole said. "It's great to have a new pair of shoes. It's not that it doesn't make me happy but it is really what makes me content?"

If you go ...

"Profit and Loss," an exhibit of photographs, paintings and tapestries exploring the ramifications of globalization, consumption and corporate culture, opens Saturday at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 First St. E., in Ketchum. And opening reception is planned Saturday from 5:30-8 p.m. It's free and open to the public.

"Profit and Loss" will be on display through July.

Coming up

Other components of the "Profit and Loss" project, which opens Saturday at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts:

• **June 7 — 7 p.m.** showing of Alex Gibney's documentary movie "Enron: The Smartest Guys in the Room" at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts at 191 First St. E. in Ketchum. The 2004 film offers a look at the personal excesses of the Enron hierarchy, which led to one of the biggest business scandals in American history. Free.

• **June 16 — 7 p.m.** screening of "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' Halley location, 314 Second Ave. S. This 1971 Mel Stuart film starring Gene Wilder looks at the greed, gluttony and selfishness that breeds children when they get a chance to win a free lifetime supply of chocolate. Free.

• **June 20 — 7 p.m.** lecture by Barbara Ehrenreich at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood in Ketchum. She'll recount her own experiences working for S&P an hour at such businesses as Wal-Mart in her 2005 book "Nickel and Dimed: On Not Getting by in America." \$15 for Center members; \$20 for non-members.

• **July 9 — 7 p.m.** Panel discussion on Philanthropy at the Center's gallery in Ketchum. Participants will discuss new ways of giving, including Mail Flannery of kiva.org, Randy Runco of Ten Friends and Carol Lewis of Philanthropy Northwest. Free.

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Local

A touch of arsenic... a heaping dose of fun

BY KAREN BOSSICK
For The Times-News

KETCHUM — Dr. Jack Kerkorian never said whether Marlin and Abby Brewster served as the inspiration for what he called compassionate suicide.

But the two spinster sisters could very well have set the stage for their well-intentioned, if questionable, practice of putting lonely old men out of their misery.

Their penchant for serving up homemade wine with just a pinch of arsenic, strychnine and cyanide will be recounted this weekend and next when Laughing Stock Theatre presents Joseph Kesselring's 1939 madcap comedy "Arsenic and Old Lace."

The play runs Thursday, Friday and Saturday and again May 31 through June 3 at the nexStage Theatre. It's being presented as part of Laughing Stock's 30th anniversary season.

"It's just a funny, funny play — a farce, really — about these kindhearted women in this crazy Brooklyn family in the 1940s," said Kathy Wygle. "I think the audience will have a blast."

The play opened on Broadway in 1941 and ran for 3 1/2 years. Its author was a New York-horn vaudeville actor who switched to writing comedy for the theater during the Great Depression; "Arsenic" is the only Kesselring work that's remembered today.

Its longevity isn't surprising, considering the memorable cast of characters. In addition to the homicidal sisters, there's a brother who believes that he is Teddy Roosevelt and spends his time digging locks for the Panama Canal in the cellar of the Brewster home. A nephew — a murderer on the lam — now looks like Boris Karloff after receiving plastic surgery to conceal his identity.

And then there's Mortimer Brewster, the theater-hating dra-



Real-life sisters Patsy and Kathy Wygle play the spinster sisters in "Arsenic and Old Lace."

Pretty poison

• **What:** Laughing Stock Theatre Company will present Joseph Kesselring's classic comedy, "Arsenic and Old Lace."

• **Where:** nexStage Theatre, Ketchum.

• **When:** Thursday through Sunday and May 31 through June 3, 7 p.m.

• **How much:** Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students. Reserved seating is \$30. Tickets are available at the door or by calling the nexStage at 726-4TKTS.

ma critic who is unwittingly plunged into the middle of his family's eccentricities when he brings home the woman he wants to marry.

Celebrated director Frank Capra filmed the play in 1944, with Cary Grant as Mortimer Brewster, Josephine Hull and Jean Adair as the murderous siblings, Raymond Massey as Jonathan Brewster and John Alexander as Teddy Brewster.

"People often remember either the play or the movie," Director Scott Creighton said. "But they forget how absolutely hilarious all the characters are. The play is so well-written, so funny, so screw-

ball. It has a lightness to it that's just delightful. Seeing it again is like revisiting an old friend from the theater."

Kathy Wygle, who usually directs Laughing Stock Theatre productions, will be on the stage instead for this play. She stars opposite her real-life sister Patsy Wygle as one of the Brewster sisters.

The two haven't been on stage together since they did "Night, Mother" at the Community School Theater in the days before the nexStage Theatre existed.

