

TODAY'S FORECAST

TWIN FALLS

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges.

MINI-CASSIA

Today: Mostly cloudy to cloudy skies and mostly dry. Highs in the middle 30s. Tonight: Chance of light snow showers and skies will be cloudy. Lows in the middle 20s.

Complete weather report: See page B6

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

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

BUSINESS

Kickstart Southern Idaho, with guest speaker Bryan Matsuda of the Small Business Development, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Pando's Restaurant, 516 Hansen St. S., Twin Falls, no cost, appetizers and drink tickets provided by Idaho TechConnect.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736 4068. Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 798 2128.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensitively) ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight loss support group, 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., 420 3823.

Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, 737-5988.

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

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

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensitively) ID No. 3 Chapter of Twin Falls, weigh ins from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and meeting from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., basement, Magic Valley Church of Christ, 2002 Flier Ave. E. (watch for change in location soon), 734-8756 or 736-9282.

Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-affirming, healthy behaviors, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yakima and Main, Filer, 734-0557.

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 (behind D & B Supply), Twin Falls, no cost, 731-3210.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

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

WHAT'S NEW ONLINE

- * See video of the court appearance of a murder suspect in Jerome.
* Check out a list of what south-central Idaho residents gave to presidential candidates, and see a slideshow of photos from the campaign trail.

- * Hear what local hip-hop artists have to say about the Idaho rap scene and hear one of their tracks.

SNOWPACK LEVELS table with columns for location, snowpack, and date. Locations include Salmon Falls, Little Wood, Big Lost, Upper Little, Henry's Fork/Latah, and Lower Snake Basin.

Times-News

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MORNING BRIEFING

Boise veteran wins \$1 million Idaho Lottery raffle prize

BOISE (AP) — Idaho Lottery officials say a World War II and Korean War veteran is the winner of a special \$1 million raffle held on New Year's Eve. Bob Chester, a 79-year-old retired U.S. Marine, bought

the winning ticket on Nov. 11, 2007 — Veterans Day. Chester says he bought some tickets and then went fishing. On Dec. 31, the day of the drawing, he checked the lottery Web site around midnight to learn that his ticket,

number 002655, was the winner. Chester served two tours of duty in the Marine Corps, the first during the end of World War II and the second during the Korean War. After taxes, he wins \$672,000.

IDAHO LOTTERY

Table showing Idaho Lottery results for Wednesday, Jan. 2, 2008. Includes Wild Card, Power Play, and Mega Millions results.

AROUND THE WORLD

MARYLAND: Prisoner who fled after breaking free from Maryland hospital dies

LAUREL — An inmate who escaped from a hospital Wednesday, briefly taking a worker hostage and stealing two getaway cars, was captured and killed by police hours later in a cemetery, authorities said.

Kelvin Puke, 45, overpowered guards at Laurel Regional Hospital and fired several shots before fleeing, authorities said. Once outside, he shot out the window of a car and drove away, dumping the driver, said Maryland State Police spokesman Greg Shipley.

Puke was captured hours later about 30 miles away. Officers had tailed a suspicious vehicle — a white Ford Explorer with flat tires — into a cemetery shortly after 3 p.m. Puke got out of the vehicle and opened fire on police, who then shot back, police said.

Puke was taken to the hospital, where he was pronounced dead, said Major Joseph McCann of Prince George's County police.

A woman who was in the vehicle with Puke was not seriously injured, and police believe she may have been a victim.

PENNSYLVANIA

Priest, a friend of casino owner, alleged to have lied about mob ties

HARRISBURG — A Roman Catholic priest was arrested on a perjury charge Wednesday accused of lying about his relationship with a mobster in testimony to a grand jury investigating a casino owner's possible ties to organized crime.

The Rev. Joseph Sica was arrested outside his home in Scranton. He is an adviser to Mount Airy Casino Resort owner Louis DeNaples, who is the subject of the grand jury investigation.

Sica's arrest is the first to result from the Dauphin County grand jury probe, which is focused on whether DeNaples misled the Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board when he said he had no connections to organized crime.

Sica was accused of lying to the grand jury last August about his relationship with the late Russell Bufalino, an organized crime boss, according to federal grand jury indictments in the 1970s and '80s, according to grand jury findings cited in court papers.

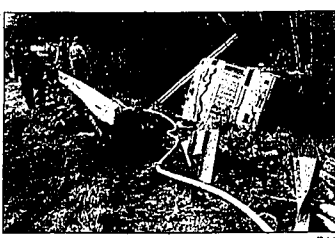
The papers said Sica falsely told the grand jury that he had met Bufalino only by chance and had no relationship with him.

LEBANON

Hezbollah leader: No presidential vote unless opposition gets veto

BEIRUT — No president will be elected in Lebanon unless the Hezbollah-led opposition gets veto power in the future government, the leader of the militant group declared Wednesday.

Sheik Hassan Nasrallah accused the anti-Syrian parliamentary majority of creating the current presidential



Rescue personnel begin the process of cleaning up the scene after a Carolina Trainways Greyhound bus rear ended a tractor-trailer on U.S. 1, south of Henderson, N.C., and came to rest on an embankment Wednesday. Forty-nine passengers were transported by school bus to Martha Parham Medical Center while the driver of the bus was airlifted from the scene. (See story below)

NEW YORK

David Letterman and Jay Leno to return to the air

The return of TV's late-night funnyman after a two-month strike hiatus turned into a bizarre mix of picketing and presidential politics Wednesday as Mike Huckabee headed for Jay Leno's show and Hillary Clinton turned to David Letterman.

Clinton was to join comic Bob Odenkirk as Letterman's first guests, according to a CBS executive close to the show who spoke on condition of anonymity. Clinton taped her appearance on Letterman from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, earlier Wednesday.

Meanwhile, GOP hopeful Huckabee appeared confused over which of the two late-night hosts had reached a separate deal with the union representing striking TV and movie writers.

Huckabee said he supports the writers and did not think he would be crossing a picket line, because he believed the writers had made an agreement to allow late-night shows on the air. That's not what he was told, and pickets outside Leno's Burbank, Calif., studio targeted Huckabee.

KENYA

300 dead in violence, opposition vows million man rally to go ahead

NAIROBI — Kenya's opposition leader vowed to go ahead with a "million man" protest rally Thursday that many fear could worsen a wave of political and ethnic violence which humanitarian groups say has already killed 300 people and displaced 100,000.

Though much of Nairobi was quiet Wednesday, shots rang out in the city's sprawling Mathare slum, where police escorted terrified families to safety as fire raged through shacks.

"All you do here is come to pick up bodies," Boniface Shikimi, a bystander, shouted at police.

Opposition leader Raila Odinga claims President Mwai Kibaki's re-election in the Dec. 27 vote was a sham, and his massive rally in Nairobi could bring hundreds of thousands of supporters and their families into the streets of the capital.

The government has banned the march, setting the stage for clashes between security forces and Odinga's supporters.

Odinga told The Associated Press Wednesday his peaceful rally was meant "to communicate to our people, to inform them where we are coming from, where we are and where we want to go."

Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice spoke by telephone Wednesday with Odinga and had a call scheduled with Kibaki to ask the pair to resolve their differences peacefully, the State Department said.

blood on his shoes. "There was no way out." He said people eventually pushed the emergency exit on the roof to escape.

After the bus ended up on its side, it was struck by a small pickup truck, Vinger said. The driver of the truck was not injured.

WASHINGTON

7 states join Internet system for tracking mortgage brokers

WASHINGTON — Seven states, including Idaho, on Wednesday launched a standardized and mandatory process to more thoroughly license and track tens of thousands of mortgage brokers.

The effort could be expanded upon by Congressional Democrats, who are expected in 2008 to continue pushing for tighter national standards.

Mortgage brokers have come under scrutiny over the past year as home loan defaults grew and housing market troubles worsened. Experts say loose licensing standards made it easy for shady operators — even those with criminal records — to work in the business.

Washington's new regulations vary dramatically from one state to another, the new system creates a uniform application for mortgage brokers and a database that banking regulators, and eventually state attorneys general, can use to track down brokers who try to work in one state after being banned from another.

Consumers should have access by next year. In addition to Idaho, Iowa, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nebraska, New York and Rhode Island are the initial states participating. In total, 42 state agencies — including those in Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico — have committed to joining by the end of 2009.

CALIFORNIA

Zoo to reopen after tiger attack; director says staff acted heroically

SAN FRANCISCO — The director of the San Francisco Zoo brushed off criticism Wednesday that two victims were denied help in the frantic moments after a fatal Christmas Day tiger attack, saying his employees acted heroically.

The zoo is set to open Thursday for the first time since the tiger killed a teenager, and injured his two friends, brothers ages 19 and 23.

"I am extremely satisfied that our zoo staff acted appropriately and I'm very proud of the way that our zoo staff offered that evening's dinner. I think it's important to talk at a news conference. He did not detail their actions, citing a continuing police investigation.

But, he said, "some of our staff did heroic things, and I hope that eventually they can be recognized for the way they handled some very difficult situations where, they actually put their lives on the line."

Silbenedo's remarks came a day after the tiger's fatal attack's two survivors said the zoo was slow in responding to their pleas for help.

— from wire reports

Funds

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former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney, who brought in \$42,700.

Among Democrats, Sen. Barack Obama, D-Ill., raised \$24,350, slightly more than Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-N.Y., who raised \$14,000. The latest polls in Iowa show Obama and Clinton in a dead heat, along with former-North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, Edwards raised \$1,500.

McGain's campaign year nearly surpassed last year with staff turnover and financial troubles, but he has since turned it around and gained ground in Iowa and in New Hampshire, which holds its primary election Jan. 8.

"McGain is an authentic conservative and I can understand him doing well in Idaho," said Jim Weatherly, a retired Boise State University political science professor. "It probably also has something to do with if there is any organized effort of any kind."

Among the candidates who are in south-central Idaho is Twin Falls resident Rich Stivers, who donated \$300 to the candidate.

"The thing I like about McGain is he's honest. You can take what he says at face value," Stivers said. "You talk about experience with distinction, plus the fact I think he was pretty much ahead of the curve on an Iraqi policy that would work."

Most of Gilliam's contributions were from the Wood River Valley, considered the most liberal region of Idaho. He is moderate, particularly with his views on abortion, gun control and gay rights, but was endorsed by evangel-

ical Pat Robertson, former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee, who emerged in the last two months, did not receive any contributions.

Experts agree that Romney, a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, holds his greatest support of Idahoans in the eastern part of the state where his religion's concentration is strongest. Among all Idaho presidential donations, Romney topped the list with \$440,777. He's received the support of most high-ranking Idaho Republicans, including Lt. Gov. Jim Risch, U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson and Superintendent of Schools Tom Lina, as well as almost two dozen state lawmakers.

Some candidates have traveled to Idaho, which hasn't backed a Democratic for president since 1964. Gilliam held a fundraiser in Coeur d'Alene in August. Romney, who's invested roughly \$17 million in his own bid for some of his own money, has made several trips to Idaho in the past year, including a \$2,300-a-photo and \$1,000-a-plate fundraiser in Boise last month.

Tandy Hansen, a former state legislator who lives in Twin Falls, said he was invited to the fundraiser — and thus donated \$1,000 — to hear what Romney stands for, Hansen, who is an LDS stake president, said religion does not matter to him but that he supports Romney because many in the country are unfamiliar with Mormonism.

"It's natural because you're looking at the character of the individual," he said. "It's become a debate on the

Mormon Church and it shouldn't be any more than when Kennedy made a speech about being a Catholic."

Obama's fundraising success might be due to his grassroots support and Idahoans and Clinton's momentum said Weatherly. Last month, Obama, a first-term Illinois senator, opened a campaign office in Boise. He's also been endorsed by several prominent Idaho Democrats, including Idaho's House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum, and Ada County Commissioner Paul Woods.

"History may or may not repeat itself but Idaho Democrats did not thrive under the Clinton administration," said Weatherly. "Some signs indicate that it's the case. In addition to his McGain donation, Stivers pledged \$500 to Gilliam."

"Basically I'm just looking for someone like Clinton and that's it," Stivers said. "It's unclear what role Idaho will play in the nomination process. The Democratic caucus is Feb. 5, and the Republican primary election is May 27. South Carolina holds its primary election Jan. 26 before nearly two dozen states hold primaries Feb. 5."

"This is so open for both parties that money does not matter to me but that I think of one we'd kind of want to see the outcome," said Weatherly.

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Couple

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of beer — and fight. Violently. Like the time neighbor Darrell Kersey watched Keipper chase Thomas in a pickup on 300 North Road, hitting Thomas's car and causing it to flip over in the ditch. When Thomas sobbed up, he didn't want to press charges and no report was ever taken, said Luffe Peterson, their trusted mutual friend.

The prosecutor told the judge Wednesday he had a charge of domestic battery and assault in 2000.

They should have quit drinking they tried but it never seemed to work. With guns lying all over the home, their place was a powder keg, Peterson said.

With their violence nearing a new threshold Tuesday night, they telephoned her at about 5:30 p.m., asking her to come help before things spiraled out of control.

"When she arrived a hour later, it was too late. "Just fed like I wish I could have gotten there sooner — I might have prevented it," Peterson said. That night ushered in far greater violence than she's ever had before. Keipper at 6:20 p.m. called 91-1 and then surrendered to deputies when they arrived, lying on the ground outside his home, the affidavit says.

In custody, he told an investigator, "I shot him dead." The affidavit says. When asked who he had shot, he said, "Jeremy, my husband."

He could not say what triggered the fight — only that Thomas always was violent when he was drunk. He said Thomas pointed an unloaded camouflaged rifle at him while he was on the couch, and then pulled the trigger. When the rifle didn't fire, Thomas loaded it and came back. That's when, Keipper said, he shot Thomas in the head with a shotgun in their kitchen.

The news that the couple had engaged in a bloody battle spread quickly throughout eastern Jerome



Cliff Keipper looks to friends that were in attendance for his hearing where he was charged with the murder of Jeremy Thomas, Keipper's partner of 10 years, at their home on New Year's Day in Jerome.

County. To most, it was unacceptable.

"When they were sober, they were great," said Peterson. On Tuesday morning they looked so happy doing their shopping at Ridley's supermarket, a cashier later described them as "peacey." By afternoon, it had begun drinking. As usual, "I went from drunk to stupid," Peterson said.

"She knew how they could get. Thomas ... sometimes blacked out and urinated on himself," Peterson said. The neighbors who knew none of this regarded the men as two clean, sober guys who were working hard.

"I have never seen either one of them take a drink," said neighbor Darrell Kersey, 71, whose sister is county commissioner Diana Obenauer. He sat plannily on his sofa, putting his feet, struggling with the dissonance. "I'll never no more but me than ... a fly. This was completely out of character."

Kersey had worked with Keipper on a potato farm. Kersey also drove trucks seasonally. "They were tremendous neighbors," Kersey said.

"I couldn't ask for better neighbors."

Thomas was known as the quiet one, Kersey said. He was generous. He always waved whenever Kersey drove past their house. He believed in protecting wild animals and only shot at targets, friends said. Keipper, on the other hand, hunted elk and other game and is strong — maybe even a little tough. A young friend of his, Tyler Howell, protecting wild animals and stepped in to protect him when he expected to get beat up.

"I called him up. He showed up in his truck," Howell said. "They all ran away. He helped me out with so many things."

Her looking inside the kitchen at their home, at Thomas's body lying in a pool of blood, deputies saw another side of the couple — specifically, the side of Keipper. Kersey, who said he did not see Thomas load the gun, stopped short of explaining to investigators how he knew Thomas had loaded it. Deputies found a single-shot rifle resting on a couch four feet from the body. The rifle was broken open, with an empty breach exposed. Opposite the body, two shot-guns leaned against the wall.

Sheriff's deputies declined to discuss the case Tuesday of Wednesday, despite numerous calls to Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center and one to the jail. Ultimately, SIRC.COM can confirm that one person was in jail. Sheriff Jim Weaver issued a news release but refused to comment on the case.

Peterson said in the lobby of the Jerome County Courthouse after Keipper made his first appearance that she firmly believed Keipper, who told her on the phone from jail that he acted in self-defense.

"I believe he was attacked," she said. "Otherwise, I wouldn't be here."

These were not lover's quarrels, she said. "It was drunken stupidity that they would enter. I'm still in shock."

Law

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that requires premarital counseling, and allows divorce only for a few reasons, such as adultery, abuse or felony incarceration.

The task force also recommended that lawmakers in the approaching legislative session require a family impact statement on every bill. And it said legislators should consider changing laws covering domestic violence restraining orders, a recommendation that task force chairman Rep. Steven Thayer, R-Framet, said was prompted by the arrest of his son, Damon, for physically

assaulting his wife.

"A lot of what we suggested was to substitute the discussion, rather than any specific legislation," Thayer said.

The task force, made up of five Republicans and one Democrat, held three hearings around the state during the summer and fall. Its stated goal was, "To study the magnitude of the decline of the family since 1950; the effects the decline has had on state social policies; the reasons for the decline, and ways to strengthen the family."

"They still, I think, did raise the awareness of the impor-

ture of the family, and the fact that many of the decisions we make do affect the family," Denney said. "So I think even if there's no legislation, I think there's still good that can come out of that."

The lone Democrat on the task force, Rep. Brandon Durst, of Boise, disagreed with some of the work of the task force.

"The society that we have now is so much more diversified than it was even 15 or 20 years ago," Durst said. "I was disturbed just from a fundamental level, on kind of the premise of the committee."

Iowa

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hard to be metropolitan, and for four weeks every four years we try darn hard to be hicks," Berkeley said.

His phrase for the townies' play acting: "the full-on hicks."

To paraphrase John Edwards, there are two Iowas. One is in the popular imagination, where the locals care passionately about their caucus and talk earnestly with residents and prospects in their living rooms. Then there's the actual Iowa, where most people are indifferent and a small band of the politically active act as extras in the media's stories from the heartland.

Iowans' participation in the caucuses is notorious: only 6 percent of eligible voters showed up in the 2003 Democratic caucuses — translating to about 125,000 people. If that number got

much lower, voters might be outnumbered by the thousands of journalists, campaign staffers and volunteers who crowded Des Moines's hotels, blights and restaurants, reading tea leaves to divine what the small minority of Iowa voters will do on Thursday.

"So what do we think of the new Des Moines Register poll?" asked NBC's host Brad Lead, "an online political fix sheet that, along with the Fix,

the Page, the Caucus, the Trail, the Hotline, the Note, the Playbook, the Corner and the Stump, follows the Iowa voter's every hiccup. The poll news was always been considered the gold standard of Iowa polls. "First Lead" reasoned, but "Do note that columnist David Yepsen seems a bit skeptical."

Daily noted. But how to turn inside speculation into compelling story? Answer: the full-on hicksy.

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EDITORIAL

Cassia within its rights to tighten CAFO rules

No south-central Idaho government has found a perfect balance between the business of confined-animal feeding and the quality of life. But Cassia County may be close.

The Cassia County Commission vote last week repealing an ordinance that allowed feedlots to be established without also requiring a minimum number of acres on which to spread manure is significant.

When it comes to CAFOs, Cassia County has done its homework. Before voting to repeal the old rule, commissioners sought advice from dairy operators, cattlemen and those opposed to confined-animal operations. They followed correct legal procedure in making the law and in uniform enforcement.

We're not lawyers, but it looks to us as if county attorney Alfred Barrios is on good legal ground if the Idaho Dairy Association and The Idaho Cattlemen's Association follow through on threats to sue.

The Cassia commissioners' decision was proactive, made with due diligence and not under the gun from CAFO moratorium deadlines. That hasn't been the case in Gooding and Jerome counties, where commissioners have nosily reacted to public pressure.

Cassia County's regulations are based on the number of animals in a feedlot. The formula is one acre per two animal units, which means one cow and one calf.

It is reasonable to require minimum standards. For starters, acreage in Cassia County isn't unlimited and if commissioners don't control feedlot density they wouldn't be doing their jobs.

After all, what good is a CAFO ordinance that doesn't regulate CAFOs?

The rules aren't an insufferable burden on dairy operators. There are alternatives to land application, including composting and anaerobic digestion in tanks.

Cassia County's CAFO ordinance has critics among dairy operators and among dairy fans. Maybe that's the way it should be.

The point is, the commissioners are making a good-faith effort to balance dairy growth and the rights of everyone else.

They've made some mistakes along the way, but Cassia's CAFO experience is a reasonable model for other counties to consider.

Our view:
The Cassia County Commission acted thoughtfully and fairly on land application limits.

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

Romney may get the nomination, but he won't be next president

The most impressive thing about Mitt Romney is his clarity of mind. When he set out to pursue his party's nomination, he studied the contours of the Republican coalition and molded himself to its forms.



DAVID BROOKS

Earnestly and methodically, he has appealed to each of the major conservative groups. For national security conservatives, he vowed to double the size of the prison at Guantanamo Bay. For social conservatives, he embraced a culture war against the faithless. For immigration skeptics, he swung so far right he earned the endorsement of Tom Hancardo.

He has spent roughly \$10 million, including an estimated \$17 million of his own money, hiring consultants, blanketing the airwaves and building an organization that is unmatched on the Republican side.

And he has turned himself into the party's fusion candidate. Some of his rhetoric are stronger among social conservatives. Others are stronger among security conservatives. No candidate has a foot in all camps the way Romney does. No candidate offers so many, or is the acceptable choice of so many.

And that is why Romney is at the fulcrum of the Republican race. He's looking strong in Iowa and is the only candidate who can afford to lose an important state and still win the nomination.

