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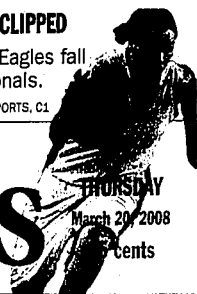
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# Times-News

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## Bush defends high cost of Iraq war, says 'world is better' for it

By Ben Feller  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Almost 4,000 U.S. troops killed. Nearly 30,000 wounded. Half a trillion dollars spent and counting.

As the Iraq war entered its sixth year Wednesday, President Bush called the toll "a high cost in lives, in treasure." Then he called it something else: necessary.

Marking the anniversary of the conflict that has dominated his presidency, Bush defended the war with no

doubts. He conceded that it has been harder, longer and more expensive than anticipated but insisted it has all been needed to keep Americans safe.

Protesters demonstrated near the White House and in other cities, though they seemed to lack the fervor of marches and other actions that preceded the war.

Bush, in a speech at the Pentagon, offered some of his boldest assessments of progress and said the war's legacy is absolute: "The world is better, and the United

**INSIDE:** State-of-America is safer. A war-weary country isn't nearly so convinced. The majority of people think the invasion was a mistake, polls show. However, Americans are more split about how the war is going and when U.S. troops should be pulled home, as reduced violence in Iraq has begun to influence the public view.

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U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, gives his view on the five-year anniversary of the Iraq War.

"Five years into this battle, there is an understandable debate over whether the war was worth fighting, whether the fight is worth winning, and whether we can win it," Bush said. "The answers are clear to me: removing Saddam Hussein from power was the right decision, and this is a fight America can and must win."

The U.S. has about 158,000 troops in Iraq, and that number is expected to drop to 140,000 by summer. But Bush signaled anew that he will not pull more troops home as long as his commanders worry that doing so will imperil recently improved conditions in Iraq.

"Having come so far, and achieved so much, we're not

going to let this happen," Bush said.

Demonstrators converged in the nation's capital, other big cities like Miami and San Francisco, and in smaller towns in Vermont and Ohio to urge an end to the war. Police arrested more than 30 people who blocked the Internal Revenue Service building in Washington, and protesters blocked downtown intersections several times.

However, the demonstrators numbered in the

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## ITD audit at center of fight over road funding

By Jared S. Hopkins  
Times-News writer

BOISE — Debating against a bill on Tuesday, 70-year-old Rep. Pete Nielsen, R-Mountain Home, sang to his colleagues a tune he enjoyed as a boy.

"I want to ride through the ridge where the west commences, gaze at the moon until I lose my senses," he crooned on the House floor. "I can't stand hobbies and I can't stand debt. Don't fence me in."

The lyrics from Nielsen — he replaced "fences" with "debt" — came just before the House voted 47 to 23 to pass a bill that would authorize funding for a federal transportation program.

But the song, sandwiched between legislative euphemisms and debate, served as a reminder that all bets are off when battling over transportation.

For the second consecutive year, transportation funding

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# WHAT'S THAT SOUND?

## Air Force says it's not involved in mysterious nighttime rumblings

By Matt Christensen and Andrea Gates  
Times-News writers

Hundreds of witnesses have reported hearing bizarre rumbling sounds across the Magic Valley at exactly the same times on Monday and Tuesday evenings.

Some say it is earthquakes. Others point to top-secret military programs. So far, it's anybody's guess.

Earlier this week, Air Force officials said the noises were likely caused by training missions involving simulated mortar attacks near the Mountain Home Air Force Base.

But after receiving reports Wednesday morning that the booms were heard many miles from the base, the military has changed its mind.

"This is certainly not Air Force activity," said Maj. Damien Pickart, chief public affairs officer at the base. "We think it could be an earthquake."

Not likely, says Don Blakeman, an earthquake analyst with the National Earthquake Information Center.

"Nothing has shown up, that doesn't mean you haven't had anything," Blakeman said, alluding to the original possible military source. "You're not too far from Mountain Home ... I'm just speculating."

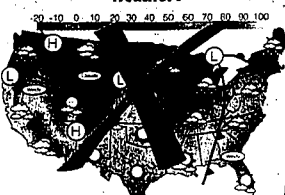
Another earthquake specialist also didn't notice seismic activity in the area. "We couldn't find anything on our system," said Mark Hale, an earthquake information specialist with the University of Utah Seismograph Stations. He said their instruments might not pick up a smaller earthquake because their nearest station is more than 100 kilometers outside the area.

