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Booze-fueled night ends in stabbing

TR police arrest man for party death

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

Pat Allred had played a reluctant host to countless alcoholic parties before Tuesday night.

So it was no real surprise when the south Twin Falls homeowner learned Wednesday morning that another night of booze and brawls ended with a new twist — a man dead in her backyard.

What started with the purchase of an 18-pack ended in a late night dispute in the dark. Roland Galvan of Twin Falls was fatally stabbed below his left armpit while a second man, Antonio Peralto, was arrested and formally charged with voluntary manslaughter.

Those interviewed claim they were either drinking or asleep. Not until more than an hour later did they know Galvan had been stabbed.

Allred saw her wrist doing the death of Galvan, who was dating her son's ex-girlfriend. "All they can think a b o u t is partying," Allred said. "I didn't want to see him (Galvan) dead but I told him to stay off of my property. But he wouldn't listen to me."

Allred had lately come to view her backyard as a dangerous place. On Tuesday night, she had dead-bolted the doors around herself and her 8-year-old adopted granddaughter.

Galvan was declared dead at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Before he died, Galvan tried to leave in his car but crashed



Antonio E. Peralto, 33, of Twin Falls is arraigned Wednesday afternoon at the Twin Falls County Courthouse after his arrest in connection with a stabbing late Tuesday night that left one man dead, according to police.

into a wooden fence along an alleyway behind the home, according to a Twin Falls police affidavit.

Peralto was charged Wednesday in court and was being held in jail on \$100,000 bond. He had a little more than \$5 in his pocket, and no money in the bank. With three children and not much other family, it did not appear likely he would post his high bond. His preliminary hearing is set for Oct. 12.

Both Peralto and Galvan had lengthy rap sheets flunked by drinking alcohol; drunken driving convictions, assault and beatings.

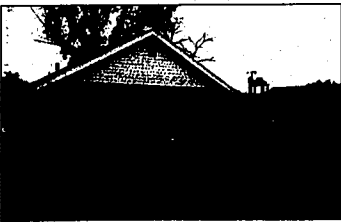
Galvan's girlfriend Elizabeth Hilton believes she was the reason for the fight, but given the amount of alcohol that both men drank, other factors didn't matter.

"I think it was just the alcohol," Hilton said. "We'd all been drinking. We was just having fun."

But the fun ended at close to midnight, when Peralto and Hilton stepped into the darkness of Allred's yard to leave. Galvan was outside waiting for them — jealous and angry, she said.

She says Peralto was formerly a friend who was formerly Please see STABBING, Page A3

See it online On the Web See Antonio Peralto's court hearing at a voluntary manslaughter charge at MagValley.com



Roland Galvan was stabbed at this home on Alexander Street in Twin Falls early Wednesday morning and later died of his wounds.

'Virtual colonoscopy' could be widely available soon

Doctors hope it leads to more people getting tested for colon cancer

By Stephanie Neme
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — Having an X-ray to look for signs of colon cancer may soon be an option for those who dread the traditional scope exam.

Two of the largest studies yet of "virtual colonoscopy" show the experimental technique works just as well as spotting potentially cancerous growths as the more invasive method. It's also quicker and cheaper.

The X-rays can help sort out who really needs the full exam and removal of suspicious growths, called polyps. In one study, only 18 percent of patients had to have follow-up traditional colonoscopies, which are done under sedation and carry a small risk

of puncturing the bowel. But what some people consider the most unpleasant part can't be avoided: drinking laxatives to purge the bowel so growths can be seen.

Still, proponents hope that the newer test will lure those who have balked at getting conventional screening.

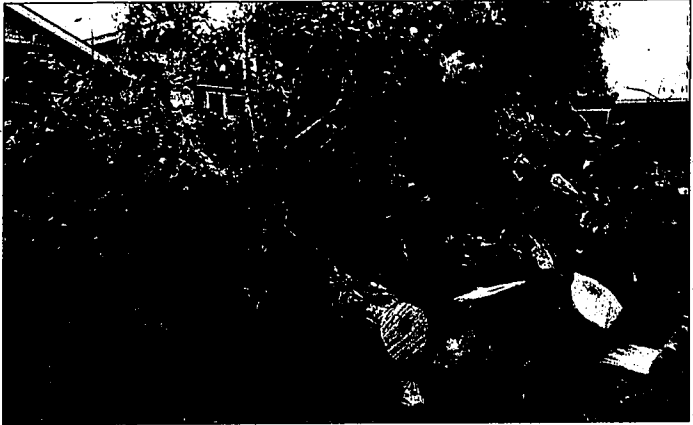
"This is ready for prime time."

— Dr. Perry Pickhardt, one of the researchers at the University of Wisconsin Medical School studying the new procedure

"This is ready for prime time," said Dr. Perry Pickhardt, one of the researchers at the University of Wisconsin Medical School who are reporting the results of their study in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

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NO REASON WHY



After heading out for breakfast Wednesday morning, Clarence Griffard came home to discover somebody had cut down his apple tree located in the back corner of his lawn in Twin Falls. Jean Gray, pictured above with the fallen tree, is a life-long friend and caretaker of Griffard, who is in his 90s. She says the act is just mean, and she can't believe someone would commit such a malicious act against Griffard.

Vandal fells old man's tree; friends wonder why he was a target

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Twin Falls resident Clarence Griffard is well into his 90s and spends most of his time eating out with friends and tinkering with an old truck.

He's too docile now to have many enemies, at least bad ones, he says. Nevertheless, someone snuck into Griffard's well-kept backyard Tuesday night under cover of darkness and cut down a 20-foot apple tree, which had stood for more than 35 years until saw blade met wood.

Sometimes, the most heinous indignities are those you seldom read about. Perhaps it's not the news of murders and violent acts that hurt us most,

but the seemingly random and petty assaults that accumulate over a lifetime.

"I wish they'd have taken it out on me," Griffard said sadly, his eyes red and weary. He could not bear to leave his back stoop, even for a moment, to gaze at the dead tree.

Griffard said he's known Griffard for decades and sometimes looks for the older man, said sheep talked with police about the act. They said there's probably little they can do.

See it online On the Web Meet Jean-Gray and see what's left of Clarence Griffard's tree at MagValley.com

The vandal made two separate cuts about three feet from the trunk's base, apparently having abandoned a first cut a few inches from the ground. For now, the tree rests in two large pieces, one of them propped awkwardly on a neighbor's fence.

Gray found Griffard bewildered when she arrived to see the damage shortly after breakfast Wednesday. "He was just shaking," she said.

Neither Griffard nor Griffard suspect anyone in particular of the vandalism, they said. Neighbors did not answer their doors Wednesday afternoon.

Gray called a nursery to haul the dead tree away, but that's about all that can be done now.

Except to wonder, why.

Otter names Kjellander energy czar

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE — Paul Kjellander was named Wednesday by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter as Idaho's new energy czar, whose duties will include helping make sure the state gets a share of power expected to flow through new transmission lines planned for the region.

Kjellander, a member of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission since 1999, will lead the new Office of Energy Resources, the 20-employee unit Otter carved from the state Department of Water Resources last month. Kjellander now earns \$89,483; the govern-

nor's office didn't immediately give his new salary.

He'll represent Otter on issues including the state's energy supplies, delivery, technologies, conservation — and the new power transmission lines that Idaho businesses are eager to tap into once they are constructed in federal energy corridors expected to span the state's length and breadth. Since June, companies have announced plans to build at least 1,600 miles of transmission lines linking Montana, Wyoming,

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Craig spoof ad targets farm bill. See page C4

Utah, Idaho and Oregon by 2014 at a cost of \$4.8 billion.

"I'm going to turn that whole file over to Paul this morning," Otter said at a ceremony in his Boise office. "Of the companies I've talked to about transmission through Idaho, there is a request — which is perhaps a soft demand — that if they're coming through the state, we're going to have a substation or two in Idaho. I want us to have an equal opportunity to get on that grid."

On Tuesday, Otter also met with Wyoming Gov. Dave Freudenthal, in a closed-door session to

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Hit the road

Oakley bans RVs as primary residences

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

A house truly makes a home, at least in Oakley.

It's now illegal in the rural town of fewer than 700 to take primary residence in a recreational vehicle, camper, tent, yurt, and yes, even a tepee.

The City Council passed last month an ordinance requiring its residents to live in permanent structures with access to running water, plumbing and a septic system, after at least two people pulled into town in RVs and aren't yet to leave.

"Yes, we're trying to deter the Cousin Eddies," said Oakley Mayor Garth Greenwell, referring to a character in the movie "Christmas Vacation," who lives in an RV in the driveway of his brother-in-law's suburb ban home.

Greenwell said people who live in RVs don't fit in with the rest of the community, lower property values and pose a health threat because their vehicles don't have septic systems.

The law does not apply at the city's RV park.

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Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT
Opening reception for artists Mike Youngman ("Wild West") and Karl Brake ("High Plains Hamlet")
Marty Woltonowicz Shelly's "Frankenstein"
BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS
American Legion Bingo
CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS
The 4th Masonic district fall meeting

FESTIVALS AND FAIRS
The Magic Valley Arts Council's Main Avenue Chalk Walk
The Magic Valley Arts Council's "Fall for Art"

GOVERNMENT
Veterans Outreach, Steve Teggie, State Service Officer
Twin Falls County commissioners
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HEALTH
College of Southern Idaho's Over 80 and Getting Fit programs
"Cooping with Widoohood"
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HOBIES AND CRAFTS
Pincoche, 1 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center
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First court appearance
See the first appearance of Antonio E. Peratto held on a charge related to a stabbing death of a man in Twin Falls.

Hurtful vandalism
See a video story about a case of vandalism with an apple citizen and an apple tree as the victims.

YOUR MORNING BRILLIANT

AROUND THE WORLD

First workers evacuated safely after elevator damage traps 3,000 men in South African mine

CARLETONVILLE, S. Africa (AP) — Some 3,000 gold miners were trapped a mile underground Wednesday when falling pipe damaged the elevator...



This April 12, 2007 satellite image provided by Google shows the Elandsrand Mine complex near Carletonville, South Africa. Some 3,000 gold miners were trapped a mile underground Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007.

There were no injuries and there was no immediate danger to any of the workers in Harmony Gold Mining Co.'s Elandsrand Mine...

It's going to take some time because we are doing it carefully," he said. "Nobody is injured, nobody is hurt, nothing like that at all."

"It was sinking as I was walking by," she said. "The street was sinking before our eyes."

"It is very unfair to us, not knowing what is going on with our beloved ones."

WASHINGTON

Poll: Blacks split evenly between Clinton, Obama on Dem. side
WASHINGTON — Blacks are split down the middle over Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton...

PENNSYLVANIA

Bush: US could talk with Iran if it gives up nuclear weapons ambitions
LANCASTER — President Bush warned Wednesday of a nuclear-armed Iran but did not rule out the fact that the United States would negotiate with its provocative leader...

CALIFORNIA

San Diego landslide opens 50-yard-wide chasm in four-lane road
SAN DIEGO — A landslide swept away a chunk of an upscale hilltop neighborhood Wednesday, destroying a home, damaging five others and opening up a 50-yard chasm in a four-lane road...

K-Fed appears at LA hearing in custody dispute with Spears

LOS ANGELES — Kevin Federline appeared in family law court Wednesday for a hearing following a decision earlier this week that temporarily gave him custody of his two sons with Britney Spears...

WASHINGTON

Democratic primary voters in South Carolina, another early voting state.

PENNSYLVANIA

Bush said it's important for the United States to stay engaged in neighboring Iraq to convince the Iranians that the U.S. is committed to democratic reform in the region.

CALIFORNIA

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WASHINGTON

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"I'm a black person, but that's not the only thing I like about him," said Raymond Monroe, 63, a retired production supervisor from Abilene, Texas, who backs Obama but says he might shift.

"If we left before the job was done, there would be chaos," Bush said about withdrawing U.S. troops prematurely from Iraq.

Holl Well was walking her son to preschool when the street collapsed.

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Stabbing

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 married to Hilton's niece, Crystal Perallo. The Perellos divorced in May 2004 after they had three children together.
 Perallo's behavior toward Hilton may have appeared more flirtatious to her boyfriend than it really was, Hilton said.
 Suddenly, the two men quarreled loudly, pushing, shoving and yelling at each other, she said.
 "It was not until later in

interviews with police that Hilton, Alfred or her brother and tenant Mike Moon, said they learned that Galvan was stabbed in the altercation and died.
 The dog knew.
 Rose, a mutt chained to her kennel in the yard, barked loudly amid the excitement and eventually tore free from her chain. Alfred and her daughter, however, remained asleep until police called her after 1 a.m. and asked her to

enter the backyard.
 The atmosphere even Wednesday at the home felt dormant, if not nonchalant. Moon's breath still smelled of alcohol. Most of the witnesses called into the police station slept through the day Wednesday.
 "I just thought it was a regular fight," Moon said. "It happens all the time around here."
 The only one who sounded shaken was Hilton.
 She said that in one year

of living with her boyfriend, he never beat her.
 "It was terrible," said Hilton, whom the police released early Wednesday morning. "Like my whole world just broke apart. I have had two abusive relationships. Then I met Roland and he was totally the opposite way."
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 discuss power transmission. Prudential has complained that Wyoming, with huge coal and gas resources, produces more electricity than it can use, but can't get it to markets that need the power.
 Kjellander's new job will include working with local Idaho governments whose territories may be "crisscrossed by federal energy corridors planned for 11 Western states. Contested are transmission lines and pipelines for natural gas, oil and hydrogen.
 "Transmission lines cost a \$1 million a mile to build, so you can see costs add up

very quickly," he told The Associated Press in an interview. "When you're in the process of establishing corridors, you don't want to have to go 30 or 40 miles around something if you don't have to. Right-of-way is going to be critical."
 In the mid-1990s, Kjellander worked at Boise State University's vocational-technical college and served three terms as a Republican state House member.
 Since being appointed to the Idaho's Public Utilities Commission by former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, he's helped regulate prices charged by the state's for-

profit gas, water, electricity and telephone utilities. Industry officials said his experience on that panel makes him a good choice as the new energy czar.
 "It comes to his decisions after careful analysis and deliberation, based upon his broad knowledge of the utility industry," said Ric Gale, Idaho Power vice president of regulatory affairs.
 Energy has emerged as a major theme in Idaho. It's the third-fastest-growing state after Arizona and Nevada, and officials want to keep electricity costs low to bolster the economy.
 Lawmakers updated the state's energy plan during

the 2007 Legislature. And in May, Otter ordered the state Department of Environmental Quality to take stock of Idaho's carbon emissions.
 The results of that assessment could determine what new power generation plants will be allowed in Idaho as regulations are added to address emissions that can lead to global warming. The state already forbids coal-fired power plants, but a lot of what they're working on may open some new opportunities and may close some doors in terms of the generation resources," Kjellander said.

Technology

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 A second, federally funded study at 15 sites around the country is meant to be the definitive test of virtual colonoscopy. Results have not been published, but they show the test to be promising.
 Colonoscopies are recommended for everyone over 50, but just about half get tested. Colon cancer is the nation's second leading cause of cancer deaths, and an estimated 52,000 people will die from it this year. Screening can save lives by finding growths before they turn cancerous.
 Colonoscopies, considered the gold standard test, are recommended every 10 years and more frequently after polyps are found.
 In traditional colonoscopy, performed by a gastroen-

terologist, a long, thin tube is inserted and snaked through the large intestines. Generally, any polyps that are spotted, regardless of size, are taken out in the process.
 Virtual colonography uses a CT scanner to take a series of X-rays of the colon and a computer to create a 3-D view. A small tube is inserted in the rectum to inflate the colon so it can be more easily viewed. A radiologist then checks the images for suspicious polyps. Since the patient isn't sedated, there's no recovery time required.
 But if any polyps need to be removed, the patient must then have a regular colonoscopy to do that.
 For the Wisconsin study, Pickhardt persuaded health insurers in Madison to pay for

the less expensive virtual colonoscopies and let patients choose between the two exams. The study included 3,120 patients who opted for a virtual colonoscopy and 3,163 who chose the traditional exam.
 Dr. David Kim, another of the researchers, said he plans to ask the patients what was behind their decision.
 "I think we're bringing people in off the sidelines as opposed to just substituting one exam for another," he said.
 About the same number of advanced polyps were found in each group, 123 for the virtual group and 121 for the conventional group. About 8 percent in the virtual group were sent for same-day colonoscopies for polyp

removal. Five percent of the patients had one or two small polyps and they decided to have them watched rather than removed.

RVs

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 "In a lot of the smaller communities and out-of-the-way places, people want to live like hermits," Greenwell said. "In rural areas, you see a lot of old trailers in the weeds somewhere."
 A similar law is on the books in Cassia County. The Oakley ordinance

was passed about three weeks ago, but police there are yet to issue any citations or make arrests. Violation of the ordinance is a misdemeanor, and city officials could remove structures at the owner's expense.
 The mayor said the city will speak to the two or three RV dwellers in town

about the new law.
 "We have some folks we're going to talk to," he said, and, hopefully, they see what we're trying to do.
 Those folks will have to find a house, Greenwell said, or move on.
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Bush quietly vetoes child health bill

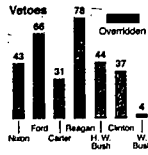
By David Eggo
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush cast a quiet veto Wednesday against a politically attractive expansion of children's health insurance, triggering a struggle with the Democratic-controlled Congress certain to reverberate into the 2008 elections.

"Congress will fight hard to override President Bush's heartless veto," vowed Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid of Nevada.

Few Bush vetoes

President George Bush's veto of a children's health insurance bill is his fourth. None of his other vetoes has been overridden.



SOURCE: Office of the Secretary of the Senate

Republican leaders expressed confidence they have enough votes to make the veto stick in the House, and not a single senior Democrat disputed them. A two-thirds majority in both houses of Congress is required to override a veto.

Bush vetoed the bill in private, absent the television cameras and other media coverage that normally attend even routine presidential actions. The measure called for adding an estimated four million mostly low-income children to a program that currently covers 6.6 million. Funds for the expansion would come from higher tobacco taxes, including a 61-cent increase on a pack of cigarettes.

"Floor kids first," Bush said later in explaining his decision, reflecting a concern that some of the bill's benefits would go to families at higher incomes. "Secondly, I believe in private medicine, not the federal government running the health care system," he added in remarks to an audience in Lancaster, Pa.

The president said he is willing to compromise with Congress "if they need a little more money in the bill to help us meet the objective of getting help for poor children."

It was the fourth veto of Bush's presidency, at a time his popularity is low, the legislation popular enough to draw support from dozens of GOP lawmakers, and an override certain to seal his lame-duck status.

Democratic leaders scheduled the showdown for Oct. 10 to allow two weeks for pressure to build on Republicans. A union-led organization said it would spend more than \$3 million trying to influence the outcome. "It's going to be a hard vote for Republicans," promised Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif.

Criticism of the veto was instantaneous, from every quarter of the Democratic political firmament.

Sen. Joseph Biden of Delaware, a presidential

hopeful, called it unconscionable, party chairman Howard Dean labeled it appalling, and Pelosi said, "It's very sad that the president has chosen to veto a bill that would provide health care for ten million American children for the next five years."

Republicans said some of the criticism would matter. "I'm confident that the more time we have to explain the veto, the more people will be with their position," said Rep. Roy Blunt of Missouri, second-ranking GOP leader in the House.

Longer term, Republicans said their goal was to sustain the veto and force Democrats into negotiations on a compromise that GOP lawmakers could embrace.

"Democrats now face an important choice: Either work with Republicans to renew this program or continue to play politics on the backs of our nation's children," said Rep. John Boehner of Ohio, the House Republican leader.

He and other Republicans said Democratic plans to delay an override vote revealed an eagerness to score political points.

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FIRST FRIDAY EVENTS

SATURDAY, OCT. 6TH

North Korea to disable main nuclear facilities

By Bert Hornan
Associated Press writer

SEOUL, South Korea — North Korea pledged Wednesday to detail its nuclear programs, and disable all activities at its main reactor complex by the end of the year.

The North said it would allow the U.S. to lead a group of experts to Pyongyang within two weeks "to prepare for disablement" of its nuclear facilities.

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Wu Dawei said in Beijing. The U.S. wants the dismantling process to be so thorough that a nuclear facility could not be made operational for at least 12 months.

The United States was secretive about what it promised in return.

The U.S. has agreed to lead disablement activities and provide the initial funding for them. Washington also reiterated its willingness to remove North Korea from a list of countries that sponsor terrorism.

Under an agreement reached in February, Pyongyang was required to shut down and seal its sole operating reactor at its main nuclear complex, which it did in July after the U.S. reversed its hard-line policy against the

regime. The second phase required it to disable the reactor and provide a full description of all its nuclear programs. Wednesday's agreement calls for that to happen by the end of the year.

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Myanmar troops launch nighttime roundups to further intimidate activists as monks leave Yangon

YANGON, Myanmar (AP) — After crushing the democracy uprising with guns, Myanmar's junta stepped up its campaign to intimidate citizens Wednesday, sending troops to drag people from their homes in the middle of the night and letting others know they were marked for retribution.

"We have photographs. We are going to make arrests," soldiers yelled from loudspeakers on military vehicles that patrolled the streets in Yangon, Myanmar's biggest city.

People living near the Shwedagon Pagoda, Myanmar's most revered shrine and a flash point of unrest during the protests, reported that security forces swept through several dozen homes about 3 a.m., taking away many men and even some women for questioning.

A U.N. Development Program employee, Myint Nwe Moe, and her husband,

"People are terrified," said Shari Villarraso, the acting U.S. ambassador in Myanmar. "People have been unhappy for a long time. Since the events of last week, there's now the unhappiness combined with anger and fear."

In New York, United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said he would meet with the Security Council on Friday to discuss possible actions for addressing human rights abuses in Myanmar, calling the situation here a top international concern.

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EDITORIAL

Twin Falls can't wait for political winds to shift on bypass

Twin Falls has a marvelous four-lane highway to nowhere. Phase I of the U.S. 93 Twin Falls Alternate Route was completed last year, and the Idaho Transportation Department could begin parts of Phase 2, which eventually will run from the junction of the U.S. Highways 30 and 93 to Grandview Drive.

Trouble is, it isn't even in the agency's budget — while the projected \$50 million price tag for the five-mile road is climbing along with traffic on Blue Lakes Boulevard North, which is up to 37,000 vehicles a day and growing.

Granted, ITD has lots of other places to spend money. Connecting Idaho, former Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's grand, three-year-old scheme for building a 2,076-mile network of multi-lane, high-performance highways and paying for it with Grant Anticipation Revenue Vehicles, has been the most politically charged issue in the state in recent years.

But Phase 2 is a highway ready to happen — the right-of-way has been acquired while the engineering and environmental impact studies are complete. State Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, says there's no reason ITD cannot start now and finish the project incrementally, if necessary.

And the sooner, the better — particularly with construction of a new bridge over Rock Creek.

There are direct economic consequences to Twin Falls from bottlenecks on Blue Lakes and Washington Street North. And as those corridors become more congested, rural roads in the Twin Falls Highway District are taking a pounding from truckers seeking alternate routes.

For the record, state transportation officials are still unsure when — and how — the funding for the project will come. It's hard to believe that isn't partly for political reasons.

During last winter's legislative session, Smith — a former chairman of the ITD board — proposed legislation that would give the agency complete autonomy to decide funding for projects. The idea never even got a hearing.

But if Smith's bill were law, we're guessing the 93 bypass would be much higher on the agency's to-do list.

The ITD has been accused of allowing politics to trump merit when deciding on highway projects in the past few years, but all other things being equal we'd much prefer that transportation professionals make highway decisions.

Because of politicians, GARVEE has deteriorated into a contentious mess. Unfortunately, Idaho's aging infrastructure is headed that way, too.



Sinking in a swamp full of Blackwater

WASHINGTON — "He who fights with monsters might take care lest he thereby become a monster." Nietzsche said. "And if you gaze for long into an abyss, the abyss gazes also into you."

We're gazing into the abyss all right, and Blackwater is gazing back.



MAUREEN DOWD

Besides having an army of hire, brave kids who are paid to fight so that most Americans are not personally touched by the war, we have the real mercenaries. And they're a spooky cadre, careening outside the laws of Iraq, the United States and the military.

Assessing what Bush continues to preach that we must defeat the "dark ideology" of extremists with "a more hopeful vision."

But the compromises W. makes to slog an in Iraq, be it with warlords, dictators or out-of-control contractors, are spreading a dark stain on America's image.

"Blackwater appears to have fostered a culture of shoot first and sometimes kill, and then ask the questions," said Rep. Elijah Cummings, a Democrat, Tuesday at a House hearing.