And yet as any true conservative can tell you, the sort of rational planning that Romney embodies never works. The world is too complicated and human reason too limited. The PowerPoint mentality always fails to anticipate something. It always yields unanticipated consequences. And what Romney failed to anticipate is this: In turning himself into an old-fashioned, orthodox Republican,



he has made himself unacceptable in the fall. When you look inside his numbers, you see tremendous weaknesses.

For example, Romney is astoundingly unpopular among young voters. Last month, the Harris Poll asked Republicans under 30 whom they supported. Romney came in fifth behind Rudy Giuliani, Mike Huckabee, John McCain and Ron Paul. Romney had 7 percent support, a virtual tie with Hancardo. He does only a bit better among those aged 30 to 42.

Romney is also quite unpopular among middle- and lower-middle class voters. In poll after poll, he leads among Republicans making more than \$75,000 a year. He does poorly among those who make less.

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If Romney is the general election candidate, he will face hostility from independent voters, who value authenticity. He will face hostility from Hispanic voters, who detest his new immigration positions. He will face great hostility in the media. Even conservative editorialists at places like the Union Leader in New Hampshire and The Boston Herald find his flip-flopping offensive.

But his biggest problem is a failure of imagination. Market research is a snap-

shot of the past. With his data-set mentality, Romney has chosen to model himself on a version of Republicanism that is receding into memory. As Walter Mondale was the last gasp of the fading New Deal coalition, Romney has turned himself into the last gasp of the Reagan coalition.

That coalition had its day, but it is shrinking now. The Republican Party is more unpopular than at any point in the past 40 years. Democrats have a 50 to 36 party identification advantage, the widest in a generation. The general public prefers Democratic approaches on health care, corruption, the economy and Iraq by double-digit margins. Republicans' losses have come across the board, but the GOP has been hemorrhaging support among independent voters.

Surveys from the Pew Research Center and the Washington Post, Kaiser Foundation and Harvard University show that independents are moving away from the GOP on social issues, globalization and the roles of religion and government.

If any Republican candidate is going to win this year, he will have to offer a new brand of Republicanism. But Romney

has tied himself to the old brand. He is unresponsive to the middle-class anxiety that Huckabee is tapping into. He has forsaken the trans-partisan candor that McCain represents. Romney, the cautious consultant, is pivoting to stress his corporate competence, and is rebranding himself as an Obama-esque change agent, but he will never make the sort of daring break that independent voters will demand if they are going to give the GOP another look.

The leaders of the Republican coalition know Romney will lose. But some would rather remain in control of a party that loses than lose control of a party that wins. Others haven't yet suffered the agony of defeat, and so are not emotionally ready for the trauma of transformation. Others still simply don't know which way to turn.

And so the burden of change will be thrust on primary voters over the next few weeks. Romney is a decent man with some good fiscal and economic policies. But in this race, he has run like a manager, not an entrepreneur. His triumph depends on a Democratic victory in November.

—David Brooks is a columnist for the *New York Times*.

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In Iowa, candidates find positives going negative

DES MOINES, Iowa—The Iowa presidential caucuses are supposed to represent the triumph of face-to-face campaigning over attack ads and candidate posturing on televised debate.

But the Iowa caucuses, candidates are trying new ways to reach voters in person, from a giant party in Des Moines hosted by Bill and Hillary Clinton to a series of Mitt Romney "huddles" with voters watching college football games on television.

But polls in Iowa, while constantly subject to change, suggest that negative attacks and television advertising continue to drive big movements by the



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candidates, despite all the time they spend on the hustings.

In both the Democratic and Republican races, candidates have dipped in the polls whenever opponents have attacked them—giving new force to the political adage that negative campaigning, while distasteful to voters, is the most effective tool in the electoral playbook.

New York Senator Clinton was riding high in the Democratic polls through the summer and early fall, until her two top challengers—Obama and former North Carolina senator John Edwards—began pounding

away at her vote to declare her Revolutionary Guard a terrorist organization and her flip-flop over whether to give driver's licenses to illegal immigrants.

Obama declared his intention to fight tough with Clinton in a *New York Times* interview, but Edwards went even further, casting her as a captive of special interests.

Clinton's poll numbers dipped, and Obama had assumed first place in most polls by early this month. Then Clinton sought to make an issue of the fact that Obama's health plan did not require middle-class people to buy insurance, and AFSCME, an influential labor union that is backing Clinton, ran radio ads declaring that Obama just wasn't serious about universal health coverage.

Meanwhile, under the radar, radio commentators and a right-wing Christian newspaper spread false-

hoods that Obama is secretly a Muslim. (He is a member of the United Church of Christ in Chicago.)

The attacks seem to have worked. In the latest round of polling, Obama is now locked in a tight three-way race with Clinton and Edwards, who appears to have benefited from time out of the spotlight—and out of range from attacks—for several months while his poll numbers were low. Edwards believes he has the momentum to win the caucuses. If he does, Iowans who chose him may be left to ponder whether they were drawn to his fiery populist message, or to the fact that he was the least studied of the Democrats' Big Three.

Negative campaigning has also defined the Republican race. Romney, the former Massachusetts governor, spent heavily to build a strong organization in Iowa and outshined the rest of

the GOP field in campaigning. He was atop the polls for most of the summer and fall until one of his rivals, former New York City mayor Rudy Giuliani, began challenging him relentlessly in debates and on the campaign trail. Romney and Giuliani each contended the other was soft on illegal immigration and too much of a spendthrift, among many other disputes. The feud also helped sink both candidates.

By November, former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee had emerged as the new Iowa front-runner, buoyed in part by his stumpy demeanor and positive message.

Romney used his enormous financial advantage to launch a major TV ad campaign drawing attention to the 1,033 pardons and commutations Huckabee granted to convicts during his nearly 10 years in office.

Soon after, Huckabee began dropping in the polls and is now in a close race with Romney.

One of the two seems destined to win; two other major GOP candidates, Clinton and Senator John McCain of Arizona, have stopped campaigning in Iowa. Another, former Tennessee senator Fred Thompson, has risen slightly in some polls but still lags.

Monday, Huckabee called a press conference to announce that he had filmed his own attack ad against Romney's record—but wasn't going to run it, believing that the public deserves a more positive campaign.

But he showed the ad to the media, just in case any reporters wanted to see all the dirt he'd uncovered.

—Peter S. Canellos is the Boston Globe's Washington bureau chief.



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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Loud work tainted residents holiday season

Silent night, holy night; peace on earth — bang, bang, bang, scrape, scrape, scrape, bang, bang, bang, revving engine, revving, engine, hour after hour, hour after hour, holidays sounded. Even on Christmas Eve and Christmas morning, there was no relief from the noise. Family members that traveled from other states could not sleep at night because of the leaders banging and scraping at 3 a.m.

No, Merry Christmas to you Gov. Otter, planning and zoning, Twin Falls County commissioners and most of all, the plaintiffs from Tomi Hardesty and Janet A. Hardesty, Mr. Ratzlaff. I hope that you all enjoyed quiet, joyful holidays with your families and that you are able to tie to yourselves about what great night it was and you can continue to make the executives that help you sleep at night. Your time will come for judgment, as we all know "what goes around, comes around."

KIM HELSLEY
Buhl

Have to consider water, energy with climate change

Climate change, energy and water are inextricably tied together. We can't hope to solve the problems with one issue unless we consider the impacts of the other. It is perfectly clear, we need a new way of thinking.

Climate change is happening. It has happened before but not at the accelerated levels of greenhouse gas levels that have occurred post-World War II. How is it possible to have extracted so much carbon (oil) from the earth and burn it (CO2) and not to have impacted CO2 levels? Large numbers of businesses with their hot (corn-based) diets have increased their carbon emissions calls on us to cut consumption, not forests.

The climate change models indicate changes in precipitation patterns, plus warmer temperatures, changed snowmelt which is detrimental to both agriculture and hydropower here in Idaho and the Northwest.

As water becomes scarcer, we must be sure the "public interest" is protected, that water is not treated as a commodity to be bought and sold to the highest bidder. We need to re-legislate the "public interest" of Idaho water law to assure the broadest scope of water, not limit the debate as the current special interest law does.

The cleanest, cheapest energy is the energy we don't use or don't waste. We need to produce and consume energy as sustainably and responsibly as we can. This is true of both electricity and fuel for transportation.

Trying to produce all we can consume and consume all we can produce won't work.

Throw peak oil into the mix and things get even more interesting. We've so overtaken the nighttime sky most people can't see the Milky Way without binoculars. This impacts our perspective and thus impedes our thinking.

BILL CHISHOLM
Buhl

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OTHER VIEWS

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



... teachers who don't teach

Lewiston Tribune

Most Idahoans will read of a columnist's criticisms of the teaching staff of Idaho faculty and shrug their shoulders, and justifiably so. Many of the issues the Yardley Research Group deals with represent academic decline inside baseball.

KIM HELSLEY
Buhl

... divesting Darfur

Idaho Statesman, Boise

Four years of violence. At least 200,000 deaths. Up to 2.5 million people displaced. It's impossible to fathom, or ignore, the staggering inhumanity in Sudan's Darfur region. Responding

is the price the university must pay to become a more competitive research university.

Idaho should ask itself whether the price is worth it. The model to which the Yardley report points is that of major research universities like the University of Washington. Undergraduate students are welcome and their tuition is needed at such places. But once there, those students find themselves taught by graduate assistants and ignored by the faculty members who give the schools their prestige.

It has long been an article of faith among proponents of the research university model that research is vital to good teaching, and that is one reason research should not be slighted at smaller schools like UI.

Once, however, the link between undergraduate teaching and research is broken, and undergraduate students' instruction is delivered by others, how many taxpayers will want to continue supporting a school whose primary mission they believe is to educate their undergraduate offspring?

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to the mounting tragedy, Congress has sent President Bush a bill allowing private investors to partner with companies that do business in Sudan.

... Allowing divestment is the easy call. Actually doing it is tougher. If legislators and Gov. Butch Otter want Idaho to divest 0.2 percent of its \$11.5 billion fund from companies with ties to Sudan, they should think about how much political energy they want to expend managing the state's investment portfolios.

The money pins at the Public Employees Retirement System of Idaho now have a straightforward job, spelled out in state law. They're supposed to maximize returns for 150,000 public employees. They should not — and cannot — pass political judgment on international firms doing business in Sudan.

That's why the state has \$23 million tied up in companies doing business in Sudan. And it's why, wisely, neither Otter nor PERIS administrators have moved to divest. PERIS board received eight reports over 12 months on this issue, and all eight said the move would violate PERIS's legal and fiduciary obligations ... Otter says divestment

would send only a "symbolic message," but he isn't ruling out a state law. "After legislation is introduced and passed by the Legislature it will be sent to my desk for approval," Otter said in a letter to Travis Thompson, a University of Idaho student pushing for divestment. "At that point I will consider its merits."

It's make sure to look hard at the merits. We'd want some evidence that other states' divestment policies have put actual pressure on international companies. We'd want hard numbers about how divestment has affected these states' retirement funds. And we'd want to have a serious talk about parameters — when do we want our politicians making investment decisions, and why? Our instinct is to let the investors do their jobs with as little political interference as possible.

... We'd want to be convinced that divestment is effective public policy.



... superlicenses

Moscow-Pullman Daily News

If Idaho is going to move forward with an enhanced driver's license for travel between Idaho and Canada, it would make a great deal of sense for it to copy a pro-

gram offered in neighboring Washington state.

Border security is a federal issue, and the implementation of passport features, means by the Department of Homeland Security has been anything but smooth. That has states concerned, and rightly so.

Trade between the United States and Canada is robust in these border states, and there needs to be some balance between providing security at the border and maintaining longstanding trade partnerships.

The enhanced licenses seem to have the potential to do just that.

The enhanced licenses transmit a signal containing a unique identification number of the license holder, and can be used to track equipment, and why? Our instinct is to let the investors do their jobs with as little political interference as possible.

With friends like the Pakistanis ...

The assassination of Benazir Bhutto, has given the coup de grace to this botched American attempt to manage a nuclear-armed Islamic state.



ROGER COHEN

In recent years, Pakistan has been the most troubled nation that won money for the Sept. 11 plot, been the chief source of illicit nuclear proliferation, offered a tribunal arena haven for planners of worldwide terrorism, and the site of reconstitution of the Taliban and educated many a suicide bomber in Islamic religious schools.

At the same time, President Pervez Musharraf, in power since a 1999 coup, has received about \$10 billion in U.S. aid, much of it to reinforce the Pakistani military in fighting al-Qaida, the Taliban and global jihadism in South Waziristan and other tribal areas.

If a U.S. policy is ever broken, this is it.

The assassination of Benazir Bhutto, the Western-educated former prime minister who returned from exile on Oct. 18 under a flawed U.S.-mediated plan to shift Pakistan from direct to indirect military rule with a civilian veneer, has given the coup de grace to this botched American attempt to manage a nuclear-armed Islamic state.

It's not clear who killed Bhutto, although there was a chronicle of a death foretold. Musharraf's government, whose credibility is shot, says that Buttullah Mehsud, a militant with links to al-Qaida and the Taliban, was behind it. That would exonerate the military, whose opposition to the democratic movement

Bhutto personified goes back to its execution of her father; the intelligence services that long nurtured Taliban zealots as agents of influence in Afghanistan; and Musharraf himself, who knew Bhutto's vulnerability.

With accounts of the cause of death shifting from bullet wounds to the bombing that followed the jamfiring on Oct. 18, there is the possibility that the assassin, or assassins, got some help from Pakistan's many official reservoirs of extremist Islamist sympathy.

It's suspicious that both the crime scene and Bhutto's car were cleaned up before investigators had access. Sen. Hillary Clinton's call for an international inquiry is a good one. How can Musharraf, who showed his contempt for an independent judiciary by dissolving the Supreme Court in November, oversee a credible investigation? It should be accompanied by a U.S. congressional inquiry into post-Sept. 11 U.S. policy toward Pakistan.

But some things need no elucidation. First, the United States, out of misplaced deference to Musharraf, failed to secure Bhutto the protection she

was demanding. He, his husband, Asif Ali Zardari, visited the United States shortly before her death to plead for help, but was denied the meetings he sought at the top levels of the State Department.

Similarly, the Bush administration failed to pressure Musharraf to accept Bhutto finally demands for FBI involvement in the investigation of the attempted assassination of Bhutto on Oct. 18.

Second, al-Qaida has turned some of its attention from Afghanistan to the richer rewards of upending Pakistan.

Third, Musharraf's acquiescence to U.S. interests, culminating in a murder that shames America. He has safeguarded the mikes but never ensured that his military or intelligence services, break from the Taliban today. This double game must end.

Fourth, years of strong economic growth have expanded a Pakistani middle-class that wants democracy's rule of law. Radical Islamist parties constitute a minority; unlike in the shah's Iran, democratic forces outweigh the theoretic.

A disgraced Musharraf can do nothing for Pakistan without credible elections. Credibility requires international monitors or a transitional arrangement allowing all major parties to participate in the vote's organization. The election should be held on or as soon as possible after Jan. 8. A large sympathy vote for Bhutto's Pakistan Peoples Party is likely.

Fifth, the United States must redraft policy toward forthcoming support for democracy. The Bush administration has seen the military as a bulwark against extremism. The true bulwark, as Bhutto knew, is the middle class. Barrett Robin of New York University observed, "If Afghanistan is ready for democracy, Pakistan certainly is."

Sixth, the absence of an engagement with Iran leaves the United States overdependent on Pakistan for influence in Afghanistan. A post-Sept. 11 tragedy has been the U.S.

failure to build on the Iranian opening that the overthrow of a shared enemy, the Taliban in Kabul, created.

Bhutto's loss is devastating, comparable with Yitzhak Rabin's. Her Kennedy-like family tragically leaves the fatheadless void of what might have been.

I met her more than 30 years ago when we were at Oxford. Arriving late one night at Balliol College, I saw a solitary light in the quadrangle. On a whim, a fellow student and I went to the room. There was Bhutto deep in earnest talk about politics. She was gracious at the intrusion, memorably so.

Of grace and conviction her unfused fusion of East and West was formed. Only Pakistani democracy can avenge, in part, the disappearance of the rare bridge she offered and offset the American mistakes that led to this loss.

Roger Cohen is a columnist for the New York Times.

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Weak manufacturing reading drops stocks

(AP) Wall Street skidded lower Wednesday after a weaker-than-expected reading on the manufacturing sector and a spike in oil prices triggered concerns of a further slowdown in the overall economy.

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Crude futures hit record \$100 a barrel

Price increases on supply concerns

NEW YORK (AP) — Oil prices soared to \$100 a barrel Wednesday for the first time ever, reaching that milestone amid unresolvable supply concerns that global demand for oil and petroleum products will continue to outstrip supplies.

Smaller economies in China and India led by oil and gasoline have sent prices soaring over the past year, while tensions in oil producing nations like Nigeria and Iran have increasingly made investors nervous and invited speculators to drive prices even higher.

Violence in Nigeria helped give crude the final push over \$100. Bands of armed men invaded Port Harcourt, the center of Nigeria's oil industry Tuesday, attacking two refineries and raiding the lobby of a major hotel. Word that several Mexican oil export ports were closed due to rough weather added to the gains, as did a report that OPEC may not be able to meet its share of global oil demand by 2023.

Light, sweet crude for January delivery rose \$4.02 to \$100 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, according to Brenda Guzman, a Nymex spokeswoman, before slipping back to \$99.62.

Crude prices, which have flirted with \$100 for months, have risen in

INSIDE:
How will rising oil prices affect you?

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recent days on supply concerns exacerbated by Turkish attacks on Kurdish rebels in northern Iraq and falling domestic inventories. However, post-holiday trading volumes were about 50 percent of normal Wednesday, meaning the price move was likely exaggerated by speculative buying.

"I would imagine the speculators are the biggest drivers today," said Phil Flynn, an analyst at Alton Trading Corp., in Chicago.

It's hard to say whether prices would have risen as quickly on a normal trading day, Flynn said.

While crude prices have soared on mounting supply concerns in recent months, speculators have often been cited as a reason for the swift rise of oil's climb.

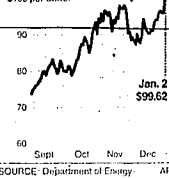
Moreover, many of the concerns about supply disruptions have yet to materialize, but that hasn't stopped buyers from driving prices higher.

"Although the (Nigerian) violence has not impacted oil flow out of the country, it has reignited supply concerns as militant attacks have reduced Nigeria's crude output by roughly 20 percent since 2006," said John Gerdes, an analyst at SunTrust Robinson Humphrey in a research note. Nigeria is Africa's largest oil producer.

Crude milestone

The price of crude oil for February delivery surpassed \$100 Wednesday on the New York Mercantile Exchange, before reverting lower.

NYMEX light sweet crude oil — \$100 per barrel



Idaho newspaper sues magazine over alleged copyright infringement

The Associated Press

BOISE — The publisher of the Idaho Mountain Express newspaper has sued the publisher of Sun Valley Magazine, claiming the quarterly magazine wrongfully copied portions of the newspaper company's dining guide.

In the lawsuit filed in U.S. District Court late last month, Express Publishing asks that the magazine be barred from selling or distributing any copies of its winter-spring 2008 edition, Express Publishing also is seeking damages all profits from the alleged copyright violation.

Express Publishing prints the twice-weekly Idaho Mountain Express and Guide newspaper, the quarterly Sun Valley Guide magazine and Tables, an annual dining guide to the region. The defendant in the case, Valley Publishing, publishes the Sun Valley Magazine.

The two companies compete for advertising and publishing business in the Sun Valley resort region.

The lawsuit alleges that Sun Valley Magazine copied entire sections of some text and closely paraphrased other items about local restaurants.

Sun Valley Magazine publisher Laurie Sammis could not immediately be reached for comment. The company's attorney, Mike Pogue, said the newspaper company's claims were without merit.

"Sun Valley Magazine believes that there are serious questions concerning Express Publishing's reported ownership of the copyrighted text," Pogue said, "and we do not believe that Express Publishing can demonstrate any damages."

In a letter to Express Publishing's attorney, Kenneth Pedersen that was filed with the lawsuit, Pogue said that any copying was inadvertent and that advertisers provided the text to Sun Valley Magazine.

A motion hearing in the case has been set for Jan. 23.

SPENDING REBOUND

Construction spending up in November despite further decline in housing

By Joshua Palmer
Times-News writer

Builders in south-central Idaho are coping to a more challenging market as the region works through its own housing slump.

Some builders say they are no longer building spec homes — homes that are built without an immediate buyer — while others say they are no longer adding fills such as custom tile work and high-end appliances unless they are requested by the buyer.

These are only a few of the changes that builders have made in a local market that was once thriving on high-end homes with an average price of more than \$350,000.

"A couple of years ago a builder might put things like custom tile work in a spec home, but now they are more interested in having those things in a pre-sold home," said Tony Hughes, president of the Magic Valley Builders Association. "More and more, buyers are coming to the builder if they want those things added."

Builders who already scaled back on the frills that were once commonplace in home construction say that it has helped them survive in a market where more buyers are seeking affordability.

Todd Ostrom, general contractor with TKO Custom Homes, the second largest builder in the greater

Twin Falls area, said he focuses on "local income" rather than market trends.

"We focus on building

affordable homes based on what the local income is," he said. "The average income here is about \$30,000 per year, so what we do is build homes that the average person can afford."

He said TKO tries to build homes that are about \$120,000 or \$100 per square foot.

Nationwide, construction spending edged up slightly in November as a continued steep slump in housing was offset by record spending on government and business projects.