Weather patterns indicate thunder is an unlikely source for the noises, according to the National Weather Service in Boise, though storms moved through the area Tuesday night.

Some witnesses have reported hearing the noises early in the evening, but most who have heard the rumblings say they've happened exactly at 11:23 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday. As of 11:30 Wednesday night, it was unknown if the sounds were heard again.

Whatever is causing the noise, it's keeping residents awake — in fear, in some cases — and has caused property damage to at least one structure a homeowner claimed.

**Weather?**



Officials at the National Weather Service say thunder is an unlikely cause of the sounds.

**F-15s?**

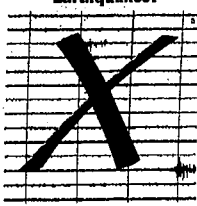


The Air Force says its aircraft from Mountain Home Air Force Base were not the origin of the sounds.

**E.T.'s?**

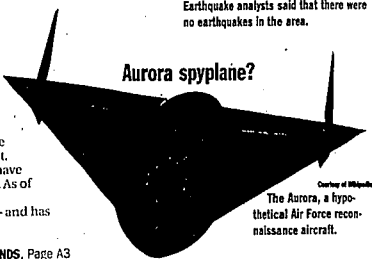


**Earthquakes?**



Earthquake analysts said that there were no earthquakes in the area.

**Aurora spyplane?**



The Aurora, a hypothetical Air Force reconnaissance aircraft.

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## Spring's arrival keeps creeping up

Some say climate change has sped up nature's 'alarm clock'

By Seth Borenstein  
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — The capital's famous cherry trees are primed to burst out in a perfect pink peak about the end of this month. Thirty years ago, the trees usually waited to bloom till around April 5.

In central California, the first of the field skipper satchem, a drab little butterfly, was fluttering about on March 12, just 25 years ago, that creature predictably emerged there anywhere from mid-April to mid-May.

And sneezes are coming earlier

in Philadelphia. On March 9, when allergist Dr. Donald Dvorin set up his monitor, maple pollen was already heavy in the air. Less than two decades ago, that pollen couldn't be measured until late April.

Pollen is bursting. Critics are stirring. Buds are swelling. Biologists are worrying.

"The alarm clock that all the plants and animals are listening to is running too fast," Stanford University biologist Terry Root said.

Blame global warming. The fingerprints of man-made climate change are evident in seasonal timing changes for thousands of species on Earth, according to dozens of studies and last year's authoritative report by the Nobel Prize-winning international climate scientists. More than 30



A lady bug is perched on the stem of a hyacinth that is ready to bloom in a downtown Twin Falls flowerbed. Today is the first day of spring.

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## Jerome County questions board member's interview

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

JEROME — County commissioners have questioned a member of the planning committee who may have violated a signed pledge by speaking to the media.

After reading a Times-News article published earlier this month, county commissioners suspected Monica Brown may have broken a pledge signed in May by members of the planning board that in part limits their public communications.

Brown was summoned to a closed meeting by commissioners last week to answer questions about an interview in which she described a conver-



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See a signed copy of a planning committee pledge that restricts members' communications with the media.

sation that took place during a planning meeting earlier this month. Commissioners have cited "a question of appearances" as their primary concern over Brown's comments. Others suspect the board is trying to make an example of Brown and is selectively enforcing the pledge.

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TODAY'S FORECAST

Table with 3 columns: Today, Tonight, Friday. Includes weather icons and temperature ranges (High 47, Low 33, 50/31).

MINI-CASSIA Today: Mostly cloudy and breezy at times. Highs upper 40s. Tonight: Perhaps a light rain or snow shower developing overnight. Lows near 30. Tomorrow: More clouds and wind than precipitation. Highs upper 40s.

Complete weather report: See page C8

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS American Legion Bingo, 7:20 p.m. Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m. Regular bingo, 610 W. Main, Wendell, 5500 and 51.195 Black outs, 536-6358.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS National Association of Health Underwriters (NAHU) meeting and lunch, with presentation by Brock Hansen of Payroll America on COBRA Administration Law...

Mini-Cassia Service Providers Community Resource Meeting and no-host lunch, with presentations by Bill and Maria Jensen of Options Counseling and Kahili Berlin of A Plus Solutions...

Magic Valley Gem Club meeting, open to anyone interested in geology, 7 p.m., 235 Third Ave. E. (the old I.O.O.F. hall), Twin Falls, 423-4827.

EXHIBITS "For Want of a Horseshoe: Cultural and Natural History of Horseshoes," exploring the history and evolution of the horse and its shoes...

