

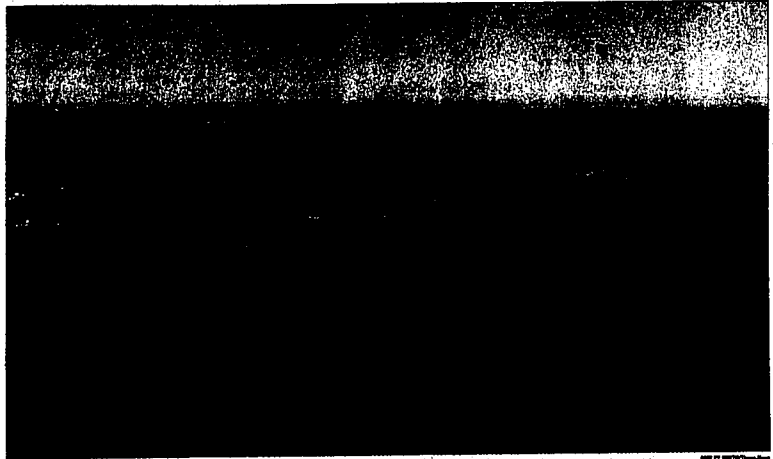
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Corridor to the future



A view from the air taken earlier this month shows Jerome County on the left. Plans for future development north of the Hansen Bridge are being prepared and are expected to be presented to the Jerome County Commissioners in early 2008.

Jerome County panel charts growth near I-84

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

It's hard to miss the Travelers Oasis truck-stop when exiting Interstate 84 near the Hansen Bridge. It's not surrounded by much.

Could that change?

Plans for future development north of the Hansen Bridge and the truck-stop — potentially as much as 900 acres, officials say — are being prepared and expected to be presented in early 2008 to the Jerome County Commissioners.

The county's planning commission will propose the plan — dubbed a "commercial overlay" — which Chairman Carl Nellis said will reflect what county residents want in the corridor. The idea stems from how several landowners requested zoning changes of their land, primarily for commercial use. County officials felt that if a few landowners sought some changes, the entire area should be analyzed.

Currently, just a handful of acres north and southwest of the highway's interchange are zoned

commercially. The proposal, which is available at the county's Web site, shows a revised plan that adds hundreds of commercial land and some agriculture-residential land several miles north of the land. Agriculture-residential land provides more leeway to people trying to build on farmland.

Changes could affect anywhere from a few dozen acres to nearly 900 acres, it's up to the commissioners.

Chairman Carl Nellis declined comment because the plan is not yet finalized.

Any changes would amend the county's comprehensive plan, which serves as a guide for future development but is not necessarily concrete. For example, if a property owner seeks making his farm into commercial use, if the comprehensive plan lists the area as commercial it can make the process easier and more efficient.

"The big deal is if you are going to have a comprehensive plan, it should be followed," Nellis said. He said the plan

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— Carl Nellis, chairman of the Jerome County Planning Commission

could stand for 20 or more years. But there's more to just rezoning.

Nellis said the proposal will reflect what residents want in eastern Jerome County. At a public forum in August, most who attended said they'd prefer for the area to remain the same. Nellis said. More growth would result in increased traffic and congestion, among other things.

Still, the open house resulted in 33 comments that are as varied as the possibilities of what could develop there. They expressed concern over the effects of the growth, should it occur: more stoplights, more traffic, attention to water and the need for more studies.

In essence, they are asking for controlled and planned growth.

"The majority of people who attended that meeting didn't want it changed because they

are concerned about their lifestyles," said Howell, who attended most of the public forum.

Still, if any changes are made, it doesn't mean there will be growth. Property owners would still have to go through a normal process. This plan just serves as a guideline.

The area is primarily rural — which could change — but Howell said that it's an important issue that will have long-lasting effects.

"If you get more than one application, people all of a sudden start thinking, 'my gosh, do we need to start changing the whole thing,'" said Howell. "The planning commission normally doesn't run around looking for things to do."

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Calling for a change

City, chamber and BID to discuss future of downtown oversight

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Downtown Twin Falls may soon be under new management.

On Monday officials from the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce are expected to meet with city officials and representatives of the Historic Downtown Business Improvement District (BID).

On the agenda: Extricate the chamber from its year-old contract to manage the troubled improvement district.

"It's really going to be a sit-down to talk about the future of the organization of the downtown," said Shawn Barigar, president and CEO of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce. "There is a concern that certain aspects are outside the realm of the chamber, and that maybe the job turned out to be more than we originally thought it would be."

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Trout farm testimony opens water hearings

Proceedings to decide fate of trout, irrigation farmers

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

BOISE — What is expected to be a long, grueling hearing to decide the fate of two Magic Valley trout farms and hundreds of irrigators began Wednesday with the testimony of one farm's president.

Larry Cope, president and CEO of Clear Springs Foods, testified his company has scaled back production because it's not receiving its full share of water under the law.

"The water — it's our lifeblood," Cope said. "We're just asking for our water to be delivered to us."

Trout farm officials have said publicly they're losing millions because groundwater pumps with less-senior water rights are sucking water from the aquifer that belongs

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Closed primaries thrown out

Judge dismisses lawsuit from 71 GOP members

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

A federal judge Tuesday dismissed a lawsuit filed by 71 Idaho Republicans hoping to limit primary elections to registered party members, leaving the issue unresolved less than two months before the 2008 Legislative convenes.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Mikal Williams ruled that the plaintiffs — which include nearly a dozen south-central Idahoans — lacked authority to sue Secretary of State Ben Yareza, a Republican, without the Idaho Republican Party's official consent. He ruled that the party, not a judge, should decide how best to rule over its members.

"Plaintiffs lack standing to challenge Idaho's open primary election laws, as only the Idaho Republican Party possesses that right," Williams wrote. "Plaintiffs may not assert the associational rights of the political party to

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Ted Turner's land grab creates suspicion in Nebraska

Ranchers unsure if CNN founder is trying to put them out of business

By Mike Phillips
Associated Press writer

MULLEN, Neb. — Ted Turner's men didn't flinch. As the price climbed past \$8 million, \$9 million, \$9.5 million, they continued bidding at a rapid-fire pace.

When the auction was over, they walked away with what they came for: 26,300 acres of prime ranch land, at a cost of nearly \$10 million.

"It hasn't taken long to find out his serious," said Duane Kims, a rancher and Turner neighbor who was bought by about \$100,000 by the CNN founder.

But what exactly is Turner serious about?

The auction gave a hint here and his other rural areas of the country where people once thought he

Turner's ranches

Billionaire Ted Turner owns 2 million acres, making him the U.S.'s largest private landowner.

Ted Turner's U.S. ranch land in thousands of acres

New Mexico	1,105.9
Other	77.0
Nebraska	425.2
Montana	154.0
South Dakota	141.4
Colorado	34.9
Florida	29.3
Caroline	10.8
Arkansas	1.3
Georgia	0.5

become the largest private landowner in the country. He owns large chunks of land in 11 states, with most of his holdings in New Mexico, Nebraska, Montana and South Dakota, and is restoring buffalo, cutthroat trout, wolves, black-footed ferrets and other flora and fauna that filled the Plains before the West was won.

His front men say their boss doesn't have a secret agenda — he just wants to be a rancher. But each big buy often heightens the anxiety and gives rise to conspiracy theories, the most ominous of which hold that

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NewsTracker

LAST WE KNEW: A group of 71 Republicans filed a lawsuit against Secretary of State Ben Yareza demanding the state close primaries.

THE LATEST: A federal judge dismissed the suit, alleging that the plaintiffs couldn't sue without the blessing of the Idaho Republican Party.

WHAT'S HOT: Prosecutors expect action to be taken by state lawmakers in the 2008 Idaho Legislature.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS Today Tonight Friday ... Snow with snow showers and a brisk breeze High 37 ... Mostly cloudy with snow showers and isolated sleet Low 23 ... Seasonal temperatures and partly cloudy 38 / 18

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Light snow showers and cold, breezy conditions. High middle 30s. Tonight: Scattered snow showers early, otherwise, mostly dry and cold. Lows middle to the teens. Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy and mostly dry. High middle 30s, lows middle teens.

Complete weather report: See page B4

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

"The Night Thoreau Spent In Jail," presented by the CSI Theater Department, 8 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Theater, \$8 for adults and \$6 for students/seniors, 732-6781, 732-6788 or tickets.csi.edu.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Magic Valley Christian School 1st annual Christmas Open House, silent auction includes wreaths, garlands, trees and centerpieces; candies and homemade specialty baked goods also for sale, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the American Legion Bingo, 7:20 p.m. Bonanza 280 and 7:30 p.m. Regular bingo, 610 W. Main, Wendell, \$500 and \$1,195 Black outs, 536-6358.

CRAFTS AND HOBBIES

College of Southern Idaho Art Club's Magic Mud, CSI student pottery sale, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., CSI Eagle's Nest, Student Union building, 732-6262.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4058. Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired Board meeting, 9 a.m., at the ICBI Office, 341 Washington St., Boise, 334-3220.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

Take Off Pounds Sensibly ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight-loss support group, 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., 420-3823. Silver Sneakers Fitness Program, 11:15 a.m. to noon, Twin Falls YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd., no cost for Humana-Insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4364. Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977. Celebrate Recovery, 7:30 p.m., Fireside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yakima and Main, Filer, 734-0557 or 324-7237. A.C.T.S. Program, a 12-week, ongoing course based on self-help, recovery and education, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Road, Twin Falls, no cost, 731-3210.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

Pinocle, 1 p.m., Twin Falls Senior Center, 530 Shoshone St. W., 50 cents, open to the public, 734-5084.

MUSEUMS

Faultier Planetarium Festival of Trees, "Season of Light," 11 a.m., "Steamrolling through the Holidays" at 1 p.m., "WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars" at 2:30 p.m., "Season of Light" at 4 p.m. and "The Christmas Stars" at 7 p.m., Herritt Center, CSI, Twin Falls, \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, 732-6655.

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

CORRECTIONS

Quote clarification

A front page story in Tuesday's Times-News about three marijuana initiatives had a quote that may have been misinterpreted. Halley Councilwoman Martha Burke said she was dismayed by the possibility that Councilwoman Carol Brown who is a federal employee, may have to leave the council under Forest Service requirements that prohibits certain types of advocacy by employees. Burke said her issue was not with the Forest Service, but rather the advocacy group that pushed the initiatives and the unintended consequences of the measures on Brown.

No data included

The Magic Valley Office of Idaho Department of Labor will begin offering computer classes Wednesday, Dec. 5. Due to lack of information received by this Times-News, a business brief published Nov. 27 did not include the date. The Times-News regrets the error.

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MORNING BRIEFING AROUND THE WORLD

IRAQ

6,000 Sunnis join security pact with U.S.

HAWAJA — Nearly 6,000 Sunni Arab residents joined a security pact with American forces Wednesday in what U.S. officers described as a critical step in plugging the remaining escape routes for extremists flushed from former strongholds. The new alliance — called the single largest single volunteer mobilization since the war began — covers the "last gateway" for groups such as al-Qaida in Iraq seeking new havens in northern Iraq, U.S. military officials said.

U.S. commanders have tried to build a ring around insurgents who fled military offensives launched earlier this year in the western Anbar province and later into Baghdad and surrounding areas. In many places, the U.S.-led battles were given key help from tribal militias — mainly Sunnis — that had turned again al-Qaida and other extremists. Extremists have sought new footholds in northern areas once loyal to Saddam Hussein's Baath party as the U.S.-led gains have mounted across central regions. But their ability to strike near the capital remains.

A woman wearing an explosive-rigged belt blew herself up near an American patrol near Baquba, about 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, the military announced Wednesday. The blast on Tuesday — a rare attack by a female suicide bomber — wounded seven U.S. troops and five Iraqis, the statement said.

NEVADA

O.J. Simpson pleads not guilty to charges

LAS VEGAS — O.J. Simpson stood before a judge Wednesday and firmly spoke a phrase he has uttered in other courtrooms in the past: "Not guilty." This time the former football star was arraigned, along with two other men, on suspicion of kidnapping and armed robbery of sports memorabilia dealers in a strange case that has ballooned to 12 charges that could send Simpson and the others to prison for life.

Simpson's notoriety gained from trial on charges of murder and road rage, looms in the background of the Las Vegas episode. His lawyer said jury selection would be an "onerous" task that would

probably last longer than the trial itself.

"I am very concerned that we get 12 people on the jury that can listen to the evidence that occurs in the courtroom," attorney Yusef Galanter said on the courthouse steps. "People are going to have opinions."

Simpson's co-defendants, Charles "Charlie" Ehrlich, 53, and Clarence "Cl" Stewart, 53, also entered not guilty pleas, and Clark County District Judge Jackie Glass set trial for all three men on April 7.

VENEZUELA

Chavez says he's cutting off contact with Colombian government

CARACAS — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said Wednesday he was cutting off all contacts with the Colombian government, but fell short of announcing an end to diplomatic relations between the two countries.

Chavez's announcement came after a series of sharp exchanges with President Alvaro Uribe set off when the Colombian leader last week abruptly ended the Venezuelan's mediation between Colombia's government and leftist rebels.

"While President Uribe is president of Colombia I will have no type of relationship with him or with the government in Colombia," Chavez said.

Speaking in the southwestern state of Tachira, Chavez said he will not have any relationship with a "president who is capable of such barefaced lies, disrespects another president that he has called a friend, one that he called on for help."

The Venezuelan president had a similar spat in late 2005 with then Mexican President Vicente Fox. While relations between Mexico and Venezuela were reduced to lower-level diplomats, they were not formally severed.

KANSAS

Friend: Missing student led a double life as an Internet porn star

EL DORADO — A missing Kansas college student believed to be the victim of foul play led a double life as an Internet porn star in the name of Zoey Zane, a friend told The Associated Press on Wednesday.

A young woman resembling 18-year-old Emily

Sander appears nude in photo posted on a Zoey Zane Web site.

"She enjoyed it. She is a young teenage girl and she wanted to be in the movies and enjoyed movies. She needed the extra money," said Nikki Watson, a close friend of Sander's at Butler Community College.

"Police in El Dorado knew besides her close friends," Sander said they are aware of the Web site. But police investigator Chad Young would not confirm whether Sander is Zoey Zane and would not say whether the site was connected in any way to her disappearance.

Sander was last seen leaving a bar Friday in El Dorado, about 30 miles from Wichita. A man identified as Israel Mireles, 24, authorities said. Sander and Mireles met that night at the bar, according to Watson.

PENNSYLVANIA

Fake badge, real gun: Police bust man for impersonating officer

BENSALEM — Lights flashing and sirens blaring, a man with a badge allegedly pulled over a car from the Ford Explorer and unholstered his gun, shouting orders at the motorist he had just pulled over.

And then the real police showed up.

Harry V. Hackert, an employee of a private security firm, was arrested Monday and charged with impersonating a police officer. Hackert ran a red light near a police station and stopped another driver by turning on the lights and sirens he installed on his SUV, Bensalem police said. It was not immediately clear why he pulled the driver.

Police said Hackert was carrying handcuffs and a badge with a black piece of tape across it to mimic the bands officers wear when mourning the death of a fellow officer.

OKLAHOMA

Roberts says God forced resignation from Oral Roberts U.

TULSA — Oral Roberts told students at Oral Roberts University Wednesday that he did not want to resign as president of the scandal-plagued evangelical college because he did so because God insisted.

God told him on

Thanksgiving that he should resign the next day. Roberts told students in the university's chapel.

"Every ounce of my flesh said 'no' to the idea, Roberts said, but he prayed over the decision with his wife and his father, Oral Roberts, and decided to step down.

Roberts said he wanted to "strike out" against the people who were persecuting him, and considered counter-suing, but "the Lord said, 'don't do that,'" he said.

After submitting his resignation, he said, for "first time in 60 days peace came into my heart."

Roberts spoke for only a few minutes and was applauded and cheered by students. He wiped away tears with a white handkerchief and his hands.

"This has nearly destroyed my family, and it's nearly destroyed ORU," Roberts said.

A lawsuit accuses Roberts of lavish spending at a time when the university faced more than \$3 million in debt, including taking shopping sprees, buying a stable of horses and paying for a daughter to travel to the Bahamas aboard the university jet.

Roberts has previously said that God told him to deny the allegations. The week the lawsuit was filed, Richard Roberts said that "God told him: 'We live in a litigious society. Anyone can get mad and file a lawsuit against another person whether they have a legitimate case or not. This lawsuit ... is about intimidation, blackmail and extortion.'"

S. CAROLINA

Man tries to open bank account with fake million-dollar bill

AIKEN — A bank teller had a million reasons to deny his transaction.

Police say a man tried to open an account with a \$1 million bill, which refused to exist. The teller detected and called police while the man stood at Aiken bank workers, said Aiken County Sheriff's spokesman Lt. Michael Frank. Alexander D. Smith, 31, of Augusta, Ga., was charged with disorderly conduct and two counts of forgery, Frank said. The second forgery charge came after investigators learned Smith bought several cartons of cigarettes from a nearby grocery store with a stolen check, Frank said.

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THEIR NAME IS MUD?

The College of Southern Idaho's ceramics department puts on its "Magic Mud" sale.



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Check out a video of preparations for the Magic Mud ceramic sale.



Read the ruling in a lawsuit by Idaho Republicans that would have closed the state's primary elections.

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As of Nov. 28. A comparison of basin snowpack on the 123 basins tracked by the Idaho Dept. of Water Resources. ** An indicator of basin snowpack at the end of the winter season, which peaks in spring.

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In 2006, the BID ended the year more than \$27,000 in debt even though it had \$181,729 in total income — with more than half its revenue coming from assessments, an additional \$15,000 from the city of Twin Falls and the remainder from parking.

In search of a way out of its financial woes, the improvement district asked the chamber to oversee administrative duties.

In less than a year the chamber managed to turn the district's finances around and establish a \$60,000 surplus.

"The chamber did it in about five months, which is incredible, but I think it also felt that it took on more than it could handle," said Kevin Dane, treasurer for the BID.

Since the BID was founded in 1982 it has taken on an increasing number of responsibilities that have also grown more complex.

"The two overwhelming responsibilities that have plagued the BID are parking and landscaping," said Ryan Horsley, president of the BID. "Honestly, we just don't have the manpower or the finances to handle those things."

Nelther Barigar nor

"I think there are too many visions for the downtown and not one common vision."

— Shawn Barigar, president and CEO of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce

Horsley would say if they would ask the city to oversee any downtown responsibilities. However, they did say that all options will be laid on the table.

"I think there are too many visions for the downtown and not one common vision," Barigar said. "Really, I think that it has taken seven months of being involved with the downtown to realize that it was a lot more than the chamber or anyone else can handle."

The underlying concern, however, is that any further changes will cause more problems in the downtown area, which was already suspicious of handling administrative responsibilities over to the chamber.

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Hearings

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To Clear Springs and another trout operation, Blue Lakes Trout Farm.

The companies have asked the state to shut down groundwater wells to free up more water for their aquaculture operations.

At stake is the valley's aquaculture industry, as well as hundreds of land farms that depend on pumped water for irrigation. Several Magic Valley towns that rely on wells also at risk, though drinking water supplies are not threatened.

The case has a long and complicated history. The trout farms have older water rights that trump the pumpers' rights under Idaho's first-in-time water law. In 2005, the trout farmers asked the state to shut down some pumps because less spring water was available at the farms, both near Buhl.

The pumpers agreed to provide the trout farmers with water under a deal called a mitigation plan, which allowed them to keep the pumps running. But recently, the pumpers haven't been able to find enough water for spring users.

As a result, the trout farmers approached the state again and asked it to shut down the pumps.

In the meantime, senior

water users sued the state, saying its method for managing water was unconstitutional and kept them from receiving their full water rights. The Supreme Court disagreed in January, which allowed the state to proceed with administering water.

Then in the spring — following a particularly dry winter — the state was just days from closing wells when pumpers offered another last-minute deal that averted what may have become an economic crisis.

Fast-forward to this week's hearing. Both sides are presenting their cases to former Chief Justice of Idaho Gerald Schroeder, who will recommend to the state's water director, Dave Tuthill, how to proceed.

Tuthill has already warned pumpers that their wells could be curtailed come spring. But he'll likely make his final decision this winter based on Schroeder's recommendations, he said in an interview outside the hearing room. Tuthill has elected not to observe the proceedings.

The hearing, expected to last more than two weeks, could set precedent in two similar pending cases that pit water users with more senior rights against those with junior rights. Most close to the trout farm case expect it to be appealed and eventually

reach the Supreme Court. Cope testified that spring water is essential for the trout farms because it is very pure and free of full water rights at the springs at a near-constant temperature year-round — both necessary for trout production.

Testimony from for the trout farms will continue this

week. Former state water director Karl Dreher, who was director when the original mitigation agreement was formed, is expected to testify next week. Schroeder's ruling could follow the week after.

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Turner

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his swabbling Atlanta executive is bent on putting Nebraska ranchers and farmers out of business.

"With him it's such a concern," said Cindy Weller, who lives on a family ranch near Mullen. "You don't know what his plan is and what he's going to do."

Among the theories: Turner is trying to corner the land over the Aquifer, the world's largest underground water system, to gain power in the water-starved West.

Or: He is scheming, perhaps with the United Nations, to create a vast wildlife refuge and turn it over to the federal government, removing the land from Nebraska's tax rolls.

"The entire way of life here is threatened, and it's not just Turner, but he's one reason. The whole area is economically depressed," Weller said.

Mike Phillips, executive director of the Turner Endangered Species Fund, a Turner offshoot, insisted his boss is just a "doggone seri-

ous rancher," though one dedicated to preserving the environment.

But Phillips' very presence is making people wonder. He once worked with The Wildlands Project, an environmental group that sought to create a continent-wide network of nature preserves to save endangered species. The Turner Foundation, the chief arm of Turner's empire, has contributed money to it and gives millions to dozens of other environmental groups.

Turner's organizations

also have been in discussions with the World Wildlife Fund and the World Conservation Union about conserving bison. The groups have expressed interest in developing a huge park where bison could once again roam the Great Plains.

Actually, Turner's spokesmen say, the driving force behind Turner's land purchases is the desire to make money. Turner's Vermejo Park Ranch in New Mexico, for example, offers weeklong elk hunting excursions at \$12,000 a pop.

Case

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which they belong."

In July, the Republicans filed suit to make primary elections closed to only those within the party. For more than 30 years, Idaho has held open primaries, meaning anyone can vote in any primary without registering. The push for closed contests comes primarily from conservative Republicans worried about cross-over voting by Democrats.

They argued they represented the party's interest and alleged the open primary system "violates the Republicans' right to associate in a political party." It was not filed by the state party, but followed a supportive decision in June in Butley by the party's state committee.

Williams' attorneys agreed with lawyers for the Idaho attorney general, who argued earlier this month that if the state party wasn't heard, the lawsuit would be invalid. He wrote that the plaintiffs should formally ask the party to challenge the state's primary law.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled states can't force political parties to associate with those who don't share their political beliefs. Three separate proposals to close primaries failed to clear the 2007 Legislature.

"The ball is back in the Legislature's court again. If they choose to punt, it could end up in court again," former GOP state Sen. Rod Beck, the plaintiffs' leader, told the Associated Press. "You can rest assured, if this is not successful in the Legislature, that there will be a formal demand lodged so that standing will not be an issue in the next round."

The issue has divided the Republican Party, with some wondering why the party wants to alter a system that brought Republicans bidding

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79 of 105 positions in the state Legislature and all statewide positions. Republican Party Chairman J. Kirk Sullivan openly opposed the lawsuit. Independent voters make up a third of the state's electorate.

The issue will likely return in the 2008 Legislature and could result in a lawsuit by the state party, said Keith Alred, head of the bipartisan group The Common Interest that pushed "modified-close primaries" last year.

"The Republicans who got this passed at convention, at central committee, are still there, still have those votes, and are not going away," said Alred, a Twin Falls native. "If anything, they're more agitated now. They're going to continue to put pressure on and that's going to result in the Republican Party filing a lawsuit."

He said there is a "fair" chance lawmakers will approve a modified-closed primary, which would keep registered voters tied to their parties but give a choice — and preserve privacy — for independents.

Marilyn Hempleman of Twin Falls, one of the plaintiffs, said it was unfortunate the lawsuit was dismissed but the goal was to simply push the issue forward for state legislators to see.

"It will serve the purpose it

intended to do," she said.

But with the lawsuit that was rumored during the 2007 session now in the past, the pressure on the Legislature has likely subsided, said state Sen. Dean Cameron, R-Rupert, a nine-term legislator.

On Wednesday, he echoed comments that the Legislature wouldn't take action if the lawsuit failed, and that even if a bill is drafted, it's unlikely to stay alive.

