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EPA tags Twin Falls construction sites with fines

Agency probe finds 13 companies in violation

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Federal Inspectors have found Twin Falls developers and construction contractors in violation of environmental laws during a recent series of inspections, and now, the builders are paying the price.

Protection Agency inspected Twin Falls construction sites in May and found numerous violations related to national storm-water rules. The agency discovered construction crews were allowing sediment, oil, grease and concrete washout to run off site — actions that can pollute waterways and may pose health threats to workers and nearby residents. Some developers were cited for failing to secure federal environmental permits before beginning construction.

The agency has fined 13 developers and contractors a

total of \$41,500 for the violations, which occurred at six construction sites. EPA officials said they are frustrated with the fines because they've worked to inform contractors about the rules for several years.

"After six years of outreach and inspections in Idaho, we were disappointed to see so many violations," said Kim Ogle, an EPA compliance officer in the agency's regional office.

"Complying with the permit helps to ensure that Idaho's streams remain healthy."

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A sign directing employees to the Jayco parking lot is framed by construction equipment Wednesday afternoon at the site of the new Jayco building on Haskins Road in Twin Falls.

Canyon View temporarily closes adolescent program

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Hanging on the wall in the Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services lobby is a promise to always provide "very good" care.

The decision was a battle between serving a need and maintaining service. The loss of the program means teenagers needing the highest level of psychiatric care must now travel to Boise, Idaho Falls or even Coeur d'Alene to find the treatment they desperately need.

Wanted: patients

Tucked one block off of Addison Avenue in Twin Falls, Canyon View contains a 16-bed adult wing and a 12-bed adolescent wing. State standards say the two populations aren't allowed to mix, an important requirement, Southwick said, with unfortunate results.

The adolescent wing, which is never full, held 30 percent less patients in 2006 than the previous year. A similar drop at the beginning of 2007 left the average daily patient population at 1.7.

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Offenders must stay low on Halloween

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

Those porches with their lights off, those doors that stay shut despite repeated knocks — totally bogus news on a Halloween night.

Parents should rest assured that about 145 registered sex offenders who live in Twin Falls County have been strongly encouraged to keep their porch lights off and not answer their doors for trick-or-treaters, authorities say.

The sheriff's office has also recommended that officers visit the county's Web site before starting their Halloween night patrols, Howell said.

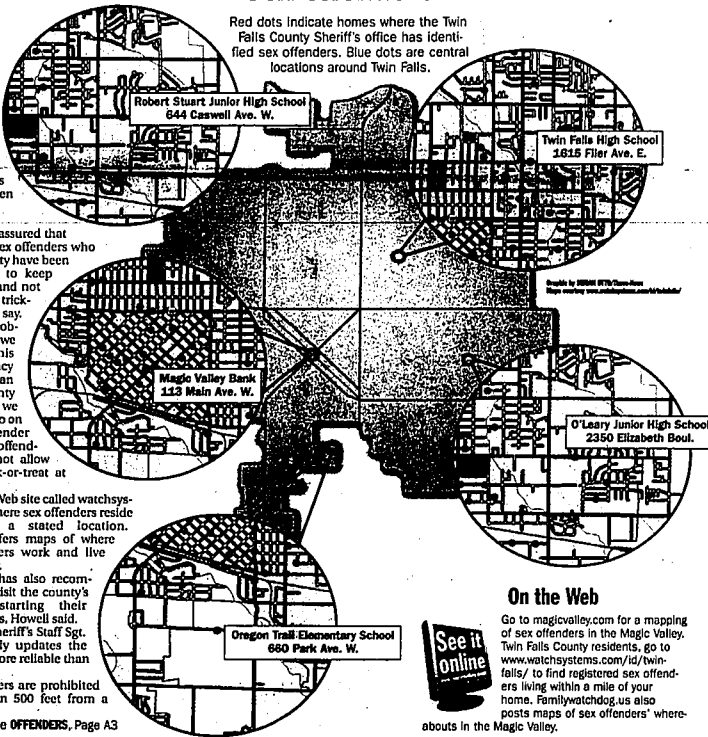
Twin Falls County Sheriff's Staff Sgt. Doug Studden regularly updates the registry list, which is more reliable than guesswork.

For example, offenders are prohibited from living closer than 500 feet from a

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Sex offenders

Red dots indicate homes where the Twin Falls County Sheriff's office has identified sex offenders. Blue dots are central locations around Twin Falls.



On the Web

Go to magicvalley.com for a mapping of sex offenders in the Magic Valley. Twin Falls County residents, go to www.watchsystems.com/id/twin-falls/ to find registered sex offenders living within a mile of your home. Familywatchdog.us also posts maps of sex offenders' whereabouts in the Magic Valley.



CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES

Winds give fire crews chance to fight back

Investigators looking into arson as cause of one fire

By Elliot Spang
Associated Press writer

SAN DIEGO — A merciful easing of the winds fueling eastern California's sprawling wildfires finally gave fire crews a chance to fight back

against some blazes Wednesday, and weary residents could take solace in an overriding sign of hope: Just one person has died from the flames.

That contrasts to 22 dead from a fire of similar magnitude in 2003. And while the final toll has yet to be tallied from this week's fires, officials were crediting an automated, reverse 911 calling system that prompted the orderly evacuation of more than half

INSIDE:

M.V. firefighters heading to California to battle blazes.

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a million people — 10 times the number evacuated four years ago.

"They are more determined that people leave," said Steve Levitz, who got

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LaRocco's campaign gaining attention

Can Sen. Craig scandal widen Dems' chances?

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

When Democratic Senate candidate Larry LaRocco last visited Twin Falls, he helped make cheese at the Gianbla Foods plant.

Since then, his campaign

has garnered extra attention — and not for the way he made cheddar.

LaRocco is seeking the seat currently held by Sen. Larry Craig, who in August fell to a scandal involving a sex sting arrest. Craig says he won't seek re-election.

Meanwhile, LaRocco has continued to cross the state on a blue-collar "Working for Idaho" campaign that has seen him collect garbage and fill in a minor garage

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On the Web

Go to magicvalley.com to see an interview with Democratic Senate candidate Larry LaRocco.

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Craig hired lawyer before arrest in sex sting.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Today Tonight Friday

Weather icons and forecast details for Twin Falls: Partly cloudy and mild, High 63, Low 39, 57/36.

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Sunny to partly cloudy and mild. Highs in the middle 60s. Tonight: Partly cloudy. Lows in the middle 30s.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

The 20th annual Used Book and Bake Sale, includes hardbacks, paperbacks, books on tape and on CDs, videos and DVDs, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Halley National Guard Armory...

CHURCH EVENTS

Valley Presbyterian Church Harvest Dinner and Auction, dinner includes 7 1/2 tip, potatoes, rolls, beans, salad bar and pies, 6 to 7 p.m., Dinner with auction following...

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Preceptor Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meeting, 7 p.m., at the home of Carol Quintance, 1114 E. Eastridge Way, Twin Falls, 733-6810.

EXHIBITS

Place X 4: The Photography of Steve Fildes, Shelley McEuen, Russell Hepworth and Don Jensen-Miyard, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science...

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

"Staying Sharp" by AARP (RESCHEDULED) originally planned for today, has been rescheduled to Nov. 14, 9 a.m., Bridgeview Estates, Twin Falls, 736-3933. College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit program, a guided walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filser Elementary...

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Pinochle, 1 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., fifty cents, open to the public, 734-5084. To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Breene by e-mail at sbreene@magicvalley.com...

MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE WORLD

WASHINGTON

Analysis estimates cost for wars at \$2.4 trillion through next decade

The wars in Iraq and Afghanistan could cost as much as \$2.4 trillion through the next decade, the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said Wednesday.

The estimate was the most comprehensive and far-reaching one to date. It factored in costs previously not counted and assumed that large number of forces would remain in the regions.

According to analysis, the U.S. has spent about \$604 billion on the wars, including \$39 billion in diplomatic operations and foreign aid.

If the U.S. were to reduce the number of troops deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan to 75,000 six years from now, it would cost the U.S. \$1 trillion more for military and diplomatic operations and \$705 billion in interest payments to pay for the wars through 2017.

Democrats, who say voters will not stand for war, would consider paying for the military campaigns in short installments, instead of full one-year terms.

Eugene McCarthy's anti-Hoover campaign caught FBI's attention

When Eugene McCarthy ran for president in 1960, he pledged to fire J. Edgar Hoover, the FBI director who had outlasted presidents from Calvin Coolidge to John F. Kennedy.

Long, McCarthy's calls for new FBI leadership were cataloged and commented upon by FBI officials in a nearly 500-page file, obtained by The Associated Press through the Freedom of Information Act.

Much of McCarthy's file focuses on law enforcement duties surrounding the 1968 campaign, when McCarthy helped galvanize opposition to the Vietnam War by challenging President Lyndon B. Johnson for the 1968 Democratic nomination.

According to McCarthy's file, FBI agents looked into death threats against the candidate, and kept records of his public travel and demonstrations. In the process, they also paid close attention to McCarthy's calls to replace Hoover, collecting several news clippings, letters and memos on the subject.

him of a speech at Indiana University in which McCarthy said the U.S. should "re-examine the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and even reflect on who its directors is."

MISSOURI

Woman who killed expectant mother, stole baby may be executed

KANSAS CITY — Jurors deciding whether to recommend the death penalty for a woman convicted of killing an expectant mother and cutting the baby from her womb listened Wednesday to a 911 call in which the victim's mother described the gruesome crime scene.

"It's like she exploded or something," a sobbing Buck Harper told the dispatcher in the recording. "There's blood everywhere."

The federal jury convicted Lisa Montgomery on Monday of killing Bobbie Jo Sinnenot on Dec. 16, 2004, in the pregnant woman's home in the northwest Missouri town of Skidmore. The baby survived, and Montgomery was taken without parole after showing the infant off as her own in her hometown of Melvern, Kan.

The penalty phase of the trial began Wednesday. Prosecutors, led by Montgomery, 39, deserve a death sentence for the kidnapping resulting in death conviction. Her attorneys argue that she should get life in prison without parole.

Montgomery's daughter, Desiree Boman, 20, testified that she thinks her mother was not in her right mind during the killing. "I don't think anybody could have been," she said.

CALIFORNIA

Microsoft invests \$240 million in Facebook

SAN FRANCISCO — Rapidly rising Internet star Facebook Inc. has sold a 1.6 percent stake to Microsoft Corp. for \$240 million, spurring a competing offer from online search leader Google Inc.

The deal announced Wednesday after several weeks of negotiation values Palo Alto-based Facebook at \$15 billion — less than four years after Mark Zuckerberg started the online social networking site in his Harvard University dorm room.

offer from Yahoo Inc. last year, Microsoft's money should be more than enough to pay for Facebook's ambitious expansion plans until the privately held company goes public.

Zuckerberg, 23, has indicated he would like to hold off on an initial public offering for at least two more years. In the meantime, Facebook hopes to become an advertising magnet by substantially increasing its current audience of nearly 50 million active users, who connect with friends on the site through messaging, photo-sharing and other tools.

MEXICO

55 workers rescued, more stranded in Gulf

MEXICO CITY — At least 10 oil workers were killed when a drilling platform hit an oil rig, spilling gas and oil into the Gulf of Mexico, the state-owned oil company said Wednesday. Some other workers remained were still missing.

Rescuers have pulled 58 oil workers from storm-torn waters but have failed to control the oil leak. Mexico's oil monopoly Petroleos Mexicanos, or Pemex said in a news release.

At least 18 employees of the state company were still either floating at sea in life rafts or were unaccounted for, it said. The company said it had located a raft but "weather conditions in the area have made it impossible to reach the vessel."

The company said 81 workers abandoned a subcontractor's Usuamaeta platform Tuesday after it hit the Kate 101 light-production rig amid 25-foot waves and winds gusting to 80 mph.

It was not immediately clear how much gas and oil had spilled from the accident about 20 miles off the port of Dos Bocas in the Gulf coast state of Tabasco.

The storm forced Mexico's main oil ports to close. They remained closed Wednesday, Pemex said.

The company said Tuesday that the crash knocked out some controls on the valve.

The Usuamaeta drilling rig is owned by the Compania Perforadora Central SA de CV and operates under contract to Pemex.

CHINA

Jackie Chan records official countdown song to 2008 Olympics

HONG KONG — Jackie Chan has flexed his vocal muscles for the Olympics. The 52-year-old actor, best known for his daredevil stunts, has recorded "We Are Ready," the official countdown song to the 2008

Beijing Summer Olympics. He spent three hours recording the song during a recent trip to Beijing. Chan said in a blog entry on his Web site Wednesday.

Chan, star of the "Rush Hour" movies, dabbles in music and has released several albums.

He praised the lyrics of the Mandarin Chinese song composed by Peter Kam, who won a Silver Bear award for best film music at the Berlin Film Festival last year. "Waiting year after year/ We can see into the future/ Together with hard work and sweat, we've created the five different (Olympic) colors," says one refrain.

Olympic organizers have also recorded a second Chinese version sung by more than 100 pop stars, Kam said.

He told The Associated Press in a phone interview that an English version of the song may be recorded.

Chan said in an earlier blog entry that he got goose bumps when he attended the official one-year countdown event in Beijing on Aug. 8.

"The ceremony made me very emotional and I said to myself, 'That's our China, that's our day.' I felt this moment belonged to our China, this moment belonged to us," he wrote.

ILLINOIS

Failed congressional effort teaches Obama lessons for 2008 bid

CHICAGO — Barack Obama learned campaign humility the hard way — In a failed congressional effort during which his opponent portrayed him as an "educated fool," more at home on a college campus than a city street.

Catch Obama on the trail in South Carolina these days, and he might be teasing a barber shop customer about a flamboyant pair of shoes. Or in a church explaining how faith keeps him grounded.

He's vigorously campaigning for black votes, but doing it with a down-to-earth style that portrays him as a regular guy.

In 2000, when he challenged U.S. Rep. Bobby Rush, a former Black Panther and Chicago alderman, Obama got just 31 percent of the vote to Rush's 62 percent in a three-way primary.

Mark Allen, now a big Obama fan, remembers a candidate who sometimes turned voters off by emphasizing his big ideas and prestigious degrees instead of listening. The reaction was often, "You egotistical son of a gun, you sound like you're talking above people. Here comes the highfalutin' guy, the Harvard guy."

COMING TOMORROW IN OUTDOORS

Where the buffalo roam. Bison are the big draw, but there's plenty else to do and see on Antelope Island.

TODAY IN TNT

FIND HALLOWEEN FUN IN THE MAGIC VALLEY. • Bar-J Wranglers • Carell falls flat • Haggard in winter •

WHAT'S NEW AT MAGICVALLEY.COM

Guiding the arts. The Idaho Commission on the Arts is seeking comments for its new five year plan and its staff stopped in Twin Falls. Reporter Pat Marconetto talks with the director and an arts commissioner.

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Fines

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The violations ranged from \$4,000, for problems at the JayCo West Expansion off Hankins Road, to \$14,850, for infractions at the Pheasant Meadows Subdivision project east of Kenyon Road.

One company, McCoy Construction in Twin Falls, was fined on two separate projects.

Starr Corp., involved in the JayCo project, received its fine June 29.

"They didn't like," said Starr Corp. President Glenn Arrington. "There were 10 issues or so, nine of them paperwork-related."

The company failed to list all of the sticks, pollution sources, including fuel tanks and portable bathrooms, in

Busted

These companies were fined by the EPA for environmental violations at the following T.F. construction sites.

Project	Fine	Companies fined
JayCo West Expansion Orchard Park/Svensen's Market	\$4,000	Starr Corp., JayCo Gordon Paving Co., Hoffbruch Excavating, Force Engineering
Horizon Crest Estates	\$4,700	Greenridge Development, Idaho Sand & Gravel Co.
Benno Point Subdivision	\$6,850	Gary's Westland, McCoy Construction
Kimberly Heights Subdivision	\$7,100	Crossroads United Methodist, McCoy Construction
Pheasant Meadows Subdivision	\$14,850	R&J Development, Blue Rock Group

building documents. The company also failed to plan and maintain an inventory of waste materials, Arrington said.

"I guess it was just overlooked in the pages and pages in our comprehensive plan," he said.

The company also removed a sediment-protec-

tion fence just a day or so before the inspectors arrived, Arrington said, to grade dirt in the area.

Starr Corp. had never been fined by the EPA before this summer. Now, the company will change the way it operates at construction sites.

"Our desire is to work within the law," he said.

"We're learning more about what they want and require, and we'll work toward that."

None of the other companies fined by the EPA would comment or could be reached for this story.

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Offenders

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school. But offenders who had begun living there before July 2006 are grandfathered out of that rule.

In the Magic Valley's smaller communities the need for a comprehensive strategy may be less pressing.

Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough says his county hosts only a smattering of sex offenders — perhaps 10 or 12 total.

"The ones we have, we know exactly who they are," Gough said.

But Gough nevertheless encourages trick-or-treaters

to exercise caution on the streets.

"Be aware of your surroundings," he said. "Be careful of who you're talking to."

Jerome County Undersheriff Jocelyne Nunnally said her department has not instituted a Halloween program for the county's 40 to 50 sex offenders. She reminds trick-or-treaters to exercise common sense.

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Fires

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his call 15 minutes before flames swept through his Rancho Bernardo neighborhood.

"It was very intense. On the call, it was like, 'This area, go! This area, go!' In 2003 there was less guidance. It was like, 'Just pay attention to the news and it'll look bad, leave.'"

On Wednesday, winds dropped to 21 to 36 mph, considerably less than the fierce gusts, up to 100 mph that whipped fire zones earlier in the week.

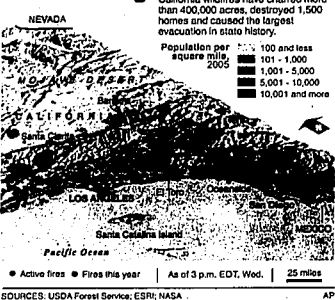
The improving weather allowed for a greater aerial assault on the flames and helped firefighters beat back the most destructive blazes. Helicopters and air tankers dropped 30 to 35 loads of water on two fires that have burned hundreds of homes in the San Bernardino Mountains, near Lake Arrowhead.

"They're taking it down considerably," said Dennis Boushagh of the U.S. Forest Service.

Authorities said they had largely contained many of the fires north of San Diego, and all five fires in Los Angeles County were about 50 percent contained or more.

Despite the progress, none of the six major blazes in San Diego County was more than 15 percent contained, and those fires threatened more than 8,500 houses. The top priority was a fire in San

Fire recessing



Bernardino County that threatened 6,000 homes and continued to rage out of control.

So far, this week's fires have destroyed about 1,500 homes and burned 674 square miles across five counties, from Ventura in the north all the way into Mexico.

Property damage has reached at least \$1 billion in San Diego County alone, and President Bush signed a major disaster declaration for California. The president was scheduled to visit the region Thursday.

The death toll from the most recent blazes may rise as

fires continue to burn and authorities return to neighborhoods where homes turned to piles of ash, but displaced homeowners and authorities were relieved that early reports were so low.

The San Diego County medical examiner officially listed six deaths connected to the blazes, but he included five who died during the evac-

uation who were not directly killed by the fire.

The causes of many fires remained under investigation. A 30-square-mile Orange County fire that destroyed nine homes was believed to be arson because authorities found three different ignition points within a short distance.

In San Bernardino County, a motorcyclist who authorities say set a small fire in a rural foothill area of the San Bernardino Mountains has been booked for investigation of arson, but investigators said they didn't know whether he was connected to any of the larger fires.

In the city of San Bernardino, police said they shot and killed a man who fled Tuesday night when officers approached to see if he might be trying to set a fire. After a chase, the man, whose name was not released, backed his car into a police cruiser and an officer opened fire, police said.



Nancy Walery stands in the middle of her fire-ravaged home in Del Dios, Calif., Wednesday morning. Walery, her husband and daughter evacuated on Monday and returned for the first time Wednesday.

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Teens

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That meant one or two teens tying up 12 beds at a time when the adult population was growing, Southwick said.

"That wing was just not being utilized," he said.

The statistics seem unique: Other facilities in the state have only or growing teen populations, and Idaho Department of Health and Welfare data show hospitalized teens using Medicaid grew from 675 in 2001 to 902 this year. Those using outpatient services doubled between 2001 and 2006, from 10,600 to 22,600.

Group therapy, regarded as the best option for teens, didn't work in the sparse numbers, Southwick said that's a result of improved outpatient care. Keeping staff oriented on the program became more difficult when the unit would be empty two weeks at a time, Southwick said. The

quality started to suffer.

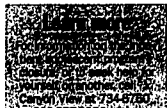
"I didn't want to close it," he said.

But this spring, the facility director consulted local psychiatrists, county and state officials and hospital administrators about closing the adolescent program. With the blessing of the Twin Falls hospital's board, Southwick shuttered the program in August for a six-month trial period. The results will be evaluated in early 2008.

Between state and private hospitals, the Treasure Valley, eastern Idaho and north Idaho each have at least two large psychiatric facilities. But Canyon View is the only option in south-central Idaho. In a profession that stresses the importance of local care and treatment, that means a lot.

Long-distance care

These are kids in a crisis.



They need to be going into a hospital," said Tom Payne, Idaho Department of Health and Welfare children's mental health chief for the south-central region.

But those kids, he fears, aren't going anywhere now that Magic Valley services have been cut off. Canyon View, he said, is the go-to facility in the area. Parents, especially those lower on the economic scale, may not be willing to make the trip to Boise or Salt Lake City, he said.

It's a concern others around the state share. Though most care providers interviewed said they thought parents

would make the trip, the circumstances are definitely less than ideal — especially for poorer families.

"If they don't have money for regular visitations, then the children are isolated," said Lara Ohlenschlaer, a licensed clinical social worker with Liberty Care Services in Twin Falls.

Some, such as Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center's Behavioral Health Center in Idaho Falls, hold family sessions over the telephone. Others just count on the love of family to get everyone where they need to be.

"I've had families ready and willing to travel," Dr. Cory Alexander, a Twin Falls child and adult psychiatrist, said. After all, she added, that's what children ages 12 and younger have always done — Canyon View never accepted them in the first place.

Roger Curtis, new CEO of the Gooding-based Walker

Center, can relate. He wasn't in charge in June 2006, when the center closed its own residential adolescent program for the same reasons. But he said he understands what Canyon View staff must be thinking.

"You can't provide the service when the money isn't coming in, and that comes from bodies," he said.

The results

Nearly three months in, the numbers seem to back up Southwick's decision. Only seven teens were diverted to other hospitals in August, and only two in September. Had those teens come to Canyon View, Southwick said, they would have likely stayed for about five days each, spreading them out even more.

Only about 60 of the 300 or more patients Canyon View assesses each month are ever

admitted, Southwick said. All of them are suicidal, homicidal or gravely injured. Teen evaluations and outpatient care will continue. Hospital staff has been able to open up the adolescent wing for extra adult patients. And though parents are occasionally reluctant to travel elsewhere in the state, they do it for the health of their kids, Southwick said.

Twin Falls County commissioners, who required St. Luke's to maintain the current level of services when they sold the hospital in 2006, are monitoring the experiment. Tracy Farnsworth, director of Health and Welfare State Hospital South in Blackfoot, said he wonders if there are other ways to avoid permanently losing the program.

"We hope they come to their good senses and figure out a way to get it back open again," Farnsworth said.

Race

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baseball team mascot, among other jobs. The odd jobs gave him an opportunity to talk with hundreds of working Idahoans. LaRocco speaks often of the 46 million people who are without health coverage, including 250,000 in Idaho. LaRocco says he wants a universal healthcare system that is founded on the current employer-based system.

LaRocco lived briefly in Twin Falls in the 1970s and his wife taught at Twin Falls High School. He's made two campaign stops here this month, including a chili feed last week with Twin Falls County Democrats.