FAMILY Rhyme Time, toddlers are invited for songs, rhymes, and finger plays, 10:30 a.m., Storytime Kiva, Twin Falls Public Library...

GOVERNMENT Twin Falls county commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 425 Shoshone St. N., 736-4068.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY Free yoga classes, for teens and adults at any level of skill led by instructor Suelin Buhidar, 8:30, 9:30, 11 a.m. and noon, Shimmy Shakti, 124 Main Ave. N.

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, a guided walking workout with stretching and general resistance training, 9 to 10 a.m. at Flier Elementary and Hagerman High School Gym...

nowpack levels SEASONAL PERCENTAGE table with columns for watershed, % of area, peak, and salmon falls.

MORNING BRIEFING

AROUND THE NATION

IDAHO Senate hopeful changes name to appear on Idaho ballot as Pro-Life

LETHA — A Senate candidate has legally changed his name to Pro-Life and will appear on the ballot that way this year, state election officials say.

As Marvin Pro-Life Richardson, the organic strawberry farmer from Letha, 30 miles northwest of Boise, was denied the use of his middle name when he ran unsuccessfully for governor in 2006 because the state's policy bars the use of slogans on the ballot.

Now, though, officials in the Idaho secretary of state's office say they have no choice because Pro-Life is his full and only name. He says he will run for the highest state office on the ballot every two years for the rest of his life, advocating murder charges for doctors who perform abortions and for women who obtain the procedure.

"I think it's just and I think it's proper to have Pro-Life on the ballot," he told the Idaho Press-Tribune of Nampa. "If I save one baby's life, it's worth it."

Pro-Life, 66, says he hopes to get 5 percent of the vote as an independent running for the seat held by Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, but not everyone who shares his views is thrilled about his campaign.

David Hipley, executive director of Idaho Chooses Life, says he knows and respects Pro-Life but fears some voters may think Pro-Life is a position rather than a candidate and mistakenly mark their ballots both for him and for another anti-abortion candidate for the Senate, thus nullifying their choices.

"I'm pretty concerned about it," Hipley said. "I think that could cause a lot of confusion out there. (Its) more likely to undermine the pro-life movement by having a lot of pro-life votes discounted."

HOLLYWOOD

Ivan Dixon of 'Hogan's Heroes' fame, dies at 76

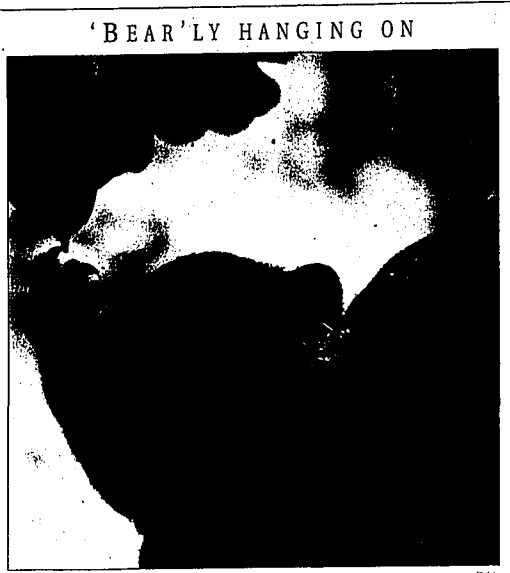
HOLLYWOOD — Actor Ivan Dixon died Sunday at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, N.C., at age 76.

The cause of death was a brain hemorrhage, a complication of kidney disease, said his daughter, Doris Nomathande Dixon.

In the script for the landmark 1964 film "Nothing but a Man," Ivan Dixon saw something familiar in the character Duff Anderson.

Duff was a railroad worker in love with Josie, a school teacher and minister's daughter who lived in an Alabama town. The story of Duff's attempts to live with dignity and to love, despite racial injustice, was an honest depiction of black life in the United States, Dixon said.

The character, who Dixon later called the most important role he portrayed, resorted in a way that others did not. "That was me," Dixon once said of Duff. "I had lived every moment. ... I was reliving my whole life on film."



DeWybe, Okla. and Fish Trophy Game biologists weigh a black bear cub as its mother sleeps, on Feb. 28 in Dubois, Wyo. The Wyoming Game and Fish Department is collecting data on bears in the wild as part of a long-term study of the correlation between body condition and reproduction in black bears.

likely hid a pair of bicycles. She was wrong, inside was something she wanted even more — her stepfather, a soldier who had been deployed overseas.

"This is way better than bikes," Amber said.