The New York Times reports Wednesday that Blackwater's explanation of an incident in Baghdad on Sept. 16 that left 17 dead and 24 wounded is sheerly.

It seems as though a bullet struck a man driving his mother to pick up his father, a pathologist, at the hospital. The dead man's wound is a gunshot.

Blackwater guards then unleashed a spray of gunfire and explosives, even though witnesses did not see anyone shooting at the U.S. convoy and even though Iraqis were turning



their cars around and escaping the scene. "Assessing what the Iraqi national police as saying that Blackwater vehicles "opened fire crazily and randomly, without any reason."

The Blackwater desperados are a sinister symbol of how little progress we've made in Iraq, that VTPs — or "packages," as the contractors call them — can't make a move in the country without the high-priced hired guns of the State Department.

Americans have been anti-mercenary since the British sent 30,000 German Hessians after George Washington in the Revolutionary War.

But W. outsourced his presidency to Cheney and Rumsfeld, and Cheney and Rumsfeld went to war on the cheap and outsourced large chunks of the Iraq occupation to Halliburton and Blackwater. The American taxpayer got gouged, and so did the American reputation.

The mercenaries inflame Iraqis even to Gen. David Petraeus tries to win their trust.

Henry Waxman, the chairman of the House Oversight and Government Reform Committee, summoned the 38-year-old

crew-cut chairman of Blackwater, Erik Prince, to defend his private security company on Tuesday.

Once there was the military-industrial complex. Now we have the mercenary-evangelical complex. Prince, a former intern to the first President Bush and a former Navy SEAL, is from a well-to-do and well-connected Republican family from Michigan.

He and his father both have close ties to conservative Christian groups. His sister was a Pioneer for W., raising \$100,000 in 2004, and Erik Prince has given more than \$225,000 to Republicans, including his former boss.

Blackwater, in turn, has been the beneficiary of \$1 billion in federal contracts, including a no-bid contract with the State Department worth hundreds of millions.

Waxman on Tuesday called the State Department "Blackwater's enabler." His committee staff summarized State Department reports revealing a cascade of Blackwater trouble.

In a high-profile incident in December 2006, a drunken Blackwater contractor killed the guard of Iraqi Vice President Adil Abdul Mahdi. Within 36 hours after the shooting, the State Department had

allowed Blackwater to transport the Blackwater contractor out of Iraq.

The State Department change of affairs "suggested a \$250,000 payment to the guard's family, but the Department's Diplomatic Security Service said this was too much and could cause Iraqis to try to get killed." In the end, they agreed on a \$15,000 payment.

"The State Department took a similar approach," the report stated, "upon receiving reports that Blackwater shooters killed an innocent Iraqi, except that in this case, the State Department requested only a \$5,000 payment to put this unfortunate matter behind us quickly."

Prince was pressed by Rep. Paul Hodes about the penalty paid by the Blackwater employee who, while drunk and off-duty at a Christmas party, killed the Iraqi guard.

The man was fired. And he had to pay his own airfare home and forfeit his bonuses, amounting to a loss of about \$14,887 — slightly less than the amount paid to the family of the Iraqi he blew away.

Maureen Dowd is a columnist for the New York Times.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

ATV owners need to be more responsible

Congratulations! Your front-page story of Sept. 30 neatly created another victim. As I read your story, I almost had a heart attack. I thought technology had totally bypassed me. I had to run down to my local ATV store to check it out. Boy, was I relieved to find out that I really wasn't that far in the dark after all.

Reading your article almost convinced me that the ATV had advanced technology that started itself up, forced the rider onto it and,

at the correct moment, crashed itself.

As an avid rider of motor-cycles and ATVs for 50 years and owning both, I can tell you the key: common sense. If you go too fast, do not wear a helmet and allow your small children to be the lone driver or rider, you're going to have problems. People, all the laws in the world can't change that. It's the owner of the ATV who is responsible, neither the manufacturer, by any means, the dealer, neither you, and smell the coffee!

JOHN H. BLASRUS
Barley

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Cities should plan for growth that is inevitable

An interesting editorial about Twin Falls' identity? It is kind of a giveaway to backpack or Sun Valley and acts as a shopping center for those living in smaller towns nearby. The editorial starts from here and begins asking how to attract more tourists. I believe Twin Falls should first address what will benefit those who live in the town.

Blue Lakes Boulevard is ugly, a plethora of billboards, cluttered and parking lots, mixed together, creating the urge to get away as soon as possible, and it is almost the only way to get from one end of town to the other. Why not start here with a beautification plan (which would make Twin Falls more appealing to tourists as well.) A sign ordinance and better planning and zoning? The editorial cites the lakes at Oeur d'Alene and McCall and the river greenbelt in Boise, and they are good models.

When it's time hanging banners of colorful flags instead of all those large, garish signs on Blue Lakes? What if the residents of Twin Falls decided they wanted a town they could be proud of?

As a ES, a recent article spoke of Kimberly's growing pains. Right now is the time for those residents and their government to decide where traffic should or should not be and where

business should be and what it should look like. Towns that grow up straggling along the highway are rarely attractive or workable. Plan for the growth that is inevitable. Set the city limits and do not furnish services outside the limits. Keep control over where you live so it will protect you in the future.

RWEN ERICKSON
Gardner

Corporations lower disasters to small profits

Last week, we went to see "No Way Out," a searing, heart-breaking and, I fear, truthful documentary about the Iraq war. We had the cinema, but for the growth that is inevitable. Set the city limits and do not furnish services outside the limits. Keep control over where you live so it will protect you in the future.

What we're hanging banners of colorful flags instead of all those large, garish signs on Blue Lakes? What if the residents of Twin Falls decided they wanted a town they could be proud of?

Halliburton are in favor of overhauling war (and even natural disasters such as Katrina) because they swell their already obscene profits in a nightmare of Orwellian proportions.

What will it take to wake up the good and honorable American people to the crimes being committed in their names?
DIANA FASSINO
Ketchum

Bush has created identity in America

All politics aside, terrorists are a threat! Fighting them requires national unity the president had following 9/11. Bush President Bush ended the nation when he told incredulous Americans to demonstrate patriotism by spending money. Big-time donations continued, following a series of inflated justifications for invading Iraq. Then the president "pitched" hobnob cuspis from the Constitution and turned a blind eye to the Bill of Rights and system of law, all in the name of protecting us. Picture a shrewed narco: What you see is the American public today!

Those who publicly opposed President Bush were dismissed and ostracized, making public demonstrations of President Bush's secretive foreign and domestic policies. Economic decline and corruption of congress power at the expense of democracy, equity and civility.

mental welfare. David Kortzen, author of "When Corporations Rule the World," said, "We humans have come up at a defining moment in our experience, in which we're confronting the limits of the ecosystem at a time when we are in a condition of extreme inequality between the rich and the poor, and we're dependent on an economic infrastructure that, in turn, depends on the assumption of everlasting cheap oil. Now, we're essentially come up to the limits."

Think about the North American Free Trade Agreement, Central American Free Trade Agreement and Open Borders. Heard rumors about money called "Amerc," a common currency intended for Canada, United States and Mexico?

Check the Supreme Court's docket: One item stands out: Will the court return to Americans habeas corpus, the bedrock of their Constitution? Know about "Blackwater"? Heard anything about HAAFP? Giving Communist China American jobs? Instead of giving America to global corporations, let's rebuild our infrastructure, convert energy from fossil fuels to clean renewable energy and never forget that we are part of nature, not its master.

Look on Bush's track, ye mighty, and despair. GRANT UPRYAN
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OTHER VIEWS

What Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

... A closed primary

Idaho Statesman, Boise

Even if you have no interest in voting in a members-only Republican primary, you might have about a million reasons to care about this squabble.

It could cost a million dollars to re-register Idaho voters by party.

The state has better things to do with your tax dollars than poking its institutional nose into your political leanings. If a closed Republican primary is such a great idea, then members of the party of low taxes and limited government spending ought to be happy to pay for the privilege.

So how did the idea of a closed primary get so speedy?



Secretary of State Ben Ysursa asked New Pence County Clerk Party Weeks to put her employees on the clock, to see how long it

would take them to send out and record voter registrations. Each registration requires about three minutes' staff time, according to a Lewiston Tribune article Tuesday.

Multiply the costs across a state with 700,000 registered voters, and the price of re-registering comes in at \$815,150. The cost climbs with every incomplete registration that is turned in, because clerks will need more time to process them. If 40 percent of registrations are incomplete, the processing costs exceed \$1 million.

Supporters of the closed primary might try to question the source. Ysursa is the defendant in a federal lawsuit demanding a closed GOP primary — but his office is the go-to authority on the complexities of Idaho election law. If Ysursa is attaching his name to a \$1 million estimate, that's persuasive.

Even if the cost comes in lower, so what? The taxpayers still shouldn't pay.

... County jails

Post Register, Idaho Falls

Phunging into private, for-profit prisons ought to be a last resort to Idaho's over-

flowing inmate population. Why not, instead, invest in our county jails?

Idaho prisons hold about 6,279 inmates. But the state rents space for 514 more in county jails and another 550 in Oklahoma and Texas prisons. Meanwhile, the prison population grows by 34 every month — and those out-of-state prisons are filling up, too.

Now there's talk of allowing private companies to come into Idaho: build a 2,100-bed prison and then accept our excess inmates for a price.

Private industry can build a structure in about half the time it takes the state. Plus, the state wouldn't pay construction costs, which at minimum would run about \$150 million for a 2,100-bed facility.

But Idaho would forever be renting space. What it saves in start-up costs, it perpetually would pay in fees. This new prison would answer to shareholders.

Expanding the jails would keep ownership public — and the sheriffs who run the



jails would remain accountable to the voters.

Some of the buzz about this concept comes from Bonneville County, which partially financed its decade-old jail expansion by selling excess bed space to the state. Profits are going toward a new 200-bed work release center plus renovation of the jail's current 64-bed work release area.

But how would you pay for further expansion? Presumably the state would need to cover some start-up costs, maybe even the largest share. In the long run, however, the state might pay less to house those inmates in the jails.

Or it could simply pay the counties more, enabling local jails to expand and keep up with demand. For example, the state pays Bonneville County only \$40 a day for every state inmate it houses. That generates about \$750,000 a year.

Raise it to \$46.50 a day and the county gets another \$118,000. And if the state paid Bonneville County what it hands over to out-of-state prisons, the total would increase to at least \$250,000.

Bonneville County's pilot program of merging drug treatment with confinement and work release will divert

inmates otherwise destined for the state prison system. It keeps offenders closer to home, offers them a health-based treatment option and enables the counties to develop rehabilitation programs.

The same principle could work for state prison inmates approaching the end of their sentences. Why not bring them to local jails, engage them in work release and smooth their transition back into society?

... Fee-per-mile tax

Idaho Statesman, Boise

The gasoline tax — a well-weathered source of money that has paid for highways and road repairs for decades — is running out of gas.

A pilot 65¢, planned for next year in the Treasure Valley and five other areas, only illustrates the flawed machinery of the gas tax.

Some 450 Treasure Valley commuters will hit the streets next year, computers



and satellite equipment in tow. The gadgetry will measure how many miles the drivers log over two years, and spit out sample monthly bills comparing their monthly per-gallon gas tax with fees based on miles traveled.

... some deep thinkers have moved beyond a per-gallon tax to contemplate a fee based on miles used.

University of town researchers hope to use this study to gauge public support for a per-mile fee.

Our guess: The concept faces a rough road ahead. Tracking motorists' comings and goings via satellite won't go over big with civil libertarians. Anyone who has invested in a fuel-efficient car or a hybrid — doing the right thing by conventional conservation-minded wisdom — would rightfully bristle at changing the rules along the way.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Fiber residents should know school issues

For the past nine months, Fiber School District has involved community members, teachers, staff, administrators, architects and board trustees in helping determine future needs of the district. A Long Range Planning Committee was formed, district buildings were toured, statistics on student enrollment and growth were gathered and many man hours were spent in coming to the decision that action is needed.

The bond election consists of two levels: (1) New intermediate school, high school addition, maintenance on Hollister and Fiber Elementary schools; (2) Athletic project — community rest room facility, concession building, lights on new football field, bleachers, team locker rooms and press box with filming platform.

Our community is definitely growing. I have visited with quite a few people who have reserved views on these bonds. The No. 1 concern is about out-of-district students. The past year, the school board reduced the class sizes, which had an effect on the number of out-of-district students per building. These changes closed both the high school and middle school and virtually closed the elementary to out-of-district students. The number of out-of-district students this year has been reduced more than 5 percent and is below the 2004 number.

The district receives approximately \$5,000 for each student enrolled, including out-of-district students. The best way to handle this situation is to let the new growth take the place of out-of-district students. This way, no budget reductions will be required, no teachers will be cut and the quality of education will remain high.

As a parent and community member, I encourage everyone to learn more about what is happening, become aware of the needs in the school district and the community. The district office is open to answer questions; call a Long Range Planning Committee member or school board member. Come out and vote on Oct. 11.

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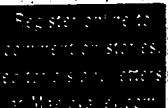
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Search for missing aviator Steve Fossett suspended

By Brendan Riley
Associated Press writer

CARSON CITY, Nev. — The search for millionaire aviator Steve Fossett, who disappeared a month ago in northern Nevada, was formally suspended Tuesday after what the Civil Air Patrol described as one of the largest efforts to locate a missing plane in modern history.

The decision came after

renewed efforts over the weekend proved unsuccessful. Plans and dozens of search and rescue personnel on the ground scoured a rugged area southeast of where Fossett was last seen taking off Sept. 3 from an airstrip on hotel mogul Barron Hilton's sprawling ranch.

With deer-hunting season opening in many areas of the state, officials said they hope

that one of the thousands of hunters hiking through wilderness areas will come across the single-engine plane that Fossett had borrowed from Hilton for what was supposed to be a brief flight.

"We've exhausted all our leads at this time," Army Courier, acting national commander of the Civil Air Patrol, said in a telephone interview. "We didn't find anything. We don't have any conclusive

information to follow — or to say there was a crash and he didn't survive."

Courier said that while the search has been officially suspended, it will be revived if new, viable tips come in. The search, effectively suspended by the Nevada Civil Air Patrol and the Nevada National Guard two weeks ago, had been renewed over the weekend after Air Force experts thought they had detected

Fossett's flight path from radar and satellite images.

In all, the search extended over a 20,000 square-mile area, involving Civil Air Patrol pilots from Nevada and seven other states, the Nevada National Guard, the Air Force Rescue and Coordination Center, the state Department of Public Safety and ground crews organized by local authorities.

Experts in radar analysis

from the Federal Aviation Administration, Air Force, Navy, National Transportation Safety Board and the Civil Air Patrol also were involved, using high-tech methods to try to determine Fossett's flight path.

Many pilots who know Fossett also joined in the coordinated search, flying out of Hilton's million-acre Flying M Ranch where Fossett and his wife had been staying.

Authorities defend rescue effort after 5 workers die in Colorado fire

By P. Solomon Banda
Associated Press writer

GEORGETOWN, Colo. — When fire broke out deep underground at a hydroelectric plant in the Rockies, officials at the surface dropped a riddle down to five trapped men in a tunnel and were relieved to learn they were OK.

But by the time emergency crews reached the hours later, they were dead.

On Wednesday, a day after the tragedy more than 1,500 feet underground at Xcel Corp.'s Cabin Creek power plant, investigators struggled to figure out what went wrong.

Crews began to remove the workers' bodies.

It was unclear whether the five maintenance workers were burned, suffocated or overcome by fumes from the highly flammable epoxy sealant they were using to coat the inside of the empty, 12-foot-wide water pipeline.

Authorities defended their rescue efforts, saying smoke, the complexities of the 4,000-foot tunnel's design and uncertainties about the dangers prevented them from going in after the men for more than 3½ hours after the blaze broke out.

"We didn't know what was causing the fire, what was feeding the fire," Undersheriff Stu Nay said. "You never know, when you're dealing with airflow and the intensity of the fire where we're facing a back-draft situation, what we're running into."

He added: "It's dangerous work. We can't afford to have someone else go in and complicate the problem."

The blaze erupted when a machine used by the workers to coat the tunnel caught fire, Xcel Energy spokesman Ethnie Groves said. But exactly what burned after the machine, the epoxy or both — was unclear, she said.

Nine employees of RPI Contracting of Santa Fe Springs, Calif., he been sealing the inside of the pipe to prevent corrosion, a routine procedure that followed an annual inspection.

The tunnel delivers water from a reservoir to turbines that generate electricity at the plant 30 miles west of Denver.

The smoldering fire broke out about 1,400 feet from the tunnel's bottom and was reported around 2 p.m., authorities said.

Four RPI workers escaped from the tunnel and were treated at a hospital and released. Five others scrambled about 1,000 feet above the fire but were trapped by smoke and the steep, nearly impossible-to-climb slope at a spot where the tunnel bends from a 16-degree angle to a 55-degree one, Nay said.

Officials dropped a radio to the workers, who reported around 2:40 p.m. that they were injured, but they may have been the last contact rescuers had with them, Nay said.



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Francis, Holliday lead Rockies to win over Phillies

By Rob Maaddi
Associated Press writer

PHILADELPHIA — Bandbox or not, this was no day for hitters.
Jeff Francis held the league's highest-scoring team in check, and the Colorado Rockies took advantage of one shaky inning by Cole Hamels to beat the Philadelphia Phillies 4-2 in Game 1 of their NL playoff series Wednesday.
"Who would've thought a good old-fashioned National League game would break out in this ballpark?" Rockies manager Clint Hurdle said.
Making just the second postseason appearance in their 15-year history, the Rockies played like October regulars. Colorado posted its second playoff victory, the other coming in 1995, and won for the 15th time in 16 games.
Matt Holliday, his chin still cut up from the face-first slide that won

Monday's wild-card debreaker over San Diego, hit a solo home run.
"Any time you expect a slugfest, you get a pitching duel," Holliday said.
Francis pitched six effective innings and stayed out of big trouble, mostly by shutting 'down the Phillies' top hitters.
Chase Utley, Ryan Howard and Jimmy Rollins combined to go 0-for-11 with eight strikeouts. Utley, a .332 hitter, struck out four times for the second time in his career.
"Some of the hitters may have been uptight, but Francis was way better than the other times I've seen him," Phillies manager Charlie Manuel said.
Francis' lone problems came in the fifth when Aaron Rowand and Pat Burrell hit consecutive homers.

The left-hander gave up four hits and struck out eight. Once the 17-game winner departed, three relievers pitched three hitless innings, with Manny Corpas closing for a save.
With the two highest-scoring teams in the league playing in two of the most hitter-friendly ballparks in the majors, this series figured to see plenty of runs.
Instead, the clubs combined for six runs and 10 hits in the opener. Many hitters expected the late-afternoon shadows to be a problem, and they certainly struggled.
Francis used a mix of off-speed pitches to keep a potent lineup off-balance and improve to 9-0 in day games this season.
"I'm always aware of my success or nonsuccess I have against teams," said Francis, who had a 15.12 ERA against the Phils this season. "Today, my execution was better."



Colorado Rockies outfielder Matt Holliday, right, is greeted at the dugout after hitting a solo home run against the Philadelphia Phillies in Game 1 of a National League Division Series Wednesday in Philadelphia.

CROSS COUNTRY: JERRY KLEINKOPF CLASSIC

Ward, Bruin boys win at meet

By Bradley Guire
Times-News writer

Twin Falls High School decided this year to name its cross country invitational meet at Canyon Springs Golf Course after longtime coach Jerry Kleinkopf, who led the boys and girls teams to multiple state championships.

It seemed only fitting that the Bruins take the top honors at Wednesday's meet as Twin Falls freshman Amanda Ward won the girls race and the boys placed first in team scores.
Ward, who won her third varsity race this season, finished at 19 minutes, 22.99 seconds.
"I like the course better because the grass is so short," she said. "It was a little windy, but a good tempo."

Ward broke free from the lead pack midway through the race to come in a full 30 seconds ahead of the runner-up from Highland. Bruin Dani Bates took fourth at 20:12.23, and the jersey-wearing Koenzie Choynacki placed sixth. Three more finishes in the top 20 aided the Bruin girls race in the team scoring where they finished second with 46 points. Highland topped team scores with 33 points.

Meanwhile, four Bruin boys placed in the top 20 to lead the group to 56 team points — six better than No. 2 Highland. Dunia Emmanuel, Aundr Jayo and Alex Schenk finished at Nos. 7, 8 and 9, and Nick Jacobson came in 11th.
"The boys team has made a tremendous jump," Bruins coach Marty Grindstaff said. "Dunia helped a lot. This was his first time to be the top Bruin boy in."
Emmanuel came in at 17



Twin Falls High School's Amanda Ward runs to the finish line of the Jerry Kleinkopf Classic Cross Country Invitational at Canyon Springs Golf Course Wednesday afternoon in Twin Falls.



Burley High School's David Fillmore makes his way to the finish line of the Jerry Kleinkopf Classic at Canyon Springs Golf Course Wednesday afternoon in Twin Falls.

"The boys team has made a tremendous jump."
— Twin Falls coach Marty Grindstaff, after his team won Wednesday

minutes, 14.84 seconds. This is the third straight meet that the Twin Falls boys team has won. The Bruins also placed second at Freeman Park in Idaho Falls, the site of the state meet, during September.
"We've got a lot of quality, and we have to keep pushing hard in practice," Grindstaff said. "We've got a chance to do well at state."

The Bruins boys placed 10th in 2006 and have not won a state team title since 1976. The girls team will also strive to improve upon its third-place state finish in 2006.
David Fillmore of Burley had the best time of District IV runners, placing second with a time of 16:59.95, and Wood River's Pedro Morales placed third with 17:08.31.

2007 Jerry Kleinkopf Classic Cross Country Invitational

- Boys**
1. Amanda Ward, Twin Falls, 19:22.99
2. Alex Schenk, Highland, 20:12.23
3. Dani Bates, Highland, 20:12.23
4. Koenzie Choynacki, Highland, 20:21.11
5. Nick Jacobson, Twin Falls, 20:21.11
6. Matt Grindstaff, Highland, 20:21.11
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Bobcats aim for another GBW title

The Burley Bobcats boys soccer team is aiming to return to the Class 4A Great Basin Conference West Division tournament as the top seed. Today, Burley hosts Wood River with only two games separating the Bobcats and their possible fourth consecutive West title and fifth consecutive state berth.
The loss of Eduardo Angulano to graduation has slowed the Bobcats down, but a late regular-season loss to Jerome has spoiled Burley's hopes of another undefeated run to state. Burley (14-1) finished 20-1-0 to place third in 4A last fall. The lone loss came at the hands of Sandpoint, which would go on to win its fifth state championship since the sport was sanctioned in 2000. Jerome took the second

Class 4A District IV Soccer Tournaments

West Division
The West Division is currently tied for a state championship berth. Today the top two teams, Jerome and Burley, will play for the title. The West Division will play the West Division on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. at the Wood River Soccer Complex. The East Division will play the East Division on Tuesday, Oct. 2, at 7 p.m. at the Wood River Soccer Complex.

Tuesday's game
Game 1: WS vs. LA, runner-up
Game 2: Jerome vs. Burley, 7 p.m.

Friday's games
Game 1: WS vs. WS, 11 a.m.
Game 2: WS vs. WS, 11 a.m.

CSI spikers still No. 10

The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team remained steady at No. 10 in the latest NJCAA Division 1 poll, released Wednesday. The 29-9 Golden Eagles (3-1 Scenic West Athletic Conference) lost an exhibition match at Albertson College of Idaho on Tuesday. They return to SWAC play Saturday when North Idaho College comes to Twin Falls for a 3 p.m. match.
SWAC leader Salt Lake Community College (32-1) is the nation's No. 2 team, just four points back of Western Nebraska Community College, which owns the top spot for the fourth straight week.

FORGETTABLE FANTASY Trading for a lemon

I've been playing fantasy sports basically since Al Gore invented the Internet. It started back in high school and continues to this day. Football, basketball, baseball, NASCAR, F1, bass fishing, pick-em's, NCAA tournament brackets, just about anything that required using my bloated sense of sports against the rest of humanity.