The Commerce Department reported that spending on construction projects rose by 0.1 percent in November to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of \$165 billion, a better performance than what economists expected.

The Twin Falls office of Idaho Department of Labor reported that unemployment claims from workers within the construction industry is significantly less than claims reported throughout Idaho and the rest of the nation.

Jan Bueser, regional economist with Idaho Department of Labor, said many residential construction jobs that may be lost to the slow down in home construction are being absorbed by the region's booming commercial growth.

"We have a lot of commercial construction going on in our area, so we are able to use those displaced residential construction workers as the need grows for commercial construction," she said. "I think that we are really down in comparison with (construction jobs) claims in the rest of the state."

Home builders have been battered by the worst slump in the housing market in more than two decades, a decline that occurred after five boom years that had pushed home sales and prices to record levels.

Analysts believe the slowdown in housing will last through much of

Construction spending

Monthly construction spending for the past 13 months:

Seasonally adjusted \$1.165 trillion



2008, forcing builders to adapt their construction plans to local buyers.

"The number of buyers that are qualified might be down a little bit," Hughes said. "But there are still plenty of buyers out there."

The blow to the construction industry from the housing meltdown is being cushioned somewhat by strength in government projects and non-residential activity.

Private non-residential spending rose by 1.7 percent, a 14th consecutive monthly gain, which pushed spending in this category to an all-time high of \$375.8 billion at an annual rate. Strong increases were seen in November for office building, hotels, power plants, factories and amusement parks.

Spending on government projects rose by 2.5 percent, the biggest one-month gain since December 2006, pushing activity in this area to a record level of \$304.3 billion at an annual rate.

Spending by state and local governments was up 2.3 percent while spending by the federal government rose 2.2 percent.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Manufacturing sector contracts

By Vinnee Tong
Associated Press writer

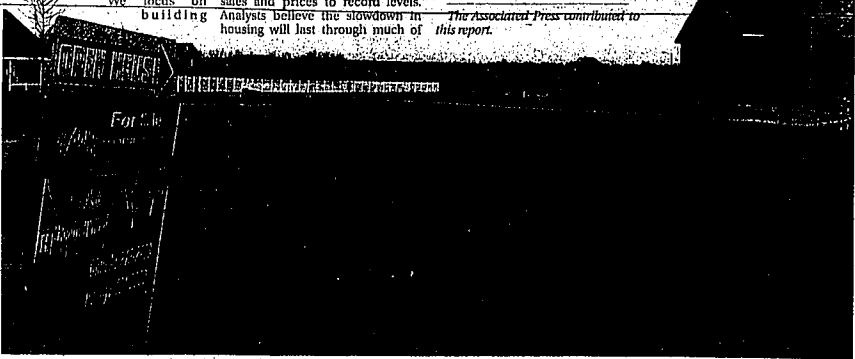
NEW YORK — The U.S. manufacturing economy unexpectedly contracted in December, ending a streak of 10 consecutive months of growth, a private research group said Wednesday. The decline suggests that the overall economy may be weakening faster than some economists predicted.

The figures are closely watched because a slowdown in factory production can translate to job cuts, which in turn reduces consumer spending — a major component of the economy.

The Institute for Supply Management, a Tempe, Ariz.-based private research group, said its manufacturing index registered 47.7 last month, down 3.1 percentage points from the 50.8 recorded in November. A reading above 50 indicates growth, below that spells contraction.

The December results were weaker than the 50.9 expected by analysts polled by Thomson/IFR Markets. Last month was the first that manufacturing has failed to grow since January 2007.

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An open house sign can be seen along Candle Ridge Drive Wednesday afternoon in Twin Falls.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	23.28	▼ .51	Dell Inc.	24.39	▼ .12	Idacorp	34.40	▼ .82
Lithia Mo.	13.63	▼ .10	Micron	7.04	▼ .21	Supervalu	34.56	▼ 2.96

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	96.25	▲ .08	Feb. Oil	99.62	▲ 3.64
Feb. gold	860	▲ 22	March Silver	15.32	▲ .04

What to expect today in business

• WASHINGTON — Labor Department reports on weekly jobless claims.

• WASHINGTON — Commerce Department reports on factory orders for November.

• WASHINGTON — Freddie Mac, the mortgage company, reports on mortgage rates.

• DETROIT — Automakers release their sales figures for December.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance data including columns for Name, Last Chg, % Chg, and various fund names like American Funds, Fidelity, and others.

COMMODITIES REPORT

CLOSING FUTURES table with columns for Commodity, High, Low, and Date.

CHEESE

Table of cheese prices including Cheddar, Swiss, and other varieties.

LIVESTOCK

Table of livestock prices including various types of cattle and hogs.

METALS/MONEY

Table of metal prices including Gold, Silver, and various industrial metals.

BEANS

Table of bean prices including various types of beans.

GRAINS

Table of grain prices including Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table of market activity for AMEX, NASDAQ, and NYSE, including volume and index changes.

INDEXES

Table of major market indices including S&P 500, Dow Jones, and others.

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table of local stock prices including companies like American Petroleum, Idaho Power, etc.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Explanatory text for the Market Report table, detailing how to interpret the data and symbols used.

Oil at \$100 a barrel unlikely to shake consumers

By John Wiles. Associated Press writer. NEW YORK — With oil at the once unaffordable price of \$100 a barrel, consumers can expect the cost of filling their gas tanks, heating their homes — in fact, the price of most everything — to also keep rising.



Wayne Holland of the Suburban Propane company delivers oil in Barre, Vt., Wednesday. With oil at the once unaffordable price of \$100 a barrel, consumers can expect the cost of filling their gas tanks, heating their homes — in fact, the price of most everything — to also keep rising.

Oil's march higher is expected to have more of an impact in the months ahead. For example, the chief financial officer of United Airlines owner UAL Corp. recently said airlines would have to keep raising fares to reduce capacity to compensate for rising fuel costs. Several carriers have announced new fuel surcharges in recent weeks.

Figures

Continued from page A6. The results sent stocks falling in morning trading as investors worried that the slowdown in manufacturing would spread to the overall economy. The Dow Jones industrials fell about 100 points by midday.

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CSI men, women wrap up tourney schedules

Golden Eagles looking to roll into SWAC campaigns

Scenic West Athletic Conference basketball preview weekend tips off across Idaho today.

One week before the SWAC regular season commences, the conference's top three men's and women's teams have converged upon Twin Falls and Coeur d'Alene for their final respective nonconference tournaments of the 2007-08 season.

The No. 2 College of Southern Idaho men will host the Donnelly Sports Invitational in Twin Falls, while the No. 6 Golden Eagle

against the Montana-Western JV behind sophomore shooting guard Joey Shaw's team-high 17 points per game while preseason NJCAA Division I All-America selection Juan Pattillo's production steadily increased heading into the break as the 6-foot-8 forward contributed three consecutive double-doubles, including a 29-point, 14-rebound effort in CSI's last win.

At 3-0, Laramie County is a heavy underdog in Friday's battle of the Golden Eagles against CSI.

However, Laramie is coming off a 71-70 road win over Western Nebraska Community College in a game that saw freshman guard Greg Jones pump in 31 points, including eight 3-pointers.

CSI's Saturday schedule pits the Golden Eagles against the 6-5



West Virginia fans LeeAnne Harris, left, and Joey Del Grosso cheer after the Mountaineers scored a touchdown during the second quarter of the Fiesta Bowl against Oklahoma in Glendale, Ariz., Wednesday.

White, Mountaineers slam Sooners in rout

By Andrew Bagnato
Associated Press writer

GLENDALE, Ariz. — Rich what?

The West Virginia Mountaineers didn't need coach Rich Rodriguez. They had Pat White, and their elusive quarterback led them to a surprising 48-20 romp over No. 3 Oklahoma in the Fiesta Bowl on Wednesday night.

White ran for 150 yards and threw for 176 and two touchdowns for the 11th-ranked Mountaineers, who rushed for 349 yards, most allowed by Oklahoma in a bowl game.

Since arriving in the desert last week, the Mountaineers (11-2) said they had bonded behind interim coach Bill Stewart, who took over when Rodriguez bolted for Michigan in mid-December. And they vowed to rebound from a 13-9 loss to Pitt that knocked them out of the Bowl Championship Series title game.

The Mountaineers were right on both counts, turning in an emotional effort and overcoming the loss of star

tailback Steve Slaton to a first-quarter leg injury. Noel Devine replaced Slaton and ran for 108 yards and two touchdowns — a 17-yarder and a 65-yarder that clinched the game in the fourth quarter.

The Mountaineers became the first of six teams to win under an interim coach in this bowl season. They improved to 2-0 in the Bowl Championship Series.

"It's a great night to be a Mountaineer," Stewart said as he accepted the Fiesta Bowl trophy as thousands of West Virginia fans celebrated in the grandstand.

Stewart said his players "never, ever quit believing."

Oklahoma (11-3) endured another disappointment on the same field where the Sooners lost a classic Fiesta Bowl to Boise State one year ago. The Sooners have dropped four straight BCS games.

The Sooners had no answer for White, whose 79-yard touchdown pass to Ty

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No. 14 North Idaho vs. Yavapai, 6 p.m.
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Friday
No. 14 North Idaho vs. Montana-Western JV, 4 p.m.
No. 6 Salt Lake CC vs. Yavapai, 6 p.m.
No. 2 CSI vs. Laramie County, 8 p.m.

women have flown north to Coeur d'Alene for three games at North Idaho College's SWAC Challenge.

The CSI men are part of a trio of 12-0 SWAC teams playing in Twin Falls, as No. 6 Salt Lake Community

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CSI WOMEN
SWAC Challenge
At North Idaho College, Christensen Gymnasium, Coeur d'Alene
All-time MST
Today's games
Salt Lake CC vs. Idaho All-Stars, 4 p.m.

College and Co. 14 North Idaho College also carry perfect records into today's first round of play. While at least two of those teams records will be dented in the coming weeks, the SWAC powers are

CSI vs. Washington All-Stars, 6 p.m.
North Idaho vs. North Idaho Alumni, 8 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 4
CSI vs. Idaho All-Stars, 4 p.m.
Salt Lake CC vs. North Idaho Alumni, 6 p.m.
North Idaho vs. Washington All-Stars, 8 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 5
Salt Lake CC vs. Washington All-Stars, 2 p.m.
CSI vs. North Idaho Alumni, 4 p.m.
North Idaho vs. Idaho All-Stars, 6 p.m.

strong favorites to sweep through Wyoming's Laramie County Community College, Arizona's Yavapai College and the University of Montana-Western junior varsity.

The CSI men enter tonight's game

Bruins best Burley

Petersen leads T.F. to road win

By Zach Kyle
For the Times-News

BURLEY — The Twin Falls Bruins showed considerably less rust coming off the holiday break than the Burley Bobcats Wednesday, winning 60-48.

Bruins forward Amber Petersen led all scorers with 21 points, including 10 in the third quarter when Twin Falls (11-2) extended its lead from four to 12. Kelly Vriesman scored 14 and Devan Matkin added 12 for the Bruins. McKenzie Baker scored 18 for Burley (8-4), and Kassi Kerbs scored 10.

Twin Falls' four 3-pointers could appear to have been the difference but the Burley girls were uncharacteristically sloppy coughing up unforced turnovers and forfeiting easy lay-ins in transition and in the half-court.

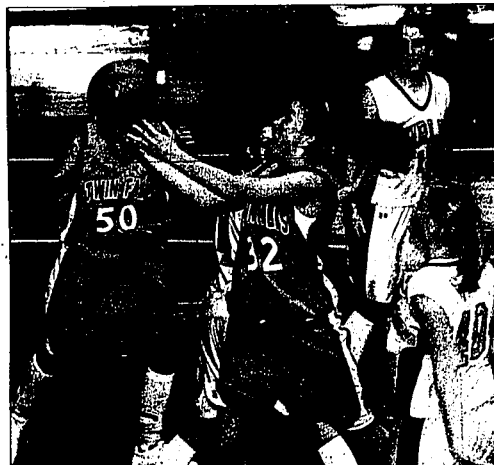
Burley coach Gordon Kerbs said the Bobcats' offense broke down in the second half, and the defense was poor all night.

"Our last few practices weren't very good, so that's how we played," Kerbs said. "Twin is just a better team than we are. They beat us twice. That's not being negative, they're just a better team."

Twin Falls coach Nancy Jones said the Bruins' strong third quarter was good to see, especially after a prior third quarter contributed to a recent loss to Highland.

"When you haven't scrimmaged against anybody but yourself for a week and a half, it's not the same," Jones said. "Burley is always tough. The girls responded well to the challenge."

Both teams had more



Twin Falls' Devan Matkin (32) drives to the basket against the defense of Burley's Nicole Tolman (14) and McKenzie Baker (14) during the Bruins' 60-48 victory over the Bobcats on Wednesday at Burley High School.

turnovers than their coaches would like, but Jones said she can live with turnovers resulting from the Bruins' forcing the ball more, and by gosh, they did it.

"When you play a fast-paced game, turnovers are a part of it," Jones said. "I told the girls we want to pick up the pace of the game, but by the end of the year, we want to cut those turnovers down."

Burley played somewhat short-handed, but still found some bright spots for Burley. With Nicole Tolman less than 100 percent, Baker stepped up and played more aggressively. Keresa Waymott and Molly Mills gave Burley some much needed energy.

However, the day belonged to Petersen and the Bruins.

"Petersen had a good game for Twin," Kerbs said. "She's a good player. In pregame, I mentioned if I were them, I'd try to get her the ball more, and by gosh, they did it."

Jones said her players are stepping up when they have opportunities.

"Katelyn Field came in and played after being sick," Jones said. "We've asked more of our guards. Devan (Matkin) is such a strong part of our team running our offense. It's nice to see our other kids step up when we get in foul trouble and do some of those things we've

been talking about."

The Bobcats, on the other hand, can expect to run some wild sprints in practice this week.

"We're out of shape," Kerbs said. "That's my fault. I gave them too much time off, and we didn't run their hard enough."

Burley visits Pocatello on Saturday, while Twin Falls is on Skyline on Friday.

Twin Falls 60, Burley 48

Twin Falls	25	22	13
Burley	15	18	15

San Francisco 9-11, Dallas [redacted] 9-17, Andre Peterson 9-22, Jeff Peterson 5-11, Andre Peterson 3-22, Owen Mason 5-12, Kaysa Hale 5-02, State 24-25-10.

CSI Men: 1-1-2, Idaho 2-2, West Virginia 3-4-5, Montana-Western 4-6-7, Utah 8-8-12, Texas Western 1-4-5, North Idaho 6-7-7, Boise 7-8-14, 3-point goals: Len Falk 4 (Wednesday), 2 (Friday). Burley: Total Points: 14, Burley 25. Fouled out none.

Kansas, Va. Tech an intriguing matchup

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press writer

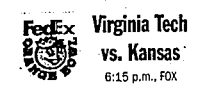
MIAMI — When Mark Mangino went to Kansas, he knew changing a woebegone program into a winner would be a major challenge.

He also knew similar turnarounds had been accomplished before.

The one Frank Beamer staged a decade earlier at Virginia Tech, for example.

So Mangino modeled large chunks of his Jayhawks' regime after things Beamer did with the Hokies, like trying to be complete in all three aspects of the game, not just offense or defense or special teams.

Those parallels will be on display Thursday night, when No. 8 Kansas (11-1) — perhaps the biggest surprise in college football this season



Virginia Tech vs. Kansas
6:15 p.m., FOX

qualifies as something better, especially for a Kansas team that didn't even head to a postseason game last year.

"You know, they're real," Beamer said.

When the Hokies and Jayhawks talk about the stakes attached to this game, they say the same thing — that even without a national championship on the line, this is the biggest game either program has played in a long, long time.

They might be right.

For Virginia Tech, this is about history, getting to the 12-win mark for the first time and giving fans one more reason to cheer a year that will be remembered as the one following the April 16 on-campus massacre in Blacksburg in which 32 students and professors lost their lives.

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Nelson, Broncos roll in WAC opener against San Jose St.

Larry scores 15 as BSU moves to 10-3 overall

BOISE — Matt Nelson scored 21 points, Matt Bauscher and Reggie Larry each added 15, and Boise State beat San Jose State 78-63 on Wednesday night in the Western Athletic Conference opener for both schools.

Boise State (10-3, 1-0 WAC) shot 61 percent and had to withstand a San Jose State charge that brought the Spartans from down 13 at halftime to within one midway through the second half.

San Jose State (6-6, 0-1) was led by Justin Grubbs' 18 points, hitting 6 of 7 shots. Tim Pierce scored 12 of his 14 points in the second half.

After shooting only 37 percent in the first half and falling behind 38-25 at the break, the Spartans found some offense to pull within 55-55.

Chris Oakes' basket with 9:51 left. But that was as close as San Jose State would get as Nelson scored to key a 16-4 Boise State run push the lead back to 13.

Tyler Tiedeman added 13 points and adding eight assists, and Nelson also grabbed 11 rebounds. The Broncos won for the ninth time in 10 games, including last Saturday's 73-70 win over then-No. 20 BYU.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

ALPHANUM	W	L	PCT
Boston	27	9	.900
Chicago	22	16	.577
New York	15	24	.386
Atlanta	15	24	.386
Phoenix	15	24	.386
San Antonio	15	24	.386
Seattle	8	27	.293
Utah	6	29	.173
Memphis	1	35	.029

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DETROIT 24 12 33 34 25 34 20
MINNESOTA 24 12 33 34 25 34 20
INDIANAPOLIS 24 12 33 34 25 34 20
CINCINNATI 24 12 33 34 25 34 20
PITTSBURGH 24 12 33 34 25 34 20
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GAME PLAN

LOCAL

Men's College Basketball	CSJ @ St. Joseph's
Women's College Basketball	CSJ @ St. Joseph's
Boys Basketball	Boys @ St. Joseph's
Girls Basketball	Girls @ St. Joseph's

WRESTLING

Filer, Valley of Deco, 8 p.m.
Gooding, Jerome, 3:30 p.m.
(New) at Kimberly, 4:30 p.m.

TV SCHEDULE

College Football	FOX - Orange Bowl, Virginia Tech vs. Kansas, 4 p.m.
Men's College Basketball	ESPN2 - West Virginia at Notre Dame, 8 p.m.
Women's College Basketball	ESPN - Ohio St. at Illinois, 7 p.m.
NBA Basketball	ESPN2 - Milwaukee at Detroit, 8:30 p.m.
College Football	ESPN2 - Seattle at Phoenix, 8:30 p.m.

SK REPORT

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NBA

ALPHANUM	W	L	PCT
Atlanta	22	13	.626
Boston	21	14	.600
Chicago	21	14	.600
Dallas	17	18	.486
Denver	16	19	.452
Golden State	16	19	.452
Houston	16	19	.452
Los Angeles	15	20	.430
Memphis	15	20	.430
Minnesota	15	20	.430
New York	15	20	.430
Orlando	15	20	.430
Phoenix	15	20	.430
Sacramento	15	20	.430
San Antonio	15	20	.430
Seattle	15	20	.430
Utah	15	20	.430
Washington	15	20	.430

Men's College Soccer

Boys	18	25	.419
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Scottic West Athletic Conference

TEAM	W	L	PCT
CSJ	2	0	1.000
St. Joseph's	0	0	0.000

ATP

PLAYER	W	L	PCT
Rafael Nadal	15	0	1.000
Nicola Pietrangeli	15	0	1.000
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FOOTBALL

TEAM	W	L	PCT
Washington	3	0	1.000
Washington	3	0	1.000

TENNIS

PLAYER	W	L	PCT
Rafael Nadal	15	0	1.000
Nicola Pietrangeli	15	0	1.000

ATP

PLAYER	W	L	PCT
Rafael Nadal	15	0	1.000
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Torre says he won't pick sides between Clemens and Mace

NEW YORK — Joe Torre won't pick sides between Roger Clemens and Andy Pettitte as the former New York Yankees strength coach who accused the Buckle of using performance-enhancing drugs.

"You're not going to get me in that jacket," the former Yankees manager said Wednesday. "I'd rather stay away from making any in-depth comment about the whole steroid-HGH thing."

Torre, who managed Clemens for six seasons, spoke during a Gulf of Mexico campaign ahead of the Mercedes-Benz Championship in Kapalua, Hawaii, where he will be honorary starter.

In George Mitchell's report last month on performance-enhancing drugs in baseball, McNamee admitted Clemens used steroids and HGH and Pettitte admitted using HGH on two occasions while rehabbing an injury.

"I'm very close to Roger. When I got the report to him, he was very quiet and the report to me. And I certainly know they're two proud individuals that only like to do the right thing," Torre said. "I'd just like to leave it at that."

Torre managed the Yankees for 12 seasons, winning the World Series four times in his first seven years, before leaving at the end of the 2005 season to become manager of the Los Angeles Dodgers.

A total of 20 current and former Yankees

were identified in Mitchell's report. Torre said the high total likely was due to two of Mitchell's primary sources being from the New York area: McNamee and former Mets clubhouse attendant Kirk Radomski.

DOPING

Ex-Olympic Champ Jones Asks Judge for No Prison Time for Lying

WHITE PLAINS, N.Y. — Former Olympic champion Marion Jones says she has been punished enough and should not have to go to prison for lying about steroids and other drugs.

Jones admitted a federal judge led to her off probation when he sentences her next week. "She has been cast from American here to national disgrace," the memo said. "The public scorn, from a nation that once adored her, and her fall from grace have been severe enough." Jones said she was stripped of her gold medals, her accomplishments, her wealth and her public standing.