He said he hasn't seen evidence of cross-over voting and would be surprised for the Senate to pass any legislation, including a compromised modified-primary.

"I don't disagree that now that the court has acted people will see whether the Legislature will do anything," said Cameron. "But I don't see the Legislature entering that quagmire."

Alred conceded that, given it being an election year, any legislation will be difficult to pass.

"Do you want to be the individual legislator who steps up to lead the effort to make primaries be less open than they are now?" he asked.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

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Bush gives encouragement to Israeli and Palestinian leaders

Retired Marine Corps general tapped as special envoy for security

By Jennifer Loren
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — President Bush told the leaders of Israel and the Palestinian territories on Wednesday he is personally committed to their mission of peace, urging them to stick with it and not lose sight of their goal.

Bush met separately with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert at the White House, and then with the two men jointly before the trio emerged for a presidential sendoff from the Rose Garden. The stagecraft capped three days of U.S.-

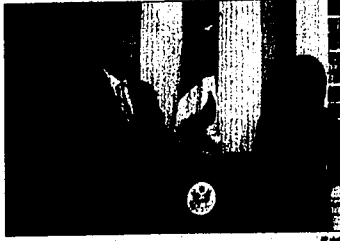
sponsored diplomacy centered around an international Mideast peace conference held Tuesday in Annapolis, Md.

"No matter how important yesterday was, it's not nearly as important as tomorrow and the days beyond," Bush said, with Olmert on one side and Abbas on the other.

"I wouldn't be standing here if I didn't believe that peace was possible," the president said.

The Bush administration pronounced itself pleased with the outcome of the conference. It drew 44 nations, including neighboring Arab states whose support is considered vital to any peace agreement. A joint understanding between the Israelis and Palestinians, in doubt until the last minute, was salvaged. And Abbas and Olmert related their desire to reach a peace settlement by the end of next year.

Abbas, speaking with reporters after the White



Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice, right, wipes her eye as she listens to retired Marine Gen. James Jones, left, speak at the State Department in Washington, Wednesday, after Rice announced that Jones will serve as an intermediary in the Arab-Israeli peace process.

House send-off, said Bush seemed determined to reach a peace treaty during his term.

"We found him zealous in that direction," he said.

Abbas also said that while the agreement to resume

INSIDE:
Hamas protesters, Palestinian police clash in Hebron over Annapolis summit.
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here to start negotiations and we got that."

Abbas was asked whether he found Israel to be a serious peace partner. He laughed and said: "I am not going to judge their intentions. We say that we have a partner and we are ready to work with this partner to reach this treaty."

Olmert, for his part, reiterated at a briefing with Israeli reporters that a peace deal could not be implemented until the violence against Israel from Gaza stops. A deal, he said, would be implemented only if conditions crucial to Israel are met.

Underlining the impor-

tance of security, Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice tapped James L. Jones, a retired Marine Corps general and a former NATO commander, to serve as a special envoy for Middle East security, moving quickly to maintain momentum coming out of Annapolis.

The job involves monitoring the development of Palestinian security services, said State Department spokesman Sean McCormack. One focus would be how those forces interact with neighboring security services, including Israeli authorities.

White House press secretary Dana Perino said Bush wanted to meet with the leaders one last time Wednesday to encourage them to "go forth and work to make the peace" and to make clear he would be available to help.

Obesity rates leveling off

By Rob Stein
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The obesity epidemic that has been spreading for more than a quarter-century in the United States has leveled off among women and may have hit a plateau for men as well, federal health officials reported Wednesday.

While the proportion of adults who are obese remains high at more than 30 percent, the rate in 2005 and 2006 was statistically unchanged from the last time government researchers took a national snapshot two years earlier.

The findings confirm earlier indications that the increase in obesity among women had stalled and suggests that the same trend may have begun among men.

"This is encouraging," said Cynthia Ogden, the National Center for Health Statistics, which released the new data. "I think we can say that obesity in women is stabilizing, and I'm optimistic that that we may be seeing a leveling off in men as well."

If both trends continue, it could mean that the massive effort to stem the nation's growing girth could be starting to pay off, Ogden and others said.

"This doesn't show we've turned the corner on obesity, but we might be at the corner," said William Dietz, of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The first step in controlling any epidemic is halting a rise in the number of cases, and this suggests that might be happening.

But experts quickly cautioned that it is too soon to declare victory, noting that the lull could be fleeting and that about 72 million adults are still considered obese.

Several justices express doubts about Maine's ban on Internet cigarette sales to kids

By Pats Yost
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Cast in the good-guy role of stopping Internet cigarette sales to children, Maine's deputy attorney general got roughed up Wednesday by several Supreme Court justices who suggested the law is not on his side.

Paul Stern argued that his state, like many others, is trying to keep tobacco from underage smokers and that cannot be done without the help of companies that deliver cigarettes bought over the Internet.

Congress has encouraged the states "to deal with the significant public health problem of youth access to tobacco," Stern told the court, arguing for Maine's right to regulate shipment of cigarettes bought online.

Shipping industry associations, which are challenging the law object to delivery requirements that they say only the federal government can impose.

Federal law bars states from regulating prices, routes or services of shipping companies and Maine's law "certainly relates to the service" of the shipping companies, Chief Justice John Roberts said.

"It talks about what carriers have to do," Roberts added.

Recent research says children as young as age 11 were successful more than 90 percent of the time in buying cigarettes over the Internet. At last count, there were 772 Internet cigarette vendors, a nearly nine-fold increase in seven years, according to Kurt Ribbis, an associate professor at the University of North Carolina's school of public health who has

Cigarettes online
Smokers nationwide, including those who are underage, are going online for bargains in response to states imposing increases in cigarette taxes.

Number of international Internet cigarette vendors, January of last year

2000	258 vendors
2001	268 vendors
2002	272 vendors

Percentage of high school students who have smoked cigarettes, 2005

Ever tried, even one or two puffs	64.2%
Ever smoked for 30 straight days	18.4%
At least once in past 30 days	23.0%
At least 20 of past 30 days	9.4%

SOURCE: University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Center for Disease Control and Prevention

spent the past eight years studying the issue.

In 2002, at the start of the boom in Internet cigarette sites, a study found that internet vendors sold 400 million packs of cigarettes a year, 2 percent of the cigarettes consumed in the United States and a figure that anti-smoking groups say is growing.

The case also involves the issue of uncollected state taxes. One study found that three-quarters of Internet tobacco sellers say they will not report cigarette sales to tax collection officials. A private research firm found states lose as much as \$1.4 billion annually in uncollected tobacco taxes through Internet sales.

The lost revenue is a concern to the Internet and about 40 other states that have tried to prohibit or severely restrict the direct delivery of tobacco products to consumers.

The differences in the state laws are a burden to business, several justices suggested.

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Ups and downs of Musharraf's army career

Pakistan's Pervez Musharraf resigned his military post Wednesday, a day before he takes his oath as civilian president. He will have to vie for power with two former prime ministers, Benazir Bhutto and Nawaz Sharif, who are eager to return to office.

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Army commandos storm Islamabad's Red Mosque

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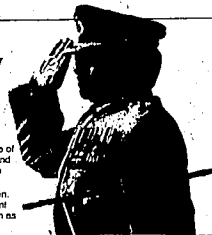
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Army launches series of operations against al-Qaida hideouts in tribal regions



Oct. 7, 1999
Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif withdraws appointments of Musharraf as chief of army staff

May 2, 1999
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Oct. 12 - Musharraf takes power in a coup after Sharif tries to fire him; Sharif is exiled

Pakistan's Musharraf finally relinquishes top army job to become civilian president

By Munir Ahmad Associated Press writer

RAWALPINDI, Pakistan — A tearful Pervez Musharraf ended a four-decade military career Wednesday, giving up his army commander's ceremonial baton on the eve of taking an oath as the purely civilian president of Pakistan.

The United States, keen to promote democracy while keeping Pakistan focused on fighting Islamic extremism, praised Musharraf's relinquishment of his grip on power as a "good step" forward.

But it gave him no slack on the other key demand that he end a state of emergency that has enraged political rivals, strained his close ties with the West and cast doubt on the ability of opposition parties to campaign for parliamentary elections in January.

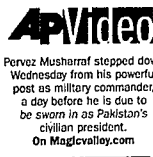
"We welcome Musharraf's decision to shed the uniform," said former Prime

Minister Benazir Bhutto, leader of one of the two main opposition parties. "Now the Pakistani army has got a full-fledged chief and they can better perform their duties."

But she said her party would "not take any decision in haste" on whether it could accept Musharraf as head of state.

Nawaz Sharif, another former prime minister and opposition leader, again rejected Musharraf's resignation, saying his presidential oath "Thursday" would have "no legitimacy."

He relinquished command Wednesday at army headquarters in Rawalpindi, a



Pervez Musharraf stepped down Wednesday from his powerful post as military commander, a day before he is due to be sworn in as Pakistan's civilian president.

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garrison city near the capital, Islamabad. He handed over his baton to his hand-picked successor, Gen. Ashfaq Kayani, a career officer who analysts expect to show his independence from the president.

"This army is my life. This army is my passion," Musharraf said, grimacing as an honor guard stood to attention in a field hockey stadium before hundreds of dignitaries, mostly military officers and their wives.

uniform," Musharraf added, sniffing and blinking back tears before taking his place alongside the tailor, more relaxed Kayani.

Musharraf was making a long promised step as part of what he hoped would calm anger over emergency rule and smooth Pakistan's transition toward democracy. However, he secured a new five-year term as president only after using his authority over the army to decree a state of emergency Nov. 3, sweep away judges who might have stood in his way and silence most of his critics with arrests and a gag on the media.

In protest, some opposition parties are threatening to boycott the Jan. 8 parliamentary elections — a move that could wreck the hopes of Musharraf's Western supporters for a stable, moderate government able to keep the pressure on militants aligned with al-Qaida and the Taliban.

Vast Nazi archive opens to public, ending 60 years of Holocaust secrecy

By Arthur Max Associated Press writer

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands — After more than 60 years, Nazi documents stored in a vast warehouse in Germany were unsealed Wednesday, opening a rich resource for Holocaust historians and for survivors to delve into their own tormented past.

The treasure of documents could open new avenues of study into the inner workings of Nazi persecution from the exploitation of slave labor to the conduct of medical experiments. The archive's managers planned a conference of scholars next year to map out its unexplored contents.

The files entrusted to the International Tracing Service, an arm of the International Committee of the Red Cross, have been used until now to help find missing persons or document atrocities to support compensation claims. The U.S. government also has referred to the ITS for background checks on immigrants it suspected of lying about their past.

Inquiries were handled by the archive's 400 staff members in the German spa town of Bad Arolsen. Few out-

siders were allowed to see the actual documents, which number more than 50 million pages and cover 16 linear miles of gray metal filing cabinets and cardboard binders spread over six buildings.

On Wednesday, the Red Cross and the German government announced that the last of the 11 countries that govern the archive had ratified a 2006 agreement to open the files to the public for the first time.

"We are there. The doors are open," said ITS director Reto Meister, speaking by telephone from the Buchenwald concentration camp where he was visiting with a delegation of U.S. congressional staff members.

Survivors have pressed for decades to open the archive, unhappy with the minimal responses — usually in form letters — from the Red Cross officials responding to requests for information about relatives.

"We are very anxious," said David Mermelstein, 78, an activist for survivors' causes in Miami Fla., who wants to scour the files for traces of his two older brothers whom he last saw as he passed through a series of concentration camps.

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Saudi Arabia says 208 arrested, several plots thwarted in anti-terror sweep

By Associated Press

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — Saudi Arabia announced Wednesday that it had arrested 208 suspected terrorists in six cells and thwarted several planned attacks in the kingdom's largest terror sweep to date.

Among the plots, the Interior Ministry said, the capture of eight al-Qaida-linked suspects "pre-empted an imminent attack on an oil installation" in the country's east, which is home to most Saudi petroleum reserves. A ministry statement carried by the Saudi Press Agency said the eight were led by a non-Saudi man, who was among those arrested.

Eighteen other suspects led by a non-Saudi missile expert were arrested for "planning to smuggle eight missiles into the kingdom to carry out terrorist operations," the statement said.

The kingdom, which is the birth place of al-Qaida leader Osama bin Laden, has been waging a heavy crackdown on al-Qaida militants since a 2003 wave of attacks on foreigners here.

The largest previous sweep by Saudi authorities was announced in April. It netted 172 militants, including pilots allegedly trained for oil refinery attacks using civilian planes.

Wednesday's announcement indicated that al-Qaida and other Islamic extremists were still actively attempting to destabilize the monarchy, which holds a quarter of the world's proven oil reserves.

In other arrests, the Interior Ministry said: * 112 Saudis were taken into custody for links and "coordination with outside circles" to assist in smuggling them to "troubled areas" — Saudi shorthand for Iraq and Afghanistan — for training, after which the men would have come back for attacks inside the kingdom.

* 32 Saudis and non-Saudis were arrested for providing financial aid to al-Qaida operations here.

* 22 people were arrested for allegedly supporting al-Qaida and plotting to assassinate the country's religious leaders and security officials.

* 16 men were detained in the holy city of Medina for colluding to issue a publication propagating "misleading ideology" and criminal acts. The group also worked on helping volunteers go to fight in Afghanistan and Iraq.

The statement said security authorities seized a "large quantity of (terrorist) material" in the sweep but declined to elaborate, saying an investigation continued and might uncover others linked to the groups.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Administration can't avoid the truth much longer

I wonder what measures a devoted Idaho Bushie will use to ensure a twice-free conscience when the truth is no longer avoidable? Is it possible that by ignoring it for so long, they have lost the ability of discernment?

Maybe they'll adopt one of George's methods: a combination of outright lies with constant reminders that he is "the decider." Let's call that man-stipulation.

Who else but George would use a pass-off reverse flip-flop to take credit for the discovery that skin cells can be used in stem cell research? And all because of his refusal to allow embryonic stem cell research — whom I thank!

While House responses to accusations of torture and the Abu Ghraib situation are known as falsehoods. Ever worry about the unprecedented secrecy of this administration and rewriting of history? The new rule is if truth has been successfully hidden before some nosy traitor reveals it (e.g., executive privilege for all, including the plumber), who's to say Bush's pants are on fire? Certainly not the plumber; he'd have to do his work all over again.

Oh, and about those 20,000 U.S. troops found with combat brain injuries not included in the Pentagon tally of 30,327 total wounded — I think they've been concealed in the same place as the 6,256 active and retired vets who committed suicide in 2005. CIS collected data from 45 states to get this number after the Department of Defense response was "only" 2,200 suicides by active-duty vets between 1995 and 2007. See http://www.chenews.com/stories/2007/11/13/chenews_inv/esults/gen/main3496171.shtml. In seven years, this administration has gone from "compassionate conservatism" to "pervasive perversion." AIMEE NEW Gooding

lation of our laws. Breaking the law — this makes me wonder what other laws were broken — Income taxes, Social Security taxes, possible Selective Service registration, driving without a license or insurance, but it had to be someone else's fault.

We either need to follow the law or our society is doomed (maybe we should view bank robbery the same as illegal migration). We would end up in jail very fast if we go to any other country illegally.

FREDDIE TATE Jerome

Article didn't reflect spirit of holiday season

Regarding the article about the Nighttime in the Sky event.

The article may have made a valid point about people who take advantage of this event by parking and viewing the fireworks without providing an unwrapped toy. The article, however, to my ear had a tone of negativity which seems to be at odds with the nature of the season.

We will always have those who seek to bend the rules or feel that the rules don't apply to them. There really isn't much you can do for people like that. Some of them probably will read the article and not feel any regret or shame at all.

It seems that the article would better have served the community if it had stayed on a positive note. For instance, perhaps the article could have stressed how many toys were brought in and donated. I looked but I didn't see it even mentioned. Of course, my wife will tell you that I could be looking right at something and not see it.

Another thing about complaining about toys not received — how about those who went above and beyond the call. Case in point, my daughter and her family of four brought four unwrapped new toys to donate. It could be that some of the folks watching who didn't or couldn't donate a toy might be a recipient of some of the donated toys later this year. Wouldn't that be ironic? I say thank you to all those who were able to buy and donate one or more toys and thank those involved in planning and executing the event. DUANE PORTER Hansen

OTHER VIEWS

Here's what Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

... Jon Marvel



Idaho State Journal, Pocatello

Jon Marvel says if we all stop eating beef, it would reduce greenhouse gases and slow global warming. Well, sure, and it could also cause hunger.

... As head of the Idaho-based Western Watersheds Project, he is devoted to protecting and restoring watersheds and wildlife. The organization's ultimate goal is to end grazing on the 250 million acres of public lands in the United States. As you may guess, this does not endear Marvel to cattlemen, many of whom insist they have their own vested interest in taking care of the land, and leave them there too long for the health of vegetation.

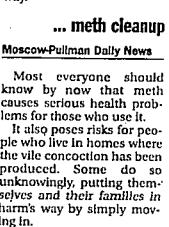
Marvel and a contingent of cattlemen confronted each other in Pocatello earlier this month in a presentation sponsored by the Parnell Valley Audubon, the Eastern Idaho Sierra Club and the Southeast Idaho Environmental Network. The discourse was civil, with Marvel presenting a slide show, and offering statistics showing that ranchers pay only 27 cents a head for sheep and \$1.35 for cattle each month. That's a good deal lower than what pasture on private land would cost, and since beef prices are high these days, an upward adjustment of grazing fees might be in order.

The taxpayers of America have a right to use and preserve public lands, and they have a vested interest in seeing that animal use fees are fair, both to livestock permit-holders and to the public. And when there are instances of riparian abuse, the BLM and Forest Service need to stop it.

... meth cleanup

Moscow-Pullman Daily News

Most everyone should know by now that meth causes serious health problems for those who use it. It also poses risks for people who live in homes where the vile concoction has been produced. Some do so unknowingly, putting themselves and their families in harm's way by simply moving in.



Spokanean-Review, Spokane, Wash.

University of Idaho President Tim White and his wife, Karen, plan to send out more than 5,000 letters this month to every college and university president in the nation.

They're asking White's fellow campus leaders to adopt programs similar to Idaho's Operation Education, which pays for tuition, housing, child care and other costs for disabled veterans and their spouses. It's designed for veterans of the current wars in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Disabled veterans vitally need this program. Today soldiers are more likely than in previous wars to survive their injuries and come home to live with permanent disabilities. In World War II, for example, 30 percent of soldiers died of their injuries, reports the *New York Times*. Now, thanks to superior protective gear and better battlefield care, only 9 percent of injured Iraq troops die.

Property owners, rather than police or health officials, are responsible for keeping homes that make the list vacant until they're safe for human habitation.

Obviously, that isn't happening and the law has had little effect as a result. Actually, it had basically been forgotten or overlooked until this month, when the Department of Health and Welfare sent reminder letters to authorities in Idaho's 44 counties ...

Legislators need to take a hard look at the law during their next session. If their goal was to make sure people don't move into meth houses, then state or local governments need the tools necessary to keep these houses vacant until they're judged free of dangerous substances by a certified professional.

... disabled veterans

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When these soldiers arrive home, they discover that veterans' education benefits don't stretch as far as they did in the past. Today's G.I. Bill pays around \$3,700 for a college education. ... veterans must often take out large school loans to cover the difference.

When the Greatest Generation sailed off to fight World II, American civilians made concrete, daily sacrifices to support their effort. They grew victory gardens, bought war bonds and submitted to gasoline rationing.

Now we struggle to find adequate ways to express our support of the troops. Saying a simple "thank you" rarely seems like enough. The University of Idaho program enlists grateful alumni, as well as other individuals, corporations and foundations, to help pay for Operation Education. The program is designed to accept three to four applicants a year for a maximum of about 20 students.

It's already paying off. Tom Previtt injured his knees in the Army and lives with pain every day. Last May he became Operation Education's first graduate.

He now works as a wildlife biologist for the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in Plummer. With a recent report showing that one in four American homeless are veterans, programs like Operation Education are needed more than ever. The Idaho effort not only gives homeless, but provides valuable credentials for a new life ...

Immigrants have to pay price if here illegally

Racial profiling — or just enforcing our nation's laws (right)? To admit that an individual is here illegally and then state that the person had never committed a crime is very strange. Being in this country without permission is in violation of our laws.

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Intelligence centers focus on more than terrorism

By Eileen Sullivan
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Local intelligence-sharing centers set up after the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks have had their anti-terrorism mission diluted by a focus on run-of-the-mill street crime and hazards such as hurricanes, a government report concludes.

Of the 43 "fusion centers" already established, only two focus exclusively on preventing terrorism, the Government Accountability Office found in a national survey obtained by The Associated Press. Center directors complain that they were hampered by lack of guidance from Washington and they were flooded by often redundant information from multiple computer systems.

The original concept behind fusion centers was to coordinate resources, expertise and information of intelligence agencies so the country could detect and prevent terrorist acts. The concept has been widely embraced, particularly by the Sept. 11 commission, and the federal government has provided \$130 million to help get them off the ground. But until recently, there were no guidelines for setting up the centers and as a result, the information shared and how it is used varies.

Centers in Kansas and Rhode Island are the only two focused solely on counterterrorism. Other centers focus on all crimes, including drugs and

gangs, said the GAO. Congress' investigative and auditing arm. Washington state's fusion center, for instance, has an all-hazards mission so it can focus on natural disasters and public health epidemics in addition to terrorism.

"States are at different levels because there wasn't the pre-conceived game-plan on how to do this," said George Roseman, a former undersecretary at the Homeland Security Department who oversaw the awarding of start-up money for many of the centers.

The GAO findings backed up results from a congressional report earlier this year.

"Although many of the centers initially had purely counterterrorism goals, for numerous reasons they have increasingly gravitated toward an all-crimes and even broader all-hazards approach," according to a Jane Congressional Research Service report.

Most of the centers are run by state police or other law enforcement agencies, but many also have representatives from a wide range of other agencies, including fire and public works departments and state gambling regulators. This has raised concerns about privacy as those agencies become linked to a broader intelligence-sharing network. Most of the centers also include federal officials such as analysts from the FBI and the Homeland Security Department.

Some centers are even housed together with federal agencies, which can be a benefit. Minnesota's fusion center, for example, is in the same building as the FBI, which makes it easier for local officials to access the FBI's networks.

The centers can potentially tap into five separate federal databases containing case files on investigations, reports on suspicious incidents and

research material on terrorist weapons and tactics. But not all of the facilities are in buildings that have adequate security to access those databases, GAO found.

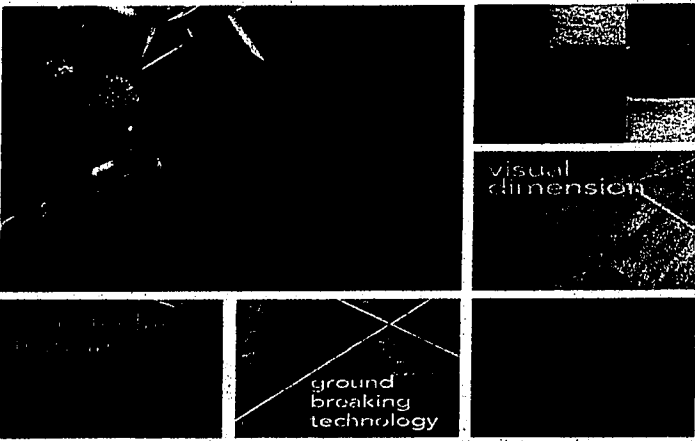
Each fusion center is independent and not controlled by the federal government, and it was only last month that the Bush administration offered guidelines for the centers' missions and operations. The

White House published a strategy paper advising fusion centers to share information about all criminal activity, saying the information could lead to uncovering a terrorist plot.

The federal government, however, still needs to do a better job of explaining what information it can share and how much money it will provide, GAO said.

At the Arizona Center

Terrorism Information Center, watch commander Lori Norris said more federal money and guidelines could solve many of the center's frustrations. Arizona's fusion center has representatives from the state's public safety, motor vehicles and liquor control departments, as well as its National Guard and city and county fire departments and federal agencies.



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Golden Eagles All-Stars: They've (still) got game

Former CSI standouts to face Eastern Utah tonight

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

Sometimes the term all-star is tossed around much too frivolously. This wouldn't be one of those times. Tonight, the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team welcomes back some of the program's familiar names as the Golden Eagles All-Stars take on the College of Eastern Utah during the 6 p.m. game of the Boise Office Equipment Challenge in Twin Falls. While all-star teams often play the role of out-of-shape blowout

Boise Office Equipment Challenge

At CSI gymnasium, Twin Falls
Today
North Idaho vs. Columbia Basin CC women, 4 p.m.
Eastern Utah vs. CSI All-Stars women, 6 p.m.
Sheridan College vs. Highline CC men, 8 p.m.
Friday
North Idaho vs. Treasure Valley CC women, noon
Columbia Basin CC vs. Eastern Utah women, 2 p.m.

