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Meth lab busted



Members of the Twin Falls Fire Department, right, help an investigator remove his protective suit Wednesday morning at the scene of a meth lab near downtown Twin Falls. Law enforcement officials found equipment commonly used to make meth Tuesday and were still processing the scene Wednesday.

Equipment to make drug found in downtown trailer

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

In July, someone had left police an anonymous tip: It looked as if a camper trailer behind 552 Second Ave. E. was a meth house.



Patterson

The red-haired, red-skinned 41-year-old and the camper trailer behind his home have been the focus of a targeted meth buy operation by Twin Falls police for months, court records show. On Tuesday, it paid off.

lowed the lead, observed a constant flow of traffic stopping for several minutes at the home and then leaving. They decided the anonymous tipper was probably right. By using a confidential



informant as a go-between, an undercover detective staged a \$120 buy on Oct. 4. Red, who lived in a home next to the trailer, walked out of the trailer and sold her 1.77 grams of meth through the confidential informant. A week later the same detective staged a second buy, without using a confidential informant. This time, Red gave her a sweeter deal — \$100 for a

“teen,” which weighed in at 2.3 grams. A third time, however, Red snubbed the detective by telling her to call back but he never answered his phone.

By that point in the investigation it didn't matter. A judge signed an arrest warrant, and police arrested Red Tuesday at the trailer on

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Gooding nursing home could get new owner

Company pledges to keep residents, staff despite Medicare cut-off

By Nate Poppino Times-News writer

The Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center may soon have a new owner in an effort to keep the facility's doors open.

Northwest Rec-Corp, which manages the Gooding home, is in the middle of negotiations with the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare after the department revoked the home's license on Dec. 5.

Scott Barpee, Rec-Corp vice president of finance and reimbursement, said he has been asked to have his own company, Carefix Management Consulting, take over the home. But such a move won't be easy, he said, due to complex regulations and an overworked state regulatory agency that

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LAST WE KNEW: The Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center had appealed the state's decision to revoke its license.

THE LATEST: The home's owners and a slew of state officials are working to transfer ownership to another company.

WHAT'S NEXT: An administrative review is scheduled for April or May, and the transfer could happen sooner than that.

may not be able to properly certify the home for as long as a year.

“It seems like the bureaucracy is not responsive to the needs of the community,” Barpee said, citing the home's value to the Gooding area and to the Gooding County Memorial Hospital just next door.

The license revocation, which came after what Health and Welfare officials described as a long history

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Beck pushes dual-credit enrollment to Legislature

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

Idaho Legislature 2008



INSIDE:

Possible tax hikes for piano fuel, cigarettes. See page C1.

BOISE — A year after the College of Southern Idaho received more than \$21 million to expand its nursing program, its school president made a pitch to the legislative budget committee to expand concurrent education into rural high schools.

In his annual presentation to the Joint Finance-Appropriations Committee Wednesday, CSI President Jerry Beck asked for \$276,700 to extend its dual-credit program to rural Magic Valley. There are currently about 1,600 students taking such classes, which allow students to earn credit toward both a high school diploma and college degree.

Under the proposal, the

money would be used to fund three CSI teachers who would rotate teaching math and science in rural school districts where there are not teachers with credentials to teach the advanced classes. Eight schools are included in the pilot program, such as those in Murrtaugh and Hansen.

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On the Web

For more stories about the Idaho Legislature, a blog by political reporter Jared S. Hopkins, a Who's Who in the Idaho Legislature and more, go to MagicValley.com and hit the Legislature 2008 button.

Rule changes will ease killing of wolves in region

By John Miller Associated Press writer

BOISE — New federal wolf management rules expected by Jan. 28 will make it easier to kill problem predators in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming even if listing Endangered Species Act protections in February is stalled by lawsuits.

Environmental groups said such rule changes could lead to unwarranted killing of wolves.

By recovery officials said one big reason for expanding the options for killing wolves is that officials expect the removal of federal protections, planned for Feb. 28, to prompt lawsuits from

“We set a threshold that has not provided the intended flexibility to allow States and Tribes to resolve conflict” among wolves, elk and deer, Fish and Wildlife conceded last July.

groups such as Defenders of Wildlife. If litigation delays or blocks the lifting of the federal protections, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming want as much flexibility as possible to decide when to kill wolves that are eating too many elk and deer or attacking hunting dogs.

“It's just basically a safety valve that we can use if we have to,” Steve Nadeau,

the Idaho Department of Fish and Game's top wolf manager, said Wednesday.

Last year, Wyoming's lawmakers made expanding these rules a condition of going along with the federal plan to lift protections from wolves.

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Presidential candidates plan Elko stops

By Doug McMurro For the Times-News

ELKO, Nev. — The presidential caravan is coming to northern Nevada, with no one, not two, but four candidates planning visits before Saturday's primary elections. Former North Carolina sen-

ator and Democratic presidential candidate John Edwards will be in Elko at 8:30 tonight at The Star Hotel and Restaurant, 246 Silver St.

The event, dubbed “Countdown to the Caucus,” part of Edwards' “Standing with Working Families” tour, will be among the candidates'

final appearances in Nevada as the campaign heads back East to Edwards' home state of South Carolina.

Edwards is in a too-close-to-call race with Illinois Sen. Barack Obama, who visits Elko on Friday, and N.Y. Sen.

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Study: Fewer abortions performed in U.S.

By Rob Stejs The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The number of abortions performed in the United States dropped to 1.2 million in 2005 — the lowest level since 1976, according to a new report.

The number of abortions fell at least in part because the proportion of women ending their pregnancies with an abortion dropped 9 percent between 2000 and 2005, hitting the lowest level since 1975, according to a nationwide survey.

At the same time, the long decline in the number of abortion providers appears to be stabilizing, at least in part because of the availability of the controversial French abortion pill RU-486, the report found,

because some physicians who do not perform surgical abortions provide it to their patients. The report itself did not identify reasons for the drop in abortions, but the researchers said it could be due to a combination of factors.

“It could be more women using contraception and not having as many unintended pregnancies. It could be more restrictions on abortions making it more difficult

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TODAY'S FORECAST

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Today Tonight Friday
Mostly cloudy Partly to mostly cloudy A mix of clouds and sunshine
High 31 Low 22 34/19

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Today: Partly to mostly cloudy with gusty southwest winds High in the mid to upper 20s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy and continued breezy. Lows in the middle teens.
Tomorrow: Partly sunny and not quite as breezy. Highs reaching the upper 20s.

Complete weather report: See page B8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

'You Can't Take It With You,' a Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy presented by the Twin Falls High School Drama Department starring Danny Marona and the Advanced Acting Class, 7:30 p.m., THS Roper Auditorium, 1615 Fluer Ave. E., Twin Falls, tickets: general admission \$10, student \$5 and teachers \$5 (requires identification), proceeds to Danny Marona Performing Arts Scholarship Fund, 733-6551.

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

The CIO Awards reel, global awards competition honoring advertising and design presented by Magic Valley Advertising Federation, noon, Twin Falls Shilo Inn, (catered by the Outback Steakhouse), 308-0488 for reservations.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Twin Falls Maroon Lions club meeting and no-host lunch, noon, Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, 735-9032 or 733-3429.
Xavier Charter School Board monthly meeting, 6:30 p.m., Xavier Charter School, 771 N. College Road, Twin Falls, (208) 933-9287.
LOASA Chapter of INPS meeting, with topic: Mushrooms, presented by Dylan Lev-Boyd, CSR, 7 p.m., Taylor building, room 256, College of Southern Idaho, public welcome, 735-1205.

EDUCATION

The Kimberly and Hansen libraries book discussion group, with 'Year of Magical Thinking' by Joan Didion led by Cindy Bjomeberg, 7:30 p.m., Kimberly Public Library, 120 Madison St. W., Kimberly, books available for checkout at Kimberly and Hansen libraries, 423-4556 or 423-4122.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.
Sun Valley City Council, 4 p.m. council chambers, 81 Elkton Road, 622-4438.
Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 4 p.m., courthouse, 715 G St., Rupert, 436-7180.
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128.
Blaine County commissioners and mayors workshop, 7 p.m., council chambers, Ketchum City Hall, 480 E. Ave. N., 788-5505 ext. 1138.
Kimberly School Board, 7 p.m., district office, 141 Center St. W., 423-4170.
Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St., 536-5161.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at Filer Elementary and Hagerman High School Gym; and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the old gym in Buhl, no cost, 732-6475.
TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight-loss support group, 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., 420-3823.
Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, 737-5988.
Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.
SilverSneakers 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, 637-2977.
Arthritis Walking Class, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., First Christian Church, 601 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-5988.
Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life-changing, healthy behaviors, 6:30 p.m., Fireside Room of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yakima and Main, Filar, 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. N., fifty cents, open to the public, 734-5084.
To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Browne by e-mail at sbrowne@magicvalley.com or by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, PO Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

MORNING BRIEFING

S. American rodent weighed 1 ton, was size of a bull; fortunately, it's extinct

By Raphael G. Satter, Associated Press writer

LONDON — Eeek! Imagine a rodent that weighed a ton and was as big as a bull. Uruguayans scientists say they have uncovered fossil evidence of the biggest species of rodent ever found, one that scurried across wooded areas of South America about 4 million years ago, when the continent was not connected to North America.

A herbivore, the beast may have been a contemporary, and possibly prey, of saber-toothed cats — a prehistoric version of Tom and Jerry. For those afraid of rodents, forget humping on a chair. Its huge skull, more than 20 inches long, suggested a beast more than eight feet long and weighing between 1,700 and 3,000 pounds.

Although British newspapers mistakenly described it as a mouse or a rat, researchers say the animal, named Josephoartigasia monesi, actually was more closely related to a guinea pig or porcupine.

It is totally different from the rats and mice we're accustomed to," said Bruce Patterson, the curator of mammals at the Field Museum in Chicago, adding that it was the biggest rodent he had ever heard of.

An artist's rendering showed a creature that looked like a cross between a hipopotamus and guinea pig. The fossil was found in 1987 about 65 miles west of the capital of Montevideo, near the vast River Plata estuary — a muddy waterway separating Uruguay from Argentina that empties into the South Atlantic. That area is site of ancient riverbanks and other deposits where fossils have been found, he said.

An Argentine fossil collector identified as Sergio Viera donated the skull to Uruguay's National History and Anthropology Museum nearly two decades ago, said museum director Arturo Toscano.

It spent years hidden away in a box at the museum and was rediscovered by curator Andres Unterknecht, who enlisted the help of field researcher Ernesto Blanco to study it. Blanco told The Associated Press he was shocked when he first saw the face to face with the fossil, saying it looked



In this image released in London Wednesday by the Royal Society, an artist's illustration shows variations on the head of Josephoartigasia monesi, a newly discovered extinct species of rodent. It is even bigger than a cow skull. 'It's a beautiful piece of nature,' he said in an interview. 'You feel the power of a very big animal behind this.' Blanco said the skull's shape and the huge incisors left no doubt they were dealing with a rodent, but he cautioned that the estimate of the animal's bulk was imprecise.

AROUND THE WORLD

WASHINGTON

Former congressman charged for involvement in terror fundraising ring

A former congressman and delegate to the United Nations was indicted Wednesday on charges of being part of a terrorist fundraising ring that allegedly sent more than \$130,000 to a supporter of al-Qaida and the Taliban who has threatened U.S. and international troops in Afghanistan.

The 42-count indictment, unsealed in U.S. District Court in Kansas City, Mo., accuses the Islamic American Relief Agency and its president, Sillander, of paying Sillander \$50,000 for the lobbying — money that turned out to be stolen from the U.S. Agency for International Development.

Sillander, who served in the House from 1981-1987, was appointed by President Reagan to serve as U.S. delegate to the United Nations for one year in 1987.

He could not immediately be reached for comment Wednesday, and his attorney in Kansas City, J.R. Hobbs, had no immediate comment.

CUBA

Castro says he's not healthy enough to speak to Cuba's people

HAVANA — Fidel Castro said Wednesday he is not yet healthy enough to address Cuba's people in person and cast campaign for Sunday's parliamentary elections.

"I am not physically able to speak directly to the citizens of the municipality where I was nominated for our elections," the ailing 81-year-old wrote in an essay published by state news media.

Hours later, government television broadcast minutes of a frail but upbeat Castro meeting Brazil's visiting President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva on Tuesday.

The first video of Castro in three months showed him sitting in a wheelchair, intently with a finger pointing forward, then later standing and speaking, waving a finger for emphasis.

"I have felt very good, very good," Castro says after exchanging a warm hug with Silva — the only public comment on the 60 seconds of footage.

Silva, a leftist admirer of the Cuban revolution, said

Castro's health "was a nice surprise."

Speaking to reporters at the airport just before leaving the island, Silva said Castro appeared healthy enough to return to politics.

"I think Fidel is ready to take over his historic political role in this globalized world, in humanity," Silva said. He did not suggest what role might be.

NEVADA

Angry judge raises O.J.'s bail to \$250,000

LAS VEGAS — An angry judge doubled O.J. Simpson's bail to \$250,000, on Wednesday for violating terms of his original bail by attempting to contact a co-defendant in the armed robbery case against him.

Simpson, cited in jail after, announced as the amount was announced and meekly acknowledged that he understood.

"I don't know Mr. Simpson what the heck you were thinking — or maybe that's the problem — you weren't," District Judge Jackie Clark told Simpson during the hearing.

"I don't know if it's just arrogance, I don't know if it's ignorance. But you've been thinking up at the Clark County Detention Center since Friday because of arrogance or ignorance — or both."

Class said that the order to

not contact other defendants was clear and she warned that if anything else happened Simpson would be locked up. She warned him against contacting anyone else in the case, and barred him from leaving the country.

N. CAROLINA

FBI: Marine wanted in woman's death said he would flee to Mexico

JACKSONVILLE — A Marine suspected of killing a pregnant comrade told friends he would flee to Mexico to avoid being convicted of raping her, and investigators said Wednesday they are working with Mexican authorities to track him down.

A wide-ranging manhunt for Cpl. Cesar Armando Laurean began last week, after authorities said he fled North Carolina and left a note in which he admitted burying the body of Lance Cpl. Maria Lauterbach, but said she committed suicide.

The 20-year-old had accused him of rape. Investigators found Lauterbach's burned remains, and those of her child, in a fire pit in Laurean's backyard and concluded she did not kill herself.

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— Wire services

CORRECTIONS

Person misidentified

Chuck Maxwell, a member of the National Ski Patrol, was misidentified in an article that appears in last Sunday's Magic Valley section.

The Times-News regrets the error.

Snowpack levels

Table with 3 columns: Watershed, % of Avg., % Season. Rows include Salmon, Big Wood, Little Wood, Big Lost, Little Lost, Henrys Fork/Teton, Upper Snake Basin, Oakley, Salmon Falls.

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- Also: Check out the scene by the side of a suspected meth house. Read a list of school districts' plant facilities levels.

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of problems, has become a critical issue for the city of Gooding. The city's mayor, hospital and other groups have sent letters supporting the nursing home to state officials, and three state legislators are working with Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter's office, Health and Welfare and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to find a solution to the issue.

The situation, already complicated, was made more so by the fact that Bee-Corp never filed an appeal with CMS by the Jan. 5 deadline, said Michael Marchand, a spokesman for the federal agency. Medicare reimbursements to the facility are to end Feb. 4, he said. He said the portion of Medicaid reimbursements paid by the federal government. Most of the home's 52 residents are covered by Medicare or Medicaid.

"It's Bee-Corp's ability to appeal anything at this point would be rather limited," Marchand said.

• But the company intends to press on, and Bee-Corp officials have pledged to keep all residents and staff at the facility even after payment ceases. Ideally, Burpee said,

Idaho officials will allow Carelix to take over the home and schedule a certification survey for at least Medicaid reimbursements for a couple of months later, enough time for Burpee to ensure the home is ready. But those involved have just a few problems to work out first.

The state has never certified a nursing home solely for Medicaid. Even if it does, the federal portion won't kick in until CMS becomes involved, leaving the financial responsibility on the state. CMS could take up to a year to arrange a survey to its satisfaction, and Medicare repayments wouldn't start until that survey was passed. The home, once surveyed, would have to pass at a level that only one nursing home in the state reached in 2007, according to the Idaho Health Care Association.

Burpee would still have to pay for at least two months of patient care until any reimbursement at that point though he may be able to recoup the payments once the home is certified.

The answers to all those issues are yet to come, though Health and Welfare and CMS are communicating via e-mail and phone. House

Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, said Wednesday. Jaquet and two fellow Democrats, Rep. Donna Pence, D-Gooding, and Senate Minority Leader Clint Stennett, D-Ketchum, became involved in the issue in December after Pence received numerous calls of support for the home.

"They feel that the changes that have gone on over the past year have been positive, and they're satisfied," Pence said of the family members she's spoken with, who referred to recent staffing changes and other moves. ("Gooding employees" have been working very hard to try to meet the terms of what they were asked to do."

Both Pence and Jaquet said Burpee's participation seems to have won the state over to the idea of the change in ownership. Burpee is the founder and past CEO of St. Maries-based Valley Vista Care Corporation, a religious nonprofit that operates two skilled-nursing homes in north Idaho and four assisted-living homes, including Vista Assisted Living in Rupert.

The homes, the legislators said, have a good reputation

in the state, though Burpee's own Valley Vista Care Center lost a lawsuit in 2006 alleging the center and other medical professionals overmedicated a resident, leading to his death.

Burpee left the company, which he founded in the early 1980s, in 2007 and formed Carelix — based in the Pocatello area near Bee-Corp. Burpee said he joined Bee-Corp to help out its financial side, and that no other Bee-Corp employees are involved with Carelix.

He's a good manager and seems to have a good touch with getting things back so they are running efficiently," Pence said.

The future of the Gooding home may also depend on the results of an upcoming this week, in which Bee-Corp officials are arguing that a 2006 incident placing them on a provisional license was misinterpreted by the state. Burpee said a win for Bee-Corp would mean an administrative review of the state's license revocation, currently scheduled for late April or early May.

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CSI

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"We've created a state of awe and have-nots with dual-credit," Beck told the committee.

The proposal was one of two requests sought by CSI to be ruled on by the joint-budgeting panel. The other was a \$226,300 request to expand online teaching services. Proposals that would amend state law — such as increasing how much revenue from the state liquor fund would go to community colleges — are decided by other committees.

Beck said that there have been discussions with school administrators but said he expects those to occur if the program is approved so that programs are cost-effective. This is for the students, it's not for the school districts," he said. "This is for the kids, to be able to bring them, to have the same opportunities that kids have in our larger districts."

In Idaho, dual-credit classes cost about \$65 plus a textbook. The rest of the cost is made up by colleges, and that cost varies. For example, introductory English is much cheaper than biology, Beck said.

Nearly 300 students at Twin Falls High School are

enrolled in dual credit courses, according to the district.

CSI officials added that enrollment in online courses has increased to 2,350 in almost 10 years. Still, the "majority" of dual-credit classes are offered in-person, said Claudene Beutner, who will retire later this month as CSI's executive vice president after more than 30 years at the school.

CSI was a strong beneficiary from the 2007 legislative session after lawmakers approved \$21 million for a new nursing and health sciences building. Construction for that building, which will be built north of North College Road in Twin Falls, is expected to begin soon, and Beck said he will seek funding for staffing next year.

Beck focused on long-term goals as well. He said he plans to approach the Legislature in three years for the appropriation of \$250,000 for the school's nursing program recovery grant money that will likely run out.

"Quite frankly that will be included in our requests down the road," he said.

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Lab

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suspicion of two counts of delivery of a controlled substance. Because of the property's proximity to Bickel Elementary School, the county prosecutor added a sentencing enhancement to both counts. Inside the trailer,

er, officers found equipment commonly used to make methamphetamine, including tubing, heating and cooking equipment, and glass containers containing unknown liquids and substances.

Trained staff from Idaho

State Police and the Twin Falls Fire Department seized the items found inside the trailer before they removed them as evidence. Wearing heat-mat suits, two officers tested the material at an impromptu lab set up near the alley, with black

plastic covering the dirt and cables and yellow police tape cordoning off the area. Firefighters and an ambulance were also at the scene.

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Elko

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Hillary Clinton.

Clinton's campaign has announced the former first lady would speak in Elko, also on Friday, and details are expected today.

On the Republican side, Mitt Romney will be in Elko on Friday at Adobe Middle School, fresh off a win in Michigan Tuesday. The former Massachusetts governor's campaign should provide details today.

Like the challenge among Democrats, the Republican race is as wide open as the West with three candidates winning three states. Former Arkansas governor Mike Huckabee won in Iowa and Arizona Sen. John McCain in New Hampshire.

Doug McMurdo is a staff

writer for the Elko Daily Free Press.

Wolves

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The state wanted to make sure there was "more flexibility for Wyoming to deal with wolves having excessive impacts on elk and deer species," said Eric Keseler, a spokesman for the Wyoming Department of Game and Fish.

Wolves were reintroduced into central Idaho and the area including Yellowstone National Park in Montana and Wyoming more than a decade ago after being hunted to near extinction. Since then, their numbers have grown to more than 1,500.

So have conflicts between livestock and wolves — in Idaho, 52 cows and 170 sheep were killed in 2007. And hunters who provide millions in revenue to state wildlife agencies in the form of licenses are complaining that wolves are a threat to elk and deer populations.

In 2005, in a preliminary step toward removing wolves from Endangered Species Act protections, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service released management rules for states. But those rules are controversial if they were harassing livestock. But under those rules,

only wolves deemed to be the primary cause of unacceptable impacts on deer and elk herds could be eliminated.

"We set a threshold that has not provided the intended flexibility to allow States and Tribes to resolve conflict" among wolves, elk and deer, Fish and Wildlife conceded last July.

So under the changes expected by Jan. 20, the states would no longer have to prove wolves are the "primary cause" of unacceptable elk deaths in order to kill them; rather, wolves would merely have to be one of the

"major causes."

Wild advocates accuse federal officials of giving in to pressure from Idaho's and Wyoming's complaints.

Suzanne Stone, Northern Rockies representative for Defenders of Wildlife in Boise, said under the changes, the Idaho Department of Fish and Game could easily resurrect a plan to kill as many as 43 wolves in the Lolo region on the state's border with Montana, an area where elk numbers have fallen far short of the state wildlife agency's goals for big-game hunters.

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for women to obtain abortion services. It could be a combination of these and other dynamics," said Rachel Jones of the Guttmacher Institute, a nonpartisan health research organization, which published the report in the March issue of the journal Perspectives on Sexual and Reproductive Health.

Whatever the reasons, the trend was welcomed by both abortion opponents and abortion rights advocates.

"This study shows that prevention works, and that's

what we provide in our health centers every day," said Cecile Richard of the Planned Parenthood Federation of America. "At the end of the day, Americans of all stripes believe that we need to do more to prevent unintended pregnancy and make health care affordable and accessible."

"It's still a massive number, but it's moving in the right direction," said Randall K. O'Hannon of the National Right to Life Committee, adding that at least some of the drop may be due to changing attitudes.

"Even told at Hollywood," said O'Hannon, citing the hit movie "Juno," about a pregnant teenager who decides to have her baby. "More and more people are starting to reconsider their positions."

Suzanne Poppino, a spokeswoman for Physicians for Reproductive Choice and Health speculated that wider availability of the morning-after pill also might be playing a role.

"I would like to say that it's at least partially due to

increased availability of emergency contraception, which is a really good addition to reproductive health care in this country," Poppino said. The emergency contraceptive known as Plan B, a high dose of standard birth control pills, can prevent pregnancy if taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex.

The report was based on a survey, conducted regularly since the 1970s.

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Extended time with teacher subs hurts student learning

By Nancy Zuckerbrod
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — A year is a long time in a child's education, the time it can take to learn cursive writing or beginning algebra. It's also how much time kids can spend with substitute teachers from kindergarten through high school — time that's all but lost for learning.

Despite tremendous pressure on schools to increase instructional time and meet performance goals, the vacuum created by teacher absences has been all but ignored — even though new research suggests it can have an adverse effect in the classroom.

The problem isn't just with teachers being out for a day or two with the flu. Schools' use of substitutes to plug full-time vacancies — the teaching

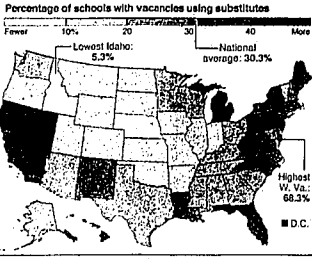
ers that kids are supposed to have all year — is up dramatically.

Duke University economist Charles Clotfelter, among a handful of researchers who have closely studied the issue, says the image of spitballs flying past a daily substitute often reflects reality. "Many times substitutes don't have the plan in front of them," Clotfelter said. "They don't have all the behavioral expectations that the regular teachers have established, so it's basically a learning pattern."

Clotfelter's examination of North Carolina schools is part of emerging research suggesting that teacher absences lead to lower student test scores, even when substitutes fill in. And test scores have gained heightened importance as the 2002 education law penalizes schools if too few students meet test-

Teacher positions filled with subs

Nearly a third of public schools with vacancies used substitutes to cover during the 2003-04 school year.



SOURCE: Department of Education

ing benchmarks. The goal is to get all kids reading and doing math at their grade level

by 2014.

Ruegen Miller, a postdoctoral fellow at the University

of Washington, is examining the impact of teacher absences on fourth-grade test scores in a large public school district that he chooses not to identify. His findings show that 10 of teacher absences within a year cause a significant loss in math achievement. When the regular teacher is gone for two weeks, it can set students back at least that amount of time.

"Teachers often have to re-teach material, restore order and rebuild relationships after absences," said Miller, who is conducting the research with Harvard University education professors.

The potential harm multiplies when subs are used in a term rather than in a classroom. Though long-term substitutes often have better credentials than those cho-

sen for daily fill-ins, they are no replacement for regular full-time teachers who have gone through the normal hiring process.

Nationwide, the number of schools reporting that they used substitutes to fill regular teaching vacancies doubled between 1980 and 2004, according to Education Department data. The latest data showed more than a fifth of public schools use subs in this way.

One factor behind the increase was an overall rise in the number of schools reporting they had full-time vacancies. That points to teacher shortages in some communities.

Also, schools are being more cautious in reporting the number of schools that are generally due to requirements of the No Child Left Behind law, Miller said.

Texas the No. 1 carbon polluter, in part because Texans like their vehicles big

By April Castro
Associated Press writer

AUSTIN, Texas — Everything's big in Texas — big pickup trucks, big SUVs and the state's big carbon footprint, too.

Texas' fondness for large, many-vehicles has helped make the Lone Star State the biggest carbon polluter in the nation.

The headquarters state of America's oil industry spewed 670 million metric tons of carbon dioxide into the atmosphere in 2003, enough that Texas would rank seventh in the world if it were its own country, according to the most recent figures from the U.S. Energy Information Administration. The amount is more than that of California and Pennsylvania — the second- and third-ranking states — combined.

A multitude of factors contribute to Texas' carbon footprint, including its 19 coal-



A large pickup truck is driven through downtown Houston Tuesday.

burning power plants; a heavy concentration of refineries and chemical plants; a lack of mass transit; and a penchant among ranchers and urban cowboys alike for brawny, gas-guzzling trucks — sometimes to haul Texas hogs.

Debbie Lowden, an Austin real estate agent, said her

family of six has two pickup trucks, three SUVs, and no appliances. "I would definitely put size and safety over the emissions thing," said Lowden, 55. She calls their high fuel bills a "necessary evil."

Anthony Nguyen attended the famously liberal University of California at Berkeley but drives a black Nissan Frontier pickup handed down from his dad, a liquor store owner near Houston. Nguyen said his father hauled liquor around in the truck, but he admitted he has no practical use for its large bed.

While states like California and New York are moving quickly to address global warming, the issue has prompted only scattered calls for reforms here. GOP leaders in Texas have refused to make emissions reduction a priority, and Republican Gov. Rick Perry has expressed doubt as to whether global warming is even a manmade problem.

More girls take path to science careers

By Christina Hernandez
Newsday

MEVILLE, N.Y. — When they were the team prize in a national math and science competition recently, Janelle Schlossberger and Amanda Marinho became instant celebrities — not only for their tuberculosis research, but because of their gender.

The Plainville girls, both 17, and Isha Jain, of Bethlehem, Pa., who won the individual prize, made history: It was the first time in the nine years of the prestigious Siemens Competition that girls swept the top spots.