Last week, he noted that Magic Valley has seen extensive economic development and enjoys low unemployment, as well as the benefits of having the College of Southern Idaho. "People are moving here because they value the environment and where they're living," he said. "I think this area is very ripe for a message for someone to talk to them about issues that matter to them."

Two weeks ago, Lt. Gov. Jim Risch announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination. Risch and LaRocco have a political history that includes a closely contested 1986 legislative race, and last year's run for lieutenant governor, which Risch won with 58 percent of the vote, compared to LaRocco's 39 percent.

LaRocco said he "doesn't care" about Risch's campaign strategy, but notes the "solid" out some differences: his own experience as an Army veteran, four years in the U.S.

House of Representatives, an ability to work across the aisle and recent newspaper accounts of Risch's use of a corporate jet for his campaigning.

"You have this contrast of how we approach things. He gives this sense of entitlement. I give the sense of inclusiveness."

Risch spokesman Jason Risch said that the campaign has not developed a strategy to face LaRocco and is focusing on winning the GOP nomination.

Since he announced his candidacy in April, LaRocco has raised more than \$200,000 — about two-thirds from Idaho — and has more than \$100,000 cash on hand.

LaRocco has also changed his opinion on a deadline for troop withdrawal in Iraq.



Larry LaRocco takes a look at a flier during his campaign at the Twin Falls Senior Center Friday evening in Twin Falls.

"I think we should get in there and start the withdrawal right now," he said. "We should set a timetable to be out of a timetable in 12 to 14 months."

LaRocco has taken no position on the impact of Northwest dams on endangered salmon could affect Idaho water, but said he wants decisions about the issue made on science and not politics.

"The fish need a lobby, too," he said. "And they need somebody who's not going to be an advocate necessarily for them but will have science speak to these issues."

After Craig's announcement to resign, Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., who heads the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, said the Idaho Senate race was competitive.

Nevertheless, the Cook Report, an independent non-partisan newsletter that analyzes elections, still predicts the seat "solid" Republican, and unlikely to become even a close contest.

"If 39 percent is what he can do in a good year, what happens in a presidential year? I just think the hill gets steeper," said Jennifer E. Duffy, a political analyst with the report. "This was never the greatest opportunity for (Democrats). The best opportunity is if Craig actually ran for reelection."

John Freemuth, a political science professor at Boise State University, said that Risch is an effective campaigner. LaRocco would benefit from a sweeping nationwide rejection of the Republican Party, but that's unlikely to cost conservative Idaho to shift from red state to blue.

"I was betting, I'd bet on Risch," he said.

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Dangerous staph germ could be stopped with screening, studies show

Few hospitals choose to do it

By Lindsay Tanner
Associated Press writer

tings, like hospital and nursing homes, are most at risk for MRSA infections. Doctors and nurses who treat staph-infected patients and then don't carefully wash up can spread the germ to other patients. Germ-contaminated medical devices used on people having dialysis or medical procedures also can spread staph. Older patients and blacks are most at risk, according to the recent report by government researchers.

MRSA, pronounced Muhr-suh, has been around for decades and in recent years has spread to schools, prisons and crowded public housing projects. Even healthy people can carry it on their skin. It may look like a pimple or spider bite that doesn't heal, but it can turn deadly if it enters the bloodstream or morphs into a flesh-eating wound. Yet, many infection control experts oppose required testing for it in hospitals.

Many note that MRSA is just one of dozens of risky germs that often infect people in hospitals — particularly those with weakened immune systems or open wounds. But Lisa McGiffert doesn't buy it. The director of the Consumers Union's campaign to stop hospital infections calls that "an argument of distraction." "Certainly there are other superbugs and they should

be tackling those, too," said McGiffert. "To eradicate hospital-acquired infections is going to take a comprehensive effort" that should include testing hospital patients, she said. About 1.7 million Americans each year develop infections from various germs while hospitalized and almost 100,000 of them die, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

MRSA accounts for only about 10 percent of these infections. Other worrisome bugs include C-difficile (an intestinal infection), vancomycin-resistant Enterococcus (linked with intestinal, skin and blood infections), and drug-resistant Acinetobacter (which can cause pneumonia, skin and blood infections); none of them accounts for more than 10 percent of hospital infections.

Yet few U.S. hospitals do it, and many fight efforts to require it. Why? Jeanine Thomas, who nearly died from the drug-resistant staph bug, says the reason is simple: "Doctors don't want to be told what to do."

The Chicago suburbanite's personal crusade led Illinois this year to become the first state to order testing of all high-risk hospital patients and isolation of those who carry the staph germ called MRSA.

Powerful doctor groups fought against it. The testing and isolation of patients would be too costly, they said. Many other germs plague hospitals that also require attention. Experts said a more proven approach would focus on better hand washing by hospital staff — a simple measure tough to enforce.

Yet, Thomas prevailed. Similar measures passed this year in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. And Thomas' national crusade to make hospitals test for MRSA and report their infection rates gained steam last week after a Virginia teenager's death from the germ and a government report estimated it causes dangerous infections that sicken more than 90,000 Americans each year and kill nearly 19,000.

Suddenly the little-known germ with the cumbersome name, methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus aureus, is getting lots of attention.

People in health care set-

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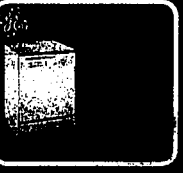
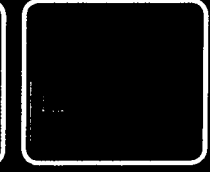
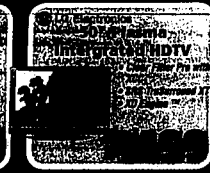
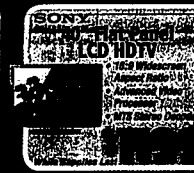
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CALIFORNIA WILDFIRES Bush signs disaster declaration

By Jennifer Lovan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush promised Wednesday that Washington "will do everything it can" to help Southern Californians fearing the worst from wildfires blazing through canyons and neighborhoods for a fourth straight day.

"Americans all across this land care deeply about them," the president said after a special Cabinet meeting on the crisis. "We're concerned about their safety. We're concerned about their property."

Officials throughout the Bush administration talked in blunt terms about offering more in this disaster than the feeble reaction that followed Hurricane Katrina. That storm blew ashore in August 2005, delivering a sharp blow to Bush's presidency and devastating a region whose misery still continues largely unabated two years later.

The California fires are the first disaster since then that begins to approach the scale of Katrina. The White House was determined to convey a picture of a speedy and effective response, and seemed resigned to comparisons despite the different circumstances of the two crises — for instance the relative poverty of the Katrina victims and the hurricane's much more comprehensive reach. "I think it's inevitable," said White House press secretary Dana Perino. "I understand that the comparison is going to be there, and so I'm not going to call it unfair."

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EDITORIAL

Idaho deserves accounting of Nevada mercury pollution

Are two Nevada gold mines cooking the books when it comes to the amount of mercury they're emitting to the atmosphere?

The Idaho Conservation League thinks so, and is threatening to sue the Florida Canyon Mine and the Denton-Rawhide Mine for failing to adequately report mercury discharges to the federal Environmental Protection Agency.

The ICL claims that mercury, which shows up in higher than expected levels in waterways in some parts of Idaho, is endangering the health of Idahoans. A naturally occurring element, mercury is known to cause health problems, especially for expecting mothers. The state of Idaho has warned people to limit consumption of fish from these waters.

In 2005 Idaho found that mercury levels in the air south of Twin Falls rose nearly 70 percent when winds blew from the southwest.

The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has studied mercury at Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir, which contains at least 200 pounds of suspended mercury, for nearly two years. The agency has indicated Nevada mines could be a source for the contamination but has yet to identify the mines as primary contributors.

The ICL's complaint is that emission reports filed by the mines with the Nevada Department of Environmental Protection show much higher numbers than those supplied to the EPA.

The Nevada Mining Association, a trade group, says the ICL is using "good-to-math." "They're trying to compare apples to oranges," Jonathan Brown, the association's director of regulatory and environmental affairs, told the *Times-News* this week. Mines measure their emissions for the NDEP differently than they measure for the EPA, he explained.

The data, however, show significant discrepancies. The Florida Canyon Mine submitted no mercury reports to the EPA for the past eight years, but reported 440 pounds of emissions to the NDEP last year. The Denton-Rawhide mine reported 150 pounds of mercury emitted less than one pound of mercury for each of the past eight years, but NDEP reports show 350 pounds in 2006 alone.

These differences are significant enough to raise eyebrows. Somebody — either the mine owners or the NDEP — owes the citizens of Nevada and Idaho an explanation.

Identifying the source of mercury contamination is difficult. It's possible — perhaps likely — that high mercury levels in Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir, for example, result from a combination of factors: pollution from Nevada mines and other airborne sources and runoff from naturally occurring mercury in the Salmon Falls Creek drainage.

Both the Florida Creek Canyon and Denton-Rawhide mines are a considerable distance from Idaho — the former near the northwestern Nevada hamlet of Imlay and the latter near Fallon, 65 miles east of Reno.

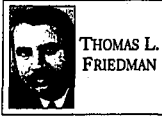
But so little is known about the behavior of mercury in the atmosphere that it's possible the two mines could be major contributors to mercury contamination in Idaho.

If the ICL's threatened lawsuit produces some answers, the organization will have done Idaho a service.

Our view:
Two western Nevada gold mines may not be polluting Idaho with mercury. Whatever the case, the Idaho Conservation League is right to seek some answers. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

The air has gone out of Iraq debate

Boy, am I glad we finally got out of Iraq. It was so painful waking up every morning and reading the news from there. It's just such a relief to have it out of mind and behind us. Huh? Say what? You say we're still there? But how could that be — nobody in Washington is talking about it anymore?



THOMAS L. FRIEDMAN

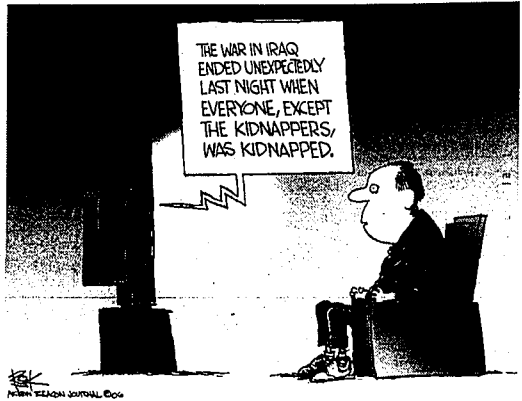
I don't know whether it was the sheer agony of the debate over Gen. David Petraeus' testimony, or the fact that the surge really has dampened casualties, or the failure by Democrats to force an Iraq withdrawal through Congress, or the fact that all the leading Democratic presidential contenders have signaled that they will not precipitously withdraw U.S. forces from Iraq, but the air has gone out of the Iraq debate.

That is too bad. Neglect not benign when it comes to Iraq — because Iraq is not benign.

Iraq is like a cancer patient who was also running a high fever from an infection (al-Qaida in Mesopotamia). The military surge has brought down the fever, but the patient still has cancer (civil war). And we still don't know how to treat it. Surgery? Chemotherapy? Natural healing? Submissiveness?

To the extent that the surge has worked militarily, it is largely because of what Iraqis have done by themselves — by recruiting tribal leaders rising up against pro-Qaida Sunni elements, taking back control of their villages and towns, and aligning themselves with U.S. forces to do some Shi'ite work, now doing the same.

There has been no equivalent surprise, though, in Iraqi politics, yet. If you see that — if you see Iraqi politicians surprising you by doing things they've never done before, like forging a self-sustaining political compromise and building



the basic of a unified country, then you can allow yourself some optimism.

So far, though, too many of Iraq's leaders continue to act their part — looking out for themselves, their clans, their hometowns, their militias and their sects, and taking the Iraqi treasury and ministries as looting grounds for personal or sectarian gains.

As a result, what you have today is more of a spotty truce, with U.S. soldiers still caught in the middle. That is a quiet strategy, not an exit strategy.

Study the travel itineraries of Iraq's principal financial leaders after the Petraeus hearings. Did they all rush to Baghdad to try to work out their differences? No. Many of them took off for abroad.

As one U.S. official in Baghdad pointed out to me last week, "at no point" since the testimony by Petraeus and Ambassador Ryan Crocker "have you had the four key Iraqi leaders in the same country at the same time." They saw the hearings as buying them more time, and so they took it.

"We have created a real case of moral hazard in Iraq," said Marc Lynch, a Middle East specialist at George Washington University. "Because all the

key players think the Americans are going to bail them out, they have no incentive to make any real concessions to one another."

Indeed, I continue to believe that everyone has who there they want us in Iraq: We're holding up the floor for Iraqi politicians to do their endless tribal dance; we are bogged down and within missile range of Iran, so if we try to use any military force to disrupt Tehran's nuclear program we will pay a huge price; and as long as we are trapped in Iraq, we will never even think about promoting reform elsewhere in the Arab world — to the relief of all Arab autocrats.

No question, there has been more local cross-sectarian dialogue lately, particularly between Shi'ite and Sunni elders. But that seems to be the limit of Iraqi politics.

People there can act as tribes, sects and clans, but not as a unified government — so there is no systematically consolidating whatever gains the surge has made.

It still feels to me as if we've made Iraq just safe enough for its politicians to be obstinate, corrupt or reckless on our dime. Even the moderate Kurds must have developed some kind

of death wish, allowing their radicals to simultaneously provoke both Turkey and Iran and risking the island of real decency the Kurds have built in the north.

Petraeus' strategy is to keep trying to knit the different militias and tribal fragments in Iraq together into a national army and government so we can shrink our presence. I truly wish him well.

But I don't see it happening without two things — some shock therapy — like a firm U.S. withdrawal signal — to spur Iraqi leaders, and a regional settlement.

That is, without resolving the Cold War in the Middle East that now pits America on one side and Iran and Syria on the other, I'm not sure you can stabilize Iraq, Lebanon or Israel-Palestine.

Letting everyone know that we're not staying there forever would be the best way to catalyze both local and regional negotiations and give us something we don't now have: leverage. Just letting Iraq recede into the back pages does not serve our interests.

If we're going to just forget about Iraq, let's do it when we're gone — not when we're still there.

Thomas L. Friedman is a columnist for the *New York Times*.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

We need to retain constitutional rights

Regarding Michael Mukasey's comment on protecting reporters from revealing their sources "sucks."

I, along with everyone, will not reveal crimes such as crack houses and crooked politicians because I value my life and freedom.

Whatever happened to freedom of the press? Nine out of 10 crimes were solved by witnesses and informers. Too many of our rights are being taken away. The right to speech does not exist anymore — try saying something about a race of people or a religion. I believe the courts have too many state, county and city laws that override the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Has anyone noticed the Second Amendment? There are periods separating words. Doesn't that mean it's not related to words on each side and stands alone.

Let's get rid of them. Do nothing. People in our capitals with the right to vote. By the way, not everyone has the right to vote. It's our only weapon: use it.

CARL CORMIER
Jerome

David Johnson has shown himself to be a leader

This letter is to express my support for David E.

Johnson, current Twin Falls councilman, who is running in the Nov. 6 Twin Falls City election.

Since his appointment to the council in early 2006, David has won the support of a wide range of community and city groups and leaders. He has proven himself to be a thoughtful council member, a good listener and an engaged and active participant in the city's issues and future.

David E. Johnson has a wide range of community contacts through his many civic involvements, including as a former board member of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, the Rotary Club, the Boys and Girls Club and others. As a business leader, David understands the need for economic growth in our city, but he also appreciates how growth should participate with respect to city infrastructure and needs.

He has worked hard on updating the City Comprehensive Plan and Transportation Plan, which will guide Twin Falls' future growth.

David recognizes the potential jewel we have in downtown, along the canyon rim and in other parts of our growing, dynamic community. He is particularly interested in downtown revitalization. As a liaison to the city's Parks and Recreation

Commission, David is focused on providing quality, affordable programs for our community.

He understands that growth cannot outstretch the ability of the city to provide services in an affordable and efficient manner. He is both a business leader and a homeowner, and he understands the need to bring reasonable perspectives to council decisions to positively benefit the whole community.

In his first term on the council, he has shown himself to be both a leader and a team player. I hope you will join me in supporting David E. Johnson for another term.
DOUGLAS VOLLMER
Twin Falls

Socialism is not a party of the United States

Will the socialists in this country please stop pretending to be members of either party? You have been hiding behind the liberal and conservative banner for far too long.

Ladies and gentlemen, if you have not paid attention to these people are doing, then you are either ignorant or you're just that self-absorbed and not willing to see what's going on around you to care enough about your rights and freedoms.

Bill-by-right, your freedoms are becoming more extinct

as we know them. We have let the government dictate to us that it knows best, and we have been too motionless and reluctant to take control of our lives and take the power away from these people. This is what happens when you allow moderates and liberals to run the country without being restrained.

These socialists are trying to pass a bill called LOST (Law of the Sea Treaty). This bill would detrimentally impact the sovereignty of the United States by creating a governing body known as the International Trade Authority (ITA) which would regulate 70 percent of the earth's surface and the air above it — granting them power to levy a global tax, not allow us to do any mining or drilling, also would not allow America or any other country to stop any ship for inspection for weapons of mass destruction or any possible terrorist activity. This bill would give the United Nations power over America, power that it does not need and power we should not let it have.

This bill would be a step closer to one-world government. I urge you to call or email your senators in this state and in other states and tell them to stop this bill. Take back your freedom; take back the power.
JEFF ABRAM
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Sen. Larry Craig ... is not gay. Case closed.

How do we know this? He loves his wife. "I love this woman very much," he told Matt Lauer of NBC.

What's her husband, Suzanne Craig corroborated her more, his wife. The



man who pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct resulting from a gay sex sting in the Minneapolis airport really does love her. She would never take part in a marriage of convenience to provide cover for

the senator's gay lifestyle. "I would never do that," she told Lauer. "That's almost like selling your soul."

There you have it. He loves her, she loves him and neither one would ever be involved in a sham marriage. So Craig cannot possibly be gay.

Of course, he could be lying ... Sure, he's been married to her for 25 years, and they've raised three children together, but that could all be part of some cynical political posturing.

Then there's another explanation. He could love his wife and family

and still be gay ...

Many gay people want the children, social acceptance and other benefits an outwardly straight lifestyle provides.

Beyond that, many of them dearly love their wives and husbands ... Whether or not Craig is telling the truth, his assertion that loving your straight spouse means you can't be homosexual does a disservice to the gay people and does little to increase straight people's understanding of what it means to be homosexual.

And once again, love has been reduced to sex.

... Schools vs. roads

Idaho Statesman, Boise

If you're one of the 90,000 drivers who battle the traffic on Eagle Road every day, we feel for you.

We know the hardest-working thoroughfare in the Valley cannot handle its existing traffic load. Like you, we don't even want to think about what happens if a 258-acre retail, residential, office and park space development comes to Eagle Road north of Fairview Avenue.

We can understand why local officials want to cut a deal to scrape together tax dollars for an overtaxed Eagle Road. But we also know a bad deal when we see one.

The deal that could add

lanes to Eagle Road quickly begins a disorderly free-for-all, pitting local needs against state needs in a tug of war over the same dollars. It's a zero-sum game, with roads improved at the expense of schools or other programs.

Here's the idea: Under a new state law, CenterCal Properties ponies up \$15 million to widen Eagle Road to seven lanes, from Interstate 84 to just north of Fairview. The developer gets its money back, eventually, by recouping some of the sales taxes collected at its stores.

...This isn't something for nothing. Sure, the developer pays the upfront cost. In that sense, the plan adheres to the oft-stated public policy mantra that growth "pays for itself." That is, until the state's

schools and Medicaid systems — and even local governments — pay the debt.

The written-off sales taxes would otherwise help pay for public education ... along with Medicaid, prisons and any other program that relies on ... state sales tax ... Local governments also receive 11.5 percent of sales tax revenue through state "revenue sharing."

All of those needs ... would go to the back of the line. And there's no stopping any commercial developer from trying to curtail his sales tax money for a road improvement, or any local government from jumping in and siphoning state sales tax money for a local project.

There's no other state needs to find new ways to



pay for road and bridge needs ... But this isn't a new funding source — just a new demand for the same tax money.

Lawmakers ... created this monster this year ... We passed a law allowing a ... developer to build a highway interchange, and get reimbursed through sales taxes collected at a new north Idaho Cabala's store. The ...

"Cabala's bill" got a lot of attention because of the political intrigue that surrounded it: the bill passed after developers hired a new lobbyist ... Julie Ellsworth, a former legislator, who was recommended by House Speaker Lawrence Denney.

We didn't like the process. Now that we're seeing the "Cabala's bill" in action, we don't like the product either.



... Internment camps

Ogden, Utah, Standard-Examiner

History, however uncomfortable it may make us, is essential to our understanding of the world today.

We need to know why things are the way they are, and how to avoid repeating our mistakes. A knowledge of history helps us do that.

That's why the Japanese-Americans who were forced into internment camps during World War II want to make sure the memories of these awful places don't recede into the mists of time ...

That's why ... Congress passed, and President Bush signed into law, a \$30 million grant package designed to help groups of survivors and other interested parties establish various historical sites at the locations of the camps where Americans were confined.

One was in Utah: It was called Topaz ... near Delta. Another was at Heart Mountain, Wyo., 10 miles (from) the present-day

tourist town of Cody. At Topaz, all that remains to mark the spot are a few cement footings, scraps of wood ... and a historical marker. At Heart Mountain, a few buildings are still standing.

The National Park Service owns two camps — Manzanar in California and Minidoka in Idaho — but the rest ... are in the process of being purchased by nonprofit groups that would like to erect ... modest reminders of the history which has been obscured since the camps' closings in 1945.

We support these efforts ... we urge the nonprofit groups to put equal effort into creating Web sites ...

Audio and video accounts

from survivors, written histories, photos, etc., could be readily accessed by school children as part of their history curriculum and by researchers working on more detailed examinations of that dark period in our nation's history.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Jumping off the train to prove your case

I am writing in regard to "Buz" Stocking's letter about the undercover cops (in the Craig debacle) not having a case.

It reminds me of McKenna's story in her book about how Sen. Borah won a murder case in early days. Borah was a lawyer and, to win this case, he himself jumped off a train going at a certain speed to see if it could be done. This reenactment played a big part in winning the case.

Maybe Buz Stocking could be our next senator from Idaho.

MYRLE LEACH Gooding

Wendell cleanup still needs some supporters

We want to thank the responsible people of Wendell for trimming shrubs and trees and cutting weeds around their property.

For those who have not responded, we hope they will within the next couple of weeks, for it really makes for a cleaner and better-looking city.

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Bonded Bulldogs ready for 3A title run

By Bradley Coiro
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — Around this time last year, the Kimberly volleyball team was at the state tournament. They didn't play a single game.

The girls, eliminated during the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference tournament, looked on longingly as they dreamed of just one more week to play. The high school was hosting the Class 4A tournament, and the Bulldogs took it all in. They didn't want to be there. They wanted to be in Wendell, where the rest of the 3A field was, where Filer and Buhl went.

The Bulldogs didn't make that 3A tournament, but they watched and made mental notes of the teams in their gym, already thinking of next season. That time is up, their time is now.



Tasha Sutherland talked about what she and the other girls saw last year out of the other teams. It wasn't necessarily the talent or athleticism of the other girls, but the way they interacted with each other. What stuck with them most was the interpersonal relationships those other girls possessed.

"They were so bonded, and I said, 'If we could only do those teams,'" Sutherland said. "Now we are."

Sutherland went on to describe how the team has gone out of its way to coordinate accessories, not just have the same school uniform. Headbands, pillow cases, blankets,

and everything reads "Princess."
"We have matching everything for our trips," Sutherland said. "We're all different princesses."
All different, but all equal at the same level: princesses. No girl is a queen.

"It's a rarity," Bulldogs head coach Jan Hall said. "This goes beyond liking each other. These girls love one another. We've got three seniors, three juniors, a sophomore and a freshman ... different age girls coming together for one idea."