Colorado NW vs. Sheridan College men, 4 p.m.
CSI vs. CSI All-Stars women, 6 p.m.
CSI vs. Highline CC men, 8 p.m.
Saturday
Treasure Valley CC vs. Eastern Utah women, noon
North Idaho vs. CSI All-Stars women, 2 p.m.
Highline CC vs. Colorado NW men, 4 p.m.
CSI vs. Columbia Basin CC women, 6 p.m.
CSI vs. Sheridan College men, 8 p.m.
Note: For CSI All-Stars roster, see page B2.

fodder, this is a squad that even current CSI coach Randy Rogers and his No. 8 Golden Eagles can be a little nervous about playing on Friday. "They'll be competitive. That's proba-

bly the scariest thing about this team," Rogers said. "Coach (Merrilee Lewis) is going to play at least one night. We'll see if she can walk the next night." Conditioning will likely be the biggest

determining factor in how competitive the CSI All-Stars are, but this isn't a squad of stoner moms out on a health kick. This team features two All-American, five All-Region 18 selections and nearly 40 years of combined collegiate playing experience. Seven of the players are only one to five years removed from their collegiate careers, including former CSI stars Sidney Orndorff and Delicia Jernigan, who may play starting with Friday's game against the current Golden Eagles.

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CSI's Alyssa Wistrick named first-team All-America



CSI women climb two spots in NCAAA hoops poll

SEE PAGE B2

On babies, B-days and big victories

I had to take a week off from writing my column because my second child Morgan Jeanne was born Nov. 20. Her birth reminded me that from time to time I do have fatherly chores to do that outweigh peering over fantasy stats and talking to my friends about who's going to be hot or cold week-to-week.



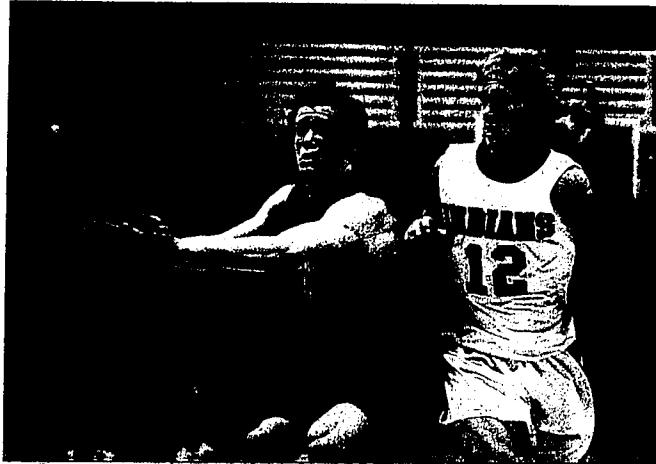
FORGETTABLE FANTASY
Bill Wambeko

OK, I'm not that much of a fantasy nerd though some co-workers would disagree. I mean, even though I got lucky charm for me because I was able to ek out a huge victory this past week over my best friend. The win for me put us both at 5-7 and dropped him from fifth to eighth in the standings. I moved up to sixth and play the fourth-place guy who has a 7-5 record. A win next week and the week after and I could still make the "warst-y" playoffs and play for the league championship.

Last week's win was especially sweet because I jumped out to an early lead after the Thanksgiving Day games. Green Bay's Greg Jennings and Ryan Grant came up huge and Detroit kicker Jason Hanson had almost 20 points more boosting several field goals. Heading into Sunday I was up 70-17 but as the days games wore on, my guys kept having bad to bad days while my friends kept scoring touchdowns. Watching my beloved Oakland Raiders was tough because I wanted them to snap their losing streak to the Kansas City Chiefs but I didn't want running back Justin Fargas to do that good (he was my friend) starting running back. What does Fargas do though? He runs for more than 100 yards and a touchdown. Minnesota's Sidney Rice also had a big game and by the end of the day I had a slim 119-107 lead.

Heading into Monday night's game, my friend had Pittsburgh's Ben Roethlisberger and Heath Miller playing the Miami Dolphins and their 0-10 record. Game over, say goodbye to the playoffs, and start thinking about next year I thought, because there's no way the Dolphins can put up a stand against the Steelers.

My friend was talking trash to me saying how all he needed to win was a Roethlisberger-to-Miller touchdown. My friend missed the obvious. The Steelers play on Sunday, the Dolphins on Monday. The Steelers would be fat to the Packers. They were the king of the NFL and Tom Brady's Cowboys were just another team waiting for the crown.



Jerome's Logan Parker (11) passes the ball as Boal's Patrick Osterkamp (12) defends during the Tigers' win at Boal High School Wednesday night in Boal.

JEROME SMOTHERS BUHL

Parker helps Tigers jump out early, hold on late

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

BUHL — Logan Parker put the Buhl Indians in a cavernous hole early, and buried them late. The 5-foot-9 Jerome junior drained a pair of 3-pointers in the first quarter — scoring seven points, five more than the Indians managed in the period — and calmly sank eight free throws in the final minute of the game as the Tigers scored a season-opening 47-39 victory Wednesday evening.

Parker couldn't miss from outside in the first quarter as Jerome (1-0) blitzed the Indians with a stifling multifaceted full-court press, denying Buhl (0-1) all but a pair of free throws in the first quarter. "It was all right," Parker said tongue-in-cheek about his performance in the first game of the year. "We were getting after it, especially in the first half. You always want to get a win in the first game of the year."

The junior tormented Buhl's defense, getting open on inbound plays and backscissors before the Indians made a few adjustments. It

probably helped that Jerome took off the press in the second quarter, as coach Joe Messick was clearly satisfied that it worked and appeared content to scrutinize other defenses his Tigers will need later on in the season.

"The press worked really well," Messick said. "Anytime you win in the first game of the year you want to do as many different things as possible. The kids played very hard defensively, and we shot the ball unbelievably well in the first half. I think it almost took us out of our offense a little because we started living and dying by the 3-pointer."

Buhl was led by 12 points — including three 3-pointers — from Brian Hosman, with 10 more coming from senior Brad Twiss in his first game since a serious knee injury which kept him out all last season.

"It felt pretty good. I'm still running on adrenaline and I know I'll be sore (Thursday) but I can work through it. Twice said of the knee after his solid return performance. "I was thinking about it a lot, and I was a little nervous. But I was mostly excited because

it's been so long." Buhl coach Ryan Bowman was pleased with the play of Twiss in his return, as well as the overall team effort despite the loss — Buhl cut the margin to six in the fourth quarter after being down as many as 17, but could get no closer.

"Brad did a great job for us. He's a little rusty ... but it's been a long time. I was pleased with what he gave us (in the game)," said Bowman. "I never questioned the kids' effort at all. They kept plugging away and working hard. (The press) is something these kids have seen for years and have handled ... I just think we got a little stagnant and didn't move. We did a much better job of that in the second half."

Jerome is at Century on Friday, and Buhl travels to Sugar-Salmon on Saturday.

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Larry keys BSU past San Diego

The Associated Press

BOISE — Reggie Larry matched his season high with 20 points and Matt Nelson posted his third double-double of the season with 19 points and 11 rebounds as Boise State defeated San Diego 77-71 in a non-conference game Wednesday night.

Tyler Tiedeman scored 11 of his 14 points in the game's first five minutes for the Broncos as BSU took control early and improved to 4-2 with the win.

Brandon Johnson led the Toreros (3-5) with 23 points and Chris Lewis had 11 points and 10 rebounds for San Diego. Dejon Jackson also contributed 11 points for San Diego.

Boled Tiedeman's three 3-point field goals in the opening minutes, Boise State built a quick 8-0 lead and never trailed, although San Diego, led by Johnson's hot shooting in the second half and Gyno Pomare's rebounding in the first half, stayed close throughout the game.

Larry scored 10 points in the first 7½ minutes of the second half as the Broncos built a 54-45 lead with 12:36 remaining. But the Toreros refused to fold as Johnson erupted for 16 points in the final 10 minutes to keep the game close.

Nelson was eight-for-10 from the field for Boise State while Pomare finished with 13 rebounds for San Diego.



San Diego center Nathan Luzzago gets a hand in front of the shot of Boise State's Reggie Larry (24) Wednesday in Boise.

Packers-Cowboys clash latest in decades of big games

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — With their five Super Bowl trophies and the "America's Team" label they treat like a birthright, it's easy to forget the Dallas Cowboys were once nothing more than wannabes who kept getting turned away by Vince Lombardi's Green Bay Packers.

To call their early meetings a rivalry wouldn't be fair to the Packers. They were the king of the NFL and Tom Brady's Cowboys were just another team waiting for the crown.

Green Bay came through both times, then went on to beat the NFL champions in the first two Super Bowls.

"So the Cowboys were only two plays away from it being the Landry Trophy. Instead of the Lombardi Trophy," said Herb Addley, a Hall of Fame tight end defensive back, on those Packers teams who later played in two Super Bowls for the Cowboys.

Yeah, that's enough to call it a rivalry. Especially when you add in what happened in the 1990s, when Troy Aikman, Emmitt Smith and Michael Irvin led Dallas to three Landry trophies. Lombardi's Packers kept denying Green Bay's Paul Horn and crew a chance to reclaim

their franchise's glory.

"The back line is what I called it," Hall of Fame defensive tackle Bob Lilly said, laughing. The Dallas-Green Bay rivalry moves into a third generation Thursday night, when Favre and the 10-1 Packers visit Texas Stadium to face Tony Romo and the 10-1 Cowboys. The winner moves a game up in the race for home-field advantage in the playoffs and gets the detour, making it a two-game lead from four to play. What it really means is that this game could determine whether the NFC championship — which could be yet another high-stakes Dallas-Green Bay game — is played at Texas Stadium or Lambeau Field.

"It's certainly the most significant game at this stadium since the last time we played Green Bay and Brett Favre in the (1995) NFC championship game," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. Favre is 0-8 at Texas Stadium, having lost every regular season and postseason matchup from 1993-95, then again in '96, when the Packers were headed to their first Super Bowl title since the late '90s. He lost one more in '99 and hasn't been back since. "They and I talk about that every time he does one of our games," Favre said. "Most of the times we lose down there it was in the playoffs. Good thing was, they went out to win the Super Bowl in all those."

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UNPREDICTABLE SEASON WON'T NECESSARILY ENCOURAGE BCS CHANGES

NEW YORK — One wild and unpredictable college football season won't necessarily encourage BCS changes. BCS coordinator and Southeastern Conference commissioner Mike Slive was asked during a conference call on Wednesday if the increased parity in college football this season would make some type of major college football playoff more likely in the future. Slive said that his position hasn't changed since he took over as coordinator after the 2005 playoff with eight or more teams won't happen any time soon. "As has said many times before, Slive said he was open to discussions about the BCS going to a plus-one format, which would have the four major bowls be played. "You know, we are looking at that as a potential option for some modification, but I don't see anything beyond that," Slive said. "And I'm not saying that (plus-one) can't happen, but I'm certainly open-minded and at least from my perspective looking very, very hard drilling down into that concept." "Currently, there are five BCS games and the matchups are set following the regular season. The top 16 teams remain playing in the BCS: Wisconsin, Georgia, Missouri (11) and West Virginia (10), each need one more victory Saturday to earn a spot in the national title game. Slive said he is the only commissioner who team left to play in the national title game. "I'm not sure we have any undefeated teams left in the BCS at this time. It also happened after

Sports Shorts

Coast Conference will be nationally broadcast on ESPN2. Kimberly boosters to meet Monday. KIMBERLY — The Kimberly Booster Club will hold a meeting at 7 p.m., Monday, Dec. 3, in the media center at the high school. Contact George Piew at 423-4887 for more information. Adult Basketball meets due soon. TWIN FALLS — Rosters and fees for the Adult Basketball League are due to the City of Twin Falls Parks & Recreation by 5 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 30. These items are necessary to ensure a spot in the league. The men's fee is \$600 for 13 games and a double-elimination tournament, while the women's fee is \$497.50 for 10 games and a double-elimination tournament. The season begins the week of Jan. 2, Call 736-2265 for a registration packet. JRD holds youth hoops sign-ups. JEROME — Jerome Recreation District will offer basketball sign-ups for boys and girls in grades 1-6 from through Dec. 14. The cost is \$17 for those in the district and \$27 for those out of district. Registration may be done by phone at 324-3350 or by the JRD office between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday. For more information, call 324-3389. — Compiled from staff and wire reports

Case against Bonds transferred

SAN FRANCISCO — The perjury case against former San Francisco Giants slugger Barry Bonds will be heard by the same federal judge who presided over cases against others linked to a steroids ring centered at a Bay Area lab. Court documents released Tuesday show the case has been transferred to U.S. District Judge Susan Illston. The move comes at the request of federal prosecutors, who said having Illston preside over the case would be more efficient.

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WINTER GARDEN, Fla. — Frank Lickliter II and Brendon de Jonge shot 10-under 62s on Wednesday at Orange County National to share the first-round lead in the six-round PGA Tour National Qualifying Tournament. The top 25 finishers will play next week's PGA Tour cards, while the next number of players nearest 30 will get full Nationwide Tour exemptions. The remaining players in the 166-

MAGIC VALLEY

HUMANITARIAN BOWL TICKETS ON SALE
BOISE — Tickets for the Roddy's Humanitarian Bowl are now on sale at all Select-A-Seat outlets or at http://www.livelihood.com. The game will take place at noon on Monday, Dec. 31 at Bronco Stadium. The tentative date to select teams is Tuesday, Dec. 11. The game, which takes teams from the Western Athletic Conference and the Atlantic

Coast Conference will be nationally broadcast on ESPN2.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: A brisk, westerly breeze and light snow showers and flurries. High only in the upper 20s.
Tonight: Small chance of lingering snow showers and cold. Low in the lower 20s.
Tomorrow: Partly clearing skies and breezy, cold conditions. High upper 30s, low teens.

BURLEY/ZIPPER FORECAST

Today: Light snow showers and cold, breezy conditions. High middle 30s.
Tonight: Scattered snow showers early, otherwise, mostly dry and cold. Low middle teens.
Tomorrow: Partly to mostly cloudy and mostly dry. High middle 30s, low middle teens.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Light to moderate snow showers will continue for much of today. A low chance of new snow is possible and snow showers will taper to flurries by tonight.
Tomorrow will be cold with isolated snow showers.

BOISE Only for today with light snow showers and flurries in the morning. Generally dry for tonight and tomorrow. Temperatures will be near to slightly below average for this week.

NORTHERN UTILITIES Monthly forecasts will use some light snow and rain for tonight and tomorrow. Lower elevations look to be cold, breezy and mostly dry.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 42 at Lewiston, Low: -8 at Baring. Weather keys: Partly cloudy, mostly cloudy, showers, snow, flurries, rain, snow showers, rain showers, rain/snow, snow showers, snow.

BREGG AND KLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I always remain a victim myself. I always remain a victim myself. I always remain a victim myself." - Bregg and Klekauff

TWIN FALLS FIVE DAY FORECAST

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

ALMA MATER - TWIN FALLS

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

MOON PHASES

Table showing moon phases for Dec 1, 2, 17, and 24.

MOONRISE AND MOONSSET

Table showing moonrise and moonset times for Friday and Saturday.

U.V. INDEX

Table showing U.V. index levels for Friday and Saturday.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, High, Low. Lists cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

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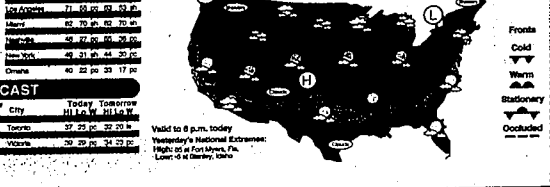
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Panthers and Sooners can create a BCS mess with upset victories

NEW YORK (AP) — Stanford did it, then Oregon State. Rutgers was next. Florida State pulled it off. It wasn't much of a surprise. By the time Arizona beat Oregon two weeks ago, the Wildcats were the fifth unranked team to beat No. 2 this season.

ACC championship. No. 42 Virginia Tech (minus 4½) at No. 12 Boston College at Jacksonville, Fla. ... Oregon State at No. 18 Oregon ... Florida State at No. 12 Boston College ... Texas Tech at No. 12 Boston College ...

The Panthers (4-7, 2-4) must long-time rival West Virginia (10-1) on Saturday, which can all win conference championships this weekend. Depending on how they do, it's possible one of those ...

Next in line are Virginia Tech (10-2), LSU (10-2) and Southern California (9-2), which can all win conference championships this weekend. Depending on how they do, it's possible one of those ...

Cowboys are 7-point favorite over Packers in Favre-Romo matchup

NEW YORK (AP) — From 1993-95, the Cowboys and Packers met twice each season, once in a regular-season game, the other time in the playoffs. The Cowboys were home for all six games and won them all, throwing in another home win in 1996, a season after which Green Bay won the Super Bowl.

Seattle (plus 3) at Philadelphia ... Philadelphia (plus 2) at New England ... San Diego (minus 4½) at Kansas City ... Cleveland (pick 'em) at Arizona ... Houston (plus 3½) at Tennessee ... Denver (minus 2) at Oakland ... San Francisco (plus 3) at Carolina ... Tampa Bay (plus 3) at New Orleans ...

Grieving Redskins try to move on; police suspect random burglar killed Taylor

ASHBURN, Va. (AP) — Sean Taylor's father urged the Washington Redskins to make a play for the public's help to solve the safety's death in a burglary. Miami-Dade police director Robert W. Duda said Wednesday there were no suspects in the fatal shooting.

"We have no reason to think this was anything other than a burglary, or a robbery involving an intruder," Parker said. Police are still investigating, however, a possible link to a Nov. 17 break-in at Taylor's home, in which police said someone pried open a front window, rifled through drawers and left a kitchen knife on a bed.

Taylor's family has scheduled a funeral service for 11 a.m. Monday at Parkland Arena at Florida International University in Miami. Redskins owner Dan Snyder is arranging for the entire football organization to attend. At Redskins Park on Wednesday, Taylor's family and teammates came together to privately share tears and memories.

later held a quieter-than-usual afternoon practice. "Nothing was normal about today," linebacker Leonard Fournette said. "We had the moodings, but it wasn't the normal type of collecting practice. It was practice, but it just wasn't the same type of being so we speak. We tried to make it feel the same, but I found myself thinking about Sean and thinking that I'm not ready to be back in the locker room."

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CSI student enrollment falls slightly

Fall figures lower than previously reported

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

College of Southern Idaho officials said Wednesday student enrollment this year did not increase by 6 percent as they previously reported.

CSI announced in September that student enrollment increased from 2006. But Wednesday numbers looked a little different, decreasing from 3,916 students last year to 3,898 this year.

The adjusted numbers show a decrease of less than a half percent between fall 2006 and 2007. That counts for full-time equivalency and takes into account the impact of part-time students.

Enrollment information from the college in September was incorrect because some students weren't tabulated in 2006 head counts, administrators said. The 2006 count and released the numbers Wednesday to the *Times-News*.

Dual-credit students — those who take classes for both college and high school credit — were not

counted in fall 2006, said CSI Vice President of Administration Mike Mason.

"Earlier this fall, CSI originally reported a 6 percent increase in students," Mason said. "In researching this issue it appears that our dual credit students did not get included in the fall 2006 count."

A CSI staff handling much of the 2006 count was new to the job, he said.

It seemed like enrollment increased this year, but actually there was a drop of 18 full-time stu-

dents compared to last year, Mason said.

The official student head counts taken 10 days into the semester are reported to the state. But that's problematic, said CSI President Jerry Beck, because students don't sign up for school on the same day every year. They can also enroll and then drop out.

"It's very frustrating to us," Beck said about the 10-day count system.

Beck said a better way of doing things would be to "annualize" the count — where students would be counted at the end of every semester.

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Major Ann in memorium

Former TF Salvation Army member has died

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

Salvation Army Major Ann Patterson, who presided nine years with her husband Major Ed over the Salvation Army in Twin Falls, died Monday night at a hospital in Missoula, Mont., ending her struggle with a second bout of cancer.

But even her husband spent eight years of her 30 years of service — an abnormally long stretch — in Twin Falls. Even when they transferred to Montana in 2005, it went against considerable opposition from a public that loved and had grown accustomed to them.

She might have transferred earlier had Twin Falls locals not protested her departure so heavily each year it was proposed.

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Poaching investigation



Greg Miller, left, and Steve Roberts, both conservation officers with the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, stand in front of a moose hide hanging on the garage of a Twin Falls residence. Twin Falls Police officers and Fish and Game officers investigated the home Wednesday for signs of moose that was poached sometime this year in eastern Idaho.

Agencies search Twin Falls home in poaching case

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

Idaho Fish and Game is investigating an unidentified Shoshone-Bannock Indian and two non-members of the tribe, who live in Twin Falls and are suspected of poaching a moose on non-reservation public lands early last week, then leaving its carcass there to rot, officials say.

"That investigation brought a host of Fish and Game investigators and Twin Falls police to serve a search warrant Wednesday morning at a home at 302 Fifth Ave. N."

"It could be any of the three," said Fish and Game Senior Conservation Officer W. Scott Wright, who is head-

ing the investigation.

Wright declined to say whether the moose was a bull or cow that was found in a habitat that allows live bull permits and no cow permits for an open season that lasts from Aug. 30 to Nov. 23.

Tribal treaty rights that might apply to the Shoshone-Bannock Indians do not apply in this case, because the tribal members' non-resident membership entitles him only to hunt freely on the reservation. An additional factor that makes the kill illegal is that officers found that the animal had not been tagged, which is required when one harvests an animal. It's also illegal to waste the meat.

"You have to recover the moose and use it," Wright said.

The Shoshone-Bannock tribe allows enrolled resident members who live on the reservation to take advantage of all open and unclaimed lands in southern Idaho, said Tom Lucia of Fish and Game.

Residents who live off the reservation can only exercise treaty hunting rights on reservation land.

"We're still in the investigation process and it's going to take some time," Wright said.

Gary Hompland, the regional district conservation officer in Twin Falls, stood guard while officers searched the home on Fifth Avenue. They prowled through the home and

in the backyard where a moose hide stretched between nails sprawled across an outdoor wooden wall.

Hompland said modern technology enables officers to analyze and match DNA in blood and hair samples — minerals in feathers can show examiners where a bird comes from. Sometimes the value of a poached animal makes it well worth it to fund the research.

Poaching an adult moose can be punishable by a felony and restitution to the state of Idaho for more than \$1,000, Hompland said.

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Charges refiled on Johnston in murder case

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

A man whom the Twin Falls County prosecutor released for a lack of evidence in the killing of Leland "Joe" Hoshaw, was indicted on Wednesday afternoon on aiding and abetting a first-degree murder, and conspiracy to commit murder.

Jeremy Clayton Johnston, 31, was initially charged with accessory to murder, then released Nov. 21, then charged again but with much heavier charges.

"At the time that he was released there was not any evidence to charge him," Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb said.

Loeb declined to say what new evidence may have surfaced and how Loeb's obtained a grand jury indictment on Johnston. It won't come out in court records either. A grand jury indictment establishes probable cause, just as a police affidavit, which police must normally write to justify the prosecutor's charge.

When Loeb picked up new evidence that allegedly connects Johnston to the homicide, police didn't have to go far to serve the warrant. Two days after Johnston's murder charges were dropped, he was arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and driving without privileges.

He had been released from jail Nov. 21 after a material witness hold was lifted.

Johnston and John Gabriel Bond, 31, were originally charged with helping to protect first-degree murder defendant Dana Dade. Bond, whose charges were amended to aiding and abetting a first-degree murder was also indicted Wednesday, along with Dade, 44, who is being held in the county jail with no possibility of bond.

In these suspects were also indicted for felony conspiracy to commit murder.

The affidavit submitted initially by police alleged Dade was the shooter, and that Bond knew Dade planned to shoot Hoshaw and drove him to the duplex on Sixth Washington where Hoshaw was. But in the scenario it depicts Johnston was alone.

On hold Wendell School Board delays decision for facilities levy

By Mike Hoch
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL — Even though Wendell School District voters turned down a \$1.75 million bond election this spring, the need for an agricultural learning center for students remains one of the district's primary needs. Completing an athletic facility already under construction is also a top priority.

Wendell School Board members are currently holding a public hearing on the bond election. The board is scheduled to hold a public hearing on the bond election on Nov. 29, 2007.

Superintendent Greg Lowe. "Basically, we're still in an information-gathering mode."

The district is currently investigating when to hold an election, how much money to ask for and how the ballot would be set up. In January, Wendell voters will already head to the polls to decide whether to renew a two-year, \$12,500,000 supply bond. The levy passed two years ago in order to place money in an extra facility fund.