Marinho understood the significance of their victory. "I hope our success refutes the stereotype that women can't do science," she said. Experts say the girls winners are part of a trend: More girls and women are getting involved — and succeeding — in math and science than ever before.

"It's a moment in history when girls can come into their own," said Mary Lou

O'Donnell, independent research coordinator for the Plainville-Old Bethpage district, "and not be embarrassed to excel in science."

Still, persistent gaps between girls and boys in math and science standardized test scores remain, as well as gaps, advocates say, in professional opportunities. The gaps are narrowing, though, in part because of girls' increasing involvement in math and science classes.

"A reason that girls' math scores have gone up faster than boys' is that more girls are taking more challenging math courses," said Brian O'Reilly, executive director of SAT program relations for the College Board.

Achievements by girls can be seen at all levels. Long Island educators say girls are getting as good as unattended and involved in math and science as boys.

computer science, physical sciences and biology combined ages.

Boys still dominate many of the disciplines, particularly calculus and physics.

At Stony Brook last year, there were more men than women in bachelor's and doctoral degree programs in computer science, engineering, math and physical science.

In SUNY Old Westbury's physical science bachelor's program, there were half as many women as men last year. At Nassau and Suffolk County community colleges, men greatly outnumber women in associate degree programs in computer science and engineering.

"That dichotomy — of girls' expanding involvement still falling short of boys' participation — is mirrored in test results. It begins in elementary school, where boys outscore girls by about three points on standardized math and science tests, according to the National Center for Education Statistics.

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Female suicide bomber kills nine Shiite worshippers in Iraq's Diyala province

By Christopher Chester
Associated Press writer



A man injured in a suicide attack lies inside a hospital in Baghdad, Iraq, Wednesday. A woman wearing a vest lined with explosives blew herself up near a popular market and Shiite mosque in turbulent Diyala province north of the capital, killing nine civilians, the latest in a growing number of female suicide attacks.

BAGHDAD — A female suicide bomber struck black-clad worshippers preparing for Shiite Islam's holiest day, killing at least nine Wednesday in an attack that highlighted insurgents' widening array of tactics against a U.S.-led offensive in key areas on Baghdad's doorstep.

A witness said people shouted slogans against al-Qaida in Iraq as they carried the dead and wounded from the blast scene near a marketplace in Diyala province — a region of farmland and palm groves northeast of Baghdad that holds strategic havens for extremists.

Diyala remains one of Iraq's most violent regions and is a main battleground for U.S. and Iraqi troops trying to overwhelm al-Qaida strongholds in the capital and elsewhere around the country.

Many extremists fled for safer ground before the new offensive began last week, reducing the expected

threats from roadside bombs and ambush attacks. But insurgents left behind a more unconventional — but still deadly — landscape of booby traps and tripwire explosives.

The latest bloodshed also came from a new tactic that appears to be developing in Diyala: a woman suicide bomber.

The blast in Khan Bani

Saad, a Shiite village 15 miles northeast of Baghdad, was the fourth suicide attack by a woman in Iraq in three months. All have taken place in Diyala.

U.S. officials say this indicates the militants are running short of male volunteers. However, it could also be that al-Qaida in Iraq believes women are less like-

ly to be searched and that explosives are easier to conceal under women's clothing.

In Wednesday's attack, the woman blew herself up about 50 yards from a mosque as Shiite men in black made preparations for a ceremony marking Ashura, the holiest day in the Shiite religious calendar, according to residents and police.

The explosion took place about 8:30 a.m. near a market as vendors were opening their stalls. Khalaf Ibrahim, 35, said he was walking toward the market to open his cigarette stall when he heard the explosion.

"I rushed with other people to see what happened," he said. "When I arrived, I saw pieces of flesh, two maimed legs, and blood stains on the ground."

"The wounded were screaming for help, and I helped carry the wounded to the police cars waiting to take them to the hospital," he continued. "Some people were shouting anti-al-Qaida slogans as they were carrying the wounded and the dead."

Mubarak endorses U.S. hopes for Mideast peace

By Ann Gassan
Associated Press writer

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, Egypt — President Bush's fast-track plan for a Mideast peace agreement got a welcome endorsement Wednesday from a major long-time key Arab mediator. Bush responded by piling his punches on the human rights backdrop in Egypt that has cooled relations with this longtime ally.

The president closed an eight-day Mideast trip well from several glowing meals with his Arab hosts and upbeat about what even some of America's closest allies say is an unexpected and "unintended" drive. An Israeli-Palestinian agreement has eluded U.S. presidents for decades, and Bush didn't put much effort into trying for the first seven years of his presidency.

Bush had a message for Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, Bush dealt gently with the pace of political reform in Egypt, the issue that has most distanced his administration from this historical partner, the first Arab state to make peace with Israel and the recipient of the most U.S. aid except Israel. He started with praise that had less to do with Egypt's government than with its history and popu-

lace. He said he discussed the issue with Mubarak, who himself said nothing on the topic.

"Because of the predominant role you play, and because I strongly believe that Egypt can play a role in the freedom and justice movement... my hope is that the Egyptian government will build on these important steps, and give the people of this proud nation a greater voice in your future," Bush said.

He did not publicly mention failed political opposition leader Ayman Nour, whose case U.S. officials have pledged to raise each time they meet the Egyptians. As gasoline and heating oil prices soar at home, Bush urged the OPEC oil cartel to consider boosting production. White House press secretary Dana Perino said Saudi King Abdullah understood the concern Bush raised Tuesday night. But there was no apparent commitment from the Saudis and no immediate move from OPEC.

The centerpiece of the most extensive Mideast trip of Bush's presidency was the ambitious goal of a signed peace deal before he leaves office a year from now. Talks have been fitful, with few tangible results so far.

Arab states were not shy in criticizing Bush's announcement approach up to now. Mubarak told Bush he was creating a larger problem by letting the issue fester and by feeding the perception that he is too partial to Israel.

Islamic militants seize Pakistani fort in border zone, delivering new blow to Musharraf

By Ishaq Maksud and Sidoband Lelik
Associated Press writers

DEIRA ISMAIL KHAN, Pakistan — In an embarrassing battlefield defeat for Pakistan's army, Islamic extremists attacked and seized a small fort near the Afghan border, leaving at least 30 soldiers dead or missing.

The militants did not gain significant ground, but they did further erode confidence in the U.S.-allied government's ability to control the frontier area where the Taliban and al-Qaida flourish. Attacks on the border are rising in the volatile tribal region, and Pakistan is reeling

from a series of suicide attacks that killed former prime minister Benazir Bhutto and hundreds more, slipping away at President Pervez Musharraf's prestige before Feb. 19 parliamentary elections.

"The militants are now challenging the army openly. They have become very bold and are consolidating their positions," Iqbal Masood, a retired general who is now a political analyst, said after Tuesday night's attack on Saratoga Fort.

The insurgents who seized the post were said to be following the Taliban. Maksud, an Islamic hard-liner who since December has been

sole leader of an umbrella group of Taliban sympathizers and who is also thought to have links to al-Qaida. Musharraf has blamed Maksud's movement, Tehrik-e-Taliban, for 19 suicide attacks that killed more than 450 people over the last three months. Maksud, labeled enemy No. 1 by the government, also mistreated the brown capture of 213 Pakistani soldiers last August.

Fighters of the pro-Taliban groups he leads have terrorized Pakistan's northwest, killing hundreds of soldiers, hunting down politicians, including women and burning schools that teach girls anything more than religion.

In the latest battle, insurgents launched a surprise attack on Saratoga Fort in South Waziristan and chased off its small garrison from the Frontier Constabulary, a paramilitary force formed of men from the area.

"About 200 militants charged the fort from four sides," the army spokesman, Maj. Gen. Athar Abbas, said. "They broke through the fort's wall with rockets."

Fifteen of the 42 soldiers manning the fort reached safety in Jandola, an army base about 10 miles south of the British colonial-era fort. Seven others were known dead and 20 were missing, Abbas said.

Gates says NATO force unable to fight Afghan guerrillas

By Peter Spiegel
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — In an unusual public criticism, Defense Secretary Robert Gates said he believes NATO forces currently deployed in southern Afghanistan do not know how to combat a guerrilla insurgency, a deficiency that could be contributing to the rising violence in the fight against the Taliban.

"I'm worried were deploying (military advisers) that are not properly trained and I'm worried we have some military forces that don't know how to counterinsurgency operations," Gates said in an interview.

Gates' criticism comes as the Bush administration has decided to send 3,200 U.S. Marines to southern Afghanistan on a temporary mission to help quell the fighting. Gates said in an interview.

Gates' views, however, reflect those expressed recently by senior U.S. military officials with responsibility for Afghanistan. Some have said that an overreliance on heavy weaponry, including airstrikes, by NATO forces in the south may unwittingly be contributing to rising violence there.

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EDITORIAL

Time to shake up conventional wisdom

How well do Idaho lawmakers know what their constituents think? Not very, according to Boise State University's 19th annual Public Policy Survey, released last week. Sixty-three percent of Idahoans say it should be illegal to fire someone who is perceived as being gay or lesbian. Sixty-nine percent want the sales tax on groceries eliminated. Fifty-seven percent support giving all cities the power to levy special taxes if voters approve. Legislators are behind the curve on those issues.

A majority in the Legislature consistently votes to limit the rights of homosexuals. The House of Representatives not only won't scrap the sales tax on groceries; it won't even give low-income Idahoans a larger grocery tax credit. And every legislative effort since 1974 to allow all Idaho cities to impose local option taxes has failed.

So who are lawmakers listening to? To special interests and to each other, for the most part. In a closed circuit of ideas, it's easy to make assumptions about what the voters want — assumptions that might not be true.

The BSU survey, taken in November and December, paints a picture of a state that is conservative, but not especially political.

Frugal, but not very ideological. And surprisingly, independents and Democrats combined far outnumber Republicans.

Seventy percent of Idahoans oppose construction of a nuclear power plant in their counties if the electricity generated there is sold to other states.

Yet by a narrow margin, 45 percent to 43 percent, they favor nuclear energy if the power stays in Idaho.

And in a state full of off-roaders and snowmobilers, it turns out 53 percent of Idahoans want more wilderness.

In short, Idaho has become a more complex and diverse place than many legislators realize.

That's because, by and large, they've gotten lazy about talking the public pulse.

Many don't know their own legislative districts as well as they think.

As a consequence, there's a body of conventional wisdom in Idaho politics that's rarely tested.

To his credit, Gov. "Butch" Otter is temperamentally uneasy with the tried-and-true.

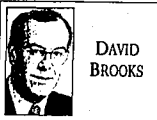
He thinks outside the box on a range of issues from tax policy to land use, and he's not afraid to float even widely unpopular ideas.

In a state dominated by one political party, we have legislative leaders who are too comfortable. They ought to get out more.

Our view:
Boise State University's new Public Policy Survey suggest we're not the Idahoans some of our legislators think we are. What do you think? We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

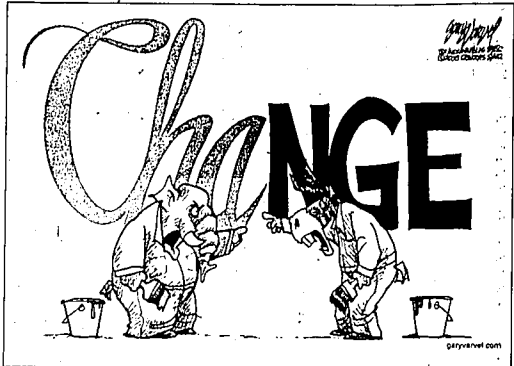
Romney finds his voice, but is that enough?

Here are a few things that happened Tuesday night. First, it was a good night for the Democrats and a bad night for the Republicans. The Democratic debate has been a low fest. The candidates have all (for very good reasons) decided to pull back from the mutual kamikaze tone of the past few days. Their discussion constituted a repudiation of turn-of-the-last-century writer H. P. Lovecraft's idea that politics isn't beanbag. Apparently politics is beanbag, because that's all the Democrats threw at each other tonight. I've seen more conflict at a pacifist's sit-in.



DAVID BROOKS

Meanwhile, the Republican prospects in the fall just got even dimmer. I say this not only because a weak general election candidate won a primary, but because Mitt Romney's win pretty much guarantees a bitter fight for the nomination. If you doubt that, here is what Rush Limbaugh said about McCain and Huckabee on his program Wednesday: "I'm here to tell you, if either of these two guys get the nomination, it's going to destroy the Republican Party. It's going to change it forever, be the



end of it." This week, Rush and his radio mimics have been on the rampage on the party's modernizers, from Nevitt Gingrich on over. "This thing will only get uglier." Second, Mitt Romney found, as Hillary would say, his voice. I remember watching him campaign at a financial company about 6 months ago. I talked about business and was fantastic. The next event was at a senior citizen center. He was ideological and dreadful. In Michigan, the fall corporate Mitt was on display. This campaign was a reminder of how far corporate Republicans are from free market Republicans. He proposed \$20 billion in new federal spending on research. He insisted that

Washington had to get fully engaged in restoring the United States automotive industry. "Detroit can only thrive if Washington is an engaged partner," he said. "I'm a disinterested observer." He vowed, "If I'm president of this country, I will roll up my sleeves in the first 100 days I'm in office, and I will personally bring together industry, labor, congressional and state leaders and together we will develop a plan to rebuild America's automotive leadership." This is how the British Tory party used to speak in the 1970s. The third thing that happened tonight is that Hillary Clinton and John Edwards disgraced themselves in the minds of debate-watchers everywhere. At some point in

each campaign, candidates are asked to name their greatest weakness. Only the laziest political hacks answer that question this way: Gosh darn it, I just care too much. I am too impatient for good things to happen. Giving that answer is an insult to the art of politics. And yet Edwards and Clinton both gave that answer. They didn't even give artfully disguised versions of that answer. They gave the straight, unadorned kindergarten version of that answer. Obama, honestly, admitted that he's had at organizing his paperwork. Truly, here is a man willing to stand for change.

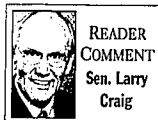
David Brooks is a columnist for the New York Times.

Senator says he's still effective in Senate

Back in December, this newspaper opined that I fly am no longer able to protect Idaho's interests in Congress. As an example, they pointed to the removal of language from an interior appropriations bill that would have safeguarded the Nez Perce water agreement of 2005 from a judge seeking to "save the salmon."

The Times-News and I definitely agree that the Nez Perce agreement is worth safeguarding. The state of Idaho, the Nez Perce Tribe, various water users and federal agencies all came together in a spirit of collaboration to solve the water challenges facing the Snake River Basin, and it was approved by Congress and signed by the President. This accomplishment is something of which we can all be proud, and something to preserve. I'm committed to that effort. In showing his concern for the agreement, however, I think this paper may have rushed to the decision that it's past time for me to hang up my spurs.

On the day after Christmas, President Bush signed HR 2764, the omnibus appropriations bill that combined 11 of the 12 annual spending bills of Congress must pass. In spite of the rough road I've had since August and September, a great number of Idaho projects I requested were included in the bill. Some of these projects are taking place right here in the Magic Valley. Through the appropriations process, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) gave funding (\$300,000) to the city of Buhl to improve arsenic removal from its water system. Hazleton received \$400,000 in EPA funding to improve its wastewater system, and Twin Falls received \$500,000 for the Auger Falls Project. When these projects are completed, they will have a



READER COMMENT
Sen. Larry Craig

direct, positive impact on the health of Magic Valley residents. I was also proud to secure funding for several projects that will help Idahoans enjoy the unique culture and heritage of this region. I was able to roll down more than \$3.9 million to make improvements to the City of Rocks Backcountry Byway, and \$350,000 to help finish the renovation of the historic Wilson Theatre in Rupert. Both projects will help attract visitors to the area, yielding economic benefits to the surrounding communities for years to come.

The College of Southern Idaho (CSI) will also receive funding this year, with \$243,000 continuing for the Pro-Tech Program, and \$480,000 to ease traffic congestion on and around campus. The main entrance to campus was designed about 40 years ago, and is no longer able to keep up with Twin Falls' growing population. By coordinating with Congressman Mike Simpson, many Idaho communities were able to meet or address at least a portion

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

High School has drama with resonant message

The Twin Falls High School Advanced Drama Class's rendition of the American classic, "You Can't Take It With You," will resonate with young and old alike.

Its 1936 message still rings true today. The laughable chaotic eccentricities of the Vanderhoff home, headed by the curiously wise Martin Vanderhoff (Danny Marona), are the brush strokes of the bigger picture. The audience peers at them until the whole comes into focus:

choose life, celebrate your eccentricity, accept and love others for theirs.

Children will cheer the glee with which the characters live their lives and giggle as live snakes and cats make their stage debut. Slings will relate to Alice's reluctance to expose her boyfriend's family to hers. Those seasoned among us will nod at grandpa's revealing dinner-time prayers.

Cast and crew alike have done an excellent job; the set, props, costumes and sensibilities transport the audience back to the '40s. Go see it (7:30 p.m. today,

Friday and Saturday at the Roper Auditorium). It's a good deed as well as entertainment, as half of your admission will go to the Danny Marona Performing Arts Scholarship Fund.
DIANE STEVENS
Twin Falls

Wolves weren't a problem — before reintroduction

This letter is directed to the great white hunter, Louis Broomebacher, who has 43 years hunting under his belt. It's strange you didn't learn anything about predators. I've got you beat, Louis.

I'm 80 years old; 70 of those years were spent hunting and trapping. Twenty of those years, I was a licensed outfitter and guide.

In one of your letters, you stated it is well known that adult wolves and their cubs fall prey to bear, cougar, etc. A wolf would keep a bear so busy defending himself he wouldn't have a chance to get its pups. And if a pack of hungry wolves runs into a cougar of any size, there better be a tree handy or he will be their meal.

For 40 years, I ran one of the best packs of hounds in

Idaho, hunting cougar and bear. I collected the last cougars paid on cougar in Idaho.

Louis, your idea predators search out easiest and safest kills is simply stupid. In the early 1950s at North Hleglar Canyon, a cougar killed 34 sheep in one day.

At Birch Creek, a fresh cougar killed deer. At Battlemountain Canyon, a fresh cougar killed a four-point

back with nothing eaten, and another 200 yards away was a second fresh kill by the same lion. Safest and easiest kills? Louis you are in la la land.

When wolves starve, they have eaten all our ungulates. Here's the hoot, Louis, you've been supportive of wolf control for 35 years. We've never had a problem until they were reintroduced in 1995.

Louis, the only thing you've hunted with is flyswatter. You're as green as a summer gourd.
FRED FRESTON
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OTHER VIEWS

What Idaho newspapers are saying about ...

... field burning

Lowiston Tribune

Who says state government won't balance the needs of breathing Idahoans against the wishes of farmers who burn their fields? State officials are more than happy to do that once they have a gun to their head.

That is what I took for the state to negotiate the agreement announced Friday among clean air proponents, farmers and state government.

Before last year's federal court ruling prohibited all Idaho field burning outside Indian reservations, state government's response to pleas for relief from lung-clogging smoke was an uptitiled middle finger.

The state moved what little regulation of field burning there was from the Department of Environmental Quality to the Department of Agriculture, where it became even tighter.

Acting more as an enabler than a regulator, the department then refused to tell Idahoans which fields were to be burned on which days, declaring that information a trade secret.

Legislators also passed a law forbidding the victims of a farmer's smoke to sue the burners responsible ... All the while, state government ignored calls for an end to burning from the Idaho Medical Association ...

... Just ... in time. Throughout the state, homeowners and landowners have gone to court to protect their wells from developers hoping to use aquifer water for mega-housing projects and commercial enterprises. Idaho has taken hountful water for granted forever. Not anymore.

"Doing nothing hasn't worked," Oter said. "The problem isn't solving itself."

The Republican governor is on the same page now as conservation groups that have been talking about water for years.

They have preferred shortages and expensive legal battles over water rights ...

Environmentalists long have urged the scientific modeling of the aquifers to gauge how much water Idaho possesses, and they've preached conservation to preserve drinking water for generations beyond this one ...

"All our water resources are finite. If we keep abusing them, we will run into big problems," said Barry Rosenberg, executive director of Kootenai Environmental Alliance. "When that happens, the bottom will fall out on the economy here. Twenty million dollars is no small thing. I just hope the focus doesn't remain just in southern Idaho."

Excessive water use is bad for the environment, bad for the economy, bad for Idaho's future ... The \$20 million is a solid first step in preserving Idaho's economy and the quality of life that fuels it.

... rogue sheriffs

Post Register, Idaho Falls

The local sheriff is his county's chief law enforcement officer ... No formal training, such as a certificate from the Idaho Peace Officers Standards and Training academy, is required.

Every other cop in the state, including chiefs of police, must be POST certified.

Most of Idaho's 14 county sheriffs have that credential. Lemhi County Sheriff Sam Slavin does not — he surrendered his certificate recently amid allegations that his drunken driving conviction and other episodes constituted behavior unbecoming to an officer. POST also is investigating Adams County Sheriff Richard Green after he pleaded guilty to misdemeanor theft charges.

... Virtually anybody can run for the office, and a poorly trained sheriff is an invitation to costly mistakes ...

Idaho's sheriffs periodically have tried to remedy the situation, proposing legislation to make POST certification a prerequisite to holding the post. They've encountered resistance from lawmakers and their fellow county officials. The Idaho Association of Counties blocked the move last year.

In its place is a practical and political compromise. Sheriffs will ask lawmakers to ban any convicted felon from serving in the office. Their measure will direct sheriffs to undergo instruction on Idaho laws and on the duties of the job itself.

It is not clear what happens if the newly elected sheriff refuses, although similar laws elsewhere have removed noncompliant politicians from office ...

We already require prosecutors to be licensed attorneys ... Minimal qualifications (for sheriffs) would provide uniformity across Idaho, from big counties where a sheriff is primarily an administrator to smaller counties where the sheriff is more hands-on and politics is personality driven.

Someday, Idaho will demand even more formal training, such as POST certification for all of its sheriffs.

For now, lawmakers should take the first step toward that eventually.

... Even after the 9th U.S. District Court of Appeals banned the practice ... Idaho's congressional delegation prevailed on (the) regional administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency, to tell farmers they could continue burning.

Those who sought the ruling ... were required to return to the court for a clarification. And the court had to tell (the EPA) and the delegation that no burning means no burning ...

That's when burners and the state finally agreed to sit down ... and negotiate the settlement ... A statewide smoke-management program emphasizing public health will be created, and well cut-off burning when air pollution levels exceed or are expected to exceed 75 percent of clean air standards.

Enforcement will be moved from Agriculture back to (DEQ).

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Kezele made every effort to pay his credit card bill

In regard to Jared Hopkins' article in the Jan. 2 edition of the *Times-News* regarding William Kezele, I would like to state my disappointment with Mr. Hopkins.

Mr. Hopkins, the reporter for the *Times-News*, was quick to write an article propagating doubt about Mr. Kezele's integrity as a businessman and didn't include all the facts regarding the incident with American Express.

I have served as Mr. Kezele's executive assistant for more than seven years and state unequivocally that he is not only an honest businessman but an outstanding one at that.

Mr. Kezele has known success and failure in the business arena, as all good entrepreneurs do; however, the article depicts Mr. Kezele as someone that neglected his financial affairs, and that is simply not the case.

Contrary to the article, a check was sent and sent to settle the account and was never returned. As far as the freelance third-party attorney that the *Times-News* contacted for his input, he would have no knowledge of this transaction because it occurred between Mr. Kezele and American Express directly.

I should also share with you that this card was not used by Mr. Kezele for personal spending — it was a co-signer on a card that was being used by a company for several years, a company that he had invested in.

When it became apparent to him that they would not be able to make the payments and it was falling into default, Mr. Kezele personally stepped in and covered not only this loss but several others as well — a character quality found in only a few businessmen I know.

CHRIS BARROTT
Kimberly

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Anglers protest gillnet fishing

LEWISTON (AP) — Sport anglers have started a protest campaign against the Nez Perce Tribe's gillnetting season on the Snake and Clearwater rivers. Members of Sportsmen for Fish and Wildlife Idaho have started collecting signatures on a petition they plan to send to Idaho Gov. CL "Butch" Otter. The group also plans to flood state and federal officials with e-

mails from people concerned about tribal gillnetting. "We are getting signatures like crazy," Steve Allen, a member of the group in Waha in northern Idaho, told the *Lewiston Tribune*. "I don't know if it is going to do any good, but at least we are trying." The tribe announced last month it had opened a commercial steelhead season on the

S Snake River from Lower Granite Dam in Washington state upstream to Hells Canyon Dam on the Idaho-Oregon border. On the Clearwater, the season would be from the mouth upstream to about Orofino Bridge. (It is unclear if any tribal members have taken advantage of the season and deployed gillnets. The Nez Perce tribe did not

immediately return a message from The Associated Press Wednesday. The tribe as part of an 1855 treaty it signed in exchange for giving up lands, has a right to 50 percent of the harvestable fish within the reservation and from off-reservation fishing areas, but has traditionally not taken its share of steelhead. "This season, that would be

61,000 steelhead, though the tribe says it's unlikely the harvest will come near that. Anglers fear the gillnetting will harm wild runs by indiscriminately killing hundreds of the native fish. The petition circulated by the group calls on officials to "make it a priority to protect endangered wild steelhead" from harvest outside of federally designated areas.

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Top-ranked Bobcats best rival Moon pours in 21 in 33rd straight win

By Zach Kyle
For the Times-News

BURLEY—It's always a zoo when the Burley Bobcats and Minico Spartans face off for basketball bragging rights, but with the Bobcats ranked No. 1 and Spartans ranked No. 3 in the state, their showdown Wednesday night was pandemonium.

Minico hung tough with the defending champion Bobcats for more than a half, but 13-0 Burley ran off 10 straight points capped by Colton Moon's NBA-range 3-pointer to pull away for a 61-51 win.

"It doesn't matter what the records are or the standings, whenever Burley and

Minico play, it's always exciting," Burley coach Jack Bagley said afterward. "That's nothing but all-out competition."

Moon connected on five of eleven 3-pointers to finish with a game-high 21 points. Bobcats center Jordan Hosteen scored 18 points despite Minico's physical defense limiting his touches in the low post, and Brad Careisa and Ben Searle both scored nine.

Nine Spartans scored, but only point guard Anthony Garcia, who scored 10 points, finished in double digits. Bill Carney hit two 3-pointers and finished with nine points, and Ty Hebley scored eight for 4-Minico.

Nearly 3,000 spectators were on hand to see five lead changes in the first half,

the final coming on Nate Francisco's buzzer-beating lay-in to give Minico a 29-28 lead going into halftime. But halfway through the third quarter, Hosteen scored on a put-back and a fast-break lay-in, and Moon hit two 3-pointers, the second from four feet behind the line.

"It's really extended his range," Bagley said. "I kind of gasp when he shoots some of his shots but then they go in."

Minico coach Mike Graefe said Burley's third-quarter run was the difference. "They are state champs for a reason."

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Minico guard Jason Harper shoots over Burley wing Marcus Hoskins Wednesday during the Spartans-Bobcats Great Basin Conference West game in Burley.

Photo by Zach Kyle for the Times-News

Bulldogs survive scare

By David Bashore
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY — It took the Kimberly Bulldogs until midway through the third quarter to take the lead in their game against Wendell on Wednesday, but they only needed a minute or so to prove they knew what to do with it.

After trailing the entire first half, Kayla Hutcherson hit a free throw with 4:35 left in the third quarter to give Class 3A No. 2 Kimberly a 27-26 lead, its first of the game. Hutcherson and Alex Pfefferle each scored 11 points as part of a 4-2-3 run in the period as the Bulldogs survived a major scare to take a 55-48 win over the Trojans.

Pfefferle led all scorers with 25 points, including four 3-pointers, for the 16-0 Bulldogs, while Hutcherson added 13 to an effort which negated a miserable first half for Kimberly.

"At halftime the coaches said to look at each other, and that we would have to play for each other," Pfefferle said. "We realized how much we needed to step up and come together as a team."

Wendell (8-8) did whatever it wanted in the first half, taking advantage of a flat Bulldogs defense and working the ball around the perimeter, inside and outside to bully Kimberly into a 26-19 deficit at the end of the first half.

Trojan posts Kristen Brandsma and Jori Fleming scored 20 and 12 points, respectively, in defeat.

Brandsma enjoyed success against Hutcherson, widely considered one of the best players in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference.

"I'm pretty happy to have a good game," Brandsma said, though she groaned about being 2-for-8 in the fourth quarter from the free-throw line. "Kayla is a great player and I managed to get around her a few times."