Obviously, that one idea is the 3A championship, something that this program has not won. In fact, Kimberly has not reached a state tournament in volleyball since 1994. The first obstacle there is the opening-round match against Sugar-Salem, a program looking to

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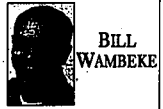


Kimberly High School middle blocker Kessie Newberry bumps the ball during a team practice Wednesday afternoon in Kimberly.

FORGETTABLE FANTASY

Fourteen bum legs and a big beatdown

A beatdown, a punneling, doubled up on call it whatever you want, I was beaten and beaten badly on Sunday. Coming into it, I was already predicted to lose 124-73. I figured I could muster more than 80 points and I did. But in the end, I lost 155 to 83.



BILL WAMBEKE

The team I played had only three guys that didn't score in double digits. I on the other hand had only four guys score in double figures. It didn't help that Jacksonvill Jaguars quarterback David Gerrard (my starter) got hurt and didn't play most of Monday night's game against the Indianapolis Colts. While frustrating to lose so bad, like any team, sometimes you have to get a loss like that out of your system to help regroup and refocus. At the midway point of the season, it's made me realize I need to pick up anybody who will gain yards and jettison anyone who is getting by on name alone. Like a good

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WORLD SERIES GAME 1: RED SOX 13, ROCKIES 1

Red Sox roll over Rockies

Beckett throws gem in blowout

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — Josh Beckett, Dustin Pedroia and the Boston Red Sox were repped up and ready. Not so the Colorado Rockies, who showed up in Fenway looking rusty and tired.

Back in the World Series with no Bambino's curse to worry about, the Red Sox flattened the Rockies 13-1 in Wednesday night's World Series opener. Beckett got off to the most overpowering start since Sandy Koufax, Pedroia became only the second player to lead off the Series with a home run, and then a relentless offense led by Manny Ramirez and David Ortiz racked up hit after hit. Boston set a record for runs and victory margin in an opener and finished with 17 hits, becoming the first club to hit eight doubles in a Series game since 1925. After taking a 6-1 lead against Colorado ace Jeff Francis, the Red Sox piled on seven runs in the fifth, when Rockies reliever Ryan Speier walked three straight batters with the bases loaded — the first time that ever happened in a Series game.

Make no mistake, these Red Sox are slick, and not just because of an on-and-off drizzle that seemed to dampen the noise from 36,733 fans in Fenway Park. Colorado has the altitude — the series shifts to mile-high Coors Field this weekend — and had won 21 of 22 coming in. But after a record eight days off, the Rockies looked like a team starting spring training, just four batters in and trudging by only a run, the Rockies moved their infield in. Boston, meanwhile, showed the veteran attitude and stretched a Red Sox Series winning streak to five for



Boston Red Sox first baseman Kevin Youkilis beats the tag from Colorado Rockies catcher Yorvit Torrealba (8) to score on David Ortiz's double off Colorado Rockies pitcher Jeff Francis in the second inning of Game 1 of the World Series Wednesday at Fenway Park in Boston.



Rockies at Red Sox

Game 2 tonight
First pitch: 6:29 p.m.
Pitchers: Ubaldo Jimenez (4-4) vs. Curt Schilling (9-8)
TV: FOX

The first time since 1915-16. While the Rockies lined up for the introductions on the foul side of the third-base line,

looking like World Series rookies, the Red Sox stood shoulder-to-shoulder on the infield side, knowing they belonged.

With stubble on his upper lip and a hint of a soul patch on his chin, the 27-year-old Beckett pitched in the manner of a young Roger Clemens. Coming off his AL championship series MVP of the 2003 World Series MVP blow away the Rockies with 95-97 mph fastballs the first time through the order, then started mixing in a 77 mph curve.

Beckett allowed six hits in seven innings, struck out nine and walked one, improving to 4-0 with a 1.20 ERA

in the postseason this year.

Francis fell behind 3-0 in the first inning and was finished after four, giving up six runs and 10 hits. Colorado, which had matched the 1976 Cincinnati Big Red Machine by sweeping its first seven postseason games, lost for just the second time since Sept. 15. The Rockies allowed just eight runs in their sweep of Arizona in the NL championship series and gave up nearly twice that in five innings.

Boston tries to make it 2-0 Thursday night when Curt Schilling, 9-2 in postseason play, pitches against rookie

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CSI volleyball finalizes regular season with road trip

Golden Eagles head north for two matches

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

Two key dates remain in the 2007 College of Southern Idaho volleyball season, neither of which falls during this week.

Those dates are the Saturday, Nov. 9 Region 18B Tournament Championship game and the Thursday, Nov. 15 start of the NCAAA Division I National Tournament in Council Bluffs, Iowa. While those dates loom large in the overall picture of the season, this Saturday's regular-season ending Scenic West Athletic Conference match against North Idaho College in Coeur d'Alene is likely to leave a lasting impact on both dates.

After facing the Community Colleges of Spokane Sasquatch team tonight, the No. 8 Golden Eagles take on the 19-C Cardinals in a match of little statistical importance. CSI has

already wrapped up hosting privileges for the region tournament, as the Golden Eagles hold a tie-breaker over the Cardinals should they fall Saturday. With a win, CSI will host fourth-seeded Central Idaho Northwestern Community College, while a loss will have the Golden Eagles open tournament play against the third-seeded College of Eastern Utah at 3 p.m., next Friday.

The difference between playing the two teams CSI is a combined 6-0 on the season against is negligible. However, the outcome of Saturday's match between the Golden Eagles and Cardinals could set the tone for the likely rematch in one week. For a CSI team that is 7-2 in SWAC play heading in, there is great importance in how the squad handles the hostile crowd in NIC's Christiansen Gymnasium and a Cardinals team that will be hungry to move into a tie

NCAAA Division I Volleyball Poll

College (1st-16th place)	Ranking	W	L
1. Salt Lake CC (4)	37-3	60	1
2. Miami (Ohio)	29-0	46	0
3. Frank Phillips	35-1	72	3
4. Jacksonville State	35-4	68	4
5. Western Nebraska CC	42-2	64	0
6. Iowa Western CC	39-1	63	0
7. Barton College CC	33-7	56	8
8. CSI	32-0	42	8
9. Troy JC	29-0	40	0
10. Pasco-Hernando CC	24-8	44	10
11. Ohio	23-0	36	12
12. San Jacinto Central	23-0	36	12
13. Jacksonville CC	22-0	36	12
14. Missouri State-West Plains	22-2	28	14
15. Hillsborough CC	24-1	24	18
16. Northwestern CC	24-1	24	18
17. Florida CC	21-7	19	17
18. Redlands CC	22-4	12	18
19. Western Wyoming CC	22-14	8	18
20. Hawaii	22-8	4	20

for second in the final SWAC standings. Heading into postseason play, the Golden Eagles are looking to prove that they can perform well under the steadily-increasing pressure to win

against the more experienced teams they hope to face at the national tournament.

"That's what I told my team too," CSI head coach Heidi Carlisser said. "You know, from here on out, it's pressure. It's a pressure situation and we just have to be able to respond to pressure regardless of who is across the net."

North Idaho's talented duo of sophomores outside hitters Amanda Misa and Whitney Tucker have played well against CSI this season, as has 6-foot-11 freshman middle blocker Adrielle Dunn. While troubles in service and service reception have kept NIC on the losing end of two in-state rivalry matches this season, the Cardinals have played close with CSI, as each game played has been decided by a winning margin of under six points.

For the typically slow-starting Golden Eagles, finding a way to win the first point of each game and gaining an early advantage will go a

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Den Barre's opponent on Saturday's Ultimate Fighter: Team Hughes vs. Team Serra on Wednesday.

Milico High School graduate Dan Barre lost by decision to Ben Saunders on his first fight on Ultimate Fighting Championship's The Ultimate Fighter, a reality competition broadcast on Spike TV. The fight aired Wednesday. Barre exchanged a barrage of body blows with Saunders, but lost 10-8 after two five-minute rounds. The fight was a preliminary match, so Barre is still alive in the competition. For their efforts in the Octagon, UFC president Dana White awarded both combatants a \$5,000 bonus.

Calcavecchia looking for strong finish to '07 season

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. (AP) — Mark Calcavecchia decided to play the final four weeks of the PGA Tour season for one simple reason: "Sheer boredom," he said.

Really, there isn't much else for him to worry about these days.

He's one of the headliners this week in the Ginn sur mer Classic, the Fall Series event that opens Thursday on the Arnold Palmer Course at the Tiro Club. Only a quarter of the top 100 earned a spot this season as in the field, which is mostly made up of players trying to find their way into the top 125 on that money list and earn exempt status for 2008 along with it.

So there's no Tiger Woods, Phil Mickelson, Jim Furyk or Vijay Singh this week.

Instead, here comes Tripp Isenhour, Paul Goff, John

Huston, and Jaco Van Zyl.

"It's nice not to see Tiger and Phil and Furyk and Vijay and all the same guys every week, actually," Calcavecchia said. "Kind of exciting showing up knowing that if you play well you don't have to dust off the top 10 in the world to have a chance."

This year, he's had a chance just about every time out, no matter who else is playing.

The 47-year-old Tiro Club member has a victory this season (the PODS Championship) along with five other top-10 finishes, has earned nearly \$3 million in 2007 and tied for second at the Tour Championship last month.

Yet, he isn't ready to see 2007 end, evidenced by this being his third straight start on the Fall Series schedule. He plans to play in the finale at the Children's



John Daly tees off on the No. 14th tee box during the Pro-Am of the Ginn sur mer Classic golf tournament Wednesday at the Tiro Club in Port St. Lucie, Fla.

"So I've got two left. I'm going to play next week at Disney and I'm looking forward to a couple big weeks — I hope."

This year was a turnaround of sorts for Calcavecchia, who was 120th on the money list last season and had only one top-10 finish in 27 events.

The Fall Series has been a turnaround for Justin Leonard too.

Leonard won for the first time since 2005 earlier this month at the Texas Open in a playoff, besting Parveek in a three-hole playoff. He's finished at least 13th in each of his last three starts, making nearly \$1.1 million — or about as much as he had made in nearly his last 50 starts combined.

"We can't measure our success by results too often," Leonard said. "There's a few players that can't put it away sometimes. It's going to be in just progress. When you

can win a golf tournament out here, it kind of validates things to everybody."

Winning would do more than validate things to most in this field — it'd get them tour cards for 2008.

The top 125 on the money list (from last week's event) can earn full playing privileges for next year. Brett Quigley is 126th with 377,411; he's not here this week. But everyone else from No. 111 (CHH Knapp, \$558,349) to No. 134 (Kent Jones, \$57,040) is entered in the field.

Or, for the likes of Ken Duke (No. 44, \$1,754,478), a spot in the Masters is there for the taking.

"If you finish top 30 on the money list you get into an Augusta and maybe the U.S. Open, too," Duke said. "That's what I'm shooting for. If I win, I think it would take care of it, no question."

Miracle Network Classic in Lake Buena Vista next week as well.

"When I said I was going to play the last four, I wanted to win another one of them and start a great year into a really great year," Calcavecchia said.

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Postseason Baseball

Series	W	L
World Series	0	0
ALCS	0	0
NLCS	0	0

World Series

Team	W	L
St. Louis	0	0
San Francisco	0	0

GAME PLAN

LOCAL

FOOTBALL

Hageman at Ratt River, 7 p.m.

GOLF

TCG — European PGA Tour, Malibu Classic, first round, at Son Servo, Malibu

TCG — Nationwide Tour, Mizuho Championship, first round, at Miami

TCG — PGA Tour, Ginn Classic, first round, at Port St. Lucie, Fla.

4 p.m.

TCG — Champions Tour, Charles Schwab Cup Championship, first round, at Sonoma, Calif.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

6 p.m.

FOX — World Series, game 2, Colorado at Boston

NBA BASKETBALL

8 p.m.

TNT — World Series, Denver at Phoenix

PREP FOOTBALL

8 p.m.

FSN — Grant (Ore.) vs. Lincoln (Ore.), at Portland, Ore.

SOCCER

6:30 p.m.

ESPN — Boston College at Virginia Tech

VERSUS — Air Force at New Mexico

BETTING

World Series Odds

Team	W	L
St. Louis	1.50	0.65
San Francisco	0.65	1.50

ALCS Odds

Team	W	L
St. Louis	1.20	0.80
San Francisco	0.80	1.20

NLCS Odds

Team	W	L
St. Louis	1.10	0.90
San Francisco	0.90	1.10

BASEBALL

NBA Postseason

Series	W	L
Western Conference	0	0
Eastern Conference	0	0

World Series

Team	W	L
St. Louis	0	0
San Francisco	0	0

T-U SCHEDULE

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

6:30 p.m.

ESPN — Boston College at Virginia Tech

VERSUS — Air Force at New Mexico

BASEBALL

Game	W	L
St. Louis	0	0
San Francisco	0	0

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Game	W	L
St. Louis	0	0
San Francisco	0	0

TENNIS

ATP Grand Slam Tennis

Series	W	L
US Open	0	0
French Open	0	0
Wimbledon	0	0
Australian Open	0	0

WTA Tour Grand Slams

Series	W	L
US Open	0	0
French Open	0	0
Wimbledon	0	0
Australian Open	0	0

Walker headed to Minnesota as Heat, T-wolves make five-player trade

Antoine Walker's turbulent time with the Miami Heat is over.

The Heat traded the three-time All-Star forward to the Minnesota Timberwolves on Wednesday in a five-player deal that came one day after Miami completed a winless preseason.

Walker, backup center Michael Delenc, off-injured forward Wayne Simien and a conditional first-round draft pick went to Minnesota for former Miami swingman Ricky Davis and center Mark Blount.

"The deal gives Miami the third scoring option it wanted in Davis," Heat GM Pat Riley said. "It gives Minnesota a player who will miss a few more weeks while recovering from knee and shoulder surgeries."

"It's always difficult to get traded," said Milwaukee's Walker's agent. "It's well-documented there were issues between (head coach Pat Riley) and Antoine that were out there hanging over everyone's head."

Walker did not play in Miami's final two preseason games. Riley said he kept him out of Tuesday's exhibition finale because, "I know what he can do."

"So he'll do it for Minnesota now — or, perhaps, someone else."

The Timberwolves now have 18 players under contract and vice president for basketball operations Kevin McHale said another move is coming to trim the roster — indicating not all the new pieces will actually report to Minnesota.

"We have some other stuff that we're probably going to do inside this deal," McHale said.

"A lot of business going on."

BASEBALL

O'Neil honored by Hall of Fame

With Lifetime Achievement Award

BOSTON — One of the game's most beloved ambassadors, Buck O'Neil was posthumously honored Wednesday by the Hall of Fame with a Lifetime Achievement Award named in his memory.

Baseball commissioner Bud Selig was on hand for the announcement at Fenway Park before the World Series opener between Colorado and Boston.

O'Neil, a Negro Leagues star and the first black coach in the majors, lost two shy of induction into the Hall of Fame during a special election in February 2006. He died last October at age 94.

A statue of O'Neil will be erected inside the museum, and the Buck O'Neil Lifetime Achievement Award will be presented to a worthy recipient no more than every three years.

"His impact on the game has been enormous," Selig said. "He's now in Cooperstown where he belongs."

NFL

Man linked to Vick's dogfighting ring enters guilty plea

RICHMOND, Va. — A man who sold a champion pit bull to suspended NFL quarter-

Sports Shorts

Mower nalls ace at 93 Golf Ranch

Dale Mower recorded a hole-in-one with a 5-iron on the No. 17 hole at 93 Golf Ranch on Wednesday. Witnesses included Gary Dutton, Jim Babcock and Skip Anderson.

T.F. Rapids hold registration

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Rapids Soccer Club is holding registration for the spring season for boys and girls from 2-12. Paperwork and a deposit of \$100 must be mailed by Dec. 1. Scholarships are available for those needing financial assistance. All paperwork and club address can be found at www.twinfallsrapids.com. For more information, contact Chris or Kathy Clark at 734-9364 or e-mail twinfallsrapids@yahoo.com.

T.F. Rapids seeking coaches

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Rapids Soccer Club is looking for individuals interested in coaching club teams. Both experienced and new coaches are welcome. Current club coaches will lead coaching round table and field training seminars during November and December on all aspects of youth soccer coaching. Those interested may contact Sasha Pavovic at 733-9411 or Chris or Kathy Clark at 734-9364.

Magic Valley

Southern Idaho volleyball tryouts near

TWIN FALLS — The Southern Idaho Volleyball Club will hold open tryouts from 5-7 p.m. at Immanuel Lutheran Church gymnasium (2055 Fluv. Ave.) East on Monday, Nov. 12 and Wednesday, Nov. 14. The tryout is open to players in grades 7-12 and players should attend both days. The club is in its second year and competes in International Volleyball Association. The club will take part in all state and tournament that involve weekend travel and expenses. Tryout fee is \$10 (\$5 if paid in advance). Practices will be Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 5-7 p.m. For more information or to register, contact Jay

Bride at 420-2425 or 736-7077.

College Football Schedule

Game	W	L
St. Louis	0	0
San Francisco	0	0

WTA Tour Grand Slams

Series	W	L
US Open	0	0
French Open	0	0
Wimbledon	0	0
Australian Open	0	0

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mild and nice with a few clouds... Tonight: Partly cloudy... Tomorrow: Cooling off some, but looking to remain dry...

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny to partly cloudy and mild... Tonight: Partly cloudy... Tomorrow: Remaining dry as it cools down some...

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Today will be partly cloudy and still mild... BOISE Sunny to partly cloudy skies today...

NORTHERN UTAH

Sunny and mild today. A few clouds roll in late tonight and Friday, but it will likely stay dry...

MAGG MIDDLEBURY'S QUOTE OF THE DAY



TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday, Monday. Includes icons for weather and temperature forecasts.

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Table with columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset, Pollen Count. Includes moon phase and U.V. index.

MOON PHASES



REGIONAL FORECAST

Table of regional forecasts for various cities including Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

NATIONAL FORECAST

Table of national forecasts for major cities across the United States.

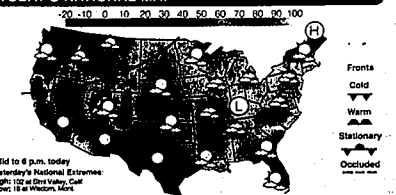
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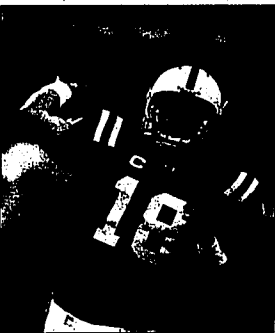
CANADIAN FORECAST

Table of Canadian forecasts for major Canadian cities.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



New England Patriots quarterback Tom Brady prepares to pass the ball in the first quarter against the Miami Dolphins during a football game at Dolphin Stadium in Miami, Sunday.



Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning throws a pass during the fourth quarter of a game against the Tampa Bay Buccaneers in Indianapolis on Oct. 7.

Record-bound quarterbacks

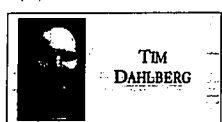
Manning, Brady trying to become 1st QBs to beat 31 NFL teams

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Peyton Manning and Tom Brady have been rivals on the field for years. Now the two Super Bowl MVPs could be taking their competition into the NFL record book... Manning is just the beginning of the greatest quarterback era in NFL history.

every three years; now it's every four years. So if Manning or Brady fall Sunday, they won't get another shot at Carolina or Washington until they're in their mid-30s. At age 38, Favre may not get another chance at the Chiefs... Manning is just the beginning of the greatest quarterback era in NFL history.

Betting on the NFL in London is a sure thing

The English aren't exactly flocking to the betting windows, at least just yet. Then again, they might not have much left to bet after a dismal sporting weekend that tested the heat of even the most stolid Brit... The English aren't exactly flocking to the betting windows, at least just yet. Then again, they might not have much left to bet after a dismal sporting weekend that tested the heat of even the most stolid Brit...



TIM DAHLBERG

Las Vegas Strip, where millions are wagered every weekend on America's favorite betting sport. The difference is the NFL is embracing London as a partner, so much so that commissioner Roger Goodell said last week the city might one day host the Super Bowl... The English aren't exactly flocking to the betting windows, at least just yet. Then again, they might not have much left to bet after a dismal sporting weekend that tested the heat of even the most stolid Brit...

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M.V. firefighters head to California

More crews needed to fight expanding wildfires

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

As if the most voracious southern Idaho fire season in a century wasn't enough, 10 firefighters with the U.S. Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management are headed to Southern California to battle blazes there that have forced the largest evacuation in that state's history.

One Forest Service engine and four firefighters were dispatched from the Burley area Tuesday morning, along with one engine and six firefighters from the BLM's Twin Falls district.

The Magic Valley crews could

report to any number of the dozens of active fires in Southern California, or they could be stationed at firehouses to back up local crews dispatched to the wildfires. Either way, Magic Valley fire officials say the Idaho crews are well-prepared for what awaits.

"We fought triple the number of fires in our district this year than normal," said Chris Schenck, a fire coordinator with the Forest Service. "We sent our best and brightest."

The crews will face similar fire behavior to that of several large Idaho wildfires that tore through Magic Valley this summer, including the Murphy Complex Fire that

burned about 600,000 acres and the Castle Rock Fire that threatened homes near Ketchikan.

The California fires have claimed at least 1,600 homes as of Wednesday.

Idaho firefighters may not be prepared, however, for the powerful Santa Ana winds that forced fire managers Tuesday to concede the blazes were out of hand.

At least 21 firefighters have been injured in those fires. No firefighters suffered major injuries in southern Idaho fires this year.

Requests for more engines came Monday from the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, said Heather Tiel-Nelson, a

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Winds give fire crews a chance to fight back.

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spokeswoman for the BLM.

It's not uncommon for crews to travel from their home stations to fight fires in other states. But crews in Idaho, a state with traditionally more fires than most others, tend to stay close to home to battle blazes.

"These people came up here and helped us," Schenck said. "Now it's time for us to return the favor." The crews could return to Idaho within two weeks.

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Parents cry over contracts

T.F. School Board allows discussion about special service switch

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls School Board Wednesday night discussed an upcoming policy switch that affects students with extra emotional and behavioral needs.

But it was the parents who got emotional. One mother, Tressa Pettigill, cried. And she wasn't alone; other people in the crowded room cried too.

Pettigill's son is autistic and has only recently begun to shine in school and socially — a positive change that she said is attributable to his psychological rehabilitation work employed by the district.

"We are not in the business of behavior education."

— Clara Allred, T.F. school district's director of support services

The board has given employment with children like Pettigill's son — about 10 months notice before their district jobs cease and their service is contracted out to local companies.

Two companies have been named by district officials as contract providers — Absolute Family Solutions in Twin Falls, and SME or Adolescent Day Treatment in Jerome.

Parents said they worry the quality of services their children receive will decline by contracting it out. Sixty-seven students in the district receive psychosocial rehabilitation or intensive behavior intervention services, district officials have said.

Pettigill urged the district to put together a "focus group" with parents, teachers, therapists and accountants to discuss the issue. The board, however, took no action on the matter.

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TWIN FALLS CITY POOL



A swimmer does laps as Twin Falls City Council members walk around the city pool Wednesday during a tour of the facility.

A city swim City officials tour pool

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

As he walked around the Twin Falls city pool Wednesday for the first time in two years, Twin Falls City Councilman Greg Lanting spoke highly of the renovated locker rooms and the facility's management by the YMCA of Twin Falls.

After he said the deck looked more worn than expected and suggested rust on some poles was due to a cover over the pool that might not provide enough air, Lanting offered a simple explanation for the pool's condition.

"It was never designed to be used year-round," he said.

Such was the sentiment Wednesday during the second of two tours of the pool for the City

Council, pool advisory board and city staff Wednesday for a look at its look, crediting the areas of wear and tear to how it's now used throughout the year — thanks to the giant covering installed a few years ago.

"Other than the things that are old, I would say the pool looks like a 20-year-old pool," said Mayor Lance Clow.