"We decided not to hold the bond election as the district has done," said Superintendent Lowe. "We're still in an information-gathering mode."

until next fall was even discussed. We are going to take our time and make sure people know how this will help our kids."

Lowe said the district is also exploring the use of a split ballot that would give residents the option to vote for or against both issues. About 84 percent of the previous bond was slated for the agricultural center, the remaining 16 percent to be used to complete the athletic facility.

"People would choose if the center purchase was part of the bond," Lowe said. "The district is looking at ways to cut costs and is

investigating the possibility of purchasing property about four blocks from the high school.

"It looks like there might be a possibility," Lowe said. "That since there are already buildings and a garage and such on site, in saving the district money. But it is just an option. We are looking at all options."

"When the time comes we'll be going to," said resident Perry Southfield, who has been involved with the community's construction of the athletic facility. "In the meantime, I'm just focusing on my family."

Business are calling upon voters to voice their opinions about the bond. So far, all public comments received by the district have been in favor of holding another election.

"Any information I could get from my constituents, either positive or negative, would be appreciated," said Trustee Gay Peterson.

Peterson said she, along with other board members, would like to hear why people voted against the original bond.

Bernice 'Bea' Smith

Thomas B. Durland

G. Wallace (Wally) Vos

BURLEY — Bernice "Bea" Nelson Smith, a 91-year-old resident of Burley, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, Nov. 28, 2007, at her home. She spent her last hours surrounded by family.



Bea was born Nov. 23, 1916, in Oakley, to Clarence LeRoy Nelson and Ila Verna Poulton. She was the second child in the family of seven girls and one boy. Bea attended schools and graduated from Oakley High School. She moved to Burley to work and there met and married Theodor C. Smith on Sept. 1, 1938. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Logan LDS Temple in July 1938. They were blessed with three children, Roy, Renee and Bonnie.

Bea and Theodor bought the family farm south of Burley, where they lived and farmed until 1953. They then bought a farm farther south, built a new home and resided there. She was fortunate to be a full-time homemaker, which she loved. One of her favorite childhood memories was of making candy. She perfected that skill and did candy demonstrations throughout the years. She loved to bake bread and make pies also. Many friends and neighbors were recipients of her love of cooking. Even in Bea's last hours, it was still her concern that everyone was full and comfortable.

Bea was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and had served in many capacities, including presidencies, teaching in Sunday school, Primary and Young Women's

and was a lifetime visiting teacher. She sang with the Sweet Adelines and enjoyed the performances and competitions. She belonged to the Easy Does It home demonstration club for many years. She also won many winning ribbons for her entries at the county fair.

She is survived by her three children, Charles Le Roy (Dixie), Smith of Rupert, Renee (Fred) Samples of Burley and Connie Roberts of Gilbert, Ariz.; one brother, Robert C. Nelson of Boise; one sister, Carol Handy of Coeur d'Alene; six granddaughters, Tab (Tham) Smith and Tasha Smith, Ryan (Alisha) Samples, Amber, Patrick and Dillon Roberts; eight grandsons, Theodor, Curtis, Kyle and Kalen Smith, Dakota, Ryker and Rylee Samples, Madison Rokicki, Chaney and Trygvlie Smith; and a large extended family. She was preceded in death by both parents; her husband; five sisters, Norma, LaRae, Wanda, Mirna, Lela and Betty; and one granddaughter, Michelle Smith.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at the Pella 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 152 W. 400 S. in Burley, with Bishop Thomas Garman officiating. Burial will be in the Gem Memorial Gardens. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church. Should friends desire, contributions may be made to a charity of their choice.

Thomas B. Durland passed away suddenly Nov. 23, 2007, in Boise. Tom was the second of four sons born to Thomas A. Floyd and Ann (Kelly) Durland on Sept. 5, 1923, on the Dakota farm near Brookings.



He is survived by Dorothy, his wife of 57 years; sons, Patrick (wife Diana, daughters Rachel and Sierra) of Boise, Michael (daughter Lily) of Orcas Island, Wash.; Robert "Bob" (wife Cindy, daughters Lindsay, Chelsy and Shelby) of Independence, Minn.; and eight nieces and nephews.

Tom was a paratrooper and a U.S. Army captain stationed in Italy during World War II. After the war, he returned to Brookings, earning his Bachelor of Science degree in agricultural engineering from South Dakota State University and graduating with the class of 1948. Tom began his career with International Harvester company in St. Louis, Mo., and returned to run the family farm from 1952 to 1966. He then became dis-

tributed sales manager for Ford Tractor and Implement and moved his family to Twin Falls. In 1973, they relocated to Chico, Calif. After retiring in 1989, he and Dorothy moved back to Twin Falls.

He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Elks, National Clock Association and was a Boy Scout of America. He enjoyed bird hunting, working with clocks, woodworking on his lathe, activities at the Clear Lake Country Club and warm winters in Arizona. He especially loved traveling with Dorothy in their motor home visiting friends, family and granddaughters. When he wasn't with old friends, he and his quick wit were making new ones. Tom will be missed by many, especially his granddaughters, whom he joked with and loved dearly.

His funeral mass will be held for Tom at 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at St. Edwards Catholic Church. A short viewing will begin at noon at Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 135 E. Kimberly Road. Burial will be at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions may be made to the Boy and Girls Club of Magic Valley or the Twin Falls Public Library.

Marjorie E. Yost

Marjorie E. Yost was born Oct. 1, 1921; passed away Oct. 27, 2007, at her home in Colorado Springs, Colo.

She is survived by her husband, Ken, of the Neal Yost of Tualatin, Ore.; Valerie Biddle of Colorado Springs, Colo.; and Randy Yost of Eugene, Ore.; her nephew

who she helped raise, Skip Percy; eight grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren. Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband, LG Yost; and her eldest son, Larry Yost.

A graveside service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at Sunset Memorial Park, 2296 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Kimberly Christian Church.

Marcos Zabala

GOODING — Marcos Zabala, 65, of Gooding, unexpectedly left us to be with the Lord on Nov. 5, 2007. At the time of his death, Marcos was in Ispaster, Spain (Basque Coun-



try), visiting his mother and siblings. Marcos was born April 19, 1942, in Ispaster, Spain, in 1960 at the age of 19, Marcos immigrated to the United States, choosing Gooding as his home.

Marcos began his career in the United States as a shepherd for the local Gooding sheep ranchers. After several years of herding sheep, he then went to work for Lincoln's and then Independent Meat Company of Twin Falls, where he had just retired this past April.

Marcos met his wife, Mary Ann Estep, while in Gooding. They were married Oct. 3, 1981, and called Gooding their home. Marcos truly cherished the outdoors of Idaho. He enjoyed cutting wood and spending time in the mountains with his wife, Mary, and the dogs.

Marcos was a very genuine, kind and caring person. He very much enjoyed his family and really loved the little ones. He would always be one to show up when help was

needed. Marcos' other love of his life besides his wife, Mary, were the dogs. They were very much a part of his life. Abby and Tully will sorely miss him as well as many people whose lives he touched.

He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann of Gooding; his mother, Paulina of Ispaster, Spain; his mother-in-law, Virginia Ester of Gooding; three brothers, Nick (Carmen) of Hagerman, Philip (Jonnie) and Joe (Araxxa), all of Ispaster; and one sister, Isotahna (Jaka) of Ispaster, Spain; and their families.

Marcos is also survived by his Idaho cousins, whom he had many enjoyable hours at the family farms, Nick, Frank, Ray, Julia and Dean. Marcos was preceded in death by his father, Txomin.

Rosary prayers will be recited at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 30, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 1, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding, with Deacon John McKinley officiating. An inurnment service will follow at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Local arrangements are under the direction of Demaray Funeral Service, Gooding Chapel. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the Twin Falls Humane Society, 135 West Ave., W. Twin Falls ID 83301, to St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding, or the charity of your choice.

SERVICES

Joel "Porley" Edward Nejezheba of Buhl, served at 11 a.m. today at the First Christian Church, 1005 Poplar in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Randal "Randy" Nelson of Burley, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Payne Mortuary Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley; visitation from noon to 1 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Shaun L. Winter of Wausau, Wis., and formerly of Buhl, funeral at noon Friday at the Church of St. Anne in Wausau, Wis.; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the Braided Funeral Home in Wausau and 11 a.m. to noon Friday at the church.

Myrle "Mert" Schrenk of Wendell, funeral at 2 p.m. today at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church in Wendell (Deary Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel).

Craig W. Miller of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. Friday at Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Leo Peterson of Carey, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Carey LDS Church; visitation one hour before the funeral Friday at the church (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

Wilbert "Bill" Samuel Williams of Yakima, Wash., graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Filer Cemetery in Filer; visitation from noon to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Kenneth J. Hastings of

Nampa and formerly of Burley, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley; visitation from noon to 1:30 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley.

Lloyd M. Little of Wendell, celebration of life at 4 p.m. Friday at the American Legion Hall, 610 W. Main St. in Wendell (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Fred G. Tiplin of Williams, Ore., memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the Presbyterian Church in St. Helena, Calif.

Joan Addison of Rupert, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Payne Mortuary Chapel, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

Alma Schoeler of Buhl, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Buhl First Baptist Church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

J. Kenneth "Ken" Miller of Nampa, memorial service at 10 a.m. Saturday at the First Congregational Church of Christ, 55 S. Midland Blvd. in Nampa; graveside service at 11 a.m. Monday at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Zeyer Funeral Chapel in Nampa).

Marilyn Jensen Whipple of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Park Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Burley LDS Church, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley and 10 to 10:40 a.m. Friday at the church.

Two MV students garner top music honors

Two Magic Valley students recently won top music honors at the Music Teachers National Association Performance Competition, held in Boise on Oct. 27.

Obolot Trent Park was named the Senior Woodwinds winner, and Ken Marshall, 18, won the Junior Woodwinds division.

MTNA sponsors the yearly event, with young musicians from around the state competing in piano, strings and woodwind categories.

The top performers from each of the

six northwestern states, then advanced to the regional competition in January, with an opportunity to move on to Nationals.

Trent Park, 18-year-old son of Daniel and Shawna Park of Carey, is the obese student of Janie Giff of Twin Falls.

Ken Marshall, age 12, is from Bush, one of the sons of Wayne and Rita Woodwinds.

Marshall and student flautist Jo Ann Gerrish of Filer.

Other Magic Valley students received recognition at the competition in Lexington, Va. Park was named First Alternate in the Senior Woodwinds and Mark Schoeler also earned recognition.

DEATH NOTICES

E. Max Haag
Donna A. Haag
Nannette H. Miller

HEYBURN — Eric Max Haag, 81, Donna Answorth Haag, 76, and Nannette Haag Miller, 56, all of Heyburn, died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007, in Elmore County from injuries sustained in a vehicular accident.

A combined funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Dec. 3, at the Paul LDS 3rd and 4th Ward Chapel, 300 S. 500 W. in Heyburn. Burial will be in the Marion Cemetery near Oakley. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 2, at the Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Edgar Palmer

OREGON CITY, Ore., 72 Edgar (Bud) Palmer, of Oregon City, Ore., and for-

merly of Kimberly, died Sunday, Nov. 18, 2007, at his son's home in Oregon City, Ore.

Cremation was under the direction of the Wilholm Funeral Home and Cemetery in Portland, Ore. A graveside service will be held in the spring at the West End Cemetery in Buhl.

Christina A. Cuevas

DECLO — Christina Ann Cuevas, 29, of Declo, died Monday, Nov. 26, 2007, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Juanita J. Wright

Juanita Jean Wright, 80, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Nov. 27, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

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CSI

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Dual-credit students — those who take classes for both college and high school credit — were not counted in fall 2006, said Mason. Tuition and fees at CSI increased by 7 percent between the 2007 and 2008 fiscal year budgets. Tuition and fees for each full-time student went up \$50 this semester. College officials say they don't like raising tuition, but Mason said it was necessary this year to balance the budget.

Tuition and fees at CSI since 2000 have increased by 54 percent, which is less than the state's other community college and four-year colleges and universities, according to information from CSI. Online course enrollment at CSI also increased since 2000, the Information shows.

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Christmas Bazaar in Jerome

JEROME — St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 218 Second Ave. E. in Jerome, will hold a Christmas Bazaar from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday. The bazaar will feature more than 20 crafters,

Christmas crafts, jewelry, quilts, quilts, religious items and homemade baked goods. Lunch will be available for \$5.

For more information: Dawn Soto, 324-3663.

BIRTHDAYS

Rupert woman honored at open house

RUPERT — Lolis H. Rasmussen, a longtime resident of an open house located at her 80th birthday. Her friends and family are invited to attend this event from 5 to 7 p.m. Sat.-URDS at the Rupert West LDS Stake Center, 26 S. 100 W. The family requests no gifts.

She was born Dec. 1, 1927, in Murray, Utah, the oldest child of Alfred and Nellie Kling Hunsaker. She married Elmer J. Rasmussen of Rupert in 1946. They are the parents of five children: Michael, Rosette, Rasmussen, Pamela (James) Jensen, Kelly Rasmussen (deceased) and her wife, Shirley, Janie (Vearlo) Payne, and Jeffrey (Amy) Rasmussen. She is the grandmother of 27 grandchildren (one deceased) and 38 great-grandchildren.

She has resided in the Mini-Cassia area all of her life. She was a homemaker and also worked for many years as the secretary of the JC Penney store in Rupert. She is currently the office manager of Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley. She is also an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

Twin Falls woman celebrates 90th

Nada S. Coonrod of Twin Falls will celebrate her 90th birthday on Dec. 27 grand birthday at an open house from 2 to 4 p.m. Sat.-urday at 3008 E. 6th Ave., Twin Falls.

Coonrod was born in South English, Iowa. She married Albert Coonrod Sr. in Waterloo, Iowa. She has lived in the Magic Valley for 10 years.

She has been involved in Beta Sigma Phi for 60 years. Women's Circle, First Baptist Church, Church of Christ.

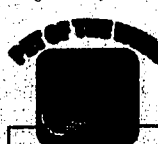
and the Legal Secretary Association for 45 years. Children include Albert (Lucy) Coonrod Jr., Phoenix, Ariz.; Craig (Jeanne) Coonrod, Provo, Utah; Rick (Lori) Coonrod, Twin Falls; Nikki (Jon) Thompson, Twin Falls; and Amy Coonrod Hopkinson, Iowa. She has nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. The event is being hosted by her children.

Celebrating 100 years

Halbert Hatch will celebrate his 100th birthday at an open house from 12 to 4 p.m. Saturday in the Great Room at the Retirement Estates in Twin Falls. Cards and well-wishes can be sent to Halbert at 1283 Bridgeway Blvd., Room 301, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. The family requests no gifts.

Hatch was born in Kansas City, Mo., on Nov. 30, 1907. He came to Idaho at the age of 17 and met his wife Inez in Jerome. They were married for 75 years and had four children, 11 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was mayor of Bellevue from 1964 to 1968 and was Grand Master of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows over the State of Idaho during 1973 and 1974.

He lived for more than 70 years in the Wood River Valley and moved to Bridgeway Estates in 2000. He loves playing Bingo and visiting with everyone.



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Major

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They stayed here a record time," said Rock Creek Community Church Pastor Dale Metzger. "Every time they (the Salvation Army) tried to move them they all screamed. And they would all cry another year. And, boy, when they went it left a real hole."

Patterson was notorious for his bad jokes, collection of props (that symbolized to her "fully rely on God") and beautiful singing voice. She lived an ongoing light-hearted battle with Metzger over which jokes belonged to whom.

Metzger, she said, stole her jokes and read them on the air for a radio show. He admits

she provided him with some of his material. "She was a great joker, punster," he said. "Most of her was bad."

The Salvation Army will transfer officers with special skills whenever they are needed. A decade ago, the Twin Falls Salvation Army was in debt. Major Ed, a financial specialist known for bringing stability to branches in debt, was called in with his wife. Together they brought the Twin Falls Salvation Army out of debt.

Becky Bennett, business manager for the Twin Falls Salvation Army, recalls the shock of her first encounter with Patterson. "She had a flat-top spiked haircut,"

Bennett said. "I was going, 'Oh, my heavens.'" Somehow she pulled the look off comfortably.

When doctors discovered Patterson had ovarian cancer, she began receiving treatments and lost her hair. Her husband shaved his own head to show support.

Even then "she was still smiling," Bennett said, "in true Major Ann fashion." With treatment she conquered the cancer shortly before leaving Twin Falls.

Her terrible jokes drew simultaneous praise and heckling from members of the Twin Falls Lions Club, where she remained president for two years — also an

unusually long tenure. Wednesday morning, the news was delivered to the club. It brought sadness and appreciation from the members.

"We lost a great friend and a great community worker," Metzger said. "But we know where she is at and she led such a great life. And we know that heaven is filled with puns, bad jokes and frogs."

A funeral service is scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at the Salvation Army in Missoula, Mont. Donations may also be sent there.

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Finding funding

Health district turns to legislators, counties to help start home-visitation program

By Nita Pappino Times-News writer

It was easy to convince an assortment of Magic Valley legislators and county commissioners that a home-visitation program for new parents was a good idea.

The harder part for South Central Public Health District officials will be finding money to fund the program. The goal, district Director Rene LeBlanc said Wednesday during the health district's legislative luncheon, is to bring Nurse-Family Partnership to southern Idaho within the next two years. The program, used in Oregon, Wyoming, Utah and 20 other states, provides a registered nurse to first-time, low-income mothers to advise them during and after their pregnancies.

Program representative Colleen Quinn said a startup investment of between \$3,000

and \$5,000 per family has resulted in significantly lower rates of conviction and abuse rates and better health, IQ rates and other parts of the country. The key, she said, is the long-term relationship that forms over the two-and-a-half years a nurse visits a family.

"And that's really the heart, where you get so many of the changes in the program," Quinn told the audience of about 30 health officials, legislators and commissioners who hailed from Gooding to Mindoka counties. Officials from across the valley applauded the pro-

gram, but stopped short of mentioning any possible funding until they had more time to study the proposal — especially given a 50 percent dropout rate. Quinn said the program has in other areas. State Rep. Maxine Bell, R-Jerome, co-chair of the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee, said legislators will need to figure out where the proposal falls in its priorities.

"And this is a very good idea," she added. Rep. Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson, who also sits on the committee, said the presentation gave him a valuable look at a program he knew nothing about. And whether legislators are able to decide just what the program would accomplish, he said, he's sure it would find funding somewhere.

"It's hard to measure something that didn't happen," he said.

County commissioners, who made up the bulk of the elected officials at the luncheon, said they were concerned about what money they may be called to provide. Estimated from two years before actual startup costs at \$450,000, LeBlanc said.

"It's hard to come up with more funding every time a new program comes up," said Gooding County Commissioner Tom Faulkner, who also sits on the district's Board of Health.

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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Jerome County ARRAIGNMENTS

Carla C. Arevalo, 20, DWOP Justin Arcadio Avila Jr., 17, pleaded guilty, alcohol beverage possession (consumed)/purchased by minor; sent to youth court. Gloria Alicia B. Gonzales, 39, DWOP; failure to provide proof of insurance. Kenneth J. Barney, 28, pleaded guilty, reckless driving, fined \$224.50; invalid license, fined \$144; no insurance, fined \$126.50. Adolfo Bautista-Ascencio, 33, possession of a controlled substance; speeding. Alicia S. Blakie, 19, inattentive/careless driving; invalid license; failure to provide proof of insurance. Joshua Bodrero, 18, possession

of a controlled substance; breaching a place that used controlled substance. Christopher Robn Chasse, 44, invalid license; providing false information to an officer; failure to provide proof of insurance.

Clifford A. Cook, 41, DWOP Carol L. Henderson, 39, pleaded

guilty, DWOP fined \$242.50. Gavana L. Hernandez, 34, alcohol beverage possession/consumed/ purchased by minor; sent to youth court.

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INL whistleblower hearing starts

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — An employee at the Idaho National Laboratory said his pay was cut and he was suspended three days in retaliation for filing a whistleblower claim with the Department of Energy.

The hearing that began Tuesday in the Bonneville County Courthouse is part of the Energy Department's contractor employee protection program, in which a department officer listens to testimony from both sides.

Dennis Patterson, a 27-year-old employee at INL, was the former manager of contractor employees and business ethics for Battelle Energy Alliance, the contractor that runs INL for the Energy Department.

Patterson testified at the hearing on Tuesday, the *Post Register* reported.

He said he became the ethics officer in 1994, but ran

into problems in 2005 when he looked into the matter of a construction worker being taken off the site after officials said five criminal violations had been uncovered.

Patterson investigated and said the allegations were unfounded. He said he told his supervisor, Doug Benson, but that put him on difficult footing with senior managers and security.

"Mr. Patterson was not willing to compromise," said his attorney, DeAnne Casperson.

Patterson filed a complaint with the Idaho Human Rights Commission in 2006, but later had it withdrawn. In June 2006, he filed the whistleblower complaint with the Department of Energy.

At the hearing, Patterson said Benson stopped talking with him at that point even though their offices adjoined.

Later that year, Patterson said, he was investigated for using company time and equipment to make his complaint to the Human Rights Commission. He was suspended for three days for not cooperating with the investigation.

According to the complaint he filed, Patterson was transferred out of management to BEA's Engineering Design and Drafting Services Group, and also learned he would not receive a merit pay increase.

At the hearing, Larry E. Halvorson, Battelle's attorney, said the company had justification to investigate Patterson, and that his refusal to cooperate was grounds for suspension.

Patterson told the hearing that another conflict arose in the fall of 2006 when he received several complaints about political polling by a Battelle employ-

ee on company time.

Patterson said he declined to reveal the names of the callers, even after directed to do so. Battelle fought out the names from other sources.

Patterson said that he received "outstanding" marks during job evaluations. But he said that after Battelle took over as INL's management from Lockheed-Martin in 2005, his ability to talk with superiors diminished.

Halvorson said Patterson is now doing good work, according to reports, and is at the same pay grade that he had in his old job.

Battelle's general counsel, Mark Olsen, said the company has a policy of no retaliation or discrimination.

Valerie Vance Adeyeye is the Energy Department's hearing officer assigned to the case.

The hearing is expected to last through Friday.

Court favors father accused of abuse

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Supreme Court has ruled to dismiss a lawsuit against a northern Idaho economic development official who was accused of sexually molesting his adoptive daughters as children and teenagers nearly 30 years ago.

In a ruling Tuesday, the justices unanimously upheld a lower court decision to dismiss the case filed against Jim Deffenbaugh, the executive director of Kootenai County's Panhandle Area Council. The opinion written by Justice Jim Jones said the case exceeded the statute of limitations for abuse claims and that the daughters' fraud claims were not legally viable.

Jones also rebuked the daughters' lawyer, Monica Brennan, and required that Deffenbaugh's court costs be reimbursed.

"This case was not factually or legally grounded," according to the seven-page opinion. "The daughters' counsel ... offered, at best, implausible theories for the court to consider. While her clients' plight is tragic, counsel did not serve her clients well by pursuing an appeal where the asserted claims were so clearly time barred and without legal foundation."

Deffenbaugh declined to comment on the decision or the case during a telephone interview with The Associated Press on Wednesday.

According to court documents, Veronica Glaze, of Alaska, and Viola Ralston, of Arizona, alleged that Deffenbaugh molested them as children when they were living in California. The abuse ended in 1979 sometime after the family moved from northern Idaho.

"This case was not factually or legally grounded."

— Part of a seven-page opinion dismissing a lawsuit against an official accused of molesting his adoptive children

former wife had adopted the girls in the early 1970s.

The daughters also allege Deffenbaugh committed fraud by concealing the abuse of each daughter from the other. Glaze and Ralston say they were not aware the other was being molested until August 2003 when they disclosed their past to each other, and that months later Deffenbaugh acknowledged the abuse.

Two years later, they sued Deffenbaugh, alleging lewd conduct, negligence and fraud, and sought damages for emotional distress.

In 2006, 1st District Judge John Luster dismissed the suit because, among other reasons, the statute of limitations had expired. At the time of the filing, the criminal statute of limitation in Idaho ran out when the women turned 23.

In 2006, the Legislature removed the statute of limitations on sexual abuse cases involving minors. Earlier this year, lawmakers passed a bill allowing victims to file a civil lawsuit without regard to current age, as long as it is filed within five years of the time the victim discovers the abuse.

Brennan said the outcome is disappointing for several reasons.

"I think it's unfortunate that the Supreme Court didn't mention that the law had changed in my client's favor this year," Brennan told The *Coeur d'Alene Press*. "My clients knew they had an uphill battle, but we were trying to do the right thing."

Jason Kreizenbeck, Otter's new chief of staff, earns \$130,000 annually

BOISE (AP) — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has named Jason Kreizenbeck the highest-paid chief of staff in Idaho history, at \$130,000 a year.