The highlight of the game clearly was the

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— Kimberly guard Alex Pfefferle



Kimberly's Alex Pfefferle (10) tries to get past Wendell's Laurie Andrus (12) during their nonconference basketball game Wednesday night in Kimberly.

CSI women breach top 5 Plunkett; Shaw earn SWAC honors

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

Wednesday was a banner day for College of Southern Idaho basketball.

On the same day the 16-1 Golden Eagles women moved into the top five of the NCAA Division I Poll, sophomore Joy Shaw and freshman Maddy Plunkett were named male and female SWAC Players of the Week. The CSI women's ascent to No. 5 in the polls puts the college in a class of itself as the only program in the NCAA Division I ranks with both basketball teams ranked among the nation's top 5.

The CSI women are the only ranked team in the Scenic West Athletic Conference, although 13-3 North Idaho College garnered two poll points. The Golden Eagles

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NCAA Division I Women's Basketball Poll

Released	College (Sat)	Rec.	Pts.	Pts.
	1. Gulf Coast (8)	16	200	1
	2. Central Arizona	16	192	2
	3. SE Illinois	16	183	4
	4. Ark. Fort Smith	15	177	5
	5. CSI	15	165	6
	6. SW Tennessee	12	159	7
	7. South Plains	15	147	9
	8. Jefferson	17	131	8
	9. Santa Fe (Pa.)	15	127	10
	10. Stone Hill	15	121	11
	11. East Central	12	117	13
	12. Chipola	16	106	14
	13. Cloud County	15	102	15
	14. Midland	16	83	16
	15. Connors State	17	81	23
	16. Seminole	18	72	20
	17. Blinn	15	62	10
	18. Miles	19	60	18
	19. Walters State	14	60	15
	20. Louisville	14	58	21
	21. Barton County	15	26	3
	22. Labette	13	25	NR
	23. Wallace St.-H.	14	24	NR
	24. Middle Georgia	12	19	NR
	25. NE Okla. A&M	13	3	10

Others receiving votes:
Chattanooga State Tech 8
Southwestern Illinois 9
Southwest Mississippi 7, Meridian 6
Rand Lake 5, Hutchinson, Okaloosa-Walton 3, North Idaho 2, Tyler 1, 0.

Patriots' Moss denies woman's allegation of battery

The Associated Press

FOXBOROUGH, Mass. — Randy Moss joined the Patriots this season determined to avoid off-field problems. Now he's in the middle of one, just days before Sunday's AFC championship game.

A temporary restraining order was issued Monday requiring the star wide receiver to stay at least 500 feet from a woman who alleged he committed "battery" causing serious injury "to her at her Florida home on Jan. 6."

Moss denied the allegation by Rachelle Washington, which he called "this situation of extortion," and said he was "furious" about it. The restraining order was issued in the Broward County 17th Judicial Circuit of Florida.

A hearing on whether to issue a permanent restraining order is scheduled for 3 p.m. Jan. 28, six days before the Super Bowl.

Moss broke his usual midweek silence as he was surrounded by two



New England Patriots wide receiver Randy Moss answers reporters' questions concerning allegations that he committed battery on a woman he has known for 11 years during a media availability in Foxborough, Mass., Wednesday morning.

dozen reporters and 10 videocameras at his locker on Wednesday. He didn't identify the woman but said she has been a friend for 11 years and that she asked for "six figures" for what he said was an accident in which she was hurt. "I want to make something clear,"

Moss said. "In my whole entire life of living 30 years, I've never put my hand on one woman, physically or in an angry manner."

David McGill, the attorney for Washington, had no comment, according to his legal assistant, Melissa Miller. A telephone message left by The Associated Press with Moss' attorney, Jim DiPiero, was not immediately returned.

In his previous nine seasons — seven with Minnesota and two with Oakland — Moss was involved in several off-field incidents. "This is a negative," he said of the latest allegation, "a black cloud hanging over my head, and that's something that I did not want coming into the season. ... Everything I

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- Predictions for Sunday's playoff games

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tried to do from getting here early, to make sure I eat the right food, all the way to practicing and playing. I wanted all of that to be A-plus.

"Everything's been positive, so why would I bring something negative on. As much as I care and love the game of football and love my teammates, I would never put myself or them in a situation of something like this."

With the Vikings, he was criticized by quarterback Daunte Culpepper and others for leaving the field with 2 seconds left in a regular-season loss to Washington. He bumped a traffic control officer with his car in 2002, verbally abused corporate sponsors on a team bus in 2001 and squirted an official with a water bottle in 1999.

On draft day last April, the Patriots sent a 2007 fourth-round draft choice to Oakland for Moss, who has avoided off-field problems this season and been hailed by Patriots players as an excellent teammate and leader.

SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

Table with columns for team names (ATLANTIC, PACIFIC, etc.), games, and scores.

GAME PLAN

LOCAL
Abu Dhabi Champions.
FIRST ROUND at Abu Dhabi.
United Arab Emirates (same-day play).

ALABAMA

Table with columns for team names, games, and scores.

SKI REPORT

Idaho
Bogus Basin - Top 100 packed
power machine grooming 50-56
Bogus Basin - Wed 5:45 a.m.
6:55 a.m. Mon-Fri 10a-12p.

LOCAL

BOYS BASKETBALL
Stapleton at Shoshone.
7:30 p.m.
Filler at Bliss. 7:30 p.m.
Richfield at Buhl. 7:30 p.m.

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TV SCHEDULE

7:30 a.m.
TGC - American PGA Tour.
ALABAMA
SUN DECS at Green Bay. 4:30 p.m. (P/OT)

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Greg McMacKin hired to replace Jones as Hawaii's head coach

HONOLULU - Greg McMacKin's first head coaching job was with the Warriors of Aloha High School in Oregon. Now, 40 years later in the land of aloha, he has come full circle.

Tulsa. But he plans to aggressively recruit in Hawaii and American Samoa.
"I'm not really worried about this recruiting season because we're going to get who we can get," McMacKin said. "We're not going to hurry to bring in good kids, so we're not really going to scramble and get anybody that's out there."

cost is \$25 per player and may be paid at the door.
Contact coach Ryan Bowman at 543-8262 for more information.

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Tennis Association will hold the 2008 Singles Tennis Tournament Feb. 13-16 at the Twin Falls YMCA. Players must be members of the YMCA.

Forecast: Patriots, Packers headed to Super Bowl

NEW YORK (AP) — Everyone assumed the Indianapolis Colts would be the last obstacle to New England reaching the Super Bowl.

Sorry NFL. Sorry CBS. It's the San Diego Chargers who go to Foxborough, albeit with their quarterback and two top offensive players banged up.

Antonio Gates played last week with his dislocated toe, so assume he will play. LaDainian Tomlinson says he will. But QB Philip Rivers may be a game-time decision. The sprained knee ligaments can

be very limiting. Naturally, the spread is 14 points. It's almost even in single digits with the Patriots. But it's down from an opening 15, meaning some people have plunked down money on San Diego to at least cover.

That might be wise. San Diego is not without talent. The Chargers have won eight straight, including two playoff games. No, that's not 17, the number the Pats have won without a loss, but it's pretty impressive after 1-3 and 5-5 starts.

Remember that the Chargers were 14-2 last sea-

son, the top-seeded team in the AFC. They lost 24-21 at home to New England, but the Patriots needed a lot of breaks, notably a fumbled fourth-down interception by Marlon McCree in the fourth quarter that gave them new life.

The forecast for Foxborough on Sunday is for a high of 22 degrees and a low of 9 with a lot of wind. Yes, the Chargers are a warm-weather team, but even Tom Brady is likely to have trouble in conditions like that. The wind makes the gap between Brady and Rivers for Billy

Velek) a lot smaller. None of this says San Diego will win. But Jacksonville kept it close for three quarters last Saturday night. The Chargers can do the same.

PATRIOTS, 24-17

NEW YORK GIANTS (PLUS 7)

AT GREEN BAY It will be just plain cold in Green Bay, especially with this game starting at 5:30 p.m. local time. Single digits at least, with wind chills below zero.

But Brett Favre and Eli Manning, that may be prefer-

able to wind. The Giants don't want falls just on the bandwagon after their wins as underdogs in Tampa and Dallas. With linebacker Antonio Pierce, their lead tackler, in the forefront, they continue to play the "us against the world" card as they prepare for the title game.

They also don't want people to believe they are the same team that lost to the Packers 35-13 in the Meadowlands in Week 2, before their defense grasped the reins. Coach Tom Coughlin and Steve Spagnuolo's schemes.

Like the Chargers, the Giants are no fluke — had teams don't win nine straight road games, two in the playoffs.

But they do have injuries in a secondary that's nothing special to start with. Tony Romo and the Cowboys weren't able to exploit it. They should be able to do enough to get the Packers to the Super Bowl.

PACKERS, 20-17
LAST WEEK: 1-3 (spread), 2-2 (straight up)
PLAYOFFS: 3-4-1 (spread), 5-3 (straight up)

Revenge not on Grant's mind as Packers back prepares for Giants

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Another player might spend the week building it up in his mind as the ultimate way to say "I told you so," a chance to stick it to the team that traded him on the big stage.

But it doesn't seem to be that way for Green Bay Packers running back Ryan Grant as he prepares to return to New York Giants in Sunday's NFC Championship game at Lambeau Field.

A week before the start of this season, New York dealt Grant to Green Bay for a sixth-round draft pick. What a steal for the Packers?

While Grant admits he might be "a little bit" more fired up to play his former team, the trade worked out so well for him, how could he hold a grudge?

"It was nothing personal," Grant said. "There were no hard feelings toward the organization in New York. I take the positive out of every situation, and there were a lot of things that I learned from there. And I feel like if I didn't learn that, I probably wouldn't be in the situation I am today."

Still, Packers coach Mike McCarthy plans to pull Grant aside this week just to make sure his young running back isn't setting too much on fire.

"I think he'll be fine," McCarthy said. "I don't think he'll be one of those guys that will be so revved up that he'll go the other way. I know this is a big opportunity for him. But he's a focused young man."

Grant took over as the Packers' featured back in Week 8.

His emergence since has given the pass-happy Packers a two-dimensional offense. He was the leading man last week, rebounding from two early fumbles to finish with 201 yards rushing and 10 catches in Green Bay's victory over Seattle.

But even if Grant isn't using revenge as motivation, Giants defensive end Michael Strahan wonders whether the move will come back to haunt them. Especially after New York struggled to contain the run in its playoff victory at Dallas on Sunday.

"I am upset Ryan Grant is not with us," Strahan said. "He is a bull. He runs like a bull. We have our work cut out for us. We gave up two many yards against Dallas rushing. He is probably picking, like, 10 guys with the opportunity to fly against his former team. That's one of those guys you look at and you think,



Green Bay Packers running back Ryan Grant carries the ball during the first half of an NFL divisional football playoff game against the Seattle Seahawks, on Jan. 12, in Green Bay, Wis. After rising from relative obscurity to give the Green Bay Packers a two-dimensional offense in the second half of this season, running back Ryan Grant gets the chance to deliver a knockout punch to the team that traded him just four months ago: the New York Giants.

we let him go and we let one get away." Grant said he was "shocked" when the Giants traded him, soon after telling him he had made the team.

But New York's backfield was crowded with good players going into the season. Grant hadn't played a regular season snap in his first two years in the NFL. So when the Packers called, the Giants listened.

Grant said his former teammates were stunned.

"I know that when they found out I had been traded, a few guys kind of said, 'What?' — kind of a reaction of 'Why would you do that?'" Grant said. "They didn't know, and I guess they felt they didn't want me to go. But they understood how it works."

Giants running back Brandon Jacobs said Grant is a "tremendous guy" with talent.

"He's done well for Green Bay," Jacobs said. "I think that was a great move for him. I think that served him very well, and he's done well for them. He rushed for over 200 last week, and he's been playing very well physically, very solid football."

But Grant knows that support only goes so far.

"I'm pretty sure that will stop come Sunday," Grant said. "I know it's nothing personal and we're competitors and I expect that."

Grant is a sharp cutback runner with speed and the size (6-1, 218) to break tackles. Grant and the Packers' improving run-blocking unit has taken some of the pressure off Brett Favre.

"In a short period of time, he's showed everyone in the National Football League that he has one of the best power backs in the league," Packers wide receiver Donald Driver said.

Sparano hired as Dolphins coach

DAVIE, Fla. (AP) — Ditching his new job as Miami Dolphins coach, Tony Sparano sounded like Tony Soprano.

"I'm just happy to be part of the family," Sparano said. The family includes his mentor, Bill Parcells and general manager Jeff Ireland, who are transforming their new team into the Miami Dolphins.

Sparano is the latest transplant from Dallas. He was the Cowboys' assistant head coach before accepting an offer Wednesday to rejoin Parcells and Ireland.

The trio worked together in Dallas when Parcells was head coach in 2003-06.

"I know what the people here are capable of, and I'm excited about that," Sparano said at a news conference.

Parcells sat in a corner of the room, smiling occasionally like a proud papa. He declined to meet with reporters, leaving the talk to his protégés.

"When Bill and I discussed what we were looking for in a head coach, we talked about one of high character," Ireland said. "We wanted someone who understood how to develop young players, one who could instill a culture that's all about winning."

"We know we found that guy. We know we found that guy."

Sparano's hiring had been anticipated since Parcells fired Cam Cameron, who went 1-15 in his first year as an NFL head coach. Of the four candidates Miami interviewed, Sparano was the only one with ties to the new regime. He had been coached by a lot of people and worked for a lot of great coaches," said Sparano, 46. "Coach Parcells has taught me the most and prepared me the most for this job."

Sparano said he's unconcerned that he might be



Tony Sparano, the new coach for the Miami Dolphins, smiles as he speaks during a news conference Wednesday at the Dolphins' Training Facility in Davie, Fla.

working in the shadow of his boss.

"At the end of the day that's the worst thing that happens to me. I'm OK," Sparano said. "I know Coach Parcells is here as a resource for me, and I'm going to use him as much as I can."

Their relationship dates to 2003, when Sparano became the Cowboys' tight ends coach. But he has long respected the work of Parcells, who won NFL titles with the New York Giants in the 1996 and 1998 seasons.

"I grew up a Giant fan," Sparano said. "My father to this day is a Giant fan. OK I hope he's a Dolphin fan today, but we grew up that way."

The Dolphins can thank the Giants for expediting their hiring of a coach. Sparano became available when the Cowboys lost their playoff game to New York on Sunday.

"It does leave a bitter taste in my mouth," Sparano said. "Anybody who knows me knows I'm about finishing. We can't finish. That left a bad taste in my mouth."

Atlanta woman withdraws assault complaint against Titans CB 'Pacman' Jones

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Authorities in Georgia say a woman who accused suspended Tennessee Titans cornerback Adam "Pacman" Jones of hitting her has withdrawn her petition to have him arrested.

Jones was allowed to go to the Titans' headquarters once their season ended with an AFC wild-card loss in San Diego on Jan. 6. The NFL plans to review his status following the Pro Bowl.

Jason Garrett in Atlanta for interview

ATLANTA — One day after introducing their new general manager, the Atlanta Falcons got back to work trying to find a head coach Wednesday, meeting with Dallas Cowboys offensive coordinator Jason Garrett for the second time.

Thomas Dimitroff, who was hired as GM last weekend, indicated the Falcons may have their man by the end of this week.

— The Associated Press

Selig hopes to decide discipline by spring training

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Baseball commissioner Bud Selig hopes to complete his review of players and executives mentioned in the Mitchell Report by the start of spring training in mid-February.

One day after testifying before Congress, Selig spoke to owners at the start of a two-day meeting. He did not say whether he would discipline San Francisco Giants officials for failing to report concerns about Barry Bonds' personal trainer, Greg Anderson.

"All he did was reiterate that he needs to review the individual players and the clubs and is going to try to do that as expeditiously as possible, and before spring training if at all possible," said Bob DuPuy, baseball's chief operating officer.

Rob Manfred, MLB's executive vice president, said he is looking for recommendations from the Mitchell Report that have already been adopted unilaterally by management.

"I think everybody's getting tired of dealing with this stuff and having to debate it and so on and so forth," Los Angeles Dodgers owner Frank McCourt said. "The fans deserve a clean game,

and let's get there and let's look forward instead of just dwelling on the past."

The owners' met as the World Anti-Doping Agency and Major League Baseball exchanged barbs over whether the sport is resisting independent drug testing.

"There was a discussion, as you would expect, of the Mitchell Report and of the commissioner's stellar performance yesterday before Congress and the reaction of Congress, and where we are with our discussions with the union," DuPuy said.

WADA's new president severely criticized baseball on Wednesday, saying the sport was resisting the recommendation by former Senate majority leader George Mitchell to transfer drug testing to an independent body.

New WADA boss John Fahey is baffled. "Fahey said loopholes in its drug-testing program and heightened tension between MLB and the drug body.

"Professional baseball's response to Sen. Mitchell's report is baffling," Fahey said in a statement. "To suggest that it might continue to keep its anti-doping testing program in-house ... is demeaning to Sen. Mitchell

and the congressional committee who view doping as a serious threat to public health."

Baseball fired right back with its own statement.

"These continuing, unprovoked, inaccurate publicity stunts by WADA have created an unwillingness to become more involved with WADA and its affiliates," Manfred said. "We were hopeful that false public statements by WADA would create the momentum for a recent change in leadership, and we are deeply disappointed that Mr. Fahey is showing the same counterproductive tendencies as his predecessor."

Since its inception in 2002, MLB's drug program has been run by a joint management-player committee. After prodding from Congress, a jointly picked independent administrator was added for the 2006 season but the administrator can be removed at any time by either party.

"Senator Mitchell said that he believed that a drug-testing program, to be effective, had to be operated independently," DuPuy said. "And he made some suggestions with regard to our current program, and how current program, which we

believe is independent, could be made even more independent."

"That's the track we are headed down at this point in time, although that obviously has to be negotiated with the union," DuPuy said. "We can do that separately."

Owners will back Selig's decisions.

Also Wednesday, DuPuy said baseball officials will meet in the next few days with county and city authorities in South Florida about a proposed ballpark for the Florida Marlins.

Miami-Dade County commissioners last month approved a public works project that includes a new 37,000-seat retractable-roof stadium.

The ballpark would be built on the site of the Orange Bowl. The agreement also includes a performing arts center, port tunnel project and soccer stadium.

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Wall Street drops after Intel earnings

(AP) Wall Street staggered through another volatile session Wednesday, finally closing mostly lower after a Federal Reserve report showed some economic growth at the end of 2007 and after Intel Corp.'s disappointing profit report.

Dow Jones Industrials -34.95
12,460.16

Nasdaq composite -23.00
2,394.59

Standard & Poor's 500 -7.75
1,373.20

Russell 2000 -12.48
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Supreme Court rules against investors in securities fraud case

By Pete Yost
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court ruled Tuesday against investors who sue businesses that help manipulate stock prices of publicly traded companies.

In a 5-3 decision that split along conservative-liberal lines, the court gave a measure of protection from securities lawsuits to suppliers, banks, accountants and law firms that do business with corporations engaging in securities fraud.

The ruling comes at a pivotal point for a similar decision last year covering more than a million shareholders who invested in scandal-ridden Enron Corp. Stockholders in Enron, once the nation's seventh-largest company, are seeking more than \$30 billion from Wall Street investment banks, alleging they schemed with Enron to hide its financial problems.

"This is a very anti-investor opinion and it could severely impact the ongoing Enron

case," said Patrick Coughlin, lead attorney for Enron investors.

Shortly after the decision, the justices put the Enron investors' suit on their list of cases to consider Friday at one of their regular private conferences.

The case the justices decided has been watched closely by business and industry, who argued that an adverse ruling would open the door to a flood of frivolous lawsuits.

The court's decision prevents a litigation "free-for-all," said Robin Conrad, executive vice president of the National Chamber Litigation Center of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The outcome "is important relief for manufacturers," said Quentin Hiegel, vice president for litigation at the National Association of Manufacturers. He said the ruling will halt "creeping liability attempts to expand primary responsibility from one party to third parties who were not involved in making misleading statements."

Apple's new lineup



Apple CEO Steve Jobs stands in front of a projection showing movie studios that will be offering movies on iTunes while giving the keynote address at Apple MacWorld Conference in San Francisco.

iTunes movie rentals, ultra-slim laptop soon to reach consumers

By May Wong
and Jordan Robertson
Associated Press writers

SAN FRANCISCO — With an ultra-slim notebook computer and online movie rental service unveiled Tuesday, Apple Inc. is building on surging Macintosh sales and doubling its bet on delivering video to portable devices and televisions over the Internet.

Apple's foray into the online movie rental business was widely expected, but Chief Executive Steve Jobs surprised some by pulling off alliances with all six major movie studios, including its fierce rival Sony Pictures and Universal, which stopped offering NBC Universal's TV shows on Apple's iTunes Store last fall after a spat over generating new business in any economy. Still, when business is soft, owners need to redouble their efforts.

"You have to get very involved in an organization, get on a committee, make a name for yourself," said Julie Zobel Talenfeld, president of Boardroom Communications. "Meet more people, and it will come back to you."

to work with Apple but they're still doing so," said American Technology Research analyst Shaw Wu. "That's because there's going to be a paradigm shift in the online movie space, and Apple is in the best position to lead that."

With millions of people already using iTunes to download music or TV shows, Apple already has a coveted customer base, Wu said.

Users can watch films instantly over a broadband Internet connection or download and keep them for 30 days. They just have to finish watching the movie within 24 hours after starting.

Films will be available through iTunes within 30 days after they're released on DVD. More than 1,000 will be ready by the end of February, at \$2.99 for older movies and \$3.99 for new releases, plus \$1 for high-definition versions.

The service, which launched Tuesday in the United States and will roll out internationally later this year, will work on Macs, Windows-based machines,

"We've all tried to get movies over the Internet and to the TV, and we've all missed. So we're back with Apple TV, take two."

— Apple CEO Steve Jobs

iphones, iPods or Apple TV set-top boxes, which got a significant makeover Tuesday.

Speaking at the Macworld Conference & Expo in San Francisco Tuesday, Jobs acknowledged that Apple's first attempt to deliver movies to living rooms did not meet expectations. He also said customers have purchased only 7 million movies on iTunes, compared with 125 million TV shows and more than 4 billion songs. But he said competitors such as Amazon.com,

Netflix, Blockbuster and Vuvo Inc. haven't seen much more success. "We've all tried to get movies over the Internet and to the TV, and we've all missed," Jobs said. "So we're back with Apple TV, take two."

The Apple TV set-top box always could wireless stream videos and other multimedia from a user's computer to a TV. But it is now possible to rent or purchase content directly on a

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Higher gas, food costs push inflation up by largest amount in 17 years

By Martin Crutsinger
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Consumer prices rose in 2007 at the fastest pace in 17 years as motorists paid a lot more for gasoline and grocery shoppers paid higher food bills. However, falling prices for clothing and new cars offset some of those gains.

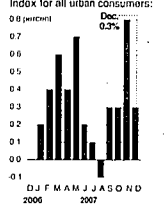
The Labor Department reported that consumer prices rose by 4.1 percent for all of 2007, up sharply from a 2.6 percent increase in 2006. Both energy and food prices jumped by the largest amount since 1990.

Prices were also up sharply for health care, housing and education. However, these gains were offset somewhat by falling prices for clothing, new cars and computers.

Workers' wages failed to

Consumer prices

Changes from the preceding month in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers:



SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, AP

keep up with the higher inflation. Average weekly earnings, after adjusting for inflation, dropped by 0.9 percent in 2007, the fourth decline in

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Small business owners need to redouble efforts to bring in sales as economy slows down

By Joyce M. Rosenberg
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — The slowing economy and the possibility that we're headed for a recession are worrisome subjects for small business owners, whose biggest concern is how to keep sales coming in. Their customers are becoming shy about spending.

"Recession is a big, hot topic between my vendors and my customers," said Jennifer Miller, owner of Printing & Promotional Partners in Jacksonville, Fla.

Miller said that while customers usually start calling in force after Jan. 1 to order sta-

tionery, imprinted pens and other items, right now, "they're looking at their marketing budgets and they're being more careful."

It's hard to say that small businesses in general are hurting because the economy is slowing. Many retailers — jewelers, for example — certainly had a rocky holiday season. But some companies that sell software to help other businesses cut costs are seeing greater demand for their products.

Evidence of a downturn in business doesn't come only in the form of lower sales. Customers taking longer to sign a contract or taking more time to pay are also signs that

business is slowing — and both of these can wreak some havoc with a company's cash flow.

The steps business owners should take to bring in more sales, such as networking and offering discounts or better service, shouldn't be reserved for a downturn — they can help generate new business in any economy. Still, when business is soft, owners need to redouble their efforts.

"You have to get very involved in an organization, get on a committee, make a name for yourself," said Julie Zobel Talenfeld, president of Boardroom Communications. "Meet more people, and it will come back to you."

BUSINESS BRIEFS

University of Idaho releases agricultural economic report

In a report released by the University of Idaho College of Agricultural and Life Sciences, economists reported that livestock's 7-year dominance of Idaho agriculture became more pronounced, with beef and dairy providing 57 percent of receipts overall. Strong milk production and prices led the way to a projected 59 percent increase in receipts in 2007-\$2.01 billion. Sales of beef cattle and calves rose 5 percent to \$1.07 billion, boosting the livestock sector's receipts to \$3.2 billion.

Crops, led by potatoes and wheat, posted strong gains, registering a 15 percent increase to \$2.4 billion, 43 percent of Idaho agriculture's cash receipts. Potato sales surged 11 percent to \$721 million followed by wheat at \$511 million, launched 49 percent higher by extraordinary market prices. Every crop except

sugarbeets posted strong gains.

Small Farms Direct conference to be held in February

CORVALLIS, Ore. — A one-day conference on small farms will be held from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Feb. 16, at the Corvallis campus of Oregon State University.

The conference includes 12 sessions, covering a range of topics of interest to growers, market managers, and community food advocates.

The pre-registration deadline is Feb. 2 and the cost is \$30 for an individual or \$50 for two registering together from the same organization. The cost increases to \$35 per person after Feb. 2.

For more information go to: <http://smallfarms.oregonstate.edu/> or call Oregon State University at (541) 766-3556 or toll free at 1-800-365-0201.

— from staff reports

STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	22.97	▲ .26	Dell Inc.	20.68	▼ .22	Idacorp	34.09	▲ .04
Lithia Mo.	12.54	▲ .21	Micron	5.93	▲ .18	Supervalu	27.97	▲ .57

COMMODITIES

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Live cattle	90.05	▼ .75	Feb. Oil	90.84	▼ 1.06
Feb. gold	882	▼ 20.6	March Silver	15.855	▼ .45

What to expect today in business

• WASHINGTON — Commerce Department reports on housing starts for December.

• WASHINGTON — Labor Department reports on weekly jobless claims.

• WASHINGTON — Freddie Mac reports on mortgage rates.

MUTUAL FUNDS

Table of mutual fund performance with columns for Name, Last Chg, and % Chg. Includes categories like US Gov, US Div, and International.

Table of mutual fund performance with columns for Name, Last Chg, and % Chg. Includes categories like Energy, Health, and Technology.

COMMODITIES REPORT

Table titled 'CLOSING FUTURES' showing prices for various commodities like Wheat, Soybeans, and Corn.

CHEESE

Domestic cheese prices from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Lists prices for various cheese types.

POTATOES

Domestic potato prices from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Lists prices for different potato varieties.

LIVESTOCK

Domestic livestock prices from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Lists prices for cattle, hogs, and sheep.

BEANS

Domestic bean prices from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Lists prices for various bean types.

METALS MARKET

Domestic metal prices from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Lists prices for gold, silver, and copper.

GRAINS

Domestic grain prices from the Chicago Mercantile Exchange. Lists prices for wheat, corn, and soybeans.

MARKET SUMMARY

Large table summarizing market activity across NYSE, AMEX, NASDAQ, and INDEXES. Includes stock prices and volume.

PROBATES

Legal notices for probate proceedings, including Twin Falls County and Jerome County cases.

BANKRUPTCIES

Legal notices for bankruptcy proceedings, including South-Central Idaho and Boise cases.

Legal notices for nonbusiness cases, including Donnie Royce Backer and Julie Coleen Backer.

Inflation

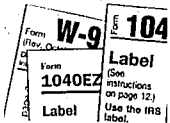
Article discussing inflation trends, noting a slight dip in core inflation for 2007 but a rise in 2008.