Officials said the tours were held to show the City Council and pool advisory board recent renovations: the original boiler from 1989 was updated to a four-unit system; improvements were made to the deck, including a blue strip of silted sand; and the locker rooms were cleaned and refloored.

Still, the facility continues to need upgrades as it gets older, staff said. Mirrors in the locker

rooms have not been replaced; the bulkhead along the pool itself will eventually need to be replastered — a cost officials estimate at nearly \$100,000. There is also a possibility of installing a water softener for showers.

When asked what project was the first priority — if funding were not an issue — Kevin Skelton, the city's lead operator, cited the plastering. He said it could be done in three days.

The tour came two days after the City Council tabled a decision whether to approve a new contract for the YMCA to manage the pool.

Clow said Wednesday that the council wanted to view a document that was not included with the contract, and the council was concerned the contract perhaps "

called for too much oversight from the city.

The initial contract expired Sept. 30. It was extended by one month. A new contract, recommended by the city's pool advisory board, would continue to require the YMCA to disclose financial statements, but also make it track attendance, among other things.

The pool, and its management by the YMCA, was thrust into public scrutiny this summer when the YMCA endured a string of publicized disputes between employees and management. Since 2002, the city has paid the YMCA \$50,000 annually to manage the pool.

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Health district program would teach, support new mothers

By Nita Poppino
Times-News writer

It's a logical move, proponents say.

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That's the picture South

Central Public Health District officials are painting of Nurse-Family Partnership, a home-visit program currently used in Oregon, Wyoming and 20 other states. Registered nurses make 84 total home visits during a mother's pregnancy and her child's first two years in an effort to improve child health and development, as well as the economic self-sufficiency of the families themselves.

"We go to their house, go into their environment, see how they're living and what they have to deal with," dis-

trict Director Rene LeBlanc said Wednesday.

Health district staff looked at the program once before the push to adopt it had died, LeBlanc said. But he and Maggi Machala, district director of community health, resurrected the idea. The two plan to pitch the program to Magic Valley legislators next month in an effort to find funding.

Ideally, LeBlanc said, the program would provide four nurses for the eight-county district, with an average cost of \$4,000 for each family. The

start-up costs would be expensive, he said, but the numbers back the program: Randomized trials and follow-up studies conducted over the past 30 years show the program works. Studies from the RAND Corporation and others show each dollar invested in the program could mean three returned later in savings from correction facilities, medical costs and substance abuse programs.

Theoretically, Machala said, the state could save \$33,000 in criminal prevention for each mother and child duo by the

time the child is 15.

That doesn't even touch on how large the need is for such a program, Machala said. In a previous interview on teenage health, she said there are no similar programs in the state. Existing help for mothers, such as the Women, Infants and Children program, isn't adequate for this purpose.

"It's really what's necessary," she said.

The district operates on a July-June fiscal year, and current efforts would seek out funding for next year, whether it comes from the Legislature

or county governments, LeBlanc said. Twin Falls County Commissioner Terry Kramer, who sat in on a presentation about the program Wednesday, said the project caught his eye and might be a good candidate for funding through the county's Health Initiatives Trust.

"I think that it certainly would fit in some of the programs we're looking at right now."

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Buhl School Board votes for repairs to 7th Street Gym

By Erica Littlefield
Times-News correspondent

The 7th Street Gym is all that remains of the former Buhl High School, and the gym will soon be operational again.

That's on the agenda of the Buhl School Board Tuesday night to pay for more than \$50,000 in repairs to the building that would make it functional for the district's schools.

Superintendent Margaret Cox presented the board with two gym repair options. The first was to pay \$12,452 for work that would make the building more structurally sound, including the installation of a beam on the second floor.

"That work has to be done," Cox said. "There's no way to not do it."

The other option was to pay an additional \$45,763 to add 2.5 inches of insulation and stucco to repair holes in the wall adjacent to the school. Cox said the work would prevent moisture from getting into the building and make the wall more aesthetically pleasing.

Cox told the board that both projects are needed to make the facility usable. After a brief discussion the board voted unanimously to pay the entire \$58,215.

Buhl High School Principal Mike Gemar said being able to use the facility will benefit students, especially with the winter athletic season approaching.

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Halloween carnival Friday in Jerome

JEROME — Horizon Elementary School is having a Halloween Carnival from 5 to 8 p.m. Friday at the school on 75th Avenue.

Tickets will be 25 cents each or five tickets for \$1 for games. Dinner will be provided by Smokin' Cowboys and Dairy Queen for \$5 (300 dinners available). There will be carnival games, cake walks and a book walk provided by Jerome Public Library.

There will also be silent auction baskets and cotton-candy, soda and Dilly-Bars for sale. Halloween costumes are encouraged. The public is invited to attend.

For more information: 324-5755.

Get spooked at Declo

DECLO — Declo Elementary School will hold a Family Halloween Carnival from 5 to 8 p.m. Saturday at the school.

The event will include a spook alley that will have the lights on for younger children from 5 to 6 p.m. The lights will be off and the spook alley will be geared for older children from 6 to 7:30 p.m.

A potato bar will be available for \$3 per person or \$15 per family. Raffle tickets for gift baskets will be sold for \$1 each or six for \$5. Advance tickets can be purchased at the Noble Salon Sensations and Clear Talk in Burley. Tickets for the silent auction are available at Trebar in Heyburn and the Country Store in Declo. Each auction is for a load of gravel.

There will also be carnival games and a Hornet Hive Country Store. Costumes are welcome, but no masks.

For more information: Christina, 654-9456.

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"We need to make it functional for practice sessions," Gemar said.

In other district news, the board approved repairs to the roof at Poppelwell Elementary, and discussed repairing restrooms at the same school.

Also, Buhl resident Jim Barker presented the board with information on

other school districts' policies about public input at board meetings.

Barker informed the board that the State Department of Education and districts across the state, including Emmett, Kimberly and Twin Falls, all allow for some sort of public comment as part of their agendas.

Barker said he was prompted to do the

research after reading that a parents group was not allowed to comment during a Buhl School Board meeting in September.

"From my point of view, I think the board should encourage patron input," Barker said.

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Clara Allred, the district's director of support services, said the contract switch was because of funding and time efficiency issues. She also said it would allow workers and students to be better matched, but stressed nothing about the existing system went wrong.

District officials did not provide any detailed cost-analysis for the con-

tract switch.

"We are not in the business of behavior education," Allred said. Contracts for the services are utilized by Jerome and Gooding with success, Allred told the board.

"Obviously, we have to look at the big picture," said Twin Falls Board of Trustee Lori Ward, after silencing comments for reasons of time.

Mini-Cassia Craft Fair celebrates 20 years



Lisa and Kalley Esparza visit a booth at the Mini-Cassia Craft Fair in 2006. This year marks the 20-year anniversary of the event, which will be held Saturday at Minco High School.

RUPERT — The Mini-Cassia Craft Fair will celebrate its 20-year anniversary Saturday at Minico High School in Rupert.

The show will open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$1 per person or free with a ticket available at various merchants in Mini-Cassia.

Cost for attending the early bird sale is \$4 at the door or \$3 with an advance ticket. A portion of the ticket sales will go to Minico High School's band.

In commemoration of the event's 20th year, those attending the early bird sale will not only get first choice of items at the show, but will be entered in a drawing for a Caribbean cruise. As always, there will be drawings for door prizes throughout the day.

The Mini-Cassia Craft Fair is one of the largest in the state, hosting more than 120 vendors.

This will be the first year as a vendor for Maquel Wrigley of Burley. She attended the show many times in the past and knew what a success it was.

Wrigley will be selling vinyl

lettering and designs. The lettering is the new fad for home décor as it can be easily applied to walls, and can be added to indoor or outdoor tiles, wall hangings and plaques and can be made to order with any name or phrase in any color or size.

She also makes tiles with the silhouette of temples from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. These can be personalized with names and dates or with a sentiment.

A staple at the event for several years has been the cooks for the Minidoka County School District. They sell commercial quality condense and the proceeds go toward the district's food program.

The annual fall craft fair has

been under the direction of Jean Phillips and Liz Stephenson since it began 20 years ago. They no longer organize any other craft fairs in the area and focus their efforts on this fall show.

"We have enjoyed doing this show," Phillips said. "And we are really excited about this year's event. There are a lot of new vendors and we are filled to capacity. There will really be something for everyone." For more information: 431-3229 or 436-3229.

"There are a lot of new vendors and we are filled to capacity. There will really be something for everyone."

— Jean Phillips, Craft Fair director

PET OF THE WEEK

Polly is a spayed female tabby/white polydactyl kitten that is very curious, playful, and loving. She's been here for two months now, so she really needs to find a home. Maybe yours?

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CSI Mini-Cassia Center offers two new classes

BURLEY — The College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia Center will offer two classes.

Microsoft Office Excel 2007 will be held from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesdays, Oct. 31 to Nov. 28. Excel is a powerful tool that students can use to create

and format spreadsheets, make mailing lists, graphs and charts.

Instructor Shirley Slaughter will cover the new conditional formatting, advanced visuals and interface.

A Photos of People course will be held from 6 to 8 p.m.

Mondays, Oct. 29 to Nov. 26. Participants can use digital cameras or a camera with aperture and f/stop settings.

John Berglund will teach a variety of skills for lighting and setting up photo shoots. The course includes field trips

to local film processing centers and photography sites.

The cost for both classes is \$40. For more information or to register: 678-1400.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls County ARRAIGNMENTS (OCT 18-19)
John E. Welsh, 40, Twin Falls; disorderly conduct, under the influence of alcohol or drugs in a public place; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Nov. 27; no bond information.
Michael T. Kay, 47, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Nov. 27; posted bond.
Frank Bedke, 31, Jerome; two counts violation of no contact order; pleaded innocent; no plea entered; pretrial hearing set for Nov. 27; posted bond.
Marie E. Gerhardt, 34, Twin Falls; resisting/obstructing an officer; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Dec. 11; posted bond.
Jeffrey D. Whittemore, 40, Twin Falls; domestic battery; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 26; posted bond.
Randy J. Holler Jr., 18, Twin Falls; grand theft; no plea entered; public defender denied; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 26; \$500 bond.
Justin L. Smith, 29, Kimberly; malicious injury to property; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 26; no bond information.
Tereso M. Martinez, 50, McHome; felony driving under the influence; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Oct. 26; posted bond.

MISDEMEANOR SENTENCINGS
Samantha L. Mauldin, 23, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; amended to inattentive/careless driving; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$72.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 30 days in jail with 29 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation.
Raymond C. Owen, 19, Buhl; driving without privileges; \$800 fine with \$500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
Karen A. Colon, 30, Jerome; driving without privileges, second offense; \$1,000 fine with

\$600 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 180 days in jail with 140 suspended, 40 days house arrest; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 12 months probation.
Sara A. Begay, 45, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 85 suspended, credit for one day served, four days work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
Roger N. Evans, 39, Twin Falls; driving without privileges, second offense; \$1,000 fine with \$800 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 180 days in jail with 180 suspended; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 12 months probation.
Miles R. Wessner, 23, Heyburn; driving without privileges; \$1,000 fine with \$800 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 60 suspended, credit for time served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
Jacob L. Brown, 21, Buhl; one count minor consumption; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; credit for one day in jail, already served; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation; one count resisting/obstructing an officer; \$700 fine with \$400 suspended; 180 days in jail with 170 suspended; 72 hours work detail; 12 months probation.
Terry A. Mahkne, 39, Buhl; provide false information to an officer; withheld judgment granted; \$800 fine with \$500 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation.
William T. Strawn, 20, Twin Falls; one count no insurance; \$500 fine with \$300 suspended; \$75.50 costs; 10 days in jail with 10 suspended; 12 months probation; one count fail to stop/leave the scene of a damage accident dismissed.
MISDEMEANOR DISMISSALS
Nicholas J. Chapman, 22, Buhl; use of telephone to harass/make obscene phone

calls; dismissed by prosecutor.
J.D. Lockwood, 22, Twin Falls; possession of alcohol to minors; dismissed by prosecutor.
Tyron L. Thompson, 18, Twin Falls; battery; dismissed by prosecutor.

FELONY SENTENCINGS
Susan A. Torres, 39, Twin Falls; harboring a wanted felon; four years penitentiary; two years determinate; two years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$2,000 fine with \$1,500 suspended; \$100.50 costs; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income.
Kevin L. Doane, 40, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; five years penitentiary; two years determinate; three years indeterminate; suspended; three years probation; \$3,000 fine with \$1,000 suspended; \$107.50 costs; \$117 court compliance fee; \$583.53 restitution; shall not possess or consume any alcoholic beverages or frequent any establishment where alcohol is the main source of income.

CIVIL FILINGS
Darryl and Darlene Turner, doing business as Turner Vacation Rentals vs. Kara Marsh, doing business as Selequity Realty and Southern Idaho Rentals. Seeking judgment against the defendant for \$15,240; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiffs state they hired defendant to manage several of their rental properties and allege that she has failed to pay them the rent she collected on said properties.
Jason F. Mamwell vs. State of Idaho. Seeking post conviction relief of his driving under the influence sentence. Plaintiff alleges ineffective assistance of counsel.
Darren R. and Meredith R. Scott vs. Randon T. and Julene L. Lawrence. Seeking judgment against the defendant for an amount in excess of \$30,000, to be determined at trial; an injunction ordering defendants to cure the improper or illegal split of property; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff's state they purchased a house from defendants. Plaintiffs allege that after they purchased the

house they realized that the defendants were negligent in reviewing the boundaries and acreage of the property and failed to disclose defects with the house.

CHILD SUPPORT CASES
The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services have filed claims against the following:
Arturo M. Rico. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$1,049 monthly support plus 78 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,876.31 for foster care and child support costs.
Esmeralda Rico. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$301 monthly support plus 22 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$825.30 for foster care and child support costs.
Marcus J. Keopnick. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$202 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.
Justin M. Hartwig. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$202 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$3,469.30 for uncovered medical costs.

DIVORCES FILED
Veronica A. Antonio vs. Ambroio Antonio.
Linda M. Ogden vs. Larry J. Ogden.
Nadia Lopez vs. Jose R. Lopez Jr.
Ronald "Shane" Hohnhorst vs. Karon Hohnhorst.
Deborah W. McMillan vs. Gary J. McMillan.
James Sparrow vs. America Sparrow.
Michael L. Miller vs. Janice M. Miller.
Heather M. Cowden vs. Jake Cowden.
Genia L. Herzinger vs. Jeffrey L. Herzinger.
Tonielle K. Holstine vs. Jay H. Holstine Jr.
Larry D. Hudelson vs. Sara Hudelson.
Alex A. Otto vs. Pamela R. Otto.

OCT. 22 ARRAIGNMENTS
Michael T. Wood, 17, Twin Falls;

driving without privileges; pleading innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Nov. 13; released on own recognizance.
Michael D. Root, 35, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Dec. 4; \$500 bond.
Richard Flores, 25, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Dec. 4; \$1,000 bond.
Joshua A. Adair, 30, 30, Twin Falls; carry concealed weapon, possession of drug paraphernalia; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Nov. 13; intimidating a witness; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 2; \$5,000 bond.

set for Nov. 2; \$10,000 bond for all charges.
Elmer K. Saito, 33, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 2; released on own recognizance; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Nov. 13; released on own recognizance.
Bryan K. Sauts, 42, Jerome; driving under the influence, provide false information to an officer; pleaded innocent; private counsel; pretrial hearing set for Dec. 4; \$10,000 bond.
Jacob W. Sisson, 28, Buhl; grand theft by possession of stolen property; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Nov. 2; \$5,000 bond.

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Sen. Craig hired lawyer before his arrest in sex sting

Considered suing Idaho Statesman

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Months before his arrest at a Minneapolis airport, Sen. Larry Craig was considering a lawsuit against an Idaho newspaper and hired an attorney he later retained to represent him in the sex sting case.

Craig, who pleaded guilty to disorderly conduct following his arrest in a June 11 police sting at an airport men's room, hired Washington lawyer Billy Martin and public relations executive Judy Smith in late January or early February, spokesman Dan Whiting said Wednesday.

Craig hired Martin and Smith because he was thinking of suing *The Idaho Statesman* newspaper for "harassment" over its investi-

gation into Craig's sexual orientation, Whiting said.

Whiting said the pair stopped working for Craig on June 7 — four days before Craig's arrest at a bathroom at the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport. Martin and Smith ended their work June 7 because the dispute with the newspaper had "certainly died down by that point," Whiting said.

Craig has said repeatedly that he did not consult a lawyer after his arrest, a claim Whiting reaffirmed Wednesday.

"He never talked to counsel. He never talked to staff. He never talked to his wife. He didn't talk to anyone," Whiting said.

Asked if he was certain, Whiting said: "I absolutely guarantee it. I would bet my life on it."

A campaign finance report filed last week shows that Craig paid Martin's firm, Sutherland Asbill & Brennan, \$37,350 on July 9 for "p.r. legal fees." Smith heads her own

company, but frequently works with Martin on high-profile cases.

The July payment "was unrelated to the Minneapolis incident," Whiting said.

After Craig's arrest and guilty plea became public in late August, Craig said he made a mistake in pleading guilty and blamed his own panic over an investigation by the Boise newspaper, which spent months looking into Craig's private life. The newspaper interviewed Craig and his wife in May but did not publish the story until the arrest and guilty plea surfaced in other media.

"They crossed the line between reporting and harassment and spreading rumors," Whiting said of the Statesman. "We wanted to look at that and people spreading false allegations against Senator Craig."

Martin and Smith were hired "because of their well-known expertise in dealing with tough situations," he said.

Jury convicts man for fatally stabbing wife in 2006

NAMPA (AP) — A jury has convicted a Nampa man for fatally stabbing his wife last year, then stuffing her in a car trunk and leading police on a chase.

Roger Hubbard could face life in prison after being convicted Wednesday for second-degree murder, second-degree kidnapping and eluding an officer.

The jury deliberated for less than an hour Wednesday after reporting to the judge Tuesday difficulties reaching a unanimous verdict on the murder charge.

Prosecutors say Hubbard stabbed his wife, Colleen Hubbard, four times in the neck and shoulders then put her in a car trunk. She called police from her cellular telephone and was still alive when Hubbard's car was stopped about an hour later.

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Shoshone-Bannock tribes signs fuel tax agreement; rates to be same as state's

BOISE (AP) — Idaho and Shoshone-Bannock tribal officials Wednesday signed an agreement requiring gasoline sold on the Fort Hall reservation be taxed at 25 cents a gallon, the same rate as elsewhere in the state.

The pact is similar to one Idaho signed last week with the Coeur d'Alene Tribe requiring the tribes to spend the money on transportation needs.

It also allows Idaho to collect between \$800,000 and \$1 million in annual taxes from diesel fuel that long-haul trucks fill up with when driving through Fort Hall.

Idaho says it will use most of that money for state transportation needs.

The agreements end years of disputes over who is entitled to tax revenue from tribal gas sales.

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The state is still negotiating a separate agreement with the Nez Perce Tribe and

hopes to be done by a Dec. 1 deadline.

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HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

RCA side by side refrigerator freezer with ice maker and water dispenser - Admiral upright deep freezer - microwave - RCA automatic clothes washer - King size bed with Health Rest mattress with electric head lift (rice) - RCA 24" color tv - Mediterranean dresser, chest of drawers and night stand - entertainment center - hide a bed couch - large tall 2 door hutch - chest of drawers - 3 steamer trunks - holiday items - lights and lamp sets - cooking utensils - small electrical appliances - cassette tapes - turn table - tv lamps - old wooden dining chair - movie screen - folding chairs - complete stereo system - rug runners - pictures - portable color tv - and other household items

NEIGHBORS CONSIGNMENT

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Legislation affecting children of illegal immigrants fails Senate test vote

By Jesse J. Holland
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Legislation to give some children of illegal immigrants a path toward legality failed a crucial Senate vote Wednesday, probably dooming any chance of major changes to the immigration system this year.

Supporters needed 60 votes to advance the proposal, but

the tally was 52-44. The measure would have allowed illegal immigrants who plan to attend college or join the military and who came to the United States with their families before they turned 16, to move toward legality.

The Development, Relief and Education for Alien Minors Act — DREAM Act for short — was a popular part of a broad immigration plan that would have legalized as

many as 12 million unlawful immigrants and fortified the border.

That larger bill failed in the Senate in June. But proponents of the DREAM Act wanted to see if it would pass on its own.

"Children should not be penalized for the actions of their parents," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev.

"What crime did these chil-

dren commit?" added Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill., the Senate's No. 2 Democrat. "They committed the crime of obeying their parents and following their parents to this country. Do you think there was a vote in the household about their future? I don't think so."

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, D-Calif., said by blocking the bill, "Senate Republicans prevented a crit-

ical first step to address our nation's broken immigration system."

But Republican opponents of the bill said the plan was the first step to amnesty, which they said the Senate rejected in June. "I do not believe we should reward illegal behavior," Senate Republican leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky said. "This would be the wrong direction," added Sen. Jeff

Sessions, R-Ala. "This would be to signal that once again we're focused on rewarding illegality rather than taking the steps necessary to create a lawful system."

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., saw a different problem. "I have grave reservations about seeing a part of comprehensive immigration reform going forward, because it weakens our position to get a comprehensive bill," he said.

Governor calls for 10 percent water reductions through northern Georgia

By Greg Bluestein
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ATLANTA — Gov. Sonny Perdue has ordered north Georgia businesses and utilities to cut their water usage by 10 percent to conserve the state's dwindling water supply during one of the worst droughts in state history.

The cuts apply to the 61 north Georgia counties. The order, announced Tuesday, leaves it up to each system to decide how to restrict water, and exempts agricultural users.

"I encourage all Georgians to make their dry lawns and dirty cars a badge of honor," Perdue, a Republican, said.

The move is another conservation step that Georgia has taken in recent weeks with water levels at all-time lows. Virtually all outdoor watering through north Georgia was banned in September, and Perdue urged residents to take shorter showers.

The new reductions are to be in place by Nov. 1, and the state Environmental Protection Division will impose fines on those don't

comply. Environmentalists welcomed the restrictions, but questioned why the cuts weren't ordered earlier.

Almost a third of the Southeast is covered by an "exceptional" drought — the worst drought category. The Atlanta area, with a population of 5 million, is in the middle of the affected region, which includes most of Tennessee, Alabama and the northern half of Georgia, as well as most of North Carolina and parts of South Carolina, Kentucky and Virginia.

State climate experts say


the drought is so severe, one like it typically develops only once in 100 years.

With a dry winter in the forecast and less than 60 days of stored water left in Lake Lanier, the north Georgia reservoir that supplies water to about 3 million residents, Perdue warned more restrictions could be on the way.

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ATLANTA — Children as young as 2 can be given a nasal spray flu vaccine, a federal advisory panel said Wednesday.

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FluMist was initially approved in 2003 for use in healthy people ages 5 to 49. The U.S. Food and Drug Administration last month approved its use for the 2 to 5 age group as well.

Now, the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, which advises government health officials, is recommending FluMist's use for kids in the 2 to 5 age bracket. Committee members said Wednesday that children with a history of asthma or wheezing should opt for a shot.

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State Department security chief resigns amid Iraq scandals

By Matthew Lee
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The State Department's embattled security chief resigned on Wednesday as the scandal over last month's deadly Blackwater USA shooting of 17 Iraqis in Baghdad claimed its first political casualty.

The resignation came amid growing questions about the use of private contractors to protect diplomats in Iraq.

Richard Griffin, the assistant secretary of state for the Bureau of Diplomatic Security, made no mention of the scandal in his resignation letter to President Bush and Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice. But his decision to step down came at a time when the department is facing widespread congressional criticism for its security practices.

It also followed by just a day the release of a report commissioned by Rice that says the department's oversight of private guards, who are employed by Griffin's bureau and report to it.

Rice accepted the resignation, which is effective Nov. 1. State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said. Griffin will be replaced on an acting basis by one of his deputies, Gregory Starr, McCormack said.