BILL WAMBEKE

There have been several near misses: I was eighth in the country after the first week of ESPN's fantasy baseball year but quickly fell back to earth; finished in the 98th percentile in a NCAA women's tournament challenge; and have filled more points shy of winning football and basketball leagues.
This year, though, things aren't looking so good. In fact, it's pretty pathetic. My fantasy football team is mired in last place out of a 10-team league with a big fat 0-4 record. My team has yet to score 100 points in a matchup and my stars aren't coming through. I drafted LaDainian Tomlinson, Lee Evans, Vince Young and the usually reliable Denver Bronco and Carolina Panther defenses. Like anybody dreaming of a banner year was due, Wrong. LT has frustrated many owners because San Diego has had to play from behind and pass more than run. Plus teams are keying more on LT and stopping him behind the line of scrimmage.
I thought I was due for a win this week and was talking trash to my friend Bob about how I was going to beat him because Jerry Porter scored two touchdowns for the Raiders. Watching the game I was jumping around like an idiot and scoping my wife and daughter not only because I'm a huge Raider fan, but because I thought I was going to pull out a "W" with Porter's points. Deadpanned, Bob says to me, "You don't have Porter, you dropped him."
It was the definitive "thrill of victory, agony of defeat" moment. In that second, I became the s/d jumper who misses everything and wrecks horrendously.
Besides forgetting who I have on my team, what's really sunk my team is the lack of a second option at running back. I had Maurice Jones-Drew but he did nothing. I traded him for "Cadillac" Williams last

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Franchitti makes move to NASCAR, will drive No. 40 Dodge

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — With an Indianapolis 500 victory and a series championship, Dario Franchitti believed the time was right to walk away from open-wheel racing.

Franchitti filed briefly with NASCAR last year, but a deal to move into stock cars fell apart when Juan Pablo Montoya snagged his ride. So when Chip Ganassi called again with a new opportunity, Franchitti could take it knowing he had nothing left to accomplish in the IndyCar Series.

"We had conversations last year, and one of the options going into the '07 season was NASCAR," Franchitti said in a Wednesday telephone interview. "With Juan coming along, it didn't work out. And looking back, I am really happy it didn't work out. To win the Indianapolis 500 this year, and then the open-wheel title in my last race, it was a really good way to sign off."

"I had 10 really good years, and it



Reigning Indianapolis 500 and IndyCar Series champion Dario Franchitti answers questions from the media at the Chip Ganassi Racing compound in Concord, N.C. on Wednesday.

was the perfect time to try a new challenge. I'll get that in NASCAR, where

Franchitti becomes the latest open-wheel star to drive stock cars a try.

The Scot was introduced as the driver of Ganassi's No. 40 Dodge at a news conference at the team's Concord shop, becoming the first European to enter NASCAR full-time.

Franchitti will replace David Stremme at Ganassi, and join Montoya and Reed Sorenson on the three-car team. Had things played out a bit differently, Franchitti might already have a year of NASCAR under his belt.

Ganassi revealed Wednesday that he had been in discussions with Franchitti to drive the No. 42, but a Ganassi spokesman said that Montoya, who joined the Indy 500 for Ganassi in 2000, was fed up with Formula One and interested in a change.

"I'm excited and I have been talking about this for a long, long time,"

Ganassi said. "I can finally tell that story now. Last year when I had some extensive talks about NASCAR, I told him 'I'd like for you to drive for us.' He said 'OK, I'd like to drive for you. Let's do something.'"

Franchitti had the unenviable position to call his own bluff a few days later and tell him, "You know what? There is one guy on the planet that could have called and knocked you out of that seat and he had that conversation so that seat is no longer available."

Ganassi got another chance to sign Franchitti when sponsor Coors Light decided to end its longtime relationship with the No. 40. It left Ganassi without funding for Stremme, a young driver he likes but had difficulty securing new financing for.

Unable to exercise the option on Stremme's contract, he now had another driver to offer Franchitti. The car owner said spon-

sorship for Franchitti is not an issue, but wouldn't reveal who will fund the car.

Kyle Busch's crew chief hit with a \$10,000 fine

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — Mike Bumgarner, crew chief for the No. 5 Chevrolet driven by Kyle Busch in the NASCAR Busch Series, has been fined \$10,000 for an infraction last weekend at Daytona.

After Busch won the race, NASCAR inspectors discovered an unapproved intake manifold. The race was taken to NASCAR's Research and Development Center in Concord, N.C., where the violation was confirmed.

Car owner Rick Hendrick said after Wednesday's announcement by NASCAR that the Hendrick Motorsports team will appeal the fine.

— The Associated Press

BASEBALL

MLB Playoffs	Winning %	Record
Division Series	0.500	1-1
Wild Card Series	0.500	1-1
World Series	0.500	1-1

BETTING

FAVORITE	UNDERDOG	MLB Odds
Los Angeles	San Francisco	1.50 / 1.50
San Francisco	Los Angeles	1.50 / 1.50

NFL Playoffs

FAVORITE	UNDERDOG	Odds
San Diego	San Francisco	1.50 / 1.50
San Francisco	San Diego	1.50 / 1.50

SCOREBOARD

Game	Score
San Francisco vs Los Angeles	1-1
San Diego vs San Francisco	1-1

GAME PLAN

Game	Time	Location
San Francisco vs Los Angeles	8:00 p.m.	San Francisco
San Diego vs San Francisco	8:00 p.m.	San Diego

TV SCHEDULE

Game	Time	Channel
San Francisco vs Los Angeles	8:00 p.m.	ESPN
San Diego vs San Francisco	8:00 p.m.	ESPN

TENNIS

Match	Score
San Francisco vs Los Angeles	1-1
San Diego vs San Francisco	1-1

HOCKEY

Match	Score
San Francisco vs Los Angeles	1-1
San Diego vs San Francisco	1-1

FOOTBALL

Match	Score
San Francisco vs Los Angeles	1-1
San Diego vs San Francisco	1-1

Verdict in Thomas trial may send a message to sports world

NEW YORK — Even with a \$11.6 million sexual harassment judgment against New York Knicks coach Isiah Thomas, Madison Square Garden has shown no signs of capitulating.

Garden CEO James Dolan will soon have to defend against a similar lawsuit brought by a New York Rangers cheerleader, who has accused her Garden bosses of having her instruct fellow cheerleaders to look more "dumb."

The Garden has vowed to fight the case. But some legal experts who were closely watching the Thomas trial predict that the verdict won by fired Knicks executive Anucha Browne Sanders will send a message that locker room behavior cannot be tolerated in team offices.

"I don't think it will fall to resonate across the world of professional sports," Fred Nance, a sports law attorney who represents NBA star LeBron James, said Wednesday.

"That's the message Browne Sanders was hoping to send."

In a television interview Wednesday, she said she hoped her victory was a "wake-up call" for corporate America as well as sexually harassed women.

last weekend, claimed Wednesday it was simply a misunderstanding.

"The truth will come out like it always does," Brown said after the Lakers' second day of practice at their training camp. "I can't go into any case that's open."

Brown faces misdemeanor charges after police in Valdeosta, Ga., pulled over Charles Warren Jr. early Saturday for driving the wrong way down a one-way street. Lt. Bobbi McGraw said earlier Wednesday.

Nuggets' Iverson sued for not showing up at speaking engagement

OMAHA, Neb. — Allen Iverson has been sued for not showing up, in a suit to speak to his fans.

The lawsuit filed in Douglas County District Court says the Denver Nuggets' star didn't come to a weekend of booked appearances in Omaha in early August, leaving fans at a youth rally and two clubs without their main attraction.

Now, the promoter who tried to bring the "Answer" to Omaha wants one instead — and about \$44,000 in damages, second day of practice at their training camp.

Kermit Brasher, the lawyer for the promotion company that booked Iverson for the events, said Wednesday they know nothing more than what Iverson's representatives told HYB Entertainment promoter Dave Chambers: that Iverson had a family emergency.

Iverson was unavailable to comment

Sports Shorts

Wrestling — The 5K is open to ages 13 and older and prizes will be awarded in each age group for runners and walkers with separate divisions for men and women. All participants will receive a T-shirt. The youth challenge for ages 8-13 is a one-mile race around the CSI campus. A non-competitive youth challenge for ages 3-12 will offer a great deal along the way and participants are encouraged to wear their Halloween costumes.

Registration for the 5K begins at 9 a.m. with the race starting at 10 a.m. Registration for the youth challenge begins at 11:30 a.m. with the race at 12:30 p.m. Early registration is encouraged and proceeds benefit the CSI physical education program and CSI student recreation center.

For more information or to register, contact Jalme Tighe at 735-6479.

Youth martial arts classes offered

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation will offer martial arts classes for ages 4 to 14. The classes will be held at Success Martial Arts. The cost is \$59 and includes the uniform. Days and times vary.

Pre-registration is required and deadline is Oct. 19. For more information or to register, call 736-2265 or stop by the parks and recreation office in 136 Maxwell Ave.

— Compiled from staff and wire reports

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Clouds will be on the increase during the afternoon. High near 60.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a shower or two possible. Low near 30s.
Tomorrow: Colder and mostly cloudy. A few showers around. Highs upper 40s.

BURLEW/RUPERT FORECAST

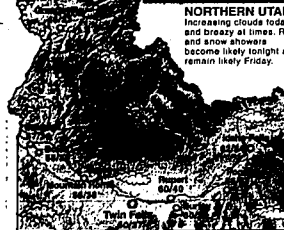
Today: Increasing afternoon clouds. High near 60.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy with a shower or two possible. Low near 30s.
Tomorrow: Colder with plenty of clouds. Chance of showers. Highs mid 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Clouds will thicken and lower; through tonight with a chance of rain and snow showers, especially tonight. Friday will be color with a chance of rain and snow showers.

BOISE It will be mostly cloudy and cooler through tomorrow. A shower is possible tomorrow with a few more showers around tonight and Friday.

NORTHERN UTAH Increasing clouds today and breezy at times. Rain and snow showers become likely tonight and remain likely Friday.



Weather Service estimates: High at Lewiston: Low: 23 at Leadore. weather likely to be drizzle, drizzle, fog, heavy snow, or rain. Heavy snow, rain, or drizzle likely to be heavy snow, rain, or drizzle. Heavy snow, rain, or drizzle likely to be heavy snow, rain, or drizzle.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

It's not even raining in the sunshine any of my highest players. They're not reaching them, but I can look up and see them, believe it or not, and try to follow them.

By Greg Auer, 10/2/07, Author

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 7 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Yesterday's Weather. Includes icons for sun, clouds, and rain, and temperature ranges.

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

Temperature Precipitation Humidity Barometric Pressure Sunrise and Sunset

Yesterday's Low: 82 8/20 to Date: 0.00" Yesterday's Maximum: 27% Yesterday 23.87 ft. Friday: Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 7:13 PM

Temperature & Precipitation valid through 5 pm yesterday

MOON PHASES

Table with 4 columns: Oct 11, Oct 18, Oct 25, Nov 1. Shows moon phases: New Moon, First Qr, Full Moon, Last Qr.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, Pocatello, etc.

MOONRISE AND MOONSET

Friday: Moonrise: 1:51 AM Moonset: 4:58 PM

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists cities like Albany, Albany, Albany, etc.

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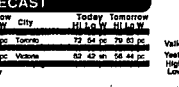
WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists cities like London, London, London, etc.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Saturday. Lists cities like Vancouver, Vancouver, Vancouver, etc.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



FRONTS

Cold, Warm, Stationary, Occluded

Last week's upsets make this week's marquee games that much bigger

NEW YORK (AP) — Last week's upsets have taken some of the luster off this week's schedule, but it didn't make the big games in Dallas and Baton Rouge, La., any less important.



Oklahoma quarterback Sam Bradford leads his team against Texas on Saturday in the Red River Rivalry game.

Actually, those games are even more crucial to the teams looking to bounce back. Remember, last year's national champion Florida lost a game, so one loss is not necessarily a death sentence for a team's title hopes.

Two losses, however, is definitely too many for a national championship contender. As for those Gators, they visit LSU for the Tigers' first game as the No. 1 team in the AP Top 25 in more than half a century.

In Dallas, both of the participants in the Red River Rivalry are coming off surprising — and a bit puzzling — upsets. Texas was pounded 41-21 at home by Kansas State.

hardly played like a team that should even be in the conversation. There would be no better way for the Longhorns to right themselves than by making it three straight victories over the Sooners.

The picks: Thursday No. 8 Kentucky (plus 31%) at No. 21 South Carolina Gamecocks coach Steve Spurrier 14-0 against 'Cats ... KENTUCKY 28-24.

Saturday No. 9 Florida (plus 9%) at No. 1 LSU For second straight year, both are in top 10 when they play ... LSU 30-22.

against Illinois ... WISCONSIN 33-27. No. 6 South Florida (minus 15%) at Florida Atlantic USF won only previous meeting 51-0 in 2002 ... SOUTH FLORIDA 34-14.

Bowling Green (plus 20%) at No. 7 Boston College BC has lost game before playing Notre Dame three straight times ... BOSTON COLLEGE 30-17. No. 10 Oklahoma (minus 11) vs. No. 12 Texas at Dallas Sooners had won five straight before Horns took first 52 ... OKLAHOMA 30-17.

No. 12 Georgia Tech (plus 2) at Tennessee Bulldogs are 2-0 in Knoxville under coach Mark Gottfried ... TENNESSEE 26-25. No. 13 West Virginia (off) at Syracuse Mountaineers have won five straight, longest streak ever in series ... WEST VIRGINIA 39-17.

No. 15 Virginia Tech (plus 5%) at No. 22 Clemson Hokies have won four straight against Tigers ... VIRGINIA TECH 20-17. Utah State (plus 39) at No. 16 Hawaii Warriors have outscored Aggies 113-33 last two seasons ... HAWAII 60-20. No. 25 Nebraska (plus 7) at No. 17 Missouri Tigers have won three straight against 'Huskies ... MISSOURI 45-35.

No. 18 Arizona State (minus 8%) at Washington State ASU coach Dennis Erickson went 12-10-1 with WSU in 1987-88 ... ARIZONA STATE 34-27. No. 20 Cincinnati (plus 3%) at No. 21 Rutgers Scarlet Knights are 7-4-1 against Bearcats ... RUTGERS 27-24. Kansas (plus 3) at No. 24 Kansas State Home team has won four straight in series ... KANSAS STATE 27-20.

Last week's record: 15-7 (straight); 9-12 (vs. points) Season: 97-14 (straight); 48-451 (vs. points)

Falcons will ask for return of up to \$22 million in bonus money paid to Vick

FLOWERY BRANCH, Ga. — The Atlanta Falcons will try to convince an arbitrator the team deserves a refund on up to \$22 million in bonus money paid to quarterback Michael Vick.

The Falcons will be represented Thursday by team president and general manager Rich McKay and three more team officials in the private hearing in Philadelphia. "I don't expect it will go beyond a day," said University of Pennsylvania law professor Stephen B. Burbank.

Attorneys representing the NFL Players Association will argue against the Falcons' claim. An expert in sports contracts said the Falcons face long odds in their effort to have bonus money returned to the team.

"The Falcons are expected to contend that Vick knew he was in violation of the contract when he signed the \$130 million deal in December of 2004, and that he used proceeds from the deal to fund his dogfighting operation." "I think clearly it's a reach on the part of the Falcons," said Jerry Reisman, a contract and business attorney based in Garden City, N.Y.

Reisman said he has followed the case closely because it is an unusual demand by the Falcons. "The Falcons are claiming that if they had known of Vick's criminal activity on the date he signed his contract in 2004 they wouldn't have signed the contract and therefore there was never a contract," Reisman said under the

Trial date on state charges to be set Nov. 27

SUSSEX, Va. (AP) — Michael Vick moved one step closer to being tried in state dogfighting charges Wednesday as a hearing to make sure he has legal representation.

An attorney for the suspended Virginia football quarterback appeared in court and was asked to return Nov. 27 to set a trial date. Vick, who did not attend the hearing, is in the midst of a big week. On Thursday, representatives from the Falcons, the NFL management council and the NFL

Players Association are scheduled to meet in Philadelphia for a contract arbitration case. Vick, who faced up to five years in prison, is to be sentenced Dec. 10 on the federal charges. He and three co-defendants, all of whom already have pleaded guilty to the state dogfighting charges, are not expected at the Nov. 27 hearing, Surry County prosecutor Gerald G. Poindexter said. Poindexter said he hopes to have the trial begin as soon as possible.

No change in diagnosis for Niners QB Smith

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — San Francisco quarterback Alex Smith learned nothing new Wednesday about his suspended right shoulder, which will keep him out of the 49ers' upcoming game against Baltimore.

The 49ers (2-2) sent the results of Smith's MRI exam to Dr. James Andrews for a re-evaluation Tuesday, and the noted orthopedic surgeon confirmed the team's original diagnosis of a moderate shoulder separation that won't require surgery. — The Associated Press

Fantasy

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week, Williams promptly went down with a banged up knee in the second quarter of Sunday's game against the Panthers and will now miss the rest of the season. Instead of getting an Escalade, I ended up with a Ford Pinto.

I belated several offers for Jones before taking Williams, but refused them because I didn't feel I was getting a fair value in return.

I realize now that I truly overvalued my players at the beginning of the season. I could have had T.J. Houshmandzadeh, Larry Johnson or even Hines Ward earlier in the year but refused to dump Jones-Drew, Javon Walker, the Denver "D" or Evans. I picked up Justin Fargas as a stop-gap replacement but there's no sure bet he'll get more playing time after the Raiders' bye week once starter Lamont Jordan

heals from his injuries. I'm hoping my players are second-half performers and get hot at the right time and carry me into the playoffs. I won't offer advice on a rookie player and who to sit but with the start I'm off, I barely trust myself when plugging in who to play and who not on my own team. Bill Wambeke may be reached at 735-3232 or bwambeke@magicalcity.com.

Soccer

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Bobcat boys, as they are looking for their fourth consecutive West title. Wood River has made three consecutive state tournament appearances in 4A (since moving up from 3A in 2004). The last Wood River state championship came in 2000 as it claimed the inaugural 3A title.

Wood River is the only District IV school to win a state soccer championship (boys in 2003 and girls in 2000). The tournament is a double-elimination format, but the bracket does not come back around.

Only two victories are required to win the West championship.



Prosecutor names alleged kidnap victim

Preliminary hearing for suspects today

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

The Gooding County prosecutor's office has released the name of a man they say was kidnapped at gunpoint from a Wendell-area dairy Sunday afternoon.

Police allege 55-year-old Jose Perez was kidnapped by four armed men who forced him into a car and held him for about 20 minutes before police stopped the vehicle on a dirt

road about a half-mile from the dairy.

Four men — Angel Dogberto Martinez-Vasquez, 34, of Rupert, Jose Cristobal Sarabia-Leon, 32, of Wendell, Anotonio Lopez-Morales, 34, of Rupert, and Cornelio Lopez-Morales, 37, of Twin Falls — surrendered to police on the road and were taken into custody.

Police said they recovered two handguns related to the case earlier this week. Held on \$100,000 bonds, Martinez-

Vasquez and Sarabia-Leon are charged with one count each of first-degree kidnapping, attempted armed robbery and burglary.

The two other men are being held on witness bonds of \$50,000. All four men are illegal immigrants, police said.

The men will go before a 5th District judge at 9 a.m. today for a preliminary hearing.

Prosecutor's spokeswoman Gina Mulder said Perez, the alleged victim, lived at the home from which he was taken. She said she had no more information on Perez and that the

case is still under investigation.

The house is a rental property of Ray and Allison Vanderveg, who own Double V Dairy. Allison Vanderveg has said the home is rented by one of the dairy's employees.

Perez could not be reached Wednesday for comment, and Mulder said she has no more information other than his identity. The case, she said, is under investigation by the Gooding County Sheriff's Office.

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Twin Falls to receive new traffic signal

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

The light at Kimberly Road and Eastland Drive turns green. You hit the gas. Then cruise control. Now, relax.

Not anymore. A traffic signal is scheduled to be installed later this month at the intersection of Kimberly Road and Hankins Road in east Twin Falls, a decision state officials made in response to traffic studies, an increasing number of accidents and rising truck traffic.

"We've been keeping our eyes on the traffic there," said Bruce Christensen, an engineer at the Idaho Transportation Department.

The ITD will pay for three-quarters of the nearly \$400,000 signal. Twin Falls city and county each pitched in \$50,000. The signal will be active for all four approaches.

While the signal is expected to improve traffic flow in the future, its construction will cause delays

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Staying on the sidewalk



Brain Bear gives Perrine Elementary students high-fives as they walk to school on International Walk to School Day on Wednesday morning. The event, sponsored by Safe Kids Magic Valley and FedEx, aims to educate students about walking to school safely and to caution drivers against driving recklessly in school zones.

Students learn importance of pedestrian safety at International Walk to School Day

By Melissa Davis
Times-News correspondent

Hundreds of Perrine Elementary School and Lincoln Elementary School students, escorted by teachers, parents and police officers, walked to school safely to celebrate International Walk to School Day on Wednesday morning.

Participants walking to Perrine Elementary met at the corner of Sparks and Ridgeway before school to learn about pedestrian safety.

The event, sponsored by Safe Kids Magic Valley and FedEx, was started in the Magic Valley three years ago to educate students about the importance of being safe

while walking to school and to caution drivers against driving recklessly in school zones. More than 500 similar events took place throughout the country and around the world on Wednesday, said Page Geske, director of Safe Kids Magic Valley.

"They're doing this in Beijing today," Geske said.

While pedestrian safety is an international concern, a Sept. 21 accident involving a Twin Falls High School student hit by a car while walking to school highlights the local need for the event.

"We want the public to be aware that safety is our number one importance when it comes to the students going to school," said Lisa O'Leary,

communications director for Twin Falls School District. "We want to make everyone aware that students are walking to school at that time."

Educating students and the community might help prevent traffic-related injuries, the second leading cause of injury to children under age 14, said Geske. The walk will also let teachers and parents see potential dangers on the streets surrounding the school, such as missing sidewalks or busy intersections.

"If we identify hazards along the route, maybe we can bring safety issues to the school or community's attention," she said.

The walk also gave parents

and teachers a chance to talk to students about pedestrian safety, such as teaching them to only cross at intersections and to obey traffic signals.

"We want them to realize that the pedestrian crosswalk isn't a Star Wars force field," Geske said.

The community's concern for safety and enthusiasm for the event was prevalent, as more than 300 people showed up for this year's event at Perrine Elementary.

"I can say for the three years I've been doing this, this is the largest we've ever had," she said.

The event relieved parents to know their students were learning ways to keep safe while walking.

"It teaches them the right way how to walk to school," Becki Waters said.

Her daughter, 10-year-old Marie Umbaugh, said she not only liked learning about pedestrian safety, but enjoyed walking with her class.

"I did it since last year," she said. "It's fun."

Not all the students knew exactly why they were there. Kindergartner Alex Baker, 6, said he didn't know why the event is important. That didn't stop him from participating, however.

"It's cool," he said.

Johnathan Haney, 8, agreed.

"It's fun. That's why it's important to me," he said.

ELECTION 2007

Growth issues top concern for Kimberly candidates

Mayoral seat, two council seats up on Nov. 6

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

After Idaho State Police Trooper Chris Glenn, who was paralyzed after stopping an armed robbery suspect in December, watched as neighbors and people throughout Idaho organized fundraisers — and helped build his new home — he felt he needed to return the favors.

Fortunately, there's always politics.

Glenn is one of four candidates — and two challengers — vying to sit on the Kimberly

City Council, which holds its election Nov. 6. The two candidates will win the most votes with the seats.

The mayor's seat is also up for grabs with two additional candidates.

"After what happened last fall and the support I got from the community, I just want to give something back to the

community," Glenn said recently. "It's something I've always wanted to do."

Glenn, who is now working in the ISP office in Jerome, said he has never been to a Kimberly council meeting, but attended one while at college. He received a degree in political science from the University of Idaho.

"The biggest thing is the growth of Kimberly and being able to manage it," he said. "The community wants to keep their traditions."

His biggest concern is similar to the other candidates —

and for good reason. Since 2003, the city has more than doubled its acreage to more than 900 square acres.

The other candidates

TOM COONTZ (INCUMBENT)

Coontz, a retired division manager for Idaho Power Co., was appointed in 2001. He said that the biggest issue affecting growth will be water

supply, and he's forming a committee to seek solutions.

He also said the growth might warrant a city manager, such as the position used in Twin Falls.

City officials have cited tax problems in Kimberly with having more homes than businesses. Coontz, 65, hopes for that to change.

"Basically, we're a bedroom community," he said. "We're not that bad (financially) if we could just get a start. We don't want to bring anything that takes away natural resources." He hopes voters will value his experience.

"Anybody that's new, in the first year, you're learning and

not real effective."

LEE MCKINLAY (INCUMBENT)

McKinlay, an economic assistant, has lived in Kimberly for 33 years and served the council for 12 years. She is seeking her fourth term. She wants the growth to be controlled.

McKinlay, 67, said most of the issues are clerical problems.