Jones admitted in court in October that she lied to federal investigators. Outside court, the former track and field star announced her retirement and said through attorneys. "I am grateful for the honor of competing for my country and for the love that you and I have brought our youth," Jones said in a letter to the U.S. Olympic Committee.

She has since relinquished her five Olympic medals.

Sports Shorts

Olympic Trials
Asked if he thought any appeal or court action could be completed in time, Collins said, "I don't know. Obviously that's the goal."

He said he believes there is precedent for a U.S. court ruling to be applied internationally. He said he has seen cases in the past where a court ruling in one country has been used in another.

Gatlin tested positive for excessive testosterone at the Kansas Relays in April 2006. It was his second doping offense. As a 19-year-old competitor at the world junior championships, Gatlin tested positive for amphetamine, part of a prescribed medication he was taking for attention deficit disorder.

MAGIC VALLEY

Twin Falls seeks boys officials

TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls Parks and Recreation is seeking adult volunteers for boys' officials. Game knowledge is preferred. Those interested in the part-time position may call Lou Esquiza at 733-2965 or 733-5033.

Makeup scheduled for Monday

BURLEY — A makeup game between the Burley Bobcats and Dedo Hornets girls basketball teams will be played on Monday.

The junior varsity game is scheduled for 4:30 p.m. The varsity will follow at approximately 6 p.m.

—Compile from staff and wire reports

B.C. By Johnny Hart

THIS YEAR I RESOLVE TO NOT GREET EVERYONE WITH THE SAME STUPID LINE I'VE BEEN USING FOR FIFTY YEARS.

WHAT LINE IS THAT?

NO WONDER EVERYONE HATES YOU PEOPLE.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott

Bbbbbbbbbbb...

...bbbbb! Kkkkkkk! YAAAA!

DAAAA! MAAAA! PAAAA! PAAAA!

Bbbbbbb...

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

Dear Diary, I'm so excited about the new year.

It's a time for fresh starts and saying goodbye to those annoying things that make life crummy.

IS THAT ANY PENCIL? GIVE IT BACK, NOW!

Of course, some annoying things live in your house and you can't do much about them.

Brevity By Guy & Rodd

HI, I'M DOING A MAPPING MARATHON FOR CHARITY AND I WAS WONDERING IF...

Dilbert By Scott Adams

WALLY, DID YOU FINISH THE TRAFFIC ESTIMATES?

I DIDN'T HAVE TIME.

I SPENT ALL WEEK SHOPPING ON THE COMPANY'S ONLINE SUPPLY ORDERING SITE.

HEY, YOU CAN'T BLAME THE GUY WHO JUST USES THE ATTRACTIVE NUISANCE.

Doonesbury By Garry Trudeau

I'D HATE TO BE CALLED TO BY THEM. BUT I'VE BEEN CALLED TO BY THEM. BUT I'VE BEEN CALLED TO BY THEM. BUT I'VE BEEN CALLED TO BY THEM.

WE SHOULD HAVE BEEN CALLED TO BY THEM. BUT I'VE BEEN CALLED TO BY THEM. BUT I'VE BEEN CALLED TO BY THEM.

YOU'RE NOT BEING HONEST. YOU'RE NOT BEING HONEST. YOU'RE NOT BEING HONEST.

I COULD PROBABLY HELP YOU OUT.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Truse

I can't get a good enough grip on the wheel to get him out...

Mr. Winters, why do you insist on continuing to drive me insane?

Ain't old, yer young. It's the circle of life.

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

WHY WOULD I LOVE HIM? HE'S GOT THAT GUY IN HIS GIGGLE IN HIS GIGGLE.

GOODBYE JUST WANTED TO COME OVER AND SAY HELLO TO YOU AND YOUR BOYS.

WHY DID YOU DO LAST NIGHT? I WASN'T FEELING TOO GREAT.

MY GOD, I HAVE NO MAKEUP ON MY FACE. I LOOK TERRIBLE.

HEY, WE USED TO GO TO SCHOOL AND PARTY ALL NIGHT IN LOOK LIKE THIS.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

MATH CLASS Rm. 200

I DON'T GET IT... ALGEBRA WAS INVENTED THOUSANDS OF YEARS AGO AND "X" IS STILL UNKNOWN!

Luann By Greg Evans

AND THE NEXT MORNING SOMEONE WROTE UP A SIGN THAT SAID 'NO DOGS EVER UNLESS PUPPETS NEVER DIG HOLES UNDER THIS FENCE AGAIN'.

DID YOU LIKE 'THE ROCKY LITTLE PUPPY'?

YOU'RE KINDA RUNNING THE FUN, GAH!

BOSS CAN'T DEAL WITH THE RIGHT-DEAD UNDERSTAND?

YOU'RE TOO OLD TO DO THAT!

Mallard Fillmore By Bruce Tinsley

WHOEVER COINED THE PHRASE 'MANY HAPPY RETURNS'...

OBVIOUSLY NEVER HAD TO RETURN ANYTHING.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

WHERE ARE YOU GOING?

I GOT AN EMAIL FROM A PERIOD NIGERIAN KING HE NEEDS MY HELP CASHING A SIXTEEN MILLION DOLLAR CHECK. I'M GOING TO MEET HIM NOW. I'VE HIT THE BIG TIME.

THAT'S A SCAM, PIG. THEY STEAL YOUR MONEY.

YOU SHOULD JEALOUS.

Pickles By Brian Crane

WHAT HAPPENED TO THE TOP OF YOUR HEAD? THERE'S A BIG RED MARK.

OH, THAT? MY WIFE KISSED ME SOME TIMES.

HOW SAD.

SAD?

YEAH, NO ONE GETS KISSED ON TOP OF THEIR HEAD BUT BABIES AND OLD BALD MEN.

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

BEING AN ALL ACCESS WISHING WELL WOULDNT BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT A REPPLICATOR SYSTEM.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

IN SWEDISH COFFEE HOUSES THEY GRIND BEANS INDIVIDUALLY FOR EVERY CUP OF COFFEE THEY SELL.

OR MAKE IT W/ ETHIOPIA.

OR MISSOURI.

AND IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN TEA AND NOT COFFEE.

KNOWLEDGE IS POWER, DUDE.

Ask others for opinions, Gemini

IF JAN. 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: meet and the plans you put into motion between now and the end of February. Accept a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to better your position — and don't look back. Anything that you start during this time period is sure to be a great success. By September you may have some doubts about your path and think about a change, but you can count on good advice and helpful assistance to pull you through when the chips are down.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You might think that your feelings have been overlooked. Your special someone might have little time to devote to thoughtful gestures.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Build things up rather than tearing them down. People may push you out of your comfort zone, but that gives you a chance to expand your influence.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): The simplest explanation is usually the correct one. Your instincts and intuitions may be off base. Since you are easily misled under these stars,

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

you should ask for the opinions of others.

CANCER (June 21-July 23): Adjust your viewpoint, but because someone doesn't love you the way you envision that love should be does not mean that your special someone doesn't love you with all his or her heart.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be as realistic as possible. You may have overestimated or underestimated your resources. It is time to stop being a fuzzy thinker and get help to deal firmly with financial obligations.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Appreciate your good points. When you are too strict and set standards too high for yourself, you leave yourself open for disappointment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23): Enjoy returning to routines. You need to mingle with numerous people to show off your best traits. You may use your energies best by beginning a craft project with a group.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Separate desire from need. Analyze the intense passions that have tripped you in the past few days. Rather than trying to become a Miss, focus on making relationships better.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Go with your heart, be careful not to sacrifice something solid in your life for something that is fleeting and illusory. Worry less about being bit by bit like Christine can.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): It is impossible to be perfect. You can do a lot of damage with a chisel if you keep chipping away at your confidence. Build your pride by taking an interest in caring for possessions.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Stoke the fires of trust and commitment. You shouldn't offer to give advice or handle someone's finances at the moment. You need to build a stronger mutual set of goals first.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Face the music. Own up to your errors. You may have been fooled by someone in the past, but that doesn't mean you can follow that example.

Non Sequitur By Wiley

ALL I WANTED TO JUST DANCE TO TELL YOU WAS TO WORK. THAT IN WORKING ON THE PROBLEM.

WASNT PROBLEM SUPPOSE?

GOOD NEIRO OR BAD NEIRO?

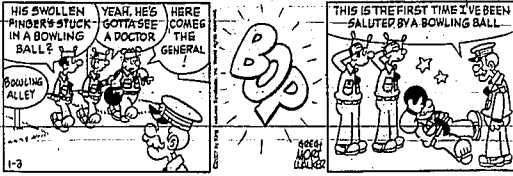
THATS ALWAYS HARD TO SAY UNTIL SHE

A PARALLEL UNIVERSE CROSS-CRELLT. THESE WERE BEEN A LITTLE NEIRO UNTIL I GET IT CORRECTLY.

OH, HIM? YES JUST A SPARE CASE LESER GIVES OUT.

Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



Blonde

By Doan Young & Stan Drake



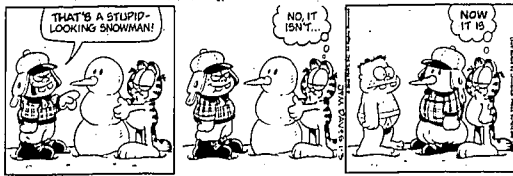
The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Hagar the Horrible

By Chris Browne



Hi and Lois

By Chance Browne



Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



The Wizard of Id

By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart



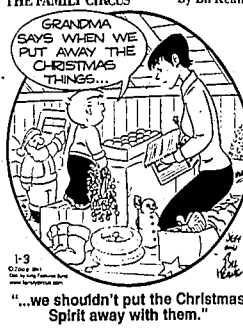
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



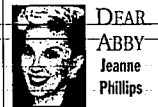
THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Lesson in physics convinces woman to always buckle up

DEAR ABBY: My I please respond to the letter you printed on Oct. 29 from the seventh-grader whose stepmother refuses to wear a seat belt...



closed head injury, but fortunately, no permanent damage there. But I spent three weeks flat on my back...

At the time, I worked for an insurance company, and one of the claims adjusters pointed out that when a car is going 55 miles per hour...

Head-on collisions happen without warning. Another car crosses the median or center line, a tire blows out, someone was driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs...

I admire that seventh-grader who wrote about his concern for his stepmother. As a stepmom myself, I would happily and cheerfully comply with a request to buckle my seat belt and count my blessings...

DEAR LORI: Thank you for the reminder. I hope the letters I am printing to you will be a wake-up call to the careless and the stubborn.

DEAR ABBY: I didn't buckle up either, until about 14 years ago. It took being in a serious car accident to convince me to always buckle up.

DEAR ABBY: My accident happened when cars were built like Sherman tanks, and seat belts were not required by law. I was seated next to my husband, who was driving.

DEAR ABBY: As a retired chief deputy coroner for Madison County, Indiana, it was my duty to investigate automobile fatalities. The No. 1 contributing cause of automobile deaths was and still is the deadly head-on collision.

My injuries were numerous, including 90 stitches in my face. I have the scars as a daily reminder. To this day, I still have eye problems because my eyeball was pushed back upon impact. I had a fractured skull and a

We were hit head-on by a drunk driver. I broke the windshield with my face, and I was stuck in it by a shard of glass up under my chin. Both my legs and hips were broken by numerous places from the impact and the seat being thrown forward, and I have required numerous surgeries since. If you think my experience will serve as a warning to others, please print it.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 2, the third day of 2008. There are 363 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

Fifty years ago, on Jan. 3, 1958, the first six members of the newly formed U.S. Commission on Civil Rights were sworn in.

On this date:

In 1521, Martin Luther was excommunicated from the Roman Catholic Church by Pope Leo X. In 1777, Gen. George Washington's army routed the British in the Battle of Princeton, N.J. In 1833, Britain seized control of the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic. In 1933, President George H.W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a historic nuclear missile-reduction treaty in Moscow.

fall of the military rulers known as shoguns.

In 1938, the March of Dimes campaign to fight polio was organized.

In 1947, congressional proceedings were televised for the first time as viewers in Washington, D.C., and New York got to see some of the opening ceremonies of the 80th Congress.

In 1959, President Eisenhower signed a proclamation admitting Alaska to the Union as the 49th state. In 1961, the United States severed diplomatic relations with Cuba.

In 1990, ousted Panamanian leader Manuel Noriega surrendered to U.S. forces, 10 days after taking refuge in the Vatican's diplomatic mission.

In 1993, President George H.W. Bush and Russian President Boris Yeltsin signed a historic nuclear missile-reduction treaty in Moscow.

Ten years ago: Funeral services were held in Centerville, Mass., for Michael Kennedy, the son of

John and Ethel Kennedy who was killed New Year's Eve in a skiing accident in Aspen, Colo.

Five years ago: Taking a brief timeout from his two-week vacation, President Bush visited Fort Hood in Texas, where he rallied Army troops as they trained for the prospect of war with Iraq. David Westerfield, the man who had kidnapped and murdered 7-year-old neighbor Danielle van Dam, was sentenced to death by a judge in San Diego. Ohio State won its first championship in 34 years, beating Miami 31-24 in the Fiesta Bowl.

One year ago: Gerald R. Ford was laid to rest on the grounds of his presidential museum in Grand Rapids, Mich., during a ceremony watched by thousands. Four Americans and an Austrian abducted in southern Iraq spoke briefly and appeared unharmed in a video by the Associated Press. Former Commerce Secretary C. William Verity Jr. died in Beaufort, S.C., at age 89.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS



Gibson

Record producer Sir George Martin is 89. Actor-director Martin is 58. Actor-director Robert Loggia is 78. Actor-director Coleman is 76. Journalist-author Betty Robinson is 72. Ducky Hall of Famer Bobby Hull is 69. Singer-songwriter-producer Van Dyke Parks is 65. Musician Stephen Sills is 63. Rock musician John Paul Jones (Led Zeppelin) is 62. Actress Victoria Principal is 58. Actor-director Robert Gilson is 52. Actress Shannon Sturges is 40. Jazz musician James Carter is 39. Contemporary Christian singer Nichole Nordeman is 36. Actor Jason Mraz is 33. Actress Dancie McKellar is 33. Actor Nicholas Gonzalez is 32. Singer Kimberley Locke ("American Idol") is 30. Rhythm-and-blues singer Lloyd is 22. Actor Alex D. Lintz is 19.

THOUGHT

"Experience is a wonderful thing; it enables you to recognize a mistake every time you repeat it."

— Anonymous

Fast food worker returns check

NORWICH, Conn. (AP) — Reggie Damone just wanted to jot down a phone number when he picked up what he thought was litter on a sidewalk this week. But what he found was an envelope containing a \$185,000 check.

Damone, who receives food stamps and works at McDonald's, said he didn't think twice about trying to cash it. Instead, the 47-year-old took a bus Monday from his Levitt City home to a bank and returned the check to the niece of the landlord to whom the check was written. She thanked Damone with a \$50 bill.

Damone said that although he knew \$185,000 could pay his rent and other bills for a long time, he was never tempted to try to cash it and splurge. He says he remembered his mother's words: If you take something, you lose three times that amount — and if you do something good, something good comes back to you.

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy to cloudy skies and breezy east winds. Highs in the middle 30s.
 Tonight: Cloudy and chilly with scattered light snow showers. Lows in the middle 20s.
 Tomorrow: A little warmer with cloudy skies and scattered rain and snow showers. Highs low 40, lows lower 30s.

BURLE/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy to cloudy skies and mostly dry. Highs in the middle 30s.
 Tonight: Chance of light snow showers and sleet will be cloudy. Lows in the middle 20s.
 Tomorrow: Cloudy skies and scattered rain and snow showers. Highs upper 30s, lows upper 20s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High: 38 Low: 27	High: 35 Low: 27	High: 42 Low: 22	High: 41 Low: 27	High: 37 Low: 24	High: 33 Low: 25

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's Low: 10	Month to Date: 0.00"	Yesterday's Maximum: 61%	Yesterday 30.1 in.	Friday: Sunrise: 8:06 AM Sunset: 6:11 PM
Record High: 64 in 1967	Year to Date: 3.14"	Today's Maximum: 73%		Saturday: Sunrise: 8:06 AM Sunset: 6:20 PM

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.

Mostly dry in the mountains today, but periods of light snow will start to develop tonight. Light to moderate snow will be likely for tonight, tomorrow and Saturday.

BOISE

Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and cool temperatures for today and Friday. Conditions look mostly dry today but a chance of rain and snow showers will be developing for tonight through Saturday.

NORTHERN UTAH

Mostly cloudy to cloudy skies and cool temperatures for today and Friday. Scattered snow showers become possible tonight. Periods of rain and snow are likely tomorrow and Saturday.

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Saturday
Boise	34-39	37-41	31-38
Idaho Falls	31-36	34-38	28-35
Chandler	27-32	31-36	25-32
Blackfoot	32-37	35-39	30-37
Shoshone	34-39	37-41	31-38
Arco	31-36	34-38	28-35
Almo	27-32	31-36	25-32
Blackfoot	32-37	35-39	30-37
Shoshone	34-39	37-41	31-38
Arco	31-36	34-38	28-35
Almo	27-32	31-36	25-32

NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Saturday
Atlanta	54-60	57-63	51-58
Boston	34-40	37-43	31-38
Chicago	27-33	30-36	24-31
Denver	32-38	35-41	29-36
Houston	64-70	67-73	61-68
Los Angeles	64-70	67-73	61-68
Miami	74-80	77-83	71-78
New York	34-40	37-43	31-38
San Francisco	54-60	57-63	51-58
Seattle	47-53	50-56	44-51
Washington	34-40	37-43	31-38

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY

"I had hamer it a topic for mind and body. It is the best antidote for stress and depression. It is a business asset. It is a direct route to serenity and peace." — Reggie Middlekauff, Director, 1991 Actor

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	15-22	18-25
Edmonton	12-19	15-22
Halifax	4-11	7-14
Montreal	15-22	18-25
Ottawa	12-19	15-22
Quebec	15-22	18-25
Vancouver	4-11	7-14
Winnipeg	12-19	15-22

Boise State's Clady taking shot at NFL

BOISE (AP) — Boise State offensive lineman Bryan Clady says he will leave school early to get a head start on a pro career.

The standout left tackle announced his decision to skip his senior season Tuesday.

Clady is a three-year starter who earned all-American honors from several college football publications and organizations for his play this season.

Clady has already hired an agent and said he made the decision to enter the 2008 NFL Draft shortly after the Broncos' loss last week in the Hawaii Bowl.

Clady says he has proven everything he could at the college level and is ready for the pros.

Several mock drafts project Clady as a first-round pick. No Boise State player has ever been taken that high in the draft.

Perfect Pats draws big TV ratings

NEW YORK — Football fans around the country flocked to their TVs to watch the expanded opportunity to see the Patriots become the first team in NFL history to go 16-0 in the regular season.

An average of 34.5 million viewers watched New England's last week's victory against the New York Giants, 30-35 last Saturday night, the most watched regular-season game since the Kansas City Chiefs played the Dallas Cowboys on Thanksgiving Day in 1995.

In most of the country, the Patriots' finale against the Giants was originally scheduled to be shown only on the NFL Network, which is available in fewer than 40 percent of the nation's homes with TVs. But the NFL decided it would simulcast the game on CBS and NBC, the first three network simulcasts in league history.

CBS drew 15.7 million viewers, while NBC drew 13.2 million and the NFL Network 4.5 million.

The four most-viewed NFL games this season each involved the Patriots: Oct. 14 against the Cowboys (29.1 million), Dec. 9 against the Steelers (30.3 million), Nov. 4 against the Colts (33.8 million), and last weekend against the Giants.

The Patriots-Giants game was the most-viewed TV program since the Academy Awards on Feb. 25.

Vikings' Peterson is top offensive rookie

NEW YORK (AP) — Adrian Peterson is impressed.

Not so much by his achievements as he ran away with the Associated Press NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year voting the same way he surged past opposing tacklers this season. What has gotten the attention of the Minnesota Vikings running back is the company he keeps.

"It's a great honor to join a list with names like Tom Peterson, said Wednesday when told that linemen Brown, Emmitt Smith, Eric Dickerson and Billy Sims also won the award. "They are guys that I looked up to growing up. It's a goal that I set before the year started, to win rookie of the year, so it feels great to accomplish that."

Peterson, who set the league mark for rushing in a game with 296 yards in a 35-17 victory over San Diego, Cleveland, 224 yards in a tie with Chicago. The key to Minnesota's improvement to an 8-0 record this season, he led the NFC with 1,341 yards rushing, second only to San Diego's 15-point Tomlinson in the league. His 70 points on 13 touchdowns were second in the conference.

Those numbers, compiled in 14 games, and his overall impact on the Vikings, struggled to pass the ball, yet were in the wild-card race until the final game — earned Peterson 46% votes Wednesday from a nationwide panel of 50 media members who regularly cover the NFL.

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Titans TE Scaife put on IR with lacerated liver

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Titans quarterback Vince Young practiced on a limited basis Wednesday but lost one of his favorite targets when tight end Bo Scaife was placed on injured reserve with a lacerated liver.

Scaife would be available for the playoffs, Tennessee played at San Diego in the first round Sunday, and Young hopes to start despite a sore right quadriceps.

The team's third-leading receiver, Scaife was hurt during Tennessee's 16-10 win over Indianapolis on Sunday.

— The Associated Press

49ers keep Nolan, but name new GM

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Coach Mike Nolan will return to the San Francisco 49ers next season despite going 16-32 in his first three years with the club.