Wygle resisted taking the stage this time, saying she couldn't see doing the play without Creighton in it since Creighton is arguably one of the valley's masters of comedy. But Creighton said it seemed natural to pair Kathy with her sister, who recently moved to the Wool River Valley from New York City where she and her husband have been acting in cabarets, soap operas and commercials.

"The fact that they're actually sisters brings a richness to the part I don't think you'd have otherwise," Creighton said. "They're doing such an amazing job."

Summer music classes offered in June

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Enrollment is open for music classes for students from elementary school-age to adult next month at Twin Falls High School.

The classes run from June 12-22. They'll be taught by Twin Falls High band director Ted Hadley in the school's band rooms.

The classes include:

• **Summer beginning band**

— Open to students who have never played a brass, woodwind or percussion instrument before. The class meets Mondays through Fridays — two sessions daily — from 11-11:40 a.m. or from 1-1:40 p.m.

• **Piano keyboard class** —

Designed for any student who would like to learn how to play melodies and chords on piano, electronic keyboard, synthesizer and keyboard percussion. The class will meet Mondays through Fridays from 10-10:30 a.m.

• **Drum class** — Open to students who have had at least some experience playing music. Basic stick technique, rudiments, counting, African drumming and introduction to the drum set will be covered. Students must provide their own 2B size sticks. The class meets Mondays through Fridays from 9-9:40 a.m.

• **Swap band** — Designed for students or adults who have had one year of training on any instrument. Adults beginners and those who want to learn to play instruments different from their regular band instruments are welcome in this class. Arrangements must be made before the class to secure the new instrument. The class will meet Mondays through Fridays from 8:10-8:50 a.m.

• **Recreation band** — For students who have had at least one year of band. They'll play concert and other fun music; small ensemble playing will be introduced. Classes are Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays from noon to 12:40 p.m.

• **Guitar class** — Open to students and adults who want to learn chords, strumming, lead guitar and reading music on the guitar. Students must provide their own guitars or call early to reserve a school guitar. Nylon string, steel string and electric guitars are welcome. Classes are Mondays through Fridays from 2-2:40 p.m.

A \$50 fee will allow students to take as many classes as he or she may wish to attend. For information, call Hadley at 733-6551, 733-4875 or 733-1079.

Idaho writer to sign books at Hastings

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Pocatello author Epstein LaFue will sign copies of her new book, "Highway Hypodermics: Travel Nursing '07," on Saturday at Hastings Books, Music and Videos.

LaFue is a traveling registered nurse. Traveling nurses work for short periods at different hospitals, based on personal needs.

She'll be at Hastings from 5-8 p.m.

Hastings is located at 870 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

MVAC seeking nominations

Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Magic Valley Arts Council announces an open call for nominations for the Biennial Mayor's Awards for Excellence in the Arts. The awards will be presented to the recipients by Mayor Lance Clow during the arts council's arts organization luncheon Aug. 10.

The six categories are individual artist (visual, performing or

literary); arts organization; arts in education program (achievement in use of the arts in education — may include individual or school programs); individual benefactor; business benefactor; and arts community leadership.

Nomination forms are available at the Magic Valley Arts Council, online at www.magicvalleyartsCouncil.org or by calling 733-2787.

Deadline is July 26.

What's next?

- June 1-3 — Western Days, Twin Falls
- June 8-9 — Live History Days, Jerome
- June 9 — Outlaw Day, Richfield
- June 15-16 — Dairy Days, Wendell
- June 14-16 — Jazz in the Canyon Weekend, Twin Falls
- June 22-24 — Fier Fun Days
- June 30-July 4 — Fourth of July Celebration, Rupert
- July 1-4 — Sagebrush Days, Buhl
- July 2-4 — Days of the Old West, Halley
- July 6-7 — 'Good Neighbor Days, Kimberly
- July 7 — Declo Day
- July 20-21 — Pioneer Days, Oakley
- July 22 — Basque Picnic, Gooding

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Valley Chamber of Commerce, there will be raffles and give-aways.

"Oh, there is plenty for everyone to do," said Bobbie Goss, a member of the chamber board. "This is Hagerman's biggest and most popular event."

With about 3,000 visitors expected over the weekend, chamber treasurer Suzanne Jensen is hoping for good weather. Friday's and Saturday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with high temperatures around 75.

"The success of this event is totally dependent on the weather," Jensen said. "Last year was pretty cold, but it looks like it is going to be beautiful. With that in mind there isn't any reason to miss out on the events planned

Meanwhile, in Halley

The 2007 Springfest Craft Fair will be held Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Roberta McKecher Park in Halley.