"Secretary Rice is grateful to Ambassador Griffin for his record of long, exemplary service to the nation," McCormack said. "He has distinguished himself during a 36-year career with the U.S. government, serving in some of the most sensitive and demanding posts."

Griffin, an ambassador-rank official who was previously deputy director of the U.S. Secret Service and inspector general for the Department of Veterans Affairs, had been in his current job since June 2005.

His brief resignation letter praised the "brave men and women" of Diplomatic Security who "serve on the front lines of the war on terrorism" but said only that he was leaving to "move on to new challenges," according to a copy provided to The Associated Press.

Rice says two-state Mideast solution in jeopardy, describes narrow window of opportunity

By Anne Flaherty
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — State Condoleezza Rice said Wednesday that a "two-state solution" in the Middle East was "in jeopardy" and described a narrow window of opportunity to push Israel and the Palestinians toward peace.

In a House hearing interrupted by anti-war protesters, Rice said an upcoming peace conference in Annapolis, Md., is needed to give hope to moderate Palestinian forces. She blamed Iran for fanning flames in the region, including what she called "troubling" new support for Hamas militants.

"Our concern is growing that without a serious political process... for the Palestinians that gives to moderate leaders a horizon that they can show to their people that indeed there is a two-state solution that is possible... we lose the window for a two-state solution," Rice said.

Rice's testimony was punctuated by Iraq war protesters. As Rice entered the hearing room, one woman rushed toward her and waved her hands — painted blood red — in front of the secretary's face. The protester shouted that Rice was a "war criminal" and should be taken to The Hague, home of an international war crimes tribunal.

Rice was stoic and continued with her business as the protester was removed. Others were likewise escorted away at the behest of Rep.

Tom Lantos, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee. Despite the protesters' effort to focus on the war, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and Iran dominated the hearing.

Turkish warplanes reportedly strike Kurdish rebel positions along Iraq border

By Volkan Sarisakal
Associated Press writer



CIZRE, Turkey — Turkish warplanes and helicopter gunships reportedly pounded Kurdish rebel positions along the Turkey-Iraq border Wednesday, broadening military operations against insurgents and persistent fears Turkey will launch a major offensive inside Iraq.

Turkish Cabinet members and military generals held a six-hour meeting in Ankara to discuss a possible operation in northern Iraq, but decided to recommend the government take economic measures first to force cooperation by Iraqis against Kurdish rebels.

The state-run Anatolia news agency reported that Turkish warplanes and attack helicopters bombed mountain paths used by rebels to cross the porous border from Iraq and stage hit-and-run attacks against soldiers in southeastern Turkey.

"Along with Sikorsky and Cobin helicopters providing air support, warplanes that took off from (the city of) Diyarbakir are reported to have bombed and destroyed bases of the terrorists," the agency reported.

Pentagon officials declined to confirm reports of airstrikes.

"I don't know of any Turkish airstrikes in that area today," Maj. Gen. Richard Sherlock, Joint Chiefs of Staff operational planning director, told a Defense Department press conference.

But residents in the Iraqi Kurdish village of Derikish claimed that two Turkish jet fighters struck a target on the banks of the Zey-Gowra River about four miles inside Iraq. They were unable to

A Turkish soldier holds his machine gun as patrols the area near Turkey-Iraq border, atop an armored vehicle, in the province of Sirnak, Turkey, Wednesday. The buildup of troops along the border with Iraq continued, with Turkish military helicopters flying commandos into the area.

offer any more details about the apparent attack.

An AP Television News cameraman saw eight F-16s loaded with bombs and attack helicopters take off after nightfall from a base in the southeastern city of Diyarbakir. The cameraman also saw about a dozen transport helicopters fly along Mount Cudi near the border with Iraq and at least one warplane fly past Cizre, a town close to the border.

The reported airstrikes come after days of Turkish shelling in the region. On Sunday, Turkish helicopter gunships penetrated Iraqi territory after Kurdish rebels ambushed a Turkish military convoy near the border, killing 12 soldiers and leaving eight others missing.

U.S.-made Cobra and Super Cobra attack helicopters also chased Kurdish rebels three miles into Iraqi territory on Sunday before

Cross-border attack

Turkey's military reportedly attacked positions of Kurdish rebels along the border with Iraq on Wednesday.



SOURCE: GlobalSecurity.org; CIA; AP

large-scale incursion was imminent unless the U.S.-backed government in Baghdad takes action against the rebels. The Turkish government said there would be no cease-fire with the fighters, who seek autonomy in Turkey's heavily Kurdish southeast.

After the meeting Wednesday, Cabinet officials and military leaders decided to recommend the government "to first take necessary economic measures against those groups directly or indirectly supporting the separatist terrorist organization in the region," a statement said.

returning to their bases in Turkey, a government official said Wednesday on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the media.

Turkey, which has moved troops to the Iraq border, warned Iraq and Western allies on Tuesday that a

The target of the economic measures was not made clear in the statement, but Turkey has been pondering sanctions to force the Iraqi Kurds to cooperate in its fight against the separatist rebels of PKK, the acronym of Kurdistan Workers' Party.

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China successfully launches first lunar probe as part of space exploration plan

By Andra Ang
Associated Press writer



A crowd watches China's first moon orbiter *Chang'e 1* lift off from the launch pad at the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in southwest China's Sichuan province, on Wednesday. China launched its first lunar probe Wednesday, the first step in an ambitious 10-year plan to send a rover to the moon and return it to earth.

BEIJING — Embarking on an ambitious 10-year moon exploration program, China launched its first lunar probe Wednesday — a leap forward in the Asian space race that gave a boost to national pride, and the promise of scientific and military payoffs.

Just a week ago, Japan put a probe into orbit around the moon, and India is likely to join the rivalry soon, with plans to send its own lunar probe into space in April.

The Long March 3A rocket left a trail of smoke Wednesday as it soared into cloudy skies from the Xichang Satellite Launch Center in the southwestern province of Sichuan.

Twenty-four minutes later, the *Chang'e 1* satellite — named after a mythical Chinese goddess who flew to the moon — separated from the carrier rocket on a trajectory to reach lunar orbit in 13 days.

"The launch of China's first moon probe satellite is successful!" Xu Fuxiang, a professor from the China Institute of Space Technology, declared on state television, which broadcast the launch live.

"We have passed through the most difficult time," he said after the rocket and satellite separated. "It should be heading smoothly toward the moon."

The lunar mission adds depth to a Chinese space program that has sent astronauts orbiting around the Earth twice in the past four years.

President Hu Jintao and other Chinese leaders sent congratulations, the official Xinhua News Agency said. "Through national pride is one benefit of the space program, China is also looking for scientific and

military benefits. Wednesday's launch marks the first step of a three-stage moon mission. In about 2012 there will be a moon landing with a moon rover. In the third phase, about five years later, another rover will launch on the moon and be returned to Earth with lunar soil and stone samples.

"It's a very significant launch," said Charles Vick, a space analyst for the Washington think tank GlobalSecurity.org. "It certainly demonstrates that China is pushing its sciences and technology ... at the same time demonstrating its national space program to its own people."

It also puts China squarely at the forefront in Asia, said Joan Johnson-Freese, chair of the national security decision-making department of the Naval War College in Rhode Island.

Jury convicts 'chessboard killer' of murdering 48 people in spree near southern Moscow park

By Bagia Bukharbayeva
Associated Press writer

MOSCOW — A man who once boasted he wanted to kill one victim for each of the 64 squares on a chessboard was found guilty of 48 murders Wednesday, a bloody spree that terrorized the Russian capital.

Alexander Pichushkin leaned against the wall of his reinforced glass cage in the courtroom and stared at the floor as the jury foreman took about an hour to read the verdict.

Although he claimed to have killed 63 people — most of them in southern Moscow's Bittsa Park — prosecutors could only find evidence to accuse him of murdering 48 — most of which occurred over five years.

The panel, which deliberated for little over two hours, also found him guilty of three attempted murders.

Chief Prosecutor Yuri Syomin recommended that the judge sentence Pichushkin to life imprisonment, with the first 15 years to be spent in isolation given his violent nature. Russia has maintained a moratorium on the capital punishment as part of its obligations before the Council of Europe.

The country's most notorious serial killer was Andrei Chikatilo, who was convicted

in 1992 of killing 52 children and young women over the course of 12 years.

About a dozen relatives of the victims attended Wednesday's session, including a young woman whose eyes filled with tears during a break after the verdict was read. She shook her head and refused to talk to a reporter.

Many whose loved ones died at the hands of the "Bittsa Maniac," as the serial killer came to be called, attended the five-week trial and heard the gruesome details of the murders.

Prosecutors said Pichushkin, 33, lured his victims — many of them homeless, alcoholic and elderly —

by promising them vodka if they would join him in mourning the death of his dog.

They said he killed 11 people in 2001, including six in one month. He killed most of his victims by throwing them into a sewage pit after they were drunk, and in a few cases strangled or hit them in the head, prosecutors said.

Beginning in 2005, he began to kill with "particular cruelty," hitting his intoxicated victims multiple times in the head with a hammer, then sticking an unfinished bottle of vodka into their shattered skulls, prosecutors said. He also no longer tried to conceal the bodies.

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HOUSING CRISIS

Home sales fall by largest amount on record in September

By Martin Cutsinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Sales of existing homes plunged by a record amount in September as turmoil in mortgage markets added more problems to a housing industry in its worst slump in 16 years.

The National Association of Realtors reported Wednesday that sales of existing homes fell 8 percent in September, the largest decline to show up in records dating to 1999. The seasonally adjusted annual sales rate of 5.04 million existing homes was also the slowest pace on record.

The weakness in sales translated into further pressure on prices. The median price — the point at which half the homes sold for more and half for less — fell to \$211,700 in September, down by 4.2 percent from the sales price a year ago. It marked the 13th time out of the past

14 months that the year-over-year sales price has decreased.

The 8 percent decline in sales was bigger than the 4.5 percent decline that had been expected.

Analysts blamed the bigger-than-expected slump on the turmoil that hit credit markets and mortgage markets in August as worries increased over rising mortgage foreclosures.

Those worries resulted in a drying up of the availability of so-called jumbo mortgages, loans over \$417,000, which are particularly important in high-cost areas such as California.

"Mortgage problems were peaking back in August when many of the September closings were being negotiated and that slowed sales notably in higher priced areas that rely more on jumbo loans," said Lawrence Yun, senior economist for the Realtors.

Home sales

Sales of existing homes in millions of units; Seasonally adjusted annualized rate



SOURCE: National Association of Realtors

By region of the country sales were down 10 percent in the Northeast, 9.9 percent in the West, 7 percent in the Midwest and 6 percent in the South.

The slowdown in sales meant that the inventory of unsold homes rose to 4.4 million units in September. At

the September sales pace, it would 10.5 months to eliminate the overhang of unsold homes, a record length of time.

Economists are worried that the huge levels of unsold existing and new homes will put further downward pressure on prices.

Yun said that the price declines should be put into perspective in that they are occurring after a five-year housing boom which pushed prices up to record levels.

He forecast that prices will decline by about 1.5 percent this year. That would be the first annual price decline on Realtors' records going back four decades.

The troubles in housing have been a drag on overall economic growth, increasing worries that the housing slump and related credit market troubles could become so severe that they will push the country into a recession.

Company caters to people looking for an excuse

Need a fake doctors note or jury summons?

By Angela K. Brown
Associated Press writer

THACKERVILLE, Okla. — Feeling like playing hooky but nervous about getting caught? The Excused Absence Network has got your back.

For about \$25, students and employees can buy excuse notes that appear to come from doctors or hospitals. Other options include a fake jury summons or an authentic-looking funeral service program complete with comforting poems and a list of pallbearers.

Some question whether the products are legal or ethical — or even work — but the company's owners say they're just helping people do something they would have done anyway.

"Millions of Americans work dead-end jobs, and sometimes they just need a day off," said John Liddell, co-founder of the Internet-based company Vision Matters, which sells the notes as part of its Excused Absence Network. "People are going to lie anyway. How many people go visit their doctors every day when they're not sick because they just need a note?"

The company's customers receive templates so they can print the notes after typing the name and address of a local doctor or emergency room. Those who choose jury duty as an excuse to miss work enter their county courthouse information on the form.

Though the company's disclaimer advises the notes are "for entertainment purposes only," its Web site shows pictures of people sunbathing and playing golf using the fabricated excuses. One testimonial says: "I've managed to take the nine weeks off using these templates! It couldn't be any easier!"

Actually, for one New Jersey woman it wasn't so easy. She was arrested this year after using one of the company's notes to support her claim she was too injured to appear in traffic court for a speeding ticket. She was caught after court officials called the chiropractor listed and he told them he never heard of the woman.

Vision Matters co-founder Dan Waterhouse said people looking to trick the bosses probably won't get caught because of federal restrictions on the release of patient medical information.

But some are concerned about potential problems. "If bosses find out the notes are not authentic, they might think the medical provider helped in the scam, said Dr. John Z. Sadler, a psychiatrist and clinical sciences department at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas. Reputations could be unfairly damaged, and accreditation or license problems could arise, he said.



A really nice stand in front of one of the many homes that are in foreclosure in the Villages of Queen Creek in Queen Creek, Ariz. Foreclosure filings across the U.S. nearly doubled last month compared with September 2006, as financially strapped homeowners already behind on mortgage payments defaulted on their loans.

Mortgage lenders pressured to offer borrowers relief

By Alex Vega
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Countrywide Financial Corp., the nation's largest mortgage lender, said Tuesday it will begin calling borrowers to offer refinancing or modifications on \$16 billion in loans with interest rates set to adjust by the end of 2008.

But as defaults and foreclosures snowball, the mortgage industry is under increasing pressure to do even more to help financially strapped borrowers hang on to their homes.

"People are talking about it, saying it might be necessary, but there's not a lot of it going on," said Guy Cecala, publisher of Inside Mortgage Finance, an independent trade publication.

The Mortgage Bankers Association is currently surveying its members to determine how many mortgages have been modified in recent months.

Moody's Investors Service recently surveyed 16 mort-

gage servicers that accounted for 80 percent of the market for subprime loans made to borrowers with shaky credit histories.

It found that most of those companies had modified only about 1 percent of loans with interest rates that reset in the first half of this year.

The bankers association said the survey was flawed because it didn't include other ways that borrowers are being helped, including temporary reductions of monthly payments or spreading delinquent amounts over future payments.

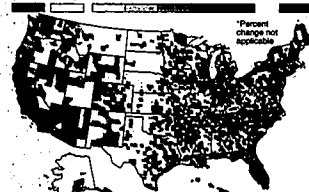
"It is important to understand that the (loan) modification is only one means of helping a borrower who is behind on their payments," said Steve O'Connor, the association's senior vice president.

So far this year, Calabasas, Calif.-based Countrywide said it has completed about 20,000 loan modifications — a figure that represents less than 5 percent of the more than 500,000 loans the

Foreclosure hot spots across the country

The nationwide number of foreclosure filings last month was nearly double the number in September 2006. Spikes were particularly prevalent in the West and Florida.

Percent change in foreclosures from one year ago, by county



SOURCE: RealtyTrac

lender reports were behind in payments as of last month.

The figure amounts to about 24 percent of the roughly 82,000 loans the company said were in foreclosure.

Countrywide said the sta-

tics can be misleading.

"The number is not small when you sort down to the people who are seriously in trouble," said Steve Bailey, CEO of loan administration at Countrywide, which has 8.9 million loans valued at \$1.45 trillion.

On Tuesday, the company said it would discuss possible loan changes with borrowers who are current on loans but face pending interest rate resets. The lender said it intends to refinance about \$10 billion in loans and modify another \$4 billion.

It also plans to contact holders of loans totalling some \$2.2 billion who are late on their loans and struggling because of recent rate resets.

Countrywide said it has already helped more than 40,000 borrowers and would reach out to 82,000 more to provide some kind of relief.

Countrywide shares fell 63 cents, or 4.02 percent, to \$15.05. The shares have traded in a 52-week range of \$14.40 to \$45.28.

Many lenders have only recently begun ramping up their loss mitigation departments after years when the booming housing market let many borrowers who fell behind on mortgages sell their homes for more than the value of their mortgage.

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COMMODITIES

Live cattle	95.13	▼ .85	Dec. Oil	87.10	▲ 1.83
Nov. gold	783.2	▲ 2.5	(Light sweet crude by barrel)		

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Columbia: A land of intensities

On the equator in Ecuador

Editor's Note
For the next several months, College of Southern Idaho Spanish professor Raquel Arenz and her children, Teresa and Carlos, are traveling through Mexico and several Central and Latin American countries.

See it online
On the Web
For more photos, their itinerary and Teresa's blog, go to magiclevel.com and hit the Journey of a Lifetime button.



Raquel, Teresa and Carlos Arenz visited a monument right on the equator.

By Teresa Arenz from her blog

...I'm trying to summarize my Colombia experience, but it is proving to be difficult. In two weeks we've so much. We explored colonial towns, swayed in hammocks on a pristine Caribbean beach, stayed on a rural ranch, lived in a poor neighborhood in Cali, drove past cars burned by guerrillas, and rode the bus through the windy roads into the foothills of the Andes.

Even though the country is so diverse, the constant factor is in the intensity in everything. The heat of Cartagena, the downpour rains in Cali, and the chilly night in mountainous ipiales dominated the extremes in weather. The coffee is so potent that you drink it in

tiny little plastic cups. The buses are all brightly painted and decorated. There is music coming from every taxi and doorway. The people are passionate in the way they talk and dance, and sometimes that passion turns into violence.

I didn't understand the country's reputation for violence until we were driving from Cali, and the police stopped us to warn us of a lot of guerrilla activity on that road. When we arrived at our friend's ranch, we heard gunshots in the distance. There are armed soldiers everywhere you go.

At first it was a bit disturbing to see soldiers with huge guns lining the highways, and standing at attention in parks and public areas, but I soon came to appreciate their protection.

I was never really afraid for my safety, maybe because I am naive, or didn't fully understand all of the situations I was in. But I was grateful for the opportunity to see

the real Colombia, and experience how Colombians live day to day.

Colombia is intense, and because of that, it leaves a big impression. We met an exiled Colombian in a Panamanian bus terminal, and he ended up crying in my mother's arms because he missed his homeland. I was only there for two weeks, but I will never forget Colombia.

We saw some interesting demonstrations. Did you know that an egg balances much easier on the equator? Our m u s e u m guide balanced the egg in about 5 seconds. It's not that easy though. I tried my hand at it, and never achieved success.

We have noticed that Quito has the most variety in food choices that we have seen so far. Usually, the only other ethnic food present is Chinese food. I think I have eaten fried rice in almost every country we have been in so far. But here there is Mexican, Argentine, Chinese, Thai, Japanese, American and Indian.

I had a craving for curry, so we poked our heads into an Indian restaurant. The place was completely packed with people, and on the big screen

was Ecuador versus Brazil, a qualifier for the World Cup. There were only seats outside, but we decided it wouldn't be that bad, and sat down. Luckily, a table opened up within minutes, and we were right in the middle of the action!

It was so fun to watch the game with all the locals, and try to keep my mom from cheering for the wrong team! Every time the ball came even close to the goal, the whole place erupted in screams and shouts.

My mom wanted to go back to the hostel after dinner and chat with my dad online. Carlos and I came

back to watch the rest of the game, but every restaurant and bar was overflowing with crazy fans. There wasn't even standing room anywhere.

Carlos and I were leaving a bar, when suddenly we came face to face with Joel Juepuprecht. He is a former student of my mom's and a friend of ours. We knew he was in Quito, but we hadn't made contact with him yet. But we randomly met him on the street! He was with a couple friends and was like, "You guys aren't going to believe this, but these guys are from my hometown in Idaho!"

So we spent some time with Joel and his friends.



Mexican reporter honored for courage

MEXICO CITY (AP) — She set out to expose a pedophile ring in Cancun, naming the rich and powerful she says were involved, and became a journalism sensation after she was abducted by police, allegedly at the behest of a state governor.

Lydia Cacho perched into Cancun's underworld and came up with a stinging indictment, not only of the alleged abusers, but of powerful friends and politicians she says did little or nothing to stop a prominent businessman accused of luring poor girls in the Caribbean resort to his home so that he and his friends could have sex with them.

the most dangerous country in the world for journalists, where they and their families have been targeted for their work.

Cacho, 44, who also writes for a women's news service and *Diá Siete* magazine, says her profession is under assault across much of Mexico, where the media face intimidation and violence from organized crime and pressure from political kingpins.

In "The Demons of Edzná," Cacho chronicled the exploits of Cancun businessman Juan Succar Kuri, who awaits trial on charges of child pornography and child sexual abuse after being extradited from the U.S. after his arrest during a traffic stop in Arizona in 2004. Succar Kuri has denied

the charges.

The case became a sensation with the release of audio tapes featuring Puebla state Gov. Mario Marín and a businessman plotting the jailing of Cacho, who was whisked away from Cancun in December 2005 by a caravan of out-of-state police without explanation and verbally abused as she was driven to a prison 900 miles away. She later was charged with libel and released on bail the day after her arrest.

Mexicans were outraged by the secretive, backslapping conversations between the governor and Puebla businessman about silencing a whistle blower.

Since then, libel charges have been dismissed, and the Supreme Court has inter-

vened to investigate Cacho's accusations against Marín and other top state officials for abuse of power, influence peddling and violating her human rights.

Cacho hopes the Supreme Court will open the door for Congress to strip Marín of the legal immunity he enjoys as governor.

The Inter American Press Association says Mexico has become one of the world's most dangerous places for journalists. At least seven journalists have been killed across the country in the last year.

"It's having an arctic chilling effect on small papers in drug infested areas," said George Grayson, a Mexico expert at the College of William & Mary in Virginia.



Cacho

MORE SECURITY

Mexico City's Cardinal Norberto Rivera Cruz commences to a faithful during a mass at the Metropolitan Cathedral in Mexico City, Oct. 21. Mexico's top Roman Catholic cardinal, who has complained of death threats, asked for more security around the cathedral.

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Lawmaker criticizes White House for editing testimony about global warming

By H. Isaac Haber
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Two chairmen of key committees in the House and Senate on Tuesday criticized the White House for editing testimony from a government expert about the health impacts of global warming and demanded documents withheld from the testimony be provided to Congress.

"I am deeply concerned that important scientific and health information was removed from the ... testimony at the last minute," Sen. Barbara Boxer, chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, wrote President Bush.

Rep. Bart Gordon, D-Tenn., chairman of the House Science and Technology Committee, demanded an explanation from the White House's chief science adviser, John Marburger, about the handling of the testimony earlier this week by Dr. Judith Gerberding, director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. She appeared Tuesday before Boxer's committee, which is crafting global warming legislation.

"We expect our government researchers and scien-

tists to provide both Congress and the public the full results of their taxpayer-supported work without the filter that those of opposing views might like to impose," Gordon wrote Marburger.

The White House denied that the testimony by Gerberding was "watered down" and noted that she has said she does not believe she was censored.

When a draft of Gerberding's testimony went to the White House for review, two sections — "Climate Change is a Public Health Concern" and

"The public has a right to know all of the facts about global warming and the threat it poses to their families and communities."

— Sen. Barbara Boxer, chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee

"Climate Change Vulnerability" — and a number of other phrases were removed, cutting the 12-page document in half.

A copy of the draft went to the White House as obtained by The Associated Press.

Earlier, a CDC official who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the review process, told the AP that the original draft "was eviscerated" by "heavy-handed" changes in Washington. Boxer asked that the White

House provide her committee, by next week, copies of all drafts of Gerberding's testimony and any records of comments made on the draft testimony. "The public has a right to know all of the facts about global warming and the threat it poses to their families and communities," Boxer wrote.

Gordon and Rep. Brad Miller, D-N.C., chairman of the House Science subcommittee on investigations and oversight, made a similar request.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said

Gerberding's testimony went through an interagency review "and a number of agencies had some concerns."

She said some reviewers did not believe the draft matched the science as presented in a report on global warming and public health effects by a U.N. panel that has assessed climate change for decades.