Owner John York promoted to personnel executive Scot McCoughlin to general manager and Wednesday, giving him a raise and final say on personnel issues. But other than the new title for McCoughlin, the 49ers changed almost nothing significant in their power structure at the close of their franchise-record fifth straight losing season.

Nolan, who previously had total control of football operations, and McCoughlin will continue to make joint decisions on every issue for the 49ers (5-11).

Jeff Ireland becomes Dolphins GM

DAVE FLA. — Jeff Ireland has rejoined Bill Parcells to help revive the Miami Dolphins. Ireland, who spent the past

Chiefs fire offensive coordinator, 3 others

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Chiefs have fired offensive coordinator Mike Solari and three other assistants following a 4-12 season.

Solari, offensive line coach John Martko, receivers coach Charles Joiner and running backs coach James Saxon were let go Tuesday after a season in which the Chiefs were among the worst offensive teams in the NFL.

Solari, Saxon and Joiner had been on the staff of previous coach Dick Vermeil. His assistant coach Jim Embree and assistant head coach/quarterbacks coach Dick Czar were the only offensive assistants who were retained.

Offensive minded

Minnesota Vikings RB Adrian Peterson was named the 2007 Associated Press NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year.

ATT	YDS	AVG	TD
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Peterson: 46.3
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Idaho Code 45-1506(a) Idaho Code, December 19, 2007 File No.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TWIN FALLS

Case No. CV 07-5476
NOTICE OF HEARING
In the Matter of the Application of JARED MICHAEL DE BIE, For Change of Name.

Case No. CV 07-5477
NOTICE OF HEARING
In the Matter of the Application of JORDAN PHILIP DE BIE, For Change of Name.

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Case No. CV 07-5724
NOTICE OF HEARING
In the Matter of Application of SAMANTHA LYNN HOLLINGER, for change in Name.

The Petition of JARED MICHAEL DE BIE, born the 12th day of July, 1964 at Upland, California, now residing at 854 Bata Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, proposing a change of name to TRAVIS MICHAEL DE BIE, has been filed in the above-entitled court. The reason for the change of name is that the Petitioner has not used his legal name since birth, but has been known as TRAVIS MICHAEL DE BIE. The name of the Petitioner's father is Robert Marvin De Bio who lives at 1725 Targhee Dr., Twin Falls, ID. The Petitioner will be heard at such time as the Court will appoint and objections may be filed by any person who claims an objection to the Court's approval of the proposed change of name. A good reason against such a change of name.

The Petition of JORDAN PHILIP DE BIE, born the 12th day of July, 1982 at Upland, California, now residing at 854 Bata St., Twin Falls, Idaho, proposing a change of name to JORDAN PHILIP DE BIE, has been filed in the above-entitled court. The reason for the change of name is that the Petitioner has not used his legal name since birth, but has been known as TRACY PHILIP DE BIE. The name of the Petitioner's father is Robert Marvin De Bio who lives at 1725 Targhee Dr., Twin Falls, ID. The Petitioner will be heard at such time as the Court will appoint and objections may be filed by any person who claims an objection to the Court's approval of the proposed change of name. A good reason against such a change of name.

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Case No. CV 07-2069 SUMMONS
ROY, NELSON, BARRINI-GARCIA & PLATTIS, a partnership, Plaintiff,
vs.
ROBERT "JEFF" CASTRO, Defendant
NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE-NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN TWENTY (20) DAYS READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
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THE STATE OF IDAHO SENDS GREETINGS TO: ROBERT "JEFF" CASTRO, the above-named Defendant.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within twenty (20) days after service of this summons. If you fail to file a response, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint. A copy of the Complaint is served with this summons. If you wish to seek the advice of an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly as your written response, if any, may come due at any time and other legal rights protected. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include: 1. If your response is an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and must state your defenses. 2. Your signature, mailing address, and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney. 3. Proof of mailing of delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

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Case No. CV 07-5773 SUMMONS
WILSON-BATES, INC. Plaintiff(s)
vs.
ROBERT RICHEY
DEBRA A. RICHEY, Defendant(s)
YOU ARE NOTIFIED that a claim has been filed against you. The plaintiff(s) who filed the claim, the credit with which the claim is filed, the claim number assigned to your case are listed above.

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IF YOU DISAGREE WITH THE CLAIM, AND IF YOU WANT TO CONTINUE YOUR DEFENSE, YOU MUST FILE AN ANSWER WITH THE COURT WITHIN 20 DAYS FROM THE DATE YOU RECEIVED THIS SUMMONS. IF YOU AGREE WITH THE CLAIM, AND DO NOT WANT TO CONTINUE, YOU MAY NEED TO SIGN A WAIVER BY YOU.

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Bobby Wolff

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Higher ed social work options expand at CSI

BSU programs coming in fall '08, spring '09

By Andrea Catez
Times-News writer

College of Southern Idaho academics said more social work degree programs are needed in the Magic Valley, and now they have done something about that. "We asked Boise State to expand their program," said Claitleen Buettner, executive

vice president and chief academic officer at CSI. Two social work programs through Boise State University will soon be offered at CSI, at the baccalaureate and masters degree levels. A master's program will be available at CSI this fall. Applications are online and due by Jan. 15. One of the pro-

gram tracks will be for students who already have their bachelor's degrees in social work, and around 18 students will take weekend and evening classes — either full-time to get their master's in a year — or part-time for their degree in two years. Another masters-level program track will be for 18 students who have an under-

CSI programs

For a listing of higher education programs at CSI, go to: www.csi.edu/prospectiveStudents/_studentServices/colleges.html

For more information on Boise State University social work programs at CSI, go to: www.boisestate.edu/socwork

- Master's applications due Jan. 15.
- Bachelor applications go online March 1.

graduate degree in something other than social work, and they will have three years to complete the program geared

for part-time students. A five-semester bachelor degree program in social work will also be taught on

the CSI campus through BSU in the fall of 2008. The first class will have 20 students taking day classes, and applications will go online through the BSU Web site in March. But the master's program, which will be academically equivalent to the Boise-based version, is also expected to be a little pricier.

"It's a little more expensive," said William Simpson Whitaker, BSU coordinator

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Calf rustling still big business

Rustlers strike T.F. dairies late last month

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Some scams never get old.

In an age of high-tech identity thefts, online crimes and computer fraud, old-fashioned cattle rustling is still lucrative across the West — especially in Idaho, where dairy calves are common, easy to steal and fetch a high price.

In late December, rustlers struck two Twin Falls County dairies, stealing seven Holstein calves valued at nearly \$15,000. Police are yet to make an arrest.

It's a story Larry Hayhurst, Idaho's brand inspector with the Idaho State Police, hears hundreds of times a year. Stealing calves, he says, is as easy as jumping a fence at night, nabbing a 40-pound newborn and driving away.

Few thefts are reported, and most rustlers don't get caught.

But some do. The ISP staged a sting three years ago, when authorities tugged four calves, with microchips and sold them to an organized calf rustling ring. The bust netted 17 stolen calves, including the four tagged animals. The thieves, Hayhurst said, were also dealing methamphetamines and stolen race horses.

Calf rustling is an organized business. "We deal stolen calves across state lines — sometimes for drug money — and networked rings often have someone working on the inside at the dairy, a transport service or a calf-raising company.

Rustling is also the business of small-time crooks.

"We've had ISP stop a vehicle and find two live cows in a car trunk," Hayhurst said. "It's a lot easier than robbing a 7-11 store, and there's a lot more money in it."

Authorities in Twin Falls are searching for a light color, medium-size sedan spotted near both dairies at the time of the thefts.

That doesn't surprise Bob Neerbohn, president of the Idaho Dairymen's Association, who said it wouldn't be difficult to load a newborn calf into the backseat of a car.

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NEW YEAR, NEW HOBBY



Kathy Peterson, a wood carving instructor, and George Schmidt, 81, a wood carver, whittle away at their personal projects Wednesday afternoon in Peterson's shed behind her home in Twin Falls. Peterson and the other wood carvers gathered at her shop say their hobby would be the ideal thing to try if one is looking to learn something new in the New Year.

Peterson holds up a golf ball, carved like an eagle, one of many creations she and other wood carvers make in her Twin Falls shop. The bald eagle, made from the hard core of a golf ball, is a tiny project that has made its way around the world, from the rearview mirrors of Humvees to military helicopters in Iraq and Afghanistan. Peterson says she welcomes new students to her wood carving classes, which she says are a great way to pick up a new hobby for the New Year.



Udderly concerned Dairy debate hits Filer laundry cleaner

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

FILER — A Filer nurse is worried the dairy industry is washing its dirty laundry in public — at the town coin-op laundry, to be specific — and the clothes are jeopardizing community health.

For the past two years, Cassandra Pharis-Blakley has noticed two white vans parked in front of the Filer Laundromat and Dry Cleaner everyday on her afternoon walks. Inside the building, just off U.S. Highway 30,

women wash bags and bags of dairy towels used to wipe udders clean before milking. Pharis-Blakley, a registered nurse, worries the towels could be contaminating the machines — and other peoples' laundry — with diseases like E. coli.

"It's not that I have a hatred of cows," she said in an interview. "It's just that there's got to be a better way to deal with this."

Pharis-Blakley wrote a letter to the Times-News last week, which quickly



A van fully loaded with bags of laundry sits outside the Filer Laundromat and Dry Cleaner Wednesday afternoon in Filer.

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One arrested in Gooding shooting

By Cass Friedman
Times-News writer

One of two men suspected in the execution-style killing of Gustavo Flores-Quintana in November has been arrested and is in the Gooding County jail.

Deputies at the jail confirmed Jesus Valencia-Bolanos was in custody but are declining to say how long ago he was arrested at this time.

A duck hunter discovered Flores' body next to a gravel pit on the northern bank

of the Big Wood River. An autopsy found Flores was killed by a single .22-caliber gunshot to the back of his head, probably while he was standing beside the pit, authorities said.

Carlos Villanueva-Martinez was not in the jail Wednesday night, jail staff said. Gooding County Sheriff Shaun Gough declined comment. He said a press release will be issued today.

Valencia-Bolanos has a hearing scheduled today at 9 a.m.

States relying more on Webcams to keep motorists informed

LEWISTON (AP) — The Idaho Department of Transportation nearly tripled the number of Webcams on Magic Valley roads last summer as part of this year's project to increase Web cams across Idaho.

The department last summer boosted the number of Magic Valley cameras to 13 to help road workers and motorists determine driving conditions and learn of traffic problems.

"We have been very aggressive in the last year adding new cameras wherever possible," department spokesman Mel Couder told the Lewiston Tribune.

The department has about 40 Webcams that can be viewed on its Web site and provides additional links to Webcams for southwest Idaho's Ada County Highway District.

Couder said the push for additional cameras began in southeastern Idaho and has been moving north. He predicted that by mid to late 2008 most of the state's highways should have cameras.

Besides providing images of road conditions, the department also lists travel information such as con-

New views

To see where Web cams are posted on Magic Valley roads and elsewhere in the state: <http://s111.idaho.gov/stat/icMap.asp?display=cams>

struction delays on its Web site. There is also a link for mountain pass conditions. "Our maintenance crews do look at these pictures before they go out on the road everyday," said Nathan Jerke, regional spokesman for the department. "Seeing is believing, more than just hearing a report."

"There might be a dust storm on the Utah line," he said. Crews "might have to go down there to put up warning signs to help people know that there are some bad conditions. And you wouldn't know that unless you have something like this."

The cameras also help travelers know what conditions to expect down the road.

A camera north of Galena Summit on Wednesday shows clear skies over the summit, snow-coated roads

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Wilma Natation Roberts Muff

Robert Greenlees Pearson

SERVICES

TWIN FALLS — Wilma Natation Roberts Muff, 85, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Dec. 29, 2007, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Wilma was born April 16, 1922, in Burley, the daughter of William Peat Roberts and Mary Ann Roberts. She grew up and attended schools in Burley, graduating from Burley High School in 1940. She went on to further her education at the nursing college in Pocatello, where she obtained her registered nursing degree. Following college, she entered into the U.S. Army in 1942, where she served her country proudly as an Army nurse. She was honorably discharged in 1945. In December of 1945, Wilma married Wilfred Edward Muff in Spokane, Wash., together they had two children, Patricia and Roy. They moved to Los Angeles, Calif., for a number of years before moving back to Idaho, settling in the Mini-Cassia area. Wilma worked as a registered nurse for the Cassia Memorial Hospital, where she was head of the surgery and O.B. departments for many years. She retired from Cassia Memorial Hospital and worked at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for five years in the O.B. department. Wilma then went to work for St. Benedict's Hospital for a few more years before retiring again in 1985. In the last few years of her life, she was in the care of people continued when she did home health care for a number of years before retiring for good.



Wilma enjoyed arrowhead "ugh" hunting and was a regular at many stores to do her shopping. She loved to cheer her Utah Jazz Basketball team on and watch golf on TV, especially Tiger Woods. Her love was for her family and spending time with her children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Wilma is survived by her two children, Patricia Ann Price (Michael Ramirez) of Twin Falls and Roy (Barbara) Muff, also of Twin Falls; her grandchildren, Shanna, Deon, Weston, Stacie and Bryan; her great-grandchildren, Ashleigh, Kendra, Kelligh, Cameron, Logan, Alex, Jennifer, Jayne, Dylan, Nessel, Tyler, Jared and Trent; as well as one great-great-granddaughter, Natalia; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded-in-death by her parents; five brothers; and her husband, Wilfred Edward Muff.

A celebration of Wilma's life will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2406 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. At Wilma's request, there will be no public viewing. A private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Services and cremation are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

The family suggests memorials be given to Wilma's name to the American Diabetes Association. Contributions may be left to funeral chapel visit or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

BELLEUE — With his wife, Betsy, children, Brad, Wendy and Ridley; their spouses and his grandchildren by his side, Bob Pearson died peacefully of "old age" in his home in Bellevue on Jan. 1, 2008.

Born the only child of a somewhat nomadic parents, Ridley Stilson and Agnes Greenlee Pearson, on Feb. 19, 1917, Bob was formally educated until the third grade. He took to academics easily, "skipping" grades and graduating from Kansas University at 18, where he served as editor of both the school paper and yearbook. A skilled writer, Bob was the focus of a national scandal, when in a Scribner's Magazine article, "Ghost Behind the Grade" published in 1938, it was revealed he had paid his way through college by ghostwriting, hundreds of grade-specific papers for fellow students in dozens of classes and seven universities! His writing led him to New York City, where he went to work for the Shell Oil Company in public relations. He later met his wife of 63 years, Betsy Dodge.

With the advent of World War II, Bob enlisted as an officer in the United States Navy and was assigned aboard a destroyer escort as the ship's gunnery officer and participated in numerous missions in convoys across the Atlantic. Bob wrote speeches for the admiral of the Navy, as well as two U.S. presidents, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Harry Truman. His destroyer escort was part of the United States fleet of a German U-Boat, north of the Azores, the first submarine ever boarded and taken prior to the destruction of any of its hardware or its Enigma radio codes — only days prior to D-Day, later immortalized in the movie "Hidalgo" (1957). In 1945, he was honorably discharged, holding the rank of lieutenant commander.

Following the war, Bob and Betsy eventually settled in Riverside, Conn., where Bob was an avid runner and skier and served as senior deacon in the First Congregational Church of Greenwich. In his 38 years with Shell Oil, Bob's



most notable accomplishments involved that company's sponsoring of major sports. Working with the NBC television network, Bob was instrumental in popularizing golf by bringing the sport to live television for the first time in Shedd's Mountain Golf Club. He also participated in Shell's sponsorship of Craig Breedlove's pursuit-of-the-world's land speed record in a jet-propelled car on the Bonneville Salt Flats in the mid-1960s.

But it was Bob's personal crisis that would prove to define his life. Beginning with his service in the U.S. Navy, Bob had grown addicted to alcohol and, some 20 years later, nearly died of alcoholism. He was encouraged by his physician to join a 12-step program in Greenwich, Conn., in 1961. He found sobriety in that group and dedicated himself to service in the organization of which this group was a part, working on local and national levels. Eventually, he was appointed the general manager of the organization's world service office there, for ten years (1974 to 1984). Bob oversaw the enormous international growth and spread of this unofficial but defining role in the establishment of more than a hundred unrelated, 12-step programs that have resulted in millions conquering various addictions.

Bob and Betsy moved part time to Bellevue, in 1980, making it their permanent home.

There will be a memorial celebrating Bob P's service in the 12th-step program that defined his life in Sun Valley on Friday, Jan. 11.

His family wishes to extend their thanks to the hundreds of local members and thousands of national members who supported Bob's sobriety, gave him a charmed life and who continue the great traditions of his wonderful and necessary organization.

A public memorial for friends and family will take place at 4 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 12, at the Presbyterian Church of the Bigwood in Ketchum. Donations in Bob's name will be gratefully accepted by the Sun Valley P.O. Box 1392, Ketchum, ID 83340. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel in Halley (www.woodriverchapel.com).

OLTS B. Hughes of Burley, graveside services for family at 11 a.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; open house from 2 to 4 p.m. today at the Hughes home, 427 Buck Road in Burley (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Rueben Elmer Ketterling of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton-Aviation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Hansen Funeral Home in Burley).

Ina M. Soran of Twin Falls, funeral Mass at 2 p.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Charles Alexander Finlayson of Mountain Home, viewing will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. today at Post Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home; funeral at 10:30 a.m. Friday at the Grace Lutheran Church, 2422 American Legion Blvd. in Mountain Home.

Lena Nelson-Morley of Jerome, funeral at 2 p.m. Friday at Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today

at the mortuary.

Harold Vernon Jensen of Crawford, Neb., and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. in Twin Falls.

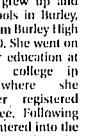
Elnora Edith Peckham of Buhl, graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the West End Cemetery in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Lee Ray Thuber of Champaign, Ill., and formerly of Fairfield, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at Faith United Methodist Church, 1719 S. Prospect Ave. in Champaign, Ill.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at Morgan Memorial Home, 1304 Regency Drive W. in Sawy, Ill.

Martin R. Gutesch of Bellevue, funeral at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Community Campus in Halley; visitation from 1 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Wood River Chapel in Halley.

Sharon Peckham of Heyburn, graveside inurnment of 2 p.m. Saturday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visitation from 4 to 8 p.m. Friday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

For obituary rates and information, call 735-3266 Monday through Saturday. Deadline is 3 p.m. for next day publication. The email address for obituaries is obits@magicvalley.com. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 4 p.m. every day.



Ann M. Johnston passed away New Year's Eve, Dec. 31, 2007, at the age of 96. She was born Feb. 28, 1917, in a farmhouse on the plains of Kansas.

She was the fifth child in a family of eight children born to Margaret and Marie Zorzina Sophia Anna Mary VandVoren and Louis Ferdinand DeKeyser. Ann graduated from high school in Kansas and moved to Idaho. While working at the Radio Broadcast, she met the love of her life and soul mate, Kenneth L. Johnston. They were married Sept. 11, 1945. Ann was very active in PTA, the hot lunch program and her children's activities.

She worked many years as a waitress in area restaurants such as the Rogerson Coffee Shop, Wrays Cafe, Depot Grill, Turf Club, Blue Lakes Country Club and George's K's.

Ann loved to fish, hunt, and work with gemstones. She collected and faceted

many beautiful gemstones into jewelry cherished by her family.

Ann is survived by her husband of 62 years, Kenneth L. Johnston; her children, PMH (Terry) Awater, Judy (Barry) Storchman and David (Loretta) Johnston; her sister, Mahal Johnston; seven grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her three brothers, three sisters, one great-grandchild and her mother and father.

Ann requested no service. The family suggests donations be sent to St. Luke's Magic Valley Hospice Services, P.O. Box 403, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

We are so grateful for the Williams and her wonderful hospice team for their help and support during this final journey.

Arrangements and cremation are under the direction of White Mortuary & Crematory "Chapel by the Park."

WENDLE — Ida Cardoza Rocha, 90, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, in Wendell, of natural causes.

Ida was born Sept. 10, 1917, in Tulare, Calif., to Manuel and Olympia Cardoza. They moved to Terceira, when she was 8 years old. She grew up and lived in the Azores, where she met Jose C. Rocha. They were later married and moved to the United States, where they started a dairy business in Victorville, Calif. They moved their successful business to Chino, Calif., where they raised their family and lived for 29 years. Upon retiring, Jose and Ida decided to move to Idaho, where she has lived for 18 years.

Ida is survived by her children, Hilary (Ellis) Cunningham of Boise and Heather (Nathan) Grace Kelly, her grandchildren, Deonick (Kevin), Chance, Mikalea, Christopher, Alex, Taylor, Shelby, Jarrett and Ashley; and a great-granddaughter, Haylee. She is also survived by two brothers, Gerald and Kent. She was preceded in death by her parents, a sister, a brother and a grandchild.

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DEATH NOTICES

Shalyn Davis, 17, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

The funeral will be at noon Saturday, Jan. 5, at the LDS Church, 847 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls, visitation from 6 to 10 p.m. Friday, Jan. 4, at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Thomas C. Maus JEROME — Thomas C. Maus, 35, of Jerome, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, in Jerome.

Arrangements will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Ayrith D. Maus JEROME — Ayrith D. Maus, 10 months, died Tuesday,

Jean Mort KIMBERLY — Jean Mort, 81, of Kimberly, died Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008, at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Beverly McClellan Beverly McClellan, 90, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Dec. 30, 2007, at her home.

The funeral will be held at noon Friday, Jan. 4, with visitation from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m., at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; interment at 3 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 5, at the Logan City Cemetery in Logan, Utah.