Everybody's happy in Otter, he said. "This is a way to forgive them and do something better."

There were a dozen cans in a blue bin behind the circulation desk Tuesday. Food won't be accepted to cancel the cost of a lost book.

Before taking his post in Otter's office, Kreizenbeck was also a vice chairman of the Idaho Association of Community Development, a pro-business lobbying group.

Kreizenbeck earns \$10,000 a year more than his predecessor, Jeff Malmen. On Nov. 2, Malmen announced he

was leaving Otter's office to become one of the top lobbyists for Idaho Power.

The two chiefs of staff in the previous administrations — John Sandy, who worked for Gov. Jim Risch, and Brian Whitlock, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's top aide — each made \$97,364.

Students can erase library fines with food

LOGAN, Utah (AP) — A can of beans can erase that overdue Bronte.

The library at Utah State University is offering to scratch fines through December if students donate food to the Cache Community Food Pantry.

Two cans wipe out \$5 in fines, with a maximum credit of \$20.

Vicki Read, head of patron services at Merrill-Cazier Library, believes some stu-

dents with fines are discouraged from visiting.

"This way, they are wiped out and they can come back and check books out. Everybody's happy in Otter, he said. "This is a way to forgive them and do something better."

There were a dozen cans in a blue bin behind the circulation desk Tuesday. Food won't be accepted to cancel the cost of a lost book.

have extra money over the holidays, but they have extra cans in their apartment," said nursing major Lindsey Hutchings, who has no fines.

"I have a bunch of cans I'm probably not going to use."

Read said accepting food is better than simply forgiving fines around the holidays. "I'd rather give them a chance to donate to the community than let them off scot-free," she said.

library will lose revenue but it's not enough to "break the bank."

The food bank is a "worthy cause," she said.

ID Democratic leader stepping down from Pocatello council seat

POCATELLO (AP) — Idaho Democratic Party Chairman Richard Stallings is quitting the Pocatello City Council because his duties leading the state's minority political party have expanded ahead of the 2008 elections and because his private consulting business is growing.

He'll officially resign Dec. 31.

"I just didn't have the time to put into this," Stallings said. "I think what's best for the community is for me to step down."

Stallings, who served in the U.S. House from 1985 until 1993, is trying to re-ignite the Idaho Democrats, who gained ground in the 2006 election but still hold only 26 of 105 state legislative seats and none of the seven statewide elected offices.

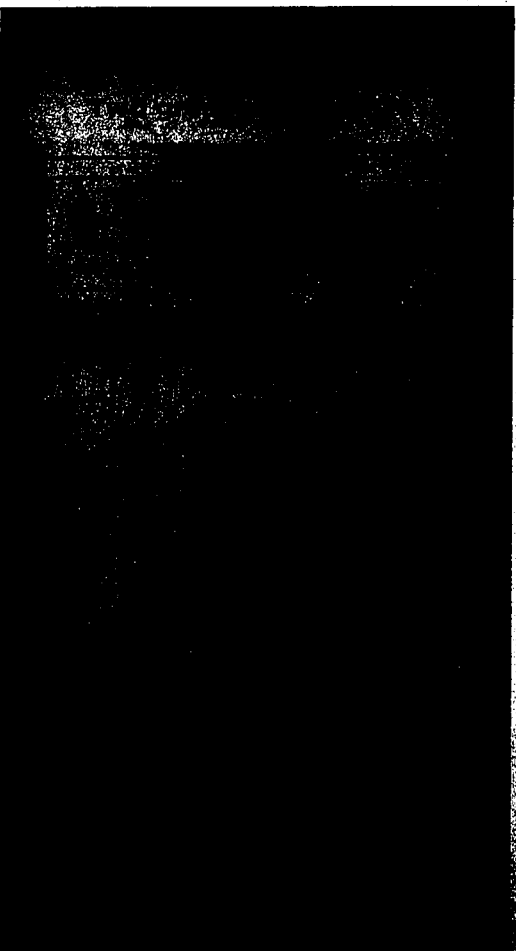
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Study warns CT scans raise cancer risk

By Marilyn Marchione
Associated Press writer

Millions of Americans, especially children, are necessarily getting dangerous radiation from "super X-rays" that raise the risk of cancer and are increasingly used to diagnose medical problems, a new report warns.

In a few decades, as many as 2 percent of all cancers in the United States might be due to radiation from CT scans given now, according to the authors of the report.

Some experts say that estimate is overly alarming. But they agree with the need to curb these tests particularly in children, who are more susceptible to radiation and more likely to develop cancer from it.

brought to attention some real serious potential public health issues," said Dr. Al Van Moore, head of the American College of Radiology's board of chancellors.

The risk from a single CT, or computed tomography, scan to an individual is small. But "we are very concerned about the built-up public health risk over a long period of time," said Eric J. Hall, who wrote the report with fellow Columbia University medical physicist David J. Brenner.

It was published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine and paid for by federal grants.

The average American's total radiation exposure has nearly doubled since 1980, largely because of CT scans. Medical radiation now accounts for more than half of the population's total exposure; it used to

be just one-sixth, and the top source was the normal background rate in the environment, from things like radon, in soil and cosmic energy from the sun.

A previous study by the same scientists in 2001 led the federal Food and Drug Administration to recommend ways to limit scans and risks in children.

But CT use continued to soar. About 62 million scans were done in the U.S. last year, up from 3 million in 1980. More than 4 million were in children.

Since previous studies suggest that a third of all diagnostic tests are unnecessary, that means that 20 million adults and more than 1 million children getting CT scans are needlessly being put at risk, Brenner and Hall write.

Ultrasound and MRI, or magnetic resonance imaging, scans often are safer options that do

not expose people to radiation, they contend.

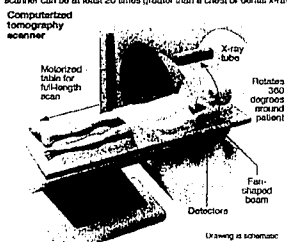
CT scans became popular because they offer a quick, relatively cheap and painless way to get 3D pictures so detailed they give an almost surgical view into the body. Doctors use them to evaluate trauma, belly pain, seizures, chronic headaches, kidney stones and other woes, especially in busy emergency rooms. In kids, they are used to diagnose or rule out appendicitis.

But they put out a lot of radiation. A CT scan of the chest involves 10 to 15 millisieverts (a measure of dose) versus 0.01 to 0.15 for a regular chest X-ray, 3 for a mammogram and a mere 0.005 for a dental X-ray.

The dose depends on the type of machine and the person — obese people require more radiation than slim ones — and the risk accumulates over a lifetime.

Increased radiation with 'super x-rays'

About 62 million computerized tomography scans were done in the U.S. last year, up from 3 million in 1980. The radiation from the CT scanner can be at least 20 times greater than a chest or dental x-ray



Typical organ radiation doses

TYPE	ORGAN	MILLISIEVERTS
Dental radiography	Brain	0.005
	Lung	0.15
Lateral chest radiography	Breast	3.0
	Stomach	10.0
Mammography	Chest	15.0
	Stomach	20.0
Adult abdominal CT	Brain	15.0
	Stomach	20.0
Barium enema	Brain	15.0
	Stomach	20.0
Neonatal abdominal CT	Brain	15.0
	Stomach	20.0

SOURCE: The New England Journal of Medicine

Space probe shows Venus has frequent bursts of lightning

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Nearby Venus is looking a bit more Earth-like with frequent bursts of lightning confirmed by a new European space probe.

For nearly three decades, astronomers have said Venus probably had lightning — ever since a 1978 NASA probe showed signs of electrical activity in its atmosphere. But experts weren't sure because of signal interference.

Now a magnetic antenna on the European Space Agency's Venus Express probe proved that the lighting was real.

"We consider this to be the first definitive evidence of abundant lightning on Venus," David Grinspoon of the Denver Museum of Nature and Science told reporters Wednesday at a briefing in Paris.

The finding is significant because lightning affects atmospheric chemistry, so scientists will have to take it into account as they try to understand the atmosphere

and climate of Venus, he said.

The lightning is cloud-to-cloud and about 35 miles above the surface, said University of California, Los Angeles geophysics professor C.T. Russell, lead author of a paper on the Venusian fireworks. It is being published in Thursday's issue of the Journal Nature.

Bursts of electrical energy from lightning are something that scientists have long theorized could provide the spark of life in primordial ooze.

But not on Venus.

"If life was ever something serious to talk about on Venus, it would be early in its history, not in its current state," said Sean Solomon of the Carnegie Institution of Washington, who was not part of the research team. "It's a very unforaging atmosphere."

The idea of Earth-like lightning is fascinating, Russell said. However, you couldn't see it from Venus' surface, nor would you want to look because the Venusian atmosphere is 100 times more dense than Earth's, is about 500 degrees hotter and has

clouds of sulfuric acid, he said.

"It may be Earth's 'evil twin,' but it is in many respects Earth's twin," Russell said.

What excites astronomers most about the lightning discovery is simply the coolness factor.

Venus' weather forecasts have long thought to be "kind of boring ... steady winds for the next 400 years," said Allan Treiman, a senior scientist at the Lunar and Planetary Institute in Houston, who



An artist's rendition released by the European Space Agency on Wednesday shows lightning striking the surface of planet Venus. Nearby planet Venus is looking a bit more Earth-like with frequent bursts of lightning confirmed by a new European space probe.

isn't affiliated with the research. The idea of lightning, he said, adds a spark to Venus' weather.

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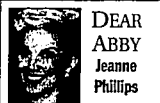


THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bill Keane



Good Samaritans help woman stranded in bad neighborhood



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I have been reading the letters you print about acts of kindness and want to tell you what happened to me. Three years ago, when I was eight months pregnant with my first child, I was driving to the University of Houston's gift shop when a tire on my car blew out.

It was a hot Saturday afternoon, and the campus was nearly deserted. No one at the gift shop would help me out, so I made it to a gas station on the edge of campus. It was located in an area of town to which many people wouldn't travel alone.

As soon as I pulled in, a man came to my window, banged on it, and began shouting at me. Four other men who had been washing windshields for spare change immediately surrounded my car and shooed the first man away. I was nervous, but I got out, and they let me through.

The gas station attendant refused to come out to help me. I tried calling my husband for help, but my cell phone wasn't working. The same four men assessed the situation and offered to help me fill my tire, but the tire was too damaged. They asked me for my spare, but because the car was new I had no idea where it was located. Well, they found the spare and had my tire fixed in no time.

While they were working, two of the men told me about their lives, their grandkids, etc. I felt horrible for having prejudged them simply because the neighborhood they lived in wasn't as affluent as my own. Not one of them would accept my offer of money. I am grateful that God sent me four unlikely guardian angels that day.

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DEAR MICHELLE: Thank you for pointing out that although the crime rate may be higher in lower income neighborhoods, living in one does not make anyone a criminal. We live in an increasingly diverse society today, racially, ethnically and economically. To automatically stereotype people because of how they look, their regional (or foreign) accent, the way they dress or where they live is not only a mistake, it is also a sign of ignorance.

DEAR ABBY: I'm only 16, but I want to ask your parents if I could start seeing a therapist. I feel like therapy would be a step forward in relieving the stress that depression has been causing me. My problem is approaching my parents about it. I have been depressed for weeks, but admitting it to them would be embarrassing. I'm afraid their reaction will be anything but understanding. Money is an issue. We're not the richest family, and my parents are saving all the money they can to put me and my siblings through college. I feel that therapy would be a worthwhile investment for me and my future, but I'm wondering how I can convince my parents. Any ideas on how to tackle this?

— SEARCHING FOR A SHIMIKU

PORTLAND, MAINE
SEARCHING: Because you have been suffering from depression that has lasted more than a few weeks, you should be seen by someone who can evaluate you. I'm sorry you feel reluctant to discuss this with your parents because depression can run in families — and they might not be surprised to hear it as you think. However, because you're afraid their reaction will be negative, please discuss this with your teacher or a school counselor who can intervene with your parents and see that you meet at least once with a psychotherapist.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Nov. 29, the 333rd day of 2007. There are 32 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Nov. 29, 1963, President Johnson named the commission headed by Chief Justice Earl Warren to investigate the assassination of President Kennedy.

On this date:

In 1530, Cardinal Thomas Wolsey, one-time adviser to England's King Henry VIII, died.

In 1864, a Colorado militia killed at least 150 peaceful Cheyenne Indians in the Sand Creek Massacre.

In 1924, Italian composer Giacomo Puccini died in Brussels before he could complete his opera "Turandot." (It was finished by Franco Alfano.)

In 1947, the U.N. General Assembly passed a resolution calling for the partitioning of the British-mandated territory of Palestine

between Arabs and Jews.

In 1961, Enos the chimp was launched from Cape Canaveral aboard the Mercury-Atlas V spacecraft, which orbited Earth twice before returning.

In 1977, Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara announced he was leaving the Johnson administration to become president of the World Bank.

In 1981, actress Natalie Wood drowned in a boating accident off Santa Catalina Island, Calif., at age 43.

In 1986, actor Gary Grant died in Davenport, Iowa, at age 82.

In 1987, a Korean Air jetliner disappeared off Burma, with the loss of all 115 people aboard; South Korean authorities charged North Korean agents had planted a bomb aboard the jetliner.

In 2001, George Harrison, the quiet Beatle, died in Los Angeles following a battle with cancer; he was 58.

Ten years ago: Former Detroit Mayor Coleman A.

Young, the city's first black mayor who held office for an unprecedented five terms, died at age 79.

Five years ago: The White House quietly announced that federal workers would get a smaller pay raise the following month because President Bush was freezing part of the increase, citing the fight against terrorism. Celebrity publicist Lizette Grubman left the Suffolk County, N.Y., jail after serving 37 days of a 60-day sentence for backing her sport utility vehicle into a crowd outside a trendy Hampton's nightclub and fleeing.

One year ago: The first of two high-profile meetings in Jordan between Bush and Iraqi leader Muammar Kadhafi was abruptly canceled amid conflicting explanations. (Bush met Al-Maliki the next day.) Still losing money after job and custody battles with Motor Co., said 38,000 workers, almost half of its hourly production force, had accepted buyouts or early retirement offers.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Hall-of-Fame sportscaster Vin Scully is 80. Blues singer-musician John Mayall is 74. Composer-musician Chuck Mangione is 67. Country singer Jody Miller is 56. Actress Diane Ladd is 64. Pop singer-musician Felix Cavaliere (The Rascals) is 63. Olympic skier Suzy Chaffee is 61. Comedian Gary Shandling is 59. Mayor of New York City Coen is 53. Actor-comedian-game show host Howie Mandel is 52. Actress Cathy Moriarty is 47. Actress Kim Delaney is 46. Actor Tom Sizemore is 45. Actor

Andrew McCarthy is 45. Actor Don Cheadle is 43. Actor-producer Neill Barry is 42. Musician Wallis Buchanan (Jamiroquai) is 42. Pop singer Jonathan Knight (New Kids on the Block) is 39. Rock musician Martin Carr (Boo Radleys) is 39. Actor Larry Joe Campbell is 37. Actress Cagney Lee Nolin is 36. Actor Brian Baumgartner is 35. Actress Anna Faris is 31. Actor Julian Ovenden is 31. Rapper The Game is 28. Rock musician Ringo Garza is 26. Actor Lucas Black is 25.

THOUGHT

"A conference is a meeting to decide where the next meeting will take place."

— Anonymous

Judge loses job for jailing people over ringing cell phone

NIAGARA FALLS, N.Y. (AP) — A judge who jailed 46 people who were in his courtroom when a cell phone call interrupted proceedings was removed from the bench Tuesday by a state commission. Niagara Falls City Court Judge Robert Restaino snapped and "engaged" in what can only be described as two hours of inexcusable madness during the March 2005 session, Raoul Felder, chairman of the state Commission on Judicial Conduct, wrote in the decision to remove Restaino from the \$115,900-per-year post.

A phone rang while Restaino was hearing the cases of domestic violence offenders who had been ordered to appear weekly to update the judge on the progress of their counseling. A sign in the courtroom warns that cell phones and pagers must be turned off. "Everyone is going to jail," Restaino said. "Every single person is going to jail in this courtroom unless I get that last-minute notice. If anybody believes I'm kidding, ask some of the folks that have

been here for a while. You are all going." When no one came forward, Restaino ordered the group into custody, and they were taken to jail, where they were searched and packed into crowded cells. Fourteen people who could not post bail were shackled and taken to the jail's Motor Co. Restaino ordered them released later that afternoon. Restaino told the state panel he had been under stress in his personal life. His attorney, Thomas Connors, said Restaino would appeal.

FDA wants to know what's shakin' with salt

By Ricardo Alonso-Zaldivar
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Best known for deciding whether medications are safe and effective, the Food and Drug Administration is weighing whether to crack down on plain old salt, which doctors say is harmful to the quantities most Americans consume.

At a hearing Thursday, the agency will begin collecting expert testimony on the role excess salt in the diet contributes to high blood pressure, heart disease and strokes. An increasingly vocal medical community has joined consumer groups to demand government intervention, and the review could lead to federal limits on the salt content of processed foods such as canned soups and breakfast cereals.

In a carefully calibrated response, the food industry has acknowledged the problem but called for voluntary solutions rather than government regulation. More than 75 percent of the salt the average American consumes comes from processed foods and restaurant meals.

At issue is whether the FDA should change its official classification of salt as "GRAS" — Generally Recognized as Safe — and instead declare it a food additive subject to limitations.

The Bush administration, often loath to impose new regulations, might have an incentive to act more aggressively in this case: It is planning to launch a national campaign against obesity, particularly among children. And salty foods contribute to the problem often people often wash down their hot dogs and potato chips with beverages rich in sugar.

"Normally they're not drinking water, they're drinking soda," said Dr. Stephen Havas of the American Medical Association, citing estimates that soft drinks, beer and wine consumed with salty foods add about 280 calories a day to the American diet. "That's huge," he said.

FDA officials say they view excess salt in the diet as a serious public health issue, but the agency is keeping its

options open. "We certainly recognize that it's a big problem for a lot of people, and consumers should have choices if they want to reduce their salt intake," said Laura Tarantino, director of the FDA's office of food additive safety, who is overseeing a leading role in the agency's review.

The agency's involvement is long overdue, some activists say. "For the first time in 25 years, the FDA is showing an interest in lowering sodium levels in the food supply," said Michael Jacobson, executive director of the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a consumer group that petitioned the agency to take action.

Jacobson's group had been waging a campaign to get the FDA's attention, but prospects for action improved markedly after the AMA made it a top priority last year. "We came to the conclusion that the evidence is overwhelming," Havas said.

Too much sodium has been linked in scientific studies to high blood pressure, a major risk factor for heart disease and strokes.

The National Academy of Sciences recommends that adults consume no more than 2,300 milligrams of sodium daily, roughly the amount contained in a teaspoon of salt. The target is lower — 1,500 milligrams — for people at higher risk for high blood pressure, including those older than 50 and blacks.

But Americans typically consume about 4,000 milligrams of sodium daily. The AMA cites estimates that 150,000 lives could be saved annually if the nation were to reduce its sodium consumption by 50 percent, a goal the doctors group says can be attained within a decade.

It probably can't happen without the cooperation of the food industry, and producers are skeptical.

"Claims about (low salt) are being made by some consumers," said Robert Earl, director of nutrition policy for the Food Products Association, a trade organization. "Consumers automatically think it means the food isn't going to taste good."

Government casts light on underperforming nursing homes in attempt to improve care

By Kevin Franks
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Fifty-four nursing homes are being told by the government that they're among the worst in their states in an effort to goad them into improving their care.

Lawmakers and advocacy groups have been pushing the Bush administration to make it easier for consumers to identify poorly performing nursing homes. They complain that too many facilities get cited for serious deficiencies but don't make adequate improvement, or do so only temporarily.

The administration agreed, and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services will list the homes on its Web site Thursday.

lack of improvement in a subsequent survey.

The nursing homes to be cited are from 33 states and the District of Columbia, according to a list obtained by The Associated Press. There are about 16,400 nursing homes nationwide.

"One of the administrators has concerns that homes showing significant improvements will still show up on the Medicare Web site. They said it takes time for inspection results to make their way through the bureaucracy. Still, administrators support the concept of greater disclosure," said Bruce Nussing, president and chief executive officer of the American Health Care Association, the trade association for nursing homes and other long-term care facilities.

"Every time you go under a microscope like that, especially in our profession, you want to get out from under that microscope," Harwood said. "There will be a heck of a lot of effort not to stay there."

One of the homes on the government's list was Franklin Hills Health & Rehab Center in Spokane, Wash. Brian Trece, the facility's administrator, said he did not have a problem with Medicare publishing the list. But he said regional directors in Spokane, Wash. took over the Spokane facility in September, and found it to be well run.

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	Directed by Christy Lipskoch	5:00 pm
10:30 am	Flier Madrigals & Jazz Band	6:00 pm
	Directed by Larry Larson	
11:00 am	Flier Madrigals & Jazz Band	6:30 pm
	Directed by Larry Larson	
11:30 am	Twin Falls Christian Academy High School Choir	7:00 pm
	Directed by Christy Lipskoch	7:30 pm
12 noon	Clover Trinity Lutheran School	
	Vocal & Chime Choirs	
12:30 pm	Clover Trinity Lutheran School	
	Vocal & Chime Choirs	
1:00 pm	Kimberly Elementary 4th Grade & Honor Choir	
	Directed by Misty Kallblich & Roberta Beck	
1:30 pm	Kimberly Elementary 4th Grade & Honor Choir	
	Directed by Misty Kallblich & Roberta Beck	
2:00 pm	Immanuel Lutheran Elementary Choir K-4	
	Directed by Cherry Willie	
2:30 pm	Immanuel Lutheran Bell Choir & Solists	
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3:00 pm	Magic Valley Christian High School	
	Directed by Diane Davis	
6:30 pm	Hot Country Fiddlers Lena & Grace Stukenholz & Bill Butler on guitar	
7:00 pm	Extreme Dance	

4:30 pm	Directed by Marsha Dickenson & Gayle McDonald
5:00 pm	Nielson's School of Dance Stargazers
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Saturday Entertainment Schedule

9:30 am	Peer Energy Gymnastics
	Directed by LeAnn Gonzales
10:00 am	Julie's Jazzworks
11:00 am	The Dance Center & The Top Tappers
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11:30 am	The Dance Center & The Top Tappers
12 noon	Sanjuria International Martial Arts
12:30 pm	With Sheppard Reale
1:00 pm	Robert Stuart Bell Cantata Girls Choir
1:30 pm	Intermountain Martial Arts
2:00 pm	Nielson's School of Dance Stargazers
2:30 pm	Nielson's School of Dance Stargazers
3:00 pm	Magic Valley Eagles Cheerleading
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4:00 pm	Jennifer Tanner vocal soloist
4:30 pm	LDS Institute Choir
	Directed by Doug Christen
5:00 pm	Mauidin Dance Academy
5:30 pm	Mauidin Dance Academy
6:00 pm	Planet Cheer
	Directed by Amanda Shaw
7:00 pm	Legacy Choir Accompanied by Donna Cox & Colleen Remington

Sunday Entertainment Schedule

1:30 pm	Nikki Hyde Vocal Soloist
2:00 pm	Maria Garrett & Friends
2:30 pm	Rylie Barker Vocal Soloist
3:00 pm	Anon Martech Vocal Soloist
3:30 pm	Emily Eldridge Vocalist

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Dow gets biggest 2-day gain in 5 years

(AP) Wall Street barreled higher Wednesday for the second day in a row, giving the Dow Jones Industrial average its biggest two-day point gain in five years.

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Existing home sales fall for eighth straight month

By Martin Crutinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Sales of existing homes fell for the eighth consecutive month in October, with median home prices falling by a record amount. Analysts blamed the worsening housing slump on the credit crunch that hit in August.

The National Association of Realtors reported that sales of existing single-family homes and condominiums dropped by 1.2 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 4.97 million units.

The median price of a home sold last month declined to \$207,800, a drop of 5.1 percent from a year ago, the biggest year-over-year price decline on record.

Analysts blamed the October weakness on the fallout from a serious credit crunch that rattled financial markets in August. Banks and other lenders have tightened credit standards in response to a soaring level of defaults, especially on subprime mortgages, loans provided to borrowers with weak credit histories.

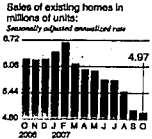
The worry is that the credit crisis and a deepening housing slump could be enough to push the country into a recession.

In another sign of spreading economic weakness, the Commerce Department reported Wednesday that orders to factories for big-ticket manufactured goods declined by 0.4 percent in October. It was the third straight drop, the longest stretch of weakness in nearly four years.

By region of the country, sales were unchanged in the Northeast and the South and down by 1.7 percent in the Midwest and 4.4 percent in the West.