The CDC testimony "was not watered down in terms of its science (or) ... in terms of the concerns that climate change raises for public health," Perino said.

House: Native Hawaiians should get some self-governance powers back

By Jim Abrams
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Native Hawaiians should regain some of the self-governance powers lost when the island's queen was overthrown more than a century ago, the House decided Wednesday.

The White House also cleared a veto, saying the legislation that passed by a 261-153 vote would divide Americans "along suspect lines of race and ethnicity."

The bill would give the 400,000 people nationwide of Native Hawaiian ancestry the right to form a governing entity that could negotiate with the state and federal governments over such issues as control of natural resources, lands and assets. The Interior secretary would have to approve that governing body.

Native Hawaiians, who long have sought the bill, insist they deserve many of the self-autonomy rights provided to American Indians and Native Alaskans.

The legislation is backed by Hawaii's Republican governor, Linda Lingde, its Legislature and the state's all-Democratic congressional delegation, including Native Hawaiian Sen. Daniel Akaka.

The vote on the proposal was the first in the House since the chief sponsor, Rep. Neil Abernethy of Hawaii, won passage in 2000. Last year Akaka fell four votes short of the 60 needed to advance the bill to a final vote in the Senate.

To win over critics, the legislation spells out that the Native Hawaiian government could not take private land or set up gambling operations similar to those allowed to Indians.

The bill would not affect many facilities in the state and Native Hawaiians would not gain new eligibility for programs and services available to Indians.

Rep. Mazie Hirono of Hawaii said the measure would begin to "provide a measure of justice" to Native Hawaiians who "have an inherent sovereignty based on their status as indigenous people."

Abernethy said Native Hawaiians have ceded some 1.8 million acres since Queen Lili'uokalani was driven from the throne in 1893. "This creates the opportunity for Native Hawaiians to take responsibility for their own actions with regard to the control and administration of their own assets," he said.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On January 24, 2008, at the hour of 11:00am, of said day, at the front entrance of First American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, First American Title Insurance Company, as trustee, will sell to public auction,...

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

Case No. CV 02-0300 (SUMMONS) NOTICE OF FILING PETITION TO MODIFY DECREE OF DIVORCE Pursuant to IRCP; IRCP 60

BERNADETTE A. MELUGIN, Plaintiff, v. PAUL M. MELUGIN, Defendant.

NOTICE: PETITIONER ABOVE-NAMED HAS FILED A PETITION SEEKING TO MODIFY THE DECREE OF DIVORCE ENTERED HEREIN. IN THE COURT MAY GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED WITH OR WITHOUT NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Idaho Code 45-806 that Oregon Trail Storage, 471 South Park Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho, has possession of the contents of the following units: Sean Blabben, Unit D-25, last known address 3666 S Funds Way, Aurora, CO 80013.

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

Case No. CV-2007-4534 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of: JAMES WILLIAM BROOKS, Decedent.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned have been appointed Co-Personal Representatives of the above named estate. All persons having claims against the Decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

PUBLISH: October 11, 18 and 25, 2005

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS SMALL CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Case No. CV 07-3828 SUMMONS WILSON-BATES, INC. Plaintiff(s) v. BOBBIE G. HOBBS Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a claim has been filed against you. The plaintiff(s) who filed the claim is/are the court with which the claim is filed, and the case number assigned to your case are listed above.

IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THE CLAIM, AND IF YOU WANT TO CONTEST THE CLAIM, you must file an answer with the court within 20 days from the date you received this summons. IF YOU AGREE WITH THE CLAIM, AND DO NOT WISH TO CONTEST IT, NO ACTION NEED BE TAKEN BY YOU.

IF YOU DO NOT FILE YOUR ANSWER WITH the court within 20 days, your answer may be taken against you. The plaintiff may enter judgment against you for the money or personal property that the plaintiff asks for in the claim, plus the plaintiff's costs for filing the claim and court costs.

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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS SMALL CLAIMS DEPARTMENT

Case No. CV 07-3828 SUMMONS WILSON-BATES, INC. Plaintiff(s) v. KRISTEN M. BLEVINS Defendant(s).

TO THE DEFENDANT(S): YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a claim has been filed against you. The plaintiff(s) who filed the claim is/are the court with which the claim is filed, and the case number assigned to your case are listed above.

IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THE CLAIM, AND IF YOU WANT TO CONTEST THE CLAIM, you must file an answer with the court within 20 days from the date you received this summons. IF YOU AGREE WITH THE CLAIM, AND DO NOT WISH TO CONTEST IT, NO ACTION NEED BE TAKEN BY YOU.

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

A Petition to change the name of Erik B. Martinez, born 12-17-98, in Twin Falls, Idaho, residing at 136 Bell St., Twin Falls, ID, has been filed in the County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Erik Bautista Martinez because on the birth certificate the name is Erik B. Martinez. The petitioner's father is living and his address is 136 Bell St., Twin Falls, ID 83401.

PUBLISH: October 18, 25, Nov 1 and 8, 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 07-4686 SUMMONS ROBERT COCHRAN, Plaintiff, v. JOHN W. EVANS, Defendant.

TO: JOHN W. EVANS 2583 A E 3200 N Twin Falls, Idaho 83401

You have been sued by Robert Cochran, the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for Twin Falls County, Idaho, Case No. CV 07-4686.

IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THE CLAIM, AND IF YOU WANT TO CONTEST THE CLAIM, you must file an answer with the court within 20 days from the date you received this summons.

PUBLISH: October 25, November 1, 8 and 15, 2007

ORDINANCE NO. 557

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF KIMBERLY, STATE OF IDAHO, REZONING THE REAL PROPERTY LOCATED 3777 N. 3400 E. KIMBERLY, IDAHO, FROM AGRICULTURAL TO LIGHT INDUSTRIAL AND PROVIDING FOR AN AMENDMENT TO THE COMPREHENSIVE ZONING MAP OF THE CITY OF KIMBERLY.

WHEREAS, Chad and Gina Holder has made application for rezoning of the real property located 3777 N. 3400 E., Kimberly, Idaho, from Agricultural to Light Industrial; and WHEREAS, the Kimberly Planning and Zoning Commission and the Kimberly City Council and the Kimberly City Council having held its public hearing as required by law and having considered all matters submitted;

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Kimberly, County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, as follows: That the following described real property be and the same is hereby rezoned from Agricultural to Commercial Gateway:

PUBLISH: October 25, 2007

PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE

Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-2343, notice is hereby given of an open public meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission.

DATE OF NOTICE: October 13-15, 2007 November 13, 2007 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Commission Field Tour/Chimney Complex Fire at Craig Mountain Executive Session 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Clearwater Regional Office 3015 18th Street Lewiston, Idaho

PURPOSE OF MEETING/AGENDA: Rules: Flaring Operations 2008-2009, Non-resident deer and elk tag orders, Non-resident deer and elk tag outfall set-aside, Ratification of Rules Adopted by the Commission; Reports on Updated and Revised Wildlife Research Bidding, Mule Deer Plan, Wolf Plan, Latah Pond Oracle, and Bonneville Wetland Plan; Updates on 2008 Legislative Session; Election of Commission Chair and Vice-Chair; Appointment of Commissioner to WAFWA 2008 Meeting Calendar.

PUBLISH: October 18, 25, November 1, 2007

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

Case No. CV 2007-4278 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of MAURITA MARTIN, Decedent.

JERRY C. SMITH has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred.

DATED this 5th day of October, 2007. HOGGES LAW OFFICE, P.C. Attorney for Personal Representative

PUBLISH: October 11, 18 and 25, 2007

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

Case No. CV 2007-4495 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of SARAH L. TEGAN, Decedent.

RICK TEGAN has been appointed Personal Representative of the above estate. All persons having claims against said decedent person are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice at the office of Wm. Fitzgerald & Stover, P.L.L.C., 245 S. Avenue North, PO Box 1718, Twin Falls, Idaho 83400-1718, or said claims will be forever barred.

PUBLISH: October 11, 18 and 25, 2007

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

Case No. CV 2006-3567 ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING in the Interest of AMANDA M. RAMOS 08/07/97 VERONICA M. RAMOS 08/07/97 JESSICA D. RAMOS 08/07/97 Children Under Eighteen Years of Age

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Relationship has been filed in the District Court of Twin Falls, Idaho. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on December 20, 2007 at 9:30 AM, in the Magistrate Twin Falls County Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho.

The following individuals shall personally appear at the hearing: GLORIA CATER, Mother ART RAMOS, Father The above-named individuals are further notified that they are financially unable to retain an attorney, they may apply to the Court, prior to the hearing, for appointment of counsel.

Date September 25, 2007 /Magistrate PUBLISH: October 18, 25 and November 1, 2007

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

Case No. CV 07-4530 ORDER SETTING DATE FOR HEARING AND NOTICE In the Matter of the Estate and Person of HEATHER JEAN SMITH, an incapacitated person.

The petition of HEATHER JEAN CARPER and JENNIFER RUTH ANN HASS for Appointment of Guardians and Conservators in the above-entitled matter pending before the Court, is ordered as follows: 1. That the hearing requested in said petition be held on Friday, the 16th day of November, 2007 at 9:00 AM in the Magistrate Court of Twin Falls, Idaho. Notice of such hearing be given to all interested persons and in the manner required by the Idaho Uniform Probate Code.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE Case No. CV 07-4453

A Petition to change the name of Jason Paul Compher, born 9/22/98 in Medford, OR, residing at 1212 Elm Way, Flair, and the name of Isaac James Compher, born 4/26/01 in Twin Falls, ID, residing at 1212 Elm Way, Flair has been filed in County District Court, Idaho. The petition for the name changes is Family importance of including their father's name in their middle name. The children's father is living and the children's mother is living. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on November 13, 2007, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name changes. Date: September 27, 2007. By Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE Case No. CV-2007-000519

A Petition to change the name of Wyatt Robert Lancaster, born 9/29/95 in Twin Falls, Idaho, residing at 2187 E 3000 S, Wendell, ID 83355 has been filed in Gooding County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Wyatt Robert Matos because of divorce and Jyzen Lancaster is not his biological father. The child's father is living and the child's mother is living. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 2:00 o'clock PM on November 14, 2007, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name changes. Date: October 2, 2007. By Rebecca Turner, Deputy Clerk

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

Case No. CV-2007-1044 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of JAMES W. MOORE, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the above named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or his estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED the 20th day of September, 2007. /s/Darren Moore RAYBORN and RAYBORN By F.E. Rayborn Attorney for the Estate PO Box 321 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0321

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

Case No. CV 2007-4604 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of STANLEY LEE MARVIN, Deceased.

MICHAEL G. MARVIN has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named estate. All persons having claims against decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Personal Representative in care of attorney Mick Hodges, Hodges Law Office, P.C., 183 2nd Avenue West, Post Office Box 3088, Twin Falls, Idaho 83302-0388. DATED this 22nd day of October, 2007. HODGES LAW OFFICE, P.C. By Mick Hodges Attorney for Personal Representative

PUBLISH: October 25, November 1 and 8, 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 07-4098 NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the Matter of the Estate of HELEN IRENE ARNOLD, Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Herb I. Arnold and Beth A. Hansen have been appointed personal representatives of the estate of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or her estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the personal representative's attorney at the address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court. DATED this 4th day of October 2007. THE VORHEES LAW FIRM By Dennis A. Voorhees Attorney for Personal Representative Herb I. Arnold and Beth A. Hansen 112 Shoshone Street East PO Box 7 Twin Falls, ID 83303-0080

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SAMPLE CITY ELECTION BALLOT CITY OF TWIN FALLS, IDAHO NOVEMBER 6, 2007

NOTE: The order of the candidates on this sample ballot may not necessarily reflect the rotation in your precinct on election day.

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TO VOTE, complete the arrow pointing to your choice like this. WRITE-IN: To vote for a candidate whose name is not printed on the ballot, write or place the name of the person in the blank space provided and complete the arrow. Do not cast a write-in vote for a candidate whose name is already printed on the ballot for that office. NOTE: If you make a mistake, return your ballot to the Election Official and obtain another. Do not attempt to erase any marks made in error.

COUNCILMEMBER SEAT 2 4 Year Term Vote for One David E. Johnson Orlando Garzon-Mejia Write-in COUNCILMEMBER SEAT 3 4 Year Term Vote for One Trip R. Cralg Write-in COUNCILMEMBER SEAT 4 4 Year Term Vote for One William Kezole Glonda A. Dwight Write-in COUNCILMEMBER SEAT 7 4 Year Term Vote for One Shawn Barigar Leo Heider Write-in

NOTICE OF MUNICIPAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the General Municipal Election to be held in and for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, will be held on Tuesday, the 6th day of November, 2007, the election is held for the purpose of electing four (4) council members for a term of four years. On Election Day, polls will be open from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM at the following designated Polling Places:

- TWIN FALLS #1 City Council Chambers 305 3rd Avenue East
TWIN FALLS #11 Immanuel Lutheran Church 2055 Filer Avenue East
TWIN FALLS #2 Episcopal Church of the Ascension 371 Eastland Drive North
TWIN FALLS #3 Church of the Brethren 461 Filer Avenue West
TWIN FALLS #4 Episcopal Church of the Ascension 371 Eastland Drive North
TWIN FALLS #5 Our Savior Lutheran Church 484 Carriage Lane North
TWIN FALLS #6 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 687 Harrison Street
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TWIN FALLS #15 Our Savior Lutheran Church 484 Carriage Lane North
TWIN FALLS #16 Valley Christian Church 708 Heyburn Avenue East
TWIN FALLS #17 Valley Christian Church 708 Heyburn Avenue East
TWIN FALLS #18 Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints 2nd Ward 229 Park Avenue
TWIN FALLS #19 Our Leary School (Aud.Bldg) 2350 Elizabeth Blvd.
TWIN FALLS #20 Agape Foursquare Church 181 Morrison Street

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

Case No. CV-07-4458 NOTICE OF HEARING In the Matter of ANIELKA JUNE DIAZ, VICTOR MANUEL RODRIGUEZ, ESTELBERTO LUCAS DIAZ, HERNAN LUCAS DIAZ, JONATHAN KARLO RODRIGUEZ, FERNANDO ANGEL RODRIGUEZ, and GUSTAVO ADOLFO RODRIGUEZ, Minor children.

TO: REBECCA RODRIGUEZ, ESTELBERTO DIAZ, VICTOR MANUEL RODRIGUEZ

You will please take notice that on Monday, the 10th day of December, 2007, at 9:10 o'clock AM the undersigned will call up for hearing a petition for various individuals to be appointed as the guardians of the above named minor children.

DATED this 22nd day of October, 2007. /s/John Sikora

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

Case No. CV 2006-1349 ORDER, NOTICE, AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING

In the interest of HAYLEY WRIGHT d.o.b. 09/22/93 BRYCE KONE d.o.b. 01/09/95 WILLIAM ELLIS III d.o.b. 04/09/87 KIRSTEN ELLIS d.o.b. 01/09/01 Children Under Eighteen Years of Age

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be exercised in an evidentiary hearing on November 29, 2007 at 9:30 AM, in the Magistrate's Court, Twin Falls County Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho.

The following individuals shall personally appear at the hearing: RODNEY COLBY, Father of Bryce Kone The above-named individual is further notified that he is entitled to be represented by legal counsel. If he is financially unable to retain an attorney, he may apply to the Court, prior to the hearing, for appointment of counsel.

Said father is further notified that pursuant to 18-1513 of the Idaho Code that he may register his claim as father of a child born out of wedlock with the Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Vital Statistics, on forms available for such purpose from the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Department of Health and Welfare. Said father is further notified that he shall meet the completed form to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, and it shall be signed and witnessed before a Notary Public. Your failure to so register can result in your being barred in your maintaining an action to establish paternity of the said child, and constitute a prima facie case of abandonment pursuant to section 18-2005 of the Idaho Code. Date September 24, 2007 /s/Magistrate

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SUMMARY STATEMENT REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES 2006 TO 2007 ALL FUNDS SCHOOL DISTRICT #411 TWIN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 411

Table with columns: REVENUES, BUDGET, ACTUAL. Rows include Beginning Balance, Revenue, Intermediate Revenue, State Revenue, Federal Revenue, Other Revenue, TOTALS, EXPENDITURES, TOTALS.

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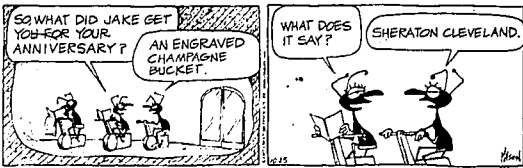
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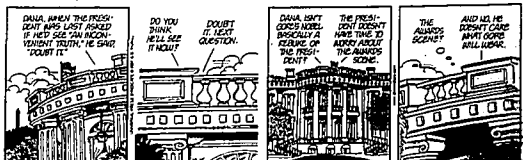
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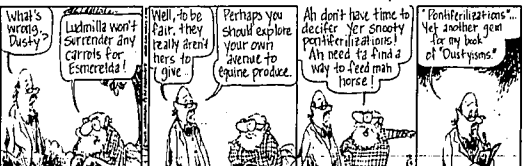
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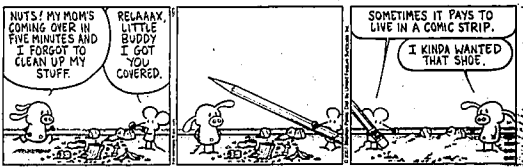
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Be known as 'Old Faithful,' Capricorn

IF OCT. 25 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: It is important to get advice from trusted advisers in the next several months since you may be wearing cosmic blinders. Guard your health by following a sensible diet, eating routine checkups and staying on top of bills, deadlines and regulations in the workplace. If you work hard you should reap the rewards in January when certain areas of your life improve substantially. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Light someone's fire. Sparks may fly and ignite a lasting passion. A tantalizing phone call may lead to a viable career move or you could meet a helpful ally right around the corner. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): The full moon may illuminate your goals and down to earth style in social settings. Romantic twosomes could become eternally entwined under these charismatic moonlight. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Go that extra mile for loved ones. Since you are willing to put forth so much sincere effort others are blind to your faults. CANCER (June 21-July 22):

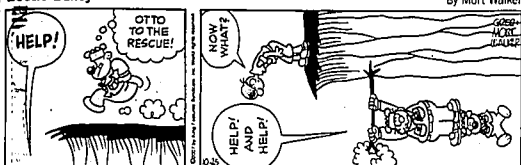
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Jeraldine Saunders

You can't have too much of a good thing. Spend more time doing the things you love to do with the people you love to do it with. You might find out who your true friends are tonight. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): The scene shifts to friends and lovers, with a brilliant full moon to make romantic meetings even more delightful. It is a perfect time to ask for a commitment or find a special someone. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Handle a minor upset or emergency with poise. There could be good news lurking behind a slightly stressful situation. There could be a pleasant surprise where your love life is concerned. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): There is no need to screen your calls. Spend what's on your mind and in your heart. Let friendships blossom into love under the full moon's magical spell and play amorous games. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Howl a bit at this full

moon. Family members or a special someone may spill you outrageously but that may be because you are willing to prove your commitment in all the right ways. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Go ahead and play "Let's Make a Deal." If your ambition is to make extra sales, try dialing for dollars since your phone technique can win hearts and cash rewards in any profession. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be known as "Old Faithful." The street runs both ways, so trusted friends can win hearts and cash rewards in any profession. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19): A magnetic attraction may now be acknowledged. Doubts that clouded your thoughts are blown away as mutual trust is now recognized. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Certain relationships appear in the spotlight. Hidden feelings may emerge. You could meet a soul mate at an out-of-the-way place or enjoy sweet surrenders at home with a significant other.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blondie

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By Art Sansom & Chip



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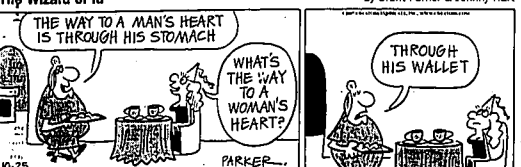
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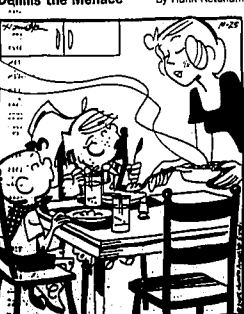
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By Hank Ketcham



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Gossiping grandmother is meddling in family affairs



DEAR ABBY
Jeane Phillips

DEAR ABBY: Our 23-year-old son, "Jason," told me yesterday about a letter he had received from his grandmother. In it she complained that she's embarrassed by his having fathered a child out of wedlock and said the situation is "very difficult" for her. She is deeply religious, but known for her affinity for gossip.

Our younger son, "Connor," spent last summer in jail for stealing from us and possession of a controlled substance, but he did not receive a similar letter. Although I would have preferred that Jason and his girlfriend had taken more time to build their relationship and marry before adding a baby to the family, they are very happy about the impending arrival, and he has purchased a beautiful ring. I don't think my mother-in-law's attempt to shame us into marriage would make a solid foundation for their relationship, nor does a guilt trip make a healthy honeymoon getaway.

My husband, in a rare flash of wisdom, suggested (but not to his mother) that if the situation is too "difficult" for her, perhaps she ought not talk about it.

Should I tell this woman that if she can't support her, she should keep a respectful distance? Or should I let Jason and his father deal with her? I am too upset by her

behavior in general to separate this issue from her usual judgmental, self-righteous and gossipy nature, and would like never to speak to her again, but I'm sure that's not a constructive solution to the problem. Thank you for your insight.

—IRATE IN NEWYORK

DEAR IRATE: Let's view the situation from your mother-in-law's point of view for a moment. Being "deeply religious" — with his girlfriend being she believes sex outside marriage is wrong, and the baby is "proof" that her grandson had sex — unprotected, yet — with his girlfriend being the town gossip, she realizes that others are talking, and she feels it reflects somehow upon her. From a "contemporary" point of view, having a baby without being married is no longer the shock and disgrace that it was when your mother-in-law was a girl.

Because you are angry, it would be better to let your son and your husband tell her to calm down. And, specifically, your husband should share his "flash of wisdom"

with his mother. The fact that your younger son did not receive a similar letter from his grandmother is a reflection of her skewed sense of priorities.

DEAR ABBY: I have a big problem. My sister keeps telling me not to use a lot of water because in the future my great-grandchildren are not going to have enough water. Now I feel like I should never have sex because I do not want my great-grandchildren to suffer.

Yeah, I know I am only 13, and I am already thinking about my children. Should I just forget it or never have children? Please, I need your help!

—WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE, ROCKFORD, TENN.

DEAR WHAT ABOUT THE FUTURE: You may be only 13, but it is wonderful that you are already thinking about how to make the world a better place for your children. What you should NOT be obsessing about at your age is having sex.

How much more constructive it would be to focus your intellectual energies on discovering new ways to create potable drinking water. (We need more women in the sciences.) As to your natural resources in the meantime, use what you need, but don't be wasteful. Let your conscience be your guide.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Oct. 25, the 298th day of 2007. There are 67 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Oct. 25, 1854, the "Charge of the Light Brigade" took place during the Crimean War as an English brigade of more than 600 men, facing hopeless odds, charged the Russian army and suffered heavy losses.

On this date:

In 1400, author Geoffrey Chaucer died in London.
In 1760, Britain's King George III succeeded his late grandfather, George II.
In 1918, the Canadian steamship Prince of Wales foundered off the coast of Alaska; some 350 people perished.
In 1939, the drama "The Time of Your Life," by William Ingeyran, opened in New York.

In 1951, peace talks aimed at ending the Korean War resumed in Panmunjon after 63 days.

In 1957, mob boss Albert Anastasia, the "Boss High Executive" of "Anastasia Inc.," was shot to death in a barber shop inside the Park Sheraton Hotel in New York.

In 1957, the movie musical "Pal Joey," starring Frank Sinatra, Rita Hayworth, and Kim Novak, was released.