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Glenn



Coontz



McKinlay

George Grizzard dies at 79

NEW YORK (AP) — Broadway and screen actor George Grizzard, who won acclaim, and a Tony Award, for performing in Edward Albee's dramas, has died. He was 79. Grizzard died Tuesday at New York-Presbyterian/Weill Cornell Medical Center on complications from lung cancer, said his agent, Clifford Stevens. Grizzard's film roles included a bullying U.S. senator in "Advise and Consent" in 1962 and an Albee character in "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" in 1968. On television, Grizzard made regular appearances on "Law & Order" and won a best supporting actor Emmy for the 1974 TV series "The Oldest Living Graduate," which starred Hugh Fondra.

5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

JEROME COUNTY ARRANGEMENTS
Roger N. Ashenbrenner Jr., 51, invalid license. Plead guilty, fined \$144.
Brian Burk, 35, petit theft. Mario M. Camacho, 21, possession of alcohol by a minor. Miguel Cruz, 20, leaving the scene of an accident; failure to stop. Elory Elmo, 22, no proof of insurance, speeding. Fortino L. Espinoza, 27, DUI; open container; invalid license; no insurance. Santiago B. Flores, 19, invalid license. Harvey A. Garcia, 58, failure to obey a nuisance. Ryan A. Gilson, 23, DWOP; no insurance; speeding; registration fictitious plates. Dieder M. Kulp, 33, careless driving. Marco Antonio Lopez, 23, invalid license. Plead guilty, fined \$144.
Pamela Lowe, 41, disturbing the peace. Richard R. McClure, 40, debris on public or private property. Plead guilty, fined \$27.50, jail time 5 days, 5 days suspended, 6 months unsupervised probation. Thomas L. Miller, petit theft. Plead guilty, fined \$207.50, jail time 50 days, 8B suspended, 2, 2 served.
Lisa Gayle Moore, 21, DUI. Brandon Lewis Murdoch, 26, reckless driving; possession of tobacco use by a minor. Antonio Laventia Nunez, 49, reckless driving; invalid license; no insurance. Plead guilty, fined \$168.50.
Fernando Ocasaran, 18, possession of alcohol by a minor. Plead guilty, fined \$175, 6 months unsupervised probation. Shawn A. Parks, 39, disturbing the peace; drunk in public. Armando Perez-Mirales, 19, possession of alcohol by a minor. Plead guilty, fined \$175, 6 months unsupervised probation. Jose Angel Rodriguez Jimenez, 24, DWOP; no insurance; speeding. Heather Anne Schroeder, 27, DWOP.
Marlene Gorrette Selts, 40, disturbing the peace; drunk in public. Tracie Deana Stone, 44, battery. Nicholas William Tappan, 20, open container; possession of alcohol by a minor. Donny Ray Truhl, 50, disturbing the peace. Plead guilty, fined \$125; 5 days jail time, 5 days suspended, 6 months unsupervised probation. Elias Vega, 18, invalid license; no insurance. Plead guilty, fined \$50.
David Aharado, 44, DUI. Plead guilty, fined \$437.50; jail time 180 days, 178 suspended; 1 day served.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY ARRANGEMENTS, Oct. 3-3
Anthony S. Adams, 39, Castefield; injury to a child; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 12, 11:00 a.m. on own recognizance.
Donald A. Grundig, 46, Twin Falls; aggravated assault; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 12, 2:25, \$50,000 bond.
Tanner Busen, 27, Twin Falls; injury to a child; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 12, 2:25, \$50,000 bond.
Kurtly D. Beatz, 41, Hansen; felony driving under the influence; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 12, 4:40, \$40,000 bond.
Antonio E. Penito, 33, Twin Falls; voluntary manslaughter; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 12; \$100,000 bond.
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Jonathan P. Stanitz, 25, Buhl; driving under the influence; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Nov. 13; \$100 bond.
Ronaki C. Sheaf, 35, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 12; \$25,000 bond.
Jacob K. Sisson, 28, Buhl; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 12; \$5,000 bond.
Thomas Vandenberghe, 41, Buhl; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender denied; pretrial hearing set for Nov. 13; \$300 bond.
Daniel J. Dawson, 42, Twin Falls; fraud; insufficient funds check; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Nov. 13; \$300 bond; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Nov. 13; \$100 bond.

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Margaret Eddings

BURLEY — Margaret Leucetta Eddings, an 89-year-old resident of Burley, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007, at the Burley Care Center. She was born Dec. 8, 1917, in Twin Falls, Idaho, the daughter of Thomas Emmett and Ella Leucetta Spaulding Hays. She received her education in Filer, graduating from Filer High School in 1936. She married Alfred George Eddings, and together they had seven children. Margaret was a wonderful wife, mother and grandmother. She loved her family very much and always enjoyed the family gatherings. She loved fishing with her husband and traveling. One of her first loves was going to Jackpot, Nev., for a "get away." She was an outstanding homemaker and crocheted beautifully and worked for many years and retired from Ore-Ja Foods. She was also a member of the Catholic Church. Survivors include her children, Donald R. (La RaNe) Eddings of Burley, Robert L. (Aleta Kay) Eddings of Burley, Marilyn A. (Charles) Snow and Shirley A. (Everett) Clark, both of Burley, Debbie J. (Dick) Hawley of Winchester, Calif., and Thomas G. (Karen) Eddings of Burley; 27 grandchildren, 79 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband; a son, William Eddings; one brother, Henry Vincent Hays; and two granddaughters, Diane Ray and Vicki Eddings. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, where friends and family may call from 6 until 8 p.m. on Friday, and one hour prior to the service on Saturday. Officiating will be Pastor Ivan Smith. Burial will follow at the Pleasant View Cemetery.

SERVICES

Betty June Thaeet of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).
Charloette Elton "Chr" Thackeray of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome LDS 5th Ward Chapel, 100 S. 50 E.; viewing from 9 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).
Georton Leonard Prowse of Heyburn, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Calvary Chapel of Buhl, 206 S. Broadway Ave. (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).
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Dorothy Underwood of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Rocky Mountain Ministries, 845 Hyde Ave. (corner of East Alameda and Hyde) in Pocatello. Friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (Colonia Funeral Home in Pocatello).
Evelyna "Ena" Welch of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls in visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Friends may call from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.
Augustine "Stu" DeNaugh of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls in visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the mortuary. Friends may call from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.
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DEATH NOTICES

Lydia M. Carson
Lydia Mae Carson, 60, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. A celebration of Mae's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, at the Community Church, 303 Grandview Drive in Twin Falls, with Pastor Bob Adams officiating. At Mae's request, there will be no public viewing. Services and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given in Mae's name to a medical fund set up to defray costs for medical expenses. Contributions may be dropped off at any U.S. Bank or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83403.

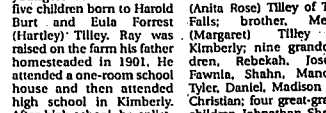
Curis Emerson
Curis Cur Emerson, 63, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007, at A-Garing Place in Twin Falls. Cremation is under the direction of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Gary C. Nelson
ELBA — Gary C. Nelson, 58, of Elba, died Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2007, at the Huntsman Cancer Hospital in Salt Lake City, Utah. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Vernon W. White
HAMMETT — Vernon W. White, 76, of Hammett, died Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at his home. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Ross Funeral Home, 207, at the base of Mountain Home.

Ray Richard Tilley

HANSEN — Ray Richard Tilley, age 83, of Hansen, passed away Monday, Oct. 1, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Ray was born in Rock Creek south of Hansen on May 5, 1924, the youngest of five children born to Harold Burt and Eula Forrest (Hartley) Tilley. Ray was raised on the farm his father homesteaded in 1901. He attended a one-room school house and then attended high school in Kimberly. After high school, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in Hawaii from 1948 to 1949. He married Barbara Wilson on July 6, 1954, in Twin Falls, Idaho; they lived on the same homestead for 50 years and raised their family there. Together they had four children, Randall, Cara, Martin and Lana Faye. Ray farmed most of his adult life and operated a custom hay-stacking, brokerage and booming company. He liked to do body repair and painting. He liked inventing things; he was a great handyman and had a strong work ethic, which he taught to his sons. He was a real people person. Ray enjoyed visiting with friends and strangers alike. Mostly he loved to show off his 1949 Cadillac and offer rides to any takers. Ray was a member of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, of 53 years; children, Randall (Sheri) Tilley of Hansen, Cara (Bill) Dick of Coeur d'Alene and Martin (Anita Rose) Tilley of Twin Falls; brother, Melvin (Margaret) Tilley of Kimberly; nine grandchildren, Rebekah, Joseph, Fawcitt, Shahn, Mandon, Tyler, Daniel, Madison and Christian; four great-grandchildren, Johnathan, Shawn, Brandon and Jarom. He was preceded in death by his parents, infant and sister, two sisters and a brother. At Ray's request, no service is scheduled. A celebration of Ray's life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls. Contributions may be made to the Gospel for Asia, www.gfaa.org (800) 946-2742; or Project Patch, www.projectpatch.org (960) 690-9455.



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Craig spoof ad targets farm bill

By Matthew Drey
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A group trying to combat childhood obesity has launched a TV and spoofing Idaho Sen. Larry Craig's toe-tapping in an airport men's room.

The ad, created by the nonprofit. Physicians Committee for Responsible Medicine, targets senators who support subsidies for high-fat foods such as bacon and burgers that make their way to school-lunch programs.

The ad features a man in a bathroom stall tapping his foot, signaling that he is ready to receive political contributions from the pork industry. Wads of cash are then passed under the stall.

"In turn, Congress buys up millions of dollars of these products and dumps them on

our schools," an announcer says. "Companies get rich. Kids get fat. Is your senator on the gravy train?"

A spokeswoman for the physician's group said the ad tries to use humor to make it a serious point: Campaign contributions from large agricultural interests influence senators as they consider a new farm bill that offers billions in subsidies to producers of pork, meat, dairy and feed crops. The physician's group, which advocates a vegan diet, wants to spend more money on fruits and vegetables.

"The real scandal in Washington is the farm bill," said Dr. Neal Barnard, the group's president.

Political action committees representing agribusiness have given more than \$5 million over the past four election cycles to members of the

Senate Agriculture Committee, according to the Center for Responsive Politics, which tracks money in politics.

Jeanne Stuart McVeey, a spokeswoman for the physician's group, said the ad is running on cable stations in five cities this week: Columbia, S.C.; Louisville, Ky.; Little Rock, Ark.; Denver, and Boise, Idaho.

All five states have senators who serve on the Senate Agriculture panel, including Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho.

The group has budgeted \$50,000 for the ads, which have already run in Washington, D.C., Atlanta and Minneapolis, McVeey said. Adams was targeted by Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga., the senior Republican on the Ag panel, received the most agribusiness contributions — \$865,359 — between 2000 and

2006. Minneapolis was chosen because that is where Craig was arrested.

Craig, a Republican in his third term, pleaded guilty in August to disorderly conduct following a June 11 sting operation in a men's room at the Minneapolis airport.

He initially said he planned to resign Sept. 30, but now says he will stay in office at least until a judge rules on his bid to withdraw his guilty plea.

McVeey acknowledged that some may find the ad offensive, but said the intent is to be funny — not cruel.

"Of course everyone knows about the Larry Craig saga — and vivid imagery is associated with that. We think it's a humorous way to get across a serious message," she said. A spokesman for Craig declined to comment.

Air Force helicopter crew rescues injured Idaho hunter

LEWISTON (AP) — A hunter who was injured in the remote mountains of the Selway-Bitterroot Wilderness Area was rescued by an Air Force helicopter crew.

Idaho County sheriff's Chief Deputy John Nida said Lloyd Johnson, 77, was on a guided hunting trip in the rugged terrain 24 miles northwest of Elk City on Monday when the mule he was riding spooked and

bashed him against a tree. Capt. Micah West, aircraft commander of the helicopter crew, said that from an initial inspection at the scene, Johnson appeared to

have suffered a broken leg and head injuries. He was in serious condition at St. Joseph Regional Medical Center in Lewiston, a nursing supervisor said.

Others in his hunting party called for help using a satellite phone, and after considering other options, authorities called a helicopter crew from Fairchild Air Force Base near Spokane, Wash.

The rescue crew, from the 36th Rescue Flight of the U.S. Air Force Survival, Evasion, Resistance and Escape School, made an initial attempt to reach Johnson on Monday, but turned back

because of thick fog and steep, rocky terrain camouflaged by snow at an elevation of 7,300 feet, Air Force officials said.

The crew stayed in Lewiston Monday night and continued the operation Tuesday.

"If we would not have gotten the Air Force to go in we would have been looking at a 5 1/2 hour horseback ride, at least," Nida told the Lewiston Tribune.

West said smoke from a campfire helped pinpoint the location of Johnson and his two hunting guides. A medical technician was

lowered about 170 feet onto a steep slope. From there, the technician hiked up to Johnson, provided initial medical care and helped as Johnson was hoisted to the helicopter. The rescue lasted about 40 minutes, West said.

The two guides had some basic medical training and were able to take care of Johnson until the helicopter arrived, West said. The guides left the scene on foot Tuesday.

The Air Force crew was required because it operates the only hoist-equipped helicopter in the region, West said.

Fiercer version of duck-billed dino found in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The world, it seems, was its salad bar.

Scientists are amazed at the chomping ability of a newly described duck-billed dinosaur.

The herbivore's powerful jaw, more than 800 teeth and compact skull meant that no leaf branch or twig would have been safe, they say.

The newly named Gryposaurus monumentensis, or hook-beaked lizard from the monument, was discovered near the Arizona line in the Grand Staircase-Escalante National Monument in 2002 by a volunteer at the site. Details about the 7.5-million-year-old dinosaur, including its name, were published in the Oct. 3 edition of Zoological Journal of the Linnean Society.

Duck-billed dinosaurs were previously known to have been among the most imposing herbivores.

Gryposaurus monumentensis, at least 30 feet long and 10 feet tall with a robust jaw and thick bones, was like a duck-billed dinosaur on steroids, said paleontologist Terry Gates.

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Thurs to Sun 12:30 - 2:30
All Days 12:30 - 2:30

Arctic Tale on Day 7:30
Sun 12:45 - 2:45 - 5:00 - 7:30

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Thurs 12:45 - 3:15 - 7:00 - 9:30

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Daily 7:30 - 12:00 - 2:00 - 7:30

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Bourne Ultimatum on Day 7:00 - 9:30
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Congress moves to change law that has given security contractors immunity from prosecution

By Anne Flaherty
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Congress is moving to update a law that has kept Blackwater USA and other private security contractors in Iraq immune to criminal prosecution. The White House contends the change could cause new problems.

The House was expected to pass legislation on Thursday by Rep. David Price, D-N.C., that would extend the criminal jurisdiction of U.S. courts to any federal contractor working alongside military operations. Senate Democratic leaders said they planned to follow suit as soon as possible and send the measure to President Bush.

The legislation comes amid a string of allegations involving Blackwater

employees hired by the State Department to protect diplomatic personnel in Iraq.

In one case, a drunk Blackwater employee left a Christmas eve party in Baghdad and fatally shot the guard of one of Iraq's vice presidents. The contractor was fired, fined and returned home to the United States; no charges have been filed.

More recently, Blackwater guards were involved in a Sept. 16 shootout that left 11 Iraqis dead. The FBI is investigating.

It is unclear whether charges can be brought against any of the contractors. Federal officials cite murky laws governing the conduct of U.S. personnel abroad not hired directly by the military. The current law, the Military Extrajudicial Jurisdiction Act, covers per-

sonnel supporting the mission of Defense Department operations overseas.

Defense Secretary Robert Gates told reporters traveling with him in South America that a Pentagon review team has recommended the military have more control over contractors and private security guards fall under the military code of justice in some cases.

He said new guidelines for military commanders in Iraq probably will increase the number of private security contractors who will face prosecution or discipline for violence.

Because Blackwater's primary mission is to protect State Department officials, defense lawyers probably would argue successfully that the current law does not apply.

At the same time, U.S. contractors are immune from prosecution by Iraqi courts.

While House officials say they support increasing accountability of contractors abroad, but worry that a House bill is too vague and may go too far. An administration statement Wednesday said the bill would have "unintended and undesirable consequences for crucial and necessary national security activities and operations."

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Terrorism defendant talks of 'Islamic army' on FBI tape

By Curt Anderson
Associated Press writer

MIAMI — The leader of a group accused of plotting terrorist attacks in the U.S. said on an FBI videotape played at trial Wednesday that he sought to raise an "Islamic army" to fight a guerrilla war.

Narsael Battiste was also recorded saying he needed boots, black uniforms and machine guns for his soldiers.

"I cannot show them strength, I cannot show them power, if I'm still weak," Battiste said during a secretly videotaped Dec. 16, 2005, meeting with an FBI informant posing as an al-Qaida operative named Mohammed.

"What's your plan?" Mohammed asked Battiste. "To build an Islamic army. For Islamic Jihad," Battiste replied.

The Yemeni informant was paid about \$80,000 by the FBI

to pose as the al-Qaida emissary.

The FBI had been investigating Battiste and six other men from Miami's impoverished Liberty City neighborhood after another informant tipped agents about the group in September 2005.

The so-called "Liberty City Seven" are accused of plotting to destroy the 110-story Sears Tower in Chicago and bomb FBI offices in five cities to ignite a war aimed at overthrowing the U.S. government. They face up to 70 years in prison each if convicted of all four charges, which include conspiracy to fight a war against the United States and providing material support to al-Qaida.

The purported Sears Tower plot was never mentioned directly on the FBI videotape, but Battiste told Mohammed at one point, without being specific, "It's there. We're going to bring it down."

"I like the word you said, 'bringing down,'" Mohammed answered.

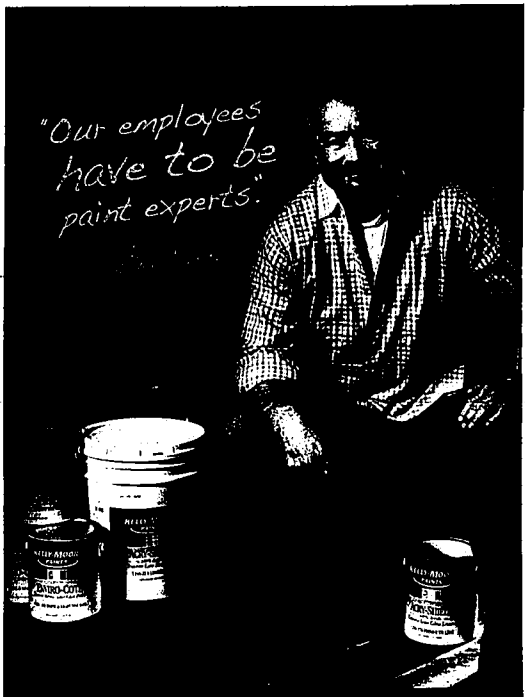
Defense lawyers insist the men only went along with Mohammed in hopes of scamming him out of about \$50,000 and never intended to carry out any attacks.

On the tape, Mohammed repeatedly tries to get Battiste to describe the group's intentions — "I'm asking you if I'm wasting my time," he said — and at one point said Battiste is too soft-spoken.

"Can you higher your voice, because I have a problem hearing?" Mohammed asked.

Battiste is clearly suspicious initially of Mohammed, asking at one point if the mdio could be turned on presumably to drown out their conversation. At another point, Battiste said, "I don't trust this place."

But at the end of the meeting, the two stood and embraced, and Battiste saluted Mohammed. "Carry on," Mohammed responded.



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West Virginia man accused of trying to flee from police while riding lawnmower drunk

MARTINSBURG, W.Va. (AP) — A man accused of drunken driving tried to outrun the police but his vehicle wasn't up to the task.

Michael Ginevan of Bunker Hill was driving a riding lawnmower on Runnymede Road about a mile from his home when a Berkeley County sheriff's deputy attempted to pull him over. Ginevan, 39, allegedly sped away and Deputy J.H. Jenkins stopped his cruiser and gave chase on foot, according to magistrate court records.

Jenkins caught up to the lawnmower after a short chase but Ginevan allegedly wouldn't stop so the deputy pulled him off the machine. Ginevan refused to take a field sobriety test and was arrested. Jenkins then found a case of beer strapped to the lawnmower's front, court records show.

Ginevan was charged with fleeing while driving under the influence and obstructing an officer. He was being held Tuesday at the Eastern Regional Jail on \$7,500 bond.

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Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

THANKS FOR LETTING US KEEP THE TURTLE. MOM.

YOU'RE WELCOME.

MAYBE OUR LUCK WITH PETS HAS CHANGED. HE ACTUALLY SEEMS PRETTY HAPPY HERE. DON'T YOU THINK?

OHL YEHL!

WHEN THEY FROG ON THESE BACKS WITHOUT KNOWING IT MEANS THEY'RE HAPPY, RIGHT?

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

ANOTHER WEEK, ANOTHER DOLLAR. IT SEEMS LIKE LIFE IS NOTHING BUT WORK, WORK, WORK!

BUT THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT! I LIKE BEING BUSY, AND BOY, I'M ALWAYS BUSY!

-I OWE I LOVE. IT'S OFF TO WORK I GO! HA!

NO MATTER HOW BUSY PEOPLE ARE, THEY NEVER TOO BUSY TO STOP AND TALK ABOUT HOW BUSY THEY ARE.

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

YUP, IT'S BROKE ALRIGHT... PROBABLY ONE A YOUR THEORETICAL PHYSICISTS, OR MAYBE ONE OF THEM WRITERS FROM QUANTUM LEAP.

TIME SPACE

Dilbert By Scott Adams

REMEMBER TO USE ALL OF YOUR VACATION TIME BEFORE YEAR END.

I'M OFF NEXT WEEK.

WHAT! I CURSE YOU FOR TAKING TIME OFF WHEN WE HAVE SO MUCH WORK TO DO! DIE, DIE, DIE!!!

ANYWAY, THE POINT IS THAT VACATIONS HELP RELIEVE YOUR STRESS.

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

HEY HEY! WE'VE GOT IT!

HOW'S EVERYBODY'S BONES DOING AT THE YET CAN YOU GET YOUR OWN GROUP "THOUGHT"?

THAT MUST BE INTERESTING! BUT YOU GUYS GET OUT AND GO TO THE GYM! YOU'VE GOT TO STUFF UP ON CONCH!

OH, SURE! SHOULD I GO TO THE GYM? I'VE GOT TO GO TO WORK!

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Troise

I THOUGHT I'D SHARE SOME OF MY OLD PLEASANT PHOTOS WITH YOU SOLITERS.

A lovely looking bunch!

We were a good group.

Who's the forty fellow with the sandwich?

'Suicide' Lou Hawkins. Once ate an entire shrimp 'n' tart for the memories!

Died a lovely man in a car. His tombstone has 'Tarts' for the memories!

Oh, sir.

No, no... it's pronounced "Boy-Zee".

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

IT'S ANOTHER STROKE, BILLY! HE'S ON-THE-EDGE AGAIN! ONE HE'S ON-THE-EDGE AGAIN!

THEY SAY IT WILL TAKE A FEW DAYS BEFORE YOU KNOW WHERE HE IS... MENTALLY AND PHYSICALLY!

WHAT IF HE NEVER WAKES UP? YOU GUYS GET OUT AND GO TO THE GYM! YOU'VE GOT TO STUFF UP ON CONCH!

DON'T WORRY THAT MUCH, I'M HERE TO TAKE CARE OF YOU!

IN THIS SITUATION... WANT TO THE BEST?

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

EVERY TIME I TRY TO SEIZE THE DAY, IT TURNS OUT IT KNOWS JUDD.

Luann By Greg Evans

IF ALL THE GIFTS AT STATION ONE BUY OUR MEALS, WE'LL MAKE \$350 A WEEK!

HOW MUCH WILL I MAKE?

A COOL \$55!

YOU'LL GET \$50 AND I'LL GET A HEAVY \$5!

YOUR \$5 COMES OUT OF THE \$50. PLUS, I PAY FOR FOOD, SUPPLIES AND GAS. I'LL SEND YOU COOKING AND PACKAGING. I'LL MAKE LIKE 9 CENTS AN HOUR. PROBABLY LESS!

HAHRT?

IS THIS WONDERING IF I'VE MET MY MATCH...

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

Wow! My agent just found me what I need to be a rock celebrity... A CAUSE!

APPARENTLY BEARS ARE INVASING TO SUBURBAN OUT WEST.

AND BEING PLAINED FOR INVASING HOMES, LOOKING FOR FOOD!

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OBVIOUSLY, THE BEAR COMMUNITY...

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OH, YOU SAY "POLESSE... LITTLE TROLL"?

Pickles By Brian Crane

WHAT'S THAT THING, EARL?