The surprise began a few weeks ago when Amber told her inquiring mother that all she wanted for her birthday was to have her stepfather return home from serving 10 months in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

Her mother, Trisha Johnson, 34, relayed Amber's wish to her 39-year-old husband the same day that the girl expressed it. Army Spc. Glenn Johnson immediately started on the paperwork, not expecting his request for a leave to be granted because he is scheduled to come home for good in June.

Much to their surprise, his request for more than a week of leave was granted.

ILLINOIS

Sisters: eBay canceled corn flake auction for violating food policy

CHICAGO — Two sisters from Virginia who are selling a corn flake shaped like the state of Illinois on eBay say the online auction Web site

canceled their listing. "Something really dramatic just happened with our corn flake," Melissa McIntire, 23, of Chesapeake, Va., said Tuesday, explaining that the sisters received an e-mail from eBay saying the state-shaped cereal was in violation of the site's food policy.

But the flake is back. The sisters say they discovered in a box of Kellogg's Frosted Flakes is still available after all.

McIntire and her 15-year-old sister Emily said they've resisted the flake on eBay, but this time they're auctioning it on a companion website for it, instead of the cereal itself. Bidding on Wednesday set at \$255.00.

— From wire reports.



A corn flake that has been listed on an online auction site as being shaped like the state of Illinois is shown next to a dime.

TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

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

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

Arthritis Walking Class, 5:15 to 6:15 p.m., First Christian Church, 601, 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, 324-5019.

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

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

VETERANS Veterans Outreach, Steve Teague, State Service Officer with the Idaho Division of Veterans Services will answer veteran benefit concerns and assist with claim issues, 9 a.m. to noon, American Legion Hall, 610 W. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 536-5140.

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 e-mail at sbrown@maglocalvalley.com; by fax, 734-5538; or by mail, Times-News, R.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Deadline is noon, four days in advance of the event.

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# Sounds

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"It's shaking our house, and we've got cracks in the plaster," said Marsha Lopez, who lives between Buhl and Castelford.

Lopez said she and neighbors have seen jets in the area but that "nobody really knows what's going on."

Air force officials say it's unlikely an aircraft is creating the noise, which is described as thunder-like. An F-15 — downs fly out of the Mountain Home base — would produce a boom, said Piccart, the Air Force official.

Based on witness accounts, the noise is similar to sound reportedly produced by the Aurora, a hypersonic reconnaissance military aircraft that the Air Force

denies exists. Internet reports suggest the Aurora's noise as a "popping" sound, similar to the noise that's echoed over Magic Valley this week.

Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, said his office has received numerous calls about the incident, prompting his staff to contact the Air Force base Tuesday morning for an explanation. Officials there gave his office their earlier training exercise response that they changed later in the day.

Law enforcement is as puzzled as anyone. Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Touseley, who has felt and heard the rumblings at his residence south of Twin Falls, doesn't know what's causing them.

# Bush

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hundreds rather than the thousands organizers had hoped for.

Even as his time and power wane, Bush made clear he will prosecute the war as he deems fit till the end of his presidency.

In the campaign to replace him, Democratic Sens. Barack Obama and Hillary Rodham Clinton pledged to end the war, but squabbled Wednesday over who could do it best.

Democrats in Congress assailed Bush for failed, tired leadership and questioned why he did not push Iraq's leaders to live up to promises. "All the president seems able to offer Americans is more of the same perpetual disregard for the costs and consequences of stubbornly

staying the course in Iraq," said Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid.

Bush starkly described the costs of trying to end the war too quickly. From his perspective, retreat would lead to chaos in Iraq, embolden al-Qaida to pursue an attack on America and encourage Iran to develop nuclear weapons.

"To allow this to happen would be to ignore the lessons of September 11 and make it more likely that America would suffer another attack like the one we experienced that day," Bush said.

Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network orchestrated the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. The bipartisan Sept. 11 commission found no collaborative relationship between al-Qaida and Saddam, who ruled Iraq at the start

of the war and was later captured, tried and hanged.

Al-Qaida in Iraq, an insurgent group, has grown into a more potent, dangerous organization since the start of the war. Bush speaks of undeniable links between that group and the broader al-Qaida network, although experts question that extent of those ties.

Bush praised Sunni tribal leaders for rising up against al-Qaida in Iraq. He said that has led to similar uprising across the country. Bush put the figure at 80,000 local citizens who are protecting their communities against extremists.

All that, combined with an influx of troops last year, has "opened the door to a major victory in the broader war on terror," Bush said.