Apple

Article about Apple's market performance, highlighting its success in the mobile device market.

HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Explanatory text for the market report, detailing how to interpret stock prices, dividends, and market indicators.



Filling out forms, filling a need

Tax clinic helps immigrants deal with tax season

About La Pasada Ministry
La Pasada Ministry is a nonprofit corporation addressing the needs of the Spanish-speaking immigrant community in south-central Idaho and Jackson, Nev. Its purpose is to help immigrants, migrant workers and their families adjust to life in the community. Services include help with immigration forms and legal issues; translation; emergency food, clothing and household goods; bilingual licensed professional counseling services; and referrals to other service providers. With its four full-time employees and several volunteers, the organization served more than 2,700 people in 2006.

Source: La Pasada Ministry

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

Bob Wunderle has a master's degree in the business and lots of tax preparation experience, but what keeps him working with the La Pasada Tax Clinic is advice from an ex-tax collector — Matthew of the Bible.

"Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you have also done for me."

Wunderle, 66, heads up the clinic, which runs weekdays to help low-income people with their taxes. Many of them are Spanish-speaking and undocumented immigrants, who are living legally in the United States, he said.

"There is a tremendous need and I have the qualifications and the ability to do it," he said.

There is a large immigrant population and some tax preparers are not trained to handle their special problems, such as family members in their native countries, said Wunderle, who started working with the clinic 15 years ago.

The tax clinic started out one day a week in January 2004 when Sister RoseMary Boessen, the La Pasada director, invited the AARP Tax-Aide Program to prepare income tax returns for mostly Spanish-speaking clientele. Ninety per cent of the clients needed assistance beyond tax return preparation, Wunderle said. The volunteers who came to La Pasada were from the Twin Falls area and the La Pasada



Loreto Tinjey, center, helps people with their taxes Monday morning at the La Pasada Tax Clinic in downtown Twin Falls. The clinic volunteers help low income people, many immigrants and Spanish-speaking.

Want tax help?

To schedule an appointment, call La Pasada Ministry at 134 Hanson St. E. at 734-8700 or 735-1189.

Tax Clinic began.

From there, the clinic expanded into a daily program in 2005. It received Internal Revenue Service grants for \$20,000 each year through 2007. Because the clinic didn't have the capacity to send in the application, there is no funding for this year, Wunderle said.

However, it will "press on" with volunteers. People already have come in to the office, located in the La Pasada's basement.

The tax clinic, like the ministry, depends on donations, but fundraising is difficult because they deal with immigrants, who are controversial at the time, Wunderle said.

Last year, almost 400 people were helped at the tax clinic. The program is certified by the IRS to take applications for individual tax

IRS, Telemundo host tax information program for Spanish-speaking taxpayers

WASHINGTON — The Internal Revenue Service is joining the national TV network Telemundo in a special one-hour tax program for Spanish-speaking taxpayers on Jan. 27. The program, "Los Impuestos y Usted" ("Taxes and You"), will air at 1:30 p.m. Mountain Time.

"Los Impuestos y Usted" will focus on a variety of tax issues. Topics include who must file a return and who can claim deductions and benefits, such as the Earned Income Tax Credit for low-income taxpayers. In addition, the program will explain Free File, a service that allows many taxpayers

to file their taxes online at no cost. The show will also discuss other kinds of free assistance available from the IRS.

Monica Noguera, host for many of Telemundo's special programs, will present the IRS program, which features in-studio interviews with IRS tax experts.

For more information

Information about the IRS is available in Spanish at <http://www.irs.gov/espanol> or toll free at 1-800-829-1040, ext. 8.

identification numbers required for tax returns. The clinic services are free to clients who are low income, which is defined as an individual or household whose income is below the poverty level, or those having problems with the IRS. The amount owed or in dispute for any given tax year must generally be less than \$50,000.

Education is a big part of the tax clinic services. It provides bilingual educational programs to the Spanish-speaking community and to those who serve the immigrant population, such as tax preparers.

filling out the tax forms is what brings volunteers like June Canterbury and Mary Price coming back.

"That's what we're here for — to help people," said Canterbury, 39, a Hollister area resident who's been vol-

unteering since 2001. "Just the satisfaction of knowing that you have helped somebody."

Although not bilingual, Canterbury said she and her clients "get along just fine as long as Mary is here."

Price, 78, a Twin Falls resident who does speak Spanish, said the tax cases can get complicated and time consuming because some applicants have to obtain information for tax

identification numbers from spouses in Mexico or other countries.

She has heard negative comments from people about her work with immigrants, but "walks away from the conversation."

Mostly, Price just likes to help and the tax clinic sees many people who need help. "Their clients are appreciative and the work keeps my mind out of trouble," she said.

Zeroing in on an identity for decade

By Ed Morales
Special to Newsday

NEW YORK — It's getting late in the decade, and we don't even have a proper name for it. There is a strong sense of how we think of pop music these days in terms of "the '70s," the "80s" and even "the '90s" and Latin music has its parallel moments — think the Fania All-Stars, Julio Iglesias, Gloria and Emilio Estefan, Juan Luis Guerra, the Buena Vista Social Club and, finally, Daddy Yankee. It's time we locate contemporary Latin music trends in something called "Los Zeros."

What characterizes the era of Los Zeros? One trend, upon which has its roots in the '90s, when rap and dancehall on Espanol laid the groundwork for reggaeton. The influence of '70s and '80s styles such as reggae and post-disco R&B crept gradually into Latin music, as did a new hybrid of polyrhythmic Caribbean beats and slow-jam aesthetics created the urban pop sound. A new roots movement is also one of Los Zeros' strongest trends. Puerto Rican bomba and plena arts are multiplying

rapidly, pioneered by bands such as Yerba Buena, Los Peneños del 21 and Viento de Agua. Los Galteros de San Jacinto, a Colombian roots band steeped in the ancient arts of puya, bullerango, gaita and cumbia, won a Latin Grammy award, and groups such as La Cumbiamba Encye are the rage of Jackson Heights and beyond. Zoni del Barrio revives Rafael Cortijo's brand of soulful bomba and plena alongside a healthy dose of old-school salsa, which is in turn fueled by the reissue of the Fania Records catalog, some local bands that never gave up the old school and (intrepid) DJs.

One scary trend to report on of late is the string of murders afflicting the Mexican regional scene. The shadowy world of narco trafficking is blamed for the deaths of these "gunpero" singers, but the killings symbolize the rise of drug cartels and desperation that is symptomatic of northern Mexico.

The cruel reality of corruption and human exploitation in the border region make the "gangsta" drama of some urban and reggaeton artists seem like empty boasting.

FRIENDLY ADVICE



Era Longoria has some advice for Jessica Simpson: "They're not thinking about us when they're on the court." Longoria, who is married to San Antonio Spurs star Tony Parker, says the 27-year-old singer-actress is taking unnecessary heat from fans who blame her trip to Mexico with quarterback Tony Romo for the Dallas Cowboys' defeat by the New York Giants. "People gave me that ... when I started dating Tony," Longoria, star of ABC's "Desperate Housewives," said in an interview Monday, with E! Entertainment Television's "Daily 10."

'Orphanage': Subtle suspense is scary good

The Washington Post

"The Orphanage" doesn't need special effects to terrify us, just one subtly disturbing idea: The scariest ghosts are the ones we create ourselves.

The movie, Spain's official entry for Best Foreign Language Film at this year's Academy Awards, is set in a former orphanage where one of its old charges, Laura (Helen Rueda of "The Sea Inside"), was raised.

And by exploring the psychological terrain of a haunted woman (two are forever wondering if these apparitions are part of Laura's imagination), the movie brings a dimension of reality into this otherworldly situation.

This brings us into far more believable, and hence disturbing, intimacy with the other side, that mystical realm that draws us to horror movies and which continues to perplex humankind.

But when her son (Roger Prinnep) disappears, she becomes convinced that the ghosts of her traumatic school days have returned to capture him.

Keeping sound effects and incidental music to a relative minimum, it builds its suspense about subliminally. So when something scary or shocking does occur — deprived of those Hollywood-style cues — we are truly startled.

Directed by Juan Antonio Bayona from a script by Sergio G. Sanchez, "The Orphanage" terrifies us with extraordinary subtlety.

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Tonight: Partly to mostly cloudy. Traces of westerly breeze...
Tomorrow: Scattered clouds and a bit warmer. Light winds...
Highs in the middle 40s.

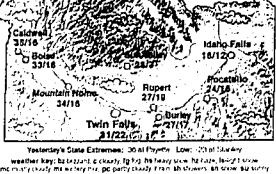
BURLEY/ROUSTEUP FORECAST

Today: Partly to mostly cloudy with gusty westerly winds...
Tonight: Mostly cloudy and breezy...
Tomorrow: Partly sunny and not quite as breezy...
Highs reaching the upper 20s.

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SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.

A low snow shower will remain possible today over the higher mountains along with breezy to gusty winds...
Today Highs: 28 to 32...
Friday Highs: 20 to 24...
Saturday Highs: 18 to 22...
Sunday Highs: 16 to 20...
Monday Highs: 14 to 18...



Gregg Middlekauff's QUOTE OF THE DAY: Whenever you are asked if you can do a job, never say 'I can't'...
Thomas Rusten 1928-1978, Twenty-Sixth U.S. President

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday, Saturday, Sunday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

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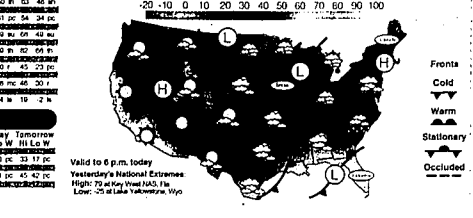
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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



NASCAR Tony Stewart getting acquainted with new ride during rare testing

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Dishwasher and monthly overalls for a husband, Tony Stewart used his trademark sweatshirt to welcome the new season...
But the fact that the two-time NASCAR champion showed up for preseason testing — a monotonous three-day session he skipped the last three years — suggests he's taking his team's recent switch to Toyota rather seriously.



NASCAR driver Tony Stewart waits in his garage before going out on the track while his crew works on his car during auto race testing at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla., Wednesday.

"I wouldn't know the difference so far," he said. "It's hard to say. I mean, you've got to keep in mind, you're on a two-and-a-half-mile track and you're holding it wide open...
Tony Stewart settled behind the wheel of his No. 14 Toyota Camry to learn the nuances of his new car this week, claiming a quirk in the schedule was the only reason he arrived at Daytona International Speedway...
Stewart is known for his brutal honesty, which has often gotten him in trouble. No one is expecting him to hold back when it comes to this manufacturer change.

MotorSPORTS drivers, who teamed to win 18 of 36 races last season, tended to be in a cruise control mode at 95 percent until it was time to kick it into gear in the waning laps...
The difference, White said, was the technological advantages Hendrick had over Gibbs and equating it out is the challenge Toyota faces...
"Those guys just always seemed to have a little left in the tank, or if they made a mistake, they didn't have to go hang it out and take exceptional chances," White said. "And I'm hoping and I'm optimistic that we can develop the relationship of our organization and the Gibbs organization to add it up and come up with something close to the Hendrick organization."

"Any driver that says he can feel that on the race track is lying to you."
Stewart is known for his brutal honesty, which has often gotten him in trouble. No one is expecting him to hold back when it comes to this manufacturer change. He was mighty comfortable driving for General Motors, which fielded cars that earned him two titles, 32 victories and more than \$163 million in winnings...
Stewart still has a cozy relationship with GM. He races Chevy's in his open-wheel events, and GM is under contract through 2010 to sponsor his sprint car teams.

But Toyota officials believe Stewart and his JGR teammates achieved their results by driving at 100 percent on their flag to checkered flag. They believe Hendrick did not have the same level of commitment to the manufacturer change.

So this new relationship with Toyota could be tricky, especially if the manufacturer struggles the way it did last season. Its first at the Cup level, Toyota teams had difficulty making races last year and failed to reach victory lane, with Dave Blaney's third-place finish at Talladega and Brian Vickers' fifth-place finish at Charlotte the only top-fives for the Camry.

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Sharapova ousts new mom Davenport at Australian Open

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Maria Sharapova looked up and spotted a 7-month-old kid staring her down...
"I thought I saw her little kid giving me death looks," Sharapova said...
The boy, Jagger, was courteous. His mom, Lindsay Davenport, winner of three Grand Slam titles and with a 19-1 record since returning to the tour, was across the net...
Sharapova beat Davenport, 6-1, 6-3, Wednesday night to move into the third round of the Australian Open against a fellow Russian, Elena Vesnina...
"Tell you the truth, I approached it like it's a final," said Sharapova, straying from her 'one-match-at-a-time' mantra...
Davenport was only five tournaments into a comeback after giving birth to Jagger last June. Still, Sharapova was preparing for a matchup worthy of the second week of a major...
"You probably don't get to see too many second rounds where you see two Grand Slam champions, former No. 1s playing against each other," she said...
Sharapova never faced a break point. She broke for the fourth time when Davenport netted a forehand on second match point...
"I'm disappointed with the way this match went and this tournament went, but I have to look big picture at this point in my career," Davenport said...
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"Justice Henin could say the same about her time back on the tour after a marriage breakup that kept her from Melbourne last year. She dominated the rest of the 2007 season with a 63-7 record, including wins at the French and U.S. Opens...
Her 6-1, 7-5 victory over Russia's Olga Poutchoukova on Wednesday extended the Belgian's streak to 30 consecutive wins since an upset semifinal loss to Marion Bartoli at Wimbledon...
No. 3 Jelena Jankovic, who had to save three match points in a 2-2 game third set in



Maria Sharapova returns to Lindsay Davenport during their second-round match in the women's singles at the Australian Open in Melbourne, Australia, Wednesday.

the first round, had a routine 6-2, 7-5 win over Jada Gallovis in the second round...
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Attorney tells Hailey to slash marijuana reforms

Legality of drug would be diminished

By Cassidy Friedman
Times-News writer

Strip the teeth from three Hailey marijuana reform initiatives — right down to the gums.

That's what Hailey City Attorney Ned Williamson proposed Monday night to a

city council that has already voiced considerable reluctance about the initiatives passed by voters in November.

In his presentation that ran late into the night, Williamson outlined his dramatic changes. He cut out making marijuana legal. He

rendered impotent a committee charged with making marijuana Hailey police's lowest priority. That left policy statements and a committee.

"I kind of figured something like that was coming," said Ryan Davidson, who petitioned voters to sign his initiatives. "I think it's completely inappropriate. They didn't even try to make any of

the initiatives work. Their claims of a lot of them (the initiatives' components) being invalid are, from a legal standpoint, just untrue."

The council has yet to fully respond and plans to discuss the recommended changes on Jan. 28.

But council members have already voiced significant concern that the initiatives would embroil the city in

costly legal battles with the state, might violate their own First Amendment rights and force a city councilwoman to choose between her day job with the U.S. Forest Service and her elected post.

The three initiatives would legalize industrial hemp, decriminalize medicinal marijuana, and make enforcing marijuana laws the city's lowest priority. Davidson said

he hoped the city government would wage a stronger fight on behalf of voters. He notes voters in both Denver and Missoula, Mont., recently passed similar initiatives making enforcing marijuana their cities' lowest police priority.

This November in Hailey, only 40 percent of voters

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SCHOOLS AND MONEY



An unidentified construction worker finishes up a day of work at the Canyon Ridge High School construction site Wednesday afternoon in Twin Falls. The Twin Falls School District is proposing a facilities plant levy for up to \$3.3 million annually, for 10 years. But the money would go toward maintenance on existing facilities, not the construction of the new high school.

Proposed Twin Falls levy ranks among highest in state

District says tax rate wouldn't jump, but would extend 10 years

By Andrea Gates
Times-News writer

The Twin Falls School District is asking voters to support a facilities levy that could bring in four times more revenue than it currently is through the elected tax.

The district's proposed facilities levy would be the state's fourth largest, at least based on the number of the state's largest school districts.

Voters can approve facility levies in districts to fund items and services such as maintenance, technology upgrades, remodeling and additions at



For a complete list of school districts with plant facilities levies, go to Magicvalley.com.

schools, for up to 10 years.

School districts also can ask voters to support other types of taxes such as school bond levies and supplemental levies. Twin Falls doesn't have a supplemental levy. But two years ago it passed one of the state's largest school bond levies for \$49.7 million, to build a second high school for

\$37.6 million and improve its other schools.

The district's current 10-year facilities levy, now in its last year, will collect \$790,855 in the 2008 current fiscal year, according to the 1998 facilities levy ballot measure. The fund was to increase by 5 percent per year, for 10 years.

The district now wants voters to reauthorize the levy in March for another 10 years — this time for up to \$3.3 million every year. That's a 317 percent increase.

District officials claim they are asking for this levy amount based on a \$31 million price tag for all

expenditures between 1997 and 2007, which were funded through all its sources.

The district also claims that a law passed two years ago recommended their maintenance expenses for the next 10 years total \$30 million. "We determined with certainty that the district could levy \$3.3 million, per year, over the next 10 years without raising the current tax levy rate," said Twin Falls Superintendent Wiley Dohls in an e-mail.

But the district also says the tax

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Buhl district postpones final approval for levy

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

The Buhl School Board might not ask voters for \$2.875 million after all.

A levy election is still planned for March, but during Tuesday's school board meeting details of the issue were altered. Instead of moving forward with a plant facilities levy that would provide the district with \$375,000 per year for five years, a supplemental levy is now being considered.

The suggestion was made by Superintendent Margaret Cox and the district's Business Manager Brian Bridwell as an alternative to splitting the original facilities levy into two separate issues, as was requested by audience members during Monday's public infor-

Meeting on Friday

The Buhl School Board meeting Tuesday night was recessed until 8 a.m. Friday. Trustees will meet at the district office, 920 Main Street, to make a final decision regarding a proposed levy election. For more information: 543-8436.

mational meeting.

Feedback from the public meeting indicated residents supported a levy to pay for technology upgrades, as well as improvements and renovations at the elementary and middle schools.

"Residents are less enthusiastic with the 7th Street gym improvements," said board Chairman Gene Clemens, who

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suggested the district move forward in writing the ballot the way voters want to see it.

Not all trustees agreed with the move. Staunchly opposing a split ballot, Trustee Ken McDonald said it would be confusing to voters and a sure-fire way to have both amounts defeated.

"A few people are wanting it separated but a lot of people agree to (the entire project)," McDonald said.

But trustees Jackie Frey and Steve Highbarger agreed with

splitting the levy into two project areas, and the suggestion to run a possible one-year supplemental levy appeared to be a compromise.

Although trustees seemed to generally accept a supplemental levy, the decision was stalled Tuesday. The meeting was recessed until Friday morning in order to give Cox time to gather details about how much the district could ask from voters.

Bridwell said the district has the option of running a two-year supplemental levy for about \$1.23 million.

"Even though trustees discussed a one-year supplemental levy, they could change the resolution Friday morning. I don't know if they will do that, but at this point nothing is set in stone," Bridwell said.

Possible tax hikes for plane fuel, cigarettes

House panel dismisses interstate tax project

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

HOISE — It might soon cost private pilots a bit more to fly their planes into the sky — and smoke any victory cigars when they land.

The House Revenue and Taxation Committee approved printing separate pieces of legislation that could increase taxes on gas for airplanes and tax customers buying tobacco products on the Internet.

The committee narrowly defeated revisiting the concept of an interstate taxing coalition.

A 1.5 percent increase in plane fuel would raise aviation gasoline to 7 cents per gallon, and jet fuel to 6 cents per gallon. The increases would raise about \$429,000 to be distributed among Idaho airports, said Rodger Sorenson, chairman of the Idaho Transportation Department Aeronautics Advisory Board. Aviation fuel taxes have not increased since 1991.

The money would contribute to a shortfall in funds that are withheld from seven airports in Idaho, including those in Hailey and Twin Falls. Hailey's airport, for example, could gain \$15,000 in grants. Sorenson said. He noted that fuel cost \$3.99 a gallon in Arc

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Taxes on airplanes in surrounding states

Aviation Fuels	
Washington.....	1.3 percent
Utah.....	0.9 percent
Oregon.....	0.9 percent
Nevada.....	1 percent (local-option)
Idaho.....	5.5 percent
Jet Fuels	
Washington.....	1.3 percent
Utah.....	0.9 percent
Oregon.....	0.9 percent
Nevada.....	2 percent
Idaho.....	4.5 percent

Source: Idaho Transportation Department

Man arrested Saturday collapses, sent to St. Luke's

A Twin Falls man arrested Saturday evening on suspicion of beating his wife collapsed at the jail and remains in the hospital in fair condition, officials say.

Deputies at the jail administered CPR to William Schubert, 63, as he lay collapsed inside the booking terminal at the jail Saturday evening, said Lori Nebeker, spokeswoman for the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office.

Schubert, who was arrested at 7:42 p.m., told deputies he had a history of heart problems, Nebeker said.

He collapsed close to 9 p.m., Nebeker said. Jail deputies administered CPR until medical took over for them, and drove Schubert to St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Schubert, who had been in jail once before in 2006 on driving under the influence charges, was released from police custody on his own recognizance pending the outcome of his medical situation.

No further information was available on Wednesday.

Lorene Fisher

DECLIO — Elna Lorene Fisher, much-loved wife, mother, daughter, sister, grandmother, aunt and friend, passed away Jan. 14, 2008.

Lorene was a "people person," with a remarkable gift for friendship with many people from all walks of life. She was a talented artist and an avid gardener, seamstress, quilter and cook who loved parties and entertaining.

Lorene was born on July 6, 1938, in Logan, Utah, to Lloyd R. Robins and Elna Hawthorn Robins. She met Earl Fred (Budd) Fisher while they were students at BYU, and they married on May 19, 1959. Their marriage was solemnized in the Los Angeles LDS Temple on June 28, 1960.

Lorene graduated with honors from Utah State University and worked as a teacher in Louisville, Ky. While Budd attended dental school.

Lorene's motto in the years Budd served as a dentist in the Navy was "Whither thou goest," as their moves were in and out of the home many times.

Lorene was a devoted member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held leadership positions in many different ward stakes. When Budd retired, they moved first to Heyburn, where Lorene served as Relief



Society president, then to Declo, where they now reside.

They are the parents of four children: Shawn (Baton Fisher (Mary Jane Peterson), Sheri Lorene Gallagher (Michael Shayne), Blaine Lloyd Fisher (Stephanie Hamvey) and Shanna Christine Fisher. Lorene is also survived by her husband, Earl Fred Fisher; her mother, Elna Robins of Burley; her sisters, Christine Funk (Richard of Burley and Nancy Lund (Christopher of Alpine, Utah); and a brother, Lloyd R. Robins (Annabelle Lilly) of Annacachee, Calif.; 13 grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. We will miss her greatly.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Pleasant View Cemetery, 213 W. Main St., with Bishop Tim Darrington officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery.

Friends may call from 6 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at the Hassmussen Funeral Home, 213 W. Main St., in Burley, and from 1 until 1:45 p.m. Saturday at the church.

Mary M. Hennig

IDAHO FALLS — Mary Marie (Seagraves) Hennig left us peacefully in her sleep after a long illness on Thursday, Jan. 10, 2008, at the Good Samaritan Regional Medical Center.



A loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, she lived 86 wonderful years. Mary came into the world just after 2 a.m. on May 29, 1921, on the 1. Hunter Ranch located in Hailey. She was born to Ethla Madeline and Israel "Jack" Seagraves. Mary was one of seven children. She grew up in the Wood River Valley, where she spent most of her life as a homemaker. Mary raised two children, Sharon and David, while married to Paul Sugas, a businessman from Erma, Spain. They were later divorced.

She was remarried in 1969 to a very kind and caring ski instructor, Andrew Hennig from Salzburg, Austria (died June 1993). Together Mary and Andy lived a wonderful life in what they referred to as "God's country." Mary never stopped raising children and even though her own children were grown, she and Andy took the responsibility of raising her grandson, Mark.

Mary's mother, Madeline, wrote that "Mary's first smile was on July 26, 1921 from that day. Mary never stopped smiling. With an infectious laugh and a joy of living, she never stopped giving every day of her life to those she loved. It was her love of children, especially her grandchildren and later her great-grandchildren, that kept her young.

Retirement to Twin Falls brought Mary a wealth of new friends and activities. Her love of art, ceramics and her grandchildren are what she cherished most of all.

Her greatest joy was spent with her grandson, Mark, and his family. She brought great joy to their home and, in turn, she received great joy watching his family prosper and grow. Mary would be proud of her greatest accomplishment was "her girls," great-granddaughters, Hailey and Nicole, the sparkles in her eye to the end. Our beloved Gram will be sadly missed and thought of often.

Those surviving Mary include her son, David Sugas (Lynda) of Imlay, Nev.; daughter, Sharon Danielson; grandsons, Mark Danielson (Deborah) of Idaho Falls and Dustin Sugas (Katie) of Hong Kong; granddaughter, Dawn Sugas of Columbus, Ohio; great-grandchildren, Hailey and Nicole Danielson of Idaho Falls; sister, Dorothy Neenan (Dustin) of Hailey; and brother, Wallace Seagraves of Lovelock, Nev.

Please join us for a celebration of Mary's life in one of the most beautiful places on earth — join us in "God's country" during the week of when would have been her 87th birthday. The family is planning a memorial service at the Ketchum Cemetery on Friday, May 30, followed by a gathering of family and friends that afternoon in Sun Valley. In the flowers, the family suggests donations be made in her name to the Safe Haven Rescue Zoo, P.O. Box 184, Imlay, NV, 89418. Web site: http://www.safehavenrescuezoo.com/donate.html. Local arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey (www.woodriverchapel.com).

E. 'Joe' Gailey

E. 'Joe' Gailey, 44, of Twin Falls, passed away Jan. 15, 2008, at his home due to an aortic aneurysm and heart attack. He is survived by his mother, Lois



Gailey of Twin Falls; four sisters and one brother. He was preceded in death by his father, two brothers and one sister.

The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. Burial will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

Donald G. Vawter

Donald G. Vawter, 87, died Jan. 9, 2008, in Twin Falls. Donald was born May 19, 1920, in Spokane, Wash., the son of Edgar and Lina (Jimmison) Vawter. He grew up in Spokane, where he was graduated from Lewis and Clark High School.

He enlisted in the Coast Guard during World War II and attended the Coast Guard Academy. He served on the U.S.S. Albatross, Pacific, the Caribbean and on convoy duty in the Atlantic and the Mediterranean. Following the war, he attended Washington State College, where he met and married Margaret Savelber on May 5, 1950. He was recalled to active duty during the Korean War. In 1954, he returned to civilian life, but continued in the Coast Guard Reserve, retiring as a commander in 1961.

He worked in personnel management and related fields in the aerospace industry in the Seattle area and later at Biles Coleman in Omak, Wash. He was a member of various professional and civic organizations, including the Pacific

Northwest Personnel Management Association, Washington Association of Businessmen, Governor's Services Council, Governor's Planning Advisory Council, PENTAD, North Okanogan County Economic Development, the Red Cross, the Omak and Tonasket chambers of commerce, and Habitat for Humanity. He was a member of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Pentton, British Columbia, Canada. He enjoyed fly fishing, pheasant hunting with his longtime friends, swimming, diving and small-town living. He was an exceptional grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Margaret; two daughters, Charlotte (Bill) Eberlein of Twin Falls and Sara Cavit of Lancaster, Ky.; three grandchildren, Bill, Cheryl and Sara; and one brother, Robert (Jean) Vawter of Spokane, Wash. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Vernon Kenneth Vawter.

A private family service was held in Twin Falls. Memorials may be made to Habitat for Humanity.

Justin Flint Dahl

Buhl. — Justin Flint Dahl, 19, of Buhl, passed away Jan. 14, 2008, at his home in Buhl. Justin was born Aug. 5, 1988, in Harrison, Ark., to Kent and Kate Dahl. Justin is the youngest of five children. He has three brothers and a sister. They are Jesse, Jacob, Hebecca and Jared Dahl. Justin moved with his family to Buhl at the age of 9, where he attended Castleford School. He graduated from Castleford High School in 2007. Justin is an Eagle Scout and loved doing scouting activities, especially



going on 50-milers. He has a great love for music and was in the choir in high school. Justin has a niece and nephew, Duhlion and Cora, who he loved to talk. Justin was a loving, kind young man who will be missed by his parents, brothers and sister, other family members and all who knew him.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at the LDS Church on Fair Street in Buhl, with President Jeff Ackerman officiating. Visitation will be from 9 until 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery in Buhl. Arrangements are under the direction of Farmer Funeral Chapel of Buhl.