In 1962, U.S. ambassador Adlai E. Stevenson presented photographic evidence of Soviet-built missile bases in Cuba to the U.N. Security Council.

In 1971, the U.N. General Assembly voted to admit mainland China and expel Taiwan.

In 1983, a U.S.-led force invaded Grenada at the order of President Reagan, who said the action was needed to protect U.S. citizens' health.

joined the Million Woman March in Philadelphia. The Cleveland Indians avoided elimination in the World Series by defeating the Florida Marlins, 4-1, in Game 6.

Five years ago, U.S. Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., was killed in a plane crash in northern Minnesota along with his wife, daughter and two sons. He was before the election. Actor Richard Harris died in London at age 72.

One year ago: Acknowledging painful losses in Iraq, President Bush told a news conference he was not satisfied with the progress of the long and unpopular war, but he still insisted the United States was winning and should not think about withdrawing. Serial killer Danny Harold Rolling was executed by injection for butchering five young boys ages 11 to 14 at students in Gainesville in 1990.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Former baseball player Bobby Thomson is 84. Former American League pitcher is 84. Bob by Brown is 83. Actress Jenette Cooper is 79. Country singer Jeanne Black is 70. Singer Helen Reddy is 66. Author Anne Tyler is 68. Rock singer Joni Anderson (Yes) is 63. Singer Tuffy Danoff (Starland Vocal Band) is 63. Rock musician Glenn Tipton (Judas Priest) is 60. Actor Brian Kerwin is the rock musician Motley's lead singer. Actress Nancy Cartwright ("The Simpsons") is 50. Country singer Mark Miller (Sawyer

Brown) is 49. Rock musician Chad Smith (Red Hot Chili Peppers) is 45. Actor Michael Boatman is 43. Actor Kevin Michael Richardson is 43. Singer Speech is 39. Actor Adam Goldberg is 37. Rock musician Ed Robertson (Barenaked Ladies) is 37. Country singer Chely Wright is 37. Violinist Midori is 36. Actor Mehdad Brooks ("Desperate Housewives") is 27. Actor Ben Godwin is 27. Rhythmic blues singer Luther Young Bird is 26. Singer Clara is 22. Actress Conchita Campbell ("The 4000") is 12.

THOUGHT

"I know only two words of American slang, 'swell' and 'lousy.' I think 'swell' is lousy, but 'lousy' is swell."

—J.B. Priestley, British novelist (1894-1984)

After 27 years, couple surprised with wedding photos

MANSFIELD, Ohio (AP) — Karen and Mark Cline were teenagers when they got married and didn't have \$150 to pay a photographer for their wedding photos.

But now they've got the pictures, just in time for their 27th anniversary on Thursday.

Their photographer located Karen Cline last week at the Rock museum and surprised her with a photo album.

"About a month ago, I was just cleaning out some of my old things and I found it," said photographer Jim

Wagner, who's now 80. "I knew she didn't have any money back then, and I just thought she might like to have it."

It was too much for Karen Cline.

"I just stood there and cried and hugged him," she said, tearing up again as she described their meeting.

Wagner said that in 1980, Mark Cline paid him \$50 to photograph the wedding. He showed the couple the proofs, but they never ordered any developed photos, which he said happens occasionally in his business.

He said Karen Cline explained they had just bought a house and had other expenses more important than the photos.

Karen Cline said she was 18, and her husband was 19 and she and her 19-year-old husband couldn't afford to pay Wagner. Instead, all they have had was a single photo that someone else took, of her walking down the aisle.

Wagner said he was able to track down Karen Cline after running into her stepfather a few weeks ago. He said she immediately wrote him a check for \$150.

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TOP 5

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

TELEVISION

1. "CSI: Crime Scene Investigation," CBS.
2. "Dancing with the Stars" (Monday), ABC.
3. "Grey's Anatomy," ABC.
4. "Desperate Housewives," ABC.
5. "House," Fox.

— Nielsen Media Research

FILM

1. "30 Days of Night," Sony.
2. "Tyler Perry's Why Did I Get Married?," Lionsgate.
3. "The Game Plan," Disney.
4. "Michael Clayton," Warner Bros.
5. "The Comebacks," Fox Atomic.

— From Media By Numbers LLC

HOT FIVE

1. "Crank That (Souja Boy)," Soulja Boy, Coll/Park/Interscope.
2. "Stronger," Kanye West, Roc-A-Fella/Def Jam/DMG.
3. "Apologize," Timbaland feat. One Republic, Mosley/Blackground/Interscope.
4. "No One," Alicia Keys, J/RMG.
5. "Bubbly," Colbie Caillat, Universal Republic.

— From Billboard magazine

ALBUMS

1. "Rock a Little Jesus," Kid Rock, Top Dog/Atlantic/AG.
2. "Magle," Bruce Springsteen, Columbia/Sony Music.
3. "Still Feels Good," Rascal Flatts, Lyric Street/Hollywood.
4. "Family," LeAnn Rimes, Curb.
5. "Exile On Mainstream," matchbox twenty, Melisma/Atlantic/AG.

— From Billboard magazine

CONCERT TOURS

1. The Police.
2. Justin Timberlake.
3. Kenny Chesney.
4. Dave Matthews Band.
5. Tim McGraw/Faith Hill.

— From Pollstar

VIDEO SALES

1. "Grease (Anniversary Edition)," Paramount Home Entertainment.
2. "The Passion of the Christ," 20th Century Fox.
3. "Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.

4. "Titanic," Paramount Home Entertainment.

5. "Kaga Conditioning for Athletes," Gaijin Video.
 — From Billboard magazine

VIDEO RENTALS

1. "Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer," 20th Century Fox.
2. "Knocked Up," Universal Studios Home Video.
3. "Next," Paramount Home Entertainment.
4. "1408," The Weinstein Company.
5. "We Are Marshall," Warner Home Video.

— From Billboard magazine

DVD SALES

1. "The Jungle Book," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
2. "Fantastic 4: Rise of the Silver Surfer," 20th Century Fox.
3. "Knocked Up," Universal Studios Home Video.
4. "1408," The Weinstein Company.
5. "The Devil Wears Prada," 20th Century Fox.

— From Billboard magazine

BEST-SELLING BOOKS

1. "Eat, Pray, Love: One Woman's Search for Everything Across Italy, India and Indonesia" by Elizabeth Gilbert (Penguin) (non-fiction/paperback)
2. "Deceptively Delicious" by Jessica Seinfeld (HarperCollins) (non-fiction/hardcover)
3. "I Am America (And So Can You)" by Stephen Colbert (Grand Central Publishing) (non-fiction/hardcover)
4. "Love in the Time of Cholera" by Gabriel Garcia Marquez (Vintage) (fiction/paperback)
5. "Clapnet: The Autobiography" by Eric Clapton (Broadway) (non-fiction/hardbound)

— From USA Today

TOP ITUNES DOWNLOADS

1. "Kiss Kiss," Chris Brown
2. "Bubbly," Colbie Caillat
3. "Apologize," Timbaland
4. "Gimme More," Britney Spears
5. "No One," Alicia Keys

— From Apple Computers Inc.

VIDEO GAME REVIEW



With the new Capcom 'Resident Evil 4' for Wii, players move Leon with the Wii Nunchuck while aiming and shooting with the Remote. Whoever you want to use your knife, swing the Remote.

Wii makes all the right moves on 'Resident Evil'

BY GREGORY MCDOWD

The Washington Post

In 2005, "Resident Evil 4" was released for the Nintendo GameCube. Many (including myself) thought it was one of the best games of the past five years. Now, two years later, Capcom has decided to release it for the Nintendo Wii. Does the game hold up two years later? Absolutely.

"Resident Evil 4" is set six years after the events of the third installment. Players control Leon S. Kennedy, a former member of the Raccoon City Police Department who is now a government agent. He is sent to Europe to rescue the president's daughter, Ashley Graham. Once he arrives, crazed villagers and cultists, who are a far cry from the brain-dead zombies in previous installments, greet him. They can dodge bullets, set traps and crash through windows just to get a taste of blood.

The controls make "Resident Evil 4: Wii Edition" (\$30) superior to other versions. Be-

cause the Wii is more of a hands-on system than say Xbox 360 or PlayStation 3, the controls are precise. The Wii Remote will take about 15 minutes to get the hang of, especially if you have extensively played the previous versions. But then it becomes second nature. You move Leon with the Wii Nunchuck while aiming and shooting with the Remote. Whenever you want to use your knife, swing the Remote, which is one of my favorite features in the game.

The only gripe is that the graphics remain unchanged from the GameCube version. But when a game plays great, that is a small quibble. With all of the extras from the PlayStation 2 version, as well as the Wii's superior controls, this is the ultimate version of Resident Evil 4, and the Wii edition is only \$30, making it a bargain. With all of the recent Wii titles consisting of party games, it's nice to know that Nintendo is acknowledging hard-core gamers as well.

Spooktacular

Times-News

Twin Falls

• **Friday-Saturday** — Intermountain Martial Arts will host its fifth annual benefit haunted house starting at 5 p.m. at 243 Main Ave. W. (above the Radio Rondevo Events Center). Admission is \$3.

• **Saturday** — Twin Falls First Assembly of God will sponsor a safe, family fun Harvest Festival. A chill cook-off, cider, games, pinatas, music and a Bible story maze are all part of the fun. The party lasts from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Costumes that aren't scary or gruesome are welcome.

The event is open to the public at 189 Locust St. N. Admission is free, with one bag of individually wrapped candy requested per family.

• **Wednesday** — Valley Christian Church will sponsor a fall family festival from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. There will be food, games and candy.

• **Wednesday** — College of Southern Idaho clubs and organizations will host a free Halloween carnival for all area youngsters from 5-7 p.m. at the Boys and Girls Club, on Frontier Field Road on the CSI campus.

CSI students will staff game booths, with candy and other prizes to be awarded. Kids will be treated to contests, face-painting and various seasonal festivities, all free. Kids are encouraged to come to the party in their costumes. The activity is free and open to all families.

Gooding

• **Wednesday** — Gooding County Memorial Hospital's annual community Halloween party, with stations for indoor trick-or-treating, games, refreshments and a spook alley, will be held from 5:30-7:30 p.m. in the administra-



Dressed as Harry Potter, Mason Withman, then 5, peeked through a cardboard scarecrow so his dad can take a photo during the Pumpkin Festival at Kimberly Nurseries in Twin Falls in 2004.

tive wing of the hospital. It's free.

• **Wednesday** — The annual harvest party will be from 5:30 to 8 p.m. at the Gooding First Christian Church, 334 Fourth Ave. W. A light supper will be served. Bingo, cakewalks and carnival games will follow. The God Squad Puppet Team will perform from 7 to 8 p.m.

All ages are welcome. Costumes are encouraged, but please no scary or evil ones.

Eden

• **Wednesday** — A community harvest festival will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 1602 E. 1100 S.

Hot dogs and chips will be served; free will offerings will be accepted. Each family is asked to bring a bag of candy. Friendly costumes are encouraged. Bingo, games and a trunk-or-treat are planned. High school activities will begin at 6 p.m. at the Valley Christian Center.

Filer

• **Friday and Saturday, Wednesday** — The Filer Boy Scouts will sponsor a spook alley at the American Legion Hall, at 207 Main (two blocks west of the Twin

Falls County Fairgrounds). Hours are 7-10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 6-9 p.m. Wednesday. Admission is \$2. Refreshments also available.

Halley

• **Saturday** — The second annual Halley Halloween Hoopla will be held from 3-7 p.m., sponsored by the South Valley Merchants Alliance. Costume-clad kids can trick-or-treat at participating businesses in town; there will be a costume contest at the Liberty Theatre; and a "Haunted Kitchen Dinner" is planned at the Meriwether Building, starting at 5 p.m.

Burley

• **Monday** — The Burley Public Library's "Spooktacular After-school Program," with scary stories, chilling games and creepy crafts for all school-age children, will be held from 4-5 p.m. at the library, at 1300 Miller Ave. The event is free, and treats will be provided.

• **Wednesday** — The Burley United Methodist Church will sponsor its fall festival from 5:30-8 p.m., a safe alternative to Halloween. Dinner will be served at

Where to scare up some fun for Halloween

5:30 p.m., followed by games geared toward children and a trunk-or-treat at 7:45 p.m. The church is at the corner of 27th Street and Alma.

Jerome

• **Saturday** — Magic Valley Evangelical Free Church, at 821 E. Ave. H, will host a harvest dinner from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will be 15-20 visiting vendors with a variety of craft and food items for sale.

A silent auction will be held for several specialty gift baskets. Proceeds will go to MVEFIC women's ministry and benevolence fund.

Wendell

• **Saturday** — Magic Valley Manor will host a spook alley from 6-9 p.m. at 210 N. Idaho St.
• **Wednesday** — New Life Community Church will sponsor at "Family Harvest Night" from 5:30-8 p.m. Please see SCARE, Page 14

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Odyssey Theater

"The Brave One"
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 "30 Days of Night"
 "We Own the Night"

The Orpheum

"Saw II"

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Magic Lantern

"Elizabeth: The Golden Age"
 "Into the Wild"
 "Michael Clayton"
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 "Once"

Big Wood Cinema

"Dan in Real Life"
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'DAN IN REAL LIFE'

Steve Carell finds contrived love

BY DAVID GERMAIN
 The Associated Press

If you're already groaning at the prospect of spending time with your own lovable but annoying family over the holidays, think twice about seeing "Dan in Real Life." Do you really want to donate time and money to hang with someone else's annoying relations?

A love-triangle romance that plays out among Steve Carell, Juliette Binoche and Dane Cook during a family reunion, "Dan in Real Life" is a surprisingly plain, sappy, even insipid comedy, considering the filmmaker behind it.

After years as a novelist and screenwriter, director and co-writer Peter Hedges made a wonderful film debut with another family-reunion tale, 2003's indie charmer "Pieces of April."

That film chronicled the life history of a black-sheep daughter trying to make amends with her unforgiving clan over Thanksgiving. Those people were truly messed up and beset by adversity, yet they were utterly endearing and genuine.

The gang in "Dan in Real Life," which Hedges worked up from an original screenplay by Pierce Gardner (the wifely horror thriller "Lost Souls"), are fairly well-balanced and warmly affectionate among one another. And they are boring to the point of aggravation.

Throw in a heavy dose of sitcom artifice and goey melodrama, and "Dan in Real Life" becomes toilsome.

Carell's Dan is a widowed advice-column writer raising three daughters, sturdy Jane (Alison Pill, stuck here playing the mother hen after her marvelous performance as a self-righteous sibling in "Pieces of April"), rebellious Cara (Brittany Robertson)



Steve Carell, left, Juliette Binoche and Dane Cook in 'Dan in Real Life.'

'Dan in Real Life'

Starring Steve Carell, Juliette Binoche, Dane Cook
 Rated PG-13

Starts Friday at Twin Cinema, Century Cinema of Burley, Big Wood Cinema of Halley.

and adorable Lilly (Marlene Lawston).

Four years after his wife's death, Dan's at a solid if lonely state of resignation, devoted to raising his daughters and not even dreaming of new love.

That changes as he and the girls head to the family homestead in Rhode Island, where Dan's parents (Dianne Wiest and John Mahoney) are playing host to their big clan of kids and grandkids.

At a bookstore, Dan's sense of romance is magically rekindled by an encounter with Marie

(Binoche). The two hit it off immediately, but she turns out to be the new girlfriend of his brother Mitch (Cook), a nice lunthead who clearly isn't as fond of Marie as Dan.

Awkward moments abound as Dan and Marie conceal their dalliance and rising attachment. Dan becomes increasingly frustrated and callous as his attraction grows, while his family embraces Marie as a potentially new darling in-law.

There are occasional flashes of chemistry and budding sentiment between Dan and Marie, which arise more from Carell and Binoche's low-key charm than from the story in which they're forced to muck about.

But their little mating dance mostly alternates between sad behavior by the jealous Dan, which makes you wonder why Marie's feelings for him deepen, and stupid gags and hijinks that would have been lame back in

the days of "I Love Lucy." (A scene where they end up in the shower together is painfully contrived: where is Anthony Perkins and his "Psycho" knife when you need him?)

Emily Blunt, a scene-stealer as Meryl Streep's overbearing assistant in last year's "The Devil Wears Prada," is woefully wasted in an obnoxious role as a woman Dan takes on a double date with Marie and Mitch.

"Dan in Real Life" gets a bit of a toe-tapping boost from a blithe soundtrack of songs by Sondre Lerche, whose musical interludes are welcome respite from the monotony of everything else.

Just when the movie is supposedly reaching a dramatic climax, it slides to the low point as Ma, Ps, grown-up kids and all the anonymous cousins stage a talent show that just goes on and on in nauseating banality.

If this is real life, give us fantasy.

Movie nuggets

• **"The Brave One"** — Starring indie Foster as a woman who kills, this is less a brave movie than a foolhardy one. Trapped in a no man's land between seriousness and pulp trash, it plays like a combination of "Death Wish" and "The Hours." If that sounds like an awkward fit, it is. (1:59) R

• **"Elizabeth: The Golden Age"** — When we last saw the Virgin

Queen (Cate Blanchett), it was 1559 (in 1998) and she had just completed her transformation from girl monarch to royal icon. "Elizabeth: The Golden Age" gives us the tipperous and always majestic Blanchett as the middle-aged queen. She's hardly aged a day. How does she do it? By sheer force of fantasy, apparently — the same force that has led director Shekhar Kapur to give us Queen Elizabeth as a cross between Joan of Arc and Joan Crawford, Sir Walter Raleigh as a bodice-ripping pirate sprung from the cover of a supermarket romance novel, King Phillip II of Spain as a mingling lulu with a bizarre politico-erotic fixation on the virgin queen, and the battle against the Spanish Armada as a series of chopped-together outtakes from "Pirates of the Caribbean." (1:54) PG-13

• **"The Game Plan"** — A superstar pro quarterback's (Dwayne "the Rock" Johnson) dreams of football glory and living the bachelor high life come to a crashing halt when he discovers he is the father of a 7-year-old girl. With Roselyn Sanchez and Kyra Sedgwick. Directed by Andy Fickman. PG

• **"Good Luck Chuck"** — A serial womanizer (Dane Cook) tries to break a decades-old curse and win the heart of his dream girl (Jessica Alba) in this romantic comedy. With Dan Fogler and Lonny Ross. Directed by Mark Helfrich. Screenplay by Josh Stolberg. R

• **"Gone Baby Gone"** — Ben Affleck gets behind the camera for an adaptation of "Mystic River" author Dennis Lehane's novel about two private investigators searching for a missing girl in Boston's underworld. With Casey Affleck, Michelle Monaghan, Morgan Freeman and Ed Harris. R

• **"The Heartbreak Kid"** — Like the 1972 Elaine May classic that inspired it, the Farrelly Brothers' remake of "The Heartbreak Kid" is the story of a guy who gets married, regrets it and falls in love with another woman while on his honeymoon. That, more or less, is where the similarities end. But why get bogged down in comparisons when the new "Heartbreak Kid" stands entirely on its own merits as a grim, shrill, deluded and incredibly depressing movie, so bewilderingly mean-spirited that the trademark Farrelly Brothers gross-out scenes feel like the sweetest. (1:56) R

• **"The Kingdom"** — This Peter Berg-directed film has some power but not enough sense. A ripped-from-today's-headlines thriller starring Jamie Foxx and set in a terrorist-threatened Saudi Arabia, it wants us to feel as if we're watching something relevant when what's really going on is a slick excuse for efficient mayhem that's not half as smart as it would like to be. (1:50) R for intense sequences of graphic brutal violence, and for language.

• **"Michael Clayton"** — Tony Gilroy, best known for writing credits on all three "Bourne" films, has poured the energy pent-up during a decade and a half in Hollywood into this strong and confident directorial debut about desperate men searching for redemption in a cold and ruthless world of high stakes corporate and legal shenanigans. Gilroy starts with his impressively heightened and dramatic dialogue, his ability to get people to talk articulately while they're at a



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fever pitch of anxiety and concern. Added to this is an unlooked-for gift for creating intensity on screen. As a director, Gilroy has an unmistakable instinct for the emotional jugal and a breakneck storytelling style that pulls you through his story, no stragglers allowed. (2.07) R for language, including some sexual dialogue.

• **"Mr. Woodcock"** — When a man (Sean William Scott) discovers that his mother (Susan Sarandon) is being romanced by the gym teacher (Billy Bob Thornton) who made his childhood years misery, he will do anything to stop the relationship from developing. PG-13 for crude and sexual content, thematic material, language and a mild drug reference.

• **"Once"** — This Irish romance may be a musical, but it is miles away from the traditional Hollywood idea of people bursting into song. Glen Hansard (front-man for indie rock band the Frames) plays a street musician who is playing for change when he meets the girl (Marketa Irglová), an immigrant from the Czech Republic. The pair bond over their shared love of music (he is a guitarist, and she plays the piano), and the film chronicles their tentative relationship. R.

• **"Rendition"** — "Tetsu!" director Gavin Hood makes his American debut with a film that examines the practice of rendition as used by the U.S. government, in which terror suspects are secretly transported from country to country for interrogation. With Jake Gyllenhaal, Reese Witherspoon, Peter Sarsgaard and Meryl Streep. Written by Kelley Sane. R

• **"Resident Evil: Extinction"** — Milla Jovovich returns to her signature role as the zombie-buttkicking genetic hybrid, Alice, once again separated from her clothing as often as narratively possible and wielding guns, knives and kicks with aplomb. The third installment of the "Resident Evil" franchise picks up several years after the T-virus 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. (1:33) R

• **"Saw IV"** — Upon the news of Detective Kury's murder, two seasoned FBI profilers, Agent Strahm (Scott Patterson) and Agent Perez, arrive at the depleted police precinct and help veteran Detective Hoffman (Costas Mandouflos) through Jigsaw's latest grizzly game of victims and piece together the puzzle. However, when SWAT Commander

Rigg, the last officer untouched by Jigsaw (Tobin Bell), is suddenly abducted and thrust into the madman's harrowing game, the officer has just 90 minutes to overcome a series of interconnected traps or face the deadly consequences. R.

• **"The Seeker: The Dark Is Rising"** — In this dreary, spectacle-driven adaptation of "The Dark Is Rising," the second novel in Susan Cooper's award-winning fantasy series for young adults, the stoat-toned-voiced English actor (Ian McShane), one of "Wood" fame, plays Merriman Lyon. As one of the Old Ones, a quartet of immortal warriors, Merriman tutors young Will Stanton (Alexander Ludwig) in the ways of the Light and the Dark and lays out the tremendously important task that is his destiny. (1:39) PG

• **"The Ten Commandments"** — A 3D CGI-animated version of the story of Moses and the tablets is the first in a planned 12-part series of "Epic Stories From the Bible." With Ben Kingsley, Christian Slater, Alfred Molina and Eliot Gould from a screenplay by Ed Naha. PG for some mild peril.

• **"30 Days of Night"** — Alaska is the perfect place for vampires. Once the sun sets in the winter, it doesn't come up again for 30 days. With Josh Hartnett, Melissa George and Danny Huston. R.

• **"310 to Yuma"** — What's most impressive about this new version of the 1957 classic 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 it's as if he didn't know it's all been done before. Approaching this material with the enthusiasm of a fisherman man confronting his first square meal in days, Mangold has brought welcome intensity to the project.

Sound bite: RECENT CD RELEASE



COLUMBIA

Bruce Springsteen "Magie" (Columbia)

It's risky to name your album "Magie," especially if the music fails to live up to the title. Fortunately for Springsteen and his E Street Band, this one mostly does.

Constantly referred to as The Boss's "return to rock," "Magie" sails through a litany of familiar topics (spiritual yearning, Midwestern decay, political allusions) but with a focus and snap lacking in recent work. Granted, it's unfair to hold up "Magie's"

rootsy, straightforward rock to a Pete Seeger covers record, or the ponderous "Devils and Dust," but there's something satisfying about the clear-eyed atmosphere.