# Funding

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Idaho has emerged as the political shark bite, the roadblock to ending the state session. The issue draws a line in the sand between the House and Senate, and it divides parties, often separating rural and urban legislators.

"There are probably 105 different opinions," said Rep. Bert Brackett, R-Rogerson. "There's been more talk than bills printed. I don't know whether any will go anywhere."

Unlike last year — when legislators spent an extra week debating GARVEE before carving out a resolution — the heaviest conflict in 2008 is how to cover an expected more than \$200 million shortfall in transportation funding.

The latest twist regards a \$550,000 performance audit of the Idaho Transportation Department — TICR50 — that passed the House unanimously Tuesday and is waiting for a hearing in the Senate. The measure regarding the audit performed by an independent company and report to the

Idaho Transportation Board, the Legislature and the Joint Legislative Oversight Committee.

Senate Transportation Committee Chairman John McGee, R-Caldwell, had said he was undecided if the bill needed hearings, and wondering if the audit's inquiries might be best addressed by the House writing a letter to ITD.

But leaving the Capitol Annex later that evening, he said it would receive one today.

"If that's what they need, then that's what they'll get," McGee said.

Still, the audit had already sparked another political fight.

Last Friday a House Transportation Committee was canceled last-minute. On Tuesday, the committee canceled hearings because the audit hadn't been heard. And on Wednesday, two bills that passed committee and waiting floor votes —

vehicle registration fee increases — were pulled and returned to committee. GOP House leadership,

which has said a proposal to increase the fuel tax is coming, said they won't allow those bills — and any others in the House — to see any action until the Senate adopts the audit.

"We're serious," said House Majority Caucus Chairman Ken Roberts, R-Donnelly. "We want that audit done."

Some senators said the House is likely being cautious and using the audit as leverage.

"They probably want to make sure the audit gets approved — and will be done correctly — before I'd get any more money," said Sen. Tim Corder, R-Mountain Home.

ITD has not taken a position on the bill, but will review consulting agreements, said Julie Pipal, an ITD manager. Clete Edmondson, an aide to Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter, said Otter hasn't taken a position on the audit.

Regions not receiving GARVEE funding, such as the Magic Valley, could benefit from new revenue —

raising rental car fees is also possible — because it would go toward the Statewide Transportation Improvement Plan.

House Assistant Majority Leader Scott Burke, R-Okley, said that GARVEE provides a second source of funding for transportation projects. Without investing in GARVEE, all projects would go through the STIP and create a backlog of projects, he said. He said if the Legislature wants to use a federal program, it needs to follow federal rules.

Legislators also said Wednesday the session will not end Friday, as was previously planned, after Senate leadership indicated there will be a meeting Monday to discuss a bill first presented in committee Wednesday.

Transportation issues are likely to extend into next week also.

"I think Boise State has a better chance of winning the (NCAA men's basketball) tournament than we do at getting home on Friday," McGee said.

# Comments

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"The degree of their concern is puzzling," Brown said. "I'm still not certain why their issue is so upset about it."

The case stems from a March 6 news article regarding possible problems with the way commissioners divided the responsibilities of the county's planning and zoning boards. In the story, Brown recounted how the possible mistake came to the attention of County Prosecutor Mike Seib.

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

Following the story, commissioners met at least once behind closed doors to discuss her comment, which Seib said he viewed as a political barb.

The county's no-talk pledge reads in part: "I will abstain from giving my personal opinions on matters to

be discussed to the public or to the news media before the commission has reached an agreement."

Commissioners appear to be enforcing the pledge strictly, said Brown, who argues her comments were neither opinion nor involving matters which would require the commission to reach an agreement.

Planning board member Blaine Dawkins, for example, wrote a letter to the Times-News published in August regarding methods for dealing with dairy waste. She also mentioned Commissioner Diana Obermaier in the letter, saying "why don't you make cooperation your method instead of confrontation and a demanding attitude?"

Dawkins, who is now working with other board members to craft new dairy ordinances, was never officially questioned by commissioners for her public comments.

Neither was the planning board's chairman Carl Nellis,

who has been quoted in numerous news reports since members signed the pledge in May.

The pledge is unusual, said Dan Chadwick, executive director of the Idaho Association of Counties, a group that gives legal advice to counties. But the spirit behind it isn't, he said.

The Supreme Court has ruled planning and zoning board members operate in a quasi-judicial capacity, meaning they're similar to judges. If a planning board member expresses his opinions in public, lawyers who might challenge board decisions in court could use those comments to show he was biased.

In its training program, the IAC warns planning board members to use caution


when talking to reporters, but Chadwick said Jerome County's pledge policy is the only one he's aware of in the state.