Lawrence Yun, chief economist for the Realtors, said the big drop in the West

Home sales



SOURCE: National Association of Realtors

reflected the fact that the market for so-called "jumbo mortgages" loans higher than \$417,000, tightened considerably this summer. California, with its high home prices, depends heavily on the availability of jumbo loans.

"Temporary mortgage problems were peaking back in August when many of the sales closed in October were being negotiated," Yun said. "We continue to see the biggest impact in high-cost markets that rely on jumbo loans."

Yun said he believed the drop in sales, which left activity in October 20.7 percent below the level of a year ago, was nearing its end. He said a greater willingness of lenders to start offering jumbo loans again and the use of Federal Housing Administration-insured loans in place of subprime mortgages will help generate a rebound.

However, other economists are predicting housing could remain depressed for many months to come as sellers face high inventories of unsold homes.

While economic growth roared ahead at a rate approaching 5 percent in the summer, many economists believe growth has slowed dramatically in the current quarter from the combined blows of the most severe housing slump in more than two decades, "the credit crunch and rising energy prices.

Person-to-person lending makes a comeback on the Internet

By Jackie Farrell
Associated Press writer

Collin Nash, 35, was struggling with \$12,000 in credit card debt late last year. Meanwhile, Michael Fisher, 24, was looking for a new investment. So, Fisher loaned Nash \$200.

The two men, however, never met. Nash and Fisher are members of Prosper.com, the U.S. leader in a growing trend known as peer-to-peer lending, which facilitates loans between complete strangers.

Social lending has been around since the days when needy families turned to the richest man in town, but the Web is breathing new life into the practice. Loans on Prosper and Facebook's LendingClub have risen to \$100 million this year from \$27 million in 2006, according to Creditline Banking Report. By 2010, the report forecasts \$1 billion in peer-to-peer loan originations.

"I'm sure banks are watching it," said Jim Bruene, the report's author. Zopa.com, a social lending site founded in Britain in March 2005, plans to launch in the U.S. the week of Dec. 3, according to a company spokeswoman.

The idea behind the sites is that borrowers can find better rates than traditional banks offer, while lenders can earn higher returns than from a savings account or other investment.

Borrowers on Prosper post how much money they need — up to \$25,000 — the purpose of the loan and what interest rate they can afford. Lenders bid on the loans of their choice, typically funding only partial amounts and diversifying their risk among dozens or hundreds of loans.

Most loan requests are for debt consolidation, followed by small business and entrepreneurial purposes. The average loan amount totals just under \$7,000. Prosper claims it has facilitated \$98 million in loans since launching in February 2006. Prosper's added appeal,



Michael Fisher in Redmond, Wash., Nov. 18. Fisher is a member of Prosper.com, the U.S. leader in a growing trend known as peer-to-peer lending, which facilitates loans between complete strangers.

however, goes beyond the bottom line. Photos and personal narratives accompany borrowers' requests. A father who needs \$25,000 to equip a house and car for his son, who has recently begun using a wheelchair. A young couple seeking \$5,000 for their wedding, who plead, "Please help us get married!"

A group of young men in Montana who want \$1,000 to purchase a professional wrestling ring.

The opportunities for social connection appeal to users, said Prosper co-founder and CEO Chris Larsen. Borrowers can

appeal to lenders to look past a couple of late payments or spotty credit history, while lenders enjoy the satisfaction of seeing their money help someone in need.

"When you're dealing with people, it's 'I want to do well but I also want to feel good about how I'm doing well,'" said Larsen, who formerly served as CEO and co-founder of financial services company E-LOAN.

But the numbers matter. Each Prosper borrower is assigned a grade based on their credit score to help lenders evaluate their risk

and the site verifies borrowers' identities. The average rate of return for lenders is 9.23 percent, with lower-grade loans earning 10.45 percent, according to Prosper.

Prosper makes its money by charging a 1 percent or 2 percent closing fee, based on the borrower's credit grade, and lenders pay an annual loan servicing fee of 0.5 percent to 1 percent. It also collects fees for late payments on behalf of lenders and reports to credit bureaus.

After 30 days, a collections agency is assigned to delinquent loans.

"Temporary mortgage problems were peaking back in August when many of the sales closed in October were being negotiated."

— Lawrence Yun, chief economist for The National Association of Realtors

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Idaho Power rates among lowest in nation

A survey by the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) of investor-owned utilities has shown that Idaho Power customers rates are among the lowest in the country.

Idaho Power ranked ninth lowest in residential rates of the survey of utilities while its overall business rates averaged sixth lowest nationally.

The survey, conducted in January and July by EEI, looks at the rates paid by all customer groups including residential, business and industrial customers.

FMT to pay customers \$399,361

RUBEN — Project Mutual Telephone (PMT) Board of

Directors agreed to pay member customers \$399,361 in patronage dividends this year, the largest amount in the history of the 91-year-old cooperative.

The dividend each customer receives depends on the amount of business they have done with the cooperative. The more FMT services used by each member, the larger the patronage check. This year's dividend payment will be issued in December, and represents patronage earned in 1981 and 2006.

Checks will be mailed the first of December. For those members receiving dividends in the amount of ten dollars or less, the credit will be applied to their December bill.

— From staff reports

Fed says economy logged slower growth

By Joannine Averis
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The economy grew at a slower pace in the late fall as shoppers watched their pennies, heading into the busy holiday season.

The Federal Reserve's new snapshot, released Wednesday, suggested the strains from a severe housing slump and a painful credit crunch are affecting the behavior of individuals and businesses alike — making

them somewhat more cautious. Yet, the hope that the Federal Reserve will cut a key interest rate for a third time this year to energize the economy sent stocks soaring on Wall Street.

The Dow Jones Industrial jumped for the second day in a row, gaining 331.01 points to close at 13,289.45. It marked the index's biggest two-day point gain in five years.

"Reports on retail spending were downbeat in general," the Fed's survey said. "Most

retailers said that they were expecting a slow holiday season, with only small gains in sales volumes compared with last year," the Fed added.

Spending by consumers and businesses is the lifeblood of the country's economic activity. The big worry for economists is that consumers and businesses will cut back on spending and investing, dealing a blow to economic growth. The odds of a recession have grown this year. Still, Fed officials and many other economists

remain hopeful the country will weather the financial storm without falling into recession.

The Fed report found the national economy continued to grow during the survey, period of October through mid-November but at a "reduced pace." Of the 12 Fed regions surveyed, seven reported a slower pace of economic activity, while the remainder generally pointed to "modest expansion" or "mixed conditions," the Fed said.

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After school program offers more than snacks

White Pine gives positive influence during homework time

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

Grace Whitman noticed there was no after school program in Burley, So, the Cassia County Extension Service educator did something about it.

"She sought a grant for a program. Now instead of going home to an empty house and TV 27 students at White Pine Intermediate School can have a snack, do

their homework, learn about culture and science, and get some exercise. And there is room for more.

The activities are made possible by the White Pine after school program, which in turn is made possible by a federal Children, Youth and Families at Risk grant for communities with high minority, latchkey children and low-income populations. The program started in mid-September with one

part-time coordinator and an assistant. The five-year grant, which provides about \$30,000 per year, pays for the salaries and supplies.

Fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders enrolled, attend from 3 to 5:30 p.m. three days a week. About half of the students are Latino. The after school program is open to anyone, and the cost is \$10 per month — the grant includes a \$10 scholarship for each student.

"We've been very happy, and the kids have responded well and the parents really like it," Whitman said.

The grade levels were selected because that is the age with the most need, the age when students can get into trouble or be positively influenced. The after school program offers plenty of the latter, she said. During the time, the students do homework and some physical activity. And not only do they have a healthy snack, but they learn how to eat healthy. The students also have cul-

White Pine program

Want more information? Call Grace Whitman at Veronica, 878-9461.

tural, visual arts or science and technology activities, such as learning about different cultures and taking photos.

"We're trying to give them a healthy, positive place to be," Whitman said.

Coordinator Veronica Gilbert-Simpson agreed there is a need for the pro-

gram, and would even like to expand to five days a week.

"Kids need a safe environment to go to," she said. "The kids completely enjoy it."

In fact, some have enjoyed the program so much, they recruited friends to participate, Gilbert-Simpson said. For her, that makes the job rewarding.

"It's very fulfilling. These children don't have to come. These kids choose to come to share their lives," she said. They have formed camaraderie. "It's really open and comfortable environment."

Erik Estrada returns to Indiana for police training

MUNCIE, Ind. (AP) — Erik Estrada is back in Muncie this week for training to keep up the reserve police officer status he earned as part of the canceled CBS reality show "Armed & Famous."

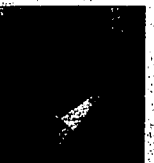
"When I make a commitment to be somewhere, it's done, like gold," Estrada, 58, told The Star Press in an interview Monday. "And I'll be here next year too, and the year after that."

"And I hope, 30 or 40 years from now, God willing, that when it's time to put me in my grave, I'll go in my Muncie uniform and badge," he said.

Estrada will spend the week participating in various training events and will ride with officers again while on duty, said Police Chief Joe Winkle. He said an eight-hour monthly service requirement would be waived for Estrada.

The former "CHiPs" star also intends to help with the Muncie Police Department's annual "Shop with a Cop" charity event.

After filming for "Armed & Famous" wrapped, Estrada also received deputy status with the sheriff's department in Virginia's Bedford County.



Erik Estrada on the Hollywood Walk of Fame in this April 19 file photo in Los Angeles.

Butterfly business

Mexico earmarks \$4.6 million for butterfly reserve in bid to boost tourism, curb logging

Associated Press

CERRO PRIETO, Mexico — President Felipe Calderon unveiled a sweeping plan Sunday to curb logging and protect millions of monarch butterflies that migrate to the mountains of central Mexico each winter, covering trees and bushes and attracting visitors from around the world.

The plan will put \$4.6 million toward additional equipment and advertising for the existing Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve, covering a 124,000-acre swathe of trees and mountains that for thousands of years has served as the winter nesting ground to millions of orange- and black-winged monarch butterflies.

Calderon said it would help boost tourism and support the economy in an impoverished area where illegal logging runs rampant.

It is possible to take care of the environment and at the same time promote development," the president said.

The new initiative is part of ongoing efforts to protect the butterflies, which are a huge tourist attraction and the pride of Mexico. In some areas, officials can even be found standing guard along highways and slowing cars that might accidentally hit a butterfly flying across the road. The plan also meshes nicely with one of Calderon's main policy planks: protecting the environment and combating global warming. He has drawn up a national anti-global warming plan and committed to plant some 250 million trees in 2007.

While the monarch butterfly does not appear on any endangered species lists, experts say illegal logging in Mexico threatens its existence in North America because it removes the foliage that protects the delicate insects from the cold and rain.

"By even taking a single tree out near the butterfly colony you allow heat to escape from the whole insect world," said Lincoln Brower, professor emeritus of zoology at the University of Florida and at Sweet Briar College in Sweet Briar, Va.

Brower, who has studied the insects for 52 years, described the Mexican nesting grounds as "the Mecca of the whole insect world."

The U.S. reserve already receives some \$36.4 million in government funding, and its staff includes a team of park rangers who patrol the area equipped with assault rifles and body armor searching for armed gangs of lumber thieves. The World Wildlife Fund and the Mexican Fund

"This is the longest migration of all insects, a unique phenomenon and a natural wonder and Mexico has the biggest responsibility to protect them because they come here to hibernate."

— Omar Vidal, director of the World Wildlife Fund's Mexico program

for Nature Conservation say the efforts are paying off. They say this year saw a 49 percent drop in illegal logging, compared to a year ago.

Each September, the butterflies begin their 3,400-mile journey from the forests of eastern Canada and parts of the United States to the central Mexican mountains. The voyage is considered an aesthetic and scientific wonder.

The butterflies return to the U.S. and Canada in late March, where they breed and cycle through up to five generations before heading back south. Scientists say they are genetically programmed to return to Mexico, where they settle into the same mountains their ancestors inhabited the year before.

According to Brower, sometimes they even return to the exact same trees — probably because previous monarchs have marked the area through a mechanism scientists don't yet understand.

The monarchs that spend the winter in Mexico do not reproduce until they return to the U.S. and have a much longer life span than those born in the spring and summer.

Omar Vidal, director of the World Wildlife Fund's Mexico program, applauded Calderon's plan.

"This is the longest migration of all insects, a unique phenomenon and a natural wonder and Mexico has the biggest responsibility to protect them because they come here to hibernate," he said.

Brower said the monarch isn't at risk of extinction because it can be found in Mexico, Canada, the U.S., most of South America and even parts of Australia, and New Zealand. But diseases being harbored could threaten it, he said.

"The whole migratory phenomenon which involves two continents and over a million square miles could just go down the drain," he said.



A pair of monarch butterflies are seen on a tree at the Monarch Butterfly Biosphere Reserve in the central Mexican town of Cerro Prieto.

Brazilian bishop on hunger strike for 2nd time to protest river project

SAO PAULO, Brazil (AP) — A Catholic bishop on Tuesday began his second hunger strike in two years to protest a government project to divert river water to irrigate parts of the country's arid northeast.

Bishop Luiz Flavio Cappio left a letter to President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva saying he was protesting the government's failure to hold promised public debates and discussions on the project.

Those promises persuaded Cappio to end his first, 11-day hunger strike in 2005 when he protested plans to change the course of the Sao Francisco River that winds through the Brazil drought-ridden northeast to the Atlantic Ocean.

Cappio has criticized the shift all of Brazilian society, Catholic and Protestant alike, has made since 2003. He said the project would divert water from the northeast to the southeast.

He said he would now only end his hunger strike when the project is permanently suspended.

In June, army engineers began preliminary work on the \$2 billion project that Cappio and environmentalists say will cause widespread environmental damage to the 1,600-mile river, Brazil's fourth-largest.

The government says that changing river's course will benefit some 12 million poor people.

The National Integration Ministry, which oversees the project, said the bishop's hunger strike would not affect the project.

"We are very sorry that the bishop, by attempting against his own life, has adopted a stance that goes against the development of the northeast," Minister Paulo Sérgio said. Cappio's protest, he said, will not prevent the government from working on the project.

SALMA'S BABY

Activist Salma's work with her new daughter, Valentina, began on Nov. 28. The Mexican-born actress is engaged to businessman Francisco Salma.



Iraqi lawmakers protest Green Zone security conduct

By Ann M. Simmons
Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Dozens of Iraqi lawmakers walked out of parliamentary proceedings Wednesday to protest what they view as overly strict and humiliating treatment by U.S. soldiers as legislators enter Baghdad's heavily fortified Green Zone, where the Iraqi parliament is located.

"I and many of my colleagues who live outside the Green Zone face a lot of problems," said Feryad Rawandoozi, a high-ranking official with the parliament's Kurdish bloc. American soldiers "are very arro-

gant and impolite when they talk to us, especially with those who don't speak English."

Like every individual entering the Green Zone, as well as headquarters to U.S. operations in Iraq, legislators must traverse a gauntlet of physical searches and their vehicles are inspected by bomb-sniffing dogs. They must line up with the throngs of other residents and employees seeking to access the area. The procedure often can take up to two hours.

"This is unacceptable," Rawandoozi said. Though U.S. officials in recent months have reported significant

progress reducing violence in Baghdad, progress has not extended far enough to warrant a relaxation of security checks. In April, a suicide attack in Iraq's parliament building killed eight people, including two Iraqi lawmakers.

Mal Anton Alston, a spokesman for the Multi-National Force-Iraq, acknowledged the actions of American soldiers guarding checkpoints might be misconstrued as being hostile, but the service members were simply trying to ensure security.

"They don't know who's who. They do a thorough search and give stern instructions to ensure that

these individuals coming into the checkpoint are not the bad guys," Alston said. "Their intent is to make sure the environment is safe for themselves and for the folks they are trying to protect."

"If we come off as aggressive, it might be a cultural thing," Alston added. Rawandoozi and other Iraqi legislators said they were not opposed to thorough security checks but felt there should be a better system in place to facilitate the entry of busy lawmakers trying to reach parliament.

On Wednesday, the issue of treatment by U.S. soldiers was raised in

parliament, and many lawmakers vented their anger.

The parliament president stopped the proceeding for a half-hour to protest the behavior of the U.S. troops, and between 80 and 100 lawmakers left the hall. Most returned, but the Kurdish bloc boycotted the remainder of the session, attendees at parliament said.

Rawandoozi said he had mentioned the concerns over treatment of Iraqi lawmakers to U.S. officials in Iraq, including Ambassador Ryan C. Crocker and Gen. David H. Petraeus, commander of the coalition forces in Iraq, but nothing had been done to address the issue.

Italian outbreak of rare African disease linked to globalization, climate change

By Maria Cheng
Associated Press writer

LONDON — An outbreak in Europe of an obscure disease from Africa is raising concerns that globalization and climate change are combining to pose a health threat to the West.

Nearly 300 cases of chikungunya fever, a virus that previously has been common only in Africa and Asia, were reported in Italy — where only isolated cases of the disease had been seen in the past.

"We were quite surprised," said Stefania Salmaso, director of Italy's Center for Epidemiology at the National Health Institute. "Nobody was expecting that such an unusual event was going to happen."

While the outbreak was largely the result of stronger trade and travel ties, some experts believe it is a sign of how global warming is creating new breeding grounds for diseases long confined to subtropical climates.

Officials at the European Center for Disease Prevention and Control said the particularly mild winter in Italy allowed mosquitoes to start breeding earlier than usual, giving the insect population a boost.

"This outbreak is most important as a warning signal," said Diarmuid Campbell-Lendrum, a clinical epidemiologist at the World Health Organization. "Climate change affects the breeding of every mosquito on earth."

More mosquitoes will emerge next disease season, warmer temperatures in the future, Europe and North America might be hit by outbreaks of diseases usually confined to southern continents.

"With more movement of people and a changing climate, there will be shifting patterns of disease," Campbell-Lendrum said. "We need to be prepared for more surprises like this in the future."

Italian officials first grew suspicious in July, when dozens of people in the country's northeast complained of fevers, joint pain, headaches and rashes. Local doctors thought they had been bitten by sandflies, but the first confirmed chikungunya fever, a disease spread by mosquitoes.

Officials believe the virus arrived when a tourist from northern Italy brought the virus to the Italian province of Bergamo. The Asian tiger mosquito, which can spread the disease, had reached Italy nearly two decades earlier.

Experts are also nervous because the Asian tiger mosquito might be capable of spreading more dangerous diseases like dengue fever and yellow fever.

"Dengue would certainly be more worrying than chikungunya," said Dr. Denis Colautri, the European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control's head of preparedness and response. "It is something we need to keep an eye on, because the possibility is there."

Hamas protesters, Palestinian police clash in Hebron over Annapolis summit

By Nasser Shihyoubi
Associated Press writer

HEBRON, West Bank — Palestinian police loyal to President Mahmoud Abbas fired automatic weapons and beat marchers with clubs during a funeral procession Wednesday for a man killed while protesting this week's U.S.-hosted Mideast peace conference.

The chaos threatened to undermine Abbas' standing in the West Bank, just as the international community stepped up its support for him in new peace talks with Israel and his struggle with Hamas militants.

Led by an Islamic militant Hamas, Palestinian hard-liners have been demonstrating all week, rejecting concessions to Israel and declaring that Abbas does not speak for them, outlining the severe challenge Abbas faces at home.

Medics said at least 26 people were wounded, one critically, in Hebron's West Bank police station, the second day of protests against the conference in Annapolis, Md., where Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert have agreed to relaunch peace talks.

Olmert is also facing a challenge from Jewish settlers in the West Bank and their hard-line backers, who reject compromise with the Palestinians and are threatening to bring Olmert's coalition down.

In Gaza, Palestinian officials said an Israeli airstrike on a Hamas base killed two militants. The Israeli military said the strike was a response to rocket and mortar fire from Gaza in Israel.

In Hebron, about 5,000 people participated in Wednesday's funeral for



A Palestinian police officer confiscates a Hamas flag after clashes broke out during a funeral ceremony for Hisham Baradei, in the West Bank city of Hebron, Wednesday. Thirty-six-year-old Baradei was shot in the chest by Palestinian police during a demonstration against the U.S. sponsored Annapolis meeting in the West Bank city of Hebron on Tuesday.

Fisham Baradei, 36, who was shot and killed by Palestinian police on Tuesday. The procession turned violent when a route agreed to keep to was refused in advance with police, who then opened fire over their heads. Protesters hurled rocks at police, who clubbed demonstrators.

Abbas' government announced a ban on public demonstrations ahead of the Annapolis summit to keep Hamas under control. Abbas leads an emergency government based in the West Bank, formed after Hamas violently seized control of the Gaza Strip in June.

The Liberation Party, a

small, unarmed Islamic group, organized Tuesday's protests. But Hamas activists joined the funeral procession on Wednesday in Hebron, waving their green, Islamic flags and hurling stones at police.

In Gaza, Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoum condemned the police action as part of a "conspiracy in Annapolis." Hamas itself has shown little tolerance for dissent in Gaza, killing eight unarmed protesters at a Nov. 12 rally organized by Abbas' Fatah movement.

The protest in Hebron, which police say tactics could undermine Abbas as he tries to rally support for

peace-making with Israel. Human rights groups have accused him of suppressing legitimate dissent.

Palestinian Cabinet minister Ashraf Ajlami, an ally, said Hamas provoked the violence, but that did not justify the use of lethal means by police.

"As long as security forces are not facing real danger, it should have been dispersed with the minimum amount of force," he said, adding that a committee of inquiry has been set up.

Diab al-All, commander of the Palestinian security forces involved in the clashes, said he did not have a policy of using extreme force,

but his men were provoked by protesters seeking to make political capital out of confrontation.

"We are not butchers," he told The Associated Press. "Somebody should check tomorrow at his house if a bullet flew."

Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Mark Regev said the imposition of law and order was a central goal of any peace effort. "We have started moving in that direction," he said.

U.S. and Israeli military experts say Abbas' forces to help the Palestinian drive out the groundworks for a permanent state.

Researchers discover 'teenager galaxies' after 92-hour vigil

By Raphael G. Sella
Associated Press writer

LONDON — Young galaxies, so faint that scientists struggled to prove they were there at all, have been discovered by aiming two of the world's most powerful telescopes at a single patch of sky for nearly 100 hours.

An international group of researchers has identified 27 pre-galactic fragments, dubbed "teenager galaxies," which they hope will help astronomers understand how our own Milky Way reached adulthood.

Martin Haehnelt said his team used the European Southern Observatory's Very Large Telescope and the Gemini Telescope in Chile to monitor a section of the universe "as big as the equivalent of about 12 nights."

The process was a bit like taking a photograph and keeping the shutter open for a long time, he said. "If you expose the image for long enough, you see fainter objects, such as these 'proto-galaxies.' We

took the largest telescope we could and stared thoughtfully for as long as we were allowed."

Light takes time to travel across the universe, and powerful telescopes can pick up light which reaches them from extremely far back in time. In this case, the ultra-long exposure technique allowed scientists to see back 11 billion years or more — to 2 billion years after the Big Bang — when galaxies were still forming.

Scientists said the scope of the discovery was unprecedented.

"This is the first time that we've gone deep enough to detect the first building blocks of galaxies," said Richard McMahon, an astronomer at Cambridge University who was not involved in the research but has carried out similar work. He added that the fragments discovered were so young they might more appropriately be called "baby galaxies."

Whether babies or teens, the clusters make a compelling case for the theory that galaxies formed by

gathering up all at once, said Carlos Frenk, a cosmologist at Durham University in northern England who did not participate in the survey.

Frenk said astronomers had been guessing for the past 20 to 30 years at how galaxies formed, with some theories claiming they were made from the amalgamation of smaller pre-galactic fragments.

"I'm very excited, because it's the first time that these fragments are unambiguously detected with the masses we would expect," he said. "What this work shows is: The universe is just as the doctor ordered."

Securing permission to use the telescopes was not easy. Frenk, Haehnelt and his colleagues five years to persuade the telescope managers to give them the chance of time they needed to run their study, he said. It took another two years to gather the data, with astronomers taking readings for one hour every another hour.

The images were later analyzed electronically to produce the full picture.

Sudan charges British teacher in teddy bear flap

By Kevin Sullivan
The Washington Post

LONDON — Authorities in Sudan on Wednesday formally charged a British schoolteacher with inciting religious hatred for allowing her primary school students in Khartoum to name a teddy bear Muhammad. The move escalated diplomatic tensions between the two countries.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown said in a statement that he was "surprised and disappointed" at the charging of Gillian Gibbons, 48, of Liverpool, who faces up to 10 years and six months in prison if convicted.