The production occasionally feels like a forced-grin — too bright and taller-made for portable MP3 players — but veteran producer Brendan O'Brien smartly lets Max Weinberg's crisp snare propel the songs while walls of ragged, distorted guitars and curtains of chiming keys slow them down. *Release Oct. 2*

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New on DVD Synopses of films recently released for home viewing

"Meet the Robinsons"

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Loosely based on "A Day With Wilbur Robinson," a 1982 children's book by Michael Joyce, it's a breezy knock-off of "The Jetsons," souped up with a time-travel twist and a mostly superfluous 3-D gimmick.

Raised in an orphanage, bespectacled science nerd and boy inventor Lewis (voiced by Daniel Hansen) has terrible luck with prospective parents, who tend to be put off by his messily malfunctioning gadgets. The 12-year-old sets to work on a memory

device that he hopes will help him track down his birth mother. But his obsession with the past unexpectedly catapults him into the future: He hitchhikes a ride in the time machine of a mysterious teenager named Wilbur Robinson and winds up in the year 2037.

By all appearances, it seems as if Lewis has traveled not through time but down the rabbit hole and into an absurdist wonderland. Wilbur's eccentric extended family lives on a sprawling estate where a chorus of tuxedoed singing frogs serves as the in-house entertainment, and the domestic help includes a purple octopus and a C-3PO-ish robot. (Tom Selleck and Adam West are among the actors who provide voices for the family members.)

While Wilbur tries to keep the other Robinsons from finding out that his new friend is from a different era, Lewis is convinced he's found the perfect adoptive family.

The boys are also pursued, for initially obscure reasons, by a moustache-twirling baddie, known as Bowler Hat Guy and voiced by the film's director, Stephen J. Anderson.

As tends to be the case, the 3-D process is simply an excuse to have characters and objects lunge in the general direction of the viewer. (It's best showcased in a dinosaur chase sequence and a food fight involving a "meatball cannon.") In other words, the



Disney Pixar Pictures

A science project goes wrong: Lewis goes back to the future in "Meet the Robinsons."



Really bad advice: Kevin Costner listens to his wisecracking doppleganger (William Hurt), who eggs him on to further feats of serial murder in "Mr. Brooks."

stereoscopic effect, achieved through state-of-the-art digital technology, is used in no more

modern a fashion than it was in the golden age of 3-D: the 1950s.

The screenplay ties itself into knots when Lewis discovers the identity of the Robinson patriarch. Grown-ups, if not their kids, will notice a milder variation on the Oedipal complications of "Back to the Future," in which Michael J. Fox must fend off the advances of his mother. The usual time-travel dilemmas also ensue: if Bowler Hat Guy, who has stolen a time machine, changes the course of history for his own selfish purposes, the entire Robinson clan, not to mention much of the human race, could cease to exist.

Zippy if forgettable, "Meet the Robinsons" keeps the tone mildly tongue-in-cheek.

—Los Angeles Times

"Mr. Brooks"

R

Earl Brooks is no ordinary serial killer. He's got a secret closet where identical serial-killer outfits hang above a row of matching black boots, and he has all the latest in serial-killer gadgets. He's the Batman of serial killers.

As played by Kevin Costner in "Mr. Brooks," the character is a prod-

igious taker of lives. He lives to kill, egged on by a wisecracking doppleganger — part fanned-ild id, part rationalizing ego — named Marshall (William Hurt). The only problem is that Earl wants to stop. He has a beautiful wife (Marg Helgenberger), a daughter in college (Danielle Panabaker), a house straight out of Architectural Digest and, in the film's opening scenes, he's honored as man of the year of Portland, Ore.

The whole killing thing is starting to wear on him, but he might as well face it — he's addicted to blood.

The movie is a bold variation on the serial-killer genre with some significant deviations. Written by Bruce A. Evans and Raynold Gideon (the pair scripted "Stand By Me") and directed by Evans, "Mr. Brooks" treats murder as an addiction. Earl is viewed less as a monster than as someone who has difficulty suppressing a particularly egregious appetite.

The comparison is taken to the extent that Earl attends Alcoholics Anonymous meetings and periodically mutters the "Serenity Prayer" in times of weakness. Evans and Gideon never really

succeeded in selling the idea that serial killing is a disease — which would require a degree of realism that the slick, over-plotted "Mr. Brooks" doesn't otherwise aspire to. They seem to be content with occupying the audience with a series of twists and jolts.

The filmmakers have constructed a complex web of subplots that abut the main story line and include the desire of a fan of Mr. Brooks' work (Dane Cook) to go on a ride-along, the unexpected return of Brooks' daughter from college, the engaging divorce woes of a detective (Demi Moore) working the case and ... the escape of another killer. The detective once put away. To their credit, Evans and Gideon somehow manage to tie them all together in the end, but in the meantime, much of the buildup is a snooze.

Marshall is seen and heard only by Earl Brooks, and the interplay between the two is, at times, inspired. It gives the film a darkly comic component that propels it through some lulls and keeps it from becoming too self-important.

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Poker/Twin Falls
The Twin Falls Poker League will hold Texas Hold'em tournaments at 7 p.m. at Kruezer's Night Life. No entry fee. Kruezer's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Rock/Utah
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Country-rock/Twin Falls
Live band will play 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.

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• **Larry and Mary's Cafe, 141 State St.** — Steak, prawns, grilled chicken breast, \$3-8.99. **Hours:** Tuesdays through Saturdays, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sundays, 7 a.m.-3 p.m.; closed Mondays. **Larry and Mary Goodwin, owners. 837-6475.**

• **Snake River Grill, 611 Frogs Landing** — Shrimp, catfish, alligator appetizers, chateausa, \$5-520. Wine, beer. **Hours:** Mondays, 7 a.m.-2 p.m.; Tuesdays through Saturdays, 7 a.m.-9:30 p.m. **Kirt Martin, owner. 637-6227.**

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• **Davin's, 17 W. Bullion St.** — New York-style Italian, fresh pasta, chicken, veal, seafood, \$10-\$15-\$18-\$25. Wine, beer. **Hours:** Wednesdays through Sundays, 5 p.m.-10 p.m.; closed Mondays and Tuesdays. **Larry and Jennifer Strickland, owners. 783-1559.**

• **KB's South, 121 N. Main St.** — New breakfast burritos, tacos, fish, \$6.25-\$8.75. Wine, beer. **Hours:** Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-8 p.m.; Sundays, 7 a.m.-8 p.m.; closed Sundays. **Robert Wrisden, owner. 783-7217.**

• **Red Elephant Saloon, 107 S. Main St.** — Pork tenderloins, prime rib, hamburger steak. **Full bar, Hours:** Daily, 5 p.m.-11 p.m. **Sal Carredo, owner. 788-6047.**

• **Shorley's Diner, 128 S. Main St.** — Burgers, sandwiches, \$5-\$25-\$39.95. Wine. **Hours:** Mondays through Saturdays, 7 a.m.-4 p.m.; Sundays, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. **Jacob and Virginia Greenberg, owners. 578-1293.**

• **Vevo Taqueria, 111 N. Main St.** — Pork carnitas, burritos, fish tacos, \$5-\$15. Full

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 range. For reasons of space, not every restaurant will be listed every week, but they will be listed on a regular basis.

If your restaurant is not listed and you would like to have it in the weekly dining guide, call Steve Crump at 735-9223, or e-mail him at scrump@magicalvalley.com

bar, Hours: Mondays through Saturdays, 11:30 a.m.-9 p.m.; closed Sundays. **Rob Coatin and Brendon Bonney, owners. 788-3697.**

• **The Wicked Spud, 305 N. Main St.** — Teriyaki chicken, hamburgers, pasta with cheese, \$4.45-\$7.95. **Hours:** Daily, 11 a.m.-9:30 p.m. **Mike Brom, owner. 788-9009.**

HANSEN

• **Footbill Cafe, 495 U.S. Highway 30 W.** — Footbill Burger, vegetable omelet, grillen ruben sandwiches, \$5-\$7-\$7.95. **Hours:** Mondays through Saturdays, 8 a.m.-2 p.m.; closed Sundays. **Brian and Kim Wilson, owners. 423-4777.**

• **South Hills Saloon, 300 U.S. Highway 30** — Braised chicken, hamburger, cheeseburgers, finger steaks, \$5-\$26. **Full bar, Hours:** Mondays through Saturdays, 11 a.m.-10 p.m.; bar closes at 1 a.m.; Sundays, noon to 10 p.m. **Ron Lemke, owner. 423-9050.**

HAZELTON

• **The Landmark, 325 Main St.** — Rib steak, Alaska king crab, alligator. **Hours:** \$55-\$21-\$95. **Full bar, Hours:** Daily, 10 a.m.-1 a.m. **Tammy Kayes, owner. 829-5308.**

In time for Halloween, the *Times-News* and *MagicValley.com* want to know what you think are the best and scariest horror movies.

Go to MagicValley.com and hit the "Entertainment" button to find the form to submit your favorites and see the favorite films of others.

A story about the list will be published in the *Times-News* in time for Halloween.

Bar J Wranglers to sing for band instruments

Times-News

Cowboy music doesn't get any more cowboy than this.

The Bar J Wranglers, a juck-sop, Wyo., quintet that's yippie-ka-yi-yo'd to audiences worldwide, will play a benefit concert for the O'Leary Junior High School band instrument program Tuesday in Twin Falls.

The Wranglers, who have performed often in the Magic Valley over the past decade, do a western music show and a stand-up comedy showcase with cowboy music, harmony and ranch humor. They've been featured on TNN with Roy Rogers, Dale Evans and Randy Travis, as well as in live performances on the Discovery Channel and the Travel Network.

Babe Humphrey, trailboss of the Bar J Wranglers and an iconic cowboy singer, retired several years ago and left the act to his sons — biologic and "adopted."

Scott Humphrey has been in the group since 1986. His tenor voice and rhythm guitar add a different dimension to the Wranglers' overall sound.

Babe's youngest son, Bryan, has been in the band since 1989. He's the Wranglers' lead singer and chley yodeler. He also plays the "doghouse" bass



—Clayton R. Johnson

The Bar J Wranglers with Babe Humphrey, center, the group's now-retired founder.

If you go ...

- **What:** The Bar J Wranglers of Jackson, Wyo., will perform a benefit concert in Twin Falls.
- **Where:** Roper Auditorium.
- **When:** Tuesday, 7 p.m. Tickets will open at 6 p.m., with a performance by local fiddling talent.
- **How much:** Tickets, which are \$15, are available at Everybody's Business and O'Leary Junior High in Twin Falls and at Sally's in Gooding.

and has proven himself a prolific western song composer.

Babe's "adopted" son, Tim Hodgson, has been with the group for 19 years. He plays the fiddle and joined the group with many credentials, includ-

ing being four-time Idaho State Champion Fiddler, two-time U.S. Open Fiddler and two-time National Men's Champion Fiddler.

He rounds out the vocals singing tenor and high baritone.

Donnie Cook joined the Wranglers in 1989. He plays flat-top guitar, steel guitar, dobro and banjo.

The newest member, bass player "Bullfrog" Baxter, joined the band six years ago.

The O'Leary scholarship provides band instruments for seventh-graders at both O'Leary and Robert Stuart Junior High schools. It's so far served more than 25 students.

What's your favorite scary movie?

Times-News

What are your favorite scary movies? Go to MagicValley.com and list them.

Do you still cringe at the vomit scene in "The Exorcist"?

Do you believe that Hela Lu-Lugosi was the best Dracula ever?

Are you the only person who ever set all the way through the "Hill 99 on Outer Space"?

Does "Alien" give you the shivers?

Missoula Children's Theatre sets auditions

Times-News

Missoula Children's Theatre will hold auditions for children ages 5 through 17 for the "Cinderella"

production at 4 p.m. on Nov. 5 at the Yubari Christian Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Those auditioning should arrive by 3:50 p.m. and plan to stay for two hours. A limited cast rehearsal will follow.

No advance preparation is necessary but participants must commit to a full week of rehearsals and two performances on Nov. 10.

Assistant directors also will be cast.

Two performances of "Cinderella" are scheduled for 3 and 7 p.m. Nov. 10 at the O'Leary Junior High School auditorium.

For information: Magic Valley Arts Council at 734-ARTS.

CSI Symphonic Band to premiere Russian march on Sunday

Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho Symphonic Band and Percussion Ensemble will perform "From Russia ... With Love" at 3 p.m. Sunday in the CSI Fine Arts Center auditorium. Two works by Russian composers Dmitri Shostakovich and Nikolai Ivanov-Radkevich will be featured along with music appropriate to October.

Faculty member George K. Halsell will direct the band, and adjunct faculty member Steve Cox will direct the Percussion Ensemble.

The band will perform the Polka, also known as the "Bureau-crats' Dance," from Shostakovich's 1931 ballet, "The Bolt," and Ivanov-Radkevich's march, "Capt. Gastelle," written in 1941 in honor of one of the Soviet Union's heroes of World War II.

The arrangement was obtained from the Russian Admiralty Band in St. Petersburg, Russia. CSI's performance will be the premiere of this version, which was done by the Admiralty

Band's director, Cmdr. Alexei Karabanov.

The band also will perform "Variations On A Scandinavian Sailor's Song" by J. Robert Hanson, Claude T. Smith's "Empire-ta Overture" and a selection of classic movie music, "Triumphal March," from the 1951 epic, "Quo Vadis," and a John Philip Sousa march, "Manhattan Beach."

October-themed music includes a pastoral work named "October," by Los Angeles-based composer Eric Whitacre.

The band will play a funeral march, the "Trauermarsch" by Norwegian composer Edvard Grieg, and the "Galloping Ghosts (A Ragtime March)" by William Byden.

The Percussion Ensemble will perform three works, "Marisa's Merengue" by Lalo Davila, "Me Turzan," by Chris Crockarell and "The Pentatonic Clock" by Willis Charukovsky.

Admission is a suggested donation of \$5 per person to the CSI Music Scholarship Fund. For information, call Halsell at 732-6767 or ghalsell@csi.edu.

Holman to sign books

Times-News

Twin Falls children's author Stephanie Holman will sign copies of her book, "A Devil in the Pines," from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Gooding Hotel Bed and Breakfast, 112 Main St. in Gooding.

Akiko Fry, who illustrated the book, will also be on hand. Refreshments will be served.



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Tickets are available at all iCTickets and Ticketweb outlets including all TCBY stores, Record Exchange, Nixot & Harold's, The Dance Co-Op, A New Vintage Wine Shop, J & J Corner Store in Payette, and Jack's Drove-In in Caldwell or by calling 842-3232, 466-TIXX or online at iCTickets.com and Ticketweb.com.



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. 25

Twin Falls

Karaoke semi-finals contest will be featured at 9 p.m. at Kruezer's Night Life. No cover charge. Kruezer's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

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

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

Burley

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

Buhl

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

FRIDAY, OCT. 26

Twin Falls

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

Burley

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

Rupert

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 Frome.

Local

KARAOKE CORNER

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

SATURDAY, OCT. 27

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.

Burley

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

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.

Declo

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

TUESDAY, OCT. 30

Burley

Kroakers 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. 31

Twin Falls

Kroakers 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.

Paul

Kroakers 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.

Pointing the way for the arts

Commission seeks community comments for planning

BY PAT MARGANTONO
Times-News writer

When it comes to the arts, an Idaho agency has a question for you. Make that four questions. And your answers will help the Idaho Commission on the Arts determine how and where it will direct its resources for the next five years.

The commission is in the middle of holding 12 statewide meetings to collect comments. On Monday, one of those meetings was held — with help of the Magic Valley Arts Council — at the Full Moon Gallery in Twin Falls. The meeting drew about 25 people.

Commission staff presented questions and waited for comment, which will be analyzed and evaluated by facilitator Stephanie Witt, director of the Public Policy Office at Boise State University.

The four discussion questions:

- What do you value most about living in Idaho?
- What roles might creativity

Interested?

Want to participate in the planning process? Go to http://www.arts.idaho.gov/about/online_meet.aspx.

On the Net

To hear what the Idaho Commission on the Arts is up to, go to MagValley.com for an interview with the new director.

play in Idaho's future?

• What value do you believe arts and cultural activities offer to your community?

• How can the Idaho Commission on the Arts assist you to achieve your vision for your community?

Every five years, the commission revisits its long-range plan to see how the agency can adequately serve people in the state when it comes to cultural affairs, said Michael Faison, its new executive director.

"We do public planning ses-

sions in people's homes, basically their communities to find what they need and how we may be able to help them," he said. The information collected will act as a guide so the governor-appointed commissioners can learn the public priorities and needs which will become the agency's priorities.

Providing input is important because it's the only way that the state commissioners can get the information they need to proceed with planning, said Pat Harder of Twin Falls, an arts commissioner. "We can't make the decision for the communities," she said.

Faison was reluctant to discuss specifics about what they had learned at the five previous meetings because he said the information hadn't been analyzed. He did say a common thread was "how they believe the cultural life of the place fosters a quality of life in their place."

And yes, funding was mentioned. "My response is 'What will

money help you to do?'" Faison said.

The new plan should be complete sometime before the end of summer.

Nationally and in Idaho, things are looking up for the arts in support from governments and awareness from communities, say Faison and Harder.

States supporting the arts are seeing a return on that investment, Faison said. "You look at a place that is growing and thriving, where people like to be, you'll probably find a thriving cultural climate."

That growing support has been the biggest change Harder has seen in her 10 years as an arts commissioner.

"I think the commission has more of a presence throughout the state now — our directions and the way we are getting things out," she said. "The legislature is definitely aware of the importance of the arts. It's been a steady move up."

Scare

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9 p.m. There will be games, inflatable and other activities for kids through eighth grade, and hot dogs, baked potatoes and chili will be served. The event is free, but organizers would appreciate donations of bags of candy.

Shoshone

• **Friday and Saturday** — The Shoshone Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a haunted house from 7-9 p.m. at 516 N. Fir St. Everyone welcome; \$2 donations appreciated.

Hagerman

• **Wednesday** — Hagerman's annual Halloween carnival will be held from 6-9 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on the cor-

ner of Lake Street and State Street. The carnival is sponsored by the Leo Dowsley Post No. 31 American Legion Auxiliary.

Admission is free and game tickets are sold five for \$1, or 25 cents each. Games will include ball-toss, dart-throw, fish pond, grab bags and ring-toss. The most popular game is the cakewalk, which features decorated Halloween cakes made by auxiliary members. Food and drinks will be available at a nominal price.

Rupert

• **Saturday** — A pet Halloween costume party, includes prizes for best costume and refreshments, will be held noon to 4 p.m. at Four Paws Bed and Bath,

370 W. 200 S. Admission is free.

Declo

• **Saturday** — Declo Elementary School will host a Family Halloween from 5-8 p.m. There will be a potato bar (\$3, or \$15 per family), carnival games, a "Hornet Five Country Store," raffle, silent auction and spook alley (lights on for younger children from 5 to 6 p.m.). Costumes welcome, but no masks.

Ketchum

• **Saturday** — Ketchum will host "Wishbone On Main Street," featuring live music and a costume contest with prizes. Main Street in Ketchum will be closed to all but pedestrian traffic from 9 p.m. until 2 a.m. so that

revellers will be able to enjoy a fun and safe street-festival atmosphere. A costume contest will be held at 11 p.m. on the Main Street outdoor stage, and party-goers will have a chance to win prizes in three categories: scariest, best group and best-in-show.

Mountain Rides, A Cab and Airport Cabs will provide free rides throughout the evening to encourage people to have a good time and get home safely.

• **Saturday** — A "Family Spook-tacular" will be held from 3-5 p.m. at the NeoStage Theatre. This free party is open to everyone and will offer a costume parade with prizes for kids up to 15, apple-hobbling, treats and a

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Music

Fretting about freedom

Haggard worries over rights, keeps an eye out for helicopters

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Merle Haggard — the author and singer of countless country classics, from "Mama Tried" to "Workin' Man Blues" — has long been known as the poet of the common man. Or, as he tells us: "I'm the poor man's Alan Greenspan." Having survived San Quentin, heart surgery, divorce, road life, record label troubles and the IRS, the septuagenarian from Oildale, Calif., is still making music: There was an album and tour this year with fellow Country Music Hall of Famers Ray Price and Willie Nelson — and last week Haggard released "The Bluegrass Sessions." It's the first foray into bluegrass for the honky-tonk hero who helped pioneer country's Bakersfield sound.

Q. You turned 70 in April. Given your earlier hell-raising, hard-living ways, did you ever wonder whether you'd be around at this age — let alone writing and recording and touring regularly?

A. Well, I'm just glad to be here. As to how I got here, I'm not sure. **Q.** Do you consider yourself a poet?

A. No. But a lot of things I write don't have melodies, and I guess that makes you a poet.

Q. In the new "What Happened?" you wonder where America went. Any theories?

A. In the last 10 years, we've lost most of what we claim to be fighting for. We have a police state — helicopters flying above houses, looking to see if they can see some marijuana. America has gone downhill.

Q. You're not shy about expressing your political opinions,

are you?

A. I should be. I got a family, and there's somebody liable to kill me. But it's still a free country — to a point. You can't really say a lot of things nowadays or somebody in a helicopter might come down a rope on you.

Q. If country radio still had you in regular rotation, would there have been a Dixie Chicks-style backlash when you sang, "Let's get out of Iraq/ And get back on track"?

A. Well, that's a hypothetical. And that's not gonna occur. (Laughs.) Radio doesn't want substance. If a song actually had an opinion, that's the first thing they'd throw in the trash.

Q. You've written a song about Hillary Clinton. Where did that come from?

A. I predicted 15 years ago that Hillary would be president of the United States. Bill Clinton is still the No. 1 diplomat and Democrat in the world, and we got him as a package deal. Anybody with the least bit of intelligence is going to say, "Maybe we need some diplomacy." It's more about him than it is about her.

Q. Your politics have moved left over the years. Do you think the people who know you for "The Fightin' Side of Me" and "Oklie From Muskogee" are confused?

A. I hope so. There's been a change in America. I wrote "The Fightin' Side of Me" and I meant every word of it. I still mean every word of it. But there are some contradictions in the United States that don't resemble Americanism. Where are the people that care about freedom? We're overseas fighting for it and people are giving their life for it when it doesn't even exist here.



Los Angeles Times

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Q. You were quite a troublemaker when you were growing up. Did you ever worry that your kids might actually take after you?

A. That was one worry I forgot about. I didn't think anybody would follow in my footsteps because the mud was too deep.

Q. You've been to the White House and the Big House (on a robbery conviction). Which was more memorable?

A. The White House was more strenuous. (Laughs.) I've been

blessed with meeting a lot of great statesmen over the years. But I've also met a lot of police officers. The Big House — being in San Quentin — was in a condition that you can never forget.

Q. Do you feel legendary?

A. I don't think so. I just feel like an old guy, 70 years old, that had a great career and is still around.

Q. Complete this sentence for me: If I knew then what I know now...

A. Well, I wouldn't go to prison.

Sound bite: RECENT CD RELEASE



Jon Mitchell "Shine" (Hear Music)

Jon Mitchell is angry — angry enough about a lot of things to storm back into the music business after she had walked away from it in 2002. Melancholy has been replaced with feistiness and combativeness. "Shine on the fishermen with nothing in their nets/ Shine on rising oceans and evaporating seas/ Shine on our Frankenstein technologies" and so on, she scolds on the title track. "Money makes the trees come down," she cretches down in "This Place." Mitchell even does a bouncy, edgy reprise of her 1970 hit "Big Yellow Taxi" ("Don't it always seem to you that you don't know what you got 'til it's gone.") The songs on "Shine," for the most part, dwell in the spare, experimental jazz-inspired atmosphere of her later albums. None of the material on the album is among Mitchell's best. Some of the songs (almost rants) are overkill. The rhythmic "Hunk," the lyrical "Hunk" based on the Rudyard Kipling poem — "Night of the Igwana" and "Bad Dreams" stand out, though. Still, in a world of money jingles and emo rap, it's a relief to hear a great songwriter returning with a fire in her belly.

— Los Angeles Daily News