The Brown case is likely over now, said Commissioner Charlie Howell, but not because commissioners figured out whether she broke the pledge.

During the closed meeting, the board couldn't come to a conclusion on the pledge's definition of "commission" — whether it referred to the county commission or the planning board, Howell said. So the county commissioners decided to let the matter pass.

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# Sturdier cars making it harder for rescuers to cut victims from the wreckage

By Mitch Stacy  
Associated Press writer

TAMPA, Fla. — Capt. Clint Roberts makes his living cutting accident victims out of hideously mangled vehicles, but even he could hardly believe it when two people in a 2007 midsize car survived a head-on crash with a full-sized pickup last year.

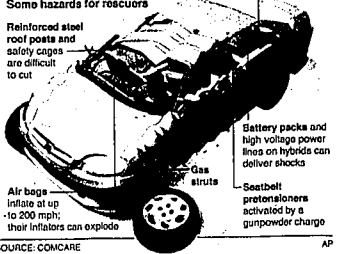
The Ford Fusion's reinforced steel construction probably saved the lives of the 18-year-old driver and his 16-year-old passenger. But Roberts said it gave his Hillsborough County Fire Rescue crew fits as they tried to free them last November. Because hydraulic cutters couldn't shear the roof posts, rescuers worked had to turn to heavy-duty electric saws, replacing blade after blade as they dulled on the rugged material.

"It was just beating the snot out of the tools," adding minutes and delaying medical treatment, Roberts said.

There is no question that today's cars save lives by: cocooning motorists in reinforced alloys, impact-absorb-

## Obstacles to a safe rescue

Modern cars employ safety features that protect occupants, but can be difficult or dangerous for rescuers trying to extract someone after a crash.



SOURCE: COMCARE

ing crumple zones and as many as a dozen air bags.

But in interviews with The Associated Press, rescue officials and experts from around the United States said the new technology is also hindering extrication of injured people, increasingly forcing crews to work deeper into the critical "golden hour" between accident and

treatment by emergency room doctors. On many 2005 and later cars, an extrication that once took 10 or 15 minutes can now take twice that or longer.

To catch up, counties and cities are spending tens of thousands of dollars — if they can afford it — to buy more powerful equipment that can cut through newer

cars' reinforced steel and the lighter, tougher exotic metals used in roofs, posts and doors.

Then there are obstacles that endanger rescuers' safety. Pressurized gas canisters that inflate air bags can explode if pierced by cutting tools. Rescuers can be blown from cars when air bags suddenly inflate. Hidden battery cables in hybrid cars can deliver a powerful shock.

To protect themselves, workers now have to peel away the ceiling and interior plastic to see what's underneath before they can even start cutting.

Experts cannot say for certain whether the delays in getting these victims to the hospital have resulted in people dying. But that's the fear.

"We build more fire stations, we make faster fire trucks, we've got helicopters to get you to the hospital," said Roberts, an expert who teaches extrication to colleges around Florida. "But what's slowing us down are these vehicles that are harder for us to get into."

# High court overturns death sentence in La. case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Supreme Court sent a message to prosecutors and judges Wednesday that it will cast a skeptical eye on the exclusion of blacks from juries.

The justices, by a 7-2 vote, threw out a death sentence and murder conviction because a Louisiana prosecutor kept blacks off the jury in a trial he called his "O.J. Simpson case."

While the high court has ruled previously that jurors cannot be excused solely because of their race, the practice has continued, often with the approval of judges, legal scholars said.

"Courts have consistently been willing to accept any explanation, however far-fetched, as to why the exclusion of a minority juror was not actually based on race," Hofstra University law professor Eric M. Freedman said.

The court's ruling Wednesday indicates judges

should be less accepting of prosecutors' explanations, Freedman said.

The justices said state prosecutor Jim Williams improperly excluded blacks from the jury that convicted Allen Snyder of killing his estranged wife and the jurors were white.

Justice Samuel Alito, writing for the majority, said the trial judge should have blocked Williams from barring a black juror. Alito's opinion made no mention of Simpson.

Justices Clarence Thomas and Antonin Scalia dissented. Thomas said he would not "second-guess" the judge.

During jury selection in the trial, Williams disqualified all five blacks in the pool of prospective jurors. The Supreme Court ruled in 1986 that prosecutors may not exclude people from a jury solely because of their race.

# Spring

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scientists told The Associated Press that global warming is affecting plants and animals at springtime across the country, in nearly every state.