IT'S A LAMP MADE OUT OF A BLOAFISH. I FOUND IT AT A GARAGE SALE.

WOW. AMAZING.

YEAH. IT'S A BEAUTY, ISN'T IT?

NO, IT'S AMAZING THAT YOUR WIFE LET YOU BRING IT INTO THE HOUSE.

Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

HEEEOOOOWWW! I'M PEAKING! HOW WAS YOUR LUNCH?

WELL, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT YOU!

SERIOUSLY! HE ACTED AS IF HAVING GARDNER BEARDER BEARDER WAS A BAD THING!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

REAR AREA REAR VROOM!

DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS HEADZ? WE NOW HAVE WHEELS!

WELL... WHEEL!

MY FAT FAT FAT!

Non Sequitur By Wiley

DO YOU KNOW WHERE FRANKIE IS KATE?

YEAH, SHE'S PLUNGING IN HER THINKING TANK.

WELL, COME AGAIN?

IT'S A SCIENCE PROJECT TO BANNING FRANKIE FOR PROFIT.

OH, THAT'S ABOUT BANNING FRANKIE!

WELL, COME AGAIN?

YOU WERE SAYING...

NEVER MIND.

NON SEQUITUR BY THE WAY FOR SURETY GAIN THE BURNING PLANET AND THE BURNING PLANET BY THE ABSENCE OF TRANSPIRES IN PROPER DITS!

I TRAINED YOU BETTER THAN THIS!

Celebrate with friends today, Sagittarius

IF OCT. 4 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Friendships come and go. You may find yourself with a new crowd of more literate — but superficial — friends. Although younger family members, especially children and teenagers, may give you a fair share of nerves, all should turn out well. Relationships at work could waver if you discover that not all of your colleagues are reliable. Count on yourself first.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Love is making you the most adorable human being. You could be judged on your deeds, not on your talk, though, so the best way may be to prove mountains or use your hands to build a gift to offer your loved one.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): The stars favor intellectual debates and creative projects. Your work is steady and your boss is content with your output. Your mailbox might contain some bills, although they could be less than what you thought.

Gemini (May 21-June 20): You may want fun rather than serious work. If this is kept reasonable, the day should be easy going — although you'll have to catch up tomorrow. If

Horoscope
Jeraldine Saunders

work: control yourself and snats will ease in the afternoon. Your mind wanders happily and your concentration is lacking. You're basking in yesterday's love.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You wanted to achieve wonders and could now be able to obtain positive results, even if the budget is restricted. Bring your friends to celebrate.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Keep your ambitions in check; seemingly strange proposals from associates may be worth listening to, and can further your grasp of a business situation later in the day.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): All of your energy must be devoted to your spouse or the finding of the perfect partner. The fear of feeling financial restrictions should not be an excuse.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): The stars continue to smooth your way, even when you've been rained in your duties. Love, health, money, work: They're mostly all y'da's today, plus a notable improvement of your co-workers' moods in the afternoon.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The power of convincing others is yours today. You have charisma and the public will love you. You may use this afternoon to cautiously go over financial matters.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Some words are best not spoken and although work today may be full of minor stresses, you'll be able to balance everything. Physical activities, sports or heavy duties in the home would relieve your tensions.

Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): A work deadline is coming up this morning, so push to meet it and you will be rewarded for it with self-confidence and trust from others.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emotions will run high at

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blonde

By Dean Young & Stan Drake



The Born Loser

By Art Sanson, & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



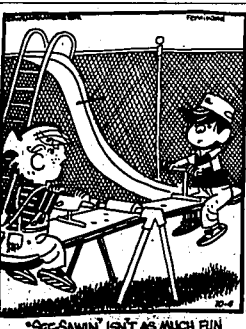
The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Friend's workout rivalry is no laughing matter



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne
Phillips

DEAR ABBY: A friend and I have the same personal trainer. Occasionally, he has used me to make her work harder. Yesterday he worked me very hard, and so I called her to tell her that she would need to eat an extra protein and complex carbohydrate because he had worked me unusually hard, and she would be worked hard too. She is very competitive and called me while her husband was present to tell me that she had done better during her workout than I had. I have laughed off other comments she has made, but I think this is her way of keeping herself on a higher level than I am on. I recently lost a lot of weight, and she is now on a diet to make sure she stays smaller than I am. As you can see, this has upset me, and I am tired of her one-upmanship. Am I overreacting? — HURT IN ARKANSAS

this, and have torn themselves down instead of building themselves up.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend I'll call "Louella" who constantly repeats stories she has told me before. My husband thinks it is all right to interrupt her and remind her that she has already told the story. I think the polite thing to do is let her finish and react as if I've never heard it. What is the appropriate thing to do when you've already heard a story once, twice or 10 times before? — HEARD IT ALREADY IN PORT ORANGE, FLA.

DEAR HEARD IT: If you have heard the story once, let Louella tell it again. However, if she is repeating the stories more than once, I agree with you. It is not polite to speak up and point out that the story has been related to you before. If Louella is literally telling the same stories as many as 10 times because she is going to brag, she is being dangerous. A word of warning: Many people have injured themselves doing

be told so that, if necessary, she can be evaluated by a physician.

DEAR ABBY: I work as an animal control officer, and today I was again called to the shelter because of yet another dog bite. (The person is now facing surgery to repair her chin.)

Please advise your readers that when they visit a shelter to adopt a pet or just look, putting their fingers and hands in the cages can be both risky and dangerous. I wish I could say that unfortunate things never happen, but they do.

Please do remember it's not your dog or cat. You don't know its temperament or what illness it might have. You could bring that illness home to your own pets, or worse, spread a disease from animal to animal.

—NO MORE BITE REPORTS, PLEASE, IN NORTH CAROLINA

DEAR NO MORE BITE REPORTS: Thank you for stating the obvious because it appears that people need the reminder. I am glad not only does this happen at animal shelters and pet shops, but also at zoos.

Thought for the day: Do not put your fingers and hands in chimneys where they don't belong. This can save you from pain, regret and doctor bills.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Oct. 4, the 277th day of 2007. There are 88 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

Fifty years ago, on Oct. 4, 1957, the Space Age began as the Soviet Union launched Sputnik 1, the first artificial satellite, into orbit.

On this date:

In 1777, George Washington's troops launched an assault on the British at Germantown, Pa., resulting in heavy American casualties.

In 1822, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, was born in Delaware, Ohio.

In 1940, Adolf Hitler and Benito Mussolini conferred at Brenner Pass in the Alps, where the Nazi leader sought Italy's help in fighting the British.

In 1957, Jimmy Hoffa was elected president of the Teamsters Union.

In 1957, the situation comedy "Leave It to Beaver" premiered on CBS-TV.

In 1965, Pope Paul VI became the first pope to visit the Western Hemisphere as he addressed the U.N. General Assembly.

In 1970, rock singer Janis Joplin, 27, was found dead in her Hollywood hotel room.

In 1976, Agriculture Secretary Earl Butz resigned in the wake of a controversy over a joke he'd made about blacks.

In 1978, a funeral mass was held at the Vatican for Pope John Paul I.

In 1980, some 520 people were forced to abandon the cruise ship *Prinsendam* in the Gulf of Alaska after the Dutch luxury liner caught fire; no deaths or serious injury resulted.

Ten years ago: Hundreds of thousands of men attended a Promise Keepers rally on the mall in Washington, D.C.

Five years ago: John Walker Lindh, the so-called

"American Taliban," received a 20-year sentence after a sobbing, halting plea for forgiveness before a federal judge in Alexandria, Va. In a federal court in Boston, Richard Reid pleaded guilty with a laugh to trying to blow up a trans-Atlantic flight with explosives hidden in his shoes as he declared his hatred for America and his loyalty to Osama bin Laden.

One year ago: Ousted Hewlett-Packard Chairman Patricia Dunn, a company officer and three investigators were charged with violating California privacy laws in a corporate spying scandal. (The charges were later dropped, with a judge calling their conduct a "betrayal of trust and honor" that nonetheless did not rise to the level of criminal activity.) American Roger D. Kornberg won the Nobel Prize in chemistry. New York Times correspondent R.W. Apple Jr. died in Washington at age 71.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actor Charlton Heston is 84. Country singer Leroy Van Dyke is 78. Actress Felicia Farr is 75. Actor Eddie Appleton is 72. Author Anne Rice is 66. Actress Lori Saunders ("Petticoat Junction") is 66. Actor Clifton Davis is 62. Actress Susan Sarandon is 61. Blues musician Duke Robillard is 55. Playwright Lee Blessing is 58. Actor Armand Assante is 58. Actor Alan Rosenberg is 57. Producer Russell Simmons is 50. Musician Chris Lowe (The Gap Band) is 48. Country musician Gregg "Hobbs" Hubbard

(Sawyer Brown) is 47. Actor David W. Harper is 46. Singer Jon Secada is 46. TV personality John Melendez ("The Tonight Show") is 42. Actor Uli Schreiber is 40. Actor Abraham Benrubi is 38. Country singer-musician Heidi Newfield is 37. Rock musician Andy Parke is 37. Actress Alicia Silverstone is 31. Actor Phillip Glasser is 29. Actress Rachael Leigh Cook is 28. Actor Jimmy Workman is 27. Rhythm-and-blues singer Jessica Benson (Blizz) is 20. Actor Michael Charles Roman is 20.

THOUGHT

"If you really want to do something, you will find a way. If you don't, you will find an excuse."

—Anonymous

Artist gets probation for building secret apartment

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — The leader of an artists' cooperative has been sentenced to probation for getting up a secret apartment inside a shopping mall's parking garage as part of a project on mall life.

Michael Townsend, 36, said he started with the artists built the 750-square-foot apartment beginning in 2003 and lived there for up to three weeks at a time. "The artists built a clandestine building for a script utility door to keep the loft hidden from the

outside world.

But fully, the apartment was inside furnished, down to a nutcracker and a Sony Playstation 2 — although a burglar broke in and stole the Playstation last spring, Townsend said.

There was no running water, instead they used the mall bathrooms. On his Web site, Townsend said he was inspired by a Christmas-time ad for the double which featured a "fan enthusiastic female voice talking about how great

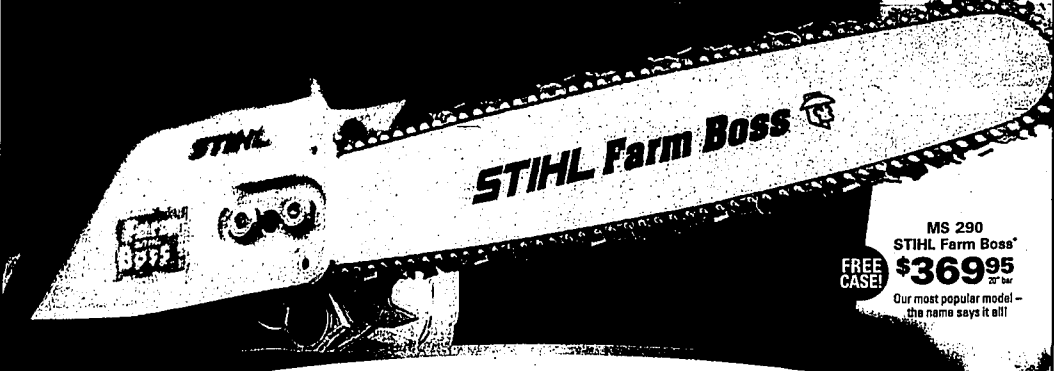
would be if you (we) could live at the mall."

He built the dwelling "out of a concrete floor and stand the mall more and life as a shopper."

Townsend said plans to make the apartment "super-sewer" with laminated wood flooring and other perks fell apart last week after he and a visiting artist from Hong Kong walked into the room and were greeted by three security guards. He pleaded no contest to a trespassing charge.

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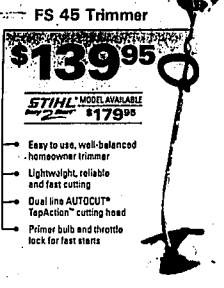
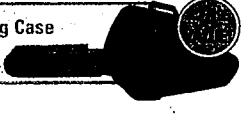
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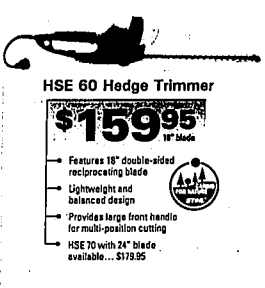
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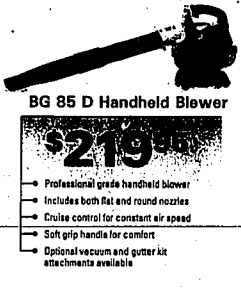


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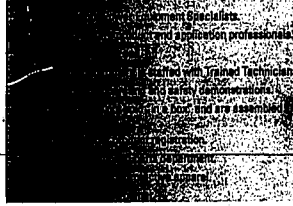


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Bilingual Education association holds confab

Times-News
"Closing the Achievement Gap: Everyone's Responsibility" is the theme of the Idaho Association for Bilingual Education's 15th annual conference, which will be held today and Friday at Robert Stuart Junior High School in Twin Falls.
The cost is \$115 and \$40 for students and parents. Registration starts at 8 a.m. each day.
Today, Sam Byrd is the

keynote speaker and will talk about "Language Issues in Idaho Schools."
Workshops include supporting English language learners, migrant identification, diversity, dual language, writing for academic success and more.
Friday workshops include helping students apply for scholarships, English as second language strategies for math in elementary school, and salsa dancing.
In addition, the association

professionals and others are invited.
University credit is available from Boise State University or Idaho State University.
The association is a non-profit organization with a purpose "to bridge the gap between cultures with the continuous use and preservation of two languages and their corresponding cultures in the field of education." The association says it promotes bilingual/bicultural educational services to children, youth, and adults at all levels in both the community and educational institutions throughout the state and the nation by encouraging the English-speaking population to participate in bilingual educational programs and receive the benefits of bilingualism. The association also "embraces the rich cultural and linguistic diversity within our state and promotes its inclusion in the education of all students."

Immigrants and welfare benefits topic of meeting

Immigrants and welfare benefits will be the topic of the Hispanic Business and Professionals Network meeting at noon Monday at the Aztlán restaurant on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in Twin Falls.
Glenda Dwight, the self-reliance supervisor with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, will be the speaker.
Noel Morfin also will give a short report on the Hispanic Heritage pageant.
Anyone is invited to the no-host lunch.
For more information, call Pat Marcantonio or Leticia Coronado at 733-0931.



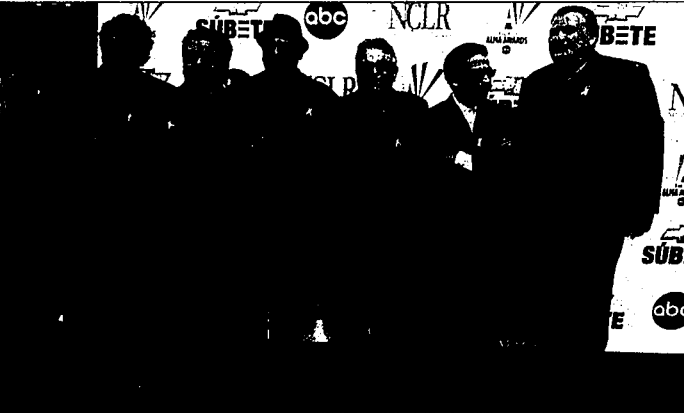
Finally home

Homebuyer Education classes now more accessible to Idahoans; Spanish textbook now available

Finally Homebuyer Education classes are now more accessible to Idahoans through the classes' newly printed Spanish-language textbook.
"The ability to offer our textbook in Spanish greatly increases our efforts toward meeting the needs of minority homebuyers," said Sue Pisanik, Finally Homebuyer Education administrator. "The textbook serves as a long-term resource for families, and includes information on how homeowners can maintain their home in years-to come, as well as providing suggestions to help homebuyers improve their neighborhoods."
The Spanish textbooks will be provided to class participants upon request and will be made available to those who take the course online. The majority of the funding for the translation of the Spanish textbook was provided by the Wells Fargo Housing Foundation.

The Homebuyer Education program is provided by the Idaho Partners for Homebuyer Education Inc., a nonprofit organization that has joined with local partners in Idaho to offer Finally Home classes every month statewide. Class content covers topics including credit and budgeting issues, qualifying for a mortgage, choosing a real estate professional, and making an offer and closing on a home.
This textbook is what Idaho Partners for Homebuyer Education calls its latest commitment in reaching out to minorities in Idaho. Earlier this year, the organization released a series of DVDs featuring its courses in Spanish, so those people in areas of the state where an instructor-taught Spanish course wasn't available had the opportunity to participate in the program. Those interested in viewing these DVDs can contact the nearest training partner. The homebuyer education courses in Spanish are offered monthly by Northwest Nazarene University in Nampa.
There is a cost of \$10 per person for the classroom course or to view the DVDs; and a \$50 charge per person for the online course.

LOS LOBOS TO PERFORM AT BENEFIT CONCERT FOR L.A. HIGH SCHOOL DAMAGED BY ARSON



Musical group Los Lobos arrive at the 2007 National Council of La Raza ALMA Awards in Pasadena, Calif. In this June 1 file photo, Arson at Garfield High School's historic auditorium earlier this year charred almost all of the famed portraits that hang on the wall of fame.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Arson at Garfield High School's historic auditorium earlier this year charred almost all of the famed portraits that hung on the wall of fame. All that is, except for a picture of Cesar E. Chavez of Los Lobos.
"It's a calling," said Rossas,

53, a member of the famed East L.A. band. "It means we're on a mission from God to try to help."
Los Lobos will perform a benefit concert Oct. 14 to raise funds for the reconstruction of the school auditorium, which was gutted in the May 20 fire. There was an estimated

\$30 million in damage. The band, whose original four members are all Garfield graduates from the early 1970s, will headline a bill with other Chicano artists including Flaco, Little Willie G of The Midnights and El Chicano. Police have arrested an

arson suspect, a 16-year-old Garfield freshman who lived within walking distance of the school. The student was reportedly angry at a teacher.
"This little mixed-up kid, God forgive him," said Rossas. "He's just too immature to realize the damage he's caused."

FOUNDATION FOR THE ARTS CEREMONY

Pop singer star Gloria Trevi, from Mexico, performs during the The National Hispanic Foundation for the Arts ceremony Tuesday in Washington D.C.



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White House: Increased enforcement disrupts Mexico drug supply

The Washington Post
MEXICO CITY — Mexico's crackdown on drug cartels and stepped-up U.S. border enforcement have disrupted the flow of illegal drugs and caused cocaine supply shortages in 37 U.S. cities, according to a report scheduled for release Tuesday by the White House drug policy office.
Cocaine prices have nearly doubled in some cities and soared from a nationwide average of \$95.89 a gram during the first quarter of this year to \$118.70 in the second quarter, the report says. Law enforcement officials track drug supply levels in part by monitoring prices. Rising prices typically indicate reduced supplies.

Larry Birns of the nonprofit Council on Hemispheric Affairs, a frequent critic of U.S. drug policy, dismissed the numbers as "seasonal" blips.
"The long-term trend is prices remaining constant or going down," Birns said in an interview from his Washington office. "Law enforcement agencies claiming successes in this anti-drug battle is somewhat illusory."
The cocaine supply figures are part of a rollout of new data, and the declassification of parts of the Bush administration's strategic counter-narcotics plan, by White House drug officials who were criticized last month by the Government Accountability Office.

The watchdog agency accused the White House Office of National Drug Control of not coordinating sufficiently with Mexican law enforcement during a time when Mexican cartels penetrated nearly all regions of the United States and took in up to \$23 billion annually in revenue. The White House paints a rosier picture, citing a robust counter-drug relationship between the United States and Mexico, according to a summary of the declassified plan obtained by The Washington Post.
"This is historic progress," John Walters, director of the White House drug policy office, said in a telephone interview from Washington on Monday. "We've never worked better together."
Walters also said that "we're a couple of days away from releasing details" of a massive aid package to help Mexico fight drug cartels. "We're finalizing things."
The aid package is expected to be the largest U.S. anti-drug endeavor overseas since the 2000 launch of Plan Colombia, a multibillion-dollar campaign designed to eradicate coca and erode support for Marxist rebels. The Mexico proposal, which will likely require congressional approval, will probably have two phases, a top Bush administration official said Monday. The first phase, which would include money for training and equipment, would be "just shy of \$1 billion," the official said.
Independent of the aid package, the Bush administration says it is engaged in reshaping its drug strategy along nearly 2,000 miles of the U.S.-Mexico border. The strategic counter-narcotics plan, which Walters plans to release Tuesday in San Diego after meeting with state, federal and local law enforcement officials, calls for more

efficient distribution of information among U.S. agencies and for sharing more information with Mexican law enforcement.
"Unfortunately this information is not adequately compiled, analyzed and disseminated throughout the intelligence and law enforcement communities," the summary says.
Without going into detail,

the summary also says the United States will increase resources dedicated to stopping drugs at ports of entry along the border by employing "ground-breaking technology and time-tested tactics, such as the use of K-9 units."
The plan also calls for the deployment of more aircraft to "eliminate air travel's utility to criminals."

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Oktoberfest boosts business downtown

By Melissa Davis
Times-News Correspondent

For Twin Falls residents, Oktoberfest is a chance to get outside, enjoy local entertainment and sample some good beer. For downtown merchants, it's a great opportunity to reach out to new customers.

Tom Asthenbrenner, owner of Rudy's A Cook's Paradise, said his business sees a lot more customers during Oktoberfest. Patrons are drawn downtown by the festival's dances, music and outdoor vendors, he said. While they're in the area, they stop in his store, resulting in more sales.

"Whenever we have more traffic, we sell a lot of kitchen gadgets," he said.

Beverly O'Connor said her business, O'Dunkens, is at a prime spot to benefit from the surge of people Oktoberfest brings to downtown. At the

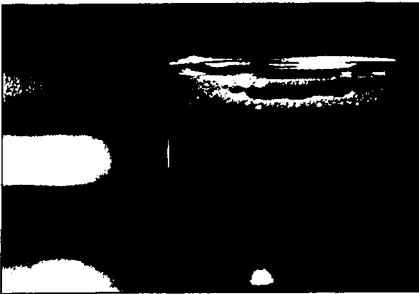
corner of Shoshone and Main, the business sees a lot of traffic.

"It's the corner everyone hangs out at," she said. It doesn't hurt that the pub releases its fall and winter beers at the same time, she said.

While the festival brings more people downtown, not all business owners are happy with the change Oktoberfest brings, said Ryan Horsley, chairman of the Historic Downtown Business Improvement District.

"You have merchants who enjoy having the people down there, enjoy people coming down for the events," he said. "And you have other merchants who don't, who say it's somewhat of a nuisance."

Irene Snow, owner of Snow's Antiques, said Oktoberfest can make it hard for people to find her business when traffic is stopped on the street. However, the festival



Fresh from the tap: A weeklong beer parties in the afternoon light Wednesday at O'Dunkens' Draught House in downtown Twin Falls. O'Dunkens' owner Beverly O'Connor says that the bar will offer a variety of fall and winter beer as well as the usual favorites during Oktoberfest 2007 this weekend.

brings in a lot of people who might not normally come to downtown.

"Sometimes it takes an occasion for people to make the effort," she said.

Misty Strickland of The

Gyros Shop said the restaurant also sees a boost in business during the festival.

"We're busy normally; but we get a lot more (during Oktoberfest), it seems like," she said.

Strickland, who started working at The Gyros Shop last year just before the festival began, said Oktoberfest isn't the only reason the shop is busy.

"This time of year... is a

really busy time," she said. Snow agreed, saying Oktoberfest marks the beginning of the holiday shopping season for her store.

"We're always anxious for that time of year to start," she said.

Horsley said it's important to remember Oktoberfest is about bringing the community together and not making money.

"At times when you get too fixated on making money, you kind of lose sight of what it's really there for," he said. Still, he acknowledges the benefit the added revenue brings to downtown businesses.

"At times you have to honestly take a look at it and say what are we doing? What is our goal here? Are we doing something good? Are we providing a benefit to downtown and the community?" Horsley said. "And I believe that we are."

Pumpkin harvest

Low pumpkin production forecast as drought wipes out many crops, too much rain harms others

By Tim Huber
Associated Press writer

BUFFALO, W.Va. — There's trouble brewing in the pumpkin patch.

Scorching summer and lack of rain this weather wiped out some pumpkin crops from western New York to Illinois, leaving fields dotted with undersized fruit. Other fields got too much rain and their crops rotted.

Pumpkin production is predicted to be down for the second straight year. U.S. Department of Agriculture figures show a slight production decrease from 2005 to 2006 in what the department estimates is a \$100 million-a-year industry.