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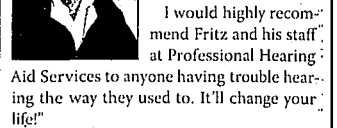
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Okie Glen McDowell of Hagerman, celebration of life from 10 to 5:30 p.m. Saturday at The Angler's in Hagerman.

Jeremy L. Thomas of Jerome, open house at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Presbyterian Church, 262 E. Ave. A in Jerome. (Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.)

Kathy Lyn Crystal Hartford of Fredonia, Ariz., and formerly of Paul and Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.

Wallace L. Baker of Orem, Utah, and formerly of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the DeLoe LDS Stake Center, 413 W. Main St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Janice M. Schmidt of Hailey, funeral at 1 p.m. Monday at the Wood River Chapel in Hailey.

Lewis Elvin Young of Bliss, graveside service at 2:30 p.m. today at the Brunson Funeral Home, McMurry Chapel in Mountain Home.

Donovan Kay Webster of Paul, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at the Burley First Christian Church, 1st. Open House visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. today at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 11:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Friday at the church.

Leonard (Ike) Hendricks of Kimberly, memorial service at 1 p.m. Friday at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 400 Irene St. in Kimberly.

Jessie Mae Andrews of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; visitation from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Friday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. If inclement weather, service will be at the mortuary.

Clea Judd Holyoak of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:40 a.m. Saturday at the church.

James Edward Utt of Vancouver, Wash., and formerly of Eden, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at

DEATH NOTICES

Leah D. Nielson

IDAHO FALLS — Leah D. Nielson, 90, of Idaho Falls and formerly of Carey, died Monday, Jan. 14, 2008, at the Canyon View Assisted Living Center in Orem, Utah.

The funeral will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 19, at the Lincoln LDS 3rd Ward Chapel, 2545 Mesa in Idaho Falls; visitation from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday, Jan. 18, at Coltrin mortuary, 2100 First St. in Idaho Falls, and one hour

before the funeral Saturday at the church. Condolences may be sent at www.celtrin-mortuary.com.

Sarah A. Sauer

JEROME — Sarah Ann Sauer, 25, of Jerome, died Wednesday, Jan. 16, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements will be announced by Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

James Edward Utt of Vancouver, Wash., and formerly of Eden, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at

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One resigns from Buhl School Board

Superintendent's contract extended

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

When the Buhl School Board reconvenes Friday morning, one trustee seat will not be filled.

Trustee Steve Highbarger tendered his resignation during Tuesday's board meeting. The move was a shock to Board Chairman Gene Clemens, who received the handwritten letter while trustees were in executive session.

"It was a surprise to me," Clemens said.

"He handed me a letter stating he wished to resign; there

was no reason why."

When trustees resumed the open meeting, his resignation was accepted immediately. Highbarger had served on the school board for just eight months and declined to comment on the reasons why he stepped down.

"I don't intend to stay away and will continue serving the district's patrons — just in a different capacity," Highbarger told the Times-News.

His resignation took place after the board evaluated Superintendent Margaret Cox's job performance. While details of the evaluation

remain confidential under Idaho code, trustee Anderson said the board is pleased with Cox's performance and confident of her future with the district.

Aiming to send that message to Cox, the board agreed to extend her contract by one year.

Highbarger had left the meeting prior to trustees casting their votes for the extension, and trustee Jackie Frey voted against the decision.

Cox was hired in December 2005, provided with a three-year contract, which took effect in July 2007 when she officially started working for the district. With the extension, it will not expire until 2011.

"This is just standard procedure," Anderson said. "I think this will give her an opportunity to get better acquainted with the community and a chance to continue on with the great work she has been doing for the district."

While the board, including Cox, has been chastised by some residents for restricting public comment during board meetings, Anderson said he's confident trustees made the right decision.

"I don't think the community runs the school board. The trustees do. Dr. Cox has not had a fair chance to show herself," he said. "We wanted to make sure she knew that she was wanted."

Pot

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went to the polls. Williamson said no law requires Halley Council to accept voter initiatives.

"There is nothing in the state Constitution or state statutes that would prohibit the City Council from amending or appealing initiatives," Williamson said.

The Halley Medical Marijuana Act would create an ordinance legalizing use and possession of 35 grams for medicinal purposes.

Williamson suggested deleting a provision that would require the amendment and institute the process through a community oversight commission.

The Halley Lowest Police Priority Act would create a Community Oversight Commission to make Halley police officers easier to fire or put offends.

Williamson's draft steals any power the committee might have to control law enforcement crack downs on mari-

juana offenses.

He recommended deleting requirements for voters and a third act of the Halley Industrial Hemp Act, for government officials to advocate changing marijuana or hemp laws.

Williamson said his redactions still leave two primary components of the initiatives standing.

"I think all three initiatives would still contain ... a policy statement," he said. "This is my recommendation on pro-

visions that I feel are illegal. I am not making any recommendations on policy matters. I am just making recommendations on legal language that I feel needs to be corrected."

"The other thing that is left over is the establishment of the oversight committee, which I don't think makes recommendations to the city council."

Cassidy Friedman can be reached at 735-3241.

Taxes

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But less than 50 miles north in Halley runs \$595.

"That comparison drew criticism from anti-tax hawk Rep. Lenore Barrett, R-Challis, who, along with Rep. Mike Moyle, R-Star, voted against printing the legislation. Barrett said the taxes will adversely affect rural populations of Idaho.

"Sun Valley can take of itself," she said. "It might not hurt Sun Valley but it might hurt Arco."

A second proposal that is expected to receive a hearing would raise \$250,000 from modifying tax structures on tobacco products, according to the state tax commission. The bill would, among other things, add a "use-tax" on products bought from unlicensed sellers in catalogs and on the Internet, and taxes could be paid by the consumer.

Minutes earlier, the committee voted 10-0 not to print legislation that would allow Idaho's state tax commission join with 45 other states in the Streamlined Sales Tax Project.

Entering the program would ultimately require companies doing business in Idaho to collect sales tax on

items sold to out-of-state customers.

Not joining the group is costing Idaho \$75 million annually, said Dan John of the commission. But some committee members viewed the measure as more taxing and said Idaho should wait for a similar measure to pass Congress.

"Whenever a government agency says they are missing out on money, those are funds in citizens' pockets," said Assistant House Majority Leader Scott Bedke, R-Okley.

"Whenever the commission officials said they do not legally need legislative approval to participate in the SSTP, the commission said the 'political' nature of the matter made it the proper thing to do."

Last year, a similar bill was killed on the House floor by a handful of votes. Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin Falls, carried that bill.

"I can't understand the legislation at all right now," he said after Wednesday's meeting.

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Levy

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Charges against driver delayed in Minidoka PSI crash

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

Minidoka County authorities are still wrapping up the investigation of an Oct. 31 vehicle crash that ended in the death of one Rupert man.

But Minidoka County Prosecutor Nikki Cannon said Tuesday that she hopes to file charges in the case within the next couple weeks, and is vying to finish interviews related to the incident first.

Any changes will likely fall on the driver of a PSI Waste Systems truck involved in the crash, 22-year-old James Perotto, and the waste-management company itself. At about 12:50 p.m. on Oct. 31, 34-year-old Lesley Morgan, of Rupert, died after his white 1954 Ford Escort collided with Perotto's truck at the intersection of 700 North and 200 East in Minidoka County. Morgan was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police investigating the incident said Morgan had the right-of-way and that Perotto drove through a stop sign. Perotto later told police that he couldn't stop due to brake problems.

Cannon said in November that she hoped to file charges in the case soon. But interviews that could help determine the charges against Perotto were delayed for unspecified reasons, she said.

"I would have thought two

weeks ago we'd be done," she said.

The county has received the results of a mechanical inspection of the truck by Idaho State Police, Cannon said, as well as an initial response from PSI to a request for data and reports pertaining to the truck. She said she could not reveal any of the information, but that her staff is working to compile the reports.

Alcohol, drugs or foul play are not suspected in the incident, and police said in

November that Morgan, who did not wear a seat belt, was not wearing at the time of a tunch break. He lived less than a mile from the intersection.

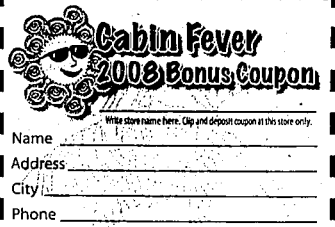
The incident could produce various charges against Perotto or PSI, depending on factors like whether the company knew the truck had brake problems. Depending on Perotto's actions and the level of negligence prosecutors decide was involved, the driver could be charged under one of several levels of vehicu-

lar manslaughter charges — assuming the case rises to that level," Cannon said.

Perotto, she said, will at least face something.

"I expect to charge the driver, and I would not be surprised if I charged the company," Cannon said.

PSI officials could not be reached for comment. The company previously deferred comment to its California-based parent company, Waste Connections, Inc., which could not be reached for comment either.



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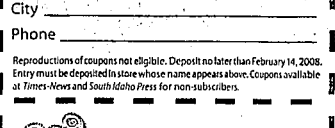


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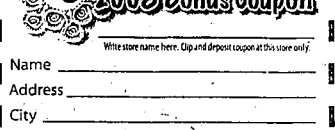


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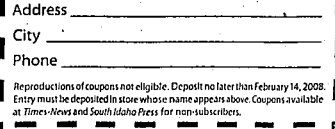


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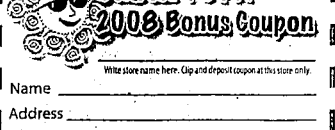


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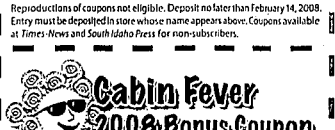


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NATIONAL TREASURE BOOK OF SECRETS
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BUCKET LIST
7:30 • 9:25 (PG-13)

IN THE NAME OF THE KING
7:30 • 9:45 (PG-13)

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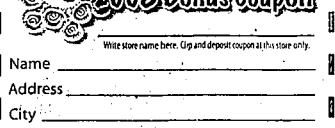
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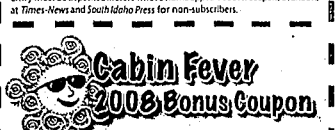


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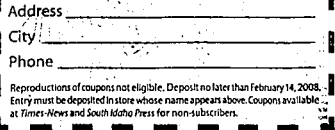


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5TH DISTRICT COURT NEWS

Twin Falls city

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCES
 Mark A. Scott, 37, Buhl; disturbing the peace/disorderly conduct; \$500 fine with \$400 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 68 suspended, credit for time served; 12 months probation; no alcohol.
 Misdemeanor dismissals
 Ricardo Rodriguez, 31, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor.

Twin Falls County

DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE SENTENCES
 Edmundo Fuentes Sandoval, 20, Jerome; one count driving under the influence, second offense; \$2,000 fine with \$1,500 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 365 days in jail with 335 suspended, credit for any time served; driving privileges suspended for 365 days; 24 months probation; one count driving without privileges dismissed.
 Joseph D. Hansen, 18, Kimberly; driving under the influence; with held judgment granted; \$800 fine with \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
 Douglas J. Nielson, 55, Kimberly; driving under the influence; \$800 fine with \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
 Darwin A. Biggins, 51, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$800 fine with \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
 Shane B. Sawyer, 25, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; \$800 fine with \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
 Joy E. McLeRoy, 30, Buhl; driving under the influence; \$800 fine with \$500 suspended; \$87.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
 Doreen M. Brown, 32, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; \$800 fine with \$400 suspended; \$90.50 costs; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; driving privileges suspended for 180 days; 12 months probation.
 Richard M. Tyre, 25, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; \$1,000 fine with \$600 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 pub-

lic defender fee; 180 days in jail with balance suspended; 12 months probation.
 Jon W. Herndon, 21, Buhl; domestic battery; amended to battery; \$500 fine with \$250 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation; attend anger management class.
 Tara M. Allied, 19, Filer; one count possession of drug paraphernalia; withheld judgment granted; \$800 fine with \$500 suspended; \$85.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 88 suspended, credit for one day served, one day work detail; 12 months probation; one count possession of a controlled substance dismissed.
 Larry Johnson, 55, Twin Falls; one count unlawfully hit big game without tag; \$100 fine; \$83 costs; 12 months probation; one count possess/\$1,000 untagged wildlife; \$300 fine with 12 months probation; Michael C. Garcia, 39, Buhl; battery; amended to assault; \$1,000 fine with \$750 suspended; \$75.50 costs; \$75 public defender fee; 90 days in jail with 90 suspended; 12 months probation.

MEASUREMENT DISMISSALS

Down Bellum, 46, Buhl; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor.
 William C. Debban, 61, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor.
 Corrie R. Mitchell, 25, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; dismissed by prosecutor.
 Jose Ortega Lopez, 47, Twin Falls; violation of protection order; dismissed by prosecutor.
 Misdemeanor acquittals
 Anthony Young, 19, Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; found innocent.
 Felony sentences
 Eric J. Gonzalez, 22, Twin Falls; accessory to murder; five years indeterminate; two years determinate; three years indeterminate.
 Donald R. Parsons, 43, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; ten years indeterminate; three years indeterminate; suspended; ten years probation; 150 days in jail; \$4,000 fine with \$3,000 suspended; \$112.50 costs; driving privileges suspended for five years; 12 months probation.

CONSUMER DISMISSALS

William C. Debban, 61, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; eight years indeterminate; seven years indeterminate; suspended; ten years probation; 150 days in jail; \$4,000 fine with \$3,000 suspended; \$112.50 costs; driving privileges suspended for five years; 12 months probation.

FELONY DISMISSALS

Jonathan Zimmerman, 19, Filer; burglary, malicious injury to property; dismissed by prosecutor.
 William C. Debban, 61, Twin Falls; driving under the influence; dismissed by prosecutor.

CIVIL FILINGS

Amanda S. Lybrand vs. Robin A. Overbay and Robert Smith. Seeking judgment against the defendants for special and general damages in an amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.
 William Ellis vs. State of Idaho. Seeking post conviction relief of a 2005 level conviction with a minor sentence. Plaintiff alleges ineffective assistance of counsel.
 Thomas and Marjorie Puka vs. Ryan Higgs. Seeking judgment against the defendant for special and general damages in an

amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs. Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained by Thomas Puka in a vehicle accident.
 Barbara H. Oesthufert vs. Margarita Miller. Seeking judgment against the defendant for special and general damages in an amount to be proven at trial; attorney's fees and costs.
 Plaintiff seeking reimbursement for injuries sustained in a vehicle accident.
 Bryan L. Richardson vs. State of Idaho. Seeking post conviction relief of a 2005 grand theft sentencing. Plaintiff alleges ineffective assistance of counsel.
 City of Filer and Twin Falls County vs. Erin Hollings. Seeking judgment finding that defendant has violated the Filer Zoning Ordinance; an order permanently enjoining defendant from conducting trucking and hay hauling operations on said premises; attorney's fees and costs.
 Plaintiff alleges that defendant is operating a trucking and hay hauling operation in a residential zone.

CHILD SUPPORT CASES

The State of Idaho, Department of Health and Welfare, Child Support Services have filed many motions against the following:
 Epimeno Lerma Jr. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$277 monthly support plus 57 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$150.30 for uncovered medical expenses and child support.
 Ryan J. Wise. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$254 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$196.52 for uncovered medical expenses and child support.
 Daniel R. Straub. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$410 monthly support plus 58 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$3,541.28 for uncovered medical expenses and child support.
 Derek T. Young. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$276 monthly support plus 65 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,880.84 for uncovered medical expenses and child support.
 Jeremia J. Surbook. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$1,432 public assistance and child support costs.
 Joseph D. Collins. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$411 monthly support plus 69 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.
 Vance Ottley. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$173 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,314.57 for uncovered medical costs.
 Matthew V. Lehman. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$221 monthly support plus 61 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,314.57 for uncovered medical costs.
 Frank E. Shoup. Seeking establishment of paternity; 79 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.
 Jason M. Fennwald. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$346 monthly support plus 71 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$5,344.08 for uncovered medical costs.
 Jamie L. Anderson. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$293 monthly support plus 58 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$2,930 for public assistance and child support costs.
 Ivan D. Baker. Seeking establishment of paternity; \$173 monthly support plus 50 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance; \$3,251.75 for uncovered medical costs.
 Albert J. Conway. Seeking estab-

lishment of paternity; \$443 monthly support plus 51 percent of medical expenses not covered by insurance; provide medical insurance.
DIVORCES FILED
 Joy Dragt vs. Dustin Clarence. Marjanne Reese vs. Clarence L. Reese.
 Beth M. Malina vs. Jeffrey P. Malina.
 Douglas G. Alley vs. Verna Lee G. Alley.
 Ailie K. Ramirez vs. Antonio C. Ramirez.
 Kasey L. Ball vs. Patrick T. Ball. Tara K. Escobedo vs. Juan C. Escobedo.
 Noelia N. Pineda vs. Alonso C. Pineda.
 Valerie S. Godfrey vs. Shaun D. Godfrey.
 Paul Westcott vs. Tonia Westcott. Jaime W. L. Brower vs. Dustin J. Brower.
 Timothy E. Tracy vs. Linda M. Bell. Crystal W. Bentz vs. Jose L. Bonitez.
 Ailie Colic vs. Ramiz Colic.
 Michael A. Maxwell vs. Denise A. Mahini.
 Heather Watson vs. Cory Watson. Theresa L. Bach vs. Douglas A. Bach.

ARRAIGNMENTS (JAN. 24)

Brady A. Hittman, 23, Twin Falls; assault with intent to commit a serious felony; burglary, robbery, grand theft; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 25; \$250.00 bond.
 Trenton K. Ranger, 18, Twin Falls; felony malicious injury to property; no plea entered; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 25; \$5,000 bond.
 Kimberly J. Laughlin, 37, Twin Falls; injury to a child; pleaded innocent; private counsel; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 5; released on own recognizance; possession of a controlled substance with intent to deliver; no plea entered; private counsel; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 25; posted bond.
 Chad W. Laughlin, 39, Twin Falls; possession of controlled substance with intent to deliver; no plea entered; public defender appointed; preliminary hearing set for Jan. 25; \$100.00 bond.
 Denis J. Erensenko, 50, Burley; battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 5; \$500 bond.
 Victor M. Nicolas-Acosta, 21, Buhl; driving under the influence, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 5; \$500 bond.
 Gregory G. Nowest, 32, Twin Falls; domestic battery; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 5; \$500 bond.
 Elan Pena, 22, invalid license, failure to purchase/invalid license, resisting/obstructing officer, speeding, failure to provide proof of insurance.
 Alfonso Morales-Ordonez, 23, DWOP.
 Lara R. Pena, 22, invalid license, failure to purchase/invalid license, resisting/obstructing officer, speeding, failure to provide proof of insurance.
 Jerome J. Bonawite, 19, possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; possession/consume/purchase of alcohol by minor.
 Kelly K. Buel, 25, DWOP; speeding; fail to register vehicle.
 Valente A. Cabanas, 46, DWOP.
 Juan Carlos, 34, invalid license, open container.
 Thomas W. Davidson, 54, motor carrier violations.
 Anthony Petros, 31, DWOP; open container; stop sign violation; failure to provide proof of insurance.
 Santiago Barbara Flores, 24, DWOP.
 possession/consume/purchase of alcohol by minor; no insurance; carrying concealed weapon.
 Gilberto J. Fuentes Jr., 18, jumps ball.
 Christian Cause, 15, possession, use of tobacco by minor.
 Karl J. Ginn, 21, dispensing alcohol without a minor.
 Jarrid Manick Graff, 25, DWOP.
 Andri Lynn Haddox, 31, possession of drug paraphernalia w/intent to use, possession of controlled substance.
 Daniel Paul Hawkins, 50, intentional careless driving.
 Carl L. Huffman, 66, reckless driving.
 Steven Brandon Lopes, 27, possession of controlled substance.
 Francisco Javier Lopez-Martinez, 23, DWOP.
 Steely M. Makin, 23, flee or attempt to elude officer, possession of drug paraphernalia w/intent to use, possession of controlled substance.
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 Eugenio Ramirez-Maldonado, 23, DWOP failure to provide proof of insurance, failure to register, Brian Keith Mendoza, DWOP speeding, failure to provide proof of insurance.
 Alfonso Morales-Ordonez, 23, DWOP.
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lic defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 5; \$1,500 bond.
 Jose M. Trejo-Cardiel, 26, Murtough; driving under the influence, failure to purchase/invalid driver's license; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; pretrial hearing set for Feb. 5; posted bond.

Jerome County

ARRAIGNMENTS
 Shelly D. Adkins, 47, DWI.
 Anibal Abonzo-Vargas, 21, DWOP; stop sign violation.
 Carlo C. Arevalo, 20, DWOP.
 Marcia Barrera-Diaz, 33, DWOP; failure to provide proof of insurance.
 Ramiro Chabes Bauilista, 18, DWOP.
 Justin RL Bonawite, 19, possession of controlled substance; possession of drug paraphernalia with intent to use; possession/consume/purchase of alcohol by minor.
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AG investigating police shooting of E. Idaho dog

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — The state attorney general's office is deciding whether criminal charges will be filed against an eastern Idaho sheriff's deputy accused of shooting a dog three times after first asking its owner to tie it to a tree.

That incident and questions surrounding two other Teton County sheriff's deputies has led to some community leaders questioning the competence of the sheriff's office.

"There's a growing discontent about the level of performance generally," Reid Rogers, president of the Teton Valley Chamber of Commerce, told the *Post Register*.

A Teton County dispatcher on Wednesday told the AP that none of the three deputies were available for comment.

Rogers said tourists have threatened to call trips to the vacation area over the

Nov. 12 shooting of the 5-year-old black Labrador retriever mix named Bobby, which survived, and that others are reconsidering planned moves to the area.

The dog's owner, Leo Barboza, has filed a tort claim against the county over the matter. The claim is a precursor to a lawsuit if the two sides can't settle.

Authorities said that between Oct. 25 and Nov. 12, deputies responded four

times to complaints about the dog, most from a woman who said the dog had mauled her.

Barboza's lawyer, Joshua Garner, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that the dog has not bitten anyone.

"Never been a problem; a very friendly pet," he said. "It's a dog all the neighbor kids like to play with."

Garner also said the unidentified woman who made the complaint has a

reputation for making false reports and going around the neighborhood and taking dogs off their leashes and taking them home.

Barboza said Deputy Joseph Gutierrez arrived at his house on Nov. 12. He said he tied Bobby, which the family has had since it was a puppy, to a tree at Gutierrez's request, but asked Gutierrez what proof he had that the dog had bitten anyone when Gutierrez told him he

planned to shoot the dog. "Gutierrez said, 'I don't need proof to put your dog down,'" Garner said his client was told.

Barboza said Gutierrez then shot the dog three times with a rifle, hitting the dog once in the head and twice in the neck.

Idaho law allows a dog one bite without consequence, but after a second bite, a court can order a dog be destroyed.

Snowfall limits search for possible victims of Montana avalanche

By Amy Beth Hanson
Associated Press writer

HELENA, Mont. — Authorities said Wednesday they had been unable to confirm reports that two more skiers were buried by a deadly avalanche and they were reassessing whether a search should resume.

The bodies of two back-country skiers were recovered a short time after the slide on Sunday, but authorities have not found any sign of other possible victims.

A pair of snowmobilers who witnessed the avalanche have maintained that two other skiers also were caught by the snow slide.

The witnesses were taken back to the scene on Wednesday.

"Further search efforts will be dependent upon new information gathered during the interviews currently under way, the safety of the

avalanche site and the route to the avalanche," Sheriff Mike Meehan said in a statement.

The route to the avalanche site on Pilgrimage Hill near the Whitefish Mountain Resort in northwestern Montana, is a 14-mile ride by snowmobile that crosses several potential slide areas.

Authorities said they had contacted every hotel, recreation and transportation company in Flathead County but had been unable to find that anyone was considered missing.

An storm Monday night and Tuesday dropped as much as 14 inches of snow on the area. About 20 searchers looked for four hours Tuesday afternoon — after groomers scraped 5 to 7 feet of snow from the search area — but found no trace of any other skiers, Undersheriff Pete Wingert said.

The slide on Sunday killed



On Monday, Ken Caffrey, with Lake County Search and Rescue, signals a Great Falls Border Patrol helicopter that they are clear to take off at the Canyon Creek trailhead north of Columbia Falls, Mont. The Border Patrol surveyed the area with Jordan White, search and rescue coordinator for Flathead County, to do an assessment of avalanche hazards in the area. The threat of another avalanche delayed search-and-rescue efforts Tuesday at the site of the large snow slide that killed two backcountry skiers near the Whitefish Mountain Resort in northwestern Montana.

Anthony Kollmann, 19, of Kullspel and David Gogolak, 36, of Whitefish.

Avalanches have killed at least 21 people across the West since Dec. 2, according to the National Avalanche Center. The national annual

average for avalanche deaths is about 25.

Thirty-five people were killed nationwide in avalanches in the 2001-2002 season, the most on record, according to the U.S. Forest Service.

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Activists upset after Bush allows Navy sonar training off California

By Noaki Schwartz
Associated Press writer

LOS ANGELES — Conservationists on Wednesday blasted President Bush's decision to exempt the Navy from an environmental law so it can continue using high-power sonar in its training off Southern California — a practice they say harms whales and other marine mammals.

The president's action by itself won't allow the anti-submarine warfare training to go forward because an injunction is in place, but the Navy believes it will significantly strengthen its argument in court. A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco is expected to make a determination on the future of the Navy exercises on Friday.

The White House announced Bush signed the exemption Tuesday while traveling in the Middle East. In his memorandum, Bush said the Navy training exercises "are in the paramount interest of the United States" and its national security.

Peter Douglas, the executive director of the California Coastal Commission, which joined in the lawsuit to provide the mammals greater protections from sonar, called the exemption unprecedented in California.

"I'm not surprised at all," he said. "It's typical for this Republican administration to ignore environmental protections under the banner of fear."

Attorneys for the Natural Resources Defense Council, which has been fighting the Navy's sonar training, said the group would file papers

with the appeals court to challenge Bush's exemption.

"The president's action is an attack on the rule of law," said Joel Reynolds, director of the Marine Mammal Protection Project at the Natural Resources Defense Council in Santa Monica. "By exempting the Navy from basic safeguards under both federal and state law, the president is flouting the will of Congress, the decision of the California Coastal Commission and a ruling by the federal court."

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Complying with the environmental law would "undermine the Navy's ability to conduct realistic training exercises that are necessary to ensure the combat effectiveness of carrier and expeditionary strike groups," Bush said.

Scientists say loud sonar can damage marine mammal brains and ears. Sonar may also mask the echoes some whales and dolphins listen for when they use their own natural sonar to locate food.

But much is still unknown about how sonar affects whales and other marine mammals. For example, the sound can hurt some species while not affecting others, and experts don't fully understand why.

In an argument that has been going on for years, the Navy has continually said that the exercises are vital for training and that it works to minimize the risk to marine life.

A statement from the Defense Department said that the new exemption covers the use of mid-frequency active sonar in a series of

exercises scheduled to take place off California through January 2009 and that the Navy already applies 29 measures to mitigate the effects.

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COULD YOU SHOW THIS TO THE JANITOR FOR ME?

WHOA! WHOA! YOU DON'T TALK TO ME DIRECTLY!

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AS ARE YOURS, LUC!

AND OUR NUMBERS ARE BIGGER WHERE AS YOURS QUANTS HAS THE HIGHEST PROFITABILITY RATE IN THE WORLD!

YEAH, BUT OUR NUMBERS ARE BIGGER, ISN'T IT?

EXCUSE ME?

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The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Toisce

How do you expect me to embrace your marriage to a man? I just met!

It's called a leap of faith! You should try it for once!

Are you joking? Our entire mother-daughter relationship is a leap of faith!

Six years of a free college education... The endless loans, investments and bailouts!

Allright, Mother. You don't have to rub it in!

I beg to differ! And after Mr. Livingston divorces her, she's out!

An advice you're into the habits, you're out, too!

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I'M SICK AND TIRED OF PICKING UP TOYS!

I'M TIRED OF HOUSEWORK AND COOKING AND THE NEIGHBORHOODS!

TIME IT FEELS LIKE I'VE BEEN HERE A LOT OF WORK. THERE'S PRETTY LITTLE I CAN DO TO MAKE THESE FEELINGS GO AWAY.