What's happening is so noticeable that scientists can track it from space. Satellites measuring when land turns green found that spring "green-up" is arriving eight hours earlier every year on average since 1982 north of the Mason-Dixon line. In much of Florida and southern Texas and Louisiana, the satellites show spring coming a tad later, and bizarrely, in a complicated way, global warming can explain that, too, the scientists said.

Biological timing is called phenology. Biological spring, which this year begins at 1:48 a.m. EDT today, is based on the tilt of the Earth as it circles the sun. The federal government and some university scientists are so alarmed by the changes that last fall they created a National Phenology Network at the U.S. Geological Survey to monitor these changes.

The idea, said biologist and network director Jake Weltzin, is "to better understand the changes, and more important what do they mean? How does it affect humankind?"

There are winners, losers and unknowns when global warming messes with natural timing. People may appreciate the smaller heating bills from shorter winters, the longer growing season and maybe even better tasting wines from some early grape harvests.

But biologists also foresee big problems.

The changes could push some species to extinction. That's because certain plants and animals are dependent on each other for food and shelter. If the plants bloom or bear fruit before animals return or surface from hibernation, the critters could starve. Also, plants that bud too early can still be whacked by a late freeze.

The young of tree swallows — which in upstate New York are laying eggs nine days earlier than in the 1960s — often starve in those last gasp cold snaps because insects stop flying in the cold, ornithologists said. University of Maryland biology professor David Inouye noticed an unusually early February robin in his neighborhood this year and noted, "Sometimes the early bird is the one that's killed by the

winter storm."

The checkerspot butterfly disappeared from Stanford's Jasper Ridge preserve because shifts in rainfall patterns changed the timing of plants on which it depends. When the plant dries out too early, the caterpillars die, said Notre Dame biology profes-

sor Jessica Hellmann.

"It's an early warning sign in that it's an additional onslaught that a lot of our threatened species can't handle," Hellmann said.

It's not easy on some people either. A controlled federal field study shows that warmer temperatures and

increased carbon dioxide cause earlier, longer and stronger allergy seasons.

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# Clinton challenges Obama to new primaries

By David Espo  
AP Special Correspondent

DETROIT — Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton bluntly challenged Barack Obama to agree to new primaries in Michigan and Florida on Wednesday and said it was "wrong" and "frankly un-American" not to have the two delegations seated at the Democratic National Convention.

"Senator Obama speaks passionately on the campaign trail about empowering the American people," she said in a memo that she trails her rival in delegates won to date. "Today I am asking him to match those words with actions."

Obama has yet to declare his support or opposition, although his campaign has raised a number of procedural and legal questions about the most recent proposal for an early June primary in Michigan.

"The proposal offers a rerun for the state but not for all the voters," Bob Bauer, Obama's election lawyer, wrote in a memo during the day. He warned of the possibility of numerous legal challenges and embarrassment to the party.

Florida and Michigan both held primaries in January on a schedule that violated Democratic party rules, and have been stripped of their convention delegates as a result.

Clinton made a hurriedly arranged trip to Michigan to dramatize her support for new primaries, at a time when some state party officials have been drafting legislation to hold a primary in June.

Clinton said nothing less than the outcome of the general election may be at stake in the dispute over the two states. "The road to a Democratic White House goes through Michigan and Florida," she said.

But there were strong political calculations at work, as well.

Clinton trails Obama in convention delegates after primaries and caucuses in more than 40 states, and her chance of catching up are remote at best.

Lopsided victories in second primaries in Florida and Michigan would help narrow the delegate deficit.

Even if she fell short, victories over Obama would strengthen her argument that party leaders who attend the convention as superdelegates should consider a candidate's ability to win in key states in the fall election before they pick a candidate.

Originally, Michigan was to have 128 delegates at stake in its primary; Florida's total was 185. Superdelegates swelled the totals.

Clinton won the renegade primaries in both states, although all the candidates had pledged not to campaign in either and Obama removed his name from the Michigan ballot.

Clinton referred to that in her brief appearances before members of an audience gathered in an AFSCME union building.

"When others made the decision to remove their names from the ballot I didn't because I believe your voices should count," she said. "And that's why I've been saying we need to

either count the votes that have already been cast in Michigan or Florida or have new full and fair elections."

Bauer's memo did not go as far as flatly opposing the proposal under consideration, but it cited numerous potential difficulties.

He said any revote would have to be approved by the Justice Department under the Voting Rights Act and noted that it would be paid for by private funds. He also

warned of possible lawsuits by Democrats or Independents who voted in last winter's Republican primary, and would be barred from the second primary as a result.