"If you've got to have them for your 5-year-olds, I certainly would not wait a long time to get them," said Steve Bogash, a Penn State University horticulture educator who works with about 1,600 Pennsylvania vegetable growers.

Pennsylvania, the nation's No. 2 producer, harvested what Bogash calls a beautiful early crop. But he said the state's midseason pumpkins were a bust and the fate of late-season pumpkins depends on decent weather holding on well into October.

A lack of rain in July and August seems to have hurt the most.

Hot, dry weather causes pumpkins to produce too many male blossoms and too



Bob Gritt stands near part of his fall pumpkin crop at his farm near Buffalo, W.Va., Sept. 26.

few female ones. Farmers also can blame drought for seeds of small pumpkins as well as lighter weights because of a lack of water.

Standing in a 2-acre pumpkin field at his Buffalo farm, Bob Gritt lamented the poor color and small size of the crop surrounding him.

"The color's not real good on them," he said. "There's not very many big ones in there."

At least Gritt has pumpkins. Some West Virginia farmers don't. The West Virginia Pumpkin Festival has found itself in the unusual position of importing pumpkins for the four-day event beginning Thursday

that lures about 40,000 visitors to Milton every year, organizer Martha Poore said.

Boyd Meadows, owner of Halfway Markets Inc. in Milton, says he's importing pumpkins for many customers "who can't get them from their home state."

"I think that anywhere that anybody had irrigation, they got a lot of pumpkins," Meadows said. "Anybody that did it just planting the pumpkins and depending on Mother Nature to give them water, got a very, very poor crop, if any."

Meadows estimates that production is down two-thirds in West Virginia, Kentucky and parts of Ohio.

Indiana, conversely, got a big crop, which Meadows attributes to adequate rainfall there and in northern Ohio, the nation's top pumpkin state.

"They got rain," he said. "A lot of things are being brought in from our state."

The drought has also hurt growers in western New York, and in Michigan, as much as half the crop has been lost because of hot, dry weather in the north. Michigan State University extension educator Ron Galdy estimates. Heavy rain that left standing water in southern Michigan fields caused much of the crop to rot, a problem Galdy says also affected parts of Illinois, Indiana and Ohio.

Race to reboot: Competitors retool old devices, invent new ones

By Mike Musgrove
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Microsoft brushed up its Zune music-player line Tuesday; Sony just updated its Reader device.

Will consumers care? So far, shoppers have largely shrugged at the gadgets. People who want to carry their digital music with them still prefer Apple's iPod, which dominates the market.

And as for Sony's Reader — which lets users download entire books and read them on a screen — well, so far, people still prefer actual books, finding them easier to use and far cheaper than Sony's \$300 device.

Microsoft's Zune holds only about 3 percent of the music-player market. Sony's Reader device exists in a market so small that analysts don't even track it.

For Microsoft, the Zune is an ongoing attempt to steal some of the thunder of the iPod, which has 70 percent of the market. For Sony, a company that has struggled to compete in the portable-electronics sector since the Walkman was eclipsed, the Reader is an attempt to build a market from scratch.

Across the \$148 billion consumer electronics industry, this is the beginning of the all-important holiday season. Manufacturers are rapidly putting out the freshest versions of their gadgets in the hopes of reaching a wider

audience than they captured during last year's holidays.

To try to compete with Apple's latest iPods, Microsoft's new Zune will come with a touch-sensitive button that users can swipe their fingers over to quickly sail through their music collections. Online, users will be able to connect and check out their friends' listening habits through a social-networking feature called Zune Social. And Microsoft just announced that it is adding about 1 million songs that are free of copy-protection software to its online store.

Jason Reindorp, marketing director of the Zune at Microsoft, walked through the new features in a phone interview Tuesday. "We're really positioning ourselves as the alternative to the iPod," he said.

Analysis are skeptical about whether this will be the Zune incarnation that starts to get traction in the marketplace, but they also expect Microsoft to keep trying, even if this Zune doesn't turn out to be the one that clicks with consumers.

"They know this market is a big market that won't go away," said Tim Bajarin, an analyst with Creative Strategies.

He said the new Zune features aren't innovative enough to cause Apple much anxiety. "I think they're in it for the long term," he said of Microsoft.

ADVERTISING EVENT

Advertising and communicating with different generations

The Magic Valley Advertising Federation will host D.J. Sprague of LHM Advertising out of Salt Lake City on Thursday, Oct. 11.

Sprague will examine the social and media consumption habits as well as psychological differences of each generation, and how best to

advertise and communicate with them.

The event is sponsored by Magic Valley Mall, and lunch will be provided by Outback Steakhouse. Deadline for reservations is Wednesday, Oct. 10. For more information call Debbie Currier at (208) 736-0823.

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Photos and videos give jury a picture of Princess Di's last hours

By Robert Barr
Associated Press writer



New Images of Diana before accident
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LONDON — A photograph captures the scene inside the car minutes before the crash that killed Princess Diana. The driver has a glazed look as a body guard tries to wave away pursuing paparazzi. Diana's head is turned away, toward the back windshield.

This and other fleeting images are giving a coroner's jury a picture of the last hours of the princess and her boyfriend Dodi Fayed — hours filled with shopping at the Ritz Hotel on Aug. 30, 1997. The images show Fayed leaving for a short car ride across the place Vendôme to Repossi Jewellers, then returning a short time later with a brochure. Ritz executive Claude Roulet is seen with what was described as a bag of rings from Repossi's "dis moi oui" (tell me yes) line.

Whether Diana and Fayed planned to announce their engagement the next day is one of the questions before the jury, as is the claim that Diana was pregnant with Fayed's child. Both claims are part of Mohamed al Fayed's insistence that the couple were the victims of an Establishment plot directed by Prince Phillip, the queen's husband.

Shots of two people standing in an elevator may tell you nothing about how they came to die in a car crash hours later. But the images of photographers swarming around their car during the day help explain the appar-

ently hasty change of plans that led the couple to flee from the rear entrance of the hotel shortly after midnight.

The videos shown to the jury were taken from 31 of the 43 security cameras at the Ritz, said Inspector Paul Carpenter, who was part of Metropolitan Police investigative team headed by former chief John Stevens. That team laid the blame for the crash on driver Henri Paul, concluding that he was far over the legal limit for alcohol and driving too fast. Paul also died in the crash.

Many of the images are fuzzy, Diana, one of the world's most photographed women, isn't always instantly recognizable.

Two photos shown to the inquest on Tuesday, taken by French photographer Jacques Langevin, apparently are the last taken of Diana before the crash — though only her hair is visible.

The time is 12:20 a.m. on Aug. 31, 1997. About 10 minutes later the Mercedes had slammed into a pillar in the Pont d'Alma tunnel.

Langevin was prosecuted for invasion of privacy for



This image made available Wednesday is made from CCTV footage showing Diana, Princess of Wales inside the lift at the Ritz Hotel.

taking two photos of the couple leaving the Ritz, and he and two other photographers faced the same charge for taking pictures of the car shortly after it crashed.

Langevin was acquitted of the charge involving the Ritz photos. Following a series of appeals, Langevin, Christian Martinez and Fabrice Chassagny were fined \$1.42 each by a Paris appeals court for the tunnel photos.

Jimmy Carter confronts Sudanese security in Darfur over meeting with refugees

By Alfred de Montezuelo
Associated Press writer

KAKABIYA, Sudan — Former President Jimmy Carter confronted Sudanese security services on a visit to Darfur Wednesday, shouting "You don't have the power to stop me!" at some who blocked him from meeting refugees of the conflict.

The 83-year-old Carter wanted to visit a refugee camp in South Darfur but the U.N. mission in Sudan deemed that too dangerous. Instead, he agreed to fly to the World Food Program compound in the North Darfur town of Kakabiyah, where he was supposed to meet with refugees, many of whom were chased from their homes by militias and government forces.

But none of the refugees showed up and Carter declined to walk into the town, a volatile stronghold of the pro-government Janjaweed militia, to meet refugees too frightened to attend the meeting at the compound.

He was able to make it to a school of former South African President Nelson Mandela, tried to ease his frustration and his Secret Service detail urged him to get into a car and leave.

"I'll tell President Bashir about this," Carter said, referring to Sudanese President Omar al-Bashir.

Omar, the security chief, said Carter had already breached security once by walking to the school and would not be allowed to breach security again.

"You don't have the power to stop me!"

However, U.N. officials told Carter the entourage the Sudanese state police could bar his way, Carter's traveling companions, billionaire businessman Richard Branson and Graça Machel, wife of former South African President Nelson Mandela, tried to ease his frustration and his Secret Service detail urged him to get into a car and leave.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT

SPECIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION

FILER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 413
TWIN FALLS COUNTY
STATE OF IDAHO

\$800,000 BOND

October 11, 2007

QUESTION: Shall the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, Idaho, be authorized to issue general obligation school bonds of said District in the principal amount of up to \$800,000 to become due in such installments as may be fixed by the Board of Trustees, the final installment to fall due not more than twenty (20) years from the date of the bonds, for the purpose of financing the costs of acquisition and construction of improvements to Filer High School consisting of bleachers, field lights, concession stands, lavatory facilities, team rooms, and installation of apartment lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate such facilities, all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on August 15, 2007?

IN FAVOR OF ISSUING BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$800,000 AS STATED IN THE BOND ELECTION RESOLUTION YES BONDS

AGAINST ISSUING BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$800,000 AS STATED IN THE BOND ELECTION RESOLUTION NO BONDS

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote on the preceding question, place an "X" in the square to the right of the words "IN FAVOR OF ISSUING BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$800,000 AS STATED IN THE BOND ELECTION RESOLUTION," or "AGAINST ISSUING BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$800,000 AS STATED IN THE BOND ELECTION RESOLUTION" according to the way you desire to vote on the question. All marks otherwise made are forbidden. All distinguishing marks are forbidden and make the ballot void. If you, by mistake or accident, mark, tear, deface, or otherwise mutilate this Ballot, return it to the Election Judges and obtain another Ballot. The following information is required by Section 34-439, Idaho Code: The total existing bonded indebtedness, including interest accrued, as of October 11, 2007, of the District, is \$1,843,563. The interest rate anticipated on the proposed negotiable bonds is approximately four and ninety-four one-hundredths percent (4.94%). The range of anticipated rates is from three and one-half percent (3.50%) to five and one-half percent (5.50%). The total amount to be repaid over the life of the proposed negotiable bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$1,373,796.

Verification
Kermit Leir, the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, Idaho, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and says that he is the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, Idaho, that he has read the within information required by Section 34-439 of Idaho Code, and believes the statements therein contained are true.

/s/ Kermit Leir

Clerk

PUBLISH: October 4, 2007

OFFICIAL BALLOT

* SPECIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION

FILER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 413
TWIN FALLS COUNTY
STATE OF IDAHO

\$1,490,000 BOND

October 11, 2007

QUESTION: Shall the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, Idaho, be authorized to issue general obligation school bonds of said District in the principal amount of up to \$1,490,000 to become due in such installments as may be fixed by the Board of Trustees, the final installment to fall due not more than twenty (20) years from the date of the bonds, for the purpose of financing the costs of acquiring, improving and preparing school site(s), including constructing, renovating, furnishing and equipping school, and making improvements to existing schools, including roof replacements; and acquiring and installing all lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate said buildings and facilities, all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on August 15, 2007?

IN FAVOR OF ISSUING BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,490,000 AS STATED IN THE BOND ELECTION RESOLUTION YES BONDS

AGAINST ISSUING BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,490,000 AS STATED IN THE BOND ELECTION RESOLUTION NO BONDS

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS: To vote on the preceding question, place an "X" in the square to the right of the words "IN FAVOR OF ISSUING BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,490,000 AS STATED IN THE BOND ELECTION RESOLUTION," or "AGAINST ISSUING BONDS IN THE AMOUNT OF UP TO \$1,490,000 AS STATED IN THE BOND ELECTION RESOLUTION" according to the way you desire to vote on the question. All marks otherwise made are forbidden. All distinguishing marks are forbidden and make the ballot void. If you, by mistake or accident, mark, tear, deface, or otherwise mutilate this Ballot, return it to the Election Judges and obtain another Ballot. The following information is required by Section 34-439, Idaho Code: The total existing bonded indebtedness, including interest accrued, as of October 11, 2007, of the District, is \$1,843,563. The interest rate anticipated on the proposed negotiable bonds is approximately four and ninety-four one-hundredths percent (4.94%). The range of anticipated rates is from three and one-half percent (3.50%) to five and one-half percent (5.50%). The total amount to be repaid over the life of the proposed negotiable bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$2,544,937.

Verification
Kermit Leir, the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, Idaho, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and says that he is the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, Idaho, that he has read the within information required by Section 34-439 of Idaho Code, and believes the statements therein contained are true.

/s/ Kermit Leir

Clerk

PUBLISH: October 4, 2007

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION

Pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho and the Bond Election Resolution of the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, Idaho, adopted on August 15, 2007, notice is hereby given that a Special General Obligation Bond Election will be held in the District on Thursday, October 11, 2007, beginning at the hour of 8:00 A.M. and closing at the hour of 8:00 P.M. on said date, for the purpose of taking a vote, by separate ballot, on each of the following questions:

QUESTION NO. 1: Shall the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, Idaho, be authorized to issue general obligation school bonds of said District in the principal amount of up to \$14,900,000 to become due in such installments as may be fixed by the Board of Trustees, the final installment to fall due not more than twenty (20) years from the date of the bonds, for the purpose of financing the costs of acquiring, improving and preparing school site(s), including constructing, renovating, furnishing and equipping schools; and making improvements to existing schools, including roof replacements; and acquiring and installing all lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate said buildings and facilities, all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on August 15, 2007?

Said election shall be held at the following polling places:
Filer High School
3915 N. Wildcat Way
Filer, Idaho

Hollister Elementary School
2453 Contact Avenue
700 Stevens Avenue
Filer, Idaho

Absentee Address:
Filer School District No. 413
700 B Stevens Avenue
Filer, Idaho

Notice is further given that only qualified electors of the District, being United States citizens eighteen (18) years of age or older, who have resided in the District for thirty (30) days preceding the Bond Election and who are registered or who register at the polls on the day of the Bond Election, as provided by law, are entitled to vote at said election.

Any registered elector of the District may make written application to the Clerk of the District in accordance with law for an absentee ballot for each bond question, provided that an absentee ballot must be received by the Clerk at the above Absentee Address not later than 8:00 P.M. on the day of the election in order to be counted. If all said Special General Obligation Bond Election two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified registered electors eighteen (18) years of age or older, who are registered or who register at the polls on the day of the election in order to be counted, are in favor of the proposed negotiable bonds, and the incurring of the indebtedness thereby created for the purpose of financing the costs of (1) acquiring, improving and preparing school site(s), including constructing, renovating, furnishing and equipping schools; and making improvements to existing schools, including roof replacements; and acquiring and installing all lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate said buildings and facilities pursuant to Question No. 1; and/or (2) acquisition and construction of improvements to Filer High School, consisting of bleachers, field lights, concession stands, lavatory facilities, team rooms, and installation of apartment lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate such facilities pursuant to Question No. 2, such negotiable bonds shall be issued for such vote purposes in the manner provided by the Idaho Code. Said negotiable bonds, or any series thereof, shall mature over a period commencing at the expiration of not more than two (2) years following the date of each series, and ending not more than twenty (20) years from the issue date of each series, and shall bear interest and be payable from ad valorem taxes in accordance with the provisions of Section 33-1107, Idaho Code.

The following information is required by Section 34-439, Idaho Code: The total existing bonded indebtedness, including interest accrued, as of October 11, 2007, of the District, is \$1,843,563. The interest rate anticipated on the proposed negotiable bonds is approximately four and ninety-four one-hundredths percent (4.94%). The range of anticipated rates is from three and one-half percent (3.50%) to five and one-half percent (5.50%).

IF Bonds under QUESTION NO. 1 are authorized:
The total amount to be repaid over the life of such proposed negotiable bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$2,544,937.

IF Bonds under QUESTION NO. 2 are authorized:
The total amount to be repaid over the life of such proposed negotiable bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$1,373,796.

Verification

Kermit Leir, the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, Idaho, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and says that he is the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of Filer School District No. 413, Twin Falls County, Idaho, that he has read the within information required by Section 34-439 of Idaho Code, and believes the statements therein contained are true.

/s/ Kermit Leir

Clerk

PUBLISH: September 20, 2007 and October 4, 2007

NOTICE OF SPECIAL GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND ELECTION

Pursuant to the laws of the State of Idaho and the Bond Election Resolution of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 414 (Kimberly), Twin Falls County, Idaho, adopted on August 20, 2007, notice is hereby given that a Special General Obligation Bond Election will be held in the District on Thursday, October 18, 2007, beginning at the hour of 8:00 A.M. and closing at the hour of 8:00 P.M. on said date, for the purpose of taking a vote, by separate ballot, on each of the following questions:

QUESTION: Shall the Board of Trustees of School District No. 414 (Kimberly), Twin Falls County, Idaho, be authorized to issue general obligation school bonds of said District in the principal amount of up to \$1,050,000 to become due in such installments as may be fixed by the Board of Trustees, the final installment to fall due not more than twenty (20) years from the date of the bonds, for the purpose of financing the costs of acquiring, improving and preparing school site(s), including demotion of obsolete structures; constructing, renovating, furnishing and equipping schools and school facilities making improvements to existing schools; and acquiring and installing all lighting, heating, ventilation and sanitation facilities and appliances necessary to maintain and operate such buildings and facilities, all as provided in the Resolution adopted by the Board of Trustees on August 23, 2007?

Said election shall be held at the following polling places:
Kimberly High School
885 Center Street West
Kimberly, ID

Absentee Address:
School District No. 414 (Kimberly)
141 Center Street West
Kimberly, ID 83341

Notice is further given that only qualified electors of the District, being United States citizens eighteen (18) years of age or older, who have resided in the District for thirty (30) days preceding the Bond Election and who are registered or who register at the polls on the day of the Bond Election, as provided by law, are entitled to vote at said election.

Any registered elector of the District may make written application to the Clerk of the District in accordance with law for an absentee ballot, provided that an absentee ballot must be received by the Clerk at the above Absentee Address not later than 8:00 P.M. on the day of the election in order to be counted. If all said Special General Obligation Election two-thirds (2/3) of the qualified registered electors eighteen (18) years of age or older, who are registered or who register at the polls on the day of the election in order to be counted, are in favor of the proposed negotiable bonds, and the incurring of the indebtedness thereby created for the purpose of financing the costs of the project described in the above Ballot Question, such negotiable bonds shall be issued for such vote purposes in the manner provided by the Idaho Code. Said negotiable bonds, or any series thereof, shall mature over a period commencing at the expiration of not more than two (2) years from the date of each series, and ending not more than twenty (20) years from the issue date of each series, and shall bear interest and be payable from ad valorem taxes in accordance with the provisions of Section 33-1107, Idaho Code.

The following information is required by Section 34-439, Idaho Code: The total existing bonded indebtedness, including interest accrued, as of October 18, 2007, of the District, is \$4,038,613. The interest rate anticipated on the proposed negotiable bonds is approximately four and seventy-five one-hundredths percent (4.75%). The range of anticipated rates is from three and one-half percent (3.50%) to five and one-quarter percent (5.25%). The total amount to be repaid over the life of the proposed negotiable bonds, based on the anticipated interest rate, is \$17,621,000.

Verification

Cathy Cooper, the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 414 (Kimberly), Twin Falls County, Idaho, being first duly sworn upon oath deposes and says that she is the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of School District No. 414 (Kimberly), Twin Falls County, Idaho, that she has read the within information required by Section 34-439 of Idaho Code, and believes the statements therein contained are true.

/s/ Cathy Cooper, Clerk

PUBLISH: September 27, October 4 and 11, 2007

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, the 15th day of January, 2008, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a.m. on said day at Alliance Title & Escrow, 1411 Falls Ave., E., Ste. 318, Twin Falls, Idaho, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, Charles W. Fawcett, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in law of the United States, all payables at the time of sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to-wit:
LOT 6 IN BLOCK 6 OF BICKEL ADDITION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 3 OF PLATS, PAGE 19.
The Successor Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113, Idaho Code, the Successor Trustee has been informed that the street address of 126 4th St., Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale, contained in the Deed of Trust executed by WAYNE F. KINDER, and CRISTINA H. KINDER, Husband and Wife, on 01/14/2008, as instrument No. 2006-00494, Mortgage recorded in Twin Falls County, Idaho, and assigned to the Idaho Housing and Finance Association. The Deed of Trust No. 2006-00494, Mortgage recorded in Twin Falls County, Idaho, and assigned to the Idaho Housing and Finance Association, instrument No. 2006-00494, is hereby acknowledged to be the Deed of Trust which is the subject of the above-mentioned foreclosure. The Successor Trustee, CHARLES W. FAWCETT, is RESPONSIBLE FOR NOT PRESENTLY, and shall be held responsible for the default for which this sale is to be made in the future to pay when due, monthly installment payments under the Deed of Trust No. 2006-00494, recorded in Twin Falls County, Idaho, on February 27, 2006, in the amount of \$653.00 each for the months of April through August, 2007, inclusive; and in the amount of \$653.00 each thereafter until date of sale or reinstatement. All delinquent payments are now due, plus accumulated late charges. The Successor Trustee, CHARLES W. FAWCETT, is responsible for the expenses associated with this foreclosure. The accrued interest is at the rate of 5.35% per annum from March 27, 2007, to the date of sale, plus balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$301,811.09. The accrued interest as of the date of this notice is \$3,534.40. The monthly payment is \$653.00 per annum from March 1, 2007.
DATED This 15th day of September, 2007.
CHARLES W. FAWCETT, a Member of the Idaho State Bar, SUCCESSOR TRUSTEE

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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

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LILLIE E. QUILLIC, Deceased. Case No. CV07-4284 NOTICE TO CREDITORS (I.C. 15-3-901)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the undersigned has been appointed as the administrator of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the publication of this Notice...

DATED this day 11th of September, 2007. Kenneth D. Quilic, District Clerk. Twin Falls, ID 83301-3647

PUBLISHED: October 4, 11 and 18, 2007

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

Case No. CV 07-3224 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of JAUNITA L. PETERSEN, Decedent. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT LINDA CALTON has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent...

DATED this 18th day of September, 2007. GREENWOOD LAW OFFICE, Attorneys for Plaintiff. PO Box 5737 Twin Falls, ID 83303-5737

PUBLISHED: September 27, October 4, 11 and 18, 2007

SUMMONS TO: DOUGLASS GLENN RUSSELL and DEBORAH L. RUSSELL, aka PEREZ, husband and wife. You have been sued by NCO Financial Systems, Inc., the Plaintiff, in the District Court for and in Twin Falls County, Idaho, Case No. CV 07-2145.

DATE: 7 September 2007. Krista Glasgow, Clerk. Twin Falls County District By Deput.

PUBLISHED: September 27, October 4, 11 and 18, 2007

NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE Idaho Code 45-1508 Today's date: September 13, 2007. File No: 7023-15838 Sale date and time (local time): August 18, 2008. Sale location: in the office of First American Title Company, 290 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

FOUND dog near Perthine Elementary. Shepheard, 12 weeks old. Shesha-mix with 2 white spots on chest. Call 734-4355.

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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. CV07-4155 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

KEN WEIGEL has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against said deceased person are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice...

DATED this 17th day of September, 2007. WORST, FITZGERALD & STOVER, P.L.L.C., Attorneys for Estate. PUBLISHED: September 20, 27 and October 4, 2007

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on Monday, October 22, 2007, at the hour of 6:00 o'clock, P.M. in the City of Twin Falls, Idaho...

THE CITY OF TWIN FALLS Requests a Zoning Title Amendment which would amend City Code 10-8-1 by deleting the existing text regarding impact alternate commissioner members for the Planning and Zoning Commission...

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PUBLIC NOTICE STATE OF IDAHO DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE Notice is hereby given that Floyd L.L. Wendell, Idaho is no longer doing business and is no longer licensed as a producer dealer, broker, commission merchant or agent under Idaho law...

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

Bobby Wolff

"For Keynes the short run was more significant than the long run... that long run in which, as he used to say, 'we are all dead.'"

-A.C. Pigou

The USA-1 seniors were the champions in Monte Carlo in 2003, but only two of the team, Roger Bates and Garey Hayden, were present to defend their title in Estoril.

In one room the Australian South jumped to three diamonds over East's Precision one-diamond opening. Everybody passed, and that led to a quiet plus130 for the Australians.