PICTER ALL... YOU'RE THE ONE WHO WANTED TO BE IN THE FIRST PLACE.

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I DIDN'T HIRE HIM... THOSE BIPEDAL GUYS ARE AFRAID TO GET THEIR HANDS DIRTY.

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YOU TWO WANT TO GOAT. I GET IT. I'LL JUST GO WAIT IN YOUR CAR, BEN.

THANKS, SIS. SO WHAT'VE YOU BEEN DOING, LUANN?

SORRY, KENVS?

WELL, SORT OF.

ANYWAY, I'VE BEEN...

YES, BECAUSE IT'S THE BIG BLACK BLOOD ONE. I'M GONNA GIVE HER A BIG BLACK BLOOD ONE.

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MY DAUGHTER IS DATING AN UNBRIANER!

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PIG, WE'VE BEEN GOING OUT FOR SIX YEARS. EITHER YOU GIVE ME A RING OR WE'RE FINISHED.

OH, PIG! IT'S BEAUTIFUL!

HOOKED A FAT ONE.

Pickles By Brian Crane

YOU EVER NOTICE HOW SOME FOLKS PREFER PETS TO CHILDREN?

YEAH, IT TAKES ALL KINDS.

HOW ABOUT YOU, WHICH DO YOU PREFER?

OH, THEY'RE BOTH GOOD.

THE ONLY REAL DIFFERENCE IS THE FUR.

Rose Is Rose By Pat Brady

WHEN I LEAN AGAINST MY LET THINGS BE FREE, I'M AN ARSE TO FEEL LIKE I'M GOING TO AND JUST LET THINGS BE!

CHARTER? CHARTER?

BUT IT'S SO COOL.

CHARTER?

OH, YEAH! QUANTZ!

WARM QUILT DELIVER! IS A QUARTZ I CAN LEAN WITH!

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

HEY, THIS WAS FUN. YEAH! WE SHOULD HAVE COFFEE TOGETHER MORE OFTEN!

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HUNT YOUR PLAN FOR YOUR LITTLE SHAPLAP?

YEAH, THE BEAUTY OF IT, LUCY.

WE COULD HAVE USED A POLICE THROAT TO BE HELD FOR LUNACY OR OPENING... EVEN YOU WOULD BECOME COMPLETELY UNRECOGNIZABLE...

SHIT UP!

IF DECISIONS WOULD SOMETIMES SHUT UP?

NOW DO THINGS YOUR WAY.

WELL, THAT GOES WITHOUT SAYING.

THE ONLY WAY TO GET A SHIT UP?

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Gemini, catch vivid ideas for advancement

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

at your confidence like a mouse with a hunk of cheddar. Seek encouragement or a sounding board within your home or family circle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Money, like water, must be spread around to tip the most good. Share the pennies in your piggy bank. These stars smile on social interactions and may facilitate pleasant business transactions.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You are in command of any important situation and can lead others to success through example. Be cognizant of poor timing or principles if others attempt to sway your views.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Make friends with the high and the mighty or try something new to pull a key relationship out of a rut. If you are on the right track, things will fall in place very quickly.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): For a few hours you might be overly sensitive to imagined slights. Don't let minor raps and towns spoil your day. Meditation or some time spent in quiet solitude may help you recharge your vitality.

IF JAN. 17 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You know the meaning of a means to an end. For the next few months you might feel somewhat used by other people — but at the same time, you know that you will benefit by being part of the whole. Your innate street smarts and pragmatic attitude will help you improve all facets of your life, especially in March.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep your ears and eyes open. Remain alert to subtle romantic overtures. A special someone may be hurt if you don't handle certain matters with tact.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You may be briefly let down due to a small disappointment. You expect a great deal and might not receive everything you hope for. Don't try to please all of the people all of the time as it isn't possible.

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Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

1. HOW DID YOU FIX MY COMPUTER SO FAST?
2. I JUST READ THE MANUAL.
3. I'LL REWARD YOU WITH A DINNER DATE TONIGHT.
4. MAKE IT TOMORROW, I'LL HAVE TO READ THE DATING MANUAL FIRST!

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

1. SNOWBALLS! GET 'EM WHILE THEY'RE COLD!
2. THINGS SURE HAVE CHANGED SINCE I WAS A KID!
3. I'LL SAY.
4. NO REFUNDS!
5. WE SHIP!
6. NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR DAMAGE CAUSED BY ERGAT THROUS!
7. I'LL SAY.

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

1. CHIEF, IF YOU'LL ALLOW ME TO MAKE A SUGGESTION...
2. HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OF WORKING ON YOUR PEOPLE SKILLS?
3. DO I LOOK LIKE A PEOPLE PERSON TO YOU?

Garfield By Jim Davis

1. GOOD MORNING, SIR. SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU.
2. MY, YOU ARE A STOUT YOUNG MAN.
3. ACTUALLY MORE OF A BIG LARD BOY!
4. I KNEW IT WOULDN'T LAST.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

1. I HATE MONDAYS.
2. TODAY IS THURSDAY.
3. THEN I HATE THURSDAYS TOO!!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

1. EVERYBODY WANTS BOBBY ON THEIR SIDE.
2. WHY?
3. HE CLAIMS HIS SNOWBALL HAS BEEN CLOCKED AT 40 M.P.H.

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

1. MY TEACHER'S MAD AT ME...
2. SHE'S MAD BECAUSE I CALLED OUR FIELD TRIP DUMB.
3. WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO?
4. I'M TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW I CAN PUT THE BLAME ON YOU..

The Wizard of Id By Brampton Parker & Johnny Hart

1. ELEVEN O'CLOCK AND TIME FOR LIES, DISTORTIONS AND HALF-TRUTHS.
2. FOLLOWED BY AN IN-DEPTH NEWS ANALYSIS.
3. TO HELP YOU DETERMINE WHICH IS WHICH.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

1. THE FAMILY CIRCUS
2. THE world's most effective water power.
3. "HEY, DAD! MOM USED ONE OF YOUR GOLF WORDS!"

Both mother and daughter are grieving for their dads



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

DEAR ABBY: I feel like I'm all alone. My daughter's father was recently murdered, and I can't seem to get over it. Even though we hadn't been close for months before his passing, he was all I have known since I was 13. I'm trying to move on, but it's so hard.

I don't know how to help my daughter with her issues because I'm still grieving for my own father, who was killed in Baghdad several years ago.

Am I a bad mother for not talking to her enough about Frankly, I try to avoid the subject every chance I get. But it's eating me up inside, and I can't stop crying.

How will I ever move on to another relationship when I can't even get past the last one? How can I help my child when I feel like I can't even help myself?

—DESPERATE FOR HELP IN NEWYORK
DEAR DESPERATE FOR HELP: Please accept my deepest sympathy for the untimely loss of your father and the tragedy that befell your daughter's father. If you are going to heal yourself and your girl, it is imperative that you find help for both of you. She needs to talk about her feelings so she can deal with

them — and so do you. Avoiding the subject, painful as it is, doesn't work, as you are finding out.

I recommend that you find a grief-support group for you and for your daughter, a safe place in which to share your feelings of loss, pain and possibly anger. An excellent place to start would be to ask your clergy person. Please don't put it off because help is available.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 25 and my boyfriend, "Dave," is 32. I love him dearly. He's my best friend, and I know we cherish each other, but I always feel like I'm No. 2, 3 or 4 in his life.

Dave has a 4-year-old son and is occupied with the boy three nights a week. On those nights I am not well-liked. There are no phone calls, and I feel alienated and lonely. Also, he stays in a job he claims he hates because he can't afford to miss one payment to his estranged wife.

Dave refuses to get a

divorce because it's expensive, and he is afraid that she will abuse him financially. Yet he gives her extra honey on a regular basis despite his \$50,500 monthly (but present), and he's often broke because of some demand or another she had made. She has a great job as a nurse, but I know very little about her situation so I can't judge her.

I am frustrated. When I try to discuss it, Dave tells me he's sorry, "things will change" and eventually I'll be able to share his life with him and his son. But it's been more than a year, and nothing has happened. Should I hold on? This is driving me crazy.

—LOSING PATIENCE IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR LOSING PATIENCE: Your boyfriend appears to be a conventional person, but he is married and not available for what you want. He may be satisfied with the status quo, which is why he has made no move to divorce or to further include you.

Dave is not your "best friend." Best friends discuss their problems and work out compromises. Please consider moving on, because if you allow this situation to drag on another year or two or three — and I suspect it will — you'll have to be crazy.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Jan. 17, the 17th day of 2008. There are 349 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On Jan. 17, 1945, Soviet and Polish forces liberated Warsaw during World War II.

On this date:

In 1893, the 19th president of the United States, Rutherford B. Hayes, died in Fremont, Ohio, at age 78.

In 1893, Hawaii's monarchy was overthrown as a group of businessmen and sugar planters forced Queen Liliuokalani to abdicate.

In 1917, the United States paid Denmark \$25 million for the Virgin Islands.

In 1945, Swedish diplomat Raoul Wallenberg, credited with saving tens of thousands of Jews, disappeared in Hungary while in Soviet custody.

In 1971, in his farewell address, President Dwight Eisenhower warned against the rise of "the military-industrial complex."

In 1966, a U.S. Air Force B-52 carrying four unarmed hydrogen bombs crashed on the Spanish coast. (Three of the bombs were quickly recovered, but the fourth wasn't recovered until April.)

In 1977, convicted murderer Charles Galt was shot by a firing squad at Utah State Prison in the first U.S. execution in a decade.

In 1994, a 6.7 magnitude earthquake struck Southern California, killing at least 72 people.

In 1995, more than 6,000 people were killed when an earthquake with a magnitude of 7.2 devastated the city of Kobe, Japan.

In 1997, a court in Ireland granted the first divorce in the country's Catholic country's history.

Ten years ago: President Bill Clinton gave a deposition in Paula Jones' sexual harassment lawsuit against him; during the nearly six hours of sworn testimony, Clinton denied having had a sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky.

Five years ago: On the 12th anniversary of Gulf War, a defiant Saddam Hussein called on his people to rise up and defend the nation against a new U.S.-led attack. Tom Ridge stepped through Senate confirmation hearings and became the nation's first Homeland Security Department chief. Actor Richard Crenna died in Los Angeles at age 76. Gertrude Jbanaway, the last known living descendant of the Civil War, died in Blaine, Tenn., at age 93 (she had married John Jbanaway in 1927 when he was 81 and she was barely 10).

One year ago: A year after the award of a domestic spying program that was criticized by the White House, the program was maintained within his authority to operate. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales announced the administration had shifted its position and would seek the removal of the chief of the panel of federal judges. Pulitzer Prize-winning satirist Art Buchwald died in Washington, D.C., at age 81.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS

Actress Betsy White is 86. Singer-actress Eartha Kitt is 81. Actor James Earl Jones is 77. Talk show host Maury Povich is 69. Former heavyweight boxing champion Muhammad Ali is 66. Rhythm-and-blues singer William Hart (The DeLafines) is 63. Rock musician Mick Taylor is 60. Rhythm-and-blues singer Sheila Hutchings (The Emotions) is 55. Singer Steve Earle is 53. Singer Paul Young is 52. Actor-comedian Steve Harvey is 51. Singer Susanna Hoffs (The Bangles) is 49.

Actor-comedian Jim Carrey is 46. Actor Jodie Foster is 45. Actor Matt Damon is 42. Singer Shabazz Bazz is 42. Actor Andrew J. Koenig is 39. Rapper Kid Rock is 37. Actor Freddy Rodriguez is 33. Actor Zsuzsi Deschanel is 28. Singer Ray J is 27. Country singer Amanda Wilkinson is 26.



KId Rock

THOUGHT

"I am always ready to learn, but I do not always like to be taught."

— Winston Churchill, British statesman (1874-1965)

Politician pounces on state law's different truths

By Larry O'Dell
Associated Press writer

RICHMOND, Va. — Achieving equality for cats isn't as easy as it sounds, State Delegate Jennifer McClellan found that out Monday when a legislative panel wrangled over a proposal to make stealing a cat a felony — the same as for stealing a dog.

Unable to find a solution, the chairman designated a couple of members to work on the bill with McClellan, the Richmond Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals and the Virginia Farm Bureau and bring it back for a future meeting.

McClellan, a Richmond Democrat, opened her pitch

for the legislation with a disclaimer: "I do not now, nor have I ever, owned a cat."

But for people who do love their cats as much as dog owners adore their pets, she said, Virginia law is unfair. Stealing a cat is a misdemeanor, punishable by as much as a year in jail. Dogparkers can get as many as 10 years.

"I'm trying to do it because the law reflect that if you steal a dog or steal a cat, the punishment should be the same," McClellan told the House Courts of Justice subcommittee.

Supporters of the bill are informally calling it "Ernie's Law" in honor of the kitten whose ordeal inspired the legislation.

Ernie was abducted from the Richmond SPCA's shelter last summer. Robin Starr, the organization's chief executive, said in an interview that the animal was taken to a kitten before possibly adopting it. One man put the cat under his shirt, and they walked out.

An SPCA worker got their license plate number, and the car was tracked down. The SPCA pressed charges, but the prosecutor decided the misdemeanor wasn't worth pursuing after the defendant failed to appear for arraignment.

Starr said that she had no idea why the gray and white kitten was stolen, but that cats sometimes are taken to use as dogfighting bait.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: December 19, 2007 File No. 7261-24617 Sale date and time (local time): April 22, 2008 at 11:00 AM
 Sale location: In the office of First American Title Company, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301 Property address: 3577 North 3230 East Kimberly, ID 83341 Successor Trustee: Northwest Title Service, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 9877 Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 866-1800 Deed of Trust information: Original grantor: Redneck Game, an unmarried man Original trustee: Twin Falls Title and Escrow Co. Original beneficiary: Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., sole as nominee for Onwin Mortgage Solutions, Inc. Recording date: August 15, 2006 Recorder's instrument number: 2006002470 County: Twin Falls Sum owing on the obligation: as of December 19, 2007: \$174,975.45 Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information visit or call the Successor Trustee at the address or telephone number provided below. Basis of default: Failure to make payments when due. Fixate take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash and for the equivalent of the property described above. The property is identified to comply with IC 50-1113 but is not intended to be correct. The property's legal description is: Township 10 North, Range 17 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho, Section 36: A parcel of land located in the W1/2E21/2N14 being more particularly described as follows: commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 36, said point lies North 89 degrees 01'45" West 2652-20 feet from the North quarter corner of Section 36, thence South 89 degrees 01'45" East 1326.10 feet to the Northwest corner of W1/2E21/2N14, thence South 00 degrees 05'18" West 1142.85 feet along the West boundary of W1/2E21/2N14 to the Point of Beginning, thence South 00 degrees 05'18" West 266.50 feet along the West boundary of said W1/2E21/2N14 being 89 degrees 01'45" East 245.45 feet thence North 00 degrees 06'25" East 266.50 feet, thence North 89 degrees 01'45" West 245.26 feet to the Point of Beginning, together with a 50-00-foot-wide roadway, irrigation and utility easement covered on the following described land: commencing at the Northwest corner of Section 36, thence North 89 degrees 01'45" East 1546.75 feet along the Section line to the Point of Beginning, thence along said centerline South 00 degrees 05'25" West 417.89 feet, thence along a curve, D = 19 degrees 12'28", R = 224.02 feet, A = 71-39 feet, C = 71.09 feet, T = 35.99 feet, L.C.B. South 08 degrees 59'49" East, Thence along a curve, D = 18 degrees 12'28", R = 274.62 feet, A = 67.27 feet, C = 85.90 feet, T = 44.01 feet, L.C.B. = South 03 degrees 59'49" East, Thence South 00 degrees 05'25" West 1101.15 feet to a point "A", thence North 89 degrees 01'45" West 74.37 feet to an end point; Beginning at said point "A", thence South 89 degrees 01'45" East 246.34 feet to an end point. Together with the benefit of all easements shown on the Record of Survey map recorded in the Twin Falls County Recorder's Office, Book 1 of Record of Survey, page 206, instrument No. 762211. Subject to any easement over said described Parcel as shown on the Record of Survey map recorded in Twin Falls County Recorder's Office in Book 1 of Record of Survey, page 206, instrument No. 762211. This sale is subject to covenants, conditions and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.northwesttitles.com USA-Foreclosure.com. All proceeds of sale in excess of the amount of the debt secured by the note, with all costs and disbursements, including attorney's fees, shall be distributed to the holder of the Note. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation. Dated for the months of January 2006, and all subsequent months is \$5,882.00; and,
 b) The balance owing of all this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$5,193.66, plus 12% interest and foreclosure costs; and
 c) Delinquent taxes assessed as follows:
 Tax Year Tax Due Payment Status
 2005 \$713.06 \$53.62 delinquent first one-half taxes for 2007.17 remaining tax delinquent, plus penalty and interest;
 2006 \$614.42 Delinquent, plus penalty and interest.
 2007 \$610.04 The first one-half of which is delinquent, plus penalty and interest;
 and, the second one-half is due and payable

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 On Tuesday, April 1, 2008 at 3:00 PM the Trustee, Twin Falls Title & Escrow Company, at their office of 505 Shoshone Street North in Twin Falls, Idaho, will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in lawful money, the United States, not payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:
 The North 100 feet of the West 21/4 acres of lot 37, ORCHALARA SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat recorded in Book 1 of Plats, page 81, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:
 BEGINNING at the Northwest corner of said lot 37;
 THENCE South along the West line of said lot a distance of 100 feet;
 THENCE East parallel with the North line of said lot a distance of 169.76 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
 THENCE North parallel with the West line of said lot a distance of 100 feet;
 THENCE West along the North line of said lot a distance of 169.76 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
 The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described real property, but for the purposes of compliance with Idaho Code Section 60-113, the Trustee has been informed that a great address of 898 Wendell Street, Twin Falls, Idaho may sometimes be associated with said real property. Further information may be obtained by calling Twin Falls Title & Escrow Company in Twin Falls at (208) 738-2424.
 This sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred by a Deed of Trust executed by William M. Marx and Gretchen Marx, husband and wife, as Grantors by Twin Falls Title & Escrow as Trustee, and American General Finance, as Beneficiary, dated the 6th day of February, 2006 and recorded on February 7, 2006, as Instrument No. 2006-003047, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, to secure the principal sum of SIXTY SIX THOUSAND ONE HUNDRED AND 00/100 DOLLARS (\$66,100.00) and other amounts due.
 The above-grantors are named to comply with Idaho 45-1506(4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, responsible for this obligation.
 The debts for which this sale is to be made are presently:
 a) The failure to insure the premises for damages by fire or other losses to protect the interests of the Beneficiary American General Finance, as required by the Deed of Trust.
 b) Further the notes secured by said Deed of Trust to providing, the Beneficiary of said Deed of Trust, doctored all sums secured by said Deed of Trust immediately due and payable, and that the balance due and owing upon said Deed of Trust is SEVENTY FOUR THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FORTY AND 100/100 DOLLARS (\$74,740.48) as of November 1, 2007 plus interest at the contract rate of 14.150% percent for each and every day after November 1, 2007-accumulating on said principal amount and the amount of THREE THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED AND 50/100 DOLLARS (\$3,800.50), plus all future accruing payments for all succeeding months, and accruing interest and other charges after November 1, 2007; and
 c) The failure to insure the premises for damages by fire or other losses to protect the interests of the Beneficiary American General Finance, as required by the Deed of Trust.
 Dated this 15th day of November 2007.
 President and Authorized Agent

NOTICE OF RESCHEDULED TRUSTEE'S SALE
 On February 22nd 2008 at the hour of 10.00 a.m. on said day, at the front door of First American Title Company, 260 Third Ave. North, Twin Falls, ID 83303. Bruce J. Blahowik, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows, to wit:
 Lot 1, in Block 7 of Vitis Vitis Subdivision No. 2, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Block 1 of Plats, page 9, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE TRUSTEE HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF A MORE PARTICULAR DESCRIPTION OF THE ABOVE-DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT FOR PURPOSES OF COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS IS: 218 Camino Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301, MAY SOMETIMES BE ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by THOMAS J. ABHEY, A SINGLE MAN, as Grantor to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE an original Trustee, and FIRST FRANKLIN, A DIVISION OF NATIONAL CITY BANK OF IN. an Beneficiary, on that certain Deed of Trust dated October 25th 2005 and recorded October 31 2005 under Twin Falls County Recorder's No. 2005-042659. The beneficial interest of which was assigned to NATIONAL CITY BANK by trust instrument dated March 28th 2007 and recorded July 11th 2007, as instrument Number 2007-010757, Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506 (4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
 The failure to pay when due, under said Deed of Trust Note, monthly, principal interest taxes and insurance payments in an amount not less than \$686.71 for the month of November 2006 and each month thereafter together with accrued late charges and other costs and fees, as provided by the Deed of Trust Note and Deed of Trust; and the principal balances owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said deed of trust is ONE HUNDRED THIRTY THOUSAND EIGHT HUNDRED FIFTY DOLLARS (\$130,850.00) PLUS 18.00% INTEREST, including interest and costs, and all other amounts accrued in enforcing the obligations there under on this sale, as trustee's fees and/or reasonable attorney's fees, as authorized in the promissory note secured by the aforementioned Deed of Trust. Dated: 1/17/2008
 By Bruce J. Blahowik, Successor Trustee

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
 Case No. 57882 RB
 On April 29, 2008, at the hour of 2:00 P.M. on said day at the lobby of Trustco, 163 Fourth Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, TITELFAC, INC., an Idaho corporation, as Trustee will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:
 That portion of lot 1, Block 1, HIGHLAND VIEW TRACT, Twin Falls County, Idaho, as recorded in the official plat recorded in Book 2 of Plats, page 9, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:
 BEGINNING at the Northeast corner of said Lot 1;
 THENCE West along the North line thereof 194.45 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING;
 THENCE South 125 feet;
 THENCE West parallel with the North line of said Lot, 109 feet, more or less, to the West line of said Lot;
 THENCE East 304.45 feet, more or less, to the East line of said Lot;
 THENCE North along said East line 187.84 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.
 EXCEPT that part of lot 1, Block 1, HIGHLAND VIEW TRACT, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat recorded in Book 2 of Plats, page 9, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho, more particularly described as follows:
 BEGINNING at a point on the Northeast corner of said Lot 1;
 THENCE West along the North line thereof 164.45 feet to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING;
 THENCE South 125 feet;
 THENCE West 30 feet;
 THENCE North 125 feet;
 THENCE along the North line thereof a distance of 30 feet, more or less, to the TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING.
 Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred by a Deed of Trust from Douglas R. Bushnell and Brenda V. Bushnell, husband and wife, to Tideland, Inc., Trustee, and HRST Development Rentals, an Idaho partnership composed of William E. Toolton and Elaine S. Toolton, husband and wife, George E. Henny, Jr., and Ruth L. Henny, husband and wife, and Eli T. Smith and Donna C. Smith, husband and wife, Beneficiary, dated June 26, 1986, recorded June 27, 1986, as Instrument No. 8032626; records of Twin Falls County, Idaho; the beneficial interest under said Deed of Trust was assigned to Elts T. Smith and Donna C. Smith, husband and wife, by Assignment recorded October 21, 2003, as Instrument No. 2003-027468, of Twin Falls County, Idaho.
 The above Grantors are named to comply with Section 45-1506(4)(a), Idaho Code. No representation is made that they are, or are not, presently responsible for this obligation.
 Default for which this sale is to be made is failure to pay:
 a) All this date, accumulated deficiency in payments of \$346.00 per month for the months of August 2006, and all subsequent months is \$5,882.00; and,
 b) The balance owing of all this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$5,193.66, plus 12% interest and foreclosure costs; and
 c) Delinquent taxes assessed as follows:
 Tax Year Tax Due Payment Status
 2005 \$713.06 \$53.62 delinquent first one-half taxes for 2007.17 remaining tax delinquent, plus penalty and interest;
 2006 \$614.42 Delinquent, plus penalty and interest.
 2007 \$610.04 The first one-half of which is delinquent, plus penalty and interest;
 and, the second one-half is due and payable

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 Trustee's Sale No. 02-FH50450 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on Monday, January 14, 2008, at the hour of 11:00 AM, of said day, IN THE LOBBY OF ALLIANCE TITLE & ESCROW, 1411 FALLS AVENUE EAST, SUITE 1315, TWIN FALLS, ID, sell at public auction the following described real property, situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit:
 LOT 9 IN BLOCK 13 OF WOOD HILLS SUBDIVISION NO. 2, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF, FILED IN BOOK 16 OF PLATS AT PAGE(S) 32, OFFICIAL RECORDS OF TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described Property but, for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 466 WHEELER PINE DRIVE, TWIN FALLS, ID 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred by the Deed of Trust executed by MICHAEL W. LEAZER AND ALENE W. LEAZER, HUSBAND AND WIFE, as MORTGAGEE, to ALLIANCE TITLE, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of GRANTOR ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. AS NOMINEE FOR ITS SUCCESSORS AND ASSIGNS, as Beneficiary, dated 6/12/2006, recorded 6/22/2006, under instrument No. 2006-015259. Mortgage records of TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO. The beneficial interest in this property held by HSBC MORTGAGE SERVICES INC., THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1506(4)(a), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for which this sale is made is the failure to pay when due under the Deed of Trust Note dated 6/12/2006. THE MONTHLY PAYMENT WHICH BECAME DUE ON 7/22/2007, \$283.33 AND ALL SUBSEQUENT MONTHLY PAYMENTS OF \$283.33 THROUGH 7/07/07. Late charges of \$38.04. Insurance Advances: \$0.00. Suspense Credit: \$0.00. TOTAL \$8, 119.96 All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with the foreclosure. The principal balance is \$293,000.00, together with interest thereon at 8.000% per annum from 6/22/2007, until paid. The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation. Anyone having any objection to be heard on any grounds whatsoever will be afforded an opportunity to be heard as to those objections if they bring a lawsuit to restrain the sale, DATED: 1/17/2008, PIONEER LENDER TRUSTEE SERVICES, LLC, Trustee Kara L. Lamborn, Successor Trust Officer, c/o REGIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION 816 1st Avenue, Suite 550, Shoshone, WA 98084 Phone: (206) 340-2550 Fax: Information: http://www.trustee.com ASP# 988435

INVITATION TO BID
 Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of Twin Falls School District #411, 201 Main Ave., West, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301 for the Block Elementary School Elevator and Multipurpose Room Addition. This will be received Thursday, February 7, 2008 at 2:00 PM and then publicly opened and read aloud. Bid Documents will be available January 17, 2008.
 PRE-BID CONFERENCE: To be held at 2:00 PM, January 29, 2008 at the office of Twin Falls School District # 411, 201 Main Ave. West, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301. Attendance is strongly recommended.
 The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept or reject or to select any portion thereof, or any all bids and to waive any technicality. No bid or bid without a bid opening or the opening of such bid unless the awarding of the bid is delayed for a period exceeding thirty days.
 Bids must be in the bid form enclosed in the bid documents and accompanied by a certified or cashed check or an irrevocable bank or last bond with Idaho State Licensed Surety Company as surety, in an amount not less than 5% of the total bid made payable to: Twin Falls School District #411. This security shall be forfeited by the bidder in event of failure to execute the contract or to furnish the required Payment and Performance Bond. Performance and Payment Bonds in the amount of 100% of the Contract amount will be required within 10) days after receipt of a properly prepared proposal, and the contractor shall be held responsible for the contractor. Costs for bonds shall be included in contractor's bid amount.
 Contractors shall be licensed in the State of Idaho in accordance with the provisions of the Idaho Public Works Contractors' State License Law. Copies of the Contract Documents may be obtained from the office of the Construction Manager, Bentzon Construction, located at 414 Falls Ave. Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301. A deposit of \$50.00 is required and is returned as long as bidder submits a proposal for the project and returns the contract documents, in good condition, within 10 days of bid date. The deposit will also be refundable if bidder checks out plans and does not return documents within the time stated. Checks should be made out to the Twin Falls School District #411. For contractors without shipping accounts, delivery service is available at contractors' expense for shipping and handling. Plans will be on display. Plans are also available for contract or furnish the required Payment and Performance Bond.
 AOC Plan Rooms Boise, Idaho Falls, and Twin Falls, Idaho
 Twin Falls Plan Room
 Builders Exchange - Pocatello, Idaho
 Associated General Contractors - Salt Lake City, Utah
 McGraw Hill Financial - Reno, Idaho
 F.W. Dodge - Salt Lake City, Utah
 Bentzon Construction - Twin Falls office: (208) 733-4400 - Falls Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301 Phone number: (208) 733- 4100 Fax number: (208) 733-4192
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MEDIUM #15

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Legal

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

Case No. CV-07-5874
 CHASE N. FOX
 In the Matter of the Estate of
 NATHALIE R. FOX,
 Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed Personal Representative of the estate of CHASE N. FOX, having claims against the said decedent are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice of said court will be foreclosed. Claims must be presented to the firm of Coleman, Ritzler & Robertson, 156 2nd Avenue North, P.O. Box 528, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0528, and filed with the Court. Dated this 31st day of December, 2007.
 DAVID JETTY, Attorney At Law
 Personal Representative.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On May 15th 2004 at the hour of 10:00 a.m. on said day, at the front door of the First American National Bank, 260 Third Avenue N., Twin Falls, Idaho, 83303.