Officials said Foreign Secretary David Miliband would summon the Sudanese ambassador to a meeting of urgency to discuss the prosecution. "This is a serious diplomatic issue and the Sudanese government has serious obligations to the international community on the part of the teacher to deliberately teach the Islamic faith to children," Miliband said. Gibbons' husband, a British Council employee, was also summoned to a meeting to discuss the case.

"alleged ordeal."

Several analysts said that the Sudanese government could be pressing the teacher's case as leverage against the intense criticism from Britain and other Western countries over the handling of the case by Sudan's Darfur region. "It is impossible to know, but it is clear that this is a government that likes to disrupt people," one British official said on condition of anonymity.

The official noted that on Tuesday the top U.N. peacekeeping official, reported to the Security Council that the Sudanese government was blocking efforts to deploy a U.N.-backed peacekeeping force in Darfur.

Hundreds of thousands of people have been killed in Darfur and more than 2 million have been driven from their homes in the past few years, human rights groups say. Sudanese officials have denied the charges, saying the case was a matter of internal Sudanese law.

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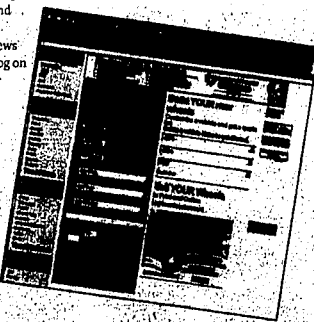
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1. "Dancing with the Stars" (Monday), ABC.

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3. "Dancing with the Stars" (Tuesday), ABC.

4. "Desperate Housewives," ABC.

5. "NCIS," CBS.

— From Nielsen Media Research

FILM

1. "Enchanted"

2. "This Christmas"

3. "Beowulf"

4. "Hitman"

5. "Bee Movie"

— From Media By Numbers LLC

VIDEO RENTALS

1. "I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry"

2. "Ratatouille"

3. "Spider-Man 3"

4. "Deck The Halls"

5. "License To Wed"

— From Billboard magazine

DVD SALES

1. "Ratatouille"

2. "I Now Pronounce You Chuck & Larry"

3. "Spider-Man 3"

4. "Transformers"

5. "Meet The Robinsons"

— From Billboard magazine

TIMES MOVIE DOWNLOADS

1. "Ratatouille"

2. "Purple Hearts"

3. "The Santa Clause 3"

4. "Jackass Number 2"

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— From Times

TIMES MUSIC

DOWNLOADS

1. "Low," Flo Rida Featuring T-Pain.

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MUSIC SINGLES

1. "No One," Alicia Keys.

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3. "Apologize," Timbaland Featuring OneRepublic.

4. "Low," Flo Rida Featuring T-Pain.

5. "Bubbly," Colbie Caillat.

— From Billboard magazine

ALBUMS

1. "As I Am," Alicia Keys.

2. "Noel," Josh Groban.

3. "Taking Chances," Celine Dion.

4. "NOW 26," Various Artists.

5. "The Ultimate Hits," Garth Brooks

— From Billboard magazine

CONCERT TOURS

1. Justin Timberlake

2. Van Halen

3. Dave Matthews Band

4. Mana

5. Beyonce

— From Pollstar

BOOKS

Fiction

1. "Gentlemen of the Road," by Michael Chabon.

2. "Stone Cold," by David Baldacci.

3. "The Almost Moon," by Alice Sebold.

4. "Protect and Defend," by Vince Flynn.

5. "World Without End," by Ken Follet.

Non-Fiction

1. "I Am America (and So Can You)," by Stephen Colbert.

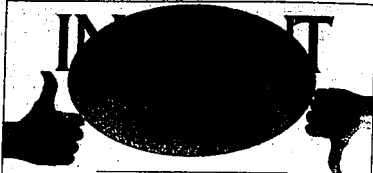
2. "You: Staying Young," by Michael F. Roizen and Mehmet C. Oz.

3. "Clapton," by Eric Clapton.

4. "Boom! Voices of the Sixties," by Tom Brokaw.

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Dance: 28th Annual Firefighter's Ball

Seen Nov. 17 in Sun Valley

In the thrill of the evening, I found myself 15 feet from Miller, who was playing "The Joker" on a guitar he was auction off for hardworking firefighters.

Tuxedos, vintage finery and tongue-in-cheek costumes vied for attention with photos of this year's spectacular, praiseworthy firefighting efforts.

— Ariel Hansen, Times-News assistant features editor

Music: Band of Horses

at NueroLux in Boise.

Band of Horses shone at the intimate NueroLux with a mellow ballad to rocking epics. Their sound features sweeping, guitar-heavy melodies punctuated by pounding drums and keys, all of it led by Ben Bridwell's piercing vocals. Also kudos to The Drones for rocking my "opening band" prejudice.

— Megan Otto, Times-News news editor

Take potluck

Magic Mud sale starts today

BY ANSEL HANSEN
Times News writer

If, like many people, you've driven down Blue Lakes Boulevard to one of Twin Falls' many fine retailers this week, odds are you've purchased something mass produced. And if little Sally wants a Bratz doll, that's all well and good. But what about Aunt Tilly, who likes only things no one else has?

Well, for her, try the Magic Mud sale at the College of Southern Idaho.

"It's a chance to get something that's handmade. You can't get it at Wal-Mart or Target," said Keenan Sempel, a pottery student at the college. "There'll never be a cup like yours, or a plate."

Sempel is one of about a dozen artists whose work will be featured at the sale, which starts today. Though just 19, Sempel has taken pottery classes at the college for four years, and instructor Bill West sees a lot of promise in her work.

"It's the dialogue she has with form," West said. "She makes a piece, thinks about it, makes another one. She's a student of the chemistry, too."

"For instance, the chemistry of atmospheric firing. In this technique, chemicals change the atmosphere inside a kiln, which alters the finished product."

Sempel has fired enough pieces that she can partially predict how her pots will turn out, but no prediction is perfect. "You



Go to pot

What: The College of Southern Idaho Art Club's Magic Mud sale

When: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. today and Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

Where: The Eagle's Nest Student Union Building on the CSI campus (near the Falls Avenue entrance)

Cost: Show admission is free. Student and professional pottery items will be for sale.

have some clue," she said, "but there's always a little bit of surprise."

"You submit a bunch of your control to the way the kiln works and let the kiln finish the piece," West said. "You're hoping the process sort of blesses the form."

At CSI, the students use a salt kiln to achieve an atmospheric firing. A year or so ago, the college's salt kiln was mysteriously destroyed, and the students re-built it last year. Sempel said she

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Potter Keenan Sempel, a CSI student and art club member, passes while loading pieces to be fired in a salt kiln Nov. 20 on campus.



CSI student Chanelle Esteban puts the finishing touches on a piece of pottery that will become a jewelry box once it is fired in the kiln.

Photo by MICHAEL TERRY/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER



A pot takes shape Nov. 20 in the pottery room on the College of Southern Idaho campus. Student pieces from the college's art program will go on sale during the annual Magic Mud show today through Saturday in the student union building on campus.

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Not the same old Christmas

CSI Symphonic Band slates holiday concert

BY BLAIR KOCH

Times-News correspondent

Nothing gets people in the Christmas spirit faster than a musical serenade.

On Tuesday, the College of Southern Idaho's Symphonic Band promises just that, with a concert full of tunes you know—and a few numbers to add to your list of favorites.

With a foot on the flute

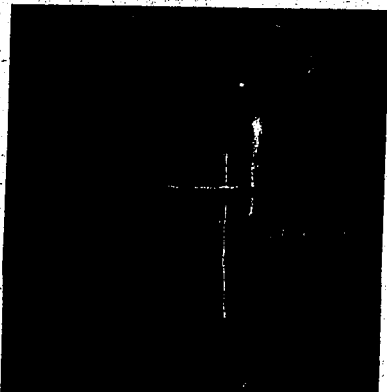
What: The College of Southern Idaho's Symphonic Band winter concert.
When: 7:30 p.m., Tuesday.
Where: CSI Fine Arts auditorium.
Cost: \$5 suggested donation.
Information: 733-8554.

Included on the program are holiday favorites like "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" and "The Twelve Days of Christmas" as well as "Christmas in Europe" and a surprising "Deck the Halls With Boughs of Holly — A Merrie Fugue."

"I'm trying to program stuff that's not the same-old, same-old," said Director George Halsell. "Included in the program are also some unusual treatments of traditional Christmas music."

The band is composed of about 60 members, and performs four yearly concerts. Community members make up roughly 60 percent of the group, Halsell said.

The students in the band applauded Halsell's selections, saying they are worth the rehearsals and even more worthy of a packed house come show time.



Jeff Silcock of Twin Falls plays the tuba during a recent College of Southern Idaho Symphonic Band rehearsal. The band will perform Christmas tunes at its upcoming concert.

BLAIR KOCH/For the Times-News

One would think that hours rotating practice between singing and playing the piano and flute would leave Lucé Jones, 19, feeling drained by her rigorous schedule, but the CSI sophomore is invigorated.

She said that even though the music may be a bit rough here and there the band will be ready by certain time.

Smiling, she said, "Good heavens, it would be crazy to not play in or listen to a Christmas concert. It is a fabulous way to celebrate the holiday season and get in the spirit for Christmas."

If you are interested in breaking out your instrument, the

band welcomes participants both young and young-at-heart for upcoming performances.

Partly Hadley, of Twin Falls, can't imagine a Christmas without music to play on her clarinet. The 55-year-old has participated in the band for many years. "It's a great way to keep my chops in shape," she said.

After a health scare, Hadley truly appreciated her ability to make music.

"I was grief-stricken when, at one point in my life, I thought that I wouldn't be able to play my clarinet anymore," Hadley said. "It made me realize what an important part music is in my life."

Santa Claus is coming to town

Times-News

You better watch out, you better not cry, and odds are you already know why.

Santa Claus is coming to town and this Saturday he'll arrive in Wendell.

The event begins at 9:30 a.m. with the arrival of Santa, who will be brought to the Wendell Elementary School on the city's new fire engine for Snacks with Santa.

"Kids can visit with Santa, have their photo taken and even have a treat," said Marilyn Neal, Gem Team President. "It's

going to be a lot of fun."

Framed photos with Santa will be sold for \$4 each.

The Saturday Merchant Market will be open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. In the school's gymnasium and feature booths offering everything from baked goods to homemade gift ideas.

From 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. a chill lunch will be offered for a nominal fee and live entertainment rounds out the afternoon.

At 4 p.m., the winners of the tree-decorating contest will be announced at City Hall, at 375 First Ave. E.

Musical talent wanted

BY LAURIE WELCH

For the Times-News

RUPERT — Musician and band leader Fred Padden, of Rupert, wants to bring Idaho's top musicians together to form a world-class orchestra in the state.

Padden, formerly of Lake Tahoe, Calif., plays the trumpet and flugelhorn and has performed alongside stars like The Temptations, Liza Minelli, Lola Falana and Danny Thomas, with his big band and jazz sound. He has worked in the major showrooms in both Tahoe and Reno.

Padden has released two CDs, "Fred Padden Presents, Showbiz Is My Life" and "Fred Padden Orchestra Presents, Live In Lake Tahoe."

"I would like to put together an Idaho-based top line band," Padden said about his plans to form a working band that could perform at functions like state fundraiser balls and other large events.

"I want to bring to Idaho what Tahoe has lost."

Padden plans to work with music professors from colleges around the state to get in touch with some of Idaho's greatest musical talent.

Padden said music has always been the driving force of his life.

"Without passion you are just coasting through life. I don't want to coast," Padden said. "Once you know what you do and you do it well you must commit to yourself and keep compromise to a minimum. What ever I do, it has to be quality."

Padden said one of the biggest obstacles to bringing together musicians from across the state will be the vastness.

Interested in meeting with Padden can call him at (208) 436-1477.

This story first appeared in the South Idaho Press, a Burley newspaper affiliated with the Times-News.



MEAGAN THOMPSON/THINKSTOCK

Several of the pieces to be on display at Magic Mud.

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has enjoyed using the kiln to create unusual pieces, some of which will be on sale this weekend.

Although many of her pieces are functional — including tiny, shallow bowls perfect to hold a pool of soy sauce for sushi — others are more decorative.

"There's nothing wrong with having a pot that has no other purpose," she said.

The majority of pieces at Magic Mud will be functional, just right for cupboards and kitchens.

"Our stoneware objects are comparable to everything you can buy on the market," West said.

"There might be some artsy things there — teapots in the form of dragons or something — but most of the stuff is tableware. It's not for the shelf in the study."

Be on the lookout for platters, bowls, vases, casseroles, pitchers, goblets, turquoise, teapots and tea bowls. West expects prices to vary from \$5 for a simple, student-made mug to as much as \$250 for complex, professionally made pieces. At least a dozen artists will be represented; and 25 percent of the

proceeds will go to the college's Art Club to fund special expenditures, like a new kiln or a visiting expert.

Among the artists selling at the show is Alta Harris, who teaches community education classes at CSI and takes college courses for credit. She loves pottery because of the endless creativity.

"It's never boring or stale," she said, sitting at a potter's wheel with a large, round shape rotating beneath her hands. "You can never come in here and say, 'I have no idea what to make.'"

Harris hopes the valley will turn out for the show — which has existed in various guises since 1980 — especially to see what the students have created. Like West, she sees a lot of blossoming talent in the college's potters.

"There are people who are quite accomplished," West said. He compares some of them to young artists recruited by professionals. "I sense there's that kind of potential among our students."

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'Hallelujah!' 'The Messiah' is coming

BY KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times-News

"The Messiah" can be a night-mare.

Just ask Dick Brown, who will conduct the full version of this monumental work this coming weekend in Ketchum — he's heard performances drag out, slower and slower.

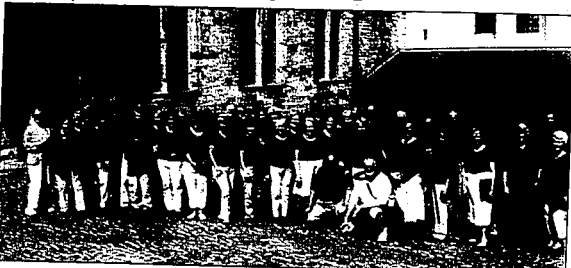
This weekend's performance will be a lighter version than most people have probably heard before.

"Handel's largest chorus was probably 30 people so they probably performed 'Messiah' faster

and lighter than we're used to," Brown says. "The more singers you have the slower the tempo — with some of these performances with a thousand singers it could take three hours. Performing in big cathedrals with lots of echo slows it, too."

A couple centuries ago before TV debuted, however, people thought nothing of sitting in a concert for five or six hours, Brown says. In fact, they would have mini concerts during the intermission of "Messiah."

It was written by Georg Frederic Handel, a German-born composer. With 1742's "Messiah," he



"The Messiah" will be performed this weekend in Ketchum.

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"And in doing so he created one of the greatest works in music history," says Brown.

There is no such thing as an original or authentic score for "Messiah." Handel could read an audience better than anyone, says Brown, and was constantly changing the work to fit different singers and audiences.

"Until the day he died, he was still revising it," Brown says. "Unfortunately, many bad practices crept into the performance of 'Messiah' during the 19th and early 20th century, Brown says.

"The edition we are using is an attempt to clean house of these often tacky and incorrect things and get somewhat closer to a Baroque feel for the music. We are using 120 singers, which Handel would never have had or wanted. But we are also using modern versions of baroque instruments that are brighter and louder than what he had."

Most of the orchestra is from the Boise Philharmonic. And Brown has put on the miles,

Hallelujah in Idaho

What: The full 2 1/2-hour version of Handel's "The Messiah." **When and where:** 5:30 p.m. Saturday and 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Presbyterian Church of the Big Wood, Saddle and Warm Springs roads in Ketchum.

The group will perform a third concert at 5:30 p.m. Sunday at Hillcrest High School in Idaho Falls.

Cost: Admission is free, donations gladly accepted.

...driving to Idaho Falls to rehearse Viva La Voce, a Idaho Falls to rehearse soprano Kathleen Lane, tenor Tyler Smith and bass Lynn Berg.

Those two groups will join the local Caritas Choral for the first time Saturday morning — the day of their first performance.

Pulling such a diverse group together for performance across the state can be expensive, as much as \$30,000, so donations are encouraged to help defray the cost of the free performance.

Although the work was conceived and first performed for Easter — "The Hallelujah Chorus" being part of the Easter section — it has become traditional to perform "Messiah" during the Christmas season.

"Messiah's" well-known "Hallelujah Chorus" is performed more often than the entire piece.

But Brown is loathe to perform the so-called "Christmas portion" of the piece only.

"The Hallelujah Chorus" is a great piece. But it's a great piece in the middle of other great pieces — and it's not the end piece," he says.

"This is a complete story — a story with a plot and ending. Doing just select parts destroys the architecture and flow of the work — the piece is not a musical salad bar. Doing just the Easter piece or just the Christmas piece eviscerates the work. It's like seeing 'Gone With the Wind' without the burning of Atlanta. It's just wouldn't be the same."

This story first appeared in the Wood River Journal, a weekly newspaper affiliated with the Times-News.

ROCKIN' WITH THE RAIDERS

Band member remembers times with famous bands

BY CHRIS JAMES
For the Times-News

Michael "Doc" Holladay and his son Ben are Idaho-natives who moved to Mini-Cassia from Nampa 18 months ago.

Michael, or Doc as he became known, recalls the excitement of the early 1960s and especially the summer of '64 when a band of young men set the Northwest and then the nation ablaze with their blend of rock and R&B.

Doc was the bass player and one of the original members of Paul Revere and the Raiders, when they first signed with Columbia Records and launched a North American tour. Doc was also playing with the Raiders when they first began appearing on Dick Clark's daily television show "Where the Action Is."

After his stint with the Raiders, Doc played bass for a rival band in the region, the Kingsmen.

Doc got his start on the family farm in Kuna shortly after the start of World War II. He loved music from an early age, and says he learned to hear in harmony from sitting next to his mother in church and listening as she sang solo while others sang melody.

In elementary school, Doc began playing trumpet for the band and later sang in the high school choir.

"I loved classical music and I used to lie between two hi-fi speakers and listen to all of the different parts being played each night as I fell asleep," he said. "I didn't realize it then, but I was training my ear for the music that I would later play."



Paul Revere and the Raiders play a 1965 concert in Hawaii. Michael "Doc" Holladay, now a Paul resident, is seen on the right playing his bass guitar behind his head.

Photo courtesy of Michael Holladay

Every teenager living in the Treasure Valley during this time knew of Paul Revere's band — they were the hot group playing at the local dances. Doc was a fan and a close friend of the band members.

The band was formed by Paul Revere, who was born in Nebraska and moved to Caldwell as an early age. He recruited singer Mark Lindsay, a Eugene, Ore. native, from a local bakery. It was Lindsay's influence that encouraged Doc to pursue a music career.

One night after a gig, Doc told Lindsay that he and Paul had it made, traveling around playing music and getting paid to have fun. Lindsay encouraged Doc to take up an instrument and join them, and bass players were always in demand.

He bought a guitar and was later asked to join the band when it relocated to Oregon.

"The band traveled around in a hearse with 'Live Music' painted on the side and a van full of gear," Doc says. "We were in a different city every night; sometimes we would travel 200 miles between gigs."

While Doc didn't end up staying with the Raiders for the long haul, he was there when they achieved the pinnacle of success.

Doc left the Raiders and played with former rival The Kingsmen for about a year. Despite his sudden popularity and all his onstage grins, there was something he wasn't happy about.

"You had to smile and keep up the act even when you weren't performing. It was like being under the microscope all of the time," he said. "The sheer phoniness of it all really got to me after a while."

During his time as a rock star Doc developed addictions to alcohol and other substances. He jokes about it now.

"I reasoned that since music had gotten me into the drugs, that if I simply gave up the guitar I would also give up drugs; so I stopped playing," he said. "But I was in such a state of denial that after I stopped playing the guitar, I was still doing the drugs."

It was through the help of 12-step programs and a good dose of humility that Doc was able to give up the addictions. He has

Every teenager living in the Treasure Valley during this time knew of Paul Revere's band.

been clean for more than 25 years and today works with young people who have alcohol and substance abuse problems.

Doc lost touch with the Raiders after he became a long-haul truck driver. He drove trucks for 20 years, and during the off-season he still found time to play music.

When his son Benjamin was eight, Doc got a long-haul truck driving job that he just couldn't turn down, so he got permission from the Idaho Department of Education to let Ben travel with him on the road. It turned out to be the adventure of a lifetime.

Shortly before heading out on the road in 2000, Doc was contacted by his former band mates. A Sony Records subsidiary had decided to market a compact disc set of never-before-released live Raiders songs recorded by Columbia back in 1964. In addition to finally receiving the credit and recognition he deserved,

Doc also received a substantial settlement for his contributions to the Raiders' early success.

"That settlement was a lot more than the few thousand dollars I made while playing for the band," he said.

Doc is now retired and says he and Ben moved to Mini-Cassia because the rural atmosphere reminds him of growing up in Kuna. He spends a lot of his free time with his son, who plays bass in the West Minico Jazz Band.

Doc enjoys writing and recording his own music and has a substantial recording studio in his Paul home. He has played a couple of gigs around Mini-Cassia with Dave and Donna Dutton and you can probably expect to hear more from the trio in the future.

This story first appeared in the South Idaho Press, a Burley newspaper affiliated with the Times-News.

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Events calendar

THURSDAY, NOV. 29

Festival/Twin Falls

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Theater/Twin Falls

The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present "The Night Thoreau Spent in Jail" at 8 p.m. at the CSI Fine Arts Center Theater. The production continues Dec. 5-8. Tickets, which are \$8 for adults and \$6 for children, can be reserved at 732-6781.

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Rock/Twin Falls

Charley Lowers will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Snake River Elks Lodge. Woodley's is at 213 Fifth Ave.

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.

Festival/Twin Falls

Ladies Night Out at St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation's Festival of

Trees will be at 7 p.m. at the Turf Club. "The Twelve Days of Christmas" will include complimentary hors d'oeuvres, no-host bar, style show featuring a variety of fashions and accessories, Fashion and Fur Salon, and a silent auction. Tickets, which are \$40, can be reserved at 737-2480. The Turf Club is at 734 Falls Ave.

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Country-rock/Twin Falls

Live band will play from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

Variety/Twin Falls

Toys for Tots Night will be featured at Kruezer's Night Life. Doors open at 8 p.m. No cover charge with an unwrapped toy, or no cover charge if you bring SS. Kruezer's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

Festival/Twin Falls

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THURSDAY-SUNDAY

Trees, tinsel and tradition

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children, can be reserved at 732-6781.

Christmas variety/ Twin Falls

The Twin Falls County Historical Society will hold a holiday party 1-4 p.m. at the Twin Falls County Museum. Supplies will be provided to make decorations to adorn a sagebrush Christmas tree in the tradition of the town's 1904 celebration. Light refreshments will be served and seasonal music provided by Melissa Kurpiel. Information: 737-2480. The museum is on Highway 30 west of Twin Falls.

SATURDAY, DEC. 1

Festival/Twin Falls

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Christmas variety/ Wendell

Santa Claus will arrive on the city's new fire engine at 9:30 a.m. at the Wendell Elementary School. Children can have their photos taken with Santa and have a treat. Framed photos with Santa will be available until 4:45 p.m. Light refreshments will be served and seasonal music provided by Melissa Kurpiel. Information: 737-2480. The museum is on Highway 30 west of Twin Falls.

Theater/Filer

Filer High School Drama Department presents the Christmas production "Celebrating the Seasons Best Stories and Songs," at 7 p.m. at the Filer Middle School auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students. A special charity performance will be at 2 p.m. at the school; admission is free. A canned food donation to benefit local food banks.

Variety/Twin Falls

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Blues/Jermone

Swampcats Blues Band will play from 9 p.m. at Island Bar & Grill. No cover charge.

Variety/Oakley

The Oakley Valley Arts Center will present its annual Christmas concert "Rejoice and Be Merry," directed by Kent Severe and Janina Exon, at 7:30 p.m. at Howells Opera House. Free admission. Information: 677-2787. Howells Opera House is at 118 N. Biome Ave.

Country/Doclo

The Faithless will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Kilduckway St.

Rock/Jackson

Grand Funk Railroad will play at Cactus Pates Resort Casino at 8 and 10 p.m. Tickets are \$40, \$45 and \$50, can be reserved at 800-821-1103. Cactus Pates Resort is at 1385 Highway 93.

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Variety/Burley

A Hollywood Stars and Glamour Party will be held at 7 p.m. at the Burley Elks Lodge building. The event will include performances by professional celebrity look-a-likes, both male and female impersonators, from Idaho and Utah. A dance party will follow. Local celebrities Droopy G, Holladay and Monaca will perform and perform with a live band. They also will perform as a celebrity. Contests will include a dance contest, a beauty contest, a look-a-like contest, famous couple, best dressed and sexiest out-

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fit. Admission is \$3 per person; open to the public. Elks Lodge building is at 1340 Oakley Ave.