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Study: When other drivers use cell phones, they slow down and you sit in traffic

By Seth Bernstein
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Drivers talking on cell phones are probably making your commute even longer, concludes a new study.

Motorists yanking away, even with handsfree devices, crawl about 2 mph slower on computer-clogged roads than people not on the phone, and they just don't keep up with the flow of traffic, said study author David Strayer, a psychology professor at the University of Utah.

If you commute by car an hour a day, it could all add around 20 hours a year to your commute, Strayer said.

"The distracted driver tends to drive slower and has delayed reactions," said Strayer, whose study will be presented later this month to the Transportation Research Board of the National Academy of Sciences. "People

kind of get stuck behind that person and it makes every-one pay the price of that distracted driver."

Strayer's study, based on three dozen students driving in a simulator, found that drivers on cell phones are far more likely to stick behind a slow car in front of them and change lanes about 20 percent less often than drivers not on the phone.

Overall, cell phone drivers took about 3 percent longer to drive the same highly traffic-clogged route (and about 2 percent longer to drive a medium congested route) than people who were not on the phone. About one in 10 drivers is on the phone so it really adds up, said Strayer, whose earlier studies have found slower reaction times from drivers on the phones and compared those reaction times to people legally drunk.

Combine those factors and Strayer figures distracted

drivers are adding an extra 5 to 10 percent of time to your commute.

It's simply a matter of brain overload—your frontal cortex can handle only so many tasks at one time, so you slow down, Strayer said.

Generally the study makes sense, but what happens to students in a simulator may not translate to real-world conditions, said Anne McCart, senior vice president of the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety. Further, she said the study itself points out how distracted drivers are slower, but is short on calculations on just how it affects other drivers.

Wireless phone companies encourage people not to talk on the phone in bad traffic, said Joe Fahren, a spokesman for the cellular phone industry's trade association. But he said he couldn't comment on the study because he had no chance to go over it.

Same-sex divorce challenges legal system

By Debra Linder
The Washington Post

When her three-year-old marriage broke up, the 44-year-old doctor assumed she and her ex would split their property—and jointly parent their two children. Her stay-at-home spouse wanted sole custody and the right to move the children out of Massachusetts.

In pretrial motions, both parents made the same argument to a judge: The children should be with me; I'm their mother.

For years, family court judges leaned toward a maternal preference when it came to custody disputes. But what to do when both parents are women, or neither is?

Judges in Massachusetts have been grappling with that question since gay and lesbian couples began filing for divorce in 2004, seven months after the state Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage.

Nearly 10,000 gay and lesbian couples married after the ruling, Massachusetts does not keep records on the number who have divorced, but lawyers who specialize in family cases say it is in the dozens. Those who choose to end their marriages soon discover that the trauma of divorce is compounded by legal and financial difficulties that heterosexual couples generally are spared.

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In the case of the doctor, she and her spouse each gave birth to a boy fathered by the same sperm donor. They then adopted one another's sons. Biologically, their children are half-siblings; legally, they are full brothers.

"Up to now, I've been lucky with the court," said the doctor, who spoke on the condition of anonymity so as not to prejudice her court case. "Giving birth to one of our children has given me leeway because judges often show a preference toward a biological mother. I've spoken to other lesbian women who were in a similar situation, except that they were not the biological mothers of their children, and, in my opinion, they were not treated as fairly by the court."

While the parties are litigating, a family court in Boston has come up with a Solomonian ruling, saying that each of the women can spend half the week alone in the family home with the children.

For same-sex couples, divorce can be financially ruinous. Heterosexual couples claim a tax deduction for alimony payments, but that benefit is not available to gay and lesbian spouses because the Internal Revenue Service does not recognize their marriages. Divorce-lawyers say that while gay people making alimony payments are hurt the most by the IRS policy, their ex-spouses are also affected, because a tax deduction often provides an incentive for larger payments.

"In a straight context, alimony is an income stream from one person to another and tax-deductible to the person who is paying it," said David W. Epelley, a divorce lawyer with lesbian clients. "But in a gay divorce, there aren't two parties, there are three, and that third party is Uncle Sam."

Natural causes, climate change account for recent dramatic Arctic warming, study says

By Seth Bernstein
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — There's more to the recent dramatic and alarming thawing of the Arctic region than can be explained by man-made global warming alone, a new study found. Nature is pushing the Arctic to the edge, too.

There's a natural cause that may account for much of the melted sea ice sheets and glaciers, according to a study published Thursday in the journal Nature. New research points a finger at a natural and cyclical increase in the amount of energy in the atmosphere that moves from south to north around the Arctic Circle.

But that energy transfer, which comes with storms that head north because of ocean currents, is not acting alone either, scientists say. Another upcoming study concludes that the combination of both that natural energy transfer increase and man-made global warming serve as a one-two punch that is pushing the Arctic over the edge.

Scientists are trying to figure out why the Arctic is warming and melting faster than computer models predict.

The summer of 2007, like the summer of 2005, smashed all records for loss of summer sea ice in the Arctic Ocean and ice sheet in Greenland. In September, the Arctic Ocean had 23 percent less sea ice than the previous record low. Greenland's ice sheet melted 19 billion tons more than its previous record.

The Nature study suggests there's more behind it than global warming, because the air a couple miles above the ground is warming, more than calculated by the climate models.

Climate change theory concentrates on warming of

surface temperatures and explains an Arctic that is warming faster than the rest of the world as mostly because reduced sea ice and ice sheets means less reflecting solar rays.

Rune Graversen, the Nature study co-author and a meteorology researcher at Stockholm University in Sweden, said a shift in energy transfer explains the thawing more than anything else happening in the atmosphere, but does not contradict consensus global warming science.

Oceanographer James Overland, who reviewed Graversen's study for Nature, said the research dovetails with an upcoming article of his which concludes that the Arctic thawing is a combination of the two.

"If we didn't have the little extra kick from global warming, then we wouldn't have gone past the threshold for the change in sea ice," said Overland, of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's lab in Seattle.

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Other researchers said Graversen's study underestimates the effect of global warming because it relied on older data that stopped at 2001 and wasn't the most accurate.

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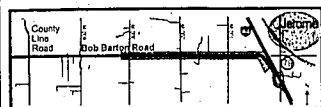
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Giving back

Filer man hopes to pass on gift of education

By John E. Swayze
Times-News correspondent

FILER — Education is the key to a bright future. And no one seems to know that better than Victor Vasquez.

Vasquez, 43, has spent the last nine years helping Latino students at Filer Elementary School unlock their potential by teaching them English as a second language.

"If they quit school it's all over and they'll be poor the rest of their lives," he said. "They need to know the language and I tell parents that their child will be able to communicate in English by the end of the school year."

Teachers send students to ESL sessions on a rotating 15 to 20 minute schedule that allows for one-on-one instruction using language tools such as software, books, vocabulary flashcards and basic writing assignments.

"We use repetition to help students learn words and

phrases," Vasquez said. "They all come at different levels of ability, but I encourage them to do everything in English."

Vasquez, along with 12 brothers and sisters, grew up on a mountain farm 200 miles south of Mexico City in the state of Guerrero.

"The soil wasn't very good and we had to rent the land and a pair of oxen," he said. "So by the time you get your crop, you work the whole season for almost nothing."

Toward the end his senior year in high school in 1991, Vasquez was offered the first of two opportunities that would eventually lead to his current position as an ESL aide with the Filer School District.

"I don't know if they still do it, but if you were very good the government would train you for three months to teach small groups of people in the mountain villages how to read and write," he said. "There's a lot of people, like



Victor Vasquez uses flashcards to help Filer Elementary School second-graders Dulce Vasquez and Alex Aguilera learn the words for different occupations.

my father, who never went to school and didn't know how to write his name and that's how I got into education."

"That same year, Vasquez moved to Kino Bay in Sonora, Mexico, to live with a sister and tried to sell his little wood carving to tourists on the beach. That decision eventually brought him to the attention of Hagerman couple Elwood and Bernice Grimes.

"This young man saw that my husband was wearing a

hat that said 'Idaho Potatoes' so he comes over and asks if we had a job for him," Bernice Grimes said. "Victor was just so likable that we decided to help and got all the paperwork together so he could come across to the United States."

Vasquez remembers that a few people who knew about his hope of living in America were skeptical.

"A friend of mine from Kino Bay kept asking how I knew I

would even get across, but I knew I wouldn't get another chance like this so I did it," Vasquez said. "I went to the consulate and because my papers were in order, it only took three hours to get a visa at that time."

With his parent's blessing and the required documentation in hand, Vasquez flew over in El Paso, Texas, in April 1986. But his plan to board the bus for Idaho and

the Grimes' residence in Hagerman would be put on hold for the next three days.

"My language wasn't enough to make conversation with people so I got lost and ran out of money," Vasquez said. "I walked to a truck stop and swept floors and washed tables until my brother living in Tijuana could send me some money."

Reaching Hagerman, he spent the next seven years working on a farm in Hell Rapids and taking care of horses for a doctor who owned property at Miracle Hot Springs.

"In the off season, I traveled with the Grimes seeing the country and we would go back into Mexico during the winter months," Vasquez said. "They took me in and accepted me as one of the family."

Those first experiences of life in America, along with the challenges of meeting the educational needs of ESL students has given him a strong sense of responsibility.

"I want to share my country and my culture with everyone and I want to give back to the community," he said. "This is the happiest time of my life."

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"If they quit school it's all over and they'll be poor the rest of their lives."

— Victor Vasquez, ESL aide

Who's that man with the camera?

Calif. school takes unusual step to catch students from Mexico

CALEXICO, Calif. (AP) — Children are more likely to shield their faces than to smile when Daniel Santillan points his camera.

Santillan's photos aren't for any picture album or year book — they help prove that Mexican youngsters are illegally attending public schools in this California border community.

With too many students and too few classrooms, Calexico school officials took the unusual step of hiring someone to photograph children and document the offenders. Santillan snaps pictures at the city's downtown border crossing and shares the images with school principals, who then bring evidence to kick out those living in Mexico.

Since he started the job two years ago, the number of students in the Calexico school system has fallen 5 percent, from 9,600 to 9,100, while the city's population grew about 3 percent.

"The community asked us to do this, and we responded," school board President Enrique Alvarado said. "Once it starts to affect you personally when your daughter gets bumped to another school, then our residents start complaining."

Every day along the 1,952-mile border—children from Mexico cross into the United States and attend public schools. No one keeps statistics on how many.

Citizenship isn't the issue for school officials; district residency is.

The U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that illegal immigrants have a right to an education, so schools don't ask about



Students exiting the Calexico Border Crossing Station hide their faces from the camera of Calexico Unified School District. (Photo by Daniel Santillan in Calexico, Calif., Dec. 4, 2007.)

immigration status. But citizens and illegal immigrants alike can't falsely claim residency in a school district.

Enforcement of residency requirements varies widely along the border. Some schools do little to verify where children live beyond checking leases or utility bills, while others dispatch officials to homes when suspicions are raised.

Jesus Gandara, superintendent of the Sweetwater district, with 44,000 students along San Diego's border with Mexico, said tracking children at the border goes too far. "If you do that, you're playing immigration agent," he said.

The El Paso Independent School District in Texas sends employees to homes when suspicions are raised. But spokesman Luis Villalobos said photographing students at the border would be a monumental, unproductive effort.

That's not the thinking in Calexico, a city 120 miles east of San Diego that has seen its population double to 38,000

since 1990. A steel fence along the border separates Calexico from Mexicali, an industrial city of about 750,000 that sends shoppers and farm laborers to California.

Calexico's rapid growth outstripped school resources, resulting in overcrowding and prompting demands that Mexican interlopers be ousted. Taxpayers complained their children were bused across town because neighborhood schools were full, even after Calexico voters approved a \$30 million construction measure in 2004. Portable classrooms proliferated.

The 62-year-old Santillan (pronounced sah-n-tee-YAHN) was hired in 2005. He is an unlikely enforcer. Posters of Cesar Chavez and Che Guevara adorn the walls of his ranch-style home. The Vietnam War veteran and labor activist is an outspoken advocate of amnesty for the estimated 1 million illegal immigrants and fills water jugs in the desert for Mexicans who trek across the border illegally.

SHAKING HANDS AND KISSING BABIES



Eddie Diaz, left, hold up his sister Amy, 6-months-old, for a kiss as Democratic presidential hopeful Iowa Gov. Bill Richardson leaves a rally in Perry, Iowa, Dec. 31, 2007.

USCIS revises employment verification form I-9

Revision will eliminate certain documents for employment verification

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) has announced that a revised Employment Eligibility Verification Form (I-9) is now available for use. All employers are required to complete a Form I-9 for each employee hired in the United States.

The revision seeks to achieve full compliance with the document reduction requirements of the Illegal Immigration Reform and Immigrant Responsibility Act of 1996, which reduced the number of documents employers may accept from newly hired employees during the employment eligibility verification process, according to the agency. The revised Form I-9 is a further step in USCIS' ongoing work toward reducing the number of documents used to

confirm identity and work eligibility.

Key to the revision is the removal of five documents for proof of both identity and employment eligibility. They include: Certificate of Naturalization; Alien Registration Receipt Card; the unexpired Reentry Permit; and the unexpired Refugee Travel Document. The forms were removed because they lack features to help deter counterfeiting, tampering and fraud, the agency reported.

Additionally, the most recent version of the Employment Authorization Document (Form I-766) was added to List A of the List of Acceptable Documents on the revised form. The revised list now includes: a U.S. passport (unexpired or expired); a Permanent

Resident Card; an unexpired foreign passport with a temporary I-551 stamp; an unexpired Employment Authorization Document that contains a photograph and an unexpired foreign passport with an unexpired Arrival-Departure Record (Form I-94) for nonimmigrant aliens authorized to work for a specific employer.

The U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services encourages employers to start using the revised Form I-9 immediately. The form will become effective once the notice is published in the Federal Register. Both the revised form and the "Handbook for Employers, Instructions for Completing the Form I-9" are available online at www.uscis.gov.

To order forms, call USCIS toll-free at 1-800-870-3676. For forms and information on immigration laws, regulations, and procedures, call the National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5233.

Scotland Yard will help Bhutto investigation

By Matthew Remington
Associated Press writer

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan — President Pervez Musharraf announced Wednesday that Scotland Yard will help investigate the assassination of Benazir Bhutto, reversing his initial rejection of foreign help after he came under pressure to allow a U.N. probe.

Authorities also pushed for a preliminary elections next Feb. 18, a six-week delay prompted by the rioting that followed the opposition

leader's death. Opposition parties condemned the delay but still plan to take part in the elections, seen as a key step in bringing democracy to Pakistan after years of military rule.

Both developments could ease the turmoil that has gripped Pakistan since Bhutto's slaying in a gun and suicide bomb attack Thursday which plunged the nation deeper into political crisis as it struggles to contain an explosion of Islamic militant violence. The government declared

just one day after the attack on Bhutto that an al-Qaida-linked militant orchestrated the killing and aired video footage. But the hasty accusation only served to cast doubt over the government's account of exactly how she died.

The government has also come under sharp criticism for its security arrangements for Bhutto, who had claimed elements in the ruling party were trying to kill her. In a nationally televised address Wednesday, a solemn-faced Musharraf said

the death of Bhutto, a two-time prime minister, was a great tragedy for Pakistan. He blamed "terrorists" for her assassination and appealed for public unity to combat them.

The government initially said it did not need foreign help to probe the killing. But then Musharraf sought assistance from British Prime Minister Gordon Brown. His reversal could ease pressure for an independent international investigation into both how she died and whether the government covered it up.



Pakistanis watch President Pervez Musharraf speak to the nation on television in Karachi Wednesday. Musharraf said he had requested a team of investigators from Britain's Scotland Yard to assist in the investigation into the killing of opposition leader Benazir Bhutto.

U.S. admissions of Iraqi refugees well short of promised 1,000 a month

By Matthew Lee
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — U.S. admissions of Iraqi refugees are nose-diving amid bureaucratic infighting despite the Bush administration's pledge to boost them to roughly 1,000 per month, according to State Department statistics obtained by The Associated Press.

For the third straight month since the United States said it would improve processing and resettle 12,000 Iraqis by the end of the current budget year, the number admitted has actually slid, the figures show.

The steady decline — from 450 in October to 362 in November and 245 in December — means the administration will have to allow in 10,933 Iraqis over the next nine months, or roughly 1,215 per month, to meet the target it has set for itself.

But that goal will be difficult to meet and there are no incentives for such large numbers, says hundreds of thousands of South Vietnamese refugees were resettled here after the Vietnam War ended in 1975.

In the past five years, with few exceptions, only normally and orderly, the United States has never been able to admit more than 1,000 refugees per month from any country, according to an AP review of statistics from the State Department's Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration.

Iraqi refugees are subject to more security checks than those from almost all other nations and the most Iraqis ever admitted to the U.S. in a single month since 2003 was 883 this September. The administration has come under heavy criticism from advocacy groups and lawmakers for its poor performance in admitting Iraqi refugees and to have led to a decline since the 2003 U.S. invasion. Many critics say, and Bush aides have acknowledged, that the administration has a moral obligation to Iraqi refugees.

In response, it vowed to fix the problems that include hickering between the State Department, which is in charge of refugee resettlement, and the Homeland Security Department, which must screen would-be Iraqi admittees, and a lack of cooperation from countries, notably Syria, where many of the estimated 2 million Iraqi refugees are seeking shelter.

Two senior officials from the agencies were appointed in September to speed up the bureaucratic slowdumps, but four months later there has yet to be significant improvement, although the number allowed in so far in fiscal 2008 — through 1,157 — is nearing the total for the entire previous fiscal year of 1,608.

That fiscal 2007 figure, was nearly 400 short of a modest annual goal of 2,000, and a big reduction from an initial target of 7,000.

U.S. officials have conceded that the figures remained low but insisted that improvements in processing, along with new cooperation from Syrian authorities, would lead to substantial jumps in the admission figures from Iraq starting in the spring.

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Buhl man's history book nearly sold out

BY BLAIR KOCH
Times-News correspondent

A cowboy rides 24 hours straight to retrieve the medicine needed to save a baby. Native Hawaiians settle along the Snake River. And settlers prove up on their land.

These stories and many more are captured in "Buhl, Idaho: A Century of Stories," written by Buhl's Jim Barker.

The book was released in fall 2006, with 1,200 copies available for purchase. Now, not even 100 copies remain.

"I really had no expectations with how many would sell," Barker said. "I'm excited, having in a sense, that so many have sold."

Proceeds from the publication's success helped the city celebrate its centennial in 2006. Recently, the city's Centennial Committee finalized its legacy project with the unveiling of a 40-foot-tall metal trout sculpture, said Barker, whose family ties to Buhl go back four generations.

"It will be good when the book is sold out because it brings that part of Buhl's centennial to a close. The books don't do a lot of good sitting in a box at the chamber office. They should be out on someone's coffee table to be read because it contains a lot of neat stories about the past," he said.

Not only has the book received local acclaim, but many

Now or never

Copies of "Buhl, Idaho: A Century of Stories," written by Buhl resident Jim Barker, sell for \$25 at the Buhl Chamber of Commerce office, 716 U.S. Highway 30. Books can be shipped for an extra \$5. Information: 543-6682.

"It will be good when the book is sold out because it brings that part of Buhl's centennial to a close."

— Jim Barker

copies have been shipped out of state, said Buhl Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Christine Garrison. The chamber is selling and distributing the remaining paperbacks.

"Oh, they've gone everywhere," Garrison said. "Before Christmas we had a lot of people call in and order them for gifts."

Barker began compiling the stories about three years before the centennial and is now working on publishing new volumes from Buhl's past. Barker's column is printed on occasion in *The Buhl Herald*.

"Oh, this is my hobby, really, and I don't see myself giving it up," he said.

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The "Top 5" feature listing the week's most popular media is missing from this edition, because of our early deadlines for holiday publication. Watch for "Top 5" to return next week.

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Multimedia performance: The Standards' 'A Night to Remember'

Seen Dec. 21 and 22 in Twin Falls

The Standards, though magnificent singers and good performers, were rather self-righteous in their video-guided pursuit of helping a homeless boy find the meaning of Christmas. While their philanthropy was well-intended, ultimately they arrogantly delegated the boy to decide if The Standards were actually angels! Good harmonizers? Yes. Angels? No.

— David Debestant of Twin Falls

The opening song, Rudolph, set the mood for the show: "Amazing! The segment with the giant toys was impressive and just too cool! The Standards took carols and made them their own with beautiful harmony. 'O Holy Night' actually gave me chills it was so beautiful.

— Debby Johnson of Twin Falls

I was treated to The Standards' "A Night To Remember." I can always listen to their harmonizing. We commented after each song that it was our favorite. I couldn't help but think that with all that is being said about our youth, their parents have every right to be proud.

— Stephanie Malone of Twin Falls

Reppin' the 208

Local rap scene is bigger and badder than ever

BY MELISSA DAVLIN

Times-News writer

So Cal, meet southern Idaho. While most people more quickly associate Magic Valley with country music than rap, local rap artists are making an impact with their relevant rhymes and addictive beats.

You won't find anyone talking about living large and sporting bling, however. Magic Valley rappers write about what they know.

The goofy guys

Think white men can't rap? Take a listen to Twin Falls-based group Animal Crakerz and you'll change your mind.

Brothers Dan, Jerry and Shawn Black and their friend Shane Sawyer liken themselves to New York City hip-hop group Beastie Boys. "We're like the Beastie Boys that might have parted harder," Shawn Black said.

"We can drink the Beastie Boys under the table," Jerry Black added.

They joke around as much as they party — constantly throwing jobs at each other and making fun of Jerry for being able to quote Vanilla Ice, the quintessential dopey white rapper.

They make it clear they're not trying to rap about gang life or guns. Instead, they rap about skateboarding, partying and their feelings about their brother and brother-in-law serving in



JUSTIN JACKSON/Times-News

Rapper Joe Ramirez, who performs as Jo-B, opens a music-editing computer program at his home studio last week in Twin Falls.

Iraq. They try to get away from the tic-tac crap, they said, referring to cliché songs about subjects no one in Idaho can relate to.

At first, the group, formed in 2003, had plenty of reasons to get discouraged. A house fire ravaged their studio, and a local

radio station turned down a demo tape. "They told us it sucked," Dan Black said.

Listeners also doubted their potential.

"At first people were a little skeptical — four white rappers from Idaho," Dan Black said.

Animal Crakerz began earning respect when its songs were played in rotation on the radio for four months. The group soon started winning Battle of the Bands competitions around town and getting more gigs.

At Magicvalley.com



Watch a video interview with Jo-B and listen to tracks from local rappers.

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Since then, Animal Crak'yz has performed at several Idaho venues, including Kruezer's Night Life in Twin Falls, and opened for acclaimed performer Too Short at the Big Easy in Boise.

"They're now recognized around Magic Valley. While the four rappers sat in Java in Twin Falls, a man came over to shake their hands. They greeted him familiarly and asked how he had been. After he left, they admitted they didn't know who he was.

"We meet a lot of people,"

Shawn Black said.

They're flapping to be just as recognizable nationally. Dreamtrax, a national record company, discovered the group and wrote a letter saying it's trying to get Animal Crak'yz on a major label like Interscope or Sony BMG.

"It's going to go to the moon," Sawyer said.

The new guy

Joe Ramirez's CD has been out for only a month, but he's already making an impact on the local rap scene.

Ramirez, who performs under the name Jo-B, tackles topics like his feelings on his military service in Iraq.

"I have a lot of respect for the government, (but) I don't really agree with what we're doing there, totally," he said.

Not every track on Jo-B's album, "The American Dream Part I," is so serious.

"I try to rap pretty much just on personal experience, you know," he said.

"At the same time, there are tracks on there that talk about pretty much nothing, but you can dance the hell out of them."

The audience at his recent debut show was impressed. Though Ramirez wasn't a fan of the venue, downtown Twin Falls' Badin Blvdivo — "You can't drink there. You can't smoke" — he received a bigger response than he anticipated.



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Thomas Arroyo, left, and rapper Calvin Bernard pose as they talk about their music. The Heyburn residents perform under the names DJ Rage and Blaze1.

So he keeps at it, working on new material in the studio at his Twin Falls home.

The nice guys

Calvin Bernard and Thomas Arroyo like to clown around a lot, but they're serious about hip-hop.

Bernard, also known as Blaze1, has performed for 10 years.

His positive, goofy rap set him apart. One song cleverly weaves the names of fast-food restaurants with a story about spending to find a job.

"He's genuine," Arroyo said.

"That's what I love about him."

Arroyo, who performs under the name DJ Rage, encourages rappers to keep it clean and be original, saying many new artists get caught up in the glamorous hip-hop image.

"Young rappers and DJs don't want to change it up," he said. "They're afraid to be different... That's what makes me mad. They're trying to be something they're not."

Bernard doesn't pretend to be a gangster, and he turns negativity

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around into clean, positive, catchy music.

"I didn't want to cuss no more in my rap," he said. "If anything, with my music, the message is to be yourself."

The tough guys

Burley rapper Gerry Gallegos knows better than anyone that life isn't always pretty.

The former gang member and drug dealer, who performs under the name Droopy G, has lived through his share of tough times. He was kicked out of school multiple times for fighting. One of his best friends is in prison. He said he flipped a car he stole from his parents and broke into houses.

"There was so many things that brought so much heat on me when I was a kid," he said.

In 10th grade, he said, he woke up. He stopped dealing drugs and used rap to help him get through school.

"I wrote down a lot of the stuff that I felt and I showed it to one of my teachers when I was in 10th grade when I was really looking at dropping out," he said. "She said to use the music and to use what I knew in music... and just apply them to English. So I started doing that."

Gallegos credits rap for helping him get out of the scene and graduate from high school with honors.

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"I still have a lot of my homeboys from that clique, but it was like ... this isn't really working out. This isn't moving anywhere," he said.

Gallegos hopes his songs will discourage young people from gangs and violence, which ruin lives, he said. One song, "Close Your Eyes," talks about being in jail from a prisoner's point of view.

"What kind of lifestyle is that?" he said. "Maybe this is my way of getting, you know, a second chance to change those mistakes that I made."

On the other side of the Snake River, Jucey Bravo — also known as LSD of Los Filthy Houligans in Jerome — agreed. He doesn't glorify violence in his music, opting instead for lessons about the downside of gang involvement.

"I try not to rhyme too much about gangster life. I try to forget about it," Bravo said. "It's not my cup of tea right now."

Bravo doesn't buy into the idea that rap perpetuates violence.

"Hip-hop culture is what got me out of it, to tell you the truth," he said.

What now?

Southern Idaho rappers are optimistic that their art will become more popular in an area saturated with country culture. The problem for some is reaching out to new listeners.

"You go to LA, you go to Texas, you go to some of the bigger states, your fan base can kick off within a couple hours," Gallegos said.

Finding new listeners is also hard when the only places to perform are local dance clubs with static weekly crowds or house clubs.

"It's hard when there aren't any venues to play," Terry Black said.

A cold reception from residents also laments in. People as-

"If I can get them behind one or two songs where everyone's together, maybe that will help us get together on a larger scale as well."

— Joe Ramirez

sume the hip-hop culture brings violence, Gallegos said.

"I ain't promoting gang violence, I ain't doing anything like that," he said. "I'm just trying to get the music out there."

While the scene is growing, rappers say, hip-hop still has a bad name in Idaho.

"They're afraid of change," Bernard said. "They think of the negativity of rap."

Shane Sawyer said people were standoffish at first but are starting to recognize Animal Craker as talented performers. "It's coming around,"

Bravo, who hosts the Low Rider Show on KTPZ 94.3 FM, does what he can to promote local rappers on his radio show. He likens the scene in southern Idaho to California 10 years ago, when he was getting started.

"It's coming up. I really like it," he said. "It feels like back in the day."

Ramirez hopes area rappers won't follow the lead of famous rappers involved in feuds. He hopes to encourage a family-like atmosphere for the musicians that fosters collaboration instead of rivalries. He wants to work with Droopy D and Animal Craker on future projects.

"If I can get them behind one or two songs where everyone's together," he said, "maybe that will help us get together on a larger scale as well."

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Cheech Marin to discuss Chicano art in Ketchum

BY KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times-News

KETCHUM — Cheech Marin has taken on many personas over the years — as half of the pot-smoking comedy duo Cheech and Chong, the voice of Banzai in "The Lion King" and a police detective alongside Don Johnson in "Nash Bridges."

But he'll appear in Ketchum on Jan. 10 as Cheech Marin, owner of one of the world's largest collections of Chicano art.

Marin will discuss his collection and Chicano artists' contributions to American culture during a slide lecture at 7 p.m. Jan. 10 at the nextStage Theatre.

The lecture is part of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' current multidisciplinary project, "Trabajo Mexicano/Mexican Work." The project examines issues related to



Cheech Marin

Mexican labor and immigration through art, music and Marin's lecture.

"Cheech has not only used his passion to build a major art collection but, in the process of doing so, he has helped to define the Chicano art movement," said

Britt Uhlesen, The Center's director of education and Humanities. Marin joins Chicano art as a movement that began in California and Texas during the 1970s when politicized Mexican-Americans began to make art that directly reflected their culture. It tends to be a blending of traditional Mexican and American pop, rather than a particular style or subject matter.

Marin's collection includes work by Carlos Almaraz, Grrink, Wayne Healy, Adam Hernandez, Leo Jimon, Frank Romero, John Valdez, Patassi Valdez and Vincent Valdez.

Tickets for Marin's slide lecture are \$10 for Sun Valley Center for the Arts members and \$15 for nonmembers.

They're available at www.sunvalleycenter.org or 726-9491, ext. 10.

Seats are available for CSI Art Department's trip to San Francisco

Times-News

A few bus seats for the public are available for the College of Southern Idaho Art Department's annual cultural field trip to San Francisco. The bus will leave CSI on March 13 and return March 18.

The group will attend "Carousel" by the San Francisco Ballet; "From the Path of Beauty" by Chanticleer, Chen Yi and the Shanghai Quartet; and Carrie Fisher's one-woman stage pro-

duction, "Wishful Drinking," and will visit the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Legion of Honor Art Museum, De Young Art and History Museum and other highlights around San Francisco.

Registration fee is \$400, which includes all travel, accommodations and tickets to events. Meals are not included. Seats must be reserved and fees paid by Jan. 10. For reservations or information: CSI Art Professor Mike Young; man@csi.edu or myoung;

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First Friday entertainment successful for downtown

BY ARIEL HANSEN
Times News writer

When was the first First Friday?

The founders of the monthly downtown Twin Falls event aren't quite sure — it could have been 2002 or 2003. What they are sure of is that it has blossomed into a periodic party that not only boosts business for the shops that participate but has brought new life to a downtown which often shuts its doors at sunset.

"It's the spirit of it we're after," said Tom Ashenbrenner, owner of Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, who kicked off the Friday-night festivities after transforming his shop from a hardware to a kitchen store.

"We wanted to have fun as well as sell stuff. We wanted music involved and food, chef action," Ashenbrenner said. "We went 6-9 (p.m.) as a way to get people to start their weekend downtown."

Ashenbrenner, who has played music and is tied into several

southern Idaho music scenes, knew he wanted to bring musicians, cooking demonstrations and food and wine tastings to the party. "You can always have food and put it out, but we wanted the theater," he said.

One of his favorite First Friday memories is the month — he remembers it as December 2002 — he brought Muzzie Braun to Rudy's. The famous Idaho musician attracted a packed house.

"There were so many people, you couldn't walk from one end of the building to the other," Ashenbrenner said. Although most First Fridays at Rudy's aren't quite that busy, he said, the events have long been popular.

"It was wildly successful right from the get-go. There was a hunger for a community activity like that where people could meet and talk to each other. At that time, there weren't many places you could get live music," Ashenbrenner said. "It's pretty well packed every month."



Strings Attached plays at First Friday festivities at Rudy's A Cook's Paradise in downtown Twin Falls in 2006. The band is scheduled to perform again at Rudy's on Friday night, for January's pared-down version of First Friday.

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More join in

As other downtown businesses saw the crowds that Rudy's drew, they jumped on board.

"Rudy's was providing a social setting where adults were coming and listening to music and tasting food and having wine and socializing," said Robin Dober, owner of the 1 Hands On pottery studio. "I was trying to provide that same opportunity for the younger generation."

She has built nights for younger kids, based on the craft shop's activities, and for teenagers, with young musicians performing and drink specials at the espresso shop next door.

"If Ethan Tucker's playing, we'll have a lot of teenagers," she said with a chuckle. Dober's clientele has varied, with

younger kids dominating the audience for a few months, then teenagers. Overall, participation has grown. "We see more people consistently on First Fridays now than we did when it first started."

Dober appreciates that First Friday draws people to the core of Twin Falls.

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Once-a-month party

As the name suggests, First Friday is the first Friday of every month, held in downtown Twin Falls. The party starts most months at about 6 p.m., but times and events vary.

Regularly participating businesses include:

- Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W., 733-5477. This week, Strings Attached plays 6-9 p.m. Friday.

- Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N., 736-4475.

- Jensen Ringmakers, 109 Main Ave. E., 734-8091.

- Magic Valley Arts Council's Galeria Pequena, and the Full Moon Gallery, 132 Main Ave. S., 734-2767. This week, the arts council's galleries will be open Friday night.

- Vinifera Wines, 138 Main Ave. S., 733-5047. This week, Mirage performs 7-10 p.m. Friday.

This month, though there's not a full lineup of First Friday events in downtown venues, the arts council's galleries will be open, and Rudy's and Vinifera will have live music. First Friday resumes in earnest in February.

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Serious about writing?

Local group offers tips, discussion

BY ARIEL HANSEN
Times-News writer

If you've ever wanted writing tips from professionals who live in your town, here's your chance.

The Other Bunch, a group of four professional writers from south-central Idaho, have brought their critique group to the Web.

The four award-winning writers are all women, and all want to create more interaction between serious writers in the area.

"We really don't feel like there's a really strong writing community in the valley," said Bonnie Dodge, one of the members. "We wanted people that were really serious about writing."

Dodge is aware of other groups of writers, including the Idaho Writers League, but said those groups may cater to beginning writers or those for whom writing is a hobby. The Other Bunch is aimed at people who write for a living — or who want to.

They have put together a Web site, <http://otherbunch.wordpress.com/>, that offers blog entries about writing in south-central Idaho, links to publications by the writers, and a Question of the Month.

"We're inviting people to visit the Web site and ask questions about writing," Dodge said.

Area writers may submit questions, which may be answered on the Web site. Examples might include: "How do I submit a manuscript to a publisher?" or "Is my character developed well enough?"

All the services are free of charge, except for projects taken on by the individual writers,

Bunch together

For writing tips from The Other Bunch, blog entries and links to local writing groups, visit <http://otherbunch.wordpress.com/>. Although The Other Bunch isn't accepting new members, it's offering help and interaction. The four writers are available for speaking engagements on writing and publishing, and are working on an anthology of short stories called "Voices from the Snake River or Plain." Future anthologies may include stories by other area writers.

Who are The Other Bunch?

- **Bonnie Dodge** of Jerome. She is the author of "Miracles in the Desert," a book of essays, and "Life in this Magic Valley," a weekly column for *Ag Weekly*, a *Times-News* sister publication. Her work has appeared in such magazines as *Sun Valley Magazine*, *Riviewide & Lace*, *Calico Trails* and *Clean Sheet*.
- **Patricia Santos** of Twin Falls, the *Times-News*'s online editor. Marcanoletti's collection of children's stories, "Red Riddin' in the Hood and Other Cutenies," won

such as copy editing by Jennifer Sandmann.

"If they need any help with editing, we've got some really great editors," Dodge said.

"By pooling our collective knowledge, we all benefit," said Dixie Reale, another member. "Just bouncing ideas off one another sparks other ideas."

Over the years, there have been writing groups in south-central Idaho, including one at the College of Southern Idaho and the Magic Valley Arts Council Literary Arts Committee, but those groups are now defunct, Dodge said, leaving local writers few places to

numerous awards. She has written and produced two short films, and her screenplays have received several honors.

- **Dixie Thomas Reale** of Jerome. Author of the short story collection "Squirrel Pie and other Morsels," Reale has had fiction and nonfiction work appear in national publications. She wrote "Valley Cooking," a food column, for the *Times-News* for 12 years, and writes the food column "Grandma's Recipe Box" for *Ag Weekly*.

- **Janiffer Sandmann** of Burley. She covered news and human interest stories at the *Times-News* for more than 10 years and earned several reporting awards. She has edited several books, including "A History of the Twin Falls Canal Company."

What's in a name?

Dixie Reale, a member of The Other Bunch, said the writers in the group have all had experiences not fitting in.

"You can't follow other people to identify you, you have to identify yourself," Reale said. "A lot of people maybe think they are in the 'other bunch' as opposed to the In-crowd. ... We're creating our own in-crowd."

hone their craft.

"There's a lot of people who want to write, but there are not too many people who can teach you how to write," Dodge said. "If we were in Boise or in Portland, there are better groups. We just don't have anything like that."

The Other Bunch hopes to become popular enough that members can offer seminars or writing retreats, and perhaps create an anthology of works by writers who visit the site.

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Friday

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"I just love seeing all the people downtown, laughing and enjoying themselves," she said. She hopes that more businesses will join the First Friday festivities, expanding the event. "The more businesses that stay open late, the more things there are for people to do, the more people will come down on a First Friday."

It's a sentiment echoed by other businesses that regularly participate.

"I would like to see more merchants downtown stay open for that first Friday," said Todd Doig, manager at Jensen Hingman's, where the owners added an art gallery five years ago during re-modeling. Doig noted that some customers are surprised that Jensen has a downtown location, because they are familiar only with the store's Magic Valley Mall shop. "Everybody goes elsewhere, and downtown's kind of getting lost."

Doig and others hope that the suggestions made last year in a Lealand Consulting Group study and by Mayor Lauree Clow for downtown revitalization will take up where First Friday started, bringing more residents and business to Twin Falls' core. Sharon Barigar, president and CEO of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce, notes that First Friday was started and has grown without the city or chamber signing on to organize or manage the event.

"First Friday really is driven by the handful of downtown businesses that have taken the initiative," Barigar said. It doesn't exclude chamber participation in the future, however. "I really just hope it grows and finds more opportunities. ... That's certainly something the chamber would be open to helping them do."

First Friday future

The more the merrier. "Downtown Twin Falls, open your doors," said Arlin Hilarides, owner of Vinifera Wines, which participates in First Fridays with

bands and drink specials. She does exceptional business on First Friday, even compared with other weekend nights, she said. "There's usually standing room only on First Friday."

In addition to Study's, Hands On, Jensen and Vinifera, the other regular First Friday participant is the Magic Valley Arts Council, in its Galeria Pequena and the neighboring Fall Moon Gallery.

Before joining First Friday, "we hosted gallery openings when there was a full moon," said Stacy Madsen, the council's executive director. "We decided it would be a great idea to partner with the other First Friday activities to give people walking destinations. That enabled us to take advantage of the other people who were already coming downtown."

Madsen appreciates the feeling of a community gathering that has developed around First Friday.

"You know what I think is great? When you leave one place and are walking down Main Avenue, you usually see five or six other people walking to where you've been when you can have conversations with them. It's a nice social atmosphere to meet people and talk to old friends," she said. And not just old friends. "They're always new people who hear about it through new friends. It's a changing mix of people."

Madsen and the business owners look forward to First Friday continuing indefinitely, even expanding.

"The growing number of businesses helps create a continued dynamic for the event," she said. "As our Main Avenue develops with the new plans that the city has for it and its management, it will be a really inviting event for community members to participate in."

Whether or not First Friday grows, participants hope it retains that spark of community that Ashenbrenner sought when he first opened Study's doors on a Friday night.

"We're doing it as a party, a little slice of heaven," Ashenbrenner said.

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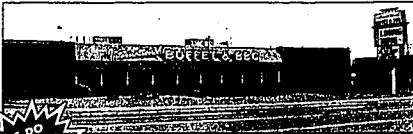
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Art

Border art

BY KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times News

Clothes lie strewn across the floor of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts. The shirts and shorts are muddled. Dried grass clings to some. A couple of liter bottles of joya suda sit in their midst, as do muddled plastic bags and a flattened inner tube.

It looks like something that belongs in a garbage bin. But it's art. Specifically, art intended to make its viewers ponder the stories of those who risk their lives attempting to cross the U.S.-Mexican border in search of better jobs and a better life.

"As soon as they reach the north side of the Rio Grande River, these people must discard the clothing they're wearing because if anyone spots them in wet, muddy cloth-

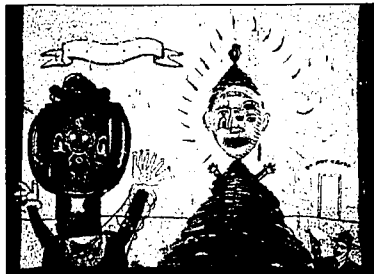
ing they become a target for arrest by the border police," says Courtney Gilbert, The Center's curator of visual arts. "So they carry dry clothes in their backpacks so they can change the moment they set foot on U.S. soil."

"The pile of clothes, titled "Riverbed," is the creation of Luz María Sánchez, a Mexican-born artist who lives in San Antonio, Texas, and is a candidate for a doctorate at a university in Barcelona, Spain.

Sánchez is one of seven artists whose work on display at The Center addresses Mexican immigration and labor issues.

Gilbert developed the exhibit, "Trabajo Mexicano/Mexican Work," to offer new perspectives on the issues of Mexican immigration and labor. It ties into the World River Valley's own growing population of Mexican descent.

Artists approach immigration topics through variety of media



Enrique Chagoya's 'Aliens', 1998.

Image courtesy of Shari's Ink, Lyons, Colo.

And it's something that she knew of, having lived in Texas for seven years.

"When Congress was debating the immigration bill, we heard a lot of talk about policy but there was no talk about how it affects people. Yet, immigrants play a massive role in our economy," says Gilbert, who wrote her doctoral dissertation on surrealism in Mexico and worked at the Depart-

ment of Latin American Art at the Blanton Museum of Art at the University of Texas.

The artists in the exhibit, which runs through Feb. 9, approach the subject through an array of media.

- Sánchez, who constructed the pile of discarded clothing, is known for her sound recordings of border police transmissions. She also has recorded names of 2,487 of the 4,000 people estimated to be crossing the border since 1993.

- Ana Teresa Fernandez swapped the stereotypical maid's uniform for the elegant black dress and stiletto heels associated with high-society cocktail parties in the U.S. She then photographed herself performing impossible tasks, such as mopping the ocean, sweeping the sand on the beach and vacuuming the dirt along the border between the U.S. and Mexico. Finally, she painted photo-realistic paintings of each.

- A Mexican-born artist who got a master's degree in fine arts at San Francisco Art Institute, Fernandez attacked the double standard imposed on women and the idea of disposable labor forces.

If you go ...