This is the 22nd anniversary of the craft fair, which was started in 1985 by Toddle Daley.

There's no admission fee, and free entertainment.

More than 60 booth are expected, selling handmade crafts and food.

in the park. It will be a great weekend to check out the vendors who always bring in great-tasting quality food. Merchants can only bring homemade items so you're sure to find something unique and have a great time."

Needles and trains

One reporter tries out Magic Valley hobbies.

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TRIBUTE TO BUCK OWENS

Ketchum scores coup with Dwight Yoakam concert in August

BY KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times News

KETCHUM — Country music icon Dwight Yoakam has penciled just two concerts in his docket this summer. And one of them will be in Ketchum.

The concert, on Aug. 3 outside River Run Lodge, will be a benefit for the soon-to-open Wood River Community YMCA. And it will serve as a tribute to the late Buck Owens, whose son and daughter-in-law Michael and Kristin Owens live in Ketchum.

"Dwight is an entertainer and he's currently working on two movies so he hasn't scheduled a promotional tour this year," said YMCA spokesman Jason Fry. "He's only doing two shows this year — both tributes to Buck Owens, who was his mentor. One concert will be in California; the other, here."

Tickets for the 7 p.m. concert can be obtained at www.ketchumweb.com, by visiting the Wood River YMCA at 105 Lewis St., Suite No. 205, or calling at 727-YMCA.

Tickets are \$55 for adults and \$15 for children 12 and younger.

VIP packages are also available for \$150. They include valet service, early entry bypassing lines and a pre-concert reception at the River Run Lodge with complimentary appetizers and drinks.

Yoakam, who was born in Pikeville, Ky., and raised in Columbus, Ohio, began his career in 1984 when the pop "Urban Cowboy" music was en vogue in Nashville.

Paying it no mind, he recorded his brand of Bakersfield Sound honky-tonk, rockabilly and bluegrass music on an independent album with Owens, who would become a friend for life. Yoakam followed up that at-



Dwight Yoakam

album, "A Town South of Bakersfield," with his own LP: "Guitars, Cadillacs, Etc., Etc." That album secured his career and earned him the admiration of fellow country music singers, including Johnny Cash, who once called Yoakam his favorite country singer.

Yoakam coaxed Owens out of retirement in 1998 to record "Streets of Bakersfield" on his album, "Buenos Noches From a Lonely Room."

Now, he plans to introduce his 21st album this summer — a tribute to Owens, who passed away in March 2006.

But, with the exception of the Ketchum and California concert, he won't have much time to promote it.

A student of both music and theater during college, he's making a couple of movies to add to his string of 14. Past movies include "Red Buck West" with Nicolas Cage, Dennis Hopper and Lara Flynn Boyle; "Sling Blade" with Billy Bob Thornton, and "Picnic Room" with Judy Foster and Forrest Whitaker.

Some critics have called Yoakam's brand of country music an "acquired taste." But, a music reviewer Dennis Scanlanand once said: "I got that taste and can't get enough." Owens' influence taught Yoakam a sincerity that most modern-day country musicians don't and can't convey, Scanlanand added.

"Dwight is the real deal," he said.

"He's only doing two shows this year — both tributes to Buck Owens, who was his mentor. One concert will be in California; the other, here."

— YMCA spokesman Jason Fry

Dwight also puts on "a heck of a show," according to Fry.

Owens' family, Michael and Kristin Owens, are making Yoakam's performance possible through the Michael and Kristin Owens Foundation. They wanted to schedule a show in an area of the country that was important to them on the heels of Yoakam's tribute album to Buck.

Bob Dolubsky, a Ketchum resident who is a close friend of the Owens family, is donating his time to produce the show.

Picnic baskets will be allowed, as will low-back chairs and blankets.

The concert has been timed to coincide with the YMCA's annual celebrity dinner and golf tournament, which will be held Aug. 5 and 6.

The YMCA, scheduled to open in November 2007, has raised \$19 million of the \$22 million it needs to complete the building core.

It needs another \$5 million to build the ice rink, which will be convertible to a special-use multi-purpose facility.

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KARAOKE CORNER

DAILY

Twin Falls
Karaoke will be featured from 6 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 Cowritten Center. No cover charge. The Steakhouse is at 1340 Oakley Ave.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

Twin Falls
Karaoke finals will be featured at 9 p.m. at Kruezer's Night Life. No cover charge. Kruezer's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S. P & D Karaoke will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

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

Burley
Kroakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. Cover charge is \$1. The Riverside is at 197 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, MAY 25

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

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

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

Rupert
Knackers 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, MAY 26

Twin Falls
Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge.