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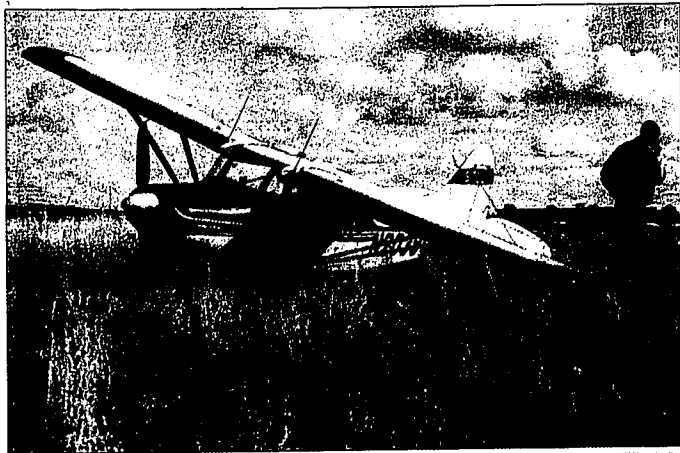
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'We've got a big problem'

Jerome County scrambles to correct potentially illegal move on P&Z board

By Matt Christensen Times-News writer

Jerome County officials may have acted illegally when they split the county's planning and zoning board into two departments in July 2006.

erly the first time," county attorney Mike Seib said. "So now we're taking steps to remedy this."

At a planning commission meeting Monday night, board members...

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Two challenge Obenauer for Jerome County Commission seat. See page B1

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JFAC approves \$13.2 million for CSI

Beck: Panel did what they could

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — The state's joint budgeting panel Wednesday approved a slightly higher budget for the College of Southern Idaho than last year...



Erin Wint, left, jokes with fellow student Alayna Swafford during their microbiology 250 lab class at the College of Southern Idaho Wednesday afternoon in Twin Falls.

"Was it as much as last year? No. Should they feel good? Yes."

— Fred Wood, R-Burley



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...

from the state, but colleges receive revenue from other sources such as from property tax. The budget must still pass the House and Senate.

budgets have or are expected to be affected by the state's declining budget, Beck said that the school's budget was devised — and requested — during better times when the budget looked better.

"When I gave my presentation in January we all knew the economy had some glitches or some problems," Beck said. "But it's pretty clear those storm clouds are forming pretty well now."

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 within the next two months.

JFAC did not approve two CSI line items — \$226,300 request to expand online teaching services and \$276,700 to extend its dual credit program to rural Magic Valley.

But Fred Wood, R-Burley, who sits on JFAC, said that only seven line items in the entire state budget are expected to be funded. He said that CSI fared well

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Horsley refuses to admit to 'indifference'

Two-day hearing ends in Boise

By Cassidy Friedman Times-News writer

BOISE — Ryan Horsley and his employees lost track of guns, neglected to warn police about potentially suspicious activity and ran a sloppy business — even after promising the federal government to institute greater caution.

Horsley said he was unaware that for eight years his decades-old family business had been operating under a new gun dealing license that was set to expire last month.

Horsley made these admissions and more on the witness stand Wednesday at a federal hearing in Boise in which the store's federal firearms sale license is at stake. The more glaring problems could have been a public safety problem.

Post. That's the charge that threatens his future in gun sales.

Whether the shop loses its license is now up to U.S. District Judge Edward Lodge, who will rule after he receives written closing arguments. Red's battle to reclaim its license after the U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives yanked it in March 2007 may be the first in the nation to secure a court hearing since 1991.

The ATF and Horsley disagree on several significant facts. On Tuesday, the first day of trial, ATF agents said attempts to trace two guns used in crimes failed because of lost records at Red's contention.

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Otter wants duties returned to Idaho State Department of Education

By Jared S. Hopkins Times-News writer

BOISE — Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter threw his weight Wednesday into the political fight between the State Board of Education and Senate Education Committee, saying he supports returning board responsibilities that the Legislature took several years ago — including student testing — back to the Idaho State Department of Education.

Board trustees, said his primary intention is for the eight-member board to return its original tasks, not manage education on a "day-to-day" basis and hand duties assumed over the last few years to the ISDE. Otter said he's including management of student testing, including the Idaho Standards Achievement Tests, which 10th grade students must pass to graduate high school.

The bottom line is I

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Budget committee revamps teacher pay package. See page B1

Otter's comments place him in line with Senate Education Committee members, who on Wednesday listed shifting the duties as a possible recommendation to Otter to change the board.

Others include removing the board's oversight of state agencies and assigning grant requests to higher education institutions.

On Feb. 28, trustees met with senators to explain why \$1.4 million was misspent in 2007 and why the board decided to balance the budget by leaving vacant top-tier positions. The deficit led to discontinuance of state assessment tests for second- and ninth-graders for this spring and next year, and

forced Gear Up, a federal grant-matching program that helps low-income kids attend college, to rely on private-sector donors.

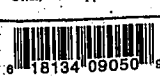
The Republican-dominated Legislature shifted duties in 2003 in what critics said was an attempt to undermine the department when it was run by Democrat Marilyn Howard. Otter said he understands the political history that led to such changes, including that the board's duties needed to change in

order to access some federal funds.

But he said the board should set policy "expectations" and the rest handled by Luna.

"There isn't a person who votes for the superintendent of public instruction that doesn't believe they're electing a CEO of K-12, and they should be able to go forward with that and say, 'this is my expectation,'" he said.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

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Today: Mostly sunny and seasonal. Highs middle 40s.
Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.
Tomorrow: A bit warmer with plenty of sunshine. Highs upper 40s.

Complete weather report: See page C8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT

'A Year with Frog and Toad' presented by Oakley Valley Arts Center, 7:30 p.m., Howells Opera House, Oakley, \$8 ticket, 677-2787.
William Shakespeare's 'The Comedy of Errors,' presented by College of Southern Idaho Theater Department, 8 p.m., CSI Fine Arts Theater, Twin Falls, \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students, 732-6781 or tickets.csid.edu.

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

American Legion Bingo, 7:30 p.m., Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m. Regular legion, 610 W. Main, Wendell, \$500 and \$1,195. Buck out, 536-6359.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Twin Falls Monarch Lions club meeting and no-host lunch, noon, Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls, 735-9092 or 733-3429.
Klekstad Southern Idaho, with guest speaker Dr. Bruce Bradley of Microbial Viro Systems, Inc. Join our 'Lessons Learned as a Start-up Company' for Parents, 6 to 7:30 p.m., Pandoras Restaurant, 516 Hansen St., S., Twin Falls, no cost, appetizers and drink tickets provided by Idaho TechConnect, bradley@idmstrug.com or 208-324-3455.

EDUCATION

'Best Practices in Early Education,' a free evening workshop by Mountain Fire, presented by the Early Childhood Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho, 6 to 8:30 p.m., Rm. 145, Aspen Hall, C.S.I., Twin Falls, no cost, open to the public, 732-6870 or nanderson@csid.edu.

EXHIBITS

'Diotaphy' by Shelley Brantle and Russ Herpworth, alternative photography presented by Magic Valley Arts Center, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., Breez Heating, Air Conditioning and Fireplaces showroom, 227 Second Ave. E., Historic Downtown Twin Falls, no cost, 734-2787.

FAMILY

Rhyme Time, toddlers are invited for songs, rhymes, and finger plays, 10:30 a.m., Storyline Kids, Twin Falls Public Library, no cost, 733-2962 ext. 110.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St., 736-4058.
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Pearl, 735-2128.
Kimberly Public Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 126 Madison W., 423-2576.
Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 300 Main St., 536-5161.

HEALTH

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, a purified walking workout with stretching and gentle resistance training, 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 remaining Jan. 15.

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., 426-3623.
Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Luvay Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988.
Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988.
Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2977.
SilverSnappers 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 Humano-insured or YMCA members and \$5 per class for non-insured, 733-4384.

'New Therapeutic Approaches to Breast Cancer,' Expedition Inspiration Fund for Breast Cancer Research Open Forum with featured speakers Carol E. Hayes, M.D. and C. Kent Osborne, M.D., includes 'Meet the Experts' and question-and-answer sessions, 5 to 7 p.m., Lemhi Lodge, C.S. Valley Inn, Ketchikan, no cost, underwritten by grant from St. Luke's Wood River Foundation, (208) 726-6456, or expeditioninspiration.org or www.expeditioninspiration.org.

Arthritis Walking Class, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., First Christian Church, 621 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-5988.
Overeater's Anonymous, 6 p.m., 109 Seventh Ave. E., (red log building with cannon), Jerome, 524-5019.

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, Filer, 734-0557.

A.C.T.S. Program, a 12-week, ongoing course based on self-help, recovery and education, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hanksing Road (behind D & S Supply), Twin Falls, no cost, 731-3210.

HOBBIES AND CRAFTS

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

To have an event listed, please submit the name of the event, a brief description, time, place, cost and contact number to Suzanne Brown by email at sbrown@magicvalley.com by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

MORNING BRIEFING AROUND THE WORLD

CONNECTICUT Jury convicts sailor of leaking details about ship to terrorist

NEW HAVEN — A former Navy sailor was convicted Wednesday of leaking details about ship movements to suspected terrorism supporters, an act that could have endangered his own crewmates. Jurors convicted Hassan Abu-Jihad, 32, of Phoenix of providing material support to terrorists and disclosing classified national defense information on the second day of deliberations. The American-born Muslim convert formerly known as Paul R. Hall faces up to 25 years in federal prison when he is sentenced in May. This attorney, Dan LaBelle, said an appeal was filed. 'We're disappointed with the verdict, but we respect the process. It was a close case,' LaBelle said.

Reached by telephone Wednesday afternoon, a juror called the case "difficult" and said there was plenty of debate in two days of deliberations.

MINNESOTA Garrison Keillor puts house on market after settling dispute

ST. PAUL — Humorist Garrison Keillor put his historic St. Paul home up for sale, a few weeks after a dispute with his neighbor over her building plans ended up in court.

The host of public radio's 'A Prairie Home Companion' is asking \$1.65 million for the seven-bedroom, five-bath home, according to its listing on Realtor.com.

In January, Keillor and his wife sued their next-door neighbor Lori Anderson to stop her from building a two-story garage-and-studio addition to her house. Keillor's lawsuit said the project would "obstruct the access of light and air" to his property.

The lawsuit was settled through mediation about a week later. The terms were not made public.

Real estate agent Mary Hardy told the Star Tribune of Minneapolis that the dispute isn't why Keillor is selling the house. She said he wanted a house with an airy, first-floor studio where he can work, and to that end he's made an offer for a nearby house with 4,000 square-foot main space and a larger lot to a bluff.

OREGON

Dead man's ashes dead spin around NASCAR track

TALENT — Big George Helms had tickets for last weekend's NASCAR race at the Las Vegas Motor Speedway, but died before he got to use them. He still made it to the track, though.

Richard Leitt, 64, of Trafford, died at a Pittsburgh hospital, said John J. Smith, an investigator with the Allegheny County medical examiner's office.

Neighbor Lynn Celia told reporters she ran across the street right after the explosion and found Leitt's granddaughter, Gianna Pertinotto,



A woman drinks from a bottle at a nightclub in Cancun, Mexico, Tuesday during spring break.

At 6-foot-5 and 400 pounds, Helms would've been able to fit into a race car. But after his death from a heart attack Dec. 28, loved ones decided to try to fulfill the 51-year-old's dream of participating in a NASCAR race, and arranged for the former logger's ashes to be driven around the track.

"His friends came up to us during the memorial service and asked us if they could take his ashes to the NASCAR race," said Helms' mother, Dixie Helms. "I said 'I'd love that.'"

Driver Mike Harmon taped Helms' urn to the fire extinguisher of his Nationwide Series car during practice last Friday.

And Helms will be at the track's next race, in spirit anyway. His friends spread some of his ashes at the speedway before returning the rest to his mother.

PENNSYLVANIA

House explodes near Pittsburgh; 1 dead, little girl hurt

PIA — A powerful explosion flattened a house in suburban Pittsburgh on Wednesday, killing a man, injuring his 4-year-old granddaughter and damaging more than a dozen neighboring homes, authorities said.

Natural gas appeared to have fueled the explosion, a utility spokesman said, but it remained unclear why it happened. Pieces of burnt insulation and debris were scattered over a wide area, and smoke and flames still rose from the site hours after the blast in Plum, about 15 miles east of Pittsburgh.

"All of a sudden all the pictures blew off the walls; we heard a loud bang. It felt like an earthquake," said Diane Palmer, 43, who lives two houses away. Palmer said she ran outside and "all I could see was parts of houses flying in the air."

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to get 50 percent tipsier off one cocktail. Be warned, though: no more 'slicecakes.'

The amount of liquor allowed in the standard cocktail will increase from 1 ounce to 1.5 ounces over the Legislature approved the first major changes in years to the state's liquor laws. That's the standard used in most other states and countries.

Republican Gov. Jon Huntsman has said he won't change so Utah won't appear so strange to the rest of the world. Utah is the only state to limit the amount of liquor allowed in a standard shot, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures.

And while the change is intended to improve the state's image, the bill also makes some alterations that many people may find downright odd.

Utah will become the only state to ban wine coolers and flavored malt beverages from grocery stores. Instead, they will be sold only in state liquor stores.

CALIFORNIA

Convicted child molester jumps to death at courthouse

SANTA ANA — A 52-year-old man jumped to his death from a Southern California courthouse balcony hours after being convicted of child molestation, authorities said.

Coleston Edward Tello was facing more than 20 years in prison when he jumped from a ninth-floor balcony of the Central Justice Center in Santa Ana Tuesday afternoon. A suicide note tucked into his clothing, authorities said.

A jury in a Fullerton courtroom earlier Tuesday convicted Tello of repeatedly molesting a young girl between 1989 and 1995.

Deputy District Attorney Heather Brown tried to have Tello's bail revoked and have him taken into custody immediately after the verdicts were announced. She said he was carrying a suicide note when he was arrested in 2006 in the case and that he might be in danger.

Superior Court Judge Gregory Prickett declined to revoke Tello's bail, instead ordering him to return to the Fullerton courtroom by 4:30 p.m.

After 4 p.m. at the Santa Ana courthouse, an alarm sounded that someone had entered a restricted area, said Orange County Sheriff's spokesman Jim Anormina.

A bailiff found Tello standing on the balcony and tried to wrestle him away from the edge, said police Cpl. Jose Gonzalez.

Tello died at the scene.

UTAH

Utah fiddles with liquor laws; opponents argue they're more confusing

SALT LAKE CITY — Bar patrons in Utah, which has some of the nation's strictest liquor laws, will soon be able

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Snowpack levels

Table with 4 columns: Watershed, % of Avg, % season, and % of season. Rows include Salmon, Big Wood, Little Wood, Big Lost, Little Lost, Henrys Fork Basin, and Upper Snake Basin.

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Table with 2 columns: Lottery type and Wednesday, March 5. Rows include Wednesday, March 5 and Thursday, March 6.

CORRECTIONS

Name spelled incorrectly
In today's edition of TNT, a name was misspelled in the cast list for Buhl High School's production of 'What I Wanted to Say.' The error was caught and the section had gone to press. The correct spelling is Jan Konietzki. The Times-News regrets the error.

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Otter pulls bill to hike vehicle registration fees

By Simon Shifrin
Associated Press writer



BOISE — The governor has withdrawn his plan to hike vehicle registration fees to raise an additional \$202 million annually by 2011 for road and bridge maintenance.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter told reporters Wednesday at an Idaho Press Club luncheon that he felt state lawmakers were using his proposal, which would raise more than double registration fees for cars, as "political cover" to avoid making hard decisions.

The State Transportation Department estimates it will have an annual \$200 million highway funding shortfall in coming years. If Idaho doesn't fix that gap, officials say the only alternative is to strategically withdraw from maintaining some roads so the state has enough cash left over for its most-important thoroughfares.

"I think there's pretty uniform agreement that we need that kind of money," Otter said. "We don't really agree on the means we arrive there."

The biggest part of Otter's package called for boosting registration fees for personal vehicles to a flat rate of \$150 annually, from between \$24 and \$48 now based on a car's model year. With additional county charges, the annual fee for all car owners would rise to about \$187.

He's also pushing a 4 percent tax on rental cars that would raise about \$1.3 million annually and a plan to gradually boost fees on commercial trucks, raising \$25 million in the 12 months starting July 1 and increasing the proceeds to \$50 million by 2011.

In a letter to lawmakers Wednesday, Otter said he didn't submit his ideas lightly.

"Leadership sometimes requires making unpopular decisions," he wrote. "This is one of those times."

By contrast, House leaders are pushing measures to shift \$22 million in sales tax revenue from tires, batteries and car accessories to highway funding as well as a separate measure to raise vehicle registration fees by \$40.

Several other options are in the works, House leaders said.

House Speaker Lawrence Denney, R-Midvale, said Otter's plan was just too big.

"I'm guessing he probably got the same calls we did," Denney told The Associated Press on Wednesday. "I don't think any of them were possible."

Majority Caucus Chairman Ken Roberts, R-Donnelly, said he expects some compromise proposals to raise additional revenue, including a registration fee increase for personal cars, changes in the way the state taxes fuel and additional registration revenue from large trucks.

"As the ideas come out, we're going to reach some sort of a compromise that will provide some new money for transportation in Idaho," he said.

Board

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Worried planning board decisions made over the past two years could be illegal, she alerted Selb.

"Long story short, I pulled up the code and showed it to Mr. Selb," Brown said. "I heard him say to (planning and zoning administrator) Art Brown, 'We've got a big problem.'"

Despite this week's chaos, however, Selb said a judge could reasonably determine the county did it right the first time. The public hearings later this month, he said, will simply bolster the legal strength of the commission's earlier decision to split the board.

"In theory, this should be a pretty short deal," Commission Chairman Charlie Howell said. "This is just going to shore up that previous decision."

CSI

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because nothing was removed from their base budget and more money than requested by Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter was given for expected enrollment increases.

"Was it as much as last year? No. Should they feel good? Yes," he said. "And all that the state agencies should turn sour or I'll be much worse next year."

Under the dual credit proposal, the money would fund three CSI teachers who would rotate teaching math and science in rural school districts where there are not

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— Commission Chairman Charlie Howell

teaching with credentials to teach the advanced classes.

Dual credit is a statewide issue and CSI is hopeful for either an appropriation for the public schools budget or receiving grant money, Heck said.

"It is high on our priority list," he said. "It's high for our institution to make access for these types of things to all students throughout the area."

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Lawmakers consider restrictions on stun guns

HOISE (AP) — Lawmakers are pushing two measures that would restrict civilian use of stun guns because of fears over misuse of the weapons.

The House State Affairs Committee agreed on Wednesday to debate a bill that would require citizens to have concealed weapon permits to carry electronic stunning devices, such as Tasers.

At the same time, the Senate is amending a bill to prevent felons, drug addicts, the mentally ill, illegal aliens, and anyone charged with or convicted of a crime that carries a prison sentence of more than a year from carrying the weapons.

One of the House bill's supporters, Rep. Steve Ken, R-Nampa, said he believes the devices are generally safe but wants to make sure people know how to use them properly, especially since some stun guns can debilitate people for as long as 30 seconds.

Requiring a concealed weapon permit will ensure that people are trained to safely use the devices, he said.

"I would much rather have my wife carry a Taser than a firearm," he said. "I'm not trying to limit the carrying of it. I just want to see responsible carrying of Taser weapons."

The devices have come under scrutiny in part because of a national controversy surrounding their use by law enforcement. In a statement last October, Amnesty International said it has collected data on more than 270 U.S. cases of individuals who died after being struck by police Tasers, the most common brand used by law enforcement, since June 2001.

"Were you doing that because you didn't care about what the law was?" Gardiner asked Horsley, who answered "no."

"Were you doing that because you were disregarding the law?" he asked again. Again Horsley answered in the negative.

The ATF conducted two major audits of Red's, first in 2006 and again in 2005, as well as several less in-depth follow-up inspections. After the 2000 audit, Red's promised ATF agents in a warning conference to implement policies and procedures to resolve problems.

Horsley and several employees testified that Horsley did improve "word of mouth" communication after the conference, in part to ensure police were notified each time the store sold

multiple handguns to a single customer — a move that helps prevent gun trafficking.

But the 2005 audit uncovered several instances where store workers failed to alert police after a multiple-gun sale.

Horsley acknowledged that employees did not each other about handgun sales, and that some "slipped through the cracks."

John Farr, a former shop employee who now is a part-time employee of the Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office, testified that he did not know that multiple sales must by law be reported to police. However, he said Horsley and his mother, president of the business Terry Horsley, required

"generally keeping them in the loop."

The ATF says it revoked 88 licenses in 2007, and about 450 since 2000. Idaho alone has 1,200 licenses, with 109,000 nationwide.

There is no deadline for the judge to rule. The court must first publish a transcript of the two-day hearing. After that, attorneys will have 20 days to file closing arguments.

If the judge agrees with the ATF, Red's would be forced to sell out or close — ending the long run of a store that calls itself the oldest gun shop in Idaho.

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Red's

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Gun traces are common in criminal investigations. Often, a weapon recovered at a crime scene can be traced to the original buyer, allowing police to develop suspects.

The ATF gives gun dealers only 21 days to answer a request for a trace. Horsley testified he has received multiple trace requests. But he said, "I am not aware of Red's ever not being able to respond to a request."

Another factual disagreement centered on an inspector testifying Tuesday that he briefed Horsley after a follow-up inspection in 2001. Horsley denied the educational briefing ever happened.

To nearly every question asked by either attorney, Horsley shot back virtually

the same answer. He said a "mistake," "error," "oversight," or "lapse" had occurred, or explained that an instance of failed compliance was "simply overlooked."

While Red's Trading Post is a long-established shop in Twin Falls, Horsley's tenure as manager of his family's store has been brief. He was catapulted into the job in 1998, after his uncle was terminated from the store.

Appearing bright-eyed in a gold tie and dark suit, the tall blond gun seller comfortably deflected Ferguson's suggestions that he might intentionally violate the law.

His attorney, Richard Gardiner of Fairfax, Va., would often mock Ferguson's attempt to probe Horsley's intentions, aiming to steal Ferguson's thunder.

Duties

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Superintendent of Public Instruction Tom Luna said he and the board are willing to carry out new duties, and he is confident in his department's ability to manage — including testing — for K through 12 education.

"As long as we're relying on a third party to administer the testing assessment, it keeps that arms-length necessary in order to keep the tests credible and the reporting reliable," he said.

Otter said he's met with the majority of the board trustees, including President Milford Terrell, and they are accepting to his ideas. The trustees have said they'd follow any rules set by the

Legislature, a notion that some senators call arrogant after the trustees lobbied for the changes.

Otter commended the presidents of college and universities — including College of Southern Idaho President Jerry Beck — and said some are "frustrated by some of the tinkering" by the State Board but haven't necessarily voiced their concern.

Last month, Otter said, he plans on making "changes" to the board. On Wednesday, he said he has held interviews, but declined to comment on whether Laird Stone, a Twin Falls attorney, will remain on the board. Stone's term expired March 1.

Sen. Gary Schroeder, R-

Moscow, who wants to shift K through 12 administration back to the department, said Otter "must be listening to us yesterday."

But Schroeder said that he hopes Luna's staff can handle the responsibilities if transferred.

"He has to decide whether

he's going to hire staff based on political competence or political affiliation rather than their actual competence," he said.

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Tuesday victories by Clinton reshape campaign

By Dan Balz and Shailesh Murthy
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton's victories in Texas, Ohio and Rhode Island reinvigorated her once-slumpy presidential candidacy and reshaped her debate with Sen. Barack Obama, but those successes yielded only a modest gain in the battle for delegates, underscoring the daunting odds she faces in overtaking Obama before the end of the primary season in early June.

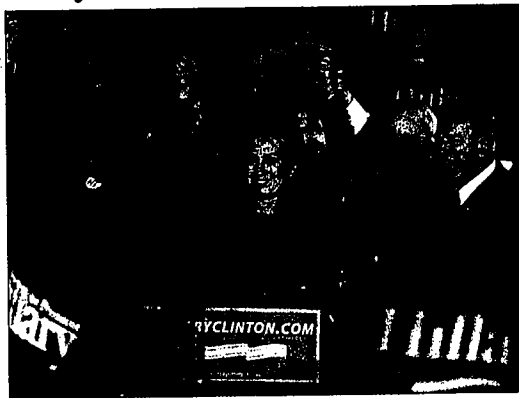
As a newly confident Clinton of New York publicly entertained the idea of Obama of Illinois running as her vice presidential nominee, advisers sketched out a new scenario for overcoming Obama's delegate lead: a Clinton win in the Vermont primary on Tuesday, followed by a Pennsylvania primary in April and then persuading the more than 300 uncommitted superdelegates who are poised to decide the race that she would be the stronger general-election nominee.

Republican attacks on ethical issues in a general-election campaign.

Some Democrats fear that a protracted and increasingly negative campaign, coupled with an intensified fight for the allegiance of the superdelegates, could lead to a badly divided party and a weakened nominee for the fall campaign against Sen. John McCain.

With 370 Democratic pledged delegates at stake on Tuesday, the Associated Press estimated that Clinton had a net gain of just 12 delegates overall with her three victories. Twelve delegates have not yet been allocated. As of Wednesday afternoon, she still trailed Obama by 140 pledged delegates, or 101 overall when superdelegates were included.

"They're never even going to get close to erasing the pledged-delegate lead," said David Plouffe, Obama's campaign manager. "Last night was a big window that closed for them."



Democratic presidential hopeful Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., acknowledges supporters during a rally Tuesday in Columbus, Ohio. Standing with Clinton are Rep. Stephanie Tubbs Jones, D-Ohio, and Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland.

But Harold Ickes, who oversees Clinton's delegate tracking, accused the Obama team of making "a phony distinction" between pledged delegates and superdelegates.

"Obama has argued that those automatic delegates to the national convention should validate the results of the primaries and caucuses, while Clinton has said they

should decide independently who would make the stronger nominee to run against McCain.

"We're confident that will be Hillary."

Clinton's team has assigned 20 staffers to focus exclusively on the superdelegates, according to one official. Over the weekend, the team reached out to every uncommitted delegate amid rumors

that Obama was preparing to roll out as many as 50 new endorsements this week. "They found no evidence that a big bloc was ready to announce for Obama, but nonetheless made another round of calls to members of the Democratic National Committee on Tuesday."

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keep your powder dry," one official said. "Their response was 'We will keep our powder dry.'" In light of Tuesday's results, Clinton's team plans to go back to uncommitted superdelegates with a new plea to back her campaign — or at least to remain on the fence to await the results of upcoming contests.

Obama returned to Chicago after a disappointing outcome Tuesday in which he saw his 11-contest winning streak broken. Instead of driving Clinton from the race and shifting his focus to McCain, Obama found himself dragged back into an ever more contentious intraparty fight.

A rejuvenated Clinton predicted she would duplicate her Ohio success in Pennsylvania's April 22 primary and eventually win the nomination.

"I think Democrats took a hard look at John McCain, with his emphasis on national security, and then took a hard look at the two of us and concluded that I'm the best possible candidate to be commander in chief," she said on CBS's "Early Show." "They looked at the economy, and they see that I have a real economic blueprint, and they're not sure where either Senator McCain or Senator Obama stand when it comes to the economy."

Former GOP opponents rally around McCain

By David Nitkin
The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON — With Sen. John McCain securing his party's nomination this week, many Republicans are coming to grips with a candidate who was not their first choice.

"I have a pretty long list of concerns, but Republicans tend to be loyalists," said Michael Zimmer, a Carroll County, Md., commissioner who originally backed Rep. Tom Hancenko of Colorado. "I don't think there will be quite the same level of intensity at the grass roots for McCain as for, say, a Mitt Romney."



President Bush and Republican presidential candidate, Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., stand together in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington as Bush endorsed McCain for president, Wednesday.

In the span of eight weeks, the Arizona senator rebounded from a third-place Iowa finish to win in New Hampshire and dominate on Super Tuesday. McCain vanquished younger and better-financed opponents who claimed he was too moderate, too old or too hawkish to lead his party.

McCain's quick comeback has given supporters of former Tennessee Sen. Fred Thompson, former New York City Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani and others little time to embrace a candidate they once saw as not worthy of support.

Among the troubles for Zimmer and other right-of-center Maryland Republicans: views that include McCain's initial opposition to President Bush's tax cuts and an unwillingness to fight for the administration's judicial nominees, as well as his push for campaign finance reform and immigration proposals.

Some Republicans say questions about McCain have abated in the weeks since his nomination became a foregone conclusion.

"I've been very surprised at how the bulk of the party regulars have come together so quickly," said Chris Casey, chairman of the Baltimore County Republican Party and an initial Thompson backer. "Sure there are some who are zealous and very committed to their cause — and there are some who will make a point by staying home — but I think it will be a tiny number."

Still, enthusiasm for McCain has plenty of room to grow among rank-and-file Republicans, said Maryland state Sen. Alex X. Mooney of Frederick County, where former Arkansas Gov. Mike Huckabee came within about 3,500 votes of beating McCain when Maryland voted on Feb. 12.

"Is it there right now? Not so much that I see," said Mooney, who was a vice-chairman of Romney's Maryland steering committee. "But can he and will he generate it? He probably will."

Mooney and other Republicans see two significant decisions ahead that will assist McCain's candidacy.

The first: a running-mate selection. If McCain chooses a vice-presidential nominee with strong conservative views, many party leaders will applaud, they say.

The second will come when the Democrats choose their candidate.

Many Republicans relish the prospect of a campaign against either Sen. Barack Obama, whom they view as disturbingly liberal, or Sen. Hillary Clinton, considered polarizing.

"He will have an opponent who is going to be far left," Mooney said.

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EDITORIAL

After-the-fact budgeting by ballot? You gotta be kidding

Remember those conservative legislators who wouldn't think of giving Idahoans the right to vote to raise their sales tax locally for things like transportation? Some of them are backing a measure that would let folks who don't like budgets approved by local governments to undo them by popular vote.

The House Revenue and Taxation Committee on Tuesday approved a bill that would permit voters to call an election to reduce the budget of any taxing district where property tax revenue exceeds \$250,000 per year.

"What's wrong with letting people go out and get a few signatures?" asked House Majority Leader Mike Moyle, R-Star and one of the sponsors.

What's wrong is that such a provision would throw the budget-making processes of 234 taxing districts with total budgets of \$793 million into complete turmoil.

The proposal would let anybody who didn't like the budget that a city, county, fire district or hospital district approves to collect signatures on a petition equal to 10 percent of the turnout in the previous election.

Let's take the City of Jerome: A thousand residents cast ballots in the election of November 2007.

That means just 100 people could force an election, in which at least two-thirds of voters would then need to approve reduction of the property tax portion of the city budget.

That could happen in districts now representing two-thirds of the property taxes paid in the state.

Co-sponsors include Rep. Scott Bedke, R-Oakley, and Rep. Rich Willis, R-Glenns Ferry.

The Idaho Association of Counties opposes the bill because 85 percent to 90 percent of county spending is mandated by the state or federal governments, according to Deputy Director Tony Poindell.

Leanna Taylor, the city treasurer in Mountain Home, points out that local governments strive for predictability in budgeting.

"It's going to be somewhat chaos at the local level," she said.

We couldn't put it better. Meanwhile, we'd love the backers of the budget referendum bill to explain why it's OK to allow taxpayers to overturn city and county budgets, but not all right for them to choose a local-option tax.

Our view:
Letting taxpayers overturn city and county budgets by referendum is a can't-miss recipe for chaos in local government.
What do you think?
We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Why Hillary's still in the race

SAN ANTONIO — Some women in their 30s, 40s and early 50s who favor Barack Obama have a phrase to describe what they don't like about Hillary Clinton: shoulder-pad feminism.

They feel that women have moved past that men-are-pigs, woe-is-me, sisters-must-stick-together, pantsuits-are-powerful era that Hillary's campaign has lately revived with a vengeance.



MAUREEN DOWD

And they don't like Gloria Steinem and other old-school feminists trying to impose gender discipline and a call to order on the sisters.

As a woman I know puts it: "Hillary doesn't make it look like fun to be a woman. And her 'I-have-been-victimized' campaign is depressing."

But Hillary — carried on the padded shoulders of the older women in Texas, Ohio and Rhode Island who loved her "I Will Survive" rallying cry that "I am a little older and I have earned every wrinkle on my face" — has been saved to fight another day.

Exit polls have showed that fans of Hillary — who once said they would be happy with Obama if Hillary dropped out — were hardening in their opposition to her while Obama voters are not so harsh about her.

Three Hillary volunteers, older women from Boston, approached a *New York Times* reporter in an Austin, Texas, parking lot on Tuesday to vent that Hillary hasn't gotten a fair shake from the press. They said that they used to like Obama but now can't stand him because they think he has become cocky and disrespectful to Hillary.

Obama, remarkably, put Obama on the defensive about a real estate deal, health care and NAFTA, her campaign ratcheted up the retro battle of the sexes when they sent Dianne Feinstein onto the Fox News



The road to the White House

Delegates still needed to secure the Democratic nomination:
551 Barack Obama
651 Hillary Clinton

Democratic presidential primaries and caucuses:
• Saturday — Wyoming
• Tuesday — Mississippi
• April 22 — Pennsylvania

Sunday-morning talk show to promote the idea that Hillary should be able to keep campaigning, even if she lost both Texas and Ohio, simply because she's a woman.

"For those of us that are part of a woman need not apply" generation that goes back to the time I went out to get my first job following college and a year of graduate work, this is an extraordinarily critical race," she said.

With Obama saying the hour is upon us to elect a black man and Hillary saying the hour is upon us to elect a woman, the Democratic primary has become the ultimate nightmare of liberal identity politics. All the historical victimizations go tripping over each other and colliding, a competition of historical gulfs.

People will have to choose which of America's sins are greater, and which stain will have to be removed first. Is misogyny worse than racism, or is racism worse than misogyny?

As it turns out, making history is actually a way of being imprisoned by history. It's all about the past. Will America's racial past be expunged or America's sexist past be expunged?

As Al Gallagher, a white Hillary volunteer in Austin told *The Washington Post's* Krissah Williams: "A friend of mine, a black man, said to me, 'My ancestors came to this country in chains; I'm voting for Barack.' I told him, 'Well, my sisters came here in chains and on their periods; I'm voting for Hillary.'"

And meanwhile, the conventional white man sits on the Republican side and enjoys the spectacle of the Democrats' identity pilpup and victim lock.

Just as Michelle Obama urged blacks to support her husband, many old-school feminists are growing more fierce in charging that women who let Obama leapfrog over Hillary are traitors.

Julie Acevedo, a precinct captain for Obama in Austin, noticed that things were getting ugly on Friday, during the early voting, when she "saw some very angry

women just stomping by us to go vote for Hillary. They cut us off when we tried to talk about Barack.

"I'm 46," Acevedo, a fundraiser for state politicians, said Tuesday night. "Maybe I missed it by a few years, but I don't know why these women are so fueled by such hostility and think other women are misogynists if they don't vote for Hillary. It's insulting and disturbing."

She said that if Obama definitely outpaces Hillary, she will work to "heal the wounds" and woo back women who are now angry at him.

Watching Bill Clinton greet but not address — the Big Dog has been muzzled — an excited group of students at Texas State University on Tuesday, 19-year-old Allison Kroleczyk said she was leaning toward Obama and felt no gender guilt about voting for him. "Not at all," she said. "I think they're both pretty amazing."

The crowd held up their camera phones to capture the former president, in his bright orange tie and orange-brown aviator cowboy boots.

"We love you, Bill!" yelled one boy. "You did a good job, except for Monica." ...

Maureen Dowd is a columnist for *The New York Times*.

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Breaking down T.F.'s Initiative 2010

I have been three months since Initiative 2010 was first introduced and citizens continue to ask how they can help?

It is a great question that reveals the strength of the Twin Falls pioneer spirit. I.B. Perrine, John Hayes and Tom Costello have all passed on, but their visionary legacy is alive and well, big enough for all of us. Like a baton, it has been passed from one generation to the next.

In the late-60's a group of second-generation businessmen, who called themselves the Twin Falls Futures Group, grabbed the baton and began the revitalization of our downtown business district. Their efforts created the charm of Downtown Twin Falls. The downtown shopping experience is not the same as 1974 when the project was dedicated, but we can see a rebirth of boutique, novelty, specialty retailers and restaurants. It will take a new attitude and dedication to revive the spirit of the Twin Falls Futures Group, but we have confidence that it will happen.



READER COMMENT
Lance Clow

Citizens at our town hall meetings have shared their belief that the Townsite is worth the effort. At our February meeting, we discussed how local members of the Business Improvement District could help. Business and property owners in the Townsite need to recognize their interdependence and take advantage of opportunities. The success of one business brings activity, which can benefit others. Just as successful business brings opportunity, a business that does not present a good marketing image can damage the image of the business district.

To capitalize on good ideas, proprietors must have a business and marketing plan. There are good things going on downtown. First

Friday, born out of the creative energy of Rudy's, is proving that people will shop and enjoy their downtown experience. We need to expand upon this creative marketing and encourage more retailers and service providers to join the effort, leveraging their own marketing, time and creative promotions.

We suggested that proprietors in the Townsite change their way of thinking about marketing, customer service and operating procedures. Take a more entrepreneurial spirit and contribute to a positive attitude and image.

We can learn from successful business models, repeat and build on them. We need to challenge the business owners and property owners in the Townsite to become more entrepreneurial.

Change your way of thinking and doing business. Being self-employed is not easy and when things are not going well, it is not fun. Being successful or part of something successful can be fun and rewarding.

If you are doing business in the Townsite, I suggest

you look at your marketing plan and find a way to leverage the success of First Friday. It may take some creativity; it will take a commitment to consistency.

Create a plan, implement it and allow it to be successful of others, don't. The spirit of downtown is alive and well and the founder of First Friday, Tom Ashenbrenner welcomes you to join First Friday festivities. Tom, who has carried the baton passed along to him by Rudy, is willing to share it with you.

Join us at the next town hall Meeting in the Historic Warehouse District at Pandora's on Saturday, March 22, at noon. Pandora's (located the former Muggs's Brewpub building) is located at 516 Hansen St. S., just east of the silos.

Lance Clow is mayor of Twin Falls.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Supporting schools important for community

On March 11, the Twin Falls School District will be asking voters to approve a 10-year extension of its current plant facility levy. This levy has been in place for the last 50 years and has contributed to the success of Twin Falls students as well as the economic vitality of Twin Falls itself.

It goes without saying that many people and businesses are reluctant to locate to or remain in a community (and possibly a state) that is considered to be non-supportive of its schools. Could the defeat of this levy be perceived as non-support of the school system?

The answer is an obvious yes. Retail sales could be negatively impacted on virtually every level. In

addition, it may affect the number of rental houses that are occupied as well as commercial and home real estate sales.

It could also impact the retention and graduation of already scarce good teachers.

It goes without saying that the future of a child is dependent upon good teachers. Some might say that taxes are already too high. Maybe they are, but a careful analysis indicates that the total tax levy for the Twin Falls School District falls in the lower brackets of Idaho school districts.

Support your schools. You can't afford not to. **JIM COBBLE**
Jerome
(Editor's note: Jim Cobble is the superintendent of the Jerome School District.)

Get in your two cents

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Rock Creek issue deserves attention

Below are some thoughts in addition to the issues mentioned on your front-page article — this is a very big deal, but unfortunately, it seems, only to those who must deal with it daily. Not a big deal to those who choose to ignore it, covering it with bureaucracy or benefit from it in some way. I would dare say the situation would demand much quicker and more serious response if a public representative resided in our beautiful canyon.

• **Road safety:** Large trucks repeatedly throughout the day traveling well above the speed limit. Mud, gravel and rocks left on roadway. Amazing the rigorous steps a resident must take to gain access to Rock Creek Road but how little regulation exists on these commercial rigs.

• **Road abuse:** Rock Creek Road already has an exponential increase in travel per recreational use over the last many years. These heavy trucks will undoubtedly cost taxpayers more money with road upkeep.

• **Impact on wildlife wintering grounds:** This specific area of the quarry is mule deer wintering ground and certainly the operation of this quarry stresses the herd.

• **Reclamation:** We should protect the natural beauty of our canyons and maintain them for future generations, limiting those deep scars on the land. Plenty of rock exists to be mined outside of main thoroughfares in southern Idaho.

• **Natural watershed:** This quarry totally blocks the natural watershed from the canyon to the south-east of it.

• **Domestic wells:** We will just pray our domestic wells stay intact with the blasting.

Thank you for placing your article on the front page on March 3. The residents surely do appreciate your efforts, and it is our hope that both sides of the story are honestly and equally portrayed as we move forward.

DAVE KISSINGER
JENNIE KISSINGER
Hansen

School need tax money to make repairs

As an age 50-something citizen, my children have long since left the nest. I'd like to present my view of the school plant facility levy from that perspective.

Having lived in six communities in my adult life, I've learned that as the schools go, so goes the community. Schools not kept in good repair invite vandalism, generating the need for more repairs and things quickly spiral downward. Then a criminal element is somehow encouraged and emboldened and, if there's one thing senior citizens and all citizens don't need, it is that.

Have you ever noticed that if something's broken in your home and you put off fixing it, by the time you do, it's gotten so bad that it's affected other things and ends up costing a lot more than if you'd just repaired it in the first place?

Twin Falls has a great climate, scenic wonders and is a magnet for seniors and others who move here and support the local commerce.

This is great news for all of us. We have much to be proud of — a bustling college, a new hospital, good doctors and other professionals, a nice variety of quality eateries and businesses that offer needed services and desirable amenities, and many churches and civic organizations that provide support in one way or another to all of us. In a great measure, all of this is tied to the schools because if the schools are not good, businesses and professionals are adverse to coming and staying here.

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The last two states I've lived in do not have a state tax, so just moving here has decreased my spendable income. But school building upkeep and repairs are not something I'm willing to skip on to save a few dollars.

Because of the long-term implications of this bond, I'm writing you.

LEAN JANE BROWER
Twin Falls

Schools upkeep helps the vitality of community

I recently purchased a home in Twin Falls and know that the condition of school buildings as well as the quality of education offered in our community has a major impact on my property value and the future of Twin Falls.

I graduated from Twin Falls High School and am always amazed at how well the schools have been maintained and how inviting and clean they look. I commend the school district for having the foresight to plan and complete quality maintenance projects and for recognizing the need for new facilities. I also commend the Planning and Steering Committee for its proactive stance regarding new construction and the community for its continued support to ensure the best possible educational environment for the children in Twin Falls.

The continuance of the plant facilities levy will enable the district to maintain and upgrade the buildings over the next 10 years without raising my tax rate. My own children are no longer in school, but I am pleased to support this ongoing effort for the many children currently enrolled and those to come for many years into the future.

The vitality of this community is very important. We need to support our schools. Please vote for the upcoming levy on March 11.

LINDA ARROSSA
Twin Falls

Facility levy won't affect your tax rate, so vote yes

Just like our houses, our school buildings need to be supported with maintenance and upkeep. The plant facilities levy will also help with technology upgrades and safety and surveillance for our schools.

Because our plant facility levy has been successful for the past 50 years, our buildings are utilized for longer periods of time when compared to other school districts. Our tax rate for this levy will remain the same for the next 10 years, and this is a low rate for a growing district.

The plant facility levy will not increase your tax rate, so please vote yes on March 11. You will be able to vote from 7 a.m. until 9 p.m. at any school except for Bridge Academy.

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Casino gambling's bright lie

A best destination casinos are in places that generally remain checkered destinations for daily living. Take Atlantic City, Las Vegas, and the state of Mississippi.

According to *The Philadelphia Inquirer*, the Atlantic City casino industry is in the midst of spending \$20 billion to rehab its fading image as a Las Vegas wannabe.

Las Vegas casinos are in the midst of spending \$35 billion to brighten their already blinding image.

The first thing Mississippi did after Hurricane Katrina was make sure the Gulf Coast casinos reopened, changing all kinds of rules, including ones that allow them to be built on land instead of being constrained to structures floating on water.

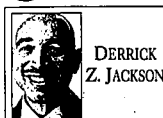
Atlantic City, after three decades of having casinos, was described by the *Economist* as a place where "multi-million dollar casinos are steps away from crime-ridden neighborhoods. A quarter of the 40,000 residents live below the poverty line."

The Associated Press described it a year ago as a place where "A stone's throw from the glittering, billion-dollar casinos, thousands of people live in grinding poverty in rundown houses surrounded by drugs and prostitutes. These are the neighborhoods that the state requires casinos to help by setting aside a portion of their revenue for development projects."

It was exposed last year that the state allowed the casinos to take a significant portion of money that was supposedly meant to clean up such neighborhoods and funnel it back in their own pockets.

The *New York Times* wrote, "Atlantic City continues to grapple with blocks of dilapidated buildings and seamy motels that draw drug dealers and prostitutes, all within the shadows of towering, brightly lit casinos."

In Mississippi, *The Washington Post* wrote in November, "Nowhere has the rebound from Hurricane Katrina been gaudier than



DERRICK Z. JACKSON

new record for revenues, nearly \$3 billion.

Last fall, 24 ministers in the region said in a letter to state officials, "our Recovery Effort has failed to include a place at the table ... for our poor and vulnerable." Not to mention that Mississippi remains in the bottom five, according to statistics of the National Education Association, in per-pupil public school spending.

Nevada's casinos racked up a record \$12.8 billion in revenues in 2007. But the *Toronto Star* wrote in January, "Nevada also leads in other areas, such as gun deaths, suicide and now home foreclosures. It has one of the worst public school systems in the United States. Bankruptcies are high. It ranks below average for the number without health insurance."

According to the Federal Corporation for National and Community Service,

Las Vegas ranks 43rd out of 50 major metropolitan areas in high school graduation rate, second to last for its college graduation rate, and dead last for its volunteer rate.

The residents of Las Vegas are so disconnected that its volunteer rate of 14.4 percent is at least doubled by 25 other cities.

The *Toronto Star* quoted William Epstein, a social work professor at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas as saying, "The state is intriguing. It's very wealthy. Yet the services are near the bottom."

There is little to suggest from the Atlantic City, Mississippi, or Las Vegas experience with destination casinos that those at the bottom will rise up.

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This 1888 photo released by the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston shows Helen Keller when she was eight years old, left, holding hands with her teacher, Anne Sullivan, during a summer vacation to Brewster, Mass., on Cape Cod. A staff member at the society discovered the photograph in a large photography collection recently donated to the society.

Newly uncovered 1888 photo offers rare glimpse of young Helen Keller and teacher Anne Sullivan

By Melissa Trujillo
Associated Press writer

BOSTON — Researchers have uncovered a rare photograph of a young Helen Keller with her teacher Anne Sullivan, nearly 120 years after it was taken on Cape Cod.

The photograph, shot in July 1888 in Brewster, shows an 8-year-old Helen sitting outside in a light-colored dress, holding Sullivan's hand and cradling one of her beloved dolls.

Experts on Keller's life believe it could be the earliest photo of the two women together and the only one showing the blind and deaf child with a doll — the first word Sullivan spelled for Keller after they met in 1887 — according to the New England Historic Genealogical Society, which now has the photo.

"It's really one of the best images I've seen in a long, long time," said Helen Seidson, an archivist at the American Foundation for the Blind, where Keller worked for more than 40 years. "This is just a huge visual addition to the history of Helen and Annie."

For more than a century, the photograph has belonged to the family of Thaxter Spencer, an 87-year-old man in Wallham.

Spencer's mother, Hope Thaxter Parks, often stayed at the Elijah Cobb House on Cape Cod during the summer as a child. In July 1888, she played with Keller, whose family had traveled from Tusculum, Ala., to vacation in Massachusetts.

Spencer, who doesn't know which of his relatives took the picture, told the society that his mother, four years younger than Helen, remembers Helen exploring her face with her hands. In June, Spencer donated a large collection of photo albums, letters, diaries and other heirlooms to the genealogical society, which preserves artifacts from New England families for future research.

"I never thought much about it," Spencer said in a statement released by the society. "It just seemed like something no one would find very interesting." Spencer has recently been hospitalized and could not be reached for comment.

It wasn't until recently that staff at the society realized the photograph's significance. Advocates for the blind say they had never heard of it, though after they announced its discovery Wednesday they learned it had published in 1987 in a magazine on Cape Cod and a half-century earlier in The Boston Globe. It is unclear whether there was

more than one copy of the photograph.

D. Brewster Simons, the society's president and CEO, said the photograph offers a glimpse of what was a very important time in Keller's life.

Sullivan was hired in 1887 to teach Keller, who had been left blind and deaf after an illness at the age of 1 1/2. With her new teacher, Keller learned language from words spelled manually into her hand. Not quite 7, the girl went from an angry, frustrated child without an way to communicate to an eager scholar.

While "doll" was the first word spelled into her hand, Helen finally comprehended the meaning of language a few weeks later with the word "water," as famously depicted in the film "The Miracle Worker."

Sullivan stayed at her side until her death in 1936, and Keller became a world-famous author and humani-

arian. She died in 1968.

Jan Seymour-Ford, a research librarian at the Perkins School for the Blind in Waterbury, which both Sullivan and Keller attended, said she was moved to see how deeply connected the women were, even in 1888.

"The way Anne is gazing so intently at Helen, I think it's a beautiful portrait of the devotion that lasted between these two women all of Anne's life," Seymour-Ford said.

Seidson said the photograph is valuable because it shows many elements of Keller's childhood: that devotion, Sullivan's push to teach Helen outdoors and Helen's attachment to her baby dolls, one of which was given to her upon Sullivan's arrival as her teacher. "It's a beautiful composition," she said. "It's not even the individual elements. It's the fact that it has all of the components."

Library takes 'talking books' digital

By Christopher Lee
The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Judith M. Dixon, a clinical psychologist by training and a sophisticated technophile by avocation, is helping to lead the Library of Congress into the digital age.

Dixon, 55, who gave up university teaching 27 years ago to join the library's National Library Service for the Blind and Physically Handicapped, is a key player on a team that has been working for the better part of a decade to create a new generation of audiobooks for the library's more than 700,000 registered blind and disabled users. The goal is to make the digital format the backbone of the library's 'talking book' program by transferring onto special digital flash drives the 60,000 titles that the library has on audiocassettes and giving patrons new machines on which to play them.

"The library system is here because free public library service is a basic tenet of our society," said Dixon, who is blind and navigates with the aid of a guide dog. "This program is providing access to people who would otherwise not have it."

Under the program, blind and disabled users may obtain audiobooks through the mail from any of the service's more than 130 regional libraries throughout the country. There is no charge for the books or the players, but to keep the machines, users must check out at least one book a year. The library plans to roll out the new machines and digital books by the end of the year.

One of the new digital cartridges can hold 46 hours of audio. In contrast, a single cassette tape holds six hours — and then only

when recorded at half-speed and on four tracks. Since the typical book is 15 hours long, the new format means all but the longest books can be contained on a single cartridge, Dixon said.

The transformation also is driven by necessity. The cassette tape belongs to a generation of technology whose time has passed. As the library-issued cassette players on which blind users play tapes fall into disrepair, finding spare parts grows harder and harder.

The Library of Congress

and its users have been through technological revolutions before. The library began offering audiobooks on long-play records in 1934. It added books on cassettes in the late 1980s, but the vinyl era lasted well into the 1990s.

The new players resemble the flat, dictionary-size cassette machines of old, with large buttons and a single built-in speaker. The digital cartridge is about the same size as a cassette tape, but it connects to the player via a USB port rather than fitting over two rotating pegs.

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Budget committee revamps teacher pay package

By John Miller
Associated Press writer



BOISE — Legislative budget writers did an about-face Wednesday, approving a \$24.7 million package for teacher raises that replaces a measure they'd approved on a contentious vote just one day earlier.

The new plan approved unanimously by the 20-member Joint Finance Appropriations Committee

remember pulling a budget back like that," said Rep. Madine Bell, R-Jerome, a co-chair of the committee.

Tuesday's measure would have raised the minimum salary for teachers by 3 percent, while directing an additional \$12.8 million to go to those teachers who had reached the maximum pay level of \$49,000.

While public schools chief Tom Luna helped write the \$23.8 million proposal that

passed Tuesday, he said he could live with the latest measure because it includes giving the state's least-experienced teachers a raise.

"Yesterday, the option was between beginning teachers getting \$930 or nothing. We wouldn't leave 22 percent of our teachers out of the loop," said Luna, referring to an alternative plan Tuesday that would have given a 2.6 percent increase in state funding to all teachers, but would

have left the minimum salary unchanged at \$31,000.

Idaho Education Association President Sherri Wood said she was more receptive to the latest plan because it doesn't seek to tinker with the existing formula that governs how state money is divided up among Idaho's 14,000 teachers.

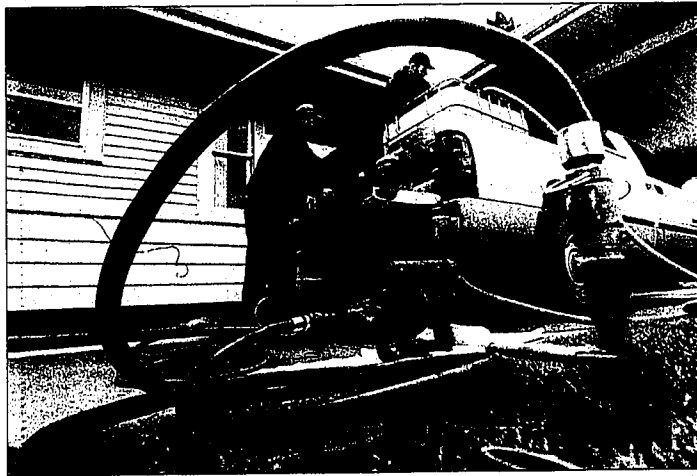
The measure that passed Tuesday, sponsored by Rep. Cliff Bayer, R-Boise, tries to do that, Wood said, by dividing

teachers into three groups: Those just starting out, those at the top of the pay scale, and those with between six and 14 years of experience.

Had Bayer's plan gone through, the middle group might not have received any of the additional state money, she said.

"It doesn't carve out chunks of the salary grid and leave one piece out," Wood said. "It recognizes the importance of keeping" the existing grid.

SHARING THE WARMTH



Brad Worden, left, and his brother, Jon Worden, both of Leonard Petroleum Equipment, remove about 260 gallons of heating oil from Jan Ketterling's home Wednesday morning in Twin Falls.

Donated oil finds new home despite obstacles

By Nate Poppino
Times-News writer

EDEN — It was an unassuming convoy: two pickup trucks, each carrying a plastic tub and an assortment of other tools.

But what they carried might as well have been gold for those receiving it. The trucks, belonging to Leonard Petroleum Equipment Co. of Twin Falls, were delivering donated heating oil to two locations in Eden.

The trip Wednesday morning was the

culmination of two months of work for Leonard Petroleum, South Central Community Action Partnership and Twin Falls resident Jan Ketterling. Ketterling, who had the lower oil after her home was converted to gas heat, had tried for at least a month to find someone to take it away before talking to Community Action and Leonard shortly after Christmas.

Leonard employees Brad and Jon Worden pulled out about 260 gallons, by their guess, and delivered it to the Silver and Gold Senior Center and the home of

James Coverdale. With heating oil prices above \$3 per gallon, both recipients were overjoyed to see the trucks pull up. "This is a blessing and a half," Coverdale said as he watched the Wordens work to back a truck across a muddy valley in his yard.

Coverdale, 57, contacted Community Action about the oil after reading about Ketterling's efforts in a Dec. 26 *Times-News* article. Both he and his wife are disabled, he said, and the agency

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Legislator denies wanting to raze Wells' historic district

By Doug McMurdo
and Marianne Kobak
For the Times-News

ELKO — Rep. Dean Heller, R-New, angered residents in Wells when a story in Tuesday's *Elko Daily Free Press* reported the District 2 representative said the earthquake-damaged city's historic Front Street District would have to be razed.

According to Heller spokesman Stewart Bybee, Heller was speaking in general terms and not specifically of the historic district when he

said it was unfortunate some buildings would have to be torn down.

"I understand the frustration of the residents of Wells and, will continue to support the local government and residents in their efforts to restore their community," said Heller in an e-mail. "I found Wells shortly after the earthquake and was able to witness firsthand the destruction to the historic district. Any decision to raze local buildings should be made by local authorities."

Bybee said Heller toured the

downtown district following the Feb. 21 earthquake and appreciates the importance it has for the residents of Wells. Any decision to condemn and raze buildings would be made by health and safety officials.

Gene Kaplan of the Wells Chamber of Commerce and Wells Historical Society said there is no desire to raze the historic district. In fact, he said in a voice mail that both the city and property owners adamantly oppose destruction of the district.

"We're pulling for a heritage area," Kaplan said, meaning

the facades of the downtown buildings would be stored elsewhere while the ground on which they stand would be compacted and put to "a better purpose."

The property would then come under public ownership, said Kaplan, adding he has offered to donate five of the downtown buildings to help the project along. Kaplan said some people did mention demolition, but the recommendation was "vigorously opposed."

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Kirtus Gaston declares candidacy for Gooding County sheriff

By Blair Koch
Times-News correspondent

Kirtus Gaston hopes that come November, there'll be a new sheriff in town.

Gaston, 31, who is a Republican, has declared his intent to run for Gooding County sheriff, a position that offers a yearly salary of \$52,500, plus benefits.

Currently the police chief in Wendell, Gaston said his reason for running is an desire to see more equal enforcement of law.

"On a whole," Gaston said, "I think each citizen needs to know they will have equal protection and have each offender know they will have equal action taken."

Gaston said he would like to help create guidelines to help deputies and patrol officers decide how to handle certain situations.

Another area of concern for Gaston is lack of cooperation among law enforcement agencies in Gooding County.

"Historically, there has not been a lot of cooperation," he said. "Increased cooperation among Gooding County law enforcement agencies would assist in better protection for the citizens of the county."

If elected, Gaston would oversee a staff of about 32 people and be responsible for a yearly budget of about \$1.37 million, including

funds for the county's jail. The position is currently held by Sheriff Shaun Gough who was elected to the post in 1996.

Gaston is a long-time resident of the Magic Valley. For the past 11 years he has been employed in law enforcement, six years with the Gooding County Sheriff's Office and most recently as Wendell police chief.

He has been married to his wife, Stephanie, for 12 years and the couple have two daughters, Kallie and Seyara.

Two challenge Diana Obenauer for seat on Jerome Co. commission

Race expected to focus on dairies, growth

By Matt Christensen
Times-News writer

Two widely known Jerome County residents are challenging Republican Diana Obenauer for her seat on the county commission.

Roger Morley, a former Senate lobbyist and retiree of Qwest Communications, and Cathy Roemer, county Farm Bureau president and vice chairman of the county's Republican central committee, have announced they're running against Obenauer in the May primary.

Both have delicately criticized Obenauer for her sometimes fractious nature and handling of the county's dairy problems in the lead up to a race likely to center on agriculture and growth.

"The dairies have been a divisive issue," said Roemer, a former *Times-News* correspondent. "But there's room for everyone in Jerome County."

Campaigning with a slogan of "Because Jerome deserves better," Roemer said she'll achieve more on

the commission through "cooperation and a reasonable voice."

Morley also focuses on recent contention on the commission, saying he wants to return harmony back to the board by "being proactive to bring all sides together in the dairy issue."

Morley, who now works as a voice actor, also wants to attract new high-tech businesses and keep more jobs in the county, he said.

Since her win over Veronica Lierman in the 2006 GOP primary, Obenauer has been the impetus for developing new, stricter dairy laws. She also has an unfinished business on the commission.



Obenauer



Roemer



Morley

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Gooding hospital close to securing HUD funds

Gooding County Memorial Hospital's application for federal insurance for its new building project has been moved directly into the final stages, officials announced Wednesday.

The hospital recently created a nonprofit governing body to help it build a \$25 million, 52,000 square-foot facility to replace its current building.

The nonprofit will allow the hospital to borrow enough to cover the construction costs, and the insurance through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Konner Construction traveled to Washington, D.C., last week to present the proposal to HUD.

Fitzpatrick said the committee reviewing the request had few questions. Hospital officials plan to complete the final application documents by the end of March, triggering a 120-day process for insurance and closing of loan documents.

The hospital has completed half of the design development work and is planning to break ground in September.

Two arrested on charges of robbing Jerome pizza place

Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office deputies late Tuesday arrested two men who were suspected of attempted armed robbery at a Jerome pizza delivery restaurant earlier that same night. The arrests were made as part of a cooperative investigation between the county and Jerome Police Department.

Garrett DigiAlonardo, 21, and Ramiro Ramirez, 21, were arrested by county sheriff deputies after an investigation by the Jerome Police into the attempted robbery at Domino's Pizza, 1976 S. Lincoln, in Jerome. On Wednesday, Jerome Police obtained warrants on both suspects, and charged them with aiding and abetting, aggravated assault, attempted robbery and burglary.

Jerome Police said two male adults, armed with a rifle or small shotgun, tried to rob the restaurant at 10:30 p.m. Tuesday and fled the scene in a vehicle.

A vehicle matching the description of the ones used by the suspects was detained a short time later near the Ferrine Bridge in Twin Falls. The two men were arrested by Twin Falls County deputies on drug possession charges and taken to Twin Falls County Jail.

— Compiled from staff reports

Patricia Ann Roy

GOODING — Patricia Ann Roy, "Nana" or "Patsy," returned to our Lord on Monday, March 3, 2008, in her home in Gooding surrounded by family and friends after a long illness.



Patsy was born Dec. 27, 1934, in Philadelphia, Pa., to John and Agnes Kelly. She was raised in the Philadelphia area and married Charles Roy on Feb. 2, 1952. They remained in the Philadelphia area and were blessed with three children. Patsy was a strong support to her husband while he attained his doctoral degree at the University of Pennsylvania. She was an active member of the Raven Hill Academy and Camden County College Faculty Wives Associations. They moved their family out of Philadelphia to Turnersville, N.J., in 1970. That is where they achieved their American dream. Their new life allowed them to have their children play in the yard and have barbecues by the pool and be the "Kool-Aide" house to all children in the neighborhood.

Once the fast of their three children was in school, Patsy became a real estate agent. Many of her accomplishments as a Realtor included top seller for numerous years and 12 years as a member of the million-dollar club. She was well-respected as a Realtor and often retired when she and Charles, yet again, were able to achieve one more of their dreams. They retired to Vero Beach, Fla., in 1994. After the death of her lifelong partner and best friend, Charles, she moved to Gooding in 1997 to be closer to her daughter. She enjoyed the close-knit community of Gooding but decided that the winters were too cold and returned to Florida in 1998. Back again in the warm climate, she and her friends decided to entertain themselves with bingo, Indian casinos and her absolute favorite hobby of cruising. She loved to cruise and was blessed with being able to go on 13 cruises with friends, her daughters and

granddaughters. Due to health reasons, Patsy returned to Gooding in 2005 to live with her daughter. However, her health never really slowed her down, at least with the impact she left on everyone that ever met her. She was a community grandmother that loved all and was loved by all that had the privilege to meet her, and everyone called her "Nana." No one could leave without giving her a kiss and hug. Her plump arms had a way of healing all problems. It was impossible not to be touched by her enlightening and loving spirit. The beep-beep of her wheel chair will be missed by many.

Patsy and her family could not have survived these past few years without her wonderful and loving medical staff at Dr. Pryor's office and Idaho Home Health and Hospice. A special thanks to Pauline, Wes, Bob, Kimmy, Ashley and Paul who brought sunshine to her day and thank you for all the help and support of her neighbors. Also, Lorraine, your friendship and love kept her going, thank God also brought two other people into her life that were true angels to her and her family: they have the kindest and most loving of hearts that helped her both in life and death. A heartfelt thanks to Chrissy, a true blessing to Nana, she loved you like a daughter. Also Mel, her lifeline, you kept your promise, she truly loved you.

Patsy is survived by her daughter, Maryann (Alan) Floyd of Gooding; her son, Charles (Barbara) Roy of Harrisburg, Pa.; her grandchildren, Jason of Millville, N.J., Brian, Christina, Ijana and Cambrea, all of Harrisburg, Pa., Andrew, Charles, Anna, Emily and Brandon, all of Gooding; and her great-grandson, Gavin of Harrisburg, Pa. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Charles; sister, Agnes; and daughter, Patricia.

A memorial and tribute to her life will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, March 10, at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Gooding. Arrangements are under the direction of Denmarry Funeral Service in Gooding.

William Ray (Bill) Hihath

Bill Hihath, also known as "Joe" to his family, died at home in Twin Falls on Friday, Feb. 29, 2008.



A graveside service will be held at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 7, at the Meridian Cemetery. Visitation for family and friends will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Accent Funeral Home, 1303 N. Main St. in Meridian (888-5833).

Bill was born in Harrison, Ark. on Sept. 10, 1936, as the second child of Floyd and Erma Hihath. His family moved to Idaho in 1945 and finally settled in the Meridian area, where he attended school. Bill, like most boys of that age in Meridian, was a member of the Future Farmers of America and just wanted to become a dairyman. This love of raising and caring for cattle never left him after he graduated in 1955 from MJHS. Bill joined the Air Force after graduation and was stationed in Germany and Oklahoma. While in Oklahoma, he started obtaining a college degree by taking night classes. After his honorable discharge, he completed his college education by obtaining a degree in accounting.

After graduation, he lived and worked in the Portland area before returning to Twin Falls for a job with the state of Idaho.

Bill worked for 30 years at the Sublett and Catterel weed stations and retired in 2000. While working for the state, he moonlighted milking those beloved cows until he could buy a small farm of his own. After retirement, he spent full time on his dream come true of "just working on the farm." He could be seen by his neighbors down to dusk either in his fields or in his garden. He knew when to give a helping hand but had great trouble on being the recipient. Bill never stopped trying to obtain knowledge. He loved the study of herbs and natural cures as his garden reflected. He loved to impart this knowledge to his nieces and nephews as often as he could. He kept every card they ever sent him in a properly labeled file.

Bill is preceded in death by his father, Floyd; and his youngest brother, Jim. He is survived by his mother, Erma; and five sisters, Bonnie Locklear (Roy), Wilma Garner, Faye Casbolt, Carole Siskson and Judy Massing and one brother, Jerry and his wife, Fran. He has several nephews, nieces and cousins. He will be missed very much.

Michael L. Healy

HAILEY — Michael L. Healy, 65, passed away peacefully at home in Hailey on Saturday, March 1, 2008.



He was born to Leo B. III and Marge W. Healy on Aug. 1, 1942, in Dayton, Wash. The family moved to Buhl in 1957, and Mike graduated from Buhl High School in 1960. He joined the Army in 1964 and was very proud to serve his country in the 101st Airborne Division. For 20 years, Mike owned and operated a business in Hailey. He did not always love the work but he did care for the people.

For 13 years, Mike was involved with the Hailey Volunteer Fire Department; for five of those years, he was assistant and later fire chief. Mike worked for the city of Hailey for 11 years and seven years for the Blaine County School District. His competitive spirit came alive during his baseball coaching years. He always enjoyed the kids and took great delight in watching them develop into a first-rate team. Mike said that there were three things that made him the most proud — knowing Jesus as his Savior, family and being a U.S. Army paratrooper.

Mike is survived by Marilyn, his wife of 43 years; son, Michael John of Boise; sister, Ann Callan of Jerome; one niece and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, Terry.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to The Life Church Missions Fund, P.O. Box 3490, Hailey, ID 83333, or Hospice of the Wood River Valley, P.O. Box 4320, Ketchum, ID 83340.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Life Church, 406 N. Main in Hailey. Arrangements are under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

Katherine 'Kat' Rodd

KIMBERLY — Katherine "Kat" Rodd passed away Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at her home in Kimberly at the age of 57.



Katherine Marion Rodd was born on April 13, 1950, at New Orleans, La., to Leonard and Marion (Lambert) Pritchett.

She attended school in California and Idaho, graduating from Borah High School in Boise in 1967. Katherine was known as Kat to her friends. She was a caring and loving person and was always available to those in need. She enjoyed doing crafts, reading, writing poems and doing genealogy; she had interest in many things. She and her husband, Harold, were married for 19 1/2 years, making their home in Jerome and in

Kimberly. She is survived by her husband, Harold; four children, Kenneth Ross of Jerome, Matthew (Nancy) Lyons of Jerome, Melissa (Steve) Hammer, and Kessie Rodd of Kimberly; her parents, Leonard and Marion Pritchett of Oklahoma; one brother, Steve (Terri) Pritchett of Mackay; one sister, Yvonne (Brent) Richardson; nine grandchildren, Bryan and Mariah Ross, Kaitlee, Paige and Haide Lyons, Coily, Steven, Dillon and Nicki Hammer, and one great-granddaughter, Lillian Carol Love; three nieces and one nephew.

Kat was cremated per her wishes; a graveside memorial service will be conducted 11 a.m. Saturday, March 8, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

The family would like to thank all of her doctors and caregivers for their help and support during her illness.

Marguerite Zarybnisky

EMMETT — Marguerite Zarybnisky, 93, of Emmett and formerly of Nampa, died at the home of her son on Monday, March 3, 2008.



The family would like to thank all of her friends and loved ones at a time of viewing from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at Alsip and Persons Funeral Chapel, 404 1/2th Ave. in Nampa (466-3545). The funeral will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday, March 7, at the Nampa First United Presbyterian Church, 400 Lake Lowell Ave. Private family burial will be held at Kohnstam Cemetery in Nampa.

Sellman and Delma Stegar. She is survived by her sons, Dr. Jim (Anne) Zarybnisky of Emmett and Dr. Jack (Mary) Zarybnisky of Burley; grandchildren, Dr. Kori (Steven) Boyack of Chicago, Doug (Blanche) McGeighna of Zarybnisky of San Francisco, Capt. Eric (Emily) Zarybnisky of Los Angeles, and Michael Zarybnisky of Burley; great-grandchildren, Claire and Tyler Zarybnisky and Sophia Boyack along with numerous nephews. She will always be lovingly known as "Mother Ma, Little One, or Mun."

Special thanks to Drs. McGuiffey and Vetter, Heart n' Home Hospice and the staff and residents of Serenity Living.

Donations in Marguerite's name can be made to one of the following: Burley United Methodist Church, Zarybnisky Scholarship (in care of any Edward D. Jones office); Serenity Living, 1930 S. Johns, Emmett, ID 83017; or Heart n' Home Hospice, 366 S. Washington, Emmett, ID 83017.

Mike L. Novosel

BURLEY — Mike L. Novosel, a 96-year-old longtime area resident, died of natural causes Tuesday, March 4, 2008.



He was born on April 2, 1911, in Frontier, Wyo., a small coal-mining town near Kemmerer, Wyo. He was the son of Ludvick and Annie Z. Novosel, immigrants from Croatia. He was the second of five children.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jenny, as well as his brother, Irvy; sister, Annie Mackie; and brother, John Novosel. He is survived by his youngest brother, William, currently residing in Burley.

He was offered an opportunity to go to high school in Burpee. He lived with family friends, the Joe Gislens, Mike always enjoyed music. Besides playing clarinet in the Rupert High School band, he also mastered the tamburiza, a Croatian minkulec. After graduation, he moved to Elko, Wyo., to join his family, where he was employed by the Kemmerer Coal Company. He married Jenny Marie Mackie in 1930. In 1936, they and two of their children, Phyllis Binn and Fresno, Calif., and Mike E. Novosel of Burley, joined Elmer and Annie Mackie, together with their daughter, Mildred Wolf, in moving to Declo. They had purchased the Snyder ranch and cafe. They lived in Declo until they decided to close it and concentrate on farming. Besides farming the ranch in Declo, they also leased, for many years, land at the Dewey Ranch east of Declo

to raise potatoes. After getting established in Declo, Mike and Jenny had three more children, Pat, Frank and Tom. He had seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. Mike and Elmer Mackie were founding members of the Declo Kiwanis Club and both were also members of the Knights of Columbus, a Catholic fraternal organization. He was an avid hunter and skier. He was a ski instructor at Pomerelle Ski Resort for many years and helped many young skiers on the mountain.

Mike was an avid gardener. His garden was the envy of many Declo residents, but Mike especially looked forward to being able to box up vegetables in the summer and fall and distribute them to his many friends in the Declo-Burley area. After selling the farm in Declo, Mike moved to Burley, where he resided in an apartment until health reasons required him to move into the Warren House. After a severe fall several years later, he lived the last years of his life at Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley.

A rosary meditation will be held at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, March 6, at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. in Burley. The funeral will be celebrated at 1 p.m. Friday, March 7, also at Little Flower Catholic Church, with the Rev. Father Mike St. Marie as celebrant. Burial will be in the Declo Cemetery. Friends may call the time of the rosary Thursday and one hour prior to the funeral Mass on Friday at the church. Arrangements are under the direction of the Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley.

Marguerite was born Feb. 1, 1915, in Nampa, to George and Sarah Gosvener. She was the youngest of five children and was therefore given the nickname, "Little One."

Marguerite grew up in Nampa and graduated from Nampa High School in 1933. After high school, she went to work for Cheesborough's Cafe. It was here that she would meet the milkman, Joe Zarybnisky. They would later marry in 1939 at the Nampa First United Presbyterian Church and honeymoon at Housevelt Lake, where they packed in. After the honeymoon, they moved to Sibatine, Idaho, where Joe went to work for Bradley Mining Co. Marguerite was one of the first women to live there, and they would do so until 1952 when they moved back to Nampa to the Zarybnisky Farm on Lonestar Road.

Marguerite was involved in her children's lives constantly as a Cub Scout leader, along with other interests that they had. In 1986, Joe passed away but Marguerite continued to work and live on the farm. It wasn't until 2004 when she had a bad fall that the decision was made to move to Serenity Living in Emmett to be closer to her family. Marguerite loved playing Pinochle, Bingo and Rummikub.

Marguerite was preceded in death by her parents; husband, Joe Zarybnisky; brothers, Andrew and Howard Gosvener; and sisters, Vivian

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Marcille Ellis

RUPERT — Marcille Ellis, 56, of Rupert, passed away Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at her home due to complications of cancer. She was born on May 19, 1951, in Pocatello, to DeVon and Consuelia Nelson. She was raised in Eagle, and spent time in Escrow, Wash., and settled in Rupert. She married Dave Arthur Ellis in the Ogden Utah Temple on Dec. 12, 1976.

She attended Ricks College in Rexburg and received an associate degree. She worked as a medical transcriptionist for Cassia Regional Medical Center. Marcille was a faithful member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She enjoyed time with her family, walks and sewing. Marcille is survived by her husband, Dave Arthur Ellis; children, Christopher Robert Ellis, Margaret Johann (Scott)

Heninger, Roger LeGrand Ellis and Brian Theodore Ellis, all of Pocatello; and one grandchild, Teresa Rose Heninger. She is also survived by her brother, Reed (Kathy) Nelson of Dayton; and sisters, Vonda Moulton of Rupert and Garnet (Bob) Clark of Salem, Ore.

A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 7, at the Hansen Mortuary, 710 16th St. In Rupert. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, March 8, at the Rupert LDS 2nd Ward Chapel, 26 S. 200 W. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

The family would like to thank Intermountain Home Care of Cassia Regional Medical Center and the Rupert LDS 2nd Ward Relief Society for their loving care and concern for Marcille and her family.

COMMUNITY NEWS

M.V. Duplicate Bridge announces winners

The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its recent winners:

Feb. 4, first, Milo Pearson and Duane Schmeberger; second, Max Thompson and Royce Gunnell; and third, Evan Kohtz and Betty Sabo. Feb. 12, first, Donald Rahe and Mary Kienlen; second, Betty Sabo and Veeta Roberts; third, Joye Astorquia and Kathy Rooney; second, Max Thompson and Wilma Driscoll.

Feb. 13, first, Max Thompson and Wilma Driscoll; second, Donald Rahe and Paul Millhorn; third, Joye Astorquia and Sue

Alta Hoobery; fourth, Renee Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll; and fifth, Betty Sabo and Doris Watts.

Feb. 11, first, Milo Pearson and Duane Schmeberger; second, Max Thompson and Royce Gunnell; and third, Evan Kohtz and Betty Sabo.

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Skinner; fourth, Riley Burton and Kathy Rooney; fifth, Iise Hylton and Bonnie Aspartite; and sixth, Jessie Lingnaw and Dave King. Feb. 18, first, Darlene and Tom Wagner; second, Mary Lee Pfeiffer and Doris Watts; third, Evan Kohtz and Doris Finney; and fourth, Dave King and Deanna McMahon.

Feb. 19, first, Riley Burton and Peggy Hackley; second, Joye Astorquia and Enid Cook; third, Sue Skinner and Jessie Lingnaw; fourth, Wilma Driscoll and Renee Bulcher; fifth, Donald Rahe and Paul Millhorn; sixth, Joyce Johnston and Doris Finney; and seventh, Bonnie

Aspartite and Pat Dearborn. Feb. 20, first, Max Thompson and Mary Bulcher; second, Renee Bulcher and Peggy Hackley; third, Ruthen Tschakofski and Paul Millhorn; fourth, Wilma Driscoll and Ruth Rahe; fifth, Donald Rahe and Bobette Plankey; seventh, Veeta Roberts and Doris Finney; and eighth, Doris Watts and Betty Sabo.

Games are held at 7 p.m. Mondays and 1 p.m. Tuesdays and Wednesdays at the Moose Lodge, 835 Falls Ave., Twin Falls. All bridge players are invited. For partners and more information: Max Thompson at 735-4300. — compiled from staff reports

SERVICES

Agatha "Aggie" Doty Cockerun of Bulli, funeral at 10 a.m. today at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Bulli (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Bulli).

Willis (Bill) Elmer Cole of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley LDS 2nd and 4th Ward chapel, 515 E. 16th St.; visitation from 11 a.m. today at the church (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Linda Marie Gunter Thomas of Idaho Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Richfield Cemetery (Wood Funeral Home in Idaho Falls).

Dale Theodore Jensen of Glenns Ferry, memorial celebration at 10 a.m. Friday at the VFW Hall in Glenns Ferry (Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home).

Dorothy M. Stanley of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2100 Burton Ave.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Nona Henry of Vancouver, Wash., and formerly of Burley, graveside service at 1 p.m.

Friday at Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley (Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley).

Wynn P. Tingey of Paul, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at the Emerson LDS Ward Chapel, 127 S. 950 W. in Paul; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary, 710 16th St. and 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Friday at the church; burial at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Brigham City Cemetery in Brigham City, Utah.

Robert D. Joosten of Paul, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St.; visitation one hour before the funeral (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Ida Elizabeth "Liz" Choate, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at Denmark's Gooding Chapel; visitation from 4 to 7 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

Lucille Brinegar Albrehtsen, formerly of Idaho, open house at 11:30 a.m. Sunday at the Cloverdale Funeral Home, 1200 N. Cloverdale in Boise.

Raymond H. Johnson of Wickenburg, Ariz., and formerly of Burley, celebration of life at 11 a.m. Monday at the First Presbyterian Church in Burley.

Heating oil

Continued from page B1 Installed a brand-new oil furnace in their home about one year ago. He received 60 gallons, enough for at least one month's use for his reeking.

"The Lord's treating us really, really good," he said. Down the street, senior center director Therese Hanson was surprised to hear the Wordens were able to fit 200 gallons of oil into her tank. Here was one of two senior centers recently weatherized by Community Action with money from Idaho Power, she said, and now only uses about 140 gallons of oil a month — compared with 240 one year before.

"I'm hoping that it'll get us through the end of the season," she said. "It's great when people can help each other." The whole thing was "a pretty good deal," Worden said, given that all the work was done for free. And despite concerns, Ketterling's oil was free from sediments, water and other contaminants — oil companies contacted about the

work previously said they were concerned sediments would harm their equipment. But Randy Wright, Community Action's long-time weatherization coordinator, said the agency probably wouldn't make a habit of such donations because not every source of leftover oil would be as clean.

"You're just getting into more of a headache than anything," Wright said, adding that impure oil would cause even more problems to homeowners. "Our first rule of weatherization is 'do no harm.'"

It's not quite what Ketterling was hoping when she first asked about the work. She still believes many other people would have usable, neglected oil, she said, and had hoped her donation would start something bigger.

"What I was trying to find out was if it pulls other people out of the woodwork," she said.

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Jerome

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"I have things I've promised I'd address and resolve, and I haven't gotten to them all in the past year," she said. "I feel real strongly that we're making progress, and I'd hate to quit now."

The race is expected to be hotly contested. The county is printing 80 percent more ballots this year compared with 2006, Obenaus said.

In related news, commission Chairman Charlie Howell has announced he is seeking re-election for the second district seat. So far, Howell, who replaced Alvin Chojnacky is running unopposed.

"I believe that Jerome County citizens deserve continued leadership from a positive, non-biased person with a common sense approach," said Howell, who was elected in 2004.

The races have some unusual political connections and history between the candidates. Morley's treasurer, Russell Howell, is the brother of Commissioner Howell.

And Roemer's husband, Terry Roemer, ran as a write-in candidate for Obenaus in the 2006 fall election.

County commissioners sit at the highest office in Idaho counties. In Jerome County, commissioners oversee about 100 employees, control a \$10 million budget and are

paid \$24,000 a year. The chairperson makes \$34,800.

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DEATH NOTICES

Flint Wright

HURRICANE, Utah — Flint Wright, 94, of Hurricane, Utah, died Thursday, Feb. 28, 2008, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, March 7, at the Hurricane LDS Stake Center, 677 S. 700 W. in Hurricane, Utah (Rasmussen Funeral Home of Burley).

Joe Tominaga

HEYBURN — Joe Tomco Tominaga, 82, of Heyburn, died Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at the Warren House in Burley.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 10, at the Rupert United Methodist Church, 605 H St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and one hour before the service Monday at the church.

Opal I. Miller

JEROME — Opal Irene Miller, 87, of Jerome, died Wednesday, March 5, 2008, at the Twin Falls Care Center in Twin Falls.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 10, at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; visitation

from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, March 9, at the mortuary.

Jeanne Gentry

RUPERT — Jeanne Gentry, 72, of Rupert, died Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at Valley Vista Assisted Living in Rupert.

Arrangements will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Hazel J. Steen

GLENN'S FERRY — Hazel J. Steen, 88, of Glenn's Ferry, died Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at a Mountain Home care center.

Arrangements will be announced by Rost Funeral Home, McMurtrey Chapel in Mountain Home.

Margarita Martinez

Margarita Martinez, 97, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, March 4, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls.

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

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Shoddy practices at Las Vegas clinic may have sickened thousands of patients

By Kathleen Hennessy
Associated Press writer

LAS VEGAS — Nearly 40,000 people learned this week that a trip to the doctor may have made them sick.

In a type of scandal more often associated with Third World countries, a Las Vegas clinic was found to be reusing syringes and vials of medication for nearly four years. The shoddy practices may have led to an outbreak of the potentially fatal hepatitis C virus and exposed patients to HIV, too.

The discovery led to the biggest public health notification operation in U.S. history, brought demands for investigations and caused scores of lawyers to seek out patients at risk for infections. Thousands of patients are being urged to be tested for the viruses. Six acute cases of hepatitis C have been confirmed. The surgical center and five affiliated clinics have been closed.

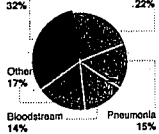
"I find it baffling, frankly, that in this day and age anyone would think it was safe to reuse a syringe," said Michael Bell, associate director for infection control at the national Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

One of the infected patients is retired airplane mechanic Michael Washington, 67, who was the first to report his infection. On the advice of his doctor, he received a routine colon exam in July at the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada.

Unhealthy care

Each year in U.S. hospitals, there are an estimated 1.7 million health care-associated infections and 89,000 related deaths.

Health care-related infections in U.S. hospitals, by type



SOURCE: CDC

In September, he started to get sick. He was losing weight fast. His urine turned dark. His stomach hurt. By January, it was clear what had happened.

Washington describes his virus as a "creeping death sentence" and worries that others will hear his story and think twice before getting preventive care they need.

In letters that began arriving this week, patients who received injected anesthesia at the endoscopy center from March 2004 to mid-January were urged to get tested for hepatitis B and C, and HIV.

Because all three viruses are transmitted by blood, they could have been passed from one patient to the next by the unsafe practices at the clinic.

The mass notification is the result of a health district investigation that began in January when officials linked an uptick of unusual hepatitis



Michael Washington, 67, pauses while talking about living with hepatitis C during an interview with the Associated Press at Edward Bernstein & Associates law offices Tuesday in Las Vegas. Washington believes he contracted hepatitis C while having a preventative colon examine at the Endoscopy Center of Southern Nevada last July.

hepatitis B and less than 0.5 percent for HIV. Hepatitis C also is easier to transmit than HIV, they said.

"You put two together and hepatitis C is really our big concern," said Brian Labus, senior epidemiologist at the Southern Nevada Health District.

Health inspectors say they observed clinicians using the same syringe twice to extract anesthesia from a single vial, which was then inappropriately used to treat more than one patient. The practice allows contaminated blood in a used syringe to taint the vial and infect the next patient.

Of the six patients so far diagnosed with acute hepatitis C, five received treatment at the clinic on the same day in late September.

Since 1989, the CDC counts 14 hepatitis outbreaks in the U.S. linked to bad injection practices.

The largest outbreak occurred in Fremont, Neb., where 99 cancer patients were infected at an oncology center from 2001 to 2002. At least one died. The doctor involved in the case acknowledged reusing syringes and settled scores of lawsuits. But he never explained why the syringes were reused.

Bell said such improper procedures appear to be more common in outpatient clinics than in hospital endoscopy centers. Unlike hospitals, such centers often do not have employees whose sole responsibility is to monitor and educate staff on best practices.



Water flows from two jet tubes at the Glen Canyon Dam Wednesday in Page, Ariz. The Department of Interior is experimenting with high flows of water from the dam to help, in part, to rebuild beaches along the Colorado River that runs through the Grand Canyon.

Manmade flood unleashed in Grand Canyon

By Amanda Lee Myers
Associated Press writer

PAGE, Ariz. — Four arcs of water roared from the base of the Glen Canyon Dam in northern Arizona on Wednesday as federal authorities unleashed a manmade flood designed to help restore the Grand Canyon's ecosystems.

More than 300,000 gallons of water per second were being released from Lake Powell above the dam near the Arizona-Utah border, enough to fill the Empire State Building in 20 minutes, Interior Secretary Dirk Kempthorne said.

"This gives you a glimpse of what nature has been doing for millions of years, cutting through and creating this magnificent canyon," Kempthorne told. The Associated Press after he pulled the lever releasing the water.

The water gushed from two of four giant steel tubes in parallel arcs into the Colorado River below. By the afternoon, water poured from all four tubes, creating a churning, frothy pool beneath the salmon-colored sandstone walls of the sheer-faced canyon rising hundreds of feet above.

The water level in the Grand Canyon rose between a couple feet in some places to up to 15 feet in other more narrow parts. After the flood ends Friday, officials hope the water will leave behind sediment and restore sandbars as it goes back to normal levels.

Before the dam was built in 1963, the Colorado River was warm and muddy, and natural flooding built up sandbars that are essential to native plant and fish species. The river is now cool and clear, its sediment blocked by the dam.

The change helped speed the extinction of four fish

species and push two others, including the endangered humpback chub, near the edge.

Officials have created a manmade flood in the canyon twice before, in 1996 and 2004, in an effort to mimic natural cycles on the river.

Scientists learned from the 1996 flood that sand supplied by tributaries does not accumulate on the riverbed in a multiyear period under typical dam operations. That flood actually reduced the overall sandbar size, according to the U.S. Geological Survey.

The 2004 flood increased total sandbar area, but sandbars eroded further downstream — leading scientists to conclude more sand is needed to increase total sandbar area throughout the Grand Canyon.

Officials say that the amount of sand available this year is at a 10-year high and is three times greater than the volume available in 2004.

Grand Canyon National Park Superintendent Steve Martin said any benefits from this week's flood will be eroded away within 1 1/2 years. Man-made floods need to occur every two to three years depending on Arizona's volatile monsoon season.

"The science is really clear that's what we need to do, and if we don't, the resources have been so diminished that we could actually impair the canyon," Martin said.

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E. Idaho officials question radioactive leak reporting

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Officials and emergency responders in eastern Idaho are questioning why they weren't contacted immediately about a radioactive isotope that sent one worker to a medical facility on Friday.

Meanwhile, the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality said the medical facility where the worker died, the hotel he was staying at, two vehicles and a grocery store have tested negative for traces of strontium-90.

The isotope is commonly used as a tracer in medical and agricultural studies. Exposure can increase risks of bone cancer and leukemia.

A portion of the building where the leak occurred, Building B at the Idaho Innovation Center, has been locked down and is being guarded to keep people out, said Leslie Aller of the DEQ.

She said no one was in dan-

ger of contamination.

"No, there was never a risk to the public," she said. "The emergency phase is over, and they will start into the cleanup phase."

She said it is not clear when qualified workers will be hired to clean the building, a responsibility of Sabla Inc. A worker for the company inhaled an unknown amount of strontium-90 on Friday while extracting radioactive material from a gauge and preparing the gauge for disposal.

Aller said the employee's name has not been released.

She declined to name the grocery store and said she didn't know the name of the hotel.

Bonneville County Commission Chairman Roger Christensen learned about the incident late Saturday, and said first responders could have been put at risk.

"You can assume (the company) felt it wasn't a very serious situation, but we don't know," he said, adding he plans to talk with state and federal officials. "It's disappointing. We have a whole team set up to deal with things like this."



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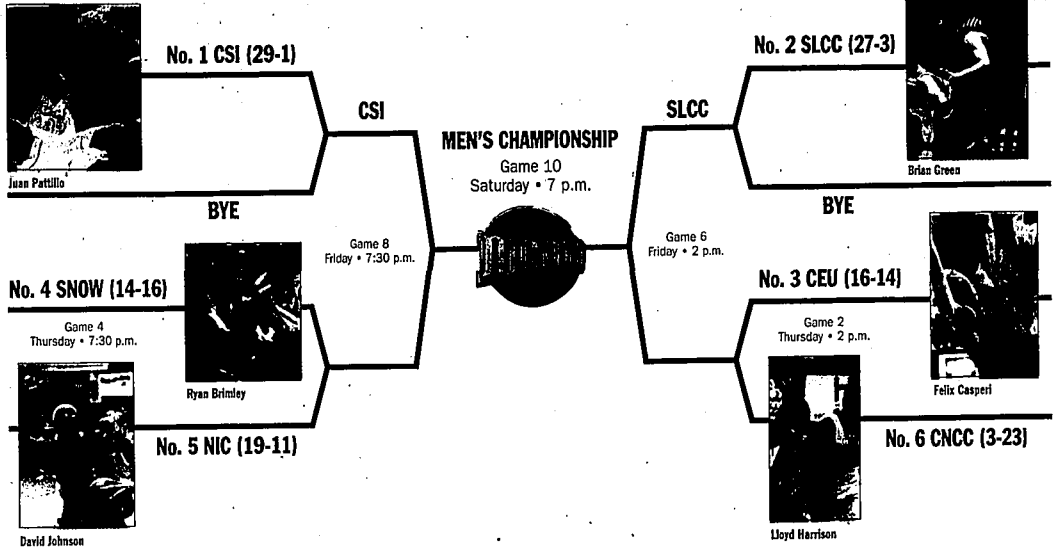
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REGION 18 TOURNAMENT



CSI men seek fifth straight region title

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

Over the past four men's basketball seasons, this has been the final weekend of play for every Region 18 team, save the College of Southern Idaho. That's just the way the Golden Eagles want to keep it.

During Barret Peery's five years at CSI, including the last two as head coach, the Golden Eagles have been a yearly fixture at the NJCAA Division I National Championships. Aside from the good food and hospitality at Roy's Ribz, Peery and his third-ranked Golden Eagles have the motivation of chasing the program's third national title as reason enough to want a return visit to Hutchinson, Kan.

Of course, that all starts tonight as the 29-1 Golden Eagles await the winner of the 7:30 p.m. quarterfinal game

between 14-16 Snow College and 19-11 North Idaho College.

"You can feel it. For the first time all season, it can be one and done," Peery said. "So we have to be ready to go and ready to play. And I think our guys are excited about it and our community is excited about it."

After traveling to the past two region tournaments or listening on the radio, a community of CSI supporters will enjoy the relative ease of watching CSI open postseason play at home. As always, that enjoyment is contingent on the Golden Eagles earning a trip to nationals that would be the 24th in program history. For a program that has set its sights on vying for a national title, facing the weekend that could either further or derail that pursuit

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Eagle Eyes

Friday: The CSI men and women begin Region 18 Tournament play at 5:30 and 7:30 p.m., respectively against opponents to be determined today. On the horizon: If CSI advances through Friday's semifinal play, the tournament championship games will begin with the 5 p.m., Saturday tip-off of the women's final. The men's and women's Region 18 Tournament winners will advance to the NCAA Division I national tournaments, held in Hutchinson and Salina, Kan., March 18-22.

CSI season leaders

(Minimums apply. Averages, made/missed in parenthesis.)
Women - Points: Maddy Plumlett 449 (15.0); Soana Lucret 442 (14.7). Rebounds: Lucret 246 (8.2); Plumlett 237 (7.9). Assists: Maylene Ornelas 138 (4.6); LaCale Pringle-Buchanan 122 (4.2). Steals: Pringle-Buchanan 133 (4.6); Ornelas 62 (2.1). Blocks: Anita Burdick 38 (1.4); Eva Ivanova 22 (0.8). Field goal percentage: Burdick .512 (11.1-21.7); Pringle-Buchanan .500 (92.1-8.4). 3-point percentage: Jamie Edwards .459 (17-37); Ornelas .378 (48-127). Free throw percentage: Burdick .758 (72-95); Plumlett .744 (67-90).
Men - Points: Joey Shaw 501 (16.7); Juan Pattillo 467 (17.3). Rebounds: Art Parakhouski 243 (8.1); Bocar Ba 190 (6.1). Assists: Kevin Galloway 256 (8.5); Reggie Guyton 113 (3.8). Steals: Galloway 72 (2.4); Harvey Perry 70 (2.4). Blocks: Parakhouski 41 (1.4); Galloway 29 (1.0). Field goal percentage: Parakhouski .638 (173-271); Daeguon Montreal .563 (107-190). 3-point percentage: Reggie Guyton .440 (33-75); Nick Hansen .379 (80-211). Free throw percentage: Hansen .848 (39-46); Shaw .830 (132-159).

Free-wheeling CSI women seek crown

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

Like many things in life, Randy Rogers has put his own spin on bulletin board material.

While the fifth-year College of Southern Idaho women's coach has come up with enough quotes to wallpaper the Salt Lake Community College women's locker room with over the years, on the eve of today's start to the Region 18 Tournament, Rogers' latest may best belong taped to his own team's whiteboard.

"We are not — I shouldn't say this, it'll get in the paper — we are not a great half-court team," Rogers said. "We're better when I just release them, go score, get shots, get to the rim, that we are setting up our offensive plays."

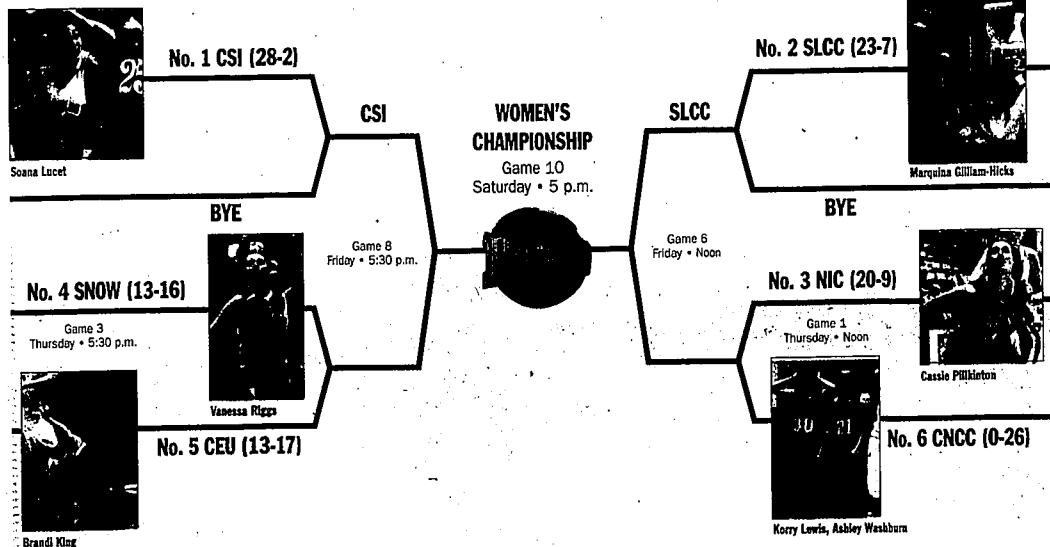
While traditional logic would suggest that a team with the best posts in the region would

thrive under the type of regimented offensive attack the Salt Lake women have won the last two Region 18 titles with, the exact opposite has held true for this year's seventh-ranked CSI team. This 28-2 CSI team has thrived while playing with a brand of controlled chaos that has led to plenty of white-knuckle finishes, along with a season record that boasts the third most single-season victories in program history.

While the seeming confusion of the CSI attack has led to 10 more turnovers (630) than assists (628) on the season, it seems to work for this team full of ensouling personalities and undeniable basketball skills.

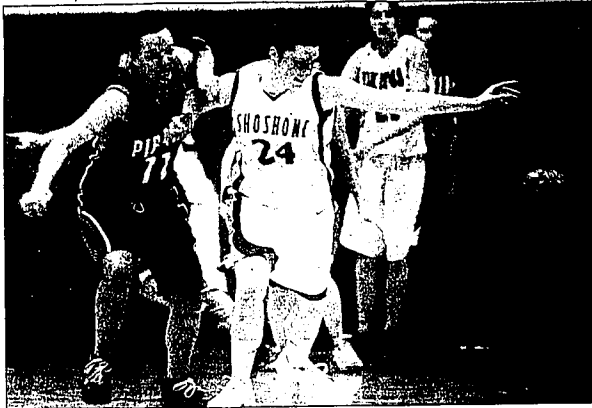
"If I was scouting our team, I'd be like, 'I don't get it,'" Rogers said. "'I don't get what they're

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REGION 18 TOURNAMENT

CLASS 2A/1A ALL-STAR GAMES



Shaynee Gulliford (24) of Shoshone races Hagerman's Chancee Axelson (11) to the ball during the Class 2A/1A girls All-Star game Wednesday night at Valley High School.



Jesus Rodriguez (23) of Glens Ferry fakes a pass in front of Dietrich's Anthony Pitman during their 1A/2A All-Star match up Wednesday night at Valley High School.

South girls, North boys take All-Star wins

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Valley High School in Hazelton set the stage for some local senior basketball players to face the shoes up one more time in their school colors on Wednesday, and they didn't disappoint.

Shunbray Pendley -- to engineer a 23-9 third-quarter run and lead the North All-Stars to a 68-57 win over the South in the girls game.

Kimberly Twitshell and Wendell's Whitway Games. Revenge was attained for the North in the boys game, as the team raced out to a 14-0 lead en route to a victory over the South, 68-66 in a game that was otherwise evenly balanced.

and they were helped out by 14 from Wendell guard Devin Ilosack and 13 from Carey wing DJ Simpson.

and finished with a game-high 20 points to go with 11 from Murrrough's Taylor Wilson. But it wasn't enough to offset the early stages of the game in which the North seemingly couldn't miss.

CSI softball battles Badgers this week

Golden Eagles fight to stay in SWAC hunt

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

The College of Southern Idaho softball squad needed five tries to beat the Snow College Badgers for the first time last year. This weekend, the Golden Eagles are hoping that first win comes much quicker.

"It's a weekend when we feel we need a sweep," CSI head coach Nick Baunert said. "I think that would be our goal."

It's a goal CSI failed to reach last season, as the Badgers and Golden Eagles split the 10 games they played against each other. CSI did win its final four meetings with the Badgers last season, a trend it will look to continue against this year's 15 (4-1 SWAC) Snow squad.

"You hate to use hatred, but there's not a lot of passion when we play Snow," Baunert said. "It's sure of a state case of business weekend and sometimes I think we may be lose a little focus when we play Snow."

While the busy weekend of CSI sports may be cause for distraction, Baunert is confident this year's experienced squad will maintain focus on the task at hand. After playing mediocre ball in the early stages of last weekend's quarter of games at Southern Nevada, the Golden Eagles

Eagle Eyes
Friday: Snow, College (5-15, 4-4 SWAC) at No. 9 CSI (16-9, 6-2 SWAC), DH, 9 p.m.
Last season: The Golden Eagles and Badgers met 10 times with each team winning five times.
On the horizon: The Golden Eagles host the Badgers for a noon, Saturday double header. CSI will remain home next week to host rival Salt Lake Community College for a quarter of SWAC contests.
CSI season leaders (minimums apply)
Batting - Average: Megan Zimmerman .413; Rachel Evans .367; Hits: Zimmerman 33; Rachelle Stren 28; Katelynn Warren 5; Rocky Kroll 4.
Pitching - Record: Judy Ziller 7-3, 2.86 ERA (9 starts); McKensy Hulstead 3-1, 4.77 ERA (5 starts); ERA: Dora Thompson 1.82; Holmes 1.83; Ziller 1.83; Warren 1.3; 50: Ziller 47; Thompson 35.
Opponents' average: Holmes .194; Thompson .232.

erupted for an 18-9 win in Saturday's finale. If that type of scoring play continues through the weekend, the Golden Eagles may reach their short-term goals.
Still, Baunert isn't looking for his team to peak yet, not with Salt Lake coming to town next weekend and the overall pace of the season pointing toward the program's first trip to the national tournament in Plant City, Fla.
"You don't want to be the best team at spring break, so you kind of have to temper the pitching and hitting with that, and bring your hitters along," Baunert said. "You don't want to bring them along slowly, but there are just those things that you always add to your offensive game and your pitching."
"I think we are coming along. We've seen glimpses of what we can do offensively."

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SWAC Player Productivity Ratings

Who are the most productive men's and women's players in the Scenic West Athletic Conference? Here's one take. The SWAC Player Productivity Ratings measure a player's all-around statistical production by adding the individual player's points, rebounds, assists, steals and blocks, subtracting turnovers, and dividing that number by the number of games played.

Table with 4 columns: Player, Men, PPR, Women, PPR. Lists top performers like Maddy Plunkett, Soana Lucet, and Britney Whiteman.

Women

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trying to do here. I don't get this play. Sometimes she goes here, sometimes she goes here. Our kids are lost in our offense, which is really, really good. It confuses our opponents."

Within Rogers' self-deprecating humor, a simple truth lies: He believes in this team.
After all, it took great belief to loosen the reins on a squad that started the season without a true point guard, to entrust the ball to a pair of sophomore shooting guards in Maylene Ornelas and Teri Tremayne, along with freshman LaCale Pringle-Buchanan, who Rogers projected as a small forward during portions of pre-season practice.

It may have taken even greater belief to let his two prized freshman posts -- Maddy Plunkett and Soana Lucet -- to let loose those first 3-pointers early in the season, leaving at least one of the Golden Eagles' top rebounders out of position should the shot miss its mark.
"We're not a team that says, 'OK, we're going to get the ball right here, at this time, to this person,'" Rogers said. "We do allow other kids to take shots. We allow a little bit of getting out of the offense and rebounding a little bit."

As the Golden Eagles await the winner of today's quarterfinal contest between the 13-16 Snow College Badgers and 13-

17 College of Eastern Utah Golden Eagles, Rogers has kept his players' focus on what they need to do to be successful this weekend. CSI can't simply be prepared for the 3-point shooting and zone defense of CEU or the strong wing play of Snow forwards Cori Nielson and Amy Parkinsson.
"Salt Lake does have a little advantage that -- they can say what they want -- but they're planning for North Idaho," Rogers said of the Bruins facing the winner of today's game between 20-9 NIC and winless Colorado Northwestern.
"They get to scout for North Idaho. I honestly have not a clue who's going to win the Snow and Eastern Utah game."

Regardless of preparations, the back-to-back Region 16 champion Bruins and tournament host Golden Eagles are hoping to face off one more time this season. CSI and SLCC have first two off for the last four tournament championships, with CSI winning the first two and SLCC taking the two most recent.
The Bruins won the last two titles partially due to the clutch play of unheralded guard Danielle McDonald. A career 5.9 point-per-game scorer, McDonald scored 19 points in last season's tournament finale after scoring 20 points to lead the Bruins to their first national tournament appearance in the 2005-06 season. If CSI is to take its third Region 16

title in five years, Rogers feels that a member of his guard corps will have to come up with a McDonald-esque performance this weekend.

"It's going to have to be someone like Maylene or Teri having a great shooting night and feeling really comfortable from the outside," Rogers said. "Then LaCale. LaCale is always a player we're going to have to ask and look for to do great things for us."

"That being said, Rogers' gut feeling entering the tournament was that, "This year I just feel like we have a great shot."
It will take great effort from the CSI players to ensure the program's first trip to the national tournament in Salina, Kan., in three seasons. Rogers believes he sees that effort waiting within his players.

"I told these kids, 'All these teams are going to raise their level another notch, and we're going to see things out of them that we haven't seen before,'" Rogers said. "Now if we do that -- if we raise our level -- we have a great shot to go to nationals. If we stay the same, with the same level of intensity and play the same we have all year, I don't know."

"But I think these kids will come out and raise their level."

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against a Salt Lake team that brings on myriad emotions.
"It's exciting, it's exciting. I think it's worrisome," Peery said. "I think it can make you nervous and all of the above."

That mixed bag of emotions should extend across the tournament field as no team enters tournament play without questions it must answer. The second-seeded Salt Lake Community College Bruins will open play on Friday without standout point guard DaVell Jackson, who is serving the final game of a school-imposed two-game suspension stemming from an altercation with a College of Eastern Utah player after CEU topped the Bruins 57-54 last Friday.
At 16-14 entering tournament play, CEU has to contend with the conference's top scorer, Condero Bennett, and 3-23 Colorado Northwestern in the first round. If Peery's Utah survives that game, it will turn a rematch

unlikely that any team in the NCCAA ranks. Let alone this tournament field, can win a track meet against the Golden Eagles.
While CSI will continue to look to push the pace, sophomore Art Parakhouski could be in line for another huge region tournament showing if games turn into battles of half-court execution.
"We want to run and push the ball and shoot the ball, but I think we can also execute in the half court. I've seen us do both," Peery said. "I think our execution has been better and better throughout the year."

At 6-foot-11 and 260 pounds, Parakhouski is the most imposing figure in the tournament field. Last season, Parakhouski's surprising 12-point, 10-rebound double-double helped propel CSI past Salt Lake in the tournament final. This season, Parakhouski is averaging 14 points and 8.1 rebounds as

CSI's regular starting center.
While one player's special effort usually helps determine the outcome of a tournament, CSI's success is predicated on its team play something Peery reminds his players on a daily basis.
"I think that our depth and understanding who we are and how we want to play is really important," Peery said.
Regardless of how it's accomplished, CSI hopes this weekend becomes another step toward a national title, not the Golden Eagles' first premature ending in five seasons.

"The league tournament is now everything," Peery said. "Everybody's 0-0 and the tournament now means everything. You can't get to Kansas without winning this tournament, and that's our ultimate goal."

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SMU guard Jon Killen, rear, reaches forward attempting to knock the ball away from Memphis guard Derrick Rose (23) in the second half of an NCAA basketball game in Dallas, Wednesday. Memphis won 72-55.

No. 2 Memphis throttles SMU

DALLAS — Derrick Rose scored 19 points and Chris Douglas-Roberts added 18, leading No. 2 Memphis past SMU 72-55 on Wednesday night, extending the Tigers' road winning streak to 18 games.

Memphis (29-1, 15-0 Conference USA) finished unbeaten on the road for the first time since 1960-61, going 10-0. This was the Tigers' 30th straight league victory and the 100th Conference USA win for coach John Calipari. He is 100-25 in eight seasons with the Tigers.

Jon Killen had 16 points for the Mustangs (9-19, 3-12). Rose finished 8-of-14 for the field and Douglas-Roberts went 9-of-18.

NO. 4 TENNESSEE 89, FLORIDA 86 GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Julian Smith scored 22 points and Chris Lofton added 21 as Tennessee overcame a 16-point deficit.

The Volunteers (27-3, 13-2 Southeastern Conference) set a school record for victories and may have knocked the two-time defending national champions out of the NCAA tournament picture.

The Gators (21-9, 8-7) have lost six of their last 10 and might need to win the SEC tournament to earn a 16th consecutive NCAA berth.

Nick Calathas had 24 points and nine assists for Florida, which had two chances to send it to overtime, while Marreese Speights added 21 points and seven rebounds.

NO. 6 DUKE 86, VIRGINIA 70 CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Gerald Henderson scored 19 points for Duke, which will play top-ranked North Carolina for the ACC regular-season championship on Saturday night.

Kyle Singler scored 13 hits in the second half for Duke (26-3, 13-2 Atlantic Coast Conference), while DeMarcus Nelson had 18, Greg Paulus 14 and Jon Scheyer 10. The Blue Devils hit 12 3-pointers and shot almost 51 percent from the field.

Sean Singletary had 18 points for Virginia (14-14, 4-11), playing its third game in five days, which closed within 12 points with 7:42 to play.

NO. 10 WISCONSIN 77, PENN ST 41 MADISON, Wis. — Marcus Landry scored 15 points for Wisconsin, which clinched at least a share of the Big Ten regular-season championship.

It is the third time in seven seasons the Badgers (25-4, 15-2) have claimed at least a share of the conference title under coach Bo Ryan.

Wisconsin finishes the regular season at Northwestern on Saturday and a victory would mean the outright championship. Wisconsin held Penn State scoreless for a 521 stretch late in the first half, going on

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Deron Williams had 21 points and 11 assists as the Utah Jazz won their 17th straight home game, beating the Minnesota Timberwolves 105-76 on Wednesday night.

Utah improved to 28-3 at home and is two wins away from tying the team record for consecutive home wins.

Carlos Boozer had 16 points and 14 rebounds, Mehmet Okur added 15 points and nine boards and Ronnie Brewer scored 16 for the Jazz. C.J. Miles, filling in for injured forward Andre Kirilenko (hip), was the only Utah starter not to score in double figures, finishing with nine points.

Utah lost at Minnesota — one of just 12 wins this season for the Timberwolves — 111-100 on Feb. 25. The Jazz easily averaged the upset and led by at least 20 for most of the second half.

Randy Foye scored 10 points and Al Jefferson had 11 points and 10 assists for the Timberwolves.

The Jazz have won three straight overall and four of five. The last time the Jazz won this many home games in a row was in 1996, when EnergySolutions Arena was still the

Delta Center.

About the only area they had problems Wednesday was the foul line, where they were just 15-for-30.

Williams had his fifth straight double-double. He is averaging almost 15 assists over the last five games and only played briefly in the fourth quarter as coach Jerry Sloan rested most of the starters. Miles was the only one still on the floor at the final buzzer.

Utah led by 12 at halftime and quickly pulled away in the third quarter with 15-0 run. The Jazz outscored the Wolves 29-16 in the period and went 12-for-18 from the field in the third quarter, opening with 15 straight points while shutting out Minnesota for the first 6:05. The Timberwolves didn't score until Foye hit a 3-pointer with 7:55 left in the period. Utah led 66-39 before Foye hit his 3.

Utah Jazz guard Ronale Price (17) salls to the basket for the slam against the Minnesota Timberwolves Wednesday in Salt Lake City.



LeBron scores 50 as Cavs win big

NEW YORK — LeBron James had 50 points, 10 assists and eight rebounds leading the Cleveland Cavaliers to a 119-105 victory over the New York Knicks on Wednesday night.

James shot 16-of-30 from the field, including 7-of-13 from 3-point range, in his second 50-point game this season. One fan in a Cavaliers jersey ran onto the floor toward the Cleveland bench before being turned away by security.

The NBA's scoring leader scored 45 points in a victory over the Knicks in Cleveland on Nov. 2. In the two points shy of Kobe Bryant, who had a 52-point game on Sunday against Dallas, the highest in the league this season.

Damon Jones added 15 points and Devin Brown had 14 for the Cavs, winners of three straight. Jamal Crawford scored 25 points. Nate Robinson added 24 and Eddy Curry had 20 for the Knicks, who dropped their fourth in a row.

CELTICS 90, PISTONS 78 BOSTON — Kevin Garnett scored a season-high 31 points to lead Boston to a bruising victory over Detroit, as the Celtics became the first team in the NBA to clinch a playoff berth and earned the homecourt (breakover) over their closest competitor.

Danilo Gallinari won his sixth consecutive game and took a four-game lead over Detroit in the Eastern Conference standings. Kendrick Perkins had a career-high 20 rebounds for the Celtics.

Hasheed Wallace and Chauncey Billups each had 23 points for Detroit.

ROCKETS 117, PAKERS 99 HOUSTON — Tracy McGrady scored 25 points and Houston got its first win, making the rockets 4-0 since losing Yao Ming for the season to injury.

The Rockets have won 20 of their last 21, and own the longest win streak in the NBA this season. It's Houston's seventh straight win by at least 10 points, extending a franchise record.

Houston's last 15-game winning streak was in the Rockets championship season of 1993-94.

NO. 17 NOTRE DAME 68, ST. JOHNS 55 SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Luke Harangody scored 20 points and Notre Dame became the first Big East team to go undefeated at home in conference play in consecutive seasons.

The Fighting Irish (23-6, 13-4) opened a 10-point lead late in the first half and kept it in double digits most of the rest of the way. Kyle McAlamy, who finished with 13 points, hit a 17-foot jumper with 1:13 left to extend the lead to 68-50.

NO. 25 BAYLOR 78, WYOMING 61 TRENTPLEASANT, W.D. Penn. — Trent Plysted had 23 points and 11 rebounds and Jonathan Tavernier scored 18 points and set a school record for 3-pointers in a season as BYU beat Wyoming to wrap up a second consecutive Mountain West Conference title.

Sam Burgess scored 13 points on senior night and Lee Cummins edged in 12 for BYU (24-6, 13-2 MVC).

Wyoming (12-17, 5-11) got 20 points apiece from Brandon Ewing and Tyson Johnson.



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James (23) drives past New York Knicks' Quentin Richardson during the second half Wednesday in New York. James scored 50 points in the Cavaliers 119-105 win.

Danny Granger and Troy Murphy had 17 points apiece to lead Indiana.

NUGGETS 126, SUNS 113 DENVER — Carmelo Anthony had 30 points and 13 rebounds and Denver pulled within one game of Golden State for the final playoff spot in the Western Conference.

Allen Iverson scored 31 points to lead the Nuggets and reserve J.R. Smith added six 3-pointers and 20 points. Amare Stoudemire led Phoenix with 22 points, and Shaquille O'Neal grabbed 18 rebounds and 20 points, but the Suns fell to 3-5 since his Suns debut.

HORNETS 116, HAWKS 101 NEW ORLEANS — Chris Paul had 23 points and 18 assists, and New Orleans tied a franchise record with 15 3-pointers in its victory over Atlanta.

Peja Stojakovic made six 3-pointers and led all scorers with 20 points to help the Hornets to their second straight victory and fourth in five games. Paul and reserve guard Jamario Pargo each made three 3-pointers, and Morris Peterson and rookie Julian Wright each made one.

RAPTORS 108, HEAT 83 MIAMI — Rasho Nesterovic had 16 points and 10 rebounds, Jamarlo Moore added 14 points and Toronto embarrassed Miami for the second time this season to snap a three-game skid.

Anthony Parker and Andrea Bargnani each scored 12 points for the Raptors.

Mareus Banks scored 21 points, and Ricky Davis and Dwayne Wade each finished with 16 for Miami.

GRIZZLIES 100, NETS 99 MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Hakim Warrick scored a season-high 25 points and Memphis snapped a nine-game losing streak by pulling away in the fourth quarter.

Mike Miller added 22 for the Grizzlies. Richard Jefferson led the Nets with 22 points, and Devin Harris, starting his second game since coming to New Jersey in a trade with Dallas, had 32 points and 20 points and eight assists.

BUCKS 118, SUPERSONICS 106 MILWAUKEE — Charlie Villanueva had 32 points and 11 rebounds as Milwaukee scored a season-high 118

Nowitzki suspended for hard foul

DALLAS (AP) — Dirk Nowitzki was suspended without pay for one game by the NBA on Wednesday for his hard foul on Utah's Andrei Kirilenko.

Nowitzki will miss the Dallas Mavericks' next game, on home Thursday night against the divisional rival Houston Rockets, who recently passed them in the tight Western Conference standings.

Nowitzki received a flagrant-1 when he hit Kirilenko midway through the first quarter of a 116-110 loss to Utah on Monday. However, the league reviewed the play and decided to upgrade it to a flagrant-2.

Points in beating Seattle. Villanueva, a reserve until replacing V.J. Hanlan in the starting lineup in early February, also tied his season highs in assists (three) and blocked shots (two).

Andrew Bogut added 21 points, 13 rebounds and seven assists for Milwaukee.

BORCETS 111, WARRIORS 109 CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jason Richardson scored 42 points against his former team, and Charlotte snapped Golden State's four-game winning streak.

Richardson, who spent six seasons with the Warriors before being traded on draft night, was two points shy of his career high. He hit 15 of 32 shots and added seven rebounds to help the Bobcats to their first three-game winning streak of the season.

MAGIC 122, WIZARDS 92 WASHINGTON — Dwight Howard had 20 points and 11 rebounds, and Orlando made an emphatic statement in a possible playoff preview by dominating Washington.

The Magic never trailed, took a quick 10-2 lead and hardly looked back in winning their third straight game. They avenged their recent loss to a Division lead to 96 games over the Wizards in winning their 40th game, matching their victory total from last season.

Rashard Lewis had 13 of his 17 points in the first half for the Magic.

— The Associated Press

Assault on coach a 'nightmare' for small Oklahoma town

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — After a blowout win in the opening round of the state high school girls' basketball tournament, Preston coach Mickey Duncan just wanted to return to his hotel room and watch tape of his next opponent.

Instead, he ended up in the emergency room and the father of one of his players ended up in jail, accused of assaulting the coach because his daughter had not started.

Duncan was left with a dislocated elbow, the latest in a string of violent outbursts in several states involving parents and youth coaches.

Duncan was in the gym lobby following Preston's 76-46 win against Crowder on Thursday night when 42-year-old Jeffrey Abbott allegedly hit him. Duncan was thrown into a wall about 15 feet away, and the coach's elbow hit the corner of a picture frame.

"I think I said to him, 'What is wrong with you?' He had me against the wall by the throat. ... I was just shocked, more than anything," Duncan said. The men were quickly pulled apart.

Richard Lanchick, the president and chief executive officer of the National Consortium for Academics and Sports, said the increasingly violent nature of sports themselves contributes to such behavior.

In Elmont, N.Y., last fall, a soccer mom was charged with hitting her daughter's coach with a folding chair because he had given her bad directions to a game.

In Canton, Texas, police said a football coach was shot and critically wounded in 2005 by a father who thought his son was being treated unfairly.

And in Reading, Mass., a parent who was supervising his son's hockey pickup game was beaten to death in 2000 by another parent who became upset at rough play.

"It's kind of unleashing something inside of people that can be frightening. ... Parents think so much it is at stake, because they're living vicariously through their child," said Lanchick, also chairman of the DeVos Sports Business Management Program at the University of Central Florida.

Preston, about 30 miles south of Tulsa, is a town with one gas station and no stop light. Preston High School has 137 students. Mark Hudson, the Preston superintendent, called what happened a "nightmare."

"It was a horrible thing, but our kids handled it with such class. ... I tell everyone our school is a utopia. We just don't have that sort of thing happen," he said. "It's an isolated case and a one-time incident."

Abbott was arrested and charged with a misdemeanor count of assault and battery. He was released from the city jail Friday after posting a \$674 bond. Abbott has an April 17 hearing and if convicted could serve up to 60 days in jail.

Aikman wonders: Is Favre really done?

GREEN BAY, Wis. (AP) — Troy Aikman says it's a sure thing: Brett Favre will have second thoughts about hanging up his helmet.

The Hall of Fame quarterback knows how hard it is to walk away from the NFL and never look back. Even after a series of concussions led Aikman to retire from the Dallas Cowboys after the 2000 season, he was tempted to come back two years later.

"I was ready to go and had talked with my wife and everything about it," Aikman told The Associated Press by phone.

Aikman figures Favre will feel the same pull the closer the 2008 season gets. And he wouldn't be surprised if Favre changes his mind and sends his agent Aaron Rodgers back to the bench.

"You want to walk out on top," said Aikman, now an analyst for Fox Sports. "But at the same time,

you're walking away from something you really enjoy."

Favre told the Green Bay Packers he was retiring Tuesday, but hasn't addressed the media beyond a brief voice mail to ESPN's Chris Mortensen, citing fatigue. Favre is to discuss his decision at a news conference Thursday in Green Bay.

Aikman is looking forward to hearing the three-time MVP fully explain his decision. He wonders if Favre will give himself any wiggle room, similar to Michael Jordan's famous assertion that he was "99.9 percent" sure he was done playing after retiring from the Chicago Bulls in 1993. Jordan, of course, came back to play for the Washington Wizards.

Aikman isn't the only one who expects Favre to question his decision.

"I think he'll definitely have sec-

ond thoughts, knowing him," former Green Bay Packers coach Mike Sherman said. "He's a creature of habit."

Favre even broached the subject in his conversations with Packers coach Mike McCarthy on Monday night, when he first brought up his intention to retire.

"We talked about the reality that he'll experience," McCarthy said. "And he was telling me about the conversation he'd shared with a family member about when the games start in the fall, it's going to probably hit him the hardest."

But as far as McCarthy is concerned, Favre wasn't waffling.

"I would say that's all speculation," McCarthy said. "Not based on the conversations I've had with Brett."

Packers general manager Ted Thompson said Favre seemed "at peace" with his decision when he

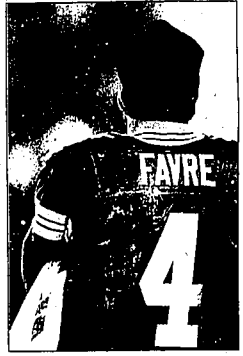
made it final in a conversation with Thompson on Tuesday morning.

"But as I've also said, it's a very complicated decision process that he has to go through on this," Thompson said. "I guess you never say never, but I wouldn't anticipate that."

Aikman knows firsthand that retirement isn't necessarily permanent. He fully intended to return to the NFL two years after he retired from the Cowboys, only to have his prospective new team — he won't say which one — pull the plug on the deal at the last minute.

"They were hesitant, for whatever reason, whether it be the health issue, the concussions, or how it would be perceived publicly," Aikman said.

All things considered, Aikman said it was just as well.



Mud and turf from Lambeau Field cover the back of Green Bay Packers quarterback Brett Favre in a 2003 playoff game. Favre announced his retirement on Tuesday.

Victory drought over, Els still working his way back to top

PALM HARBOR, Fla. (AP) — A head of sweat dripped off Ernie Els' brow when he stopped for a five-minute chat Wednesday before his pro-am round at the PODS Championship.

The hard part is over for the Big Easy. The hard work is not.

Els ended an 8-for-17 stretch on the PGA Tour when he won the Honda Classic, an astounding drought given his considerable talent. He is among four active players with at least three major championships, but none of the others has gone more than a year without winning on the world's toughest golf circuit.

It took a few days for his victory to sink in, and it was really driven home on the range at Innisbrook.

"The guys are congratulating you," he said. "They're not saying 'hard luck' or 'bad luck' or whatever that is."

Els would not have imagined winning this way.

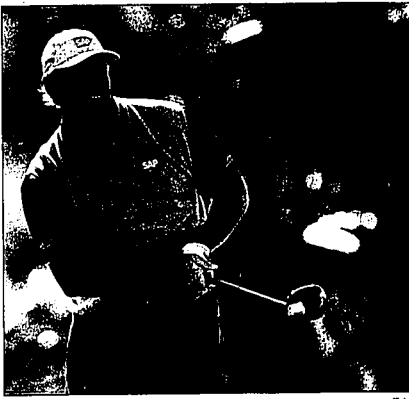
He failed to make a birdie over the final 11 holes at PGA National and finished 11th, over when he won the Honda Classic, an astounding drought given his considerable talent. He is among four active players with at least three major championships, but none of the others has gone more than a year without winning on the world's toughest golf circuit.

That's what had been happening to Els lately, whether it was Boo Weekley clipping in twice to beat him at Hilton Head last year, or Els hitting a tee shot out of bounds on the 18th hole at a playoff fairway wedge to hand a jump jet.

The losses kept piling up.

He couldn't keep up with Tiger Woods at Royal Liverpool in 2006 and started too far behind him at Southern Hills a year later. The latest blow had come last month at Dubai, when Els missed two short putts that forced him to go for broke on the par-5 18th at Dubai, only to hit a fairway metal into the water on the last hole.

"When you're around long enough like me, you know you're going to have losses," Els said. "Losses are tough. You play to win every week. When you get close, you expect to win. I had many, many



Ernie Els watches his tee-shot from the No. 11 hole during the Honda Classic golf tournament Thursday in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

times I couldn't close the deal. So it's really nice to get this one, and hopefully, this is a fresh start for the next couple of years."

If nothing else, it's a good start with the Masters looming a month away.

Els has changed his worldwide travel schedule slightly to spend more chunks of time in the United States, and he signed up for the entire Florida swing. The hope was to build a foundation, make some progress before getting to Augusta National.

The victory should pay dividends of dividends.

Els has enough ability to contend at majors even when his confidence is shaky. He was paired in the final group with Woods in the third round of the 2006 British Open, where he finished third. He was one shot out of the lead at Carnoustie a year later until dropping shots down the stretch and tying for fourth. And after a brief run at the 2007 PGA Championship, he wound up third.

Ending that nasty 3½-year

drought on the PGA Tour should only help.

"It does matter," Els said. "I really put my sights onto playing a solid Florida stretch because I needed to get some confidence going before Augusta," he said. "Obviously, it was a great start."

But he is far from satisfied. Els said his driving has been under pressure over the last couple of years, and he has not been able to make the putts that mattered most down the stretch. Even though he won, he's not convinced those problems are behind him.

And that explains why this week is no time to celebrate.

"Even last week, the final nine (holes) of the tournament, I had a lot of chances, but I still didn't quite hole out," Els said. "I'm still working on that. If Tiger or Phil (Mickelsson) or other players were there, maybe they would have beaten me."

Woods and Mickelsson are not at Innisbrook; that reunion takes place next week at the Arnold Palmer Invitational.

Falcons release QB; Raiders sign Walker

(AP) — Joey Harrington is the latest victim of the Atlanta Falcons' purge.

The third overall pick in the 2002 draft by Detroit, the quarterback who started 10 of Atlanta's games last season was cut Wednesday. Running back Warrick Dunn was released Monday by Atlanta, which last month cut tight end Alge Crumpler, offensive tackle Wayne Gandy and quarterback Byron Leftwich.

The move leaves Atlanta, 4-12 last season, with only two quarterbacks on the roster: Chris Redman, who has been re-signed to a two-year deal, and D.J. Shockley, who missed all of last season with a knee injury. They are likely to pick a quarterback in April's draft, perhaps Boston College's Matt Ryan, with the third pick.

Harrington, who was traded from Detroit to Miami and released by the Dolphins, was the primary replacement for Michael Vick, who is serving 23 months in prison for his involvement in dog-fighting.

A more renowned quarterback than Harrington, Brett Favre, scheduled a news conference for Thursday to discuss his retirement. The Packers announced Tuesday that the 38-year-old star is retiring.

Oakland, which has been on a spending spree, agreed to terms with wide receiver Jason Walker, who had been released by Denver, and former San Francisco offensive tackle Kwame Harris.

Walker will receive a \$6 million signing bonus and \$5 million in salary in each of the first two years. The six-year deal could be worth up to \$55 million, a person familiar with the contract said on condition of anonymity because the terms were not released.

Harris is guaranteed \$3 million in the first year of his deal that would pay him \$16 million over three years, the person said.

After losing receiver Jerry Porter to Jacksonville through free agency, the Raiders had only one free receiver under contract with more than six career catches.

Walker was released by Denver last week after catching 26 passes



Atlanta Falcons quarterback Joey Harrington sits on the turf after being knocked down in the fourth quarter during the New York Giants on Oct. 15, 2007, in Atlanta. The Falcons released Harrington on Wednesday.

for 287 yards and no touchdowns in eight games last season. He started the season with two 100-yard games before missing two months following a third operation on his right knee.

The signings fill positions of need for the Raiders, who are trying to build their offense around quarterback JaMarcus Russell, the first overall pick in last year's draft.

New England re-signed wide receiver Jabar Gaffney, who had 36 receptions for 443 yards and a career high five touchdowns last season. His biggest was for the winning TD with 44 seconds left in Baltimore that kept alive New England's unbeaten streak at 12 games on route to a 16-0 regular-season mark.

In other moves:

- Carolina added depth to the defensive line by coming to terms with free-agent Tyler Brayton on a two-year deal. Oakland's first-round pick in 2003, Brayton managed only six sacks in five seasons as the Raiders struggled to find a spot for him. Brayton moved from defensive end to linebacker to defensive tackle. He didn't start a game last season.

- Free agent linebackers Matt McCoy and Teddy Lehman signed with Tampa Bay.

Smoltz's latest changeup: A trip to the back fields in spring training

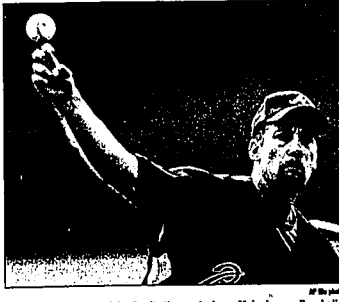
KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — John Smoltz is throwing out another changeup and we're not talking about a new pitch, either.

While his teammates are playing spring training games, the ageless right-hander is going about the business of preparing for his 21st season on the back fields of the Atlanta Braves' complex, an obscure place usually left to the minor leaguers.

"There are no cheering fans, no curious reporters. Just Smoltz and a few hitters who tug along standing at the ready while he goes through a lengthy checklist of simulated situations.

"It just gives me the best opportunity to work on the things I really need to work on that are going to have to be different this year for me to be able to pitch like I want to pitch," he explained. "I need to follow a game plan that typically you just can't follow when you spring training game comes around."

He goes to the back fields every fifth day. Just like he's



Atlanta Braves pitcher John Smoltz throws during a Major League Baseball spring training workout in Lake Buena Vista, Fla., on Feb. 18. While the rest of his Atlanta Braves teammates play spring training games, the right-hander prepares for his 21st season in the obscurity of the back fields.

heading out for a start. But he does it with no fielders backing him up, just a complex man alone with his thoughts, convinced that he knows better than anyone what he needs to do with his 41st

birthday approaching and four elbow surgeries in the rearview mirror.

"At this point, it probably looks like I'm being selfish. Maybe I am," he said, before quickly adding, "but only

Alou is 6th of 8 Mets starters injured

(AP) — Moises Alou joined a growing list of Mets starters that were sidelined with injuries for Johan Santana's first impressive outing in a New York uniform.

Alou became the sixth of eight regulars — and one pitcher — out with injuries when he returned to New York on Wednesday for tests on his right groin and learned he will need hernia surgery.

The oft-injured Alou will have the operation Thursday and miss the start of the season. The 42-year-old left fielder is expected to resume baseball activities in four to six weeks. "I myself have never seen so many injuries at one time," general manager Omar Minaya said. "The good thing is it's

early in camp."

Besides Alou, the Mets are missing first baseman Carlos Delgado (right hip), right fielder Ryan Church (concussion) and catcher Brian Schneider (hamstring). Center fielder Carlos Beltran (knees), second baseman Luis Castillo (right knee) and pitcher Orlando Hernandez (toe) have yet to play in a spring training game because they're still rehabbing from offseason surgery.

The news on Alou overshadowed Santana's second spring start. The two-time Cy Young Award winner showed off his changeup, striking out four in three innings in New York's 3-2 victory over the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Includes the 1996 NL Cy Young Award and standing in the water, including one full season missed, and just a single 20-win season on his resume — he's a guy deserving of being in Cooperstown some day.

ers to work extensively with a sports psychologist, seeking to learn more about what made him tick on the inside.

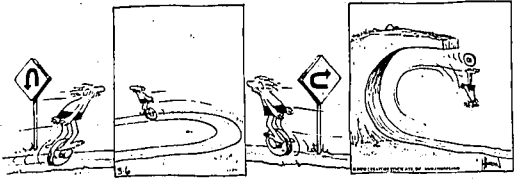
After a dozen years as a starter, he agreed to shift to the bullpen, going along with the Braves' contention that fewer innings would cut down the strain on his troublesome elbow.

"Then, having put in three full years as one of the game's top closers, he made the unprecedented move back to the rotation in his late 30s, having decided that working every fifth day was actually the best antidote against further injury.

Smoltz hasn't missed a beat through all the twists and turns, going 44-24 in his second incarnation as a starter. As the lone member of the 200-150 club, he seems to be drumming up plenty of sentiment that even with all the scares, including one full season missed, and just a single 20-win season on his resume — he's a guy deserving of being in Cooperstown some day.

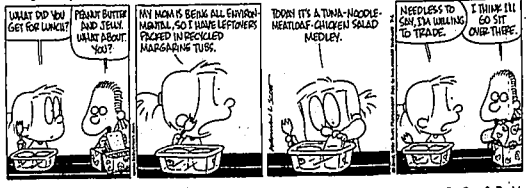
B.C.

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Baby Blues

By Rick Kirkman & Jerry Scott



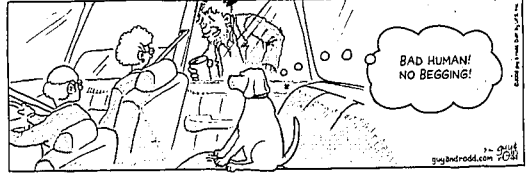
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By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos



Brevity

By Guy & Rodd



Dilbert

By Scott Adams



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The Elderberries

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For Better or For Worse

By Lynn Johnston



Frank and Ernest

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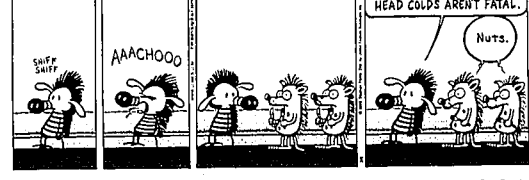
Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



Pearls Before Swine

By Stephan Pastis



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Rose is Rose

By Pat Brady



Zits

By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott



Sagittarius, keep apples on hand

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

IF MARCH 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY, the cosmic lights are green between now and the end of June for a delightful romance, a skyrocketing career, or quietly achieving material success without sacrificing your spiritual values. Make your most important decisions this spring, especially about your love life, and put crucial activities into motion before July, while you have cosmic protection in your part of the cosmic pie. ARIES (March 21-April 19): Old soldiers say that if you're not catching fire, you're not over the target. You should avoid confrontations, but will know when you have overstepped the boundaries. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You are much too idealistic to be playing the dilettante with cut-throat business deals. Your sensitive feelings may be hurt if you try to compete at a higher level. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Gather advice from others and put it to good use. Don't be afraid to listen. Friends and colleagues can give you a more objective opinion before you take an irrevocable step. CANCER (June 21-July 22):

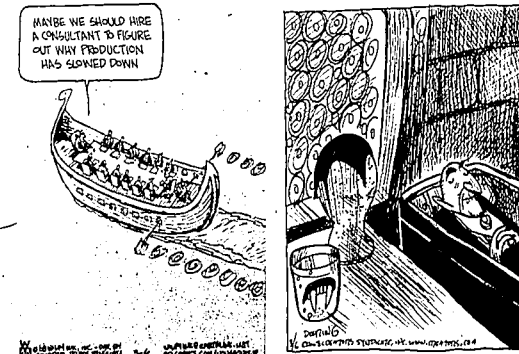
You may feel the need to indulge your competitive nature, but moderation is the key. A certain someone will understand if you make a confession. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): An apple a day keeps the doctor away. You should do your best to keep the apples handy. Be aware of how you feel and try to keep your spirits high. Don't let petty irritations get you down. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): A brief bout of pessimism might undermine your confidence just when you need it the most. Only spend your money on things that will stand the test of time, but don't buy mechanical items. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): A certain someone may have been dreaming of you all week. Tonight might be the right time to make beautiful music with a harmonious playmate. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Don't make much ado about nothing. You'll find that it is easy to fly off the handle the smallest thing, especially if you are stuck in a noisy, discordant atmosphere. Find a quiet nook for work, study, or romance.

Non Sequitur

By Wiley

Strange Brew

By John Deering



Beetle Bailey

By Mort Walker



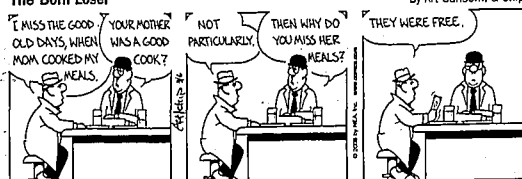
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By Dean Young & Stan Drake



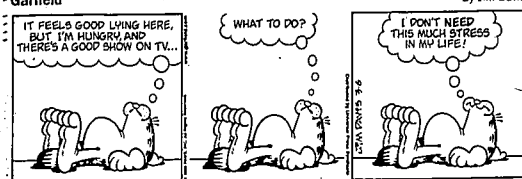
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By Art Sansom, & Chip



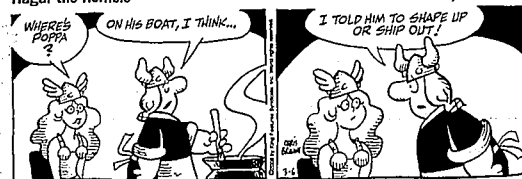
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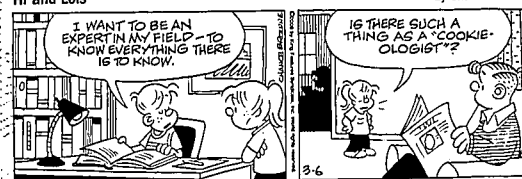
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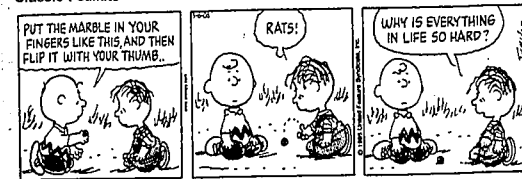
Hi and Lols

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Classic Peanuts

By Charles M. Schulz



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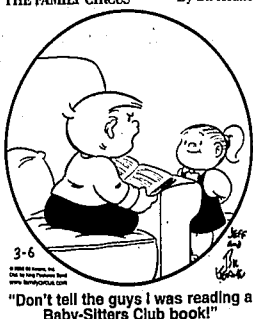
Dennis the Menace

By Hank Ketchum



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



Teen boy's fig leaf silences neighbor's objection to nudity

DEAR ABBY: I felt vindicated after reading your response to "Clothes-Minded in Wisconsin" (Dec. 31), who complained that her neighbors' 16-year-old son walks around his house nude. You advised her to put curtains on her window and call before dropping over for a visit.



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne
Phillips

and we respect the rights of those who do not wish to view our nudity and restrict our activity to clothing-optional beaches and resorts. I would advise the woman who wrote you to make her objection known — anonymously, if necessary — so you would make her uncomfortable. It is the family's responsibility not to cause offense.

—AU NATUREL
IN LOMBARD, ILL.

DEAR ABBY: What made my jaw drop was the neighbor's ability to describe exactly what time of day the young man appears in his kitchen every morning to eat breakfast (naked), and even what programs he watches on TV? Granted, this guy should put on a robe, but Abby — that woman needs to get a life.

—CANDY
IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR ABBY: As a parent, it bothered me that you didn't contemplate the "other side of the fence." That neighbor should be considered a "peeping mom!" If she knows the young man's routine as well as she seems to, she's been peeping for a while.

—MARTIN IN
PORT CHARLOTTE, FLA.

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TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, March 6, the 66th day of 2008. There are 300 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On March 6, 1857, the United States Supreme Court ruled in Dred Scott v. Sandford that Scott, a slave, was not a U.S. citizen and could not sue for his freedom in federal court.

On this date:

In 1834, the city of York in Upper Canada was incorporated as Toronto.

In 1836, the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas, fell to Mexican forces after a 13-day siege.

In 1853, Verdi's opera "La Traviata" premiered in Venice, Italy.

In 1933, a nationwide bank holiday declared by President Franklin D. Roosevelt went into effect.

In 1935, retired Supreme Court Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr. died in Washington.

In 1944, U.S. heavy bombers staged the first full-scale American raid on Berlin during World War II.

In 1957, the former British African colonies of the Gold Coast and Togoland became the independent state of Ghana.

In 1967, the daughter of Josef Stalin, Svetlana Alliluyeva, appeared at the U.S. Embassy in New Delhi, India, and declared her intention to defect to the West.

In 1983, in a case that drew much notoriety, a young woman was gang-raped atop a pool table in a tavern in New Bedford, Mass., called Big Dan's; four men were later convicted of the attack.

In 1988, the board of trustees at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C., a liberal arts college for the deaf, selected Elisabeth Zinser, a hearing woman, to be school president. (Outraged students shut down the campus, forcing selection of a deaf president, I. King Jordan, instead.)

Ten years ago: The Army honored three Americans who risked their lives and turned their weapons on fellow soldiers to stop the slaughter of Vietnamese villagers at My Lai in 1968. A Connecticut state lottery accountant shot to death

three supervisors and the lottery chief before killing himself.

Five years ago: A somber President Bush ruled the nation for a war against Saddam Hussein, hurling scapes yet at the Iraqi leader during a prime-time news conference. The United States nullified a treaty on cutting down U.S. and Russian nuclear warheads by two-thirds. Democrats blocked President Bush's nomination of Miguel Estrada to a federal appeals court.

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TODAY'S BIRTHDAYS



O'Neal

Orchestra conductor Julius Rudel is 87. TV personality Ed McMahon is 85. Former FBI and CIA director William A. Ferrer is 84. Former Webster's Chairman Alan Greenspan is 82. Author Gabriel Garcia Marquez is 81. Country singer Doug Dillard is 71. Sen. Christopher Bond, R-Mo., is 69. Actress-writer Joanna Miles is 68. Actor Ben Murphy is 66. Opera singer Dame Kiri Te Kanawa is 64. Singer Mary Wilson (The Supremes) is 64. Rock musician Hugh Grundy (The Zombies) is 63. Rock singer-

musician David Gilmour (Pink Floyd) is 62. Actor-director Rob Reiner is 61. Singer-Ski Dee is 61. Rock singer-musician Phil Alvin (The Blasters) is 55. Actor Tom Arnold is 49. Actor D.L. Hughley is 44. Country songwriter Skip Ewing is 44. Actress Yvette Wilson is 44. Actor Shuler-Ensley is 41. Actress Connie Britton is 40. Actress Mo'Nique is 40. Actress Amy Pietz is 39. Basketball player Shaquille O'Neal is 36. Country singer Trent Willmon is 35. Country musician Shan Farmer (Rhinoceros) is 34. Rapper Beanie Sigel is 34. Rapper Bubba Sparox is 31. Actor Eli Marienthal is 22. Actor Dillon Freasier (Film: "There Will Be Blood") is 12. Actress Savannah Stehlin is 12.

Judd helps raise money for Southern tornado survivors

FRANKLIN, Tenn. (AP) — Wynonna Judd knows what the people of Tennessee went through the night the tornadoes hit — because she took cover from them herself. Her children Elijah and Trece hid in a storage area under the stairs while the storms swept through this month, and she hung on outside their cubby-hole as the winds shook the house, the country singer said.

"Our road looks like a war zone. It's pretty bad," said Judd, who headlined a benefit concert Friday for residents affected by the tornado. The concert was held in Leiper's Fork and raised more than \$17,000, said organizer Lynn Fox, who also performed with her group The Fox Brothers.

"The tornadoes swept across Tennessee on Feb. 5-6, killing 32 people and injuring more than 190. A total of more than 50 people were killed across the South.

Judd, who lives on an 800-acre farm, said the storm damaged her home, knocked down several trees and tore off part of a barn roof.

THOUGHT

"To have doubted one's own first principles, is the mark of a civilized man."

— Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., U.S. Supreme Court Justice (1841-1935)

TWIN FALLS, IDAHO CAST
 Today: Mostly sunny and seasonal. Highs middle 40s.
 Tonight: Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 20s.
 Tomorrow: A bit warmer with plenty of sunshine. Highs lower 50s.

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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
 High pressure will allow for a good deal of sunshine today and Friday. A series of disturbances will bring in more clouds and opportunities for snow showers this weekend.

BOISE Mostly sunny and mild today and Friday. The weekend will cloud up and there will be a small chance for rain showers.

NORTHERN UTAH
 Today will see a slight chance of snow showers, especially in the higher elevations. Mostly sunny and milder for Friday.

REGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
 "I had short arms up until what has lifted most successful...
 ...the crowd: a little bit...
 ...that was expected...
 ...a little bit more."

TWIN FALLS, IDAHO CAST

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Mostly sunny	Mostly clear	Sunny and a touch warmer	A slight chance of showers	A small chance of rain showers	Shower chances remain small, but persistent
High 46	Low 25	51/22	51/22	52/34	50/22

ALMANAC: TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday Low: 21	0.02"	59%	30.04	Sunrise: 7:04 AM Sunset: 6:24 PM
Yesterday High: 46	0.00"	59%	30.04	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 6:30 PM
Record Low: -11 in 1947	Year to Date: 4.2"	Year to Date: 30%	Year to Date: 30.04	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 6:31 PM
Record High: 71 in 1947	Year to Date: 4.2"	Year to Date: 30%	Year to Date: 30.04	Sunrise: 7:03 AM Sunset: 6:31 PM

MOON PHASES
 Mar 7 New Moon, Mar 14 First Q, Mar 21 Full Moon, Mar 29 Last Q

MOONRISE AND MOONSET
 Today: Moonrise: 6:54 AM, Moonset: 7:00 PM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Boise	41-52	42-52
Idaho Falls	41-52	42-52
Pocatello	41-52	42-52
Shoshone	41-52	42-52
Twin Falls	41-52	42-52

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
London	41-52	42-52
Paris	41-52	42-52
Tokyo	41-52	42-52
Sydney	41-52	42-52

CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	41-52	42-52
Edmonton	41-52	42-52
Winnipeg	41-52	42-52
Vancouver	41-52	42-52

TOURIST NATIONAL MAP

Iditarod mushers get big welcome in tiny Takotna

TAKOTNA, Alaska (AP) — Ken Anderson's dogs were impatient to get back to the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race Wednesday, baying and pawing the air during their brief stop in this tiny community.

"I'm going through," the 35-year-old Fairbanks musher told checkpoint volunteers at the same time that defending champion Lance Mackey was sleeping in the village church. Four minutes later Anderson's team rebounded on, chasing the other race front-runners led by Kaslof musher Paul Gebhardt in one of the warmest races in memory.

Gebhardt, 50, who finished third last year, was the first musher out of Ophir on the 1,100-mile trail to Nome on Alaska's western coast. Ophir is 609 miles from the finish line in Nome.

Gebhardt left the ghost town checkpoint at 12:52 p.m., hours before the next musher — Hugh Neth, 40, of Skagway — departed at 4:18 p.m.

Others arriving at Ophir included four-time champion Martin Buser of Big Lake and 2004 winner Mitch Seay of Sawtooth. Anderson, Mackey's neighbor, was the 10th musher there, clocking



Ed Hen of Kotzebue, Alaska, drives his team up a hill and out of the Finger Lake, Alaska checkpoint of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race earlier this week.

the 1,100-mile Yukon Quest International Sled Dog Race and the Iditarod, remained in Takotna for the mandatory 24-hour layover that no musher has yet completed in this race. Mackey won't be able to leave again until about 5 a.m. Thursday.

After emerging from a nap,

Mackey said he had planned to go farther but his dogs were dragging and not eating. He hit to drop Hobo, a leader that was badly injured in an ongoing rivalry with Larry, another leader. Some of his dogs have been coughing and one female is in heat, he said.

But the biggest factor affecting his dogs were temperatures that have reached into the 40s, far from the sub-zero weather his dogs love. Mackey said his team was thriving during the Yukon Quest, when temperatures plunged as low as 60 degrees below zero.

Edwards docked 100 points for failed inspection after win

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Carl Edwards used two straight wins to take the Sprint Cup points lead for the first time in his career.

On Wednesday, NASCAR said his Las Vegas victory was tainted and slammed Edwards and his Bushwhacker Racing team with its toughest penalty yet. Edwards was docked 100 points — knocking him out of first place — and stripped of the 10 bonus points he earned for the win.

Edwards would have carried the bonus points into the Chase for the championship, assuming he's one of the 12 drivers to qualify for NASCAR's 10-race sprint to the title.

In addition to Edwards' penalty, crew chief Bob Odom was fined \$100,000 and suspended six weeks, and Jack Roush was docked 100 owner points.

The penalties stem from post-race inspection Sunday when NASCAR discovered the cover was off the oil tank in the race-winning No. 99 Ford,

NASCAR

Rival competitors circulated a photo via e-mail Tuesday of Edwards doing a celebratory backflip off his car, and the cover is clearly not attached to the oil tank. It's believed that by opening up the oil tank trunk, the air is able to circulate through the car and create as much as 10 percent more downforce.

NASCAR did not comment on the penalties, and Roush Fenway president Geoff Smith said the team had 10 days to decide if it will appeal.

Gordon gets points back in appeals victory

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Bobby Gordon received a season-saving reprieve from a NASCAR appeals committee Wednesday when the three-member panel restored the 100 points he has been docked for an infraction at Daytona.

The National Stock Car

Racing Commission also lifted crew chief Frank Kerr's six-week suspension, but missed his monetary fine from \$100,000 to \$150,000. The fine is the largest in NASCAR history, topping the \$100,000 set by Michael Waltrip last season and matched several times.

"We are grateful the commissioners rescinded the points penalty and suspension but disappointed by the fine," Gordon said. "Still, we see this as a victory for Bobby Gordon Motorsports. We feel like justice was done and appreciate NASCAR creating a system that allowed us to take our appeal to the... commission."

— The Associated Press

DON'T MISS THE ACTION!

CSI Rodeo March 7-8 at CSI Expo.
 Rodeo begins at 8 p.m. each night
 For more info, call Steve at 732-6618

CSI Baseball March 7-8 at Skip Walker Field
 The Golden Eagles host Western Nevada at 1 p.m. on Friday and Noon on Saturday.

CSI Softball March 7-8 at Golden Eagle Field
 The Golden Eagles host Snow at 1 p.m. on Friday and Noon on Saturday.

Region 18 Men's and Women's Basketball Tournament March 6-8
 (at CSI Gymnasium)
 CSI women open Friday at 5:30 p.m.
 CSI men open Friday at 7:30 p.m.
 Reserved tournament seats \$40
 General Admission (per session) Adults \$6/Students \$4 per session
 For more info, call Ginger at 732-6486

COLLEGE OF SOUTHERN IDAHO ATHLETICS

Osaka Massage
 736-1747
 200 S. 1st St., Twin Falls, ID

Market edges higher in volatile session

(AP) Wall Street managed a moderate gain in an erratic session Wednesday as investors sorted through a downbeat Federal Reserve assessment of the economy.

Dow Jones Industrials 12,254.99

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Standard & Poor's 500 1,333.70

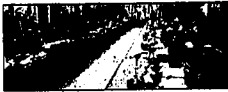
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'Shoestring' urban renewal bill killed in House committee

Bill would have changed revenue tools T.F. has relied on

By Jared S. Hopkins
Times-News writer

BOISE — The House Revenue and Taxation Committee dumped a proposal that would change

urban renewal laws, including several tools the city of Twin Falls has relied on in the past.

The legislation, sponsored by Rep. Phil Hart, R-Edinboro, would tie how long expanded revenue allocation areas exist to the 24-year-cap of the original area; prohibit urban renewal districts from using "shoestring" configurations; and require cities to submit annual reports to the state to

prove their tax base does not exceed 10 percent of a city's.

When Dell's service center was built in Twin Falls several years ago, it came by means of a shoestring. After the location proved fruitless for several businesses, the city incorporated Blue Lakes Boulevard into the urban renewal district and connected it to the district, which is mostly downtown and in the Southpark area.



But Hart said shoe stringing districts indirectly increases the burden on the city's taxpayers because cities provide services without receiving new revenue to fund them.

On the Web

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Lawmakers voiced concern over wording in the legislation, and others thought the changes could hurt economic development.

Rep. Leon Smith, R-Twin

Falls, who sits on the committee, referenced that Dell came by shoestringing.

"I don't think that shoestringing should just be cut out, but it should have sideboards," Smith said.

Hart said he expects to introduce a revised version Friday.

John Watts, a lobbyist for the Idaho Chamber Alliance, Please see BILL, Page D2

Factory orders drop

Service sector activity shrinks for second month

By Jeannine Aversa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — U.S. factories saw demand for their products drop sharply, while the country's service sector contracted, fresh evidence of an economy hobbled by housing and credit crises.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday that new orders for manufactured goods fell 2.5 percent in January from the previous month. That marked a deterioration from December's 2 percent increase and was the biggest decline in five months.

Meanwhile, activity in the nation's service sector shrank in February for the second straight month.

The Institute for Supply Management's service sector index clocked in at 49.3, a reading below 50 indi-

cates a contraction. In January, the index stood at 44.6.

Manufacturers, service providers and other companies are feeling the sting of the economic slowdown. Persisting problems in the housing and credit markets are causing both people and businesses alike to be more cautious in their spending and investing. Galloping energy prices also are adding to the strains.

The latest snapshot of manufacturing activity was on target with economists' predictions. The weakness was mostly concentrated in demand for costly "durable" goods, merchandise expected to last at least three years. These orders— including cars, airplanes, machinery and computers— dropped 5.1 percent in January, compared with a 4.4 percent increase in December.

Demand for "non-durables" such as food and clothing, edged up 0.3 percent in January, an improvement from a 0.4 percent decline in the previous month.

“If you can run all week without a flat tire, you're a little bit ahead, otherwise, you're basically just running to put the money right back into the fuel tank.” — Benjamin Stanley, 40, a trucker from Spotsylvania, Va.

TRUCKER TROUBLES



Robert Griffith stops for a photograph at a track stop in Platte City, Mo., Feb. 26. Trucking's owner-operators, the self-employed drivers who haul everything from Hammers to hay, are suffering. Many say they're running on the edge of bankruptcy, about to disappear unless they get help.

Independent truckers fear costs, freight rates will run them off road

By Elyen Simon
Associated Press writer

Trucker Robert Griffith is on the road three weeks out of four, pulling oversize loads of four, like crane booms, railroad ties and air conditioning ducts. One of his biggest worries: How he'll find the money to buy his daughter a prom dress.

As the cost of diesel doubled over the last four years, his take-home pay has plummeted, from \$50,000 to \$11,000 last year. He's literally burning money; he spent \$64,000 on diesel in the last eight months. Since he canceled his satellite radio, he's on citizens band radio com-

munications (handle: Instigator) talking about what needs to change so truckers like him can survive.

"I had to learn to live totally different," said Griffith, 41, of Lebanon, Tenn.

No more \$150 family outings to Shegan sushi. No more weekly washes for his Western Star 4900 EX truck. No more health insurance for him and his family.

"It hurts," he said. "I'm a man who's trying to make a living for my family and I'm not succeeding."

Trucking's owner-operators, the self-employed drivers who haul everything from Hammers to hay, are suffering. Many say they're running

on the edge of bankruptcy, about to disappear unless they get help. While a wave of trucking failures now might be invisible to consumers, when the economy rebounds, it would push up shipping rates, helping increase prices.

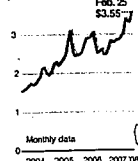
The housing downturn and decreased consumer spending have cut into loads; the extra trucking capacity is pushing down freight rates. Diesel prices, which are always higher in the winter, have hit such highs that TruckingInfo.com runs ads for thief-stopping fuel-tank locks.

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Diesel prices

The price of diesel fuel has more than doubled in the past four years, putting a strain on self-employed truck drivers.

Retail price per gallon for diesel fuel



SOURCE: Department of Energy AP

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Costco 2Q earnings rise 31 percent

SEATTLE — Costco Wholesale Corp.'s second-quarter profit rose 31 percent, as penny-pinching consumers looking for the cheapest gallon of gasoline filled up their tanks at the warehouse club operator.

The company also got a boost from a weak U.S. dollar leading to sales in Canada.

Costco's net income in the quarter ended Feb. 17 grew to \$327.9 million, or 74 cents per share, from \$249.5 million, or 54 cents per share, in the year-ago period, which included \$53.4 million in charges.

Sales increased 12 percent to \$16.62 billion from \$14.6 billion a year ago.

Costco matched the earnings-per-share expectations of analysts surveyed by Thomson Financial and fell just below the consensus revenue prediction of \$16.85 billion.

Yahoo delays date for nominating directors

SUNNYVALE, Calif. — Yahoo Inc. extended a deadline for nominating candidates to its board, giving the struggling Internet pioneer more time to search for a viable knight to help it fight off an unwanted takeover bid from Microsoft Corp.

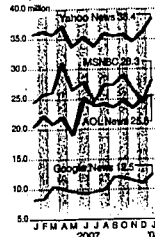
The announcement comes amid published reports that Yahoo has stepped up discussions with Time Warner Inc. about acquiring or forming a joint venture with AOL online unit.

Microsoft's bid, originally valued at \$44.6 billion, or \$31 per share, was pulled Feb. 1. Yahoo rejected the offer as too low.

Leading the news

Of the last year, Yahoo and Microsoft-NBC led AOL and Google in the number of unique visitors to their news sites.

Unique visitors to Web sites



SOURCE: comScore Media Matrix AP

Job discrimination complaints against private employers up

By Jennifer C. Kerr
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Federal job discrimination complaints filed by workers against private employers shot up 9 percent last year, the biggest annual increase since the early 1990s.

The data being released Wednesday by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission show allegations of discrimination based on race, retaliation and sex were the most frequent, continuing a long-term trend.

Overall, the commission said complaints increased from 75,769 charges filed in 2006 to 82,792 last fiscal year. That's the highest complaint level since 2002, and the biggest annual percentage increase since 1993.

Complaints had been trending downward until 2006, when they increased slightly before spiking

last year. "It's possible that there's a trend developing here and employers need to be aware of this," said commission spokesman David B. Grinberg. "The fact that filings are up close to

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Con Agra	22.02	▼ .22	Dell Inc.	19.79	▲ .12
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Idacorp	30.06	▼ .32	Supervalu	28.26	▼ .69
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Jobs

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OPEC to maintain current production; blames U.S. for economic 'mismanagement'

By William J. Kolb
Associated Press writer

VIENNA, Austria — OPEC on Wednesday accused the U.S. of economic "mismanagement" that it said is pushing oil prices to new record highs and rebuffed calls to boost output, laying the blame on the Bush administration.

Oil prices surged for the first time past \$104 a barrel after the OPEC announcement and the release of a U.S. government report showing a surprise drop in crude oil stocks.

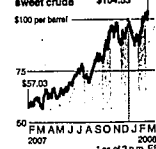
The 13-nation Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries said it would maintain current production levels because crude supplies are plentiful and demand is expected to weaken in the second quarter.

OPEC President Chahik Khellil told reporters the global market is being affected by what he called "the mismanagement of the U.S. economy," and that America's problems were a key factor in the cartel's decision to hold off on any action.

Oil reaches new high

The government reported a drop in crude oil stocks Wednesday as OPEC held production levels steady.

NYMEX light sweet crude March 5 \$104.53



SOURCE: Department of Energy, AP

"If the prices are high, definitely they are not due to a lack of crude. They are due to what's happening in the U.S.," Khellil said. "There is sufficient supply. There's plenty of oil there."

Khellil's comments came one day after U.S. President George W. Bush lashed out at the organization, warning Tuesday "I think it's a mistake to have your biggest customers' economies slowing down as a result of higher energy prices."

White House spokesman



Oil ministers of the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting countries meet at OPEC's headquarters in Vienna, Austria, on Wednesday.

Dana Perino said Wednesday that Bush was "disappointed" OPEC didn't do more to rein in prices, which some say are pushing the U.S. economy into recession.

Analyst John Hall, of John Hall Associates in London,

said OPEC probably should have added oil to the market as Bush had asked.

"But in this time of intense geopolitical tension, it would be difficult for Saudi (Arabia) or any other producer to acquiesce simply because

President Bush had asked them to," he said. "In the short term, any true respite for the consumer is still out of reach."

Although OPEC opted not to intervene, it did pledge to maintain "constant vigilance"

over the market. Khellil said he and OPEC's secretary-general were authorized to call an extraordinary meeting or hold phone consultations "at any time, depending on the pressure on the market" — an apparent gesture to ease global economic jitters.

There had been some speculation that OPEC might actually cut production — a move that would drive prices even higher, along with profits for cartel members — but Khellil said a cut was not discussed at Wednesday's meeting. He said OPEC had no plans to meet again before its next scheduled conference in September.

Earlier in the week, price hawks Venezuela and Iran indicated they planned to push for less production.

Khellil said crude stocks were well within their five-year average and the 13-nation group was not inclined to either boost or reduce its current output of about 32 million barrels a day. OPEC satisfies roughly 40 percent of the world's demand for crude.

Chavez says he doesn't seek war, as Venezuelan troops take up positions along Colombian border

By Ian James
Associated Press writer

CARACAS, Venezuela — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez portrayed himself as a man of peace Wednesday, even as he moved tanks and soldiers to the Colombian border in a growing crisis set off by Colombia's weekend attack on leftist rebels hiding in Ecuadorian territory.

Most of the 9,000 soldiers mobilized by Chavez have reached the frontier and are ready to defend the sacred sovereignty of the homeland if necessary against Colombia's U.S.-supported military, the defense ministry said. Ecuador said it sent 3,200 soldiers to its border with Colombia on Monday.

Chavez blamed the crisis on the U.S. "empire and its lackeys" — Colombia's conservative government — saying they pose a constant threat of war in the region. "We are peace. We are the path to peace," the leftist leader said in a televised speech.

Chavez and his ally, Ecuadorian President Rafael Correa, have been seeking international condemnation of Colombia for the commando raid on Ecuadorian soil that killed a key Colombian rebel leader and 22 other guerrillas Saturday.

They scored a victory of sorts Wednesday in Washington, where the Organization of American States approved a watered-down resolution declaring the attack a violation of Ecuador's sovereignty. The resolution also called for OAS Secretary-General Jose Miguel Insulza to lead a delegation to both countries to ease tensions, but stopped short of explicitly condemning the assault.

The United States was the only OAS nation offering Colombia unqualified support. Only other countries worried openly about the attack inside Ecuador, which along with Venezuela has been accused by Colombian officials of providing refuge to leftist Colombian guerrillas.

Correa called Colombian President Alvaro Uribe a liar who "wanted war," and



Venezuelan National Guard soldiers inspect a car at a checkpoint in Paraguancho, on the Venezuelan border with Colombia, Wednesday. Venezuela has nearly completed its deployment of thousands of troops to states along the border with Colombia, Gen. Jesus Gonzalez Gonzalez said, after Colombia's strike on a guerrilla base across the border in Ecuador.



Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez waves to supporters during a meeting with teachers in Caracas, Wednesday.

warned that if the attack goes unpunished, "the region will be in danger, because the next victim could be Peru, it could be Brazil, Venezuela, Bolivia, any one of our countries."

Uribe, whose decision to attack the rebel camp reflected his frustration over the ability of guerrillas to find refuge across poorly patrolled jungle borders, said he would not mobilize troops or allow his nation to be drawn into war with his neighbors.

Ecuador's security minister, Gustavo Larrea, conceded that problem. The Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC, had promised not to operate

inside Ecuador, and the attack showed the rebels "did not keep their promise," he told The Associated Press.

The attack killed Raul Reyes, the public face of the FARC, and enabled Colombian commandos to recover his laptop, full of documents that allegedly reveal rebel ties to both Chavez and Correa.

In Washington, a top U.S. diplomat said American experts would soon examine the computer's hard drive. "This is the first time that we've stumbled across something coming from the FARC drawing such a straight line" between the rebels and Chavez, Assistant Secretary of State Thomas A. Shannon said.

In his speech, Chavez did not refer to Colombian allegations that he had given US\$300 million to the rebels and conspired with the FARC to embarrass Colombia's government. Venezuela has denied the charges.

Other documents released by Colombia suggested Reyes was secretly negotiating with representatives of France, Venezuela, Ecuador, the U.S. and other nations to win freedom for hostages including French-Colombian politician Ingrid Betancourt and three American

defense contractors. Correa suggested Colombia launched the raid in part to sabotage efforts by Venezuela and Ecuador to persuade the rebels to release more hostages.

Larrea, Ecuador's security minister, was among those negotiating with Reyes. He told the AP it's possible the rebels still might release Betancourt.

"We think an adequate response, in this critical moment for the Andean region, is that they free the hostages," he said.

French President Nicolas Sarkozy appealed directly to the rebels in an interview broadcast Wednesday night on Colombia's RCN television. He called Betancourt's freedom "a personal commitment" and "a national cause," and suggested the FARC release her if it hopes to get off lists of international terrorist organizations.

"If they let Ingrid die, of course, there will be no discussion about that," he said in comments dubbed over in Spanish. "If they free Ingrid Betancourt, maybe there will be some place in the world that will secure it differently."

The FARC freed four hostages last week, and Chavez had pledged to try to win freedom for others.

U.S. commander rejects article of praise

The Washington Post

The top U.S. commander in the Middle East is the subject of a glowing magazine article describing him as the only person who might stop the Bush administration from going to war against Iran.

Esquire magazine's forthcoming profile of Adm. William "Fox" Fallon portrays the chief of the U.S. Central Command as "brazenly chal-

lenging" President Bush on Iran, pushing back "against what he saw as an ill-advised action."

Written by Thomas Barnett, a former professor at the Naval War College, the article in the magazine's April issue predicts that if Fallon leaves his position at Central Command, "it may well mean that the president and vice president intend to take military action against Iran before the end of this year

and don't want a commander standing in their way."

The article is written in an admiring fashion, praising Fallon as "a man of strategic brilliance" whose understanding of the tumultuous situation in Pakistan "is far more complex than anyone else's."

Asked about the article Wednesday, Fallon called it "poison pen stuff" that is "really disrespectful and ugly." He did not cite

specific objections.

Barnett said he had not heard from Fallon about the article.

The White House declined to comment, but administration insiders said the article was being discussed there Wednesday.

Pentagon spokesman Geoff Morrell said "Secretary (of Defense Robert) Gates has read the profile on Admiral Fallon but chooses not to comment on it or other press accounts"

Rice wins Palestinian pledge to restart talks, yet no solution on how to confront Hamas

By Anne Gearan
Associated Press writer

JERUSALEM — The moderate Palestinian leadership agreed under heavy U.S. pressure Wednesday to resume peace talks with Israel, dropping a demand that Israel first reach a truce with Islamic Hamas militants acting as spoilers.

The announcement gave Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice a modest accomplishment for a brief troubleshooting mission. It left open the question of how both sides will eventually confront Hamas militants in charge of the 1.4 million Palestinians — nearly half the population — living in the sealed-off Gaza Strip.

"The peace process is a strategic choice and we have the intention of resuming the peace process," Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said. He did not say when talks would restart, but U.S. and other officials predicted it would be in about a week.

Rice said Abbas had

assured her he will return to talks. Doing so is a political risk for Abbas, who had broken off negotiations last weekend to protest an especially deadly Israeli military incursion into Gaza. More than 120 Palestinians were killed, along with three Israelis, over a week of heightened violence.

If Israeli-Palestinian talks resume as pledged it will essentially restore the precarious balance in place since President Bush announced last fall that the two sides would resume full negotiations for the first time in seven years. The talks are supposed to frame a deal for a Palestinian state this year.

Israeli and West Bank Palestinian negotiators had been meeting regularly, and keeping their discussions secret, before Abbas pulled out. The talks had produced nothing in public, and were undermined on the one hand by continued Israeli activity on land the Palestinians claim and on the other by the inability of Palestinian security forces to control militants.

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Leaving his heart behind

By Anna Gorman
Los Angeles Times

Henry Fuentes closes his eyes and tries to sleep. But he can't. He is restless. He looks out the airplane window. This may be the last time he sees the United States. In less than three hours, he will land in El Salvador, a country he hasn't seen in eight years. Fuentes hadn't planned on returning.

Immigration agents arrested him at his Houston apartment last month. Now, the government was flying him and 115 other undocumented immigrants back to Central America. Some had just crossed the border. Others, like Fuentes, had spent years in the United States and held jobs, owned cars and started families.

Like Fuentes, most of the deportees have mixed feelings about being sent home. They are angry about being deported but relieved to be out of detention. They are excited to return to their roots but frustrated by the country's lack of work. They are anxious to be reunited with relatives in El Salvador but distraught about leaving spouses and children behind in the U.S. "It's very, very hard for me," Fuentes said as he leaned his head back against the seat. "I feel bad, very bad. I feel happiness because I am going to see my

children again. I haven't seen them in eight years. But I feel sadness because I left my children behind."

The federal government has stepped up its immigration enforcement in recent years, resulting in record numbers of detainees. Authorities are trying to free up bed space by deporting undocumented immigrants quickly and efficiently.

Their primary tool is a fleet of planes used to send home nearly 72,000 undocumented immigrants, including about 14,100 criminals, to Central and South America in the 2007 fiscal year. That compares with 50,000 immigrants, including about 9,600 criminals, removed the year before. Authorities said they plan to arrest, detain and deport even more illegal immigrants this year.

The government has ended the practice of "catch and release" and instead is focused on "catch and return," said Michael Pitts, chief of the flight operations unit for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement. "It's a one-way airline," Pitts said.

Fuentes' journey began late on the night of Feb. 19 at a detention center in Willey, Texas, when guards told him he was being deported. Early the next morning, Fuentes boarded a bus.



Henry Fuentes embraces relatives whom he hasn't seen in years. But his mind is on his wife and family in the U.S. His mother says she is glad he's home and doesn't want him to return to America, but worries what the family will do without the money he'd been sending home.

About 7 a.m., his bus pulled alongside a Boeing 737 plane parked in an empty airstrip in Harlingen, Texas. ICE Agent Josie Alvarado came aboard, holding a red pen and a clipboard.

"Good morning," she said loudly in Spanish. "You are going to El Salvador. When you get off, put your hands on your head. When we are on the plane, respect the authorities, and we will respect you." No convicted criminals or gang members were on the flight. They are deported separately.

These deportees get some sympathy from the immigration agents. "We don't treat them as criminals. We treat them as compassionate as we can," Frank Filippone, the ICE officer in charge during the flight, said before leaving Texas. "They are here to make a better life for themselves or to send money back."

That's what motivated Fuentes to leave his family and pay a coyote \$5,500 to make the months-long and

dangerous trip north through Guatemala and Mexico and across the border. He had his wife and spent his savings fighting for custody of his two children, Dennis, 3, and Harold, 2. He won, but them in the care of his parents, and went north to earn money to support them.

In Texas, Fuentes worked as a machinist, earning about \$100 a day. Each month, he sent home about \$500. "I want my children to be professionals," he said. "Earning \$5 a day in my country, I couldn't do that. That's why I came."

But a few years after settling in Houston, he met and married a Colombian woman who has a green card. Fuentes became a stepfather to her daughter, Natalie, and the couple had a son, Sebastian.

For several years, Fuentes had temporary legal status granted to many Salvadorans. But on the morning of Jan. 10, immigration agents showed up at his door. They told him he had a deportation order for failing to appear at an immi-

gration court hearing in 2006. Fuentes told them he had moved and never received the notice.

"I always tried to be responsible, very responsible in my life, you know, because I have children," he said as he sat aboard the flight.

Yet now, he sat aboard the government flight back to El Salvador with a bag lunch of orange juice, a bologna sandwich and potato chips on the tray table in front of him.

As the plane touched down in El Salvador, several passengers applauded and cheered. Salvadoran police guided them into a narrow carpeted room, where Fuentes and the others sat in plastic chairs and ate a plate of pupusas and salsa.

Carlos Rivras, assistant chief for repatriation for the Salvadoran government, told them they would talk to a migration officer and undergo a criminal check. Then they would receive their personal property and could go home.

When Fuentes' name was

called, he walked into an office and sat down at a desk. "Is this the first time you have been deported?" a woman asked him. "Yes."

"Where are you going?" "San Salvador. I don't know the address. I only know the neighborhood."

Fuentes walked into another office, where a woman sat with a locked metal box full of \$1 bills for bus rides home. "Is your family coming to pick you up?"

"They are coming for me, but if you want to give me money, that's not a problem," he said with a smile.

When Fuentes looked up, his parents were standing in front of him.

"Welcome home," his father said.

"Tears rolled down his face and he stood up, smiled broadly and hugged them each tightly.

"I love you Papi," he said in English and then, catching himself, repeated in Spanish. "Oh man! I missed you so much."

Undercurrent of restlessness spreading through Cuba

By Carol L. Williams
Los Angeles Times

MIAMI — With little prospect for change in Cuba on the horizon, inklings of discontent have begun to surface on the Communist-ruled island that analysts say could spread unrest or incite mass migration.

No interpretation of the parliamentary decisions following the resignation of Fidel Castro signal a likelihood of more economic opportunity or personal freedom — the two greatest sources of young Cubans' dissatisfaction.

Coupled with newly named President Raul Castro's call

for his countrymen to speak candidly about the nation's problems, the unmet expectation that reformers would succeed Fidel could unleash despair among Cubans over the likelihood of continued poverty and isolation.

Fidel's Cuba never experienced a military coup attempt or a major clash between its armed forces and the people. Demonstrations by the discontented were usually thwarted beforehand by secret police arrests of known instigators.

But frustration with the status quo has been building in the 19 months since Castro began his departure from leadership.

Cubans interviewed on the streets of Havana before and after the leadership shuffle expressed resentment over their inability to travel abroad, to access the Internet or to use facilities and services reserved for foreigners, even if they have dollars.

"Why can't the people of Cuba go to hotels or travel to other parts of the world?" Eliecer Avila, a student at an elite computer science school outside the Cuban capital, asked National Assembly speaker Ricardo Alarcon six weeks ago in a now-infamous

exchange that visibly rattled the parliamentary leader.

Clandestine video of that exchange has been circulating throughout Cuba, instigating discussion and discontent among young Cubans.

In Santiago de Cuba, several hundred students marched

in protest of a university regent's handling of a sexual assault incident last month, the largest known defiance of an authority figure since the early 1990s. Smaller protests have been waged recently during soccer and baseball matches.

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Latino advocates consider creating LULAC council

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

In mid-November, federal immigration agents arrested 108 illegal immigrants in the Twin Falls area during an investigation into human smuggling on bus lines.

In response to the raid, more than 100 people met at a church hall to discuss how they believed the agents detained people at stores, split up families, and used racial profiling during the sweeps.

From that meeting and others grew an interest in creating a local arm of the 75-year-old Latino organization, the League of United Latin American Citizens or LULAC. A LULAC council, which is what local chapters are called, will probably be formalized in the Magic Valley before the end of March, said Alex Castaneda, a longtime Latino advocate and Twin Falls real estate agent.

"We need a list of 12 members to start a council. We have a good number of people and more than required," Castaneda said. "We want to have a strong-based core group."

If it does come together, it will be the first LULAC council in Idaho.

Castaneda and others say LULAC is perfect for the area.

"There is a need for an organized group to address that specific concern about immigration and what I see as civil rights violations," said Lisa Barini-Garcia, a Twin

On the web

For more about LULAC, go to <http://www.lulac.org/>

Falls attorney who also works with La Posada Hispanic Ministries. LULAC will bring its expertise to these issues. "It lets us get organized without us having to reinvent the wheel."

"They are a stand-alone and not dependent on any agency and they have more leverage to do things," Castaneda said.

LULAC calls itself the largest and oldest Hispanic organization in the United States, focusing on advances for Latinos economically, as well as in educational attainment, political influence, health and civil rights through community-based programs. There are more than 700 LULAC councils nationwide. LULAC councils provide more than \$1 million in scholarships to Latino students annually, conduct citizenship and voter registration drives, develop low-income housing units, conduct youth leadership training programs, and seek to empower the Latino community at the local, state and national level, according to the organization.

Castaneda expects a regional LULAC vice president to come to the area this month to discuss the formation of a new council.

Barini-Garcia is excited that LULAC is an established

organization with political

power to bring on behalf of Latinos, especially in the area of immigration.

The LULAC Immigration and Citizenship Project assists people applying for U.S. citizenship by helping them with applications and placing them in citizenship classes and other support services. It also offers a toll-free number for counseling, advice and referral services; works with community-based organizations; and LULAC councils provide outreach to the immigrant community and set up citizenship and English classes.

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LULAC has a lot to offer, including a youth council, Castaneda said. "The sky is the limit."



After a large Border Patrol raid in the Magic Valley in mid-November, where more than 100 illegal immigrants were apprehended, more than 100 people met in Twin Falls to discuss the incident. Also in response to the raid, community residents are hoping to create a local council of the League of United Latin American Citizens or LULAC.

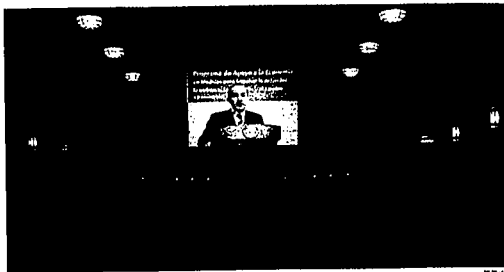
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MEXICO'S ECONOMY



In this handout image from Mexico's Presidencia, an image of Mexican President Felipe Calderon is seen on screen as he delivers a speech in Mexico City Monday. Calderon announced a \$5.6 billion package of tax breaks, utility-rates discounts and spending programs Monday to help Mexico's economy weather the slowdown in the U.S. economy.

Flying deportees home is costly endeavor for U.S.

Los Angeles Times

Many of the immigrants around deportee Henry Fuentes had never flown before. They looked out the windows anxiously, fumbled to get their seat belts fastened and gasped any time the plane hit turbulence. A few received Dramamine to quell their motion sickness.

Although there are

regularly scheduled immigration and Customs Enforcement deportation flights every weekday to Central America, the U.S. government also has flown immigrants home to Nigeria, Cuba, Thailand, Cambodia and the Philippines. Tens of thousands of Mexicans are flown to the border and then walk back into their country.

The deportation flights'

cost jumped from \$96 million in the 2007 fiscal year to \$135 million this fiscal year. That works out to slightly more than \$600 per deportee.

Because detaining an immigrant costs nearly \$100 a day, Michael Pitts, chief of the flight operations unit for the ICE, said, "it's more effective for us to expeditiously get them out of the country."

'Idol' contestant was once a stripper

LOS ANGELES (AP) —

"American Idol" contestant David Hernandez once entertained audiences by removing his clothes instead of singing tunes, a manager at a male strip club in Phoenix told The Associated Press.

The 24-year-old finalist from Glendale, Ariz., once worked as a stripper at Dick's Cabaret, apparently fully nude and performing ball dances for the club's "mostly male" clientele, club manager Gordy Bryan said Monday.

"He had the look and the type that people would make pretty good money here," Bryan said.

It's not clear whether a history as a stripper could disqualify Hernandez from the competition. In 2003, finalist Frenchie Davis was dismissed because of her appearance on an adult Web site; but last year, Antonella Barba remained in the competition after racy photos of her surfaced on the Internet.