Craft fair/Elba

Christmas in the Country 10th annual craft fair will be held from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Elba Community Building. The event will feature a variety of handmade crafts including wood items, crocheted items, candles, baby items, soaps, lotions, jewelry and baked goods. There will be door prizes and refreshments.

Variety/Pocatello

The Idaho State University African Student Association will present "Africa: An Evening of Poetry and Music," to honor global efforts to defeat AIDS. The event will be held 6-10 p.m. in the ISU Rendezvous Complex Space Cafe. Frank Chigwausi will read his poetry and perform. Free admission.

Rock/Ketchum

Heads Like This will play from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Whiskey Jacques. Cover charge is \$4. Whiskey Jacques is at 251 N. Main St.

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Holiday concert/ Twin Falls

The College of Southern Idaho Chamber Choir will present its Christmas Concert at 3 p.m. at the CSI Fine Arts Center. The chamber choir, directed by Carson Wong, will be accompanied by

the Magic Valley Chamber Orchestra. Featured works will include "Francis Poulter's 'Gloria,' Benjamin Britten's 'A Ceremony of Carols' and Craig Courtney's 'A Maslogical Journey Through the Twelve Days of Christmas.'" Free admission; suggested \$5 donations to the CSI Music Department at the door.

Dance/Twin Falls

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Music/Oakley

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SUNDAY, DEC. 2

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TUESDAY

Not the same old carols

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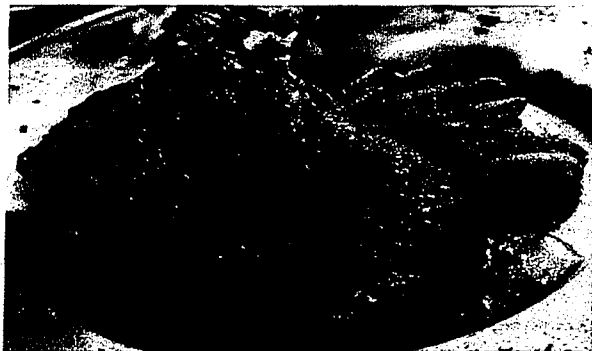
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COREEN HART/For the Times-Tribune

Iva Wyatt's elegant hand-pieced quilt will be one of many raffie prizes available at the Cassia Regional Medical Center's 30th annual Festival of Trees.

Cassia Festival of Trees the most dramatic ever

BY COREEN HART
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY — Mini-Cassia's longest-running Festival of Trees will celebrate its 30th year beginning today with a two-hour private event for senior citizens and those who are handicapped. They will be entertained by many groups, including The Taffetas.

"It will be a quieter time," said Geri Alejandro, director of volunteers for the Cassia Regional Medical Center. "We will be in a new location, too. We are using the gym at the old Burley High School, now called the CSI Mini-Cassia Center. It gives us more room, because there are more trees than ever before." Volunteer Jeannie Smith is in charge of entertainment. There

Help your hospital What: Mini-Cassia Festival of Trees

When: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily, today through Dec. 1

Where: College of Southern Idaho Mini-Cassia, 1600 Park Ave., Burley

Cost: \$1 adults, 50 cents children, except for Senior Day.

will be steady performances throughout the four-day event, including the Iolene Hobson Strings, many school choirs, Dance Factory and The Taffetas.

"Don't miss the Country Kitchen," Smith said. "We'll have Christmas treats for sale made by our volunteers, including cakes, breads, cookies and a whole bunch of popcorn balls, suckers and candles from Cassia County high school students."

There will also be a Country Store with gifts for dining. Iva Wyatt has made a quilt to raffie off. The volunteers will serve hot dogs with or without chili, barbecue, pie, baked potatoes and hot chicken noodle soup.

Attendance and tree sales are a great opportunity to help Cassia Regional Medical Center with necessary medical equipment. Other portions of the proceeds will go to the quick response units, scholarships for students in health fields and the Pomerelle Ski Patrol. This is the major fundraiser of the year for the hospital.

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A gift to their public

BY COREEN HART
Times-News correspondent

If you have never been there, Howells Opera House is a treat. It was built in the early 20th century and has been gradually renovated. It maintains the ambience of those early days in both decor and proportions, and recalls the time when horses and buggies rolled down muddy streets.

During those early days, Christmas productions were always an important part of the theater company's repertoire, and the same is true today.

This weekend, the Oakley Valley Arts Council will present "Rejoice and Be Merry," a musical extravaganza filled with Christmas music of every kind. The tiny theater will ring to the strains of "Gesù Bambino," "Angels We Have Heard on High," and even Hanukkah numbers, "Biddyboon" and "Eight Lighted Candles." Eric Bedke will sing the new classic "Mary Did You Know." Denny Davis will recreate the popular "The Christmas Box." Gloria Muhlstein will accompany them on piano.

"Rejoice and Be Merry"

What: OVAC's Christmas production
When: 7:30 p.m. Saturday and Sunday
Where: Howells Opera House in Oakley, 90 W. 1300 S.

There is a 50-member choir, and a quartet will entertain during intermission.

Janna Exon and Kent Severe co-direct the variety show. Christmas decor comes from Debbie Critchfield and Rachelle Lind.

"This is our gift to the community each year," Exon said. "There is no admission charge and no reserved seating."

Because the 276-seat theater is not only small but well attended, she suggests arriving early.

Every night of the recent "Little Shop of Horrors" production was sold out, proving the popularity of both Howells and the arts council's productions.

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Dance classes offered on Tuesdays

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The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering several dance classes on Tuesdays at the Lincoln Elementary School gym.

• Mommy and Me Dance Class for ages 2-3 will be held 5:30-6:30 p.m. The class will promote rhythm and coordination through creative dance and games with mom. Cost is \$23 per month.

• Pre-Ballet and Tap Class for ages 4-5 will be held 5:30-6:30 p.m. Learn basic steps for ballet and tap. Cost is \$28 per month.

• Ballet and Tap Class for ages 6-11 will be held 6:30-7:30 p.m. Participants will learn ballet and tap basics. Cost is \$28 per month.

• Adult Hip-Hop Class will be held 7:30-8:30 p.m. Learn the latest in hip-hop dance moves. Cost is \$28 per month.

Instructor Natalie Free has 24 years of formal dance training and has been teaching competitive dance for 14 years. Classes are ongoing, with no beginning or end dates.

To register, Twin Falls Parks and Recreation office, 136 Maxwell Ave., 736-2265.

Playing for charity

Filer drama gives back to the hungry

BY GANDICE BALTZ-SMITLE
Times-News correspondent

For a teenage cast and their director, Christmas is about more than gifts. It's about family.

Three sets of sisters star in "Sharing the Season's Best Stories and Songs," an original production featuring CliffsNotes versions of "A Christmas Carol," "The Gift of the Magi," "The Grinch That Stole Christmas" and "Little Women."

Only four of the 11 cast members aren't related.

Felicja Guerra, 15, joined the cast when her older sister, Stephanie, told her they needed another person because someone quit. Guerra said she was happy to join as a way to spend more time with her sister and to learn the stories, some of which she had never before heard.

Guerra's favorite story is "The Gift of the Magi." She said she hopes the audience gets out of it what she has.

"You don't need presents to have a good Christmas," Guerra said. "You just need your family."

Guerra said that is the message she is learning from the entire play. Director Tamara Harmon said she edited the scripts to the four customary holiday stories as a way to convey that message to her young actors and the audience. Even now, one week before opening, she has her own two little children at rehearsal helping to paint the set and provide comic relief to actors between scenes.

Before having a family of her own, Harmon was burned out on the idea of shopping to celebrate Christmas.

"This is a very important message to me. I was in a Chadlie Brown phase for a couple of years, didn't ask for anything, didn't give gifts," said Harmon. "The holidays are about much more



MEAGAN THOMPSON/Times-News

Clockwise from left: Andrea Juarez, Jessica Gauthier, Maira Juarez, Cassia Guerra, Abigail Harmon, and Jason Gauthier pose as the Cratchit family from Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol," just one of several Christmas classics that will appear in "Sharing the Season's Best Stories and Songs" at the Filer Middle School auditorium this weekend.

An appreciative audience

What: "Sharing the Season's Best Stories and Songs"
When: 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with a canned-food drive matinee Saturday at 2 p.m. The show lasts about 90 minutes.
Where: The show is at the Filer Middle School Auditorium, 299 Hwy 30, Filer.
Cost: \$5 for adults, \$3 for students for evening shows.

than presents and traditions. "That is so important, that's why we do a benefit production to give back, also."

The cast will charge canned-food admission for one of their three performances at Filer Middle School.

"I hope it helps people get out there and help people actually instead of passing by them on the street," said Cheyenne Billings, one of the cast members.

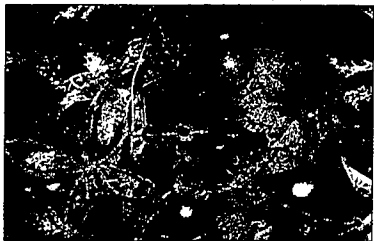
Billings said the play has made

Cast list:

Stephanie Guerra
Felicja Guerra
Cassia Guerra
Andrea Juarez
Maira Juarez
Justice Gauthier
Kelsie Jones
Kelli Babbitt
Abigail Harmon
Cheyenne Billings
Jason Gauthier
Director: Tamara Harmon

her pay attention to needs of other people, especially the homeless, and shown her what she can do to help.

"I see these people out there holding cardboard signs on the road and it makes me sad," she said. "Now I want to go out there and buy them lunch or something," said Billings. "I think (the food donation) is awesome; they get to come see our play for something that is a good cause. We're not doing it for the money, we're doing it to help society."



KARLA BOSSICK/For the Times-News

The imaginatively decorated trees that take root at the annual Festival of Trees feature a variety of themes, such as this one last year that toted the magic of camping and the outdoors.

Antique ornaments add flair to Wood River Festival of Trees

BY KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times-News

If Santa had an assistant in the Lower 48, it would likely be Christopher Radko. The Hudson Valley, N.Y., man revived the art of creating antique Christmas ornaments after his own tree came crashing down, shattering more than 2,000 mouth-blown European glass ornaments. And now Radko's brilliantly colored, handmade, hand-painted Santas, bears and Dashiway Dancers will grace a tree at the 10th annual Wood River Festival of Trees.

The tree, Radko's ornaments and other antique glass ornaments for the tree were donated by a Wood River Valley resident.

The sale of that tree and others will go towards the purchase of a new stove for the Blaine County Senior Center, as well as an expansion and remodel of the kitchen.

"We need it desperately," said Center Director Brenda Shappee. "We're serving more and more home meals and some times the cooking process gets bogged down."

It's more than ornamental

What: The 10th annual Wood River Festival of Trees
When: 6:30 p.m. Thursday
Where: Sun Valley's Lighthouse Room.
Cost: Tickets are \$50, available at 788-3468.

Indeed, the Center has been serving about 47 Meals on Wheels a day — more if you count the frozen dinners given to residents to eat over the weekend. That added up to 5,833 homemade meals served through October, in case you're counting.

And between 50 and 75 people take advantage of the lunches at the Center, while another 35 take advantage of the meals served up every Thursday at the senior center in Carey.

Shappee expects to have about 25 trees decorated by individuals and organizations up for bids at the Festival.

Potential buyers can get a sneak peak from 3 to 6 p.m. Thursday, when the Lighthouse

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Movie review

What's playing

TWIN FALLS

Twin Cinema
 "Don't Be a Hero" (R)
 "The Motel"
 "American Gangster"
 "Saw II"
 "American Gangster"
 "Fred Claus"
 "Beverly Hills Cop"
 "Enchanted"

Odyssey Theater

"Into the Wild"
 "30 Days of Night"
 "Lions for Lambton"
 "The Idea"
 "Mr. Magorian's Wonder Emporium"
 "The Game Plan"

The Orpheum

"Hitman"

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SkyTime Cinemas

"American Gangster"
 "See Me"
 "Enchanted"
 "No Country for Old Men"

Big Wood Cinemas

"Fred Claus"
 "Beverly Hills Cop"
 "Enchanted"
 "Hitman"

Masonic Lancers

"Don't Be a Hero" (R)
 "August Rush"
 "Mr. Magorian's Wonder Emporium"
 "See Me"

Sun Valley Opera House

"Fred Claus"
 "Warren Miller Ski Films"
 "Sun Valley Orchestra"
 "See Me: The Universe"
 "Into the Wild"

BURLEY

Century Cinema

"American Gangster"
 "Enchanted"
 "See Me"
 "Fred Claus"
 "Beverly Hills Cop"

Burley Theater

"The Source (documentary)"

SHOSHONE

Shoshone Showhouse

"See Me"

JEROME

Jerome Cinema

"Beverly Hills Cop"
 "The Motel"
 "Enchanted"
 "Fred Claus"

'ENCHANTED'

Amy Adams' good turn

BY PAUL BROWNFELD
 Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD—The Disney film "Enchanted" asks what would happen if a princess fell down a well that led from her animated, Technicolor fairy tale world to the real New York City.

Amy Adams, more than ever, seems an actress on the verge. Including "Enchanted," a romantic comedy in which she steals the heart of a divorce lawyer played by "Grey's Anatomy's" Patrick Dempsey, Adams has a co-starring role in Mike Nichols' upcoming "Charlie Wilson's War" and plays a nun in "Doubt," the film adaptation of the John Patrick Shanley play.

For Adams, 33, all of this momentum—"Enchanted," which opened Wednesday, is earning her unprecedented notices—follows her gate-crashing appearance at the 2006 Oscars, where she was nominated for supporting actress in the tiny indie film "Junebug." "Who is that, again?" viewers of the telecast that night no doubt wondered.

Against romantic comedy queens Julia Roberts or Jennifer Aniston, Adams is more of a throwback to Hollywood good girls of the past, such as Doris Day, Jane Wyman and perhaps Audrey Hepburn. This might have something to do with her roots in musical theater, the post-high school years in Minneapolis dinner theater.

It was in Minneapolis that a movie role first found her—the 1998 mockumentary "Drop Dead Gorgeous," about a Minnesota beauty pageant. Adams subsequently moved to L.A.

Her first big breakthrough role came as a candy stripper in braces who falls hook, line and sinker for co-artist Frank Abagnale (Leonardo DiCaprio) in Steven Spielberg's "Catch Me If You Can."



Amy Adams, center, stars in 'Enchanted,' a fairy tale from Disney that mixes live action with animation.

"Enchanted"

Starring: Amy Adams, Patrick Dempsey, James Marsden, Susan Sarandon
 Rated: PG
 Starts Friday at Twin Cinema, Jerome Cinema, Century Cinema, Big Wood Cinema and SkyTime Cinemas.

But the part didn't exactly catapult her up call sheets; that happened after "Junebug," which gave more heft to the dapple-checked innocence and endearing crudility she displayed in the Spielberg movie. Directed by Phil Morrison, "Junebug" is about an art dealer (Embeth Davidtz) journeying to rural North Carolina to meet her in-laws for the first time, who include the giddy, deeply religious and very pregnant Ashley.

When "Junebug" got into the Sundance Film Festival in 2005 and won the actress a special jury prize there, Adams was on the verge of quitting L.A. and the pursuit of movie and TV work. She

felt adrift, unhappy in the work she was getting. The film struck Her role on a CBS drama called "Dr. Vegas" (starring Rob Lowe as a casino medical man), was cut from series regular to guest spot.

Adams wondered if it was time to go to New York to try theater. "I wasn't happy, and that's not in my nature, not to be happy."

Indeed, Adams is extremely happy—cartoonishly happy—in "Enchanted." So happy that, in the movie's naked time, she seems seriously damaged. Then again, she's a fairytale princess, Giselle. "Enchanted," in this way, has the feel of "Princess Bride" or "Splash"; here, a princess leaves her fairytale world and steals the heart of a widower with a young daughter, while she's also being pursued by a Prince Charming and his evil mother, played by Susan Sarandon.

"Enchanted" is cuter than cute but wouldn't work if Adams wasn't so convincing. Lost on the streets of Manhattan in her bil-

lowing ball gown, she easily could be mistaken for certifiable, or at least an exhibitionist, but the actress wears down our defenses and makes us believe, finally, that she's for real.

Adams says she also has long grappled with the image of being so nice it's nauseating. "I think for a long time in my life I fought to be a much more interesting person. Because it wasn't rewarded to be cheerful. People found it annoying. Or they thought you were dumb, that's the other misconception."

The innate goodness, though, makes Adams a powerful presence for a director who understands how to riff on the whole-some innocence she naturally projects. Asked if she's looking to branch out from the more virginal roles that have gotten her this far, Adams said cautiously: "I guess I'm not that self-examining at this point. I just don't want to curse the blessings that are on me today."

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New on DVD Synopsis of a film recently released for home viewing

"Waltress" PG-13

Adrienne Shelly would have been tickled by the warm words of praise "Waltress" so deservedly has received.

Shelly, who wrote, directed and costarred in this rich little dramedy, was killed last year in her Manhattan apartment just before its Sundance premiere; knowing her fate makes watching the movie feel even more bittersweet.

Keri Russell stars as Jenna, a small-town Southern waitress famous for making the best pies around, with inventive ingredients and names invented by whatever is going on in her life. Lately, there's been a lot.

Jenna is miserably married to her selfish pig of a husband, Earl (Jeremy Sisto, whose character is drawn a bit too two-dimensionally), and has been stashing away money with secret plans to leave him. Then she realizes she's carrying his child — the result of an unusual drunken romp — and rather than feeling any sort of maternal rush, she's angry and resentful that this fling has taken up residence in her body.

As fellow waitresses totter alongside her at the diner, Cheryl Hines and Shelly are



Director of the Movie

Keri Russell, center, stars in "Waltress," a folksy and heartfelt dramedy.

steadfastly supportive and enthusiastic about the baby, even though Jenna isn't. One of the best aspects of "Waltress" is its witty, heartening depiction of female friendship and loyalty; these women are totally different, but they're there for each other.

But, in time, Jenna finds herself turning for help more frequently to the town's new OB/GYN, the rigid but good-hearted Dr. Pomatter (Nathan Fillion). Like something out of a '40s screwball comedy, it doesn't take long before their awkward exchanges give way to passionate kisses, which lead to an ill-advised, full-blown affair.

Of course Jenna knows what she's doing is wrong. But she's

also happy for the first time in ... well, probably ever. And she's also coming up with the most creative concoctions of her life, including:

- I Hate My Husband Pie
- Earl Murders Me Because I'm Having an Affair Pie
- Pregnant Miserable Self-Pitying Loser Pie

"Waltress" may play up its folksiness a bit too much, and comparisons to "Alice" are inevitable (with Hines functioning as the sassy Flo figure). No matter — its heart is absolutely in the right place, and it strikes some real emotional truths. It will make you laugh, it might even make you cry, but it definitely will make you hungry.

—Associated Press

KARAOKE CORNER

DAILY

Twin Falls

Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday at the Klover Klub Lounge. No cover charge. Klover Klub is at 402 Main Ave. N.

THURSDAY, NOV. 29

Twin Falls

Pioneer Karaoke by Kim 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.

Katwalk Karaoke will be featured at 9 p.m. at Kruger's Night Life. No cover charge. Kruger's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Burley

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

Declo

Karaoke by Lou Brown will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Highway 81.

FRIDAY, NOV. 30

Burley

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the G10 Club. No cover charge. The G10 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 Fremont.

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, DEC. 1

Gooding

P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. until closing at Toponis. No cover charge. Toponis is at 413 Main.

Burley

Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the G10 Club. No cover charge. The G10 Club is at 1054 Overland Ave.

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.

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, DEC. 4

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, DEC. 5

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.

Pioneer Karaoke by Kim 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.

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Room will be open to the public for viewing. Those who can't make it to the gala affair that evening will have the opportunity to buy a tree at a Quick Buy price that afternoon.

The gala affair will feature hearty hors d'oeuvres served up by Sun Valley.

And attendees will also have the opportunity to bid on a variety of silent auction items, including diamond earrings, a trip to Mexico, a trip to St. George, Utah, a quilt made by longtime Hailey resident Billy Buhler, hand-

made tree skirts and a variety of artwork.

John and Lois McDonald, longtime supporters of the Blaine Senior Center, will be the honorary chairmen, and Bruce Innes and Cheryl Morrell will provide music.

The Undertakers, who have been transforming Wood River Valley residences and businesses into winter wonderlands for years, will undertake the task of decorating the Christopher Radko tree.

The ornaments are made from molds by more than 3,000

glassblowers, mold makers, carvers and hand-painters working in Poland, Germany, Italy and the Czech Republic.

"It should be a real special tree," said Shappee. "We're real excited about it."

Other trees will be imaginatively decorated by individuals, businesses and organizations. There will also be a variety of auction items.

This story first appeared in the Wood River Journal, a weekly newspaper affiliated with the Times-News.



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Music

SINGING OUT HER FAITH

Former Twin Falls resident wins country gospel award

BY ARIEL HANSEN

Times-News writer

When Beverly Kirby was young, she and her family sang in the car on the way to church, where her father was a pastor. As teenagers, she and her brother sang duets, raising their hands and their voices to church roofs.

This fall, Kirby, a former Twin Falls resident who now lives part time in Fayette, was lauded for her twin passions of singing and religion with the International Country Gospel Music Association's Female Horizon Singer of the Year award.

"It's just an honor, I was totally surprised," Kirby said in a phone interview last week as she traveled from Tennessee, where she lives when not in Idaho, to Texas. "I just feel privileged that they would like my voice well enough that they would vote for me."

Kirby has had moderate success on music charts, with songs like "Guilty of Love" and "Thank You, Lord." She sings mostly songs she has written herself, including "The Old Time Meeting" and the weepy "The Old Porch Swing," which she wrote for her mother. "I usually get a standing ovation when I sing that song," Kirby said.

Country gospel is enjoying a resurgence in popularity, Kirby said, thanks to chart-topping artists turning to their religious



Beverly Kirby, a part-time Idaho resident, raises one hand to the heavens as she sings a mix of gospel and southern country in this undated photo. Kirby was recently selected as the International Country Gospel Music Association's Female Horizon Singer of the Year.

Hear her sing

Beverly Kirby's country gospel singing can be heard on her new compact disc, "In the Palm of His Hand."

Visit www.tnticket.com or by e-mailing pastorkirby@msn.com. Kirby does not have performances scheduled in Magic Valley but anticipates she will perform at area churches as Christmas nears. Watch the *Times-News* for details.

Hear her online

Visit www.tnticket.com to hear Beverly Kirby play "In the Palm of His Hand," the cover song off her new album.

sides. "In country music right now, there have been a lot of country songs that specifically mention Jesus, knowing God, like 'Three Wooden Crosses' with Randy Travis; 'The Long

Black Train,' (Josh Turner); 'Jesus Take the Wheel,' (Carrie Underwood)."

The music differs from typical country because it doesn't linger on themes of drinking, abuse

and other immoral activity, she said.

"People that look to the bar-room and the bottle for help need the hope of the gospel, and that's where the country gospel comes in," Kirby said. "I think just about any gospel song can be sung with a flair of country. It talks to people with everyday problems."

Kirby has been asked to perform in a variety of churches, including charismatic, Assembly of God and Southern Baptist, she said, and she has sung at religious services in Twin Falls, Glenns Ferry, Boise, Fayette, New Plymouth, Declo, Rupert and Burley, among other towns.

She lived in Twin Falls for almost four decades, working at

Pennywise Drug and managing several Hallmark stores. "I think Twin Falls is probably the most beautiful I ever lived in. Of course, I love the people in Twin Falls, they're like family," she said. However, because the country recording industry is based in the South, she lives in Lafayette, Tenn., for nine months of the year. "Music is much more accessible here, this is where I record at."

Among Kirby's fans is her producer, Doug DeRamus.

"She's a very good stylist with her vocals, but she has an extra little bit of something," DeRamus said. "She relates to people, and that's why she's been so successful. They can identify with what she's doing."

DeRamus, who has worked with artists such as The Jordanaires and Patsy Kline, said Kirby compares favorably with them.

"She stands out as well as anybody I've heard over the years," he said. It's quick to mention letters from presidential candidate Mike Huckabee and Tennessee Gov. Phil Bredesen congratulating Kirby on her ICGMA award.

Huckabee wrote: "God has blessed you with a wonderful voice and you surely are using it to His glory."

The glory of God, DeRamus said, is at the heart of Kirby's music. Because of this message, she is unlikely to switch genres to straight country or pop music.

"With her, it will all center around the gospel message, because that's who she is," DeRamus said. "She's going to be a church concert singer, because that's where her heart's at."

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