"Trabajo Mexicano/Mexican Work" will be on display through Feb. 9 at the Sun Valley Center for the Arts, 191 Fifth St. E. in Ketchum.

Hours are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, plus 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays in February. Admission is free. Free docent tours are offered at 2 p.m. Tuesdays. A Spanish tour is scheduled for 5:30 p.m. Jan. 17. An English tour will be offered at 5:30 p.m. Jan. 24.

Information: 726-9491, ext. 10, or www.sunvalleycenter.org

Mark your calendar

Upcoming events associated with the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' "Trabajo Mexicano":

- "Rotables: Reinterpreting a Tradition" is open at The Center in Hailey through Feb. 15. The artist, Bóscan Alma Gómez, will discuss her art, which depicts saints who hold personal meaning for her, from 5:30 to 7 p.m. Jan. 11 at The Center.

- Comedian Cheech Marin will discuss Chicano artists' contributions to American culture and fine art during a slide show at 7 p.m. Jan. 10 at the nexStage Theatre in Ketchum. Admission is \$10 for Center members and \$15 for non-members.

- Adults and children may create their own rotables during Family Day at The Center in Hailey from 3 to 5 p.m. Jan. 13. Mexican hot chocolate and churros will be provided.

- Musician Jose-Luis Orozco will take listeners on a journey through Latin American history, culture and language in an interactive performance at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 1 at The Liberty Theatre in Hailey. Admission is \$5 for Center members, \$10 for non-members and free for children 12 and under.

Raul Guerrero, who spoke at the 'Trabajo Mexicano/Mexican Work' opening, says his paintings remind viewers that the first immigrants to the Americas were Europeans, not Mexicans.



KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times News

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Her paintings also reflect the tension between men and women represented by the tango.

"I can't remain indifferent before the suffering of so many people," says a billboard in one painting.

• Enrique Chagoya, a professor of art at Stanford University, juxtaposes images of Humpty Dumpty, Mickey Mouse, Elvis and Superman with Aztec gods and Catholic icons to address the clash of cultures in his satirical paintings. There's even a space alien in the head of a border guard—a reference to the fact that those who come north are often called aliens.

His interest in pop culture and ancient culture started as a youngster when he read DC Comics sold south of the border even as his indigenous nurse shared stories of ancient folklore.

Chagoya, whose paintings are heavily influenced by the Spanish painter Francisco Goya, has his own immigrant experience to tell. He was born in Mexico and studied political economy. But he moved to the U.S. in 1979 when his American-born wife became ill and subsequently received a master's degree in fine art at the University of California-Berkeley after he became disenchant with the political scope of American economists.

"Immigration is not a change of residency or a change of the map," he once told a reporter for *Stanford Today*. "Immigration is an inner experience, almost a spiritual experience. You travel inside and you change inside, according to the kinds of experiences you have."

• Margarita Calhena anguished border guards' uniforms with vinyl in creating her work. She juxtaposes little Hummers, made in Mexico for American consumers, with a bicycle—reminding viewers that a lot of Mexican immigrants can't afford cars so they go to work on bikes or on foot.

Another work features items Mexicans might carry in their backpacks as they cross the border. Items range from a breast milk pump to a first-aid kit to a bag of white pan or bread. Still another features cleaning supplies that Mexican maids find themselves armed with every day after their arrival in the U.S.

Calhena was born in Mexico but went to high school in Salt Lake City. The vinyl she uses is a play on post-modern sculptures carving in on themselves. The long threads that emanate from her work remind viewers that somebody's labor made these.

• Julio Cesar Morales portrays the informal economy of street vendors in Mexican-American communities in the U.S. with vinyl cutouts applied to the gallery's west wall. In this case, the pushcarts, which often take on the appearance of folk art with all the things vendors use to personalize them, are literally coming apart.

• Celia Alvarez Munoz uses humor in mixed-media work that draws on her memories of moving back and forth between the Spanish-speaking and English-speaking worlds in her childhood home of El Paso, Texas.

Her "Enlightenment" series, inspired in part by Robert Fulghum's "Everything I Need to Know I Learned in Kindergarten," includes several pieces that address her own moments of childhood epiphany.

"How can a chicken lay an egg?" she asked once. Her grandmother, not wanting to talk about sex or reproduction replied, "From its mouth."

• Raul Guerrero has several paintings in which he traced the route of Spanish conquistadors onto the body of a nude woman reproduced from a painting of the goddess Venus that Diego Velazquez made in the 1600s as the Spanish Empire began to decline. Looking into a mirror that Cupid holds reflecting the vanity of Spain, she is surrounded by symbols of the Incas and the Aztecs and swords and clubs of the conquistadors.

Guerrero started the series in the 1990s after his car broke down in the badlands. A second part focuses on Wounded Knee and the Black Hills of the Dakotas; a third part, on California. Guerrero, whose parents were itinerant farmworkers in the Southwest, calls the series the history of Hispanic and Anglo cultures in the Americas.

"I try to examine the culture we live in rather than just do art for art's sake," he says.

Legendary Ian Tyson comes to Twin Falls

CSI Rodeo Team sponsors concert

BY BLAIR KOCH

Times News Contributor

Even if you're not in Ian Tyson's main listener demographic—middle-aged to 70 years—the Canadian country folk musician and North American favorite says his music has appeal for everyone.

"I'm not into labels, but my music, it's not country. Some people call it folk or western or western folk. My music has evolved, and I've had some young people to those that have grown older with the music say they enjoy it," Tyson said.

Although Tyson has traveled through Twin Falls on route to Nevada, he has never played here—but will soon. The internationally known singer, songwriter, recording artist and winner of numerous awards and honors will perform Jan. 27 at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium.

"We're excited to come into Twin Falls," said Paul Mascioli, Tyson's manager. "We thought it would be a great venue before heading down to Elko (Nev.) for the annual cowboy gathering."

Tyson looks forward to playing in front of his southern Idaho fans.

"I haven't the faintest idea what to expect in Twin Falls. If the audience comes I can promise they'll enjoy the evening of songs, stories and music," Tyson said. "I've got a hardcore audience, a cult following of sorts, in Nevada and Idaho. They're not all ranchers or cowboys or cowgirls, but I think it will be fun."



Ian Tyson tells stories and plays songs that appeal to a wide audience. He will perform in concert at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium on Jan. 27.

Western, folk or both?

Who: The Internationally known Ian Tyson

When: 7:30 p.m. Jan. 27
Where: The College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium

Cost: Tickets start at \$36 and are available at the auditorium box office or online at tickets.csi.edu. Organizers expect seats to sell out quickly.

Tyson will preface many songs with stories, which audiences have grown to enjoy as much as his music. He stumbled upon the stories' success by accident, he said.

"At this age, I've got arthritis in my left wrist and an occasion would stop playing the guitar for a while to let it rest. You have to entertain the audience, and I started preface songs with stories as broad as the scope of the West, and simplified on something serendipitous. The stories have become an important part, a special part, of the show. In part, because I do them so well," Tyson said with a chuckle.

During the evening, Tyson knows, his Twin Falls audience will be waiting to hear old favorites like "Navajo Rag," "Four Strong Winds" and "Someday Soon." The rest of the program, he said, will be finalized closer to the concert.

"I'm just going to go out there and give the audience an evening to enjoy," Tyson said. "I'm not sure what all we'll play."

With five decades of performance under his cowboy hat—Tyson celebrates his 75th birthday in 2008—what ever Tyson's program it's sure to be a treat for the Magic Valley audience.

"This should be a great concert and we're excited that Ian is coming here," said CSI Rodeo Team leader Steve Burney. "We're sponsoring the event with a percentage of the proceeds going to the rodeo program. From scholarships, practices and travel, (it's) for all the things we do. I know I am sure looking forward to it and hope everyone else is, too."

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Movie review

What's playing

TWIN FALLS

Twin Cinema
 •National Treasure: Book of Secrets*
 •The Golden Compass*
 •One Missed Call*
 •Alvin and the Chipmunks*
 •I Am Legend*
 •The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep*

Odyssey Theater
 •The Great Debaters*
 •Walk Hard*
 •P.S. I Love You*
 •Analyze This*
 •Into the Wild*
 •Aliens vs. Predator: Requiem*

The Orpheum
 •Charlie Wilson's War*

HAILEY/KETCHUM

SNTime Cinemas
 •Juno*
 •Sweeney Todd*

Big Wood Cinema
 •Alvin and the Chipmunks*
 •I Am Legend*
 •National Treasure: Book of Secrets*
 •Walk Hard*

Magic Lantern
 •No Country for Old Men*
 •National Treasure: Book of Secrets*
 •Charlie Wilson's War*
 •Walk Hard*
 •P.S. I Love You*

Sun Valley Opera House
 •I Am Legend*
 •Sun Valley Serenade*
 •Warren Miller Ski Films

BURLEY

Century Cinema
 •National Treasure: Book of Secrets*
 •The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep*
 •Alvin and the Chipmunks*
 •I Am Legend*
 •Enchanted*
 •One Missed Call*

Burley Theater
 •The Game Plan*

JEROME

Jerome Cinema
 •National Treasure: Book of Secrets*
 •Alvin and the Chipmunks*
 •I Am Legend*
 •The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep*

'SWEENEY TODD'

A perfect fit for Burton and Depp's dark sensibilities

BY CHRISTY LEVINE
 AP movie critic

"Sweeney Todd" (The Demon Barber of Fleet Street) is the quintessential Tim Burton movie, even though it springs from somebody else's celebrated mind.

Everything about Stephen Sondheim's revered musical, which provided the inspiration for the film, seems tailor-made for the director's sensibilities. Truly, what other filmmaker could tell the story of a vengeful barber (Johnny Depp) who slits his customers' throats and the loavesick baker (Helena Bonham Carter) who grinds up the dead bodies for her meat pies? It's strangely beautiful and beautifully strange, with horrific subject matter that produces plenty of wicked humor and characters who initially seem ghastly but ultimately reveal themselves as sympathetic and deeply sad.

Burton fell in love with Sondheim and Tuppah Wheeler's 1979 work when he saw it 20 years ago in London, and it shows.

The absurdity, loneliness and darkness that infuse the best of Burton's oeuvre — "Edward Scissorhands," "Ed Wood" and "Corpse Bride," all of which started his longtime friend and collaborator Depp — seem heightened here. Burton's vision of 19th-century London, created with the help of cinematographer Darluis Volski and production designer Dante Ferretti, is vividly gritty, full of strikingly contrasting blacks and grays punctuated by dramatic splashes of red.

"That would be the blood, of course.

It sprays like a fire hose from the necks of Sweeney's unsuspecting victims, who are then dumped down a chute and into Mrs. Lovett's meat grinder. Watching Sweeney do this over and over



Actor Johnny Depp, left, is Sweeney Todd, and Helena Bonham Carter plays his willing accomplice Mrs. Lovett in a scene from 'Sweeney Todd: The Demon Barber of Fleet Street.'

AP photo

'Sweeney Todd'

Starring Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter, Sacha Baron Cohen
 • Rated R for graphic bloody violence

passionately but methodically with the help of his "friends," his ornate silver razors — is at once harrowing and hilarious. Sweeney, formerly known as Benjamin Barker, goes on his killing spree after spending 15 years in an Australian prison on false charges. The villainous Judge Turpin (Alan Rickman, always a subtly delicious bad guy) sent Sweeney away to steal his bride and baby girl. The wife has long since poisoned herself and young Johanna (Jayne Wiseman), now Turpin's ward, is kept like a fragile bird in a cage in his elegant home.

Once he dispatches his first victim — the Italian luckster Pirelli — with a scene-stealing Sacha Baron Cohen in tight blue pants that leave nothing to the imagination — "Sweeney doesn't know what to do with him and stuffs him in a trunk. But the ever-practical Mrs. Lovett, who famously makes "the worst pies in London," sees the body and in-

stantly gets an idea of how to improve her product. (Her cheery line about how "everybody shaves, so there should be plenty of flavors" is a twisted classic.)

As the carnage piles up and their relationship evolves, it turns unexpectedly sweet. Sweeney and Mrs. Lovett fall into an easy rhythm, but he's too focused on his goal — slicing Turpin's throat — to realize she's in love with him and dreams of building a simple life with the orphaned Toby (Edward Sanders), who helps out around the shop. Bonham Carter is no Angela Lansbury, who originated the role on Broadway, or Patti LaBelle, who took it over in a 2005 revival, but she absolutely has the right look for the part and a touching ring of melancholy.

Depp, meanwhile, has been immersing himself in challenging roles like Sweeney Todd his whole life, and is just as snug a fit for the material as Burton himself. With his shock of black-and-white hair and obsessed look in his darkened eyes, Depp Todd could be a long-lost relative of Edward Scissorhands.

Perhaps some of the emotions have been lost in cutting a three-hour stage production down to a

two-hour movie. When Sweeney's traveling companion Anthony (Jamie Campbell Bower) instantly falls for Johanna from afar and promises in song, "I'll steal you," it comes out of nowhere and rings hollow.

Ironically, these two young performers, who have some of the smallest amounts of screen time, are the only ones who impress with their voices. Depp and Bonham Carter aren't exactly musical theater veterans — they're acting the music more than singing it a lot of the time, though that does make "Sweeney Todd" more raw.

But it's no small feat that Burton has accomplished in creating a captivating movie musical, making the transition from Broadway to the big screen has proven an iffy proposition in recent years. "Dreamgirls" dazzled and "Chicago" won the Oscar for best picture with big stars bursting from each, but they're the exceptions.

Everyone once sang — really, really sing — in Joel Schumacher's version of "The Phantom of the Opera" and in "Rent," which retained much of its original stage cast. And that didn't exactly make either of them a smashing success, now did it?

Idaho volunteer records books for the blind

BOISE (AP) — Seventeen years ago, Boise lawyer Larry Weeks ago, Boise lawyer Larry Weeks says, Boise lawyer Larry Weeks who worked at the Idaho State Library, now known as the Idaho Commission for Libraries.

The client happened to comment on Weeks' mellifluous speaking voice, and suggested that he try recording "talking books" for the blind.

The former University of Idaho English major was interested in literature and libraries and took his client's suggestion. Since then, he's logged 1,360 volunteer hours in the recording booth for the libraries' Talking Book Service for the Blind.

Weeks' law practice now focuses on estate planning, wills and trusts. He has the luxury of setting his own hours, and spends two a week recording.

"That's all his voice can take at one time, he explained, crediting other volunteers who can read for three or four hours at a stretch.

Recording books, Weeks said, is a steadily educational experience. During the actual recording, he concentrates on getting a clean rendition of the script. But facts sink in without him realizing it. He finds that he'll know some bit of information that comes up

"From a more selfish standpoint, volunteering is an easy way to find leisure reading time. But I want other people to have that opportunity, too."

— Larry Weeks

in some other context, then remember that he learned it from a book he recorded.

He reads mostly nonfiction for the library, especially Northwest and local history.

His "performance" style is more documentarian than theatrical, he said. He doesn't maintain his voice in any special way, but avoids eating chocolate before work because it "affects crispness." Being a volunteer narrator has also made him hyper-conscious of his voice, its inflection and volume when he talks to people on the phone.

It gets some input about what books he records, but is often reading books he wouldn't necessarily choose to read for fun. His current project is a tome about the Potlatch Corp.'s rail system that will take him an entire year to record. "But I'm told there's an audience," he said.

He has proof of that. And fans.

Sheila Winther, who coordinates library volunteers at the li-

brary, said, "Larry is just so dedicated, and we've gotten nice letters from our patrons, who tell us they love to listen to him."

"From a more selfish standpoint, volunteering is an easy way to find leisure reading time," Weeks said. "But I want other people to have that opportunity, too."

Weeks and the other volunteers, who not only narrate, but handle all the sound engineering and circulation, make it possible for everyone in the community to enjoy a good read. The Idaho Commission for Libraries has

62,000 titles on its shelves for the blind. Close to 700 books on tape come in and out of the library every day.

Idaho Commission for Libraries, Talking Book Services for the Blind provides free talking books and magazines on audio cassette, and the necessary playback equipment, for Idahoans of all ages who are unable to read standard printed materials.

KARAOKE CORNER

DAILY

Twin Falls
Karaoke, 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, 402 Main Ave. N. No cover charge.

THURSDAY, JAN. 3

Twin Falls
Kaitwalk Karaoke, 9 p.m. at Kruezer's Night Life, 121 Fourth Ave. S. No cover charge.

Pioneer Karaoke by Kim, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover charge.

Burley
Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside, 197 W. U.S. Highway 30. Cover charge is \$2.

Declo
Karaoke by Lou Brown, 8 p.m. to midnight at Shakers, 828 Idaho Highway 61. No cover charge.

FRIDAY, JAN. 4

Twin Falls
Pioneer Karaoke by Kim, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover charge.

Burley
Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave. No cover charge.

Rupert
Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar, 502 Sixth St. No cover charge.

Wanna-be-a-Star Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont.

No cover charge.

SATURDAY, JAN. 5

Twin Falls
Pioneer Karaoke by Kim, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover charge.

Burley
Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave. No cover charge.

Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside, 197 W. U.S. Highway 30. Cover charge is \$2.

Rupert
High Mountain Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont. No cover charge.

Declo
Miller Time Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Katana, 9 E. Main. No cover charge.

TUESDAY, JAN. 8

Burley
Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers, 163 W. U.S. Highway 30. No cover charge.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 9

Twin Falls
Kroakers Karaoke, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Blvd. No cover charge.

Pioneer Karaoke by Kim, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover charge.

Paul
Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Rod's Bar, 6 E. Idaho St. No cover charge.

Musician delays Twin Falls party

Times-News

Twin Falls-raised musician Chris Eberlein has delayed the pre-release party for his new single, "What You're Doing (To Me)." Eberlein last week said he's trying to reserve a Twin Falls venue for a Jan. 12 party.

"I'd like to have the new song featured prominently throughout the evening, which is why holding it at a kind of club would



be nice," he said. "I'm also hoping to try to get the song on lo-

cal commercial radio, perhaps, since the song really has that appeal."

Eberlein said his new single will be released on iTunes on Jan. 15 — also later than expected. But his CD, "Faces of Me," will be available for purchase from Eberlein on Tuesday. The \$10 CD features the new single along with some live sets and previously unreleased tracks. Preorder at (200) 670-2439.

Looking for an audience?



Southern Idaho bands, singers and musicians may submit information about themselves in the local Vocals section of www.ticket.com. The free submissions are searchable by the Web site's users. Entries with objectionable language will be removed.

For information: Pat Marcantonios at 735-3212.

Theater

Crack the case

Buhl High Drama presents dinner theater murder mystery

BY BLAIR KOCH
Times News correspondent

Who done it?

Attend this year's Buhl High School Drama Department Dinner Theater show, "You Have the Right to Remain Dead," and you'll help Officer Bainbridge crack the case.

"Bainbridge does solve the thing, but he needs help. He's a typical cop — always right and hates when he's wrong," said senior Bert Huffing, who plays the officer.

Huffing has been involved with Buhl High drama his entire high school career. This will be the last dinner theater he'll participate in, and he said the shows are among the most fun of each year.

"I hope a lot of people come to the show. The dinners are great, and having a large audience builds the show's energy. Plus, it helps us really work as our character. Since we interact with the audience we get to ad-lib, so we really need to know, and be, our characters," Huffing said.

This is the 10th annual dinner theater produced by the department. Director David Blaszkiewicz said people need to bring only two things with them: an appetite and open mind.

"Pay attention. Things aren't what they always seem," he said.

Be mystified

Don't miss the 10th Annual Buhl High School Drama Department Dinner Theater. This year the thespians present "You Have the Right to Remain Dead," written by Pat Cook.

Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and curtain is at 7 p.m. on Jan. 11 and 12 at the West End Senior Center, 1010 Main St. in Buhl. Cost is \$30 per couple, or \$28 per couple for seniors. Reservations: 490-1992 or 543-4577.

While admission of \$30 a couple (for seniors) may seem steep, he said it "is money well spent.

"The kids not only put on the show but they help serve dinner, which is cooked by the center, and it's always really good. It's a good experience for everybody. The audience gets to watch and participate with a show, and the students provide some community service while also raising money for the drama department. Part of the funds remain at the senior center as well," Blaszkiewicz said.

Other cast members include Tucker McCreary as Iarnell Chesterton, Jana Konietzki as Blanche LaTour, Jordan Hicks playing Arnold Turnbull/Eat Daddy, Jordyn Butler as Doris

Turnbull, Nikki Inchausti playing Lois Jacobsen, Caleb Gerdes as Steve Randall, Heather Griggs cast as Leigh Dorsett, Kenny Kestle as Ajax Conroy and Emily Michael playing Trudy Marsh. Michawn Adkins is assistant director, and Danielle Waller and Korby Hutchison are production assistants. The stage crew consists of Sammy Orr.

The West End Senior Center's site director, Cathe Woods, said this year's menu includes locally raised Clear Springs baked trout or baked chicken breast, baked potato, vegetables and a roll. Dessert will be served, but the dish remains a surprise.

"The seniors really get a kick



Photo by STEVE KOSZARSKI/TNT

Jana Konietzki turns to glare at fellow actor Caleb Gerdes during a rehearsal of the production of "You Have the Right to Remain Dead" on a December afternoon at Buhl High School.

out of watching the kids. They come in before the show to decorate and put up the set," Woods said. "We'll prepare the food, and really, it's just a community ac-

tivity we enjoy having here."

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Jordan Hicks, left, and Bert Huffing, right, rehearse a scene from "You Have the Right to Remain Dead" at Buhl High School.