Fox spokeswoman Jill Hudson did not immediately return telephone calls seeking comment Monday.

According to Bryan, Hernandez steadily worked at the club for three years until September 30, 2007.

"He never renewed his



In this undated image released by FOX, 'American Idol' contestant David Hernandez, 24, of Glendale, Ariz., is shown.

On the web

<http://www.americanidol.com>

Rumors of a stripper past — along with photos of a scantily clad Hernandez working as a bartender at gay nightclub Burn — were first posted last week of VoteForTheWorst.com, a site that encourages "Idol" viewers to vote for "the bad and truly entertaining contestants."

"It was like moths to a flame," said VoteForTheWorst.com founder Dave Della Terza.

"As soon as I posted that, we started getting 10, 20 letters every single day from people saying, 'Yeah, he's a stripper in Phoenix.'"

licensing with the state, so he hasn't been on my roster since then," Bryan said.

Bryan said he was aware that Hernandez was a vocalist, but that Hernandez never sang at the club. Bryan said he now believes Hernandez stopped working at the club because of his participation in "American Idol." Hernandez has never been referred to as a stripper or former stripper during the Fox singing competition.

BSU offers free engineering camp to Latino students

BOISE — Are you a Latino, a student and interested in engineering?

The College of Engineering at Boise State is hosting a one-day camp for Latino students in seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th grade on April 12.

Participants will experience hands-on activities — such as designer toys, robotics, creative inventions and more — demonstrating engineering and technical careers. The event is hosted by the Society of Hispanic Engineers.

The event is free and 40 students will be accepted.

The application deadline is April 1. Funding is available to provide transportation from Nampa/Caldwell areas, if needed.

For more information or an application, contact Leandra Aburusa-Lete, Student Support coordinator, at (208) 426-4432 or

laburusa@boisestate.edu.

Workshop focuses on melting art, social services for newcomers

The Idaho Commission on the Arts is holding a workshop to explore merging the arts with social services to better serve newcomer communities of refugees and immigrants.

The Art of Community: Building an Arts and Culture Support Network for Newcomers will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. March 28 in Conference Rooms 1 and 2 at the 2270 Old Penitentiary Road. The cost is \$30 until March 18 and \$40 after.

To register, phone, fax, or mail your information to the Idaho



Notices

Commission on the Arts, C/O Tom Chavez, PO Box 83720, Boise, ID 83720-0008, or call 208/334-2119 or 800/278-3863, ext. 102.

Who should attend? Refugee and immigrant artists, local and community-based organizations, local art organizations serving newcomers, teachers, librarians, gallery owners and anyone who is concerned with these newcomer communities.

The workshop will present national and local models of successful arts and social service collaborations. Participants will also hear from newcomer artists who will perform, demonstrate craft-making and talk

about the importance of maintaining their cultural traditions in their new homeland. Participants will work together to explore possibilities for collaboration and to establish a local network through which resources can be shared, communication can be maintained, and future projects developed.

Boise State honors Cesar Chavez with activities

BOISE — Boise State University will hold a week of activities honoring farm worker activist Cesar Chavez.

On March 31 is the Cesar E. Chavez Lunch featuring a discussion on bilingual education sponsored by the Bilingual Education Student Organization at 12 p.m. RSVP to 426-5950.

On April 1, birthday cake will be

served at the Quad, and there will be petitions calling for a National Cesar E. Chavez holiday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

On April 2 will be the Cesar E. Chavez Breakfast at 9 a.m. sponsored by the Student Program Board. Leo Morales from the Idaho Community Action Network will speak on farm worker rights in the Lookout Room. RSVP to 426-5950.

On April 3, "The Fight in the Fields, the Story and Struggle of Cesar Chavez," will be shown at 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. in the Cultural Center.

On April 4, the Chicana/Chicano and Indigenous Read In Forum will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Brava Stage. The event is co-sponsored by the Department of Sociology. Sign up at the Cultural Center or by calling 426-5950 to read works by Indigenous/Chicanos.



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Separate sealed bids from General Contractors for the new Jerome Rural Fire District #1, Station #2, Facility Project...

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given by the City Council for the City of Twin Falls, Idaho...

NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
Case No. CV-08-825
A Petition to change the name of Cody Jackson...

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Idaho Code 45-1506 Today's date: January 29, 2008...

Assigned General Contractors, 1415 Filmore Street, Sulo 703, Twin Falls, ID 83301...

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Requesting Zoning District Change and Zoning Map Amendment from R-4 to R-6 PUD...

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Requests a Comprehensive Plan Amendment to amend the Land Use Map from Urban Residential to Commercial/Industrial...

Application for New Water Right
George and Cheryl Colwell of 3990 Hwy 52, Payette ID 83661 filed the following application...

Any Bidder, upon returning such seal within thirty (30) days in good condition...

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Public Works Contractors License by the State of Idaho will be required of the successful bidder...

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE
Case No. CV-08-919

A Petition to change the name of Austin Tyler Van Voorhees, born October 24, 1956 in Twin Falls, Idaho, residing at 409 HWY 30 4341 River, Idaho 83238, was filed in the County Court, District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Austin Tyler Dixon, because I dislike the given name(s).

The child's current living and his address is General Delivery Chicago, Illinois 60601.

A hearing on the petition is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. on April 23, 2008, at the County Courthouse. Objections may be filed by any person who can show the court a good reason against the name change.

Dated: February 27, 2008
By Deputy Clerk.

PUBLISH: March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2008
INVITATION TO BID

REQUISITION #: D-064610
All sealed bids for the following project must be received by 5:00 P.M. on March 27, 2008. All sealed bids will be opened at 9:30 A.M. on March 28, 2008 in the Idaho Transportation Department, Business and Support Management, Purchasing Unit, located at 3311 West Courthouse, Boise, Idaho. Bidders and other interested parties are invited to be present at the bid opening. The scope of work consists of furnishing bituminous plant mix materials to be used in the Idaho Transportation Department (ITD) furnished trucks as ordered, as per the specifications contained in the above requisition.

The Idaho Transportation Department reserves the right to reject all bids or to accept the bid deemed best for the State of Idaho.

Interested Bids may be obtained from the TINA KLAMT, PURCHASING AGENT
IDCOP TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT
Caches of Bid Packages, includes all Drawings, Bid Documents and Plan Sheets List, may be obtained by visiting our web site at: <http://mda.idaho.gov/business/business.htm> or by contacting your local Plan Room.

PUBLISH: March 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10, 2008

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-2008-000561
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
LC § 15-3-103
In and for the Estate of
BERTA TURNER, aka BERTA J. TURNER,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Terry Parker and Olen D. Turner have been appointed personal representatives of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

STEPHAN KVANVIG, STONE & TRAINOR
By Russell G. Kvanvig
Attorney for Personal Representative
PO Box 83
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0083

PUBLISH: February 21, 28 and March 6, 2008

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-08-811
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
LC § 15-3-103
In and for the Estate of
JANE FRIEDA ROGERSON,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that ROBERT D. ROGERSON has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

STEPHAN KVANVIG, STONE & TRAINOR
By Russell G. Kvanvig
Attorney for Personal Representative
P O Box 83
Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-0083
Telephone 208-733-1221

PUBLISH: March 6, 13 and 20, 2008

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

Case No. CV-07-3268
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
HAROLD LEE CLATON,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Sharon Marie Fischer has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or his estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred.

Claims must be presented to the personal representative at the address indicated below, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

TIM VOORHEES AND FIRM
By Dennis S. Voorhees
Attorney for Personal Representative
1122 Shoshone Street East
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Twin Falls, ID 83303-0050

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Case No. CV-2007-1794
ACTING NOTICE AND SUMMONS FOR HEARING
In the Interest of:
CLAYTON JOLLEY
d.o.b. 11/15/1966
A Child Under Eighteen Years of Age

A Petition under the Termination of Parent-Child Act has been filed by the Department of Health and Welfare. The merits of the petition will be examined in an evidentiary hearing on April 24, 2008 at 9:30 AM in the Magistrate's Court, Twin Falls County Courthouse, Twin Falls, Idaho.

The following individual shall personally appear at the hearing:
JON DOE, FATHER

The above-named individual is further notified that he is entitled to be represented by legal counsel if he is financially unable to retain an attorney. If you wish to apply to the Court, prior to the hearing, for appointment of counsel.

Said father is further notified that pursuant to 15-1513 of the Idaho Code that he may register his claim as father of a child born out of wedlock with the Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Vital Statistics, on forms available for such purposes from the Bureau of Vital Statistics of the Department of Health and Welfare. Said father is further notified that he shall mail the completed form to the Bureau of Vital Statistics, and it will be stamped and witnessed before a Notary Public. Your failure to so register can result in your being barred from your maintaining an action to establish paternity of the said child and constitute a prima facie case of contempt of court pursuant to section 16-2005 of the Idaho Code.

Dated: February 11, 2008
MKG/agkato

PUBLISH: February 28, March 6 and 13, 2008

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-07-4820
SUMMONS
MAGIC VALLEY COLLECTIONS & RECOVERY, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
TYRELL MCWATERS
NICOLE MCWATERS
Defendants.

NOTICE YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate typed response must be filed with the above designator court within 20 days after service of Summons to you. If you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint.

A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

An appropriate typed response requires compliance with Rule 10a(1)(i) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:

1. The title and number of this case.
2. If your response is an answer to the Complaint, it must contain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint, and other defenses you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing address, and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to Plaintiff's attorney, as designated above.

To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the Court at the address indicated below.

By Deputy Clerk, Magistrate Court.

PUBLISH: February 21, 28, March 6 and 13, 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-2007-1159
SUMMONS
MAGIC VALLEY COLLECTIONS & RECOVERY, INC.
Plaintiff,
vs.
BARRY WHITESSELL
Defendant.

NOTICE YOU HAVE BEEN SUED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.

You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate typed response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of Summons to you. If you fail to so respond, the court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint.

A copy of the Complaint is served with this Summons. If you wish to seek the advice or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected.

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By Deputy Clerk, Magistrate Court.

PUBLISH: February 21, 23, March 6 and 13, 2008

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NOTICE OF BID

Notice is hereby given that the Twin Falls School District #411, Twin Falls, Idaho will receive sealed bids for (2) copiers until 1:00 P.M., March 10, 2008 at the School Administration Building, 201 Main Avenue West, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301.

The list of specifications and conditions may be obtained from the School Purchasing Agent at the School Administration Building.

The Board of Trustees for Twin Falls School District #411 reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive all informalities.

TWIN FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT #411
By: Michelle Lucas, Clerk of the Board

PUBLISH: February 28, 2008
March 6, 2008
OPEN: March 13, 2008

NOTICE OF ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on March 31, 2008, from 12:00 noon to 8:30 p.m. at the Huggerman City Office for election of five members to serve on the Lower Snake River Aquifer Recharge District Board of Directors.

The elected members shall be a water user or representative of a water user within the District. One (1) member shall be an owner or operator of a commercial fish hatchery licensed in accordance with the provisions of section 22-4002, Idaho Code. One (1) member shall be a farmer or rancher who is an appropriator of ground water and whose diversion thereof is accomplished primarily through the operation of a well or wells. Terms of office for which each are elected shall be for two years.

Dolores D. Jones
Secretary

PUBLISH: March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2008

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

Case No. CV-2007-1157
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
WAYNE L. MORT,
Deceased.

I have been appointed Personal Representative of this estate. All persons having claims against the decedent are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or their claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the Board, PLYCO Inc. at the office of Paul M. Donald, D.V.L.C., PO Box 508, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0508, and must be filed with the Court.

Dated: March 1, 2008
D./Donald Dwayne Mort
Personal Representative

PUBLISH: March 6, 13, 20 and 27, 2008

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-08-591
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
ALMA SCHOELLER,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the decedent's estate are required to present their claims within four (4) months after the date of the first publication of this notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

Dated: this 20th day of February, 2008
By: John Schoeller
Personal Representative
1352 10th Street
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83404

PUBLISH: February 28, March 6 and 13, 2008

PUBLIC NOTICE
Actions planned and taken by your government are contained in public notices. They are part of your right to know and to be informed of what your government is doing. As self-government charges all citizens to be informed, this newspaper urges every citizen to read and study these notices. We advise those citizens who seek further information to exercise their right to access public records and public meetings.

IMPORTANT
Please advise at legal advertising to:
LEGAL ADVERTISING
The Times-News
PO Box 548
Twin Falls, Idaho
83303-0548

mail to
legal@magicvalley.com
Deadline for legal ads: 3 days prior to publication, noon on Wednesday for Sunday, noon on Thursday for Monday, noon on Friday for Tuesday and Wednesday, noon on Monday for Thursday and noon on Tuesday for Friday and Saturday. Holiday notices may vary. If you have any questions call Ruby, legal clerk, at 208-735-3324.

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

Case No. CV-08-252
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
In the Matter of the Estate of
LAUREN DURLAND,
Deceased.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned has been appointed personal representative of the above-named decedent. All persons having claims against the decedent or the estate are required to present their claims within four months after the date of the first publication of this Notice or said claims will be forever barred. Claims must be presented to the undersigned at the address indicated, and filed with the Clerk of the Court.

DATED: 11-21-2008
D./Dorothy J. Durland, Personal Representative
c/o JAMES L. WESTBERG
LAUREN, WESTBERG, JUDGE & GRAHAM, P.A.
414 S. Jefferson, Moscow, ID 83843
208-883-1505

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101 Lost and Found

FOUND Australian Shepherd Friday 2/28 in Twin Falls.
Call 293-4764.

FOUND Bassett Hound, adult male, on Buchanan St. in Twin Falls Wednesday evening, 2/26/08.
Call 300-8648 Bam-6pm.

FOUND cat, Siamese mix, young male, light tan/white color with spread tail, found near 4th Ave. E. and Madison in Twin Falls. Call 735-1184.

FOUND pig, black and white, male, 6' 8" high and Eban in Burley, Weaning color, no teeth. Call to identify 208-977-6512 or 208-788-2477.

FOUND Shih Tzu male, white, name is "Zeko", found South Washington, 733-2006.

LOST Black Lab & Chocolate Lab, lost near Harrison School. Kid's dog. Call 208-240-1937 or 420-1564.

LOST German Shepherd, female, white/black, Holister, 731-1185.

LOST Golden Retriever male, out by the Eden area, "Boss", \$100 REWARD. 208-0325.

LOST Vary Lab South of Burley, Weaning color, family missing. Twin Falls information. Please contact 208-265-0682.

LOST Red Heeler mix, female, Hixley Division collar, last found 125 East 342 Lane South in Rupert. Reward offered. Call 208-260-0304 or 208-312-2923

LOST Weim, Blondo reddish-black female, 12 yrs, family missing. Her, 5500 Reward, 734-8080 or 734-9996

200 Employment

PUBLIC SERVICE MESSAGE
Federal
Employment information is free. Remember, no one can promise you a federal job. For free information about federal jobs:
Call Career America
208-737-3000

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Clerical
Full time Secretary Mon-Fri. Responsible for customer service, orders, receivables and various office duties. Must have computer knowledge, be a fast learner and detail oriented. Waives DOE Apply in person or mail response to 1242 Eastland Ave. Twin Falls

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107 Pregnancy Alternatives
Pregnant? Worried? Free Pregnancy Tests. Free Contraception. 208-734-7472

106 Professional Services
Bankruptcy Chapter 7 Guaranteed lowest price for attorney representation. We are a debt relief agency. Free Consultation. Call 1-866-868-2389.

110 HOME/HEALTH CARE
CNA looking to do home care in Twin Falls. Home care 208-300-0768

113 Child Care Services
CHILD CARE Licensed Childcare center, evenings, lunches and snacks. LUNCH accepted. Referrals accepted. Call 735-4193

Miscellaneous Services
High heating bill? Home energy audits. The Inspection Co. Call 208-326-5115.

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DRIVER
Transport Driver needed for Wonder Bread driving an express truck. Delivering product. Will load and unload trucks of product. Must be 21 with 2 years CDL. Validated skills required. Apply at 211 Freightway Twin Falls

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Looking for a job? Working mornings & afternoons? We have the perfect job for you! Your New Hiring Bus Drivers! Western States Bus Call 208-733-8003

DRIVERS
Ag Express Inc. Paid ID. Class A CDL drivers with tank endorsement needed full & part-time year round local & interstate hauling. Benefits include medical, dental vision, 401k & vacation. Minimum age 21. Call 438-8980 or Milot 431-4041

DRIVERS
Hiring over the road Drivers. 2 years experience preferred. Medical Insurance and 401k offered, vacation after 1 year, 5.35 per mile Apply at 45 S. 200 E. Jerome, Idaho 208-324-3515 Gilmer Milk Transportation

Construction
CONSTRUCTION Framers wanted. 2 to 30 all general workers, Wilson Grain Trailers. 121st pub. info. after 5pm 208-335-9704

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1	9	8	5
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	6	8	2

EASY #24

Fill in the grid so every row, every column, and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1 through 9. That's all there is to it. There's no math involved. The grid has numbers, but nothing has to add up to anything else. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic. Find the answers for todays puzzle on page E-10.

206 Drivers

DRIVERS
NORTH SIDE BUS COMPANY
Hiring School Bus Drivers in Jerome. Part training for position & CDL. Monthly \$4 yearly bonuses. 324-4228 or 316-0036

DRIVERS
Mid-Mix Drivers wanted. CDL required. Pay DOE. Full benefits. Apply at Idaho Concrete Co. 1294 Addison Ave. W. Twin Falls, ID or online at www.idahconcrete.com Drug Free Workplace EOE.

CLASSIFIEDS

It pays to read the line print!
Call The Times-News to place your ad at 209-733-0931 ext. 2

207 Education

EDUCATION
Buhl School District is accepting applications for an Elementary Special Education Paraprofessional. Application materials are available at the District office, 920 Main St., Buhl, ID or by calling 643-6436. For more information regarding this position, call Suzanne Wilkin 340-3220 EOE and Drug-Free work place.

208 Farm

Classified Private Party Ads
Requires pre-payment prior to publication. Major credit facilities, cards, and cash accepted.
733-0931 ext. 2 Times-News

209 General

AGRICULTURAL
Agricultural Cooperative seeks motivated individual to work closely with growers. Strong interpersonal skills and ability to work in a team environment are highly desirable. Travel throughout southern Idaho. College degree and/or 5 years management/marketing exp. Strong computer skills a must. Salary \$50,000 DOE. Send resume to: SIPC0, 276 South 5th Ave., Suite 245, Pocatello, ID 83201

GENERAL
Big Wood Canal Company & American Falls Reservoir District No. 2 has 3 positions available:
• CDL Driver in the Gooding-Shoshone Canal Maintenance person
• Ditch Rider in the Hunt area.
Send resume to or pick up application at: 112 S. Apple St. Shoshone, ID 83452. Opening Closes March 12, 2008

209 General

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Day & Swing Shift Positions Available!
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• Fun, Positive work environment!
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Please apply at 840 Meadow Dr #1 Twin Falls or please call (208) 735-6601. Walking distance from CS!!

209 General

Franklin
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Shing/Drywall
CDL Required
No phone calls
Ask for Cindy or Curt
516 West Main
Jerome, ID

GENERAL
TWIN FALLS Care Center
Kitchen Help
Twin Falls Care Center is looking for dependable help in the kitchen. This is a part-time position doing dish washing, and tray aide. This position is in the day & in the afternoons. If you are interested please call 734-4264 and ask for Cindy or fill out an application at 674 Eastland Dr.

209 General

PhoneBase
Research, Inc.
PhoneBase Research currently has immediate openings in our interviewing department. This position involves conducting public opinion polls over the telephone. PhoneBase Research offers:
• Flexible evening, day and weekend hours.
• Up to \$11 an hour
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To apply stop by our office at 840 Meadow Dr. Ste #2 in Twin Falls or call us at 208-735-2851

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A very stable employer and is accepting applications for the following full-time positions:
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209 General

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209 General

RESTAURANT
Needed full time Cook. Apply in person at The Oasis 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. Twin Falls

RESTAURANT
Now accepting applications for Waitpersons Mandarin House - 735 Blue Lakes Blvd Twin Falls

RESTAURANT
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210 Management

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211 Medical

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211 Medical

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211 Medical

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\$3500 for full-time RNs
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Circulation Manager
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We are located in the heart of Nevada's outback, a region known for its wide-open spaces, outdoor recreation, gold mining and casino tourism industry. The Free Press is one of the 56 dailies owned by Lee Enterprises, the nation's fourth-largest newspaper company. To learn more about the Free Press or its parent company, go to www.elkodaily.com or www.lee.net.

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3720 Idaho Street
Elko, NV 89801
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The ideal candidate will have excellent telephone presence, good computer skills with experience in Word, Excel and Power Point, excellent speaking skills, and a keen eye for attention to detail. Reliable transportation and a good driving record are required.

We offer a great work environment, competitive compensation including base plus commission, and excellent benefits including medical, dental, vision, 401(k) retirement plan, paid holidays and vacation.

See us online at www.magivalley.com and read about our parent company at www.lee.net.

If you have these qualifications please submit a cover letter, references and resume to Christy.Hazler@lee.net or mail to Classified Manager, 132 Fairfield St. W., Twin Falls, ID 83401

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

By Mike Argison and Jeff Knurak

WHAT THE BOOMERANG CHAMPION SOUGHT WHEN HE LOST THE CONTEST.

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Answer: A (Answers tomorrow)

Jumbles: **BAKED USURP CUDDLE CANDID**

Answers: **Wanted** Where ideals can come — **LADIES**

211 Medical

Aspen Grove Hospice
Palliative growing agency
RN exp. Preferred
up to 20hrs per week
Interested in quality care and team work
Call 733-2234

216 Trades

Experienced Equipment Painter
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Inc. 1550 Partridge Ave.
Burley, ID

403 Tutoring

Needed in Biology/Geometry,
4-6 hrs/week
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Inc. 1550 Partridge Ave.
Burley, ID

TWIN FALLS

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Full or part-time
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In House CNA Classes offered

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Find something to do this weekend



A 'Family' affair

Low Family
show to
make stop in
Twin Falls

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Courtesy images
Kayli, Doag and Kam! Love burn up the stage with Latin ballroom dancing. The Lowe Family mixes dancing and musical numbers in their show, coming to Twin Falls on Friday.

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TOP 5

The week's most popular media

TELEVISION

1. "Academy Awards," ABC.
2. "American Idol" (Tuesday), Fox.
3. "American Idol" (Wednesday), Fox.
4. "American Idol" (Thursday), Fox.
5. "Oscar's Red Carpet 2008," ABC.

From Nielsen Media Research

FILM

1. "Vantage Point"
2. "The Spiderwick Chronicles"
3. "Jumper"
4. "Step Up 2 the Streets"
5. "Ford's Gold"

From Media By Numbers LLC

VIDEO RENTALS

1. "We Own the Night"
2. "No Reservations"
3. "The Brave One"
4. "Gone Baby Gone"
5. "The Game Plan"

From Billboard magazine

DVD SALES

1. "Why Did I Get Married?"
2. "We Own the Night"
3. "Snow Buddies"
4. "No Reservations"
5. "Gone Baby Gone"

From Billboard magazine

ITUNES MOVIES

1. "Shooter"
2. "Stardust"
3. "Ratatouille"
4. "Step Up"
5. "Hot Rod"

From iTunes.com

ITUNES MUSIC

1. "Love in This Club (feat. Young Jeezy)," Usher & Young Jeezy.
2. "Love Song," Sara Bareilles.
3. "Low," Flo Rida feat. T-Pain.
4. "No Air," Jordin Sparks & Chris Brown.
5. "Don't Stop the Music," Rihanna.

From iTunes.com

HOT FIVE

1. "Low," Flo Rida feat. T-Pain.
2. "With You," Chris Brown.
3. "Don't Stop the Music," Rihanna.
4. "Love Song," Sara Bareilles.
5. "No One," Alicia Keys.

From Billboard magazine

ALBUMS

1. "Sleep Through the Static," Jack Johnson.
2. "As I Am," Alicia Keys.
3. "Back to Black," Amy Winehouse.
4. "Kidz Bop 13," Kidz Bop Kids.
5. "Step Up 2: The Streets," Soundtrack.

From Billboard magazine

CONCERT TOURS

1. Van Halen
2. Dane Cook
3. Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus
- "Best Of Both Worlds."
4. Michael Buble
5. Stevie Wonder

From Pollstar

BOOKS

- Fiction*
1. "The Appeal," by John Grisham.
 2. "L.A. Outlaws," by T. Jefferson Parker.
 3. "Stranger in Paradise," by Robert B. Parker.
 4. "7th Heaven," by James Patterson and Maxine Paetro.
 5. "People of the Book," by Geraldine Brooks.

Nonfiction

1. "In Defense of Food," by Michael Pollan.
2. "The Secret," by Rhonda Byrne.
3. "Send Yourself Roses," by Kathleen Turner with Gloria Feldt.
4. "Women & Money," by Suze Orman.
5. "The Age of American Unreason," by Susan Jacoby.

From the Los Angeles Times

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Send us 50 words — and we really mean just 50 — about local arts and entertainment. You could write about a local artist, a play, even that guy who plays flute on the street corner. Anything written, painted or performed in Magic Valley. Reviews of arts in Boise, Salt Lake City or other not-too-distant burbs are also welcome.

In addition to your 50

words, include a basic description of the performance or artwork, such as location, date, title, author or artist.

Also, your name and a phone number where we can reach you during the day.

No objectionable language, please, or your review will be deleted.

Weekly deadline for submissions is noon Mondays, to ariel.hansen@lee.net.

Art: "Truth and Fables" exhibit, by Sally Graves Machlis

On display until March 29 at the Jean B. King Gallery of Art at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho

I'm familiar with Japanese calligraphy, but it has never been my favorite art form. So the exhibit piece that attracted me most here was "Body Truths."

I was drawn to the medical illustrations, modified with bright colors and Asian influences, painted and collaged on handmade paper and mounted on wood.

— Ariel Hansen, TNT editor

Music: Meat Puppets

Seen Feb. 27 at The Depot in Salt Lake City

Opening for Built to Spill, the Meat Puppets worked a fiery mix of rockabilly and grunge. Even 28 years after forming, they rocked the house. You can hear their influence on bands like Nirvana pounding out of the Kirkwood brothers' instruments. Extra kudos for Animal the Muppet (Cris Kirkwood) on bass.

— Megan Otto, Times-News news editor

ALL IN THE 'FAMILY'

The Lowe Family variety show comes to Twin Falls

BY BLAIR KOCH

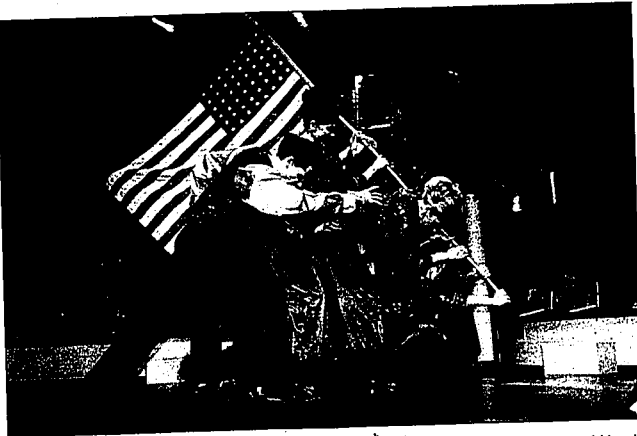
Times-News correspondent

For more than 25 years the Lowe Family has been entertaining hundreds of thousands of people worldwide.

On Friday, the dynamic family will perform at the College of Southern Idaho, marking their first stop in Twin Falls.

All seven of the Lowe siblings — Kendra, Kara, Kami, Doug, Korinne, Kysa and Kayli — began studying and performing music at young ages, and each stands alone as an accomplished musician and performer.

On stage, with parents Leeandra and Robert, the family offers a colossal mix of show-stopping classical, Broadway, Irish, jazz,



Members of the Lowe Family recreate the famous photograph of two lina during one of the family's shows. From left are Doug, Korinne, Kendra and Kayli Lowe.

Courtesy photos

bluegrass, old-time favorites, six-part harmonies, gospel, patriotic tributes and more in a high-energy, fast-paced variety show.

"Performing with family definitely brings something unique to the stage," said Kami Lowe. "We grew up together. When

you're playing with your siblings you have some of your best friends up there."

Kayli Lowe, at 19, is the youngest Lowe. Born into performing, she can't imagine any other life.

She said the most positive

feedback any audience can give is their music having an impact on young musicians.

"I hope the audience enjoys the performance and that they leave feeling better than when they came," she said. "A huge part of the message is family,

faith and hope, but if kids are in the audience and watching us dance and play, I hope it inspires them to practice even harder and realize that no matter what, music has long-lasting effects."

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A family affair

What: The Lowe Family, playing classical, Broadway, Irish, jazz, bluegrass, old-time favorites, six-part harmonies, gospel, patriotic tributes and more.

When: 7 p.m. Friday

Where: The College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Auditorium.

Cost: \$20 for adults; \$10 for students with ID and children 17 and under. Tickets may be purchased at the CSI box office, at 732-6781 or at Tickets.csi.edu.



Korinne Lowe bows a viola into a fiddle during a Lowe Family performance. The group will appear at the College of Southern Idaho on Friday.



All nine Lowes sing 'Love at Home' in a performance in Salt Lake City. The multi-talented group brings a mix of classical, Broadway, Irish, jazz, bluegrass, old-time favorites, six-part harmonies, gospel, patriotic tributes and more to Twin Falls on Friday.

Show

Rockin' the Boys and Girls Club

Club's show features newly discovered treasures

BY CHANDRA LANCASTER
Times-News correspondent

The Magic Valley Gem Club will display 50 unique showcases at the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley this weekend.

If you go ...

What: Magic Valley Gem Club's Rock and Gem Show

Where: Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley, 999 Frontier Road, Twin Falls

When: 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday; 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday

Cost: \$2, children under 12 get in free when accompanied by adult

Members of the gem club will demonstrate various techniques to "show off the beauty of the stone," said Rocky Metts, club president. Also, members will sell creations made from the stones and give some away as door prizes.