In the room on which we are focusing, the opening call by East, Bruce Neill, of one club was natural, but made life easier for his opponents. Lew Stansby then introduced a simple overcall, then South made his hearting in response to Roger Bates' unassuming cuebid of two clubs, which showed a strong hand with diamond support. The defense had to be precise to defeat four hearts after Ron Klingner as West saw no reason to lead a diamond, declarer's suit. Instead he led a spade to Neill's ace and Neill returned a spade. Stansby rose with the spade king and now was obliged to cross to a diamond in dummy to be able to pitch his spade loser on the club ace. Next, he played the king to his hie and West's king. Klingner smoothly switched to the spade six, and Neill equally smoothly ruffed with the ace. Now he could give his partner a diamond ruff for down one: minus 100, and six IMPs to Australia.

NORTH 10-4-4
A 8 7 4
Q 10 8 4
K Q 9
A Q 5

WEST
A Q 6 5 3 2
K 7
9 7 4 3 2

EAST
A 10
A 8 5
K J 10 8 6

SOUTH
K J 9
J 9 3 2
A J 10 8 6 4

Vulnerable: North-South
Dealer: East

The bidding:

South West North East
1 Pass 4 Pass
2 Pass 4 Pass

Natural lead: Spade three

BID WITH THE ACES

South holds:
A 8 7 4
Q 10 8 4
K Q 9
A Q 5

South West North East
A 1 Pass 2 Pass
Pass 2 NT Pass

ANSWER: What's going on? Never consider the unlikely with the impossible. Your own hand and bridge logic tell you that partner cannot have a natural bid in no-trump or he would have acted before. Therefore, he must have both minors and a limited hand, perhaps three clubs and six diamonds. So bid three diamonds now.

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 Tera Gregs, as in, steps during a Magic Valley Little Theatre rehearsal for "Little Women."



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2. "Survivor: China," CBS.
3. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
4. "Sunday Night NFL Pre-Kick," NBC.
5. "Cold Case," CBS.

—From Nielsen Media Research

FILM

1. "The Game Plan," Disney.
2. "The Kingdom," Universal.
3. "Beverly Hills Cop: Extermination," Sony Screen Gems.
4. "Good Luck Chuck," Lionsgate.
5. "3:10 to Yuma," Lionsgate.

—From Media By Numbers LLC

HOT FIVE

1. "Crank That (Souja Boy)," Souja Boy, ColiP/Parl/Interscope.
2. "Stronger," Kanye West, Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam/UMG.
3. "The Way I Are," Timbaland feat. Keri Hilson, Mosley/Blackground/Interscope.
4. "Big Girls Don't Cry," Fergie, will.i.am/A&M/Interscope.
5. "Bed," J. Holiday, Music Line/Capitol.

—From Billboard magazine

ALBUMS

1. "Reba Duets," Reba McEntire, MCA Nashville/UMG.
2. "Graduation," Kanye West, Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam/UMG.
3. "Curis," 50 Cent, SYM/A&M/Aftermath/Interscope/IGA.
4. "The Greatest Songs of the Seventies," Barry Manilow, Arista/RMG/dk.
5. "Just Who I Am: Poets & Pilates," Kerry Chivers, BMV/S&N.

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CONCERT TOURS

1. The Police.
2. Kenny Rogers.
3. Tim McGraw/Faith Hill.
4. Dave Matthews Band.
5. Rascal Flatts.

—From Pollstar

VIDEO SALES

1. "Boyz n the Ring: Evolution: The Revolution Begins: Volume 2," Full Sail.
2. "Yoga Conditioning for Athletes," Gaian Video.
3. "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea (Special Edition)," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
4. "Leapfrog: Talking Words Factory," Warner Reprise Video.

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Away," Warner Family/Entertainment. —From Billboard magazine

VIDEO RENTALS

1. "Blades of Glory," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
2. "Delta Force," Lionsgate Home Entertainment.
3. "Georgia Rule," Universal Studios Home Video.
4. "Wild Hogs," Touchstone Home Video.
5. "Perfect Stranger," Sony Pictures Home Entertainment.

—From Billboard magazine

DVD SALES

1. "Grey's Anatomy: Season Three," Touchstone Television.
2. "Blades of Glory," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
3. "Wild Hogs," Touchstone Home Video.
4. "Charmed: The Final Season," Paramount Home Entertainment.
5. "The Office: Season Three," NBC Home Video.

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BEST-SELLING BOOKS

1. "The Age of Turbulence: Adventures in a New World" by Alan Greenspan (The Penguin Press) (non-fiction/hardcover).
2. "You've Been Warned" by James Patterson, Howard Roughan (Little, Brown) (fiction/hardcover).
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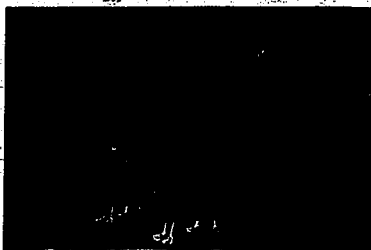
—From USA Today

TOP ITUNES DOWNLOADS

1. "Crank That (Souja Boy)," Souja Boy.
2. "1234," Folet.
3. "How Far We've Come," Matchbox Twenty.
4. "Bubbly," Colbie Caillat.
5. "Rockstar," Nickelback.

—From Apple Computers Inc.

VIDEO GAME UPDATE



"World of Warcraft" creator Blizzard Entertainment deploys a software program called the Warden to detect cheating and ban perpetrators.

With real money at stake, crackdowns on video game cheating gain currency

The Associated Press

Corp. is suggesting a technology for doing it.

But one huge question is: Can cheating really be stifled?

"What I've always said is: It'll go away the same time crime goes away," said Tony Ray, founder of Even Balance Inc., which makes cheating-detection software called Punkbuster.

"There's always somebody trying to get around the rules." Perhaps, but Gary McGraw and Greg Hoglund, authors of the new book "Exploiting Online Games," argue that video game makers could do much more to stifle it. McGraw and Hoglund contend that poor software design enables the vast majority of cheats.

Complex games operate partly on central servers run by the game companies and partly on a player's own computer. Essentially, the individual computer reports back to the game on the mouse clicks or trigger pulls performed by the player, and the game registers the appropriate response. That's where cheating hacks often occur: Tell your computer to report 100

Some players give themselves the ability to magically see and shoot through walls. Others find a way to fly, making them nearly impossible to defeat. Cheating like this in video games has a long and even respected tradition. Games have often been played with cheats — intentionally or not — for sophisticated players to hack into the software and then skip levels or take on supernatural powers. But these days, the subject is getting a more serious look. Unlike older games, today's are purchased to be played with strangers over the internet. And now real money is at stake. Punkbuster has the "World of Warcraft" and other computer environments like "Second Life," in name a few, have their own currency or other virtual riches that can be traded for hard U.S. dollars.

In other words, hacking into a video game to cheat can be a business strategy. And so clamping down on it could be key to maintaining virtual worlds' economies and reputations. Even chip-maker Intel

Poverty and pride

MV Little Theatre brings musical version of Alcott classic to stage

BY STEVE CRUMP
Times-News writer

No bells, no whistles, no pyrotechnics, no cast of 100. That's what makes the musical version of "Little Women" ideal for community theater.

At least that's the opinion of Lori Henson, longtime Twin Falls music and theater director, about the Magic Valley Little Theatre's production of "Little Women," which opens Friday in the O'Leary Junior High auditorium in Twin Falls.

"It's a character-driven play," she said. "There are just 10 characters, but they're great characters."

Composer Jason Howland and lyricist Minda Dickstein collaborated on this version of Louisa May Alcott's 139-year-old American classic novel. It opened on

Broadway in 2005 and ran for 137 performances.

"I saw it there, and I loved it," Henson said. "I knew I wanted to do it here."

Apart from Mark Twain's "The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn," "Little Women" is probably the best known American novel. There have been four Broadway productions and 13 movie adaptations.

"I've seen the Katharine Hepburn version and the June Allyson version and the Winona Ryder version, and they were all very good," Henson said. "At the beginning of rehearsals my actors asked me if they could watch the movie, and I said, 'Go ahead. But it's not like the play.'"

"Little Women" is the story of Jo March, a tomboy and the second of four daughters of an impoverished Concord, Mass., cler-



Emily O'Connor, playing Beth, acts out a scene during a Magic Valley Little Theatre rehearsal for "Little Women."

gyman who's off serving as a chaplain in the Civil War. Each of the March sisters has a character flaw, and Jo's is her impulsiveness.

She longs to leave home and become a writer, but Jo stays home for the good of the family. Yet when her sister Meg plans to marry, Jo leaves for New York City where she meets a professor who helps with her writing. Meanwhile her old sweetheart falls in love with Jo's sister Amy, and when the fourth sister — Beth — falls ill, Jo returns home.

Jo is onstage a lot in the Howland-Dickstein musical — she sings 11 of the 20 songs — and Henson looked for a strong voice and a commanding stage pres-

ence. She found it in Tess Gregg, a Twin Falls High graduate and a freshman at the College of Southern Idaho.

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Seren Clark, left, in Meg, and Emily O'Connor, as Beth, do a scene during a "Little Women" rehearsal.

Jo and company

• What: Magic Valley Little Theatre will present Minda Dickstein, Jason Howland and Alan Knop's musical based on Louisa May Alcott's novel "Little Women."

• Where: O'Leary Junior High School auditorium, Twin Falls.
• When: Friday, Saturday and Oct. 12/13, 7:30 p.m.; and Sunday and Oct. 14, 2 p.m.
• How: • New music: Tickets, which are \$10, are available at the door or at Everybody's Business and Valley Garden Center in Twin Falls, Saw-Mor Drug in Buhl, Arlene's Flowers in Jerome and The Dutch Garden in Wendell.

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BY CARINA CHOCANO
Los Angeles Times

The notion of Jane Austen as palliative for all that ails you reaches its warm and cuddly apotheosis in "The Jane Austen Book Club," adapted from the novel by Karen Joy Fowler. Capable, if not exactly artfully directed—by longtime screenwriter, first-time feature director Robin Swicord, "Book Club" is a widget carefully engineered to comfort, console and sell like hot cakes since it was but a gleam in the author's eye, and Swicord doesn't mess with the formula.

When Jocelyn (Maria Bello) loses her beloved dog to the great beyond and Sylvia (Amy Brenneman) loses her beloved husband to a woman on the office in the same week, their friend Bernadette (Kathy Baker) decides what they need is a six-pack of Jane and some company. Standing in line at the movies she meets a dedicated Austen fan named Prudie (the excellent Emily Blunt), a depressed French teacher unhappy in her marriage, and invites her to join too—for Sylvia, of course. She's a matchmaker. Rounding out the group is Sylvia's daughter Allegra (Maggie Grace), an impulsive and heedlessly romantic young lesbian.

All of them, needless to say, find themselves in various states of grief, crisis, confusion or denial. And all of them mirror an Austen heroine of their own. (Prudie is Fanny, Jocelyn is Emma, Allegra is Marianne, and so on.)

The movie is divided into six sections centering on one of the novels and the attendant discussion/parallel universe situation being experienced by the discussion leader. As the themes in the books stir up the



Maria Bello and Amy Brenneman in 'The Jane Austen Book Club.'

'The Jane Austen Book Club'

Starring Maria Bello, Emily Blunt, Amy Brenneman
Rated PG-13 for mature thematic material, sexual content, brief strong language and some drug use.
Starts Friday at the Twin Cinema.

problems in their lives, things start to go wondrously.

Hugh Dancy is charming as the odd-man-out Grigg, a self-once-fiction lover who joins the group to be close to Jocelyn (who keeps pushing him on Sylvia). Naturally, he gets the lemon, "Northanger Abbey" (no hate mail, please), but makes lemonade by turning his horrible McMansion in neo-suburbia into a haunted house for the club meeting.

The movie's best sequence is its opening, in which Swicord depicts modern life as a funny, remarkably well-observed sym-

phony of small annoyances and episodic structure, "The Jane Austen Book Club" probably lost plenty in the translation to film and, in parts, the story feels awkwardly truncated or too shallow to matter.

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Movie nuggets

• **"The Brave One"/B+** This canny, thoughtful and violent new film from director Neil Jordan ("The Crying Game"), asks: If perhaps there is a killer lurking within each of us, it stars Jodie Foster as Erin Brock, a radio talk host who roams New York collecting stories about "the safest big city in the world." Until one evening when she is mugged in a Central Park tunnel, beaten close to death, while her fiancé is killed. And after weeks in a coma, she unexpectedly finds a murderous urge within her. The New York locations help to accentuate the post-9-11 paranoia at work, but the film has a clearer antecedent in 1974's "Death Wish." If "The Brave One" draws the sizable audiences it deserves, look for it to trigger debate over the morality of Eric's actions. No matter which side you find yourself on, it is hard to deny that this is an urban thriller with something worth thinking about. 2 hours, 2 minutes, R.

• **"Dragon Wars"/B** rating A young boy — the reconstituted spirit of a 16th century Korean warrior — grows up to be a TV reporter (Jason Behr) entrusted to find and protect his reimagined love (Amanda Brooks). She's the key to unleashing a heavenly power that turns super serpents called Imogei — whether naughty or nice — into dragons. And after a 500-year break, one very bad Imogei is army-equipped to find her. PG-13.

• **"Eastern Promises"/A-** One of David Cronenberg's finest films, with Viggo Mortensen as a driver for the Russian Mafia in London, and Naomi Watts as a midwife determined to protect the life of a newborn infant. A Ardy leads her to the seated world of the Russians, led by Adam Mueller-Stahl as the patriarch and Vincent Cassel as his son; the result isn't exactly a crime story, but a thriller about human nature. Scenes of startling violence. 1 hour, 36 minutes, R.

About the rating system

The letter grades in these capsule reviews are from the Atlanta Journal-Constitution and the Associated Press.

• **"Eye of the Dolphin"/No rating** Following her mother's death, 14-year-old Alyssa (Carly Schroeder) travels to the Bahamas to meet her estranged father, Hawk (Adrian Dunbar), a dolphin researcher. Soon Alyssa discovers she shares her father's gift for communicating with dolphins, leading to a heartfelt friendship with a wild dolphin. Her father, however, has scientific concerns about her interacting with a wild animal. PG-13.

• **"Feast of Love"/No Rating** Based on the novel by Charles Baxter, *Improvvised* 20-year-olds from terrible backgrounds meet cute, mate for life and click neatly into a tight-knit, loving community that's saving a special spot just for them, and trauma gets no traction. With Morgan Freeman, Greg Kinnear, Jane Alexander. R

• **"Game Plan"/C** The game plan behind "The Game Plan" was obvious from the movie's trailer and poster: Look, The Bear's back, but now he's a lovable lug, a softie learning to embrace his paternal side and hang with the wee ones. Just like Vin Diesel in "The Pacifier," "Game Plan" aims to turn an action-movie bruiser into a benign father figure. And the same as Diesel, Johnson manages enough charisma to overcome an often awkward performance and at least provide a likable anchor for this lazily plotted, vacuously predictable tale of an egomaniacal football star dealing with a daughter he never knew he had. 1 hour, 50 minutes, PG.

• **"Good Luck Chuck"/No rating** "Good Luck Chuck" packages Dave Cook him as Charlie, an affable and affluent dentist who horndogs around some but who cannot teach his heart how to love. The concept of Josh Stolberg's script is simple: Every

woman Charlie dates ends up marrying the next guy. His reputation as a good guy is ruined when he ensures that the ladies beat a path to his door. The resulting one-night-stand montage runs 10 times longer, and with less wit, than the comparable sequence to "Wedding Crashers." R.

• **"The Heartbreak Kid"/No rating** Ben Stiller plays a commitment phobe who finally takes the plunge and marries a woman who seems normal. But immediately after their wedding, she shows her true colors, and they couldn't be uglier. While on their honeymoon, he finds another woman (Michelle Monaghan) who may be his true love. R.

• **"In the Valley of Elah"/No rating** Tommy Lee Jones plays Hank Deerfield, a retired military man investigating the mysterious disappearance of his soldier son, Mike. In this somber mystery drama from director Paul Haggis, Charlize Theron is the civilian homicide cop in the small town near the base where Mike recently returned from a term of combat in Iraq. When this unlikely pair ends up investigating the mystery together, they encounter some suspicious covering-up from the army. R.

• **"Jane Austen Book Club"/No rating** The lives of six ordinary people take on contemporary parallels to the text in the Jane Austen novels they are reading as part of a community book club. PG-13.

• **"The Kingdom"/C** Director Peter Berg ("Friday Night Lights") uses very hip hand-held and ultra-close-up camera tricks to tell his filmy story of FBI cowboys who fly to Riyadh, the Saudi capital, hoping to avenge a massive act of terrorism brutally against a community of Americans. While such cinematography proved effective in this summer's "Bourne Ultimatum," here they seem to be trying to hide the emptiness of Matthew Michael Carnahan's screenplay. 1 hour, 50 minutes, R.

• **"Mr. Bean's Holiday"/C** A pleasant-enough trifle, a collection of familiar sketches strung together, as the near-silent king of British wit takes a prattling-filled road trip from rainy London to the sunny beaches of the French Riviera. 1 hour, 30 minutes. At metro theaters. G.

• **"Mr. Woodcock"/No rating** Billy Bob Thornton is back in business as the nightmarish gym teacher of "Mr. Woodcock," a movie that commits sins of excess, except regarding Thornton. There's not nearly enough of him. PG-13.

• **"Resident Evil: Extinction"/No rating** Milin Jovovitch returns to her signature role as the zomb-put-kicking genetic hybrid, Alice, once again separated from her clothing as often as narratively possible and wielding guns, knives and kicks with aplomb. "Extinction" picks up several years after the "Survivor" from the earlier films has spread around the world, turning those infected into the walking dead, and even zombie dogs and a sky full of zombie crows dot the landscape. R.

• **"The Seeker"/No rating** The story of Will Stanton (Christopher Eccleston), a young man who learns he is the last of a group of warriors who have dedicated their lives to fighting the forces of the Dark. Traveling back

and forth through time, Will discovers a series of clues which lead him into a showdown with forces of unimaginable power. With The Dark rising, the future of the world rests in Will's hands. PG

• **"Sydney White"/No rating** Amanda Bynes plays a teenager with the rugged soul of a plumber's daughter and the elite aspirations of her late sorority-gate maid. At home, she wears plaid shirts and wields a wrench to the manner born, but she enrolls in the whitest university in the country and rushes at the blondiest, most uptight house on campus. PG-13.

• **"3:10 to Yuma"/No rating** If "3:10 to Yuma" feels familiar, and it does, it's not just because it's a remake of the classic 1957 western. Almost every plot point — psycho gunslingers, savage Apaches, even doctors who say "that bullet has to come out" — is a trope that has been a genre standard for decades. But what's most impressive about this new version, starring Russell Crowe as a charismatic outlaw and Christian Bale as the downtrodden rancher who crosses his path, is that James Mangold directs it with such energy and passion that it's as if he didn't know it's all been done before. R

—Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Los Angeles Times



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Movies

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

"Evan Almighty"

G

Steve Carell is lovable as God's unwilling disciple. But the comedy is less than divine. God may be in all things, but lately he seems especially at home in a certain kind of big-budget studio comedy aimed at a very particular market. That would be, apparently, the market that loves its zingy Bible puns and its adorable CGI versions of all God's creatures but doesn't want to be made to feel too bad about driving that SUV or heating 6,000 square feet in a just-sprouted development.

In Tom Shadyacs' "Evan Almighty," as in its predecessor, "Bruce Almighty," the supreme being spends a lot of time adjusting the attitudes of middle-class everymen who have strayed from the path of righteousness. Not that they've strayed very far, mind you — the God of studio comedies is not really all that judgmental, preferring to overlook the lighter, middle-class sins so as not to alienate his core fan base.

Here, he's once again portrayed by Morgan Freeman as one part groovy yoga instructor, one part Vegas magician and one part high-end New Age life coach in Deepak Chopra pajamas. No part of him, however, suggests the Old Testament deity who, upon deciding that his creation is a big fat disappointment, wipes it out and starts all over again. A God that vengeful and cranky may be OK for the



Unaccountably, God picks Steve Carell as his see-noak in "Evan Almighty."



Dede! Cody Maverick (at risk, voiced by Shun Lee) and Geek (Jeff Bridges) are totally tubular in "Surf's Up."

Bible, but nobody expects him to carry a \$175-million movie.

The eminently lovable Steve Carell, on the other hand, is just the man for that job, no matter how schmaltzy the character. Carell plays Evan, the preening, buffoonish Buffalo, N.Y., anchorman despised by Bruce in the first movie. He's just been elected to Congress on the "change the world" ticket, and the movie gets going as he piles his family — wife Joan (Lauren Graham) and three standard-Jesus movie sons — into a shiny new Hummer. No sooner

has he settled into his new northern Virginia home, a day-old McMansion in the brand-new development of Prestige Crest, than Evan starts receiving divine hints (a Bible verse on the clock radio, a crate of antediluvian tools on the doorstep and a pallet of lumber on the lawn). Then God shows up and orders a custom boat.

When Evan arrives at Capitol Hill for his first day on the job, having been inexplicably trailed by incontinent wild life throughout the commute, Evan finds that Congressman Long (John Goodman) has installed him and his name — campaign manager Mary (John Michael Higgins), assistant Rita (Wanda Sykes) and Intern Eugene (Jonah Hill) — in a supposedly luxurious office and is angling for Evan's support on what is clearly a shady land-grab bill. No body suspects a thing.

What might follow, if the script didn't feel like it had been written over a weekend with a book of bad Bible puns in hand, would be some kind of ethical quandary: Should Evan advance his political career or do the right thing by opposing the bill? How will his beliefs be transformed?

Instead, Evan tries to go about his business as usual while God strings—some him into a do-it-yourself project by turning him into Dr. Dolittle and afflicting him with a bad case of hyper-hisuratism. It's not so much a test of faith as a test of endurance. His hair and beard grow uncontrollably. Suits fly off him to be replaced by sackcloth robes. Lastly, how much bad poop can Evan withstand before caving?

Nobody plays the humiliated, put-upon putz like Carell, however, so while it's disappointing to see him stuck in a soulless widge like this one, it's better than not seeing him at all.

—Los Angeles Times

"Surf's Up"

PG

"Charlie don't surf!" bellows Robert Duvall in "Apocalypse Now"; but apparently penguins do. At least that's the concept of the animated "Surf's Up," a clever, delightfully rendered diversion in which a tiny rock-popper penguin named Cody Maverick aspires to be a champion waver rider.

Sure there are slow spots, mainly because of overindulgence of an otherwise dead-on faux documentary format, but when Cody (voiced by Shun Lee) meets up with a portly burnout named Geek (Jeff Bridges) and the surfing action heats up, the movie definitely hangs 10 (or six, these being penguins and all).

Unlike that other animated penguin movie "Happy Feet," climate change is of little concern to the animated critters, but that populates the movie as they move easily across the icy waters of Antarctica and the balmy climes of Pen Gu Island where most of the action takes place.

Young Cody is discovered in his native Silverpoo by a shrill, show-biz savvy absentee named Mitzie Abramowitz ("See in the City" Mitzie Cantone), who whisks him off to idyllic Pen Gu to compete in the Big Z Memorial Surf-Off — an homage to Z, the legendary King penguin who once visited Silverpoo inspiring Cody.

"Surf's Up" rides inventive visuals to money-winning results. The surfing action replicates and at times surpasses the real thing, and the fabricated "vintage footage" is a wonder to look at. Interviews with Cody and his family conducted by a comically intrusive documentary crew frame the main story, building toward the film's little bird's inevitable clash with emperor penguin "Think" the Shredder" Evans

(Diedrich Bader), nine-time winner of the Surf-Off.

The chemistry between Le Boucuf and Bridges is striking, and their styles mesh superbly.

Though their characters are at opposite ends of the enthusiasm meter — Geek is Shun nonchalant to Cody's spirited zeal — the actors share an intensity that is difficult to fake.

—Los Angeles Times

"28 Weeks Later"

R

When "28 Days Later" hit theaters in 2002, the popular joke was that the film must be the sequel to the abymal Sandra Bullock rehab drama of two years prior, "28 Days." But when the lights went down and director Danny Boyle's post-apocalyptic zombie flick rolled, the jokes promptly ceased.

As with its predecessor, there is absolutely nothing to laugh about in "28 Weeks Later." As in the first film, mankind's obvious enemy is a human-borne virus that infects humans instantly and irreparably, causing them to turn into flesh-eating monsters that move like Olympic sprinters. While the first installment dealt with the utter devastation of mainland Britain — most of which is overrun by the infected as a few survivors cling desperately to hope — "Weeks" explores what happens when reconstruction begins on unstable ground.