Braden D. Blomquist, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money the United States, all payoffs at the same time of time, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 1, Block 22, Dahl Township, Twin Falls County, Idaho. The location of the parcel that is referenced in Book 1 of Plats, page 33, recitals of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE SAID PROPERTY HAS NO KNOWLEDGE OF THE ABOVE DESCRIBED REAL PROPERTY, BUT DOES PURSUANT TO COMPLIANCE WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, THE TRUSTEE HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THE STREET ADDRESS OF 425 7th Ave. N., DUMM, TRUSTEES BEING ASSOCIATED WITH SAID REAL PROPERTY. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by WILLIAM J. LIPTZAP, A SINGLE MAN, the Grantor, TITLE FACT as original Trustee, and FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL CORPORATION as Trustee of the Deed of Trust dated June 29th 2005 and recorded as Instrument Number 2005 014474 of records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The mortgage interest on this loan was assigned to DEUTISCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST/ FIRST AMERICAN AS TRUSTEE FOR FIRST FRANKLIN FINANCIAL, LOAN TRUSTEE 2005-FRST, ASSET-BACKED CERTIFICATES, SERIES 2005-FRFB by an instrument dated February 20th 2007. THE ABOVE TRUSTEES ARE NOT REPRESENTING THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The bidder to pay, when due, under said Deed of Trust, any and all taxes, interest, fees, and insurance payments in an amount not less than \$491.55 for the month of August 2007, and all months thereafter, together with accrued late charges and other costs and fees as provided by the Deed of Trust Note and Deed of Trust, and the principal balance owing on the date of the sale. The balance due on said deed of trust is: \$94,916.11 (excluding interest and costs, and expenses actually incurred in the sale, as trustee's fees and other reasonable attorneys fees as authorized in the promissory note) less by the aforementioned Debt of Trust.

Dated January 15, 2008
 By: Braden D. Blomquist, Successor Trustee

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 T.S. No. ID-18972-C Loan No.: 7440067403
 THE COURT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, BY GIVEN BY FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY the duly appointed Successor Trustee, will on 1/17/2008 at 11:00 AM sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money the United States, all payoffs at the time of sale, the following described real property and personal property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: THE EAST 65 FEET OF THE WEST 130 FEET OF LOT 16, EXCEPT THEREFROM, IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, ADDITION, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, RECORDED IN BOOK 1 OF PLATS, PAGE 57. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the real property is: 490 HEYBURN AVENUE WEST TWIN FALLS, ID 83301 Said Trustee has no knowledge of any other circumstances regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by MRS. E. NEUBAUER, A MARRIED MAN AS HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY, as grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY, as Trustee, for the benefit and security of "MERS" MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. SOLELY AS NOMINEE FOR LENDER EQUIFIERS CORPORATION, as Beneficiary, dated 11/22/2005, recorded 11/28/2005, as Instrument No. 2005-027404 and re-recorded in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, all other interest in which is presently held by U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS TRUSTEE, RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE COMPANY, LLC, Attorney in Fact. THE ABOVE GRANTOR ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH IDAHO CODE, SECTION 60-113, BUT NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE, THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The Default for failure to pay, when due, under the Deed of Trust and Note dated 11/22/2005. The monthly payments for the Deed of Trust are \$578.03 for 9/15/10, due per month from 2/10/2007 through 3/14/2020, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or satisfaction. The principal balance due on the Deed of Trust is \$60,731.25, plus accrued interest at the rate of 9.00% per annum through 3/14/2020. All taxes, interest, fees, and any amount advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure. The beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy the obligation. Dated: 11/13/2007 FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY Doc. Orig., authorized, signed: SHELLEY W. WOLFE, Attorney in Fact, 15455 San Francisco Mission Blvd. #208, Mission Hills, CA 91345 Phone: (818) 837-2300 Sales Line: (714) 259-7850 FAX# 935267

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Legal

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
 Case No. CV07-5899

A Petition to change the name of Lawrence Claia Bristol, born March 12, 1949, in Tacoma, Washington, residing at 677 Whyring, Placer Park Drive, Twin Falls, Idaho. The name will be changed to Lawrence Claia Eldridge. I want to change my name because my step-father, the petitioner's father has died and he has no living relatives on his father's side. The petitioner is 58 years old and he has no living relatives on his mother's side. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 AM on February 8, 2008, at the County Court House, Courthouse to be held by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change. Date: Dec 2, 2007. By Deputy Clerk

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NOTICE OF APPLICATIONS

Notice is hereby given that three applications have been filed with the Idaho Department of Water Resources concerning water users within Twin Falls County, Idaho: Application for Permit No. 47-17463 MICHAEL J. DEVANEY, Applicant: 883316 P.U.D.# 03316 Plant Division and Placer of Use: L1 (NENE) 506, TDRS, 1141E. Sites: 14000 W. Idaho 19. US DOME TIC WATER TO 10371 (104 CFS) Date Filed 12/19/2007. The applicant has received an application for permit for a new well to be drilled for domestic use. The applicant proposes to install a well in the vicinity of 14000 W. Idaho 19, 506, TDRS, 1141E. The applicant proposes to install a new horizontal well. The proposed location of the well will be approximately 4 miles west and 2 miles north of Idaho 19. This well is proposed to be used for domestic use. The water is proposed to be used at the home in the same location. The well will be subject to all prior water rights. The well will be located on the east side of the county of Sec 42-202A, Idaho Code. RICHARD A. & LYNNE W. FOSTER, 6260 STEVENSON WAY, LAD WEGAS, NV 89120 have filed Application for Transfer No. 73703 Application proposes changing the point of diversion to a location that is approximately 400 feet upstream from the location of the well. The applicant proposes to divert their irrigation water from a diversion located near their property. The current diversion location is approximately 1/4 mile south of the center of Kimberly, and is 1/5 miles north of the center of Kimberly, along the west side of 1300 East Drive. The proposed diversion location is approximately 3/4 mile down stream on the same unnamed stream approximately 6 miles north of the center of Kimberly, along the north side of 3100 North Drive. The same land will be irrigated after the proposed diversion. The applicant proposes to divert the water from the outlet of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code. ROBERT J. & KATHI L. MEYERS, 3921 N 3300 E, TWIN FALLS ID 83301 have filed Application for Transfer No. 73722 Application proposes transferring a 6.0 acre portion (0.1 cfs) of three groundwater rights from a Land Use Permit No. 73722, IDWR, located on South and 075 - 1/5 miles west of the center of Kimberly to a 6.0 acre portion of land located just east of the center of Kimberly, along the north and 075 - 1/5 miles west of the center of Kimberly. The applicant proposes to divert the water from the outlet of Sec 42-222, Idaho Code. For specific details regarding this application, please contact: Southern Idaho Office at 208-736-3033 or file the address for the Department at 1600 N. Myrtle, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. Planning Projects against approval must be filed with IDWR, Southern Region, 1341 Fall River St., Boise, ID 83725. A permit fee of \$25.00 for each application on or before February 4, 2008. The applicant must also submit a copy of this notice to the following: David R. Tuttle, Jr., Director

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On May 17, 2004, at the hour of 11:00 o'clock A.M. said day, at First American Title, 260 Third Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, as Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money the United States, all payoffs at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to wit: Lot 2 & 3, LAKESHORE HOMES, DIVISION NO. 1, TWIN FALLS COUNTY, IDAHO, RECORDED IN BOOK 19 OF PLATS, PAGE 35. The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 60-113 Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the real property is: 1229 SEASIDE STREET, Kimberly, ID, is sometimes associated with the said real property. Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possessions or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the Deed of Trust executed by Zane Plummer, a single man, and recorded as Instrument No. 2004-020360 as Grantor(s) with Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as the Beneficiary, under the Deed of Trust executed by SALES TRUST Instrument No. 200708242, in the records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

THE ABOVE GRANTOR(S) ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 60-113(4)(a), IDAHO CODE, NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE, THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION. The default for failure to pay, when due, under the certain Promissory Note and Deed of Trust, in the amounts called for thereunder as follows: Monthly payments in the amount of \$1278.03 for the months of August 2007 through and including to the date of sale, together with late charges and all subsequent payments, including the principal balance due on the Deed of Trust is \$199,437.93 as principal, plus service charges, attorney's fees, costs of this foreclosure, and any amount advanced to protect the beneficiary to protect their security interest, and interest accruing at the rate of 7.375% from July 15, 2007 through April 10, 2008, plus penalties and interest to the date of sale. The beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy the obligation. Dated: this 13th day of January, 2008. Trust Officer for Just Law, Inc. For further information, please call this sale please contact Just Law, Inc. at www.justlawidaho.com or Toll Free at 1-800-923-9106. Thank You

PUBLISH: January 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2008

Legal

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: December 28, 2007. Filed No.: 7023, 14753. Sale date and time: (local time) Public Sale at 11:00 AM. Sale location: in the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Sale information: 620 2nd Avenue East, Twin Falls, ID 83301 Successor Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 907, Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 860-1900. Cause of Trust information Original grantor: Kenneth A. McCoy, Jr., a single person Original Trustee: Premier Title Company Cause of Trust Information: Hondo Film Mortgage, Inc. Recording date: May 7, 2004 Recorder's instrument number: 2004008871. County: Twin Falls. Trust term: on the obligation of December 2, 2007, 59,615.73. Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information visit or call the Successor Trustee at the address of telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certain funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is 620 2nd Avenue East, Twin Falls, ID 83301. This sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as described at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.thetrustee.com. This sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind (FSR 7023/14753) 1027-11/17/07-ED

PUBLISH: January 10, 17, 24 and 31, 2008

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: January 4, 2008. Filed No.: 7207, 22500. Sale date and time: (local time): May 07, 2008 at 11:00 AM. Sale location: in the office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, ID 83301. Public Hearing date: 545 Ping Co. Twin Falls, ID 83301. Cause of Trust information Original grantor: Kenneth A. McCoy, Jr., a single person Original Trustee: Northwest Trustee Services, Inc., an Idaho Corporation P.O. Box 907, Bellevue, WA 98009 (425) 860-1900. Cause of Trust information Original grantor: Hondo Film Mortgage, Inc. Recording date: May 7, 2004 Recorder's instrument number: 2004008871 and re-recorded May 12, 2006 as instrument no. 2006011256. County: Twin Falls. Trust term: on the obligation as of January 4, 2008: \$128,578.72. Because of interest, late charges, and other charges that may vary from day to day, the amount due on the day you pay may be greater. Hence, if you pay the amount shown above, an adjustment may be necessary after we receive your check. For further information visit or call the Successor Trustee at the address of telephone number provided above. Basis of default: failure to make payments when due. Please take notice that the Successor Trustee will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for certain funds or equivalent the property described above. The property address is identified to comply with IC 60-113 but is not warranted to be correct. The property's legal description is Lot 2 & 3, Lakeshore Homes Division No. 1, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat thereof recorded in Book 16 of Plats, Page 35, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The sale is subject to conditions, rules and procedures as discussed at the sale and which can be reviewed at www.thetrustee.com or USA-Fire.com. This sale is made without representation, warranty or covenant of any kind. (FSR 7207/22500) 1002.82106-PE-1

PUBLISH: January 17, 24, 31 and February 7, 2008

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given by the City Council of the City of Twin Falls, Idaho, that a public hearing will be held on Monday, February 4, 2008, at 9:00 AM, at the City of Twin Falls Council Chambers, located at 305 Third Avenue East, Twin Falls, Idaho, to hear the following request:

DELL P. SMITH
 Requests the rezoning of 1.08 (+/-) acres from AG zoning to private residential (R2) zoning. The property is located at 8331st, North, aka Orchard Drive, Kimberly, Idaho 83341.

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 Requests the annexation of 80 (+/-) acres, currently zoned R-2 and SUI, with an R-2 zoning designation for the property located at the southwest corner of Grandview Drive North and Falls Avenue West.

Any and all persons desiring to comment may appear and be heard at the appointed time. A complete description is on file with the Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Administrator at City Hall, 321 Second Avenue East, 745-7269. Persons needing special accommodations at a public meeting are asked to contact the City of Twin Falls Planning and Zoning Administrator at least two (2) weeks prior to the meeting.
 /s/ Larne W. Clow, Mayor

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Copies of the draft plan will be available for public review and comment until the Friday-day comment period from Friday, January 11 to Monday, February 11, 2008 at 5 p.m. A public meeting will be held on Monday, February 11, 2008 at 6:00 PM at the IHFA offices. Interested individuals and/or organizations will be conducted from 4p, Jan 28, 2008 at IHFA located at 565 West Myrtle, Boise, Idaho. The meeting provides an opportunity for citizens to comment on the current plan. Participants are requested to provide comments to the IHFA to facilitate participation at the hearing. The hearing location is accessible to persons with physical disabilities. Copies of the Action Plan may be obtained by contacting the IHFA Grant Programs Department, 1-877-447-2687, TDD 1-800-645-1633, Ext. 408, or by sending an email to ihfa@ihfa.org. Please include your name and phone number to receive your copy and provide the appropriate contact information.

Persons with written comments and questions on the HOME and ESG programs may contact IHFA at 1-877-447-2687 / TDD 1.800.645.1833 Ext. 408, by sending an email to ihfa@ihfa.org (208) 331-4803 or by mail to Idaho Housing and Finance Association (Attn: Brandy Nipper), P.O. Box 7899, Boise, Idaho, 83707-1899. Persons with questions on the ICDBG program should contact Dennis Porter at (208) 334-2650 ext. 2140, by email to dennis.porter@ihfa.gov or by mail to the Idaho Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 83720, Boise, Idaho 83720-0083. The public comment period ends 5:00 pm, Monday, February 11, 2008.

PUBLISH: January 3, 10, 17 and 24, 2008

Legal

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
 Case No. CV-07-5801

A Petition to change the name of Holly Rao Mactachak-Pamplin, born Nov. 22, 1981 in Twin Falls, ID, residing at 1211 Starline St., Twin Falls, Idaho 83301, to Holly Rao Mactachak, District Court, Idaho. The name will be changed to Holly Rao Mactachak, because my husband has asked for a divorce. However he won't be divorcing me. I am pregnant. My husband's father has died and the names and addresses of his descendant relatives are: Madita Mactachak, 101 Meador, Orofino, ID 83301, ID 83316, Jory Mactachak, 203 Twin Willow Dr., Boise, ID 83706. The petitioner's mother is living and her address is 1211 Starline St., Twin Falls, ID 83301. A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 o'clock AM on Feb. 12, 2008, at the County Courthouse. Objections must be filed by any person who wishes to object a good reason against the name change. Date: Dec. 21, 2007. By Deputy Clerk

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CITY OF TWIN FALLS ANNUAL ROAD AND STREET FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30, 2007 This certified report of dedicated funds is hereby submitted to the State Auditor as required by 40-708, Idaho Code. Dated this 28th day of December, 2007. Gary Evans, City Clerk. Lance Gow, Mayor.

Table with columns: CATEGORY, AMOUNT. Includes BEGGINNING BALANCE AS OF OCTOBER 1, 2006 (\$1,567,678), LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES (076,703), STATE FUNDING SOURCES (1,521,325), and TOTAL RECEIPTS (\$4,220,000).

Table with columns: CATEGORY, AMOUNT. Includes DISBURSEMENTS (2,622,541), RECONSTRUCTION/REPLACEMENT/REHABILITATION (2,251,541), ROUTINE MAINTENANCE (366,500), and ADMINISTRATION (375,402).

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MEETING NOTICE Pursuant to Idaho Code Section 67-8343, notice is hereby given of an open public meeting of the Idaho Fish and Game Commission.

DATE OF MEETING: January 27, 2008 DATE OF MEETING: Commencing January 24, 2008 and continuing each Thursday until the end of the 2008 Legislative Session. A Commission Conference Call is scheduled at 10:00 AM on January 24, 2008.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF JEROME MAGISTRATE DIVISION Case No. CV-2007-5919 ANGLE'S ESTATE

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AMERICAN FALLS RESERVOIR DISTRICT Balance Sheet October 31, 2007 Assets: Cash and Cash Equivalents (\$1,478,964), Investments (\$278,564), Interest Receivable (\$1,610), Other Receivables (\$2,100), Debt Assessment Receivable (\$304,991).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 59 Local Food, 100 County of Banks, 104 Personals, 106 Happy Ads, 106 Special Notices, 107 Agency Notices, 108 Professional Services, 109 Health & Wellness, 110 Health/Health Care, 111 Entertainment Services, 113 Child Care Services, 114 Professional Services, 115 Community Events.

101 Lost and Found

- FOUND Border Collie/Heeler cross? Female, found by Burt Huggo - School on 01/04. Please call 208-731-9097. FOUND Britany Spaniel, brown and white, green collar, found Southwest of Boise - 208-643-8974 or 208-643-6797. FOUND dog, small female, grey/white, 1 mile E of Caldwell. Flower bandanna, found by Burt Huggo - 507-9927 Army/Bill.

LOST cell phone, black in leather case. Center for Independent Living student delivering Meals on Wheels in Twin Falls on 1/15. If found call 543-8345 or 734-2222.

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510 Mobile Homes JEROME 1972 Glenbrook single wide...

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519 Cemetery Lots CEMETERY LOTS Sunset Memorial Park 2 lots available...

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521 Manufactured Homes JEROME 2 bedroom 1 bath 2 1/2 bath...

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TWAIN FALLS 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, 2,200 sq. ft. Full basement...

512 Farms/Ranches/Dairies FARMS/RANCHES 320 Acres - 100% CREP program...

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE Bobby Wolff

"There could be no honor in a sure success, but much might be wrested from a sure defeat."
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Often, when there is a running suit, even if it's a major, three nor-trump is the optimum contract, rather than four of that major, and especially when the hands contain limited values. North's decision to rebid three, rather than raise there — although it did make sense — was a misjudgment as the cards lay. North felt that with a running suit of six spades, nine tricks might be easier than 10 — particularly with the lead coming up to his partner's tenaces.

West led the diamond king, then the queen, both ducked, and the critical point of the defense had been reached. West's diamond continuation, after a little thought, gave declarer renewed hope. So long as the hand with the long diamonds did not possess the ace of hearts, South was home. And so it proved: On winning with the diamond ace, declarer ran dummy's spades, then knocked out the heart ace, making 10 tricks.

If, after cashing the second diamond, West had paused to hold out what partner needed to hold for the game to be defeated, the conclusion drawn might have led to the club switch.

NORTH 01-17-A
 ♠ A K Q J 10 3
 ♥ 3
 ♦ 5
 ♣ 7 6

EAST 8 7 G
 ♠ A 8 5 2
 ♥ 10 8 3
 ♦ K Q 3
 ♣ 3

SOUTH
 ♠ K Q 7 4
 ♥ A K 2
 ♦ A 9 8 5 2

West ♠ 9 5 2
 ♥ 9 6
 ♦ K Q J 7 6
 ♣ J 10 4

East ♠ 8 7 G
 ♥ A 8 5 2
 ♦ 10 8 3
 ♣ K Q 3

Vulnerable: Both Dealer: South
 The bidding:
 1♣ West 1♥ East
 1NT Pass 1♠ Pass
 Opening lead: Diamond king

BID WITH THE ACES 01-17-B
 South holds:
 ♠ 8 7 G
 ♥ A 8 5 2
 ♦ 10 8 3
 ♣ K Q 3

South West North East
 1♣ ? 1♦ Dbl.

ANSWER: My preference would be to respond one no-trump, describing the basic nature of the hand, rather than bidding one heart. Although bidding hearts does not promise five and is forcing, limiting your hand at once has the upside in competition of letting your partner know your hand-type.

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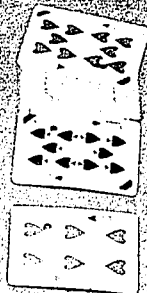
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Music: Dallas Brass with Jerome Middle School Tiger Band and Jerome High School Symphonic Band

Heard Jan. 14 at Jerome High School

The Dallas Brass was superb — not just performers but great entertainers, multi-talented with drums and a variety of brass instruments. The Jerome school bands also did great — their enthusiasm was infectious and jazzed the audience. A thoroughly enjoyable evening. Well worth three times the \$10 ticket.

— Ellen Thomason, Times-News editorial assistant

Music: Sol'Jibe

Heard Jan. 12 at The Reef in Boise

This groove-heavy, danceable, world-beat rhythm is like a combination of **Oliver**, Matthews and salsa night. Sol'Jibe was a spicy taste of the **unusual** in southern Idaho's rock- and blues-heavy music scene. And I liked it.

— Megan Otin, Times-News news editor

Show: Twin Falls Bridal Expo

Attended Jan. 11 at the Ballroom in Twin Falls

I can't keep avoiding wedding planning (even months until mine!), so I found myself at the Twin Falls Bridal Expo on Saturday.

I'm no doo-ey bride, but I still enjoyed this show. It helped me figure out which vendors are snooty, which services outlandish, and who deserves my business.

— Melissa Paulin, Times-News features writer

Laying their cards on the felt

T.F. Poker League offers entertainment, camaraderie

BY ARIEL HANSEN
Times-News writer

Jean Carr has well-coiffed white hair, and her preferred beverage is orange juice. She's also a regular player at the Twin Falls Poker League.

"It's a very entertaining game," the Twin Falls woman said, citing the challenge of play as one of her reasons for frequenting the league's Texas Hold 'Em poker tournaments, held eight times a week across Magic Valley. She also appreciates the friendliness of the league's players. "They all treat me with a lot of respect."

That might be because of Carr's conservative style of play — "I don't bluff" — or it might be the nature of the league's participants, who are quick to teach beginners the game and slow to get upset over a lost hand or newbie mistake.

"This is a good place to learn, because it's free; the people are really nice, and they'll help you," said Brian Fife of Twin Falls. He has played cards since the late 1970s, and said the variety of skill levels among the league players make the game challenging, even for experienced participants.

The league was started about a year and a half ago by Magic Valley newcomer CR Larsen, owner of Ground Round in Twin Falls,



Poker chips are strewn about the bright red surface of a game table as players wait to play their hands Jan. 10 at Kruger's in Twin Falls. The Twin Falls Poker League holds eight games a week across Magic Valley.

where the group meets on Sunday evenings. He had played in poker leagues in other areas of the country, and when he discovered there wasn't one here, he organized one.

"The first week there were 21 people that played, just three tables of seven people," he said, of the kick-off tournament in October 2006. The biggest tournaments recently attracted between 80 and 90 participants.

Keeping it legal

As he put the league together, Larsen kept the state's gambling laws in mind.

"I decided to leave out the aspects the state considers gambling," he said, meaning that

participants aren't risking any money or property in the games. They don't buy in. "It doesn't cost anything, it's a form of entertainment like karaoke."

The daily free tournaments are great practice for players, while the league earns money by charging the bars a fee for holding the games there. Once a month, players have a chance to take home some cash by participating in a charity game, which — as Larsen interprets state law — is allowed if at least 5 percent of the proceeds go to a charity.

In December, for example, the buy-in was \$10 plus a new, unwrapped toy. The toys, and \$1 of



Jean Carr, 83, deals cards Jan. 10 during a poker game at Kruger's in Twin Falls. Carr says she has been playing Texas Hold 'Em poker for about three years, and enjoys the challenge of the game.

Photo by MICHAEL MONTGOMERY

Show 'em if you got 'em

The Twin Falls Poker League meets eight times each week; once a day Monday through Saturday and twice on Sunday. The group gathers at bars, so players 21 and over are welcome, and organizers encourage beginners to attend. There is no cover charge or buy-in, but organizers appreciate when players buy beverages from the hosting bar. Poker chips and cards are supplied.

Depending on the number of players, games may go until 10:30 or 11 p.m., but players may leave when they are eliminated from play. Usually between 35 and 70 players participate each night.

Monday: 7 p.m., Mr. Bill's, 101 N. Alder St., Jerome. 324-9928.

Tuesday: 7 p.m., Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. 733-9937.

Wednesday through Friday: 7 p.m., Kruger's, 121 Fourth Ave. S., Twin Falls. 733-4613.

Saturday: 7 p.m., The Snug Lounge, 165 W. Wilson St., Eden. 825-4125.

Sunday: 2 p.m., Pioneer Club; 7 p.m., Ground Round, 2128 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls. 733-9665.

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that buy-in, went to Topsy for Tots, and the winning player in the tournament took home a portion of the remaining \$9 from each player. Quarterly tournaments have no buy-in, but a prize of \$1,000 is taken from the league's savings and split among the top 10 percent of players.

Larsen said the league has attracted the attention of local police, who come in plainclothes to ensure that no money changes hands at the tables. In a year and a half, the league hasn't been challenged, and Larsen is confident that the tournaments are conducted legally.

"They have certainly not gotten any [county] prosecutions," said Grant Luebert, Twin Falls County prosecutor.

He noted that poker is not included in the constitutional list of games that may be played for charity, and that all the Twin Falls games are played in the city, not elsewhere in the county, so they are not under his jurisdiction.

Violators of the law are guilty of a misdemeanor, with maxi-

mum penalties of six months' imprisonment or \$1,000.

"The last thing I want to do is prosecute a bunch of people who are having a friendly poker league, especially if it's for charity," Luebert said. "There's certainly no crime in playing poker for fun ... If there's no risk, there's no gambling."

The grand prize

Although many players are attracted to the league by the opportunity to develop their skills and to meet people, a few players are in it for the grand prizes. Throughout the year, players are awarded points for their placement in the daily tournaments, and prizes are tallied annually. The top point-getter earns a trip for two to Las Vegas, and the top 100 are entered into a tournament. The winner of that tournament has a choice of prizes: \$5,000 cash or a \$10,000 buy-in to the World Series of Poker's Main Event.

Last year, the last two players left in the annual league tournament decided to split the cash prize, which disappointed many observers. "Twenty-five hundred dollars is a lot of money to anybody, so I don't fault those guys at all," Larsen said. "Me, I definitely would have gone [to the World Series] and played."

Approximately 7,000 players participate in the World Series, Larsen said, and the last player standing earns a huge cash prize and bragging rights. However, because most of the remaining 7,000 players take home no cash at all, the \$10,000 seat that the top Twin Falls player could earn would be quite a gamble.

What keeps 'em coming

"The attraction of the game for many players is that Texas Hold 'Em is a combination of luck and skill.

"It's like gambling, but you have a little bit of control," said Charles Crowley of Twin Falls, a regular league player. He prefers

Idaho gambling rules

Gambling is addressed in Idaho law in two places, the constitution and state statutes.

Online at www3.state.id.us, click "Idaho Constitution - Table of Contents," then "Article III," then "Section 20." The same Web site has links to the statutes: Click "Idaho Statutes - Table of Contents," then "Title 18," then "Chapter 38." The laws are enforced by county and city prosecuting attorneys.

How to play Texas Hold 'Em poker

Hold 'Em is a community card game in which each player may use any combination of the five community cards and his own two hole cards to make a poker hand. The game is normally played using small and big blind bets — forced bets by two players that may increase as play progresses.

Play begins with each player betting a set two cards face down. These cards are the player's hole or pocket cards. These are the only cards each player will receive individually, and they will (possibly) be revealed only at the showdown. The hand begins with a "pre-flop" betting round, beginning with the player in the left of the big blind and continuing clockwise. A round of betting continues until every player has either folded, put in all his chips, or matched the amount put in by all other active players. After the

pre-flop betting round, assuming there remain at least two players taking part in the hand, the dealer deals a flop, three face-up community cards. The flop is followed by a second betting round. After the flop betting round ends, a single community card (called the "turn" or fourth street) is dealt, followed by a third betting round. A final single community card (called the river or fifth street) is then dealt, followed by a fourth betting round and the showdown, if necessary.