Harold Waggoner, member of the gem club since 1966, said the members spend all summer in the desert discovering rocks for their annual show.

Many people join the group to experience the fellowship of this unearthing period in the desert, as well as to enjoy the scenery.

The Magic Valley Gem Club holds meetings at 7 p.m. every third Thursday of the month, at 235 Third Ave. E., Twin Falls (the old IOOF hall).

The meetings are open to anyone interested in geology.



Visitors to the 2007 Magic Valley Gem Club show look at goods displayed at a booth.

Courtesy photos

Members have skills of every level ranging from picking up gravel to making diamond rings.

"I collect and polish; the rest is up to someone artistic," Metts said. According to Metts, many people get involved with the artistic portion of collecting

rocks, but not everyone needs an interest or skill in this area to be aware of the stones' beauties.

Everyone in the group has a unique style and preference for their discoveries which give them a firsthand experience to share with people they meet.

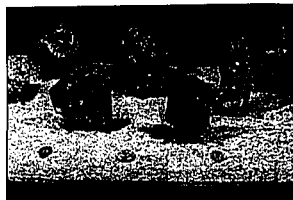
The gem club has sponsored the Rock and Gem Show for 53 years, to educate children and adults about rocks and the range of occupations available to collectors.

The purpose of the annual show is "to promote our club and the awareness of geology

and rocks," Waggoner said.

The club provides free admission for children under 12 in hopes of creating an interest in geology.

Chandra Lancaster may be reached at chalanaster@20@students.csl.edu or 308-5761.



A variety of rocks and gems will be on display at the 2008 Magic Valley Gem Club's Rock and Gem Show, held this weekend at the Boys and Girls Club of Magic Valley.

KARAOKE CORNER

DAILY

Twin Falls
Karaoke, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday and Saturday and 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, at the Klover Klub Lounge, 402 Main Ave. N. No cover charge.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6

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.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

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 Ave. No cover charge.

SATURDAY, MARCH 8

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Rupert
High Mountain Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont Ave. No cover charge.

Declo
Miller Time Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna, 9 E. Main St. No cover charge.

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Burley
Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers, 163 W. U.S. Highway 30. No cover charge.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

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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Recently, the Lowe Family appeared with the world-famous Mormon Tabernacle Choir and orchestra on its national television and radio broadcast. The family has also been featured guests during the Olympics and at China's New Year's celebrations.

"They have been seen on ABC, CBS, PBS, Time-Warner and other networks across the globe,

and captivated concert goers in Europe, Canada, Latin America and China.

Living on the road has its perks and challenges, but no one in the family sees stopping the show any time soon.

Laughing, Robert Lowe said: "It depends on the day."

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Music

An unexpected concert

Burley Pops adds special effects

BY ERICA LITTLEFIELD
Times-News correspondent

Burley High School bands are pulling out all the stops.

The school's two jazz ensembles and its concert band will perform their annual Pops Concert, themed "Movie Magic Spectacular." And for the first time, the bands have integrated special effects like fog machines into their performance.

Steve Floyd, band director for Burley High, said he and the students have been working hard to put together a "whole show."

"It's going to be a really outstanding show, and a lot of fun," Floyd said. "We do our best to be as professional as we can every time we perform."

Concertgoers will hear music from such classic movies as "Star Wars," "Star Trek," "2001: A Space Odyssey" and "Jurassic Park." The concert will also feature the music of Andrew Lloyd Webber, including pieces from "Evita," "Jesus Christ Superstar" and

Making movie magic

What: Burley High School Pops Concert

When: 7 p.m. Wednesday
Where: King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Park Ave., Burley
Cost: \$5 for adults, \$2 for students and \$10 for families
Information: Steve Floyd, 878-5464

"Phantom of the Opera."

Floyd is also director of the King Fine Arts Center, and he has worked on special effects for other groups and productions that performed at the center. Floyd said he decided it was high time to add some of those eye-catching effects to the band's performances.

Wednesday's concert will include fog machines, colored spotlights and other lighting effects, and even a projector that will show images from the movies on a screen behind the band.

Floyd said putting the special

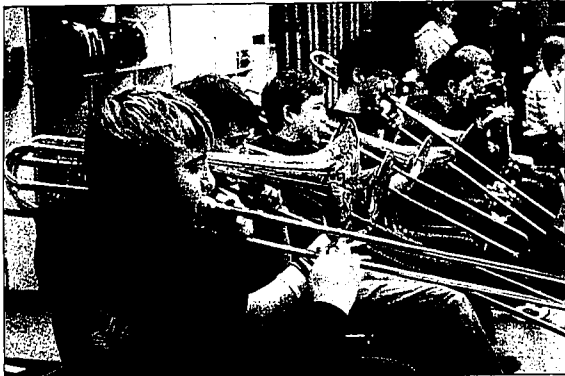


Photo by MICHAEL GREEN/For The Times-News

Members of the Burley High School Burley Pops rehearse Friday for their concert on Wednesday. The concert, "Movie Magic Spectacular" will feature special effects such as fog machines and projected film clips.



effects together and making everything coordinate has been tough, but he has enjoyed the task and believes the final product will be well worth it.

"It's a tremendous effort to get all this put together," Floyd said.

"We have a couple dress rehearsals to get the bugs worked out. This is the kind of thing you don't expect from a high

school group."

Though the bands have been putting a lot of effort into the special effects, they are still focusing on making the music the best it can be. Floyd said the "Jurassic Park" piece is especially difficult. Natasha McCombs, a senior who plays the flute in the band, said she and the rest of the students have faced the chal-

lenge head on. "We have had trouble with some spots, but it's really cool to see how the band comes together to make it work," McCombs said.

Jacob Palomarez, a senior, plays tenor saxophone in the band. Palomarez believes the special effects combined with the music will make the performance an unusual experience that audience members wouldn't normally get at a concert.

"I think they're going to feel like they're watching a movie, but with a real band playing the music," Palomarez said. "We're going to capture their attention and blow them out of their seats."

Erica Littlefield may be reached at 961-4515.

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A night at the casbah

Arts Council
hosts yearly
fundraiser

BY BLAIR KOCH
Times-News correspondent

Belly dancers and other roving artists, gaming tables, silent and live auctions, a buffet of hors d'oeuvres and dessert, no-host bar and a dance orchestra. That's what you'll find at this year's Magic Valley Arts Council fundraiser, "La Mascarade — Arabian Nights."

Come dressed in casbah chic or evening wear — you decide — just be sure to take part in this once-a-year opportunity, said Stacy Madsen, arts council executive director.

"This is the third year for our masquerade ball event and each year we want to make it a little different. Last year we went with Moulin Rouge. In keeping it fun, different and a little unusual this year's theme is Arabian Nights," Madsen said. "There are so few opportunities to dress up, so, while costumed attire isn't necessary, why not?"

The event draws hundreds and raises about \$20,000 through donations for raffles and auctions. Raffle tickets cost \$10 each or 12 for \$100 and winners need not be present to win. Tickets may be purchased from any board member or at the arts council office in Twin Falls. Prizes include a case of red and white wines, a white-water rafting adventure and sparkling jewels.

"The money raised goes into the council's operating budget — for salaries, rent and programs," Madsen said.

Dr. George Halsell, president of the council's board of directors, said he hopes the evening turns out to be both lucrative and fun.

"We really do have a lot planned — to dancing with the



Courtesy Stage

Don't forget your mask

What? Magic Valley Arts Council's fundraiser, "La Mascarade — Arabian Nights."

When: 7 p.m. Saturday Where: The Ballroom, 205 Shoshone St. N., Twin Falls.

Cost: Tickets are \$40 per person and can be purchased at the arts council's office at 132 Main Ave. S., Twin Falls.

Canyonside Jazz Orchestra and the (legal) gambling," said Halsell, whose doctorate is in musical arts. "The more money we raise the bigger operating budget we have which means the more programs we can offer."

Halsell said the council wants to expand its offerings to the public. This year the council is partnering with the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce to make the valley's annual jazz weekend — formerly operated by

the area's Rotary Clubs — an even bigger success.

"We want Jazz in the Canyon to be a moneymaking venture but want to invest in it to make it the best jazz event we can," Halsell said.

Twin Falls artist and at-large board member Judy Reeder said the community is becoming ever more aware of its artists and what they can contribute.

"The arts are growing. People support other large area community fund raisers and foundations and I think some of these other smaller groups, like the arts council, also add a lot to the community," Reeder said. "The council has a good blend of people, drawing from a variety of backgrounds and lifestyles. The ball will offer a great time to be had by all."

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'DISNEY SPECTACULAR'



Photo: The News-Tribune

Borley High School's Bel Cantos Choir will present "A Disney Spectacular" at 6:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday in the King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Borley. Tickets for the dinner show are \$20 per person; call the school at 878-6606 or adviser Cidy Hansen at 677-8954. The event is a fundraiser for the group's trip to California in April to perform at the Heritage Festival in Anaheim. The group will perform a variety of numbers from Disney movies old and new. There will also be a raffle with prizes donated by area businesses.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 6

Theater/Twin Falls
The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present William Shakespeare's "The Comedy of Errors" at 8 p.m. at the CSI Fine Arts Theater. The play is about two sets of identical twins, separated at birth, who throw the citizens of Ephesus into a comic uproar in a hilarious case of mistaken identity. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased at the CSI Fine Arts box office, 732-6781 or Tickets.csi.edu.

Theater/Oakley

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Poker/Twin Falls

Twin Falls Poker League will hold Texas Hold'em tournaments at 7 p.m. at Kruezer's Night Life. No entry fee. Kruezer's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Artist talk/Boise

Author and artist Falk Ringold will present the program "Falk Ringold: Story Cycles and Children's Books" 6-7:30 p.m. at The Egyptian Theater. A book signing will follow 7:45-8:45 p.m. at the Boise Art Museum, 670 Julia Davis Drive. Tickets are \$10 for art museum members and \$15 for non-members. The Egyptian is at 516 S. Ninth St.

Musical/Nampa

Rodgers and Hammerstein's "South Pacific" production will be performed at 7:30 p.m. at the Sweeney Auditorium at Northwest Nazarene University. World War II veterans and their spouses are admitted free through the March 6 performance. Tickets, which are \$10 for adults and \$8

Calendar deadlines

Don't miss your chance to tell southern Idaho your arts and crafts story. The regular deadline for entries for the TNT entertainment calendar is 9 a.m. the Friday prior to publication. Send submissions to Ramona Jones at ramona@magicvalley.com.

Rock/Utah

Matches of TwentY will play the E Center of WVC at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$55 and \$38, are available at Smith's Fitness & E Center is at 3200 S. Decker Lake Drive in West Valley City.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7

Home, garden show/Burley

The Discover Magic Valley Home and Garden Show will be held from noon to 6 p.m. at the Snake River Plaza. The show includes a craft fair, separate at birth, who throw the citizens of Ephesus into a comic uproar in a hilarious case of mistaken identity. Tickets are \$8 for adults and \$6 for seniors and students. Tickets may be purchased at the CSI Fine Arts box office, 732-6781 or Tickets.csi.edu.

Movie/Twin Falls

Christian Home Night will hold a movie screening of the Cards" at 7 p.m. at the River Christian Fellowship. Free admission. Before 7 p.m. tickets are available for a donation. Information: 733-3133. River Christian is at the corner of Falls and East and Shoshone Falls Road.

Acoustic/Twin Falls

As a part of First Friday, The Brandlies (Tony Marnock, Bob Harding, Sylvia Bird and Rick Kuhn) will perform 6-9 p.m. at Rudy's. Tickets are \$4. Rudy's is at 147 Main Ave. W.

Variety/Twin Falls

Ladies Night will be held 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Hands On and The Divine Grid. The event includes live music 8-10 p.m. by Terry Hildebrand and coffee drink specials from The Divine Grid, and studio-flee paintings at 7:30-8:45 p.m. at Hands On. Tickets are \$4 for students, \$5 for adults, available at the door. The school is at No. 1 Lindeman Terroy.

Theater/Burley

Bull High School's Advanced Drama class presents "What I Wanted to Say" at 7:30 p.m. at the Bull High School auditorium. Tickets are \$4 for students, \$5 for adults, available at the door. The school is at No. 1 Lindeman Terroy.

Musical/Twin Falls

The Lowe Family will perform at 7 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. The Lowe's are versatile with many instruments and offer a blend of classical, Broadway, and bluegrass. Tickets are \$10 for art museum members and \$15 for non-members. The Egyptian is at 516 S. Ninth St.

Theater/Twin Falls

The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department

Country/Jacksonport

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Dance/Twin Falls

The Disabled American Veterans Auxiliary will hold a public dance at 8 p.m. at the DAV Hall. Reservations are requested. The hall is at 459 Shoup Ave.

Variety/Twisp Falls

Kneakers DJ featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. Cover charge is \$2. Riverside is at 197 W. U.S. Highway 20.

Country/Declo

The Fughlins will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers. No cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Idaho Highway 81.

Comedy/Boise

A Night of Comedy with Drew Hastings will be held 7 p.m. at the Big Easy Comedy House. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$28, are available at Ticketweb.com. The Big Easy is at 416 S. Ninth St.

Comedy/Boise

Gallagher will perform at 8 p.m. at the Epplynn Theater. Tickets, which are \$25-32, are available at EpplynnTheater.net. The Epplynn is at 516 S. Ninth St.

Country-rock/Twin Falls

The Trainers will perform from 6:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1628 Canyon Crest Drive.

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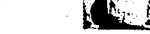
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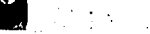
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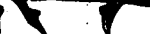
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Jazz/Twin Falls

Gene Logan's Jazz quartet will perform at 8 p.m. at Pandor's restaurant. No cover charge. Pandor's is at 516 Hansen St.

Musical/Twin Falls

Dance Party will be featured at Kruezer's Night Life. Doors open at 8 p.m. No cover charge until 9 p.m. then \$3. Kruezer's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Punk/Boise

The Vandals and the Useless will play at 8 p.m. at the Easy Center House. Doors open at 7 p.m.-Tickets, which are \$13 and \$50, are available at Ticketweb.com. The Big Easy is at 416 S. Ninth St.

Opera/Boise

Opera Idaho will perform "The Merry Widow" at 8 p.m. at the Marion Center for the Performing Arts on the Boise State University campus. Romance, love, politics, and comic misunderstandings add to an exhilaratingly happy ending. Tickets, which are \$10-60, are available at idahoopera.com. The Moni-

Blues, folk/ketchum

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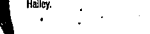
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Cash tribute will perform at 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. at the Gala Showroom at Cactus Petes Casino Resort. Tickets, which are \$15-25, include two drinks and are available at Ameristar.com or (800) 821-1103. Cactus Petes is at 1385 U.S. Highway 93.

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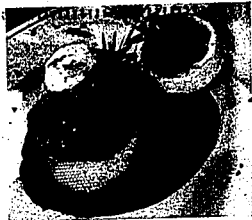
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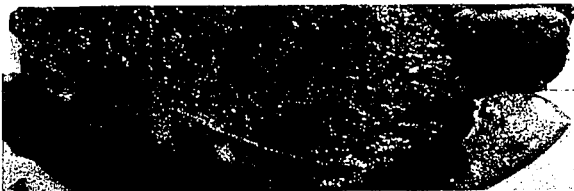
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Local

Playhouse players get 'Crazy for You'

BY KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times-News

It's the quintessential musical — one with song, dance, love affairs galore and plenty of merriment. As the song says, "Who could ask for anything more?"

St. Thomas Playhouse has gone "Crazy for You." And the troupe will bring the award-winning musical to the nexStage Theatre.

The play is a stage remake of Ira and George Gershwin's 1930 production "Girl Crazy" with a few songs from other productions added to the mix.

The show — full of mistaken identities, plot twists and fabulous dance numbers — opens at a New York theater in the 1930s where the last performance of the Zangler Follies is wrapping up for the season.

Bobby Child, the rich son of a banking family, presses for an audition with Mr. Zangler but blows it when he lands on Zangler's foot to the delight of his demanding mother and the wealthy woman to whom he has been engaged for five years.

His dreams dashed, Bobby heads to the sleepy town of Deadrock, Nev., at his mother's bidding to foreclose on a run-down theater. There, he falls in love with Polly Baker, who has vowed to get even with the man who is coming to foreclose the theater if she ever meets him.

Realizing that he will lose the girl of his dreams if he shuts down the theater, Child disguises himself as Mr. Zangler and rallies the townsfolk — and the Follies Girls, who show up on vacation — to put on a show to pay off the mortgage.

Polly, meanwhile, falls in love with the man she thinks is Mr. Zangler just as the real Zangler arrives in town.

When the musical comedy debuted in 1992, *New York*



Rika Pere and Harry Dreyfus star as Polly Baker and Bobby Child in the Gershwin musical comedy 'Crazy for You.'

Image courtesy of Heather Black Photography

Reviving the glory days

What: "Crazy for You," produced by St. Thomas Playhouse.
When: 7 p.m. Thursday through Saturday and 2 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

Where: nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum.
Cost: \$19 for adults and \$12 for youth 18 and under; available at Iconodest Books or at 726-5349, ext. 15.

Thursday's opening-night party and reception includes \$50 center-section seats, with the proceeds going to summer camp scholarships and underwriting musical productions.

Times critic Frank Rich toasted it as a "riotously entertaining show" that would revive the musical on Broadway.

"Uncorked the American musical's classic blend of music, laughter, dancing, sentiment and showmanship with a freshness and confidence rarely seen during the 'Cats' decade," he wrote, adding that it "reclaims the Gershwins' standards in all their glorious youth."

He wasn't alone in his praise, as the play won three Tony awards.

The musical features a number of well-known hits, includ-

ing "I Got Rhythm," "Someone to Watch Over Me" and "Embraceable You."

The musical score is rich but complicated to learn, said accompanist Darinda Bendahl. "The rhythms are very intricate — much more complicated than what we've done in the past. And we have a good time with the harmonies," agreed Sara Gorby, the play's director.

Gorby fell in love with the musical when she played Polly Baker in Twin Falls' Dilettante Group's production of it while attending the College of Southern Idaho where she was a music major. She looked for the opportunity to restage it in the Wood River Valley.

"It's a musical about a community coming together to save a theater, and we've just been through that ourselves with (a) successful effort to save the nexStage Theater," she said. "It's a beautiful heartwarming story about a community coming together for the greater good."

Looking for an audience?

Southern Idaho bands, singers and musicians may submit information about themselves in the LocalVoicels section of www.tricket.com. The free submissions are searchable by the Web site's users. Entries with objectionable language will be removed.

For information: Pat Marcantonio at 735-3228.

Music camp accepting applications

Times-News

Camp Crescendo, a music camp designed for students in grades two through seven, is accepting applications for this summer's program. The camp will take place Mondays through Fridays on the CSI campus.

Camp Crescendo is a long-standing Idaho tradition for boys and girls who enjoy music performance and want to learn more, organizers say.

Students will participate in three required classes — choir, jazzy jeopardy and classy creations — and three elective classes daily. Electives include guitar, singing dancing, "singercize," theater games, hell choir, harmonica, drums, African rhythms, line dancing, keyboard, ukulele, jazz dance, theater makeup and more. In addition, campers will enjoy summer activities such as talent shows, volleyball, movies, dances, campus walks, water fun and nightly campfire sing-alongs.

Camp counselors, who come from all over the Northwest, are screened and chosen because of their musical knowledge, their ability to motivate children and their standards as role models. Camper-to-counselor ratio is 6-to-1, which ensures quality instruction, safety, understanding and personal attention to each student, organizers say.

Students may choose from session one (June 9-13) or session two (June 16-20). Cost of the camp is \$360, which includes lessons, activities, room and board.

For information or to download a registration form: CampCrescendo.com or 861-2830.

For students, by students

Buhl drama class tackles full production

BY BLAIR KOCH

Times-News correspondent

Directing a show is tougher than it looks. That's what Bert Ruffing, a senior at Buhl High School, said, even with three years of advanced drama classes under his belt.

Ruffing is directing the class's upcoming production, "What I Wanted to Say," a comedy/drama by Peru's Saint Bede Academy Genesians.

"Directing is very stressful," Ruffing said. "You are in charge of everything; getting the actors to listen and take the show seriously, the lighting, the sound, the sets. I had no idea what I was getting myself into — my life span is shrinking."

The play, written by academy students, offers insightful, thought-provoking vignettes exploring the common human experience of wanting to say one thing and saying something entirely different, or nothing at all.

"A lot you see from high school is going on in the play," said cast member Michawn Adkins, a sophomore.

"It's been fun to play the flip. Normally, I wear a lot of black. By playing the polar opposite I



'What I Wanted to Say'

What: A presentation of Buhl High School's Advanced Drama class.

When: 7:30 p.m., Friday and Saturday.

Where: BHS auditorium, No. 1 Indian Territory, Buhl.

Cost: \$4 for students, \$5 for adults. Tickets are available at the door.

get to be bubbly."

The ensemble cast also includes Jana Kouietzki, Tucker McCreary, Eduardo Martinez, Heather Griggs, Korby Hutchinson, Kayley Covert, Emily Michael and Jordan Hicks.

Messages in the 10 show scenes include a father unable

to communicate his love and pride to a son leaving for college; catty teens expressing what they need to be part of the group; and three abused children expressing what they wish they could say to their abusers.

"This is the most popular student-produced show being done around the world. It's a show written by students and presented by students. All the aspects of the show's being put together are handled entirely by the students," said BHS drama department chairman David Blaszkiewicz. "I think the lessons learned by doing it themselves will stay with them for a long time to come. Plus, the show's content strikes a nerve with everyone because we've all been in situations where we



Above: Buhl High School Advanced Drama students rehearse a heartfelt scene in which father and son can't say what they want to. Foreground: Eduardo Martinez. Background: Tucker McCreary, left, and Kayley Covert.

Left: From left are Buhl High students Michawn Adkins, Emily Michael and Kayley Covert, rehearsing a scene from the advanced drama class's upcoming show, "What I Wanted to Say."

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— Bert Ruffing,
Buhl High School senior

don't say what we wanted to," Ruffing agreed.

"I don't think I'll see a show in the same way ever again. I'll notice the stage set-up and see it from the director's point of view. Having firsthand knowledge of what it's like to direct a play, I

think I'll take being in productions more seriously. All in all, it's been a good experience," he said.

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'SEMI-PRO'

Will Ferrell trots out familiar persona

BY CRISTY LEMIRE
AP movie critic

Here's how devoted Will Ferrell is to his craft: That 'fro he rocks in "Semi-Pro"? It's his real hair, the product of six months of work — or neglect, depending on your perspective.

The comedian can certainly be appreciated for his dedication, if not for his creativity. After all, you've seen this character before, this Jackie Moon, the owner-player-coach of the Flint, Mich., Tropics, a fledgling (and fictional) American Basketball Association team. It's essentially the same self-serious, delusional guy Ferrell plays in almost every movie he's made: Ron Burgundy in barely there polyester shorts; Ricky Bobby in nipple-clinging turtlenecks.

It makes you wonder where else he can go with the persona: competitive fiddlywinks, perhaps? But Ferrell does go for it, and either you're with him or you're not.

"Semi-Pro" is consistently funnier and more of a cohesive film, though, than the collection of gags that was "Blades of Glory." And it has more than a few shadings of "Slap Shot," "Major League" and even "Kinpink." It's that one-last-shot-ut-glorify premise — not that the sports element truly matters in a sports movie like this. It's really all about the silly vibe and the physical humor. (The script comes from Scot Armstrong, who has co-written such comedies as "Old School" and "Snsky & Hutch.")

The year is 1976, and Kent Alterman, a longtime New Line executive making his directing debut, wallows in the period kitsch. Leisure suits, bad mustaches, Sly & the Family Stone — no cliché is left unturned.



New Line Cinema

Will Ferrell, right, portrays Jackie Moon and Matt Walsh portrays Dick Pepperfield in the movie "Semi-Pro."

'Semi-Pro'

Starring Will Ferrell, Woody Harrelson, Rob Corddry, Andre Benjamin

Rated R for language and some sexual content

Playing at Twin Cinema, Jerome Cinema and Big Wood Cinema

Jackie is trying to keep the Tropics alive as the NBA is about to absorb the four best teams from the ABA. (This actually happened, by the way: the Nets, Spurs, Pacers and Nuggets made the cut.)

Most of Jackie's promotional ideas are just completely out there: leaping over a line of cheerleaders in roller skates and a cape; wrestling a live bear in a cage; dressing his teammates in flannels and sea horse t-shirts for a halftime dance rou-

tine. But some of his pranks also have to do with basketball.

He trades the team washing machine and brings in former Boston Celtics bench warmer Ed Monk (Woody Harrelson) to help his players, including the showboating Clarence "Coffee Black" Withers (Andre Benjamin). But Ed is also in Flint to rekindle a romance with his ex, played by Maura Tierney, whose new boyfriend (Rob Corddry) happens to be Ed's biggest fan.

Yes; all the usual suspects turn up in "Semi-Pro." Besides Corddry, there's David Koechner as the ABA commissioner, Will Arnett as the Tropics' chain-smoking, Scootch-swilling color commentator and Andy Richter as the team manager. But there are also some inspired casting choices, including Andrew Daly

as the team's no-nonsense play-by-play guy and Matt Walsh as Father Pat, a Catholic priest who moonlights as a referee.

Will Jackie lead his team to that coveted fourth-place spot? Will Ed get the girl? Does any of this matter? There are enough individual moments to keep you sufficiently distracted and laughing the whole way through.

Oh, you may be wondering: How did such a doofus come to control an entire basketball team? Jackie made his money with the insanely catchy 1970 R&B hit "Love Me Sexy," a Barry White rip-off that contains lines like: "Baby, wake up. We're naked. And we're sexy."

It will be stuck in your head often the movie is over — you'll probably remember it better than most of the jokes.

What's playing

TWIN FALLS

Twin Cinema

- "Bambo"
- "The Bucket List"
- "Jumper"
- "Alvin and the Chipmunks"
- "College Road Trip"
- "10,000 B.C."
- "27 Dresses"
- "The Eye"
- "June"
- "Semi-Pro"
- "The Spiderwick Chronicles"
- "Vantage Point"

Odyssey Theater

- "National Treasure: Book of Secrets"
- "Slip Up 2: The Streets"
- "No Country for Old Men"
- "The Bank Job"
- "Definitely, Maybe"
- "There Will Be Blood"

The Orpheum

- "Foot's Gold"

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SKITline Cinemas

- "Paranopsis"
- "Vantage Point"

Big Wood Cinema

- "The Spiderwick Chronicles"
- "Jumper"
- "Definitely, Maybe"
- "Semi-Pro"
- "Vantage Point"

Magical Lantern

- "The Other Boleyn Girl"
- "Definitely, Maybe"
- "The Singsong"
- "June"

Sun Valley Opera House

- "27 Dresses"
- "Abominable"
- "Sun Valley Serenade"
- Warner Miller s/d films

BURLY

Century Cinema

- "10,000 B.C."
- "College Road Trip"
- "Abominable"
- "Definitely, Maybe"
- "Vantage Point"
- "The Spiderwick Chronicles"

Burley Theater

- "An Legend"

JEROME

Jerome Cinema

- "College Road Trip"
- "10,000 B.C."
- "Semi-Pro"
- "Jumper"

Movie capsules

"The Other Boleyn Girl" — Natalie Portman and Scarlett Johansson portray, respectively, Anne and Mary Boleyn, who are pushed by their ambitious family to court the affections of the king of England (Eric Bana) and become ruthless rivals. Directed by Justin Chadwick. PG-13 for mature thematic elements, sexual content and some violent images.

"Semi-Pro" — Will Ferrell stars as a one-hit-wonder pop star who buys a lowly American Basketball Association team and must find a way to win if they are to survive the league's 1976 merger with the NBA. With Woody Harrelson, Will Arnett and Rob Corddry. Directed by Kent Alterman.

"Definitely, Maybe" — This

slick romantic comedy has several things going for it, including an interesting premise that centers on a young father talking about his romantic past and an attractive cast that includes Ryan Reynolds, Isla Fisher, Elizabeth Banks and Rachel Weisz. Getting all its elements to cohere, however, is too often just beyond its grasp. PG-13 for sexual content, including some frank dialogue, language and smoking.

"The Eye" — French directors David Moreau and Xavier Palud ("Them") helm the inevitable remake of the Pang brothers' international hit about a previously blind young woman tormented by visions after double corneal transplant surgery. With Jessica Alba and Alessandro Nivola. PG-13 for violence/terror and disturbing content.

"Vantage Point" — This slick thriller examines the attempted assassination of the president of the United States from the viewpoints of eight different in-

dividuals. Starring Dennis Quaid as a heroic Secret Service agent, it ends up proving that a good script needs to be more than a clever concept and fine direction must be more than moving things fast. PG-13 for sequences of intense violence and action, some disturbing images and brief strong language.

"The Spiderwick Chronicles" — Based on the children's fantasy series by Tony DiTerlizzi and Holly Black, this film is the story of what happens to a trio of kids in trouble when their newly single mom moves them from New York to a crumbling, fairy and goblin-infested Victorian mansion in the country where they soon run afoul of the local ogre. Considering all this, Mark Waters' version is mercifully short on the childlike wonder. Instead, this somewhat generic but lively and action-packed movie focuses largely on the chase. PG for scary creature action, violence, peril and some thematic elements.

FIRST FRIDAY



Courtesy photo

The Brambles will play acoustic tunes at Rudy's — A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls, from 6 to 9 p.m. as part of First Friday activities for March. Members of the band are, from left, Sylvia Dill, Tony Manna, Rob Harding and Rick Kuhn.

Other First Friday events in downtown Twin Falls include Girl Scout Troop 570 at the Full Moon Gallery of Fine Art and Contemporary Craft, 132 Main Ave. S. The troop will offer samples of Girl Scout cookies to gallery visitors and sell cookies to benefit the troop. Christie Ward, member of the Snake River Weavers Guild, will demonstrate hooked rugs at the gallery. Miraga will perform 7-9 p.m. at Viterra, 138 Main Ave. S.; Terry Whitlock will perform at Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N.; and Ibrahima Faye will continue to show his paintings on glass at Jensen Ringmakers, 109 Main Ave. E.

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