At the outset of the movie, a father of two (Robert Carlyle), in a moment of pure weakness, leaves his wife behind in an abandoned farmhouse to fend for herself against an onslaught of raging evil. After a tearful reunion in a slowly repopulating London, his two children (Mackinnon Hughie and Imogen Poots) sneak into still-unsacred parts of the city in an attempt to learn the truth about their ravished home and family: Can the two minors survive in a viral wasteland nature never intended? Is there any hope for humanity when the contaminated and their panic-stricken prey are trapped on an island together? —Boston Globe

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Sun Valley Center exhibition considers the power of maps

BY KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times-News

KETCHUM — A few years ago, Santiago Sierra directed the South Korean Army to excavate a hole on either side of the North Korea/South Korea border. The Spanish-born, Mexican-based artist then had the two bulldozers take the dirt they'd dug out of one hole and fill the other with it.

The gesture pointed out that no real difference existed on either side of the invisible line that divided the two countries, despite the hostilities that this arbitrary, imaginary line has prompted.

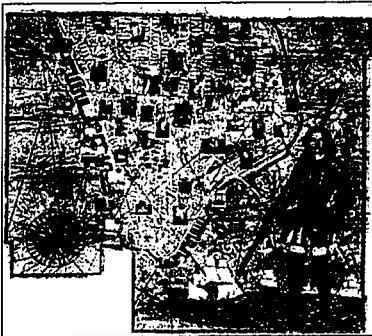
And the photographs of the event play perfectly into the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' new exhibition "Lines in the Earth: Maps, Power and the Imagination."

The exhibit, which opens Friday and runs through Dec. 14, features a variety of works based on maps.

Courtney Gilbert, who curated the exhibit, said her interest in the subject was piqued by the work of a Chilean artist Alfredo Jaar, who did a project in the 1990s that showed how many world maps tend to exaggerate the size of wealthy countries and downplay the size of poorer countries and continents, such as Africa.

"I've been interested in maps all my life," she said. "When I was a kid I loved looking through atlases and imagining where those maps would take me. And then I read Mark Monmonier's book 'How to Lie With Maps.'"

"We tend to read maps as objective, truthful documents but, according to Monmonier, we use maps to tell some truths but with our point of view to represent other interests. There was, for instance, a surrealist map of the world that the French made where they diminished all of the United States but Alaska but expanded Russia and Mexico.



New York artist Jane Hammond was influenced by her distaste of war and colonialism in her piece 'The Wonderfulness of Downtown,' part of the Sun Valley Center's new exhibition "Lines in the Earth: Maps, Power and the Imagination."

Ironically, the Castle Rock Fire was happening at the edges of Ketchum as Gilbert was readying the exhibit. And as the fire burned, Wood River Valley residents huddled around fire maps that showed solid black lines where the fire had been "secured" and grayed red ones where it was still uncontrolled.

What they couldn't tell by the maps, Gilbert said, was where the smoke had exceeded those boundaries to seep into people's homes while they slept or the realities of the firefighters who were working to keep the fire from running through homes and businesses.

"Maps don't reveal everything," she said. "But, nevertheless, we have been using them for thousands of years to define our world."

Among those in the exhibition is an East Coast artist who inserts book quotes, movie images and other things onto maps to address how the British, Spanish and other empires affected the conquered.

A pacifist, she believes that maps are a tool to war and colonialization, Gilbert said.

Drawing on lines

Events associated with "Lines in the Earth"

• Oct. 12 and Nov. 23: Gallery walk with wine and hors d'oeuvres, 5:30-8 p.m. Free.

• Oct. 14: Concert featuring Zuni, a British group whose music crosses real and imaginary borders, blending Eastern European gypsy fiddle music with the passion of Argentinean tango, klezmer, Celtic, salsa, bluegrass, Arabic, and cabyso, 7 p.m. Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, Ketchum. Tickets: \$25; \$10 for kids 12 and under.

• Oct. 15: Rob Setloff, executive director of The Washington Institute for Near East Policy, talks on "Middle East: Mapping the Political Geography of a Troubled Re-

The art was inspired by a dream Hammond had after watching a newscast about the carnage of the Iraq war. In her dream she saw a map of Iraq covered with butterflies.

The transitory nature of the butterflies parallels the precarious political and economic situations of troubled countries like Uganda.

And their short lifespan represents the idea that lives can be snuffed out prematurely just because they have the misfor-

tion," 7 p.m., nexStage Theatre, Ketchum. Tickets: \$15.

• Oct. 19: Opening of Halley artist Bruce Weiser's "Live in the Earth Journeys" at The Center's Hallway Location, 5:30-7 p.m. Free.

• Oct. 21: Family Day, in which participants will create a life-size illustrated walking map, 9-5 p.m. The Center in Ketchum. Free.

• Nov. 17: "First Person: Stories from the Edge of the World" featuring Ensemble Gattil and National Public Radio host Neal Conan. Blends music of the world with narration of texts by world's explorers and National Geographic Society photographers, 7 p.m., Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, Ketchum. Tickets: \$25.

• Tuesdays: Free docent tours of exhibit at Ketchum Center.

tune of being on the wrong side of an imaginary line set down on a map.

Meanwhile, Hammond's "Wonderfulness of Downtown" features a female conquistador next to a map of Manhattan overlain with snapshots of everyday life. The art acknowledges that maps enabled conquerors to conquer new lands.

But, in turn, it's a map of home — a map the conquistadors never needed.

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• **Shari's, 1601 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.** — Steak, seafood, lemon-dill salmon, pies. \$7.20-\$12.99. Hours: Open 24/7. Shari Strop, owner. 734-2110.

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 you may well 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 725-3223 or e-mail him at scrump@magicalvalley.com. It's a free service.

• **Tea-Box Canyon Springs Bar & Grill, 199 Canyon Springs Dr.** — Burgers, Philly steak sandwiches, ale-battered cod, crispy chicken salads. \$4.29-\$9.39. Full bar. Hours: Daily, 9 a.m.-8 p.m. Jay and Terrielle Hostins, owners. 735-9194.

• **Tomato's Italian Grill, 1309 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.** — Steak, pasta, gourmet pizza. \$6.45-\$19.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m.; closed Sundays. Max Humphries, owner. 735-9190.

• **The Restaurant, 1021 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.** — Generous chicken, Mongolian beef, crispy prawns. \$4.95-\$11.95. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Sundays, 4 p.m.-10 p.m. Len Lee, owner. 736-4992.

• **Wink 'n Grill, 1188 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.** — Burgers, pizza, Mongolian chicken, Mongolian buffet. \$6.50-\$9.50. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Thursdays, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-11:30 p.m.; Sundays, 11 a.m.-10:30 p.m. Ken Tan, owner. 734-6599.

• **Woody's, 213 5th Ave. S.** — Chicken strips, hamburgers with fries or torti, lamb and beef gyro sandwiches with curried sauce on pita bread, pizza, super nachos, six flavors hot chicken sandwiches, nine flavors of chicken wings. \$3.50-\$12.99. Full bar. Hours: Daily, 11 a.m.-1 a.m. Dave and Tim Woodhead, owners. 732-0077.

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• **El Tepalc, 88 S. Idaho St.** — Fajitas, steak, seafood. \$4.99-\$12.50. Wine, beer. Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m. Jaime Perez, owner. 536-5584.

• **Farmhouse Restaurant, 1955-B Frontage Road S.** — Steak, seafood, prime rib, espresso. \$4.95-\$17.95. Hours: Sundays through Thursdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m.; Fridays and Saturdays, 7 a.m.-10 p.m. Penny and Courtney Hohnhorst, owners. 536-8688.

McCall looking for musicians for 2008 community concert series

Times-News

Second Sunday Sounds @ Six, McCall's free community recital series, is seeking musicians for the 2008 season.

The monthly series was established by the McCall Community Congregational Church in October 2006 as an outreach to the McCall community and an effort to foster interest in the performing arts and music education. Nearly 800 attended the series during the past year, which included a variety of programs ranging from Renaissance counter-tenor to a very professional high school chamber orchestra.

Second Sunday Sounds @ Six provides performances of sacred and classical music on the second Sunday of every month. Performances begin at 6 p.m. at the Congregational church and are free to the public.

Artist compensation for the recital series is \$300 for soloists, \$400 for duos and \$500 for ensembles of three or more, plus

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overnight lodging if needed. Four recitals will be compensated at \$1,000 for artists and ensembles of accomplishment.

Interested musicians should prepare a program with a minimum of 50 minutes of sacred or classical music. The program should not exceed 90 minutes. The church encourages instrumental and vocal soloists, as well as instrumental and vocal ensembles of any size and instrumental configuration to apply, including church choirs.

Visiting musicians may use the church's piano and organ for performances.

Artists must submit an application which includes a title or theme for the program and a detailed list of proposed music to be performed. Artists with insufficient educational achievement (at least two years' study as a music major at an accredited university) or at least five years of professional performance experience will be required to submit a recording which includes at least two of the proposed recital pieces.

The deadline is Oct. 17. Application packets can be obtained from the McCall Community Congregational Church, P.O. Box 762, McCall, Idaho 83638, by phoning (208) 634-5430, or from the church's music director, Tyler Vance. Vance may be contacted at (208)634-7342 or tyler@amstudios.com.

Preference will be given to local, then regional artists. Artists chosen to perform will be contacted before Nov. 14, when the performance schedule will be released to the public.

State arts commission plans Twin Falls meeting to discuss long-range plans

Times-News

The Idaho Commission on the Arts will hold a meeting in Twin Falls on Oct. 22 to discuss its next long-range plans.

The session is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Pull Moon Gallery at 132 Main Ave. S. It's one of 12 meetings the governor-appointed council is conducting statewide.

Art organization representatives; visual, literary and performing artists; civic leaders; and interested area residents are invited.

Input collected at the meetings will be analyzed and evaluated by facilitator Stephanie

Witt, director of the Public Policy Center at Boise State University. The results will direct artistic resources at the agency for at least five years.

The commission invites interested residents to share their ideas, priorities and concerns for the agency's future services and programs. Up to two hours and the public forums will be a chance for participants to join in the conversation. New Idaho Commissioner on the Arts Executive Director Michael Faison will attend.

Additional meetings will be held in Coeur d'Alene, Post Falls, Sandpoint, Grangeville, Moscow, Hiley, Caldwell, Mountain

Home, Boise, Idaho Falls and Pocatello.

Four discussion focus questions presented at the meetings also will be available online through the commission's Web site, www.artsidaho.gov, until Nov. 15.

The Idaho Commission on the Arts is a state agency consisting of 13 volunteer commissioners from all regions of the state appointed by the governor to four-year terms, as well as a staff of 11. The commission offers grants, fellowships and services to artists, schools and arts organizations, and is dedicated to making the arts available to all Idahoans.

Sons of MySpace?

Online phenoms Quietdrive play TF on Saturday

Times-News

Call them the sons of MySpace. Quietdrive, a Minneapolis-based pop punk band that made its musical reputation on its MySpace Web site, will play an outdoor concert in Twin Falls Saturday night at Kruzzer's Night Life. It will share the bill with Building a Better You and The Aaron Ball Experience.

Quietdrive guitarist Justin Bonhiver and bassist Dreo Hastings were best friends growing up together, according to Wikipedia. In the ninth grade, Brandon Lanier started telling Hastings and he was a great drummer, and that they should start a band with him. At the time, Hastings was the lead singer of the trio, and Lanier was the bass player.

The band started to audition for a lead singer, so it posted an ad on MP3.com in 2003. Kevin Truckenmiller posted his solo work, including an early incarnation of the song "Both Ways." They later got Truckenmiller to audition, where he sang into a RadioShack microphone. Truckenmiller brought along college friend Matt Kirby, who joined the band as rhythm guitarist.

Quietdrive then spent the next year and a half touring around



Vocalist Kevin Truckenmiller, rhythm guitarist Matt Kirby, drummer Brandon Lanier, lead guitarist Justin Bonhiver and bass player Dreo Hastings make up Quietdrive.

the Midwest, gaining attention both from its live show and its MySpace site.

Its Web page has attracted more than a million hits and spawned a street team. The group was featured in a "Dateline NBC" report on the MySpace music phenomenon.

"MySpace came about at a really good time for us," Bonhiver told the San Mateo, Calif., Daily News. "You can really spread your music online. We use it for the touring, getting the word out

and communicating with people in different cities. MySpace creates a tangible relationship between you and your audience

If you go ...

• **What:** Quietdrive, Building a Better You and the Aaron Ball Experience will perform an outdoor concert in Twin Falls.

• **Where:** Kruzzer's Night Life, 121 Fourth Ave. S.

• **When:** Saturday, 6 p.m.; doors open at 5.

• **How much:** Tickets, which are \$12, are available at the door or online at <http://www.kruzzer-snightlife.com>

and that's why it got so popular so quickly."

The group signed with Epic Records in 2004 and released its debut album, "When All That's Left is You," in 2006.

"We're a rock band; we're a pop band. We just like to write hooks and melodies that people can associate with right away," Bonhiver told the San Mateo newspaper.

KARAOKE CORNER

DAILY

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. Klover Klub is at 402 Main Ave. N.

DAILY (except Sunday)

Burley

Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at The Steakhouse and Convention Center. No cover charge. The Steakhouse is at 1340 Oakley Ave.

THURSDAY, OCT. 4

Twin Falls

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

Karaoke contest will be held at 9 p.m. at Kruzzer's Night Life. No cover charge. Kruzzer's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S. Lone Wolf Entertainment will be featured from 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club. No cover charge. Pioneer Club is at 1519 Kimberly Road.

Burley

Krookers 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, OCT. 5

Twin Falls

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

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

Burley

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

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National tour of old-time bluegrass coming to Elko

Times-News

The living musical culture of southwest Virginia will be the theme of a production coming to Elko, Nev., next month.

"Music from the Crooked Road" will play the Elko Convention Center at 7 p.m. PST on Nov. 1.

The tour features guitar master Wayne Henderson, bluegrass banjo virtuoso Sammy

Shelor, family old-time string band The White Top Mountain Band, old-time fiddle and banjo masters Kirk Sutphin and Eddie Bond and the up-and-coming bluegrass band No Speed Limit.

Tickets, which are \$20, can be purchased at the Western Folk-life Center Gift Shop, Elko Convention Center and Great Basin Culture Center or by phoning (888) 880-5885.

Local

KARAOKE
CORNER

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Rupert

Kneakers 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.

Wanna-be-a-Star Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is at 613 Fremont.

SATURDAY, OCT. 6

Twin Falls

Kneakers 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

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

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

Rupert

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

Deco

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 9

Burley

Kneakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers. No cover charge. Cheers is at 163 W. Highway 30.

WEDNESDAY, OCT. 10

Twin Falls

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

Kneakers 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.

Paoli

Kneakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Red's Bar. No cover charge. Red's Bar is on Sixth E. Idaho St.

Oktober
fest

Times-News

It's the same old Oktoberfest, but it's under new management. The Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce took over management of the Historic Downtown Twin Falls organization — the area's business improvement district — in April. So this weekend's 29th annual Oktoberfest will be the first for the chamber.

Organizers are expecting about 15,000 people to visit downtown Twin Falls on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Activities start Thursday with a chalk walk. Artists, who must preregister, may begin their projects at 9 a.m. and must complete them by 6 p.m., with judging at 6:30.

The chalk walk is free, and prizes will be awarded in several categories. Individuals, families, groups, amateurs and professional artists are welcome. Chalk will be provided first-come, first-served.

Friday will be given over to a day of music at the fountain on Main Avenue from 11 a.m. until 10 p.m., with a street dance starting at 6 p.m., featuring Crossfire and Sound Country.

Other artists will include the Alpen Spielier Band performing at 11 a.m., Ron Wilcox at noon, Mark Atkins at 2 p.m., Greg Newbury at 3 p.m. and Fermented at 4 p.m.

There will also be an alcohol-free children's area from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Main Avenue, including a climbing slide, Downtown retailers will sponsor a scarecrow contest, with judging at noon.

From 6-9 p.m., the bluegrass acoustic band Headwaters will play at First Friday at Rody's —

Food, fun and folderol
planned at Twin Falls'
annual event



German-themed food is a major attraction of downtown Twin Falls' annual Oktoberfest celebration.

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A Cook's Paradise at 147 Main Ave. W.

From 7-9 p.m., the Magic Valley Arts Council will hold an artists' reception and gallery opening at the Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft in the Main Street Plaza. New works by member artists will be featured, and music will be provided by the Idaho

Old Time Fiddlers. The Main Street Plaza is at 132 Main Ave. S.

Saturday's activities begin with a kazoo parade for kids on Main Avenue, starting at 10:30 a.m. The day's entertainment will run from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., featuring The Dance Center at 11 a.m., Alanna Davis at noon, Terry Whitlock at 1 p.m., Ebech-

tic Connection, a German band, at 2 p.m., and Take Over Tuesday at 4 p.m.

An apple-eating contest is planned for 2 p.m., with the carved pumpkin contest to be judged at 3 p.m.

The children's area will be open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. The arts council's Full Moon Gallery will host a Y'Art Sale from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Main Street Plaza.

The sale will feature recent and older works in a range of media from pottery to oil paintings to sculpture, as well as prints and supplies.

Throughout Friday and Saturday, a variety of German-themed foods will be available for purchase from vendors.

Women *Continued from page 3*

"I've known Tess for a while," Henson said. "She was in live (the vocal concert choir) at Twin Falls High, and played in the Magic Valley Youth Orchestra, so I knew she was a good musician. But the first time she opened her mouth in auditions, I knew she was our Jo."

Meg is Serena Clark, Beth is Emily O'Connor and Amy is Jaccee Hovey. Marmee, their mother, is played by Karen Swjet, and Sweet's son, John, plays Laurie, Jo's love interest. Karen's husband, Bill, is Professor Bhacer, the man Jo eventually ends up marrying.

Other members of the cast are McKay Nield, Charm Petersen and Burt Hultsh. Hultsh, Petersen and Clark, particularly, have long experi-

ence in local music theater.

"We're fortunate in the range of voices that we have," Henson said.

Because the O'Leary auditorium lacks an orchestra pit, past Little Theatre productions have made do with a keyboard and a few other instruments. But for this production, Henson was able to find a Utah company that offered a score to "Little Women" performed by a full orchestra.

"It just makes an incredible difference, both for the singers and the audience," she said. "To be in the O'Leary auditorium and be surrounded by the sounds of a symphony is an amazing experience."

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Cheats *Continued from page 2*

trigger pulls for every one actually aimed, and you've turned a pistol into a machine gun that racks up points much faster.

McGraw and Hoglund offer ideas for how game makers could seal up such holes. And they argue that the entire software industry needs to be watching, since these "massively multiplayer online role-playing games" are at the leading edge of computing.

"The kinds of problems that they are facing right now are direct indications of the kinds of software security problems we can all face in the coming years," McGraw said.

Cheating tools flourish online, catering to insiders conversant in the games' arcane language.

"Take advantage of this programming breakthrough — why waste time grinding with the grunts... play WoW in GOD MODE!" reads one ad for a \$25 downloadable cheat package for "World of Warcraft" that purports to be "undetectable."

Most online game companies appear resigned to the fact that cheating will occur, so they try to block it by observing game play and looking for suspicious

things, like avatars unexpectedly teleporting.

In one incident that could serve as a test case, Linden Lab, creator of the virtual universe "Second Life," ejected a Pennsylvania lawyer and confiscated his virtual property after accusing him of cheating in his land-acquisition process. The lawyer is suing Linden Lab in federal court for \$8,000 in restitution.

Nezon America Inc. employs a team of workers who actively look for cheating in its games, including "KariRider" and "MapleStory." They apply patches to fix problems as they arise.

"It's a daily battle that ultimately we have to win," said Nezon's director of operations, Min Kim. "It's just the cost of doing business at this point."

"World of Warcraft" creator Blizzard Entertainment deploys a software program called the Warden to detect cheating and ban perpetrators, but wouldn't agree to an interview to talk about it. The Punkbuster software works on many first-person shooters and is still being used in new games, like "Enemy Territory: Quake Wars," in which players shoot their way through combat missions.

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Music

Rascal Flatts 'Still Feels Good'

Group releases new album

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Rascal Flatts' Jay DeMarcus still gets riled when he thinks about how he sat in the studio and watched someone else play the bass parts on the group's first album.

"I thought, 'I'm the bass player in the band, but I've got to learn his parts? This sucks,'" DeMarcus recalls of the 1999 session.

That's not what he, guitarist Joe Don Rooney and singer Gary LeVox had in mind when they came to town. By their second album, "Me!", they began asserting themselves, with DeMarcus and Rooney playing some of the parts. On their third, "Feels Like Today," they were playing most of all of them.

These days, Rascal Flatts, who will release their fifth album Tuesday, "Still Feels Good," is a rarity in Nashville where solo acts and duos dominate: an honest-to-goodness band.

The group also bucks Nashville conventions by writing many of their own songs, playing their own instruments on the road and in the studio and co-producing their own records. (There are obvious exceptions, but the Nashville norm is for singers to rely on outside songwriters, use one set of musicians in the studio — often the same core of "A-list" session players — and another set on the road.)

"I didn't spend my whole life getting to this point of following the dream of making my own records to sit there and watch someone else do it," DeMarcus says. "You know, the Rolling Stones were not the greatest



From left, Gary LeVox, Joe Don Rooney and Jay DeMarcus have sold 15 million albums as Rascal Flatts.

"You know, the Rolling Stones were not the greatest musicians in the world. They were not virtuosos. But they were the Stones. If someone else had played those guitar parts, it wouldn't be the Stones."

— Rascal Flatts'
Jay DeMarcus

musicians in the world. They were not virtuosos. But they were the Stones. If someone else had played those guitar parts, it wouldn't be the Stones."

The group has become one of country music's monster acts, selling 5 million albums last year alone with the album "Me and My Gang." Last year, *Billboard* magazine named them country artist of the year, and

the Country Music Association awarded them country group of the year for the fourth time in a row.

Their first single from the new album, "Take Me There," hit No. 1 on the *Billboard* country chart after only 10 weeks, making it the fastest-rising song of their career. The song was co-written by Kenny Chesney.

"I think he tried to cut it for his record, but he had to lower the key and thought it lost some of the power when the chorus came around," DeMarcus says. "We were the first ones he thought of when he decided he was not going to do the song himself. When we heard it, it was a no-brainer."

Chesney says the Rascal rendition: "I am very proud of the record they made on it, and couldn't have been more proud of it if I had put it on my record."

The group's sound is steeped in the rock and pop of their youth. While country purists cringe, they've built a crossover following with power ballads that sound a little like Journey

and Chicago, who chose DeMarcus to produce their 2006 album, "Chicago XXX."

The most country-flavored track on the new disc, "Winner at a Losing Game," is a dead ringer for mid-'70s Eagles. "She Goes All the Way" features actor Jamie Foxx, a longtime friend of LeVox's. Their cover of the Beatles' "Revolution" is a bonus track for fans who download the album.

Individually or collectively, Rooney, 32, DeMarcus, 35, and LeVox, 37, wrote five of the 13 tracks. They took four months off the road to record it and again called on Dann Huff (Keith Urban, Faith Hill) to help produce.

"Each album has been an evolving thing," LeVox says. "Each one has gone to another level, and we believe this fifth one is yet another level. It may be some of the best stuff we ever put out."

DeMarcus and LeVox are second cousins who grew up playing music together in Columbus, Ohio. DeMarcus moved to Nashville in 1993 and earned his

first record deal as part of a Christian group called East to West. He persuaded his cousin to quit his job with the Ohio Department of Mental Retardation and join him in Nashville five years later.

The two linked up with Oklahoma native Rooney when their regular guitarist couldn't make a gig, and they've been together ever since.

"We've stayed as tight as we can on the road. We can all be taking separate buses right now, but we're not," Rooney says. "We enjoy being together and leaning on each other."

Since their 1999 debut they've sold 15 million albums, but not without criticism. Early on, they were derided as lightweight, too slick and too manufactured.

"They came out at a time when the Backstreet Boys and 'N Sync and the whole boy band thing was in," recalls their longtime booking agent Rob Beckham, senior vice president at Williams Morris Agency. "Whenever someone called them a boy band, we were amazed because typically the boy bands were singers and dancers, they didn't play instruments."

DeMarcus says they don't pay attention to what critics think. But they do care when the industry and old guard institutions like the Grand Ole Opry think, and it worries them.

"I think sometimes they think of us as young punk kids that don't have appreciation for Lefty Frizzell and Hank Williams Sr. and people like that, and it blows my mind because those are the people we grew up on," DeMarcus says. "But we wanted to leave our mark and our unique impression upon the industry."

"I think the tide is turning a little bit in country music, and I'm proud to say we're part of something a little more, to be a little edgier and do something outside the box."