If a player bets and all other players fold, then the remaining player is awarded the pot and is not required to show his hole cards. If two or more players remain after the final betting round, a showdown occurs. On the showdown, each player plays the best five-card poker hand he can make from the seven cards comprising his two hole cards and the five community cards. A player may use both of his own two hole cards, only one, or none at all, to form his final five-card hand.

Texas Hold 'Em is often commonly associated with poker tournaments largely because it is played as the main event in many of the famous tournaments, including the World Series of Poker's Main Event, and is the most common tournament overall. Play proceeds until one player has accumulated all the chips in play. The money pool is redistributed to the winners in relation to the places they finished in the tournament. Usually only a small percentage of the players receive any money, with the majority receiving nothing.

— From Wikipedia.org

Texas Hold 'Em to games like blackjack or craps because it is played against other individuals. "You're not so much playing against the casino."

Crowley does play for money in casinos and has won 11 tournaments at Cactus Petes in Jackpot, Nev., but he likes the atmosphere in Twin Falls.

"This is a real good group. Even if I'm the second guy out, I'm here till closing just hanging out," he said. "I just get a lot of practice reading people, watching them."

Luebert says sometimes

play poker online, or hold home games, but enjoys the camaraderie of the group.

"Ever since we got the poker league, anytime we want a home game, we can get one going now," Crowley said.

The home games, which are not associated with the league, are often played for money, usually with a buy-in of about \$20 and a winning pot of about \$150. "I love to play for money; I'm a gambling man."

Luebert noted that home games where the buy-in is optional are legal even if the pot is made up

of the buy-ins.

Although the money paid by the hosting bars allows the league to award prizes for the monthly charity games, quarterly tournaments and the annual tournament, it doesn't provide big profits for Larsen.

"There isn't a lot of love in it; it's one of those labors of love," he said.

"There's a couple hundred people in the area who I wouldn't have known, but I know now. They're very loyal."

"That loyalty extends to the bars that host the league. Larsen said players often go to those bars even when there isn't a tournament on, and they almost always purchase beverages or food during games."

"That makes hosting a plus for those bars. Said Kruezer's co-owner Ronia Taylor.

"When they came and presented this to get an earlier crowd in, we were all for it," she said. "Anytime we have cars in the parking lot, that's a good thing.... It's certainly increased our revenue the nights we have it here."

On a recent Thursday night, about 50 people were gathered at Kruezer's, around five tables covered in red felt.

A haze of smoke hovered above the tables, where laughter and gentle ribbing mixed with more serious betting as players eyeballed each other to assess the competition.

Among those players was Carr, who, with orange juice in front of her and her husband beside her, laid down a hand.

"It's a nice couple thing to do," she said, looking around at the gathered players, most of whom she has learned by name. "It's an entertainment that's free to anybody who wants to play.... That's a lot of people to meet and visit with."

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Greg Mortenson, co-author of the best-selling book "Three Cups of Tea," will speak at 7 p.m. Feb. 7 in the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium.

Mortenson's story springs from injuries he sustained while scaling K2, the world's second-tallest mountain, and his subsequent hospitalization and association with the impoverished people of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Mortenson set a goal to help



those people by establishing schools designed especially to educate the girls in those countries, a goal that is becoming reality through his Central Asia Institute.

Mortenson's visit to CSI is his only free, public appearance scheduled for Idaho. His presentation is being sponsored by CSI's Honors Program, Diversity Council, and Instructional Technology Center. Information: CSI Honors Program Director Tiffany Seeley-Case, 732-6779 or tseeley@csi.edu.



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The Dallas Brass performed at Jerome High School Jan. 14, including a piece written by Jerome High School Symphonic Band director Gordon Smith. The high school and middle school bands also performed with the touring group.

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Music

Changing hands

Chamber, arts council take over Jazz in the Canyon

BY ARIEL HANSEN
Times News writer

There's a long tradition in jazz of improvisation and collaboration. While it may be impossible to organize an event as popular and complicated as the annual Jazz in the Canyon through improvisation, the tradition of collaboration is alive and well.

The Twin Falls Rotary Club and Blue Lakes Rotary Club of Twin Falls, which have organized the event since it began nearly 10 years ago, have given over organizational control to the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Magic Valley Arts Council.

"We felt like the event had grown to such magnitude that we by ourselves couldn't do it justice," said Gary Garnand, president of the Twin Falls Rotary Club. "We approached the chamber, their board, and they talked to the arts council, who had been the recipient of the last five years of profits from the event."

The idea has been floating around since before last year's festival, which featured headliner Niki Haris, said Shawn Barigar, president and CEO of the chamber. However, it wasn't until this winter that the Rotary clubs voted to give the reins to the chamber and arts council.

"They had access to more business sponsors, more travel dollars to promote that we didn't have and couldn't really access," Garnand said. "They understood our concerns about making it better every year."

The chamber and arts council's joint Jazz in the Canyon Committee is preparing to plan



Times News file photo

2007's Jazz in the Canyon festival was the last organized by the Twin Falls Rotary Club and Blue Lakes Rotary Club of Twin Falls. This winter, they handed the reins to the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce and Magic Valley Arts Council, which will run the annual festival.

for next year's festival, set for June 12-14, and will ask for the advice of Rotarians who have run it for the past decade.

The committee plans to make minor changes to the event in the coming years, Barigar said, including offering an expanded event calendar and soliciting for headliners and festival attendees from across the country. If not this year, perhaps next.

"We're hopeful we can continue the same spirit of the event," Barigar said. "Maybe additional activities, perhaps something on Sunday for Father's Day, making

it more of a weekend event than a day or two. I don't know that it's going to make the event that much different."

Garnand is confident that the committee will be able to bring new energy and more resources to Jazz in the Canyon.

"It takes a lot of people, it takes a lot of man-hours to do that right," Garnand said. "In all fairness to our people, they just worked so hard at it but every year it got more challenging for them."

Each year, the Rotary volunteer committee, led by chair-

woman Jody Tremblay since it began, spent about nine months planning and organizing, Garnand said.

"It's kind of like you have a baby and it turns out to be a 300-pound gorilla."

The Rotary committee needed a break, Garnand said, though some members are expected to be part of the joint chamber and arts council committee that will run Jazz in the Canyon from here forward.

"We're still going to be involved in it, help supply manpower and so on," he said. "The

new people will bring new ideas, so I'm excited about it."

Barigar is glad to have the arts council on the team.

"Their expertise in soliciting and securing outstanding artists is going to make the event fantastic," he said. "From the chamber's perspective, we look forward to the opportunity to continue a great community event and hopefully expand the attendance to the outside area."

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Panic Squad comedy troupe to perform at CSI

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Panic Squad, a three-man improvisational comedy troupe, will perform at the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium at 7:30 p.m. today.

The squad — which is composed of nine members, three of whom perform at a time — has drawn positive reviews from audiences ranging from church groups to Fortune 500 gatherings. Their comedy routine is similar to the style made popular on television's "Whose Line Is It Anyway?" Performing in Twin Falls will be founding member Andrew Bright and new members Elijah Tadema and Dann Warick.

According to the troupe's Web site, PanicSquad.com, team members prile themselves on genuine, wholesome laughter, not those nervous chuckles solicited by below-the-belt material. The Panic Squad is determined to send a strong message: "Comedy can be clean and exceptional. It can be wholesome and ridiculous-crazy-funny."

Tickets for Panic Squad are \$5 general admission or \$2 for CSI students. They are available in



Members of the Panic Squad perform non-risque improvisational comedy tonight at the College of Southern Idaho.

advance at the CSI Student Activities office in the Student Union building as well as at the

door. More information about the group is available at PanicSquad.com.

Groups slate Brown Bag Lecture Series

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The Magic Valley Arts Council has announced the 2008 Brown Bag Lecture Series in collaboration with the Twin-Falls Public Library and Magic Valley Reads! The lectures are planned for noon to 1 p.m. on the last Friday of each month, January through May, at the Twin Falls Public Library program room.

The five lectures are:

• Jan. 25: Laurie Attebery with "The Vardis Fisher I Knew."

• Feb. 29: Annette Ronseau with "Hagerman Fossil Beds' Unusual Fossil."

• March 28: Don Morishita with "From Weed to Shining Weed."

• April 25: Ted Dyer with "Ezra Pound: Midwife to Literary Modernism."

• May 30: Patricia Marcantoni

with "The Voice Behind the Words."

The program is made possible by funding by the Idaho Humanities Council, the state-based affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The lectures are free and open to the public. Those who attend are encouraged to bring a brown-bag lunch. To pre-order a box lunch: 731-ARTS.

Sun Valley Center offers academic scholarships

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It's an earlier application deadline this year, but the Sun Valley Center for the Arts is hoping it can help area students and teachers have an arts summer by offering scholarships to Blaine County residents.

"We hope to make it as easy as possible for students to plan," said Britt Udelsen, director of education and humanities for the Center, in a press release. "Every year we hear how difficult it is for students and families to schedule their summers without knowing their financial standing, so we're responding by making the entire process happen a little sooner. We are constantly impressed by the passion and commitment shown by the applicants, and we want to be able to support them as much as possible."

In 2007, The Center awarded more than \$56,000 in scholarships to 30 Blaine County residents, funded through its annual wine auction and from donations.

The four kinds of scholarships awarded are:

• **Ezra Pound Award**

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For college students intending to major in the arts or humanities. Multiple scholarships may be given. Students have used this award to pursue college studies in music, theater, the arts and architecture. This award may be renewed annually dependent on achieving a certain grade point average and as long as the student continues to pursue a major in arts or humanities. Six awards were given last year, to Kevin Wade, Louisa Waycott, Kaley Pruitt, Katie Jensen, Brian Michael Ward and Juan Carlos Reyes.

• **High School Arts & Humanities Scholarships**

For students interested in the visual or performing arts or humanities. The majority of the scholarships that The Center awards are in this category. Students have used this award to attend music and dance camps and intensive summer workshops in theater or the visual arts. Multiple awards may be given.

• **Educator's Awards**

Available for teachers who wish to pursue professional development opportunities in their fields of expertise. In the past, educators have used their awards to study abroad, take voice lessons or attend professional education conferences. Multiple awards may be given.

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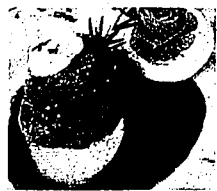
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Singing along

Magic Valley singer nominated for gospel award



STORY BY CHANDRA LANCASTER
PHOTOS BY ASHLEY SMITH

At age 52, T.J. Clews did not expect to start a new career, especially not in the professional music industry.

This local singer and songwriter has been nominated for the title "Southern Gospel Artist of the Year" in Indieheaven's third annual Momentum Awards. Indieheaven.com supports independent artists in Christian music.

Clews' musical style is a cross between Southern gospel and Christian country music.

Her first performance was at age 4, when she sang a cigarette commercial jingle.

Her uncle recorded it on a reel-to-reel tape recorder, and she has been singing ever since. In her teen years she wrote a few worship songs but never recorded any. In the following years she sang and played gui-

tar for family and friends and participated in community choirs. Throughout 1994 and the following three years, Clews was a vocalist in a swing band, *IndieLight*, which played in a '30s and '40s style.

"There are very few years of my life that I didn't sing," Clews said.

After *RadioLight*, she began singing with the worship team at Northridge Fellowship in Jerome.

"The Lord started giving me songs out of the blue," Clews said.

She began writing songs and performing them at church and local fairs, which led her to another gig: a revival at New Life Church in Burley. Chuck Day, a professional music producer, contacted Clews as a result of her performance at the revival.

Also nominated

T.J. Clews is nominated for "Southern Gospel Artist of the Year" and "Female Vocalist of the Year" at Indieheaven.com.

Another Magic Valley artist is up for awards as well: Jaime Thietten, who is nominated for "Female Vocalist of the Year," "Contemporary Artist of the Year" and "Inspirational Artist of the Year." Thietten, who was born in Twin Falls and now lives in Nampa, won two Indieheaven awards last year, including "Song of the Year" for "Reckless Love," which Thietten co-wrote, and "Female Vocalist of the Year."

Vote now

To register your votes for this year's Momentum awards, visit Indieheaven.com

In May, Day invited Clews to Nashville to record 10 of her original songs. The compact disc, "Redeemed," has sold nearly 300 copies.

"She is an extremely gifted musician," said Chris Myhre,

Indieheaven.com and click "Vote Now: Momentum Awards." Votes may be cast once daily per computer until Jan. 31.

From these votes and with the input of a panel of industry judges, five finalists will be chosen. Fans may vote for one of those five from Feb. 1 through March 1.

Award winners will be announced at the annual Christian Independent Alliance Summit on March 29.

Hear her sing

Clews' songs may be heard online at Indieheaven.com, on KART 1400 AM, or on her compact disc, "Redeemed," which is available at the Living Word Christian Book Store, 233 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls, and directly from Clews. She may be reached at 644-1480.

worship leader at Northridge Fellowship. "God has blessed her with a gift beyond what I have, and I am blessed to have TI there with me."

Clews said she likes music because she can minister to peo-

ple through a different venue than church.

"I have been called to this ministry as well as to help others in their ministry," Clews said.

She is a member of The Few and the Faithful, a local band, and Magic Valley Jubilee, which performs a community concert the second Saturday of each month and airs a radio show at 9:30 a.m. every Sunday on KTFI 1270 AM.

"She's wonderful, she's very committed to what she's doing," said Lori Bassett, fellow member of Magic Valley Jubilee. "Her songs are outstanding."

Bassett aided Clews in the design of her CD cover.

"There's some awesome talent in the Magic Valley," Clews said.

Chandra Lancaster may be reached at challancaster0820@students.cs.edu or 308-5764.

'Wild West' theme of winter carnival

The Second City back in Hailey

Times 12/23/07

The McCall Winter Carnival is one of the premiere cold-weather events in Idaho, drawing participants and attendees from across the country and across the world to sculpt snow, race dog sleds and enjoy a variety of fun activities.

Held this year from Jan. 21 through Feb. 3, the carnival's theme is "Wild Wild West."

New events include an extreme snowmobiling competition, a wine and art jubilee featuring wines from Carmela Vineyard in Glenns Ferry, a comedy night and a theater production.

Among the popular returning events are the Monte Carlo casino night, the Mardi Gras parade and, of course, the amazing snow sculptures. This year's 22nd annual Idaho Snow Sculpting Championship promises to be a highlight of the carnival.

The carnival's roots go back to the 1920s, but world events stalled the fun during The Great Depression and World War II. This year's festivities are billed as the 43rd annual.

One of the weirdest events? The Hairy Beard, Sexy and Hairy Leg Contest. First-place winner in the Best-Looking Beard category wins \$75, plus the title and bragging rights, so this is no mean feat. One man and one woman will be chosen as winners of the Sexy and Hairy Leg Contest, though the judges haven't yet revealed whether there are two separate categories judged here — ladies, there still may be time to grow that leg hair and take home the prize.

Another unusual event is the Monster Dog Pull. It isn't the dogs that are monsters here, though, it's the pull.

All sizes of dogs are welcome to enter, and the \$10 entry fee goes to a local animal shelter. The contestants will pull a sled that weighs about as much as each pounce for 25 feet, and treats and coaxing from the finish line are OK. So bring Fluffy and Fido, or just watch the furry fun.

McCall Winter Carnival schedule

See McCallwintercarnival.com for locations and ticket purchases.

Jan. 24:
6 p.m., Winter Carnival Kick Off Gala

Jan. 25:
8 a.m., Local snow sculpture judging begins

5-9 p.m., Rupert's Backyard Barbeque

5-9 p.m., Music on the Main Stage, featuring Intervention

5 p.m. to midnight, vendors and food court

6:30 p.m., Children's Neon Lights Parade

7 p.m., Opening ceremonies

7:30 p.m., Fireworks kickoff over Payette Lake

8 p.m., Comedy night

9:30 p.m., Top 40

hits performed by Undercover

Jan. 26:
10 a.m. to 9 p.m., vendor and food court

Noon, Mardi Gras Parade

1-4 p.m., Music on the Main Stage, featuring Intervention

1-10 p.m., Heartstone Beer Garden

5-9 p.m., Rupert's Backyard Barbeque

6 p.m., Monte Carlo Casino Night

6-10 p.m., Music on the Main Stage, featuring Buckskin Bible

6:30 p.m., Fireworks display over Payette Lake

9:30 p.m., Top 40 hits performed by Undercover

Jan. 27:
All day: Ski free at the Jug Jug Mountain Ranch

Noon to 3 p.m., Monster Dog Pull

1-5 p.m., Heartstone Beer Garden

2-5 p.m., Music on the Main Stage, featuring Clumsy Lovers

Jan. 28:
11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Snowshoe golf

Jan. 29:
11 a.m. to 4 p.m., Snowshoe golf

Noon, Idaho State Snow Sculpting Championships

4-7 p.m., Great Idiotry Tubing Races

Jan. 30:
All day: Idaho State Snow Sculpting Championships

5:30 p.m., Grand Bingo

Jan. 31:
All day: Idaho State Snow Sculpting Championships

7 p.m., Hairy Beard, Hairy and Sexy Leg Contest

Feb. 1:
11 a.m., Idaho State Snow Sculpting Championship Judging Begins

11 a.m. to 9 p.m., vendors and food court

4-7 p.m., Harmonica Festival

5-9 p.m., Rupert's Backyard Barbeque

5-9 p.m., Music on the Main Stage, featuring Excellent Games

5-10 p.m., Heartstone Beer Garden

6-9 p.m., Wine & Art Jubilee

7 p.m., Matchstick Productions showing of "Seven Sunny Days"

Feb. 2:
All day: Idaho Winter Games

9 a.m. to noon, McCall Area Snowmobile Fun Run

11 a.m. to 9 p.m., vendor and food court

1-10 p.m., Heartstone Beer Garden

4-7 p.m., Harmonica Festival

5-9 p.m., Rupert's Backyard Barbeque

6-10 p.m., Music on the Main Stage, featuring Equaleyes

6 p.m., Matchstick Productions showing of "Seven Sunny Days"

7 p.m., Closing ceremonies

7:30 p.m., Fireworks over Payette Lake

8 p.m., Matchstick Productions showing of "Seven Sunny Days"

Feb. 3:
All day: Idaho Winter Games

All day: Snow sculpture viewing

The Second City, a training ground for the comeliest world's best and brightest, performed last January in Hailey and Twin Falls.

Due to the demand, it is returning to the Wood River Valley for another set of performances.

If you go ...

What: Comedy troupe The Second City

Where: The Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St., Hailey

When: 7 p.m. Friday and 7 p.m. Saturday

Tickets: \$25 lower reserved seating and \$20 balcony reserved seating. Visit the box office 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today or Friday, call during box office hours (578-9122) or, if the show is not sold out, buy tickets at the box office starting one hour before curtain.

Founded in Chicago in 1959,

The Second City has an alumni list that reads like a who's who of American comedy: Mike Nichols, Elaine May, Alan Arkin, Ivan Rivers, Robert Klein, Peter Boyle, Harold Ramis, John Belushi, Dan Aykroyd, Bill Murray, Gilda Radner, George Wendt, Martin Short, John Candy, Bonnie Hunt, Tim Meadows, Chris Farley, Mike Myers, Tina Fey, Steve Carell, Stephen Colbert, John Lurie-Dreyfus, Tommie Sanz, Ryan Stiles and countless others.

Not only will an evening with The Second City provide audiences with the chance to see comedy stars in the making, but they will also see hilarious satire and cutting-edge improvisation. No topic or subject matter is off limits for The Second City. If your parents asked you not to speak about it at the dinner table, chances are it will be made fun of in Hailey this week-end.

Tips for getting the most out of it

• Dress in layers. Mother Nature is unpredictable, so be prepared for anything.

• Still cold? Those 21 and older may stop by Heartstone's Beer Garden to warm up with a beer.

• Ring the kids. There are plenty of activities for all ages.

• Bring a camera, so you don't miss out on any of the extravagant snow sculptures.

• Stay the weekend. Take advantage of special packages at www.idahosnow.com/wintercarnival.

• Buy a Winter Carnival button to get discounts from participating local stores throughout the festival.

• Grab an official Winter Carnival program, available at certain local businesses including Heartland Deli, Hotel McCall and Idaho First Bank.

• Visit the McCall Winter Carnival Web site for updates on the festival.

• Park at the Payette Lakes middle school and take a shuttle to downtown to avoid parking hassles. The school is at 111 Sanson Trail, McCall. The shuttle runs 10 a.m. to noon and 1-4 p.m. Jan. 26 and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Jan. 27. Free, but organizers encourage donations.

Source: McCallwintercarnival.com

Get your tickets now

• Several of the McCall Winter Carnival events are ticketed. Tickets may be reserved at (208) 755-6119, via e-mail at wintercarnival@infuziemarketing.com, or online at www.mccallwintercarnival.com. Ticketed events include:

• Jan. 25: Comedy night, \$20. Comedian Jim Trino will be featured.

• Jan. 26: Monte Carlo Casino Night, \$35. Ticket price includes entry, food and playing chips.

• Jan. 30: Bingo Night, \$10. Ticket price includes entry fee and three bingo cards.

• Feb. 1: Wine & Art Jubilee, \$25. Ticket price includes entry fee, keepsake wine glass and hors d'oeuvres.

• Feb. 1 and 2: Matchstick Productions showings of "Seven Sunny Days":

• short stories from a long winter," \$10.

• The epic, new ski film chronicles the foremost skiers in the world as they search for deep snow, big kickers and

• the experience of a lifetime.

More information

McCall is 249 miles from Twin Falls — about a four-hour drive on Interstate 84 and Idaho Highway 55.

The local snow sculptures found at business locations can be viewed beginning on the first day.

Information: McCall Chamber of Commerce at (800) 260-5130. A full schedule of events is online at McCallwintercarnival.com.

Defining Chicano art

Cheech Marin to speak in Ketchum

BY KAREN BOSCHICK
For the Times-News

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," Kevin Costner's caddy in "Tin Cup" and a police detective alongside Don Johnson in "Nash Bridges."

But he'll be in Ketchum Jan. 29 as Cheech Marin, owner of what is perhaps the world's largest collections of Chicano art.

Marin will discuss his collection and Chicano artists' contributions to American culture — with humor, he promises — during the slide lecture.

The lecture is part of the Sun Valley Center for the Arts' multi-disciplinary project, "Trajaho Mexicano/Mexican Work," which examines issues related to Mexican labor and immigration.

Cheech Marin the art collector is not a stretch, he says.

"I grew up Catholic and was always around statuary, stained-glass windows and that kind of thing in the church. I used to go to the library to check out art books in the sixth grade," he says.

"I can't draw a single line myself. But when I got to a position where I could buy art, I did, partly because I've always been intrigued by the power art can have on its viewers."

A consummate collector since he was a youngster, Marin has collected everything from baseball cards to stamps. And he's collected all kinds of art. But he helped define the Chicano art movement with the Chicano art



Cheech Marin

Art of a hybrid

What: Cheech Marin's rescheduled slide lecture on Chicano art

Where: The nextStage Theatre, 191 Fifth St. E., Ketchum
When: 7 p.m. Jan. 29

Cost: \$10 for Sun Valley Center for the Arts members and \$15 for non-members. Available online at www.sunvalleycenter.org, by calling 726-9491, ext. 10, or by visiting The Center in Ketchum.

Additional information: This event was originally scheduled to be Jan. 10, but was rescheduled due to illness. Individuals who held tickets to the Jan. 10 event may bring their tickets on Jan. 29, or if they are unable to attend, call for a refund.

collection, says Britt Udesesa, The Center's director of education and humanities.

Marin says the first time he stood in front of a Chicano painting, he had the same feeling as when he first heard a tune by the Beatles.

"It was a sense of experiencing something very familiar and very new," he says.

Cheech acknowledges that the word "Chicano" — used to identify Mexican people in the U.S. — is problematic for some people because it originally was an insult. Today, however, many young Americans now use the word with pride to describe their hybrid culture.

He hopes his artwork, which includes works by artists like Carlos Almaraz, Gronk, Wayne Healy, Adan Hernandez, Leo Limon Frank Romer, John Valadez, Patassi Valdez and Vincent Valdez, present Chicanos in a new, positive light for viewers. And to that end he has sent much of it on the road for the past five years as part of the exhibition, "Chicano Visions: American Painters on the Verge."

His latest show, "Paper Chicano," will be exhibited Jan. 26 through April 27 at California's Anaheim Museum.

Chicano art, which began in California and Texas during the 1970s when Americans of Mexican descent began to make art that reflected their culture, tends to be a blending of traditional Mexican and American pop, rather than a particular style or subject matter.

"Chicano art conveys a theme of what it is to be Chicano, of what it's like to be out of the mainstream. A lot takes place in the neighborhood, whether it's the stuff of family life or drive-by shootings," Marin says.

Marin has spent a lifetime portraying the Chicano experience through a variety of media. He's portrayed the stereotypical Chicano who provides cheap labor for wealthy Americans, and he recently played a suave suitor of an Anglo judge on "Judging Amy."

"It didn't bother me at all to portray the stereotypical Chicano — I was primarily interested in entertaining people, taking some of the pressure off when they look at Chicano people," he says. "And I got a chance to mold into something else — and everything in between."

Ironically, Marin's real life has defied the Mexican-American stereotype. Not only did he get a bachelor's degree in English at California State-Northridge but,

he proudly points out, he was the first celebrity leopardy champion.

Marin, whose first name, Cheech, is derived from chicharron (a spicy, fried pork-skin snack), has early aspirations to be a musician which led him to play with such bands as Rompin' Rhythmic and the Rockin' Robins and the Loch Ness Pickles.

He met Edmonton, Alberta, native Tommy Chong when he headed to Calgary to flee the draft and to study pottery. The two became partners in comedy when Chong offered Marin \$5 more to do improvisational comedy in his brother's Vancouver, British Columbia, nightclub than Marin was making playing carpet.

His first movie, "Up In Smoke," in which Chong played a marijuana-smoking hippie and Marin an out-of-work cholo hustling for a buck, was the runaway comedy of 1978. And others followed, even as Marin dabbed in other ventures.

"I'm a typical Chicano — I have to have three jobs," he quips.

Today Marin is working on a series of comical essays called "The Chinitungua Chronicles" about the Latino experience in the U.S. The essays offer a humorous look at some serious subjects facing the Latin movement, such as how difficult it is for undocumented immigrants and illegals to get driver's licenses.

"Ninety-nine percent of the country does not know what a Chicano is," Marin says.

"Yet, Mexican-Americans are the biggest minority in the country. There's not one state that doesn't have a large and growing population. And 85 percent of Mexican-Americans are under the age of 27 so it behooves people to understand them."

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 "The Kite Runner"
 "Enchanted"
 "101 Dalmatians: A New Generation"
 "The Princess Who Don't Do Anything: A Vegetables Movie"
 "In the Name of the King: A Dungeon Siege Tale"
 "Jane"

Odyssey Theater

"The Great Debaters"
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 "In the Name of the King: A Dungeon Siege Tale"

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 "I Am Legend"
 "The Bucket List"

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Twin Falls

Katwalk Karaoke, 9 p.m. at Kruser'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, 826 Idaho Highway 81. No cover charge.

FRIDAY, JAN. 18

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. 19

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 Kahuna, 9 E. Main. No cover charge.

TUESDAY, JAN. 22

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers, 163 W. U.S. Highway 30. No cover charge.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 23


Twin Falls

Kroakers Karaoke, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. 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 Red's Bar, 6 E. Idaho St. No cover charge.



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\$1.00 off Weekend Breakfast
Sat - Sun
8AM - 11AM

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\$1.00 off Lunch
Mon - Sat
11AM - 4PM

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\$1.00 off Dinner
Mon - Sat
4PM - Close

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\$7.49

Sat. & Sun
8AM-11AM Only

Start your day with our fantastic breakfast buffet featuring cooked to order omelettes, eggs benedict, quiche, hot fresh baked breads from the bakery, blueberry pancakes, waffles, fresh fruits and all the juice you can drink.

Daily
11AM-Close

Create your own specialty salad to go with the rest of the Golden Corral Lunch or Dinner Buffets. Enjoy great toppings to create a delectable Asian Chicken Salad, steak and blue cheese salad, shrimp Caesar salad or a strawberry spinach salad.

\$6.49

SENIOR'S
Early Bird
BUFFET

Mon-Fri
2PM-3:30PM
60 & Over

Includes
Beverage

KIDS NIGHT
BUFFET

2PM - Close
3 & Under Eat FREE

Includes Soft Drinks