In other words, the proposal offers a rerun for the state but not for all the voters," he wrote.

Adding to the pressure on Obama, two backers of Clinton — New Jersey Gov. Jon S. Corzine and

Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell — said Wednesday they have commitments from 10 donors to raise \$12 million for a Michigan primary. Among the 10 potential donors, five are major Clinton fundraisers listed on her Web site as "Hillary's One Is Corzine and another is Roger Altman, who runs a private equity firm and is one of Clinton's economic advisers."



Democratic presidential hopeful, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., greets supporters during a campaign rally in Detroit, Wednesday.

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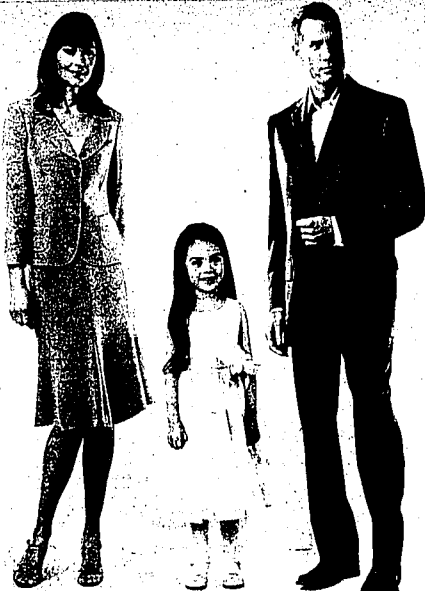
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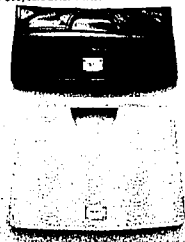
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EDITORIAL

Businesses get a big tax break in lean budget year

The kitty is empty this year, but the Legislature appears poised to give businesses a \$120 million tax break anyway. The Idaho House of Representatives is voting on phasing out Idaho's tax on business equipment and machinery whenever state general fund revenue grows by 5 percent.

That may be next year, it may be in five years. But whenever it happens, millions of dollars will be shifted from businesses to individual taxpayers? This comes two years after the Legislature raised the sales tax to 6 percent in order to provide property tax relief. Ken Robinson, a tax expert who served 18 years in the Legislature, sees a trend.

This will be another step in a 30-year pattern of legislative policy (of) raising the taxes paid mostly by individual taxpayers and using the added tax revenue to give tax cuts to business. Robinson wrote in the Idaho Statesman last week.

According to Robinson, over the past 10 years, total revenue from taxes paid primarily by individuals — the sales tax, individual income tax and taxes on owner-occupied homes — is up \$1.5 billion, or 105 percent. Revenue from taxes paid mostly by businesses — corporate income tax and commercial property taxes — is up \$1.1 billion, or 28 percent.

This is a business-friendly state and we're all for tax incentives to promote economic growth, but something's out of whack here. Idaho's tax structure — the famous "three-legged stool" of property, sales and income taxes — works because it's balanced.

Or it was, anyway. The proposed \$120 million tax cut is equal to one-third of all the commercial and utility property taxes paid in Idaho for 2007 — \$360 million — according to Robinson.

If the Senate gets this bill, it needs to slow down and look at the implications. If the legislation is approved, a future sharp decline in sales tax and income tax revenue — like the economic retrenchment now in progress — would likely leave state government short of cash for education, prisons and other services.

To us, it makes no sense to exempt the first \$50,000 of personal property. That would eliminate the tax for four-fifths of Idaho businesses and cost just \$10 million.

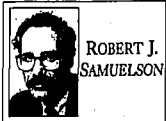
If the personal property taxes is phased out completely, businesses won't be paying their fair share of the burden. That's a recipe for a tax revolt.

Our view: Phasing out the personal property tax completely is bad tax policy — and a formula for budget problems ahead.

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

Effort to fix problem may lead to others

It's now said that we're in the financial crisis since the Great Depression, but that judgment seems premature. In the 1980s, most of the savings and loan industry, then the largest source of home mortgage loans, was wiped out. At that decade's end, commercial banks faced huge losses on loans to developing countries and for commercial real estate and energy projects. From 1988 to 1992, 905 banks failed, the most since the 1930s. The 1997-98 Asian financial crisis involved more bad lending — mainly by U.S., Japanese and European banks — that sent Thailand, South Korea and other nations careening from boom to bust.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

What distinguishes this crisis is that it involves the entire financial system, not just depository institutions. Previous financial crises so weakened the banks and S&Bs that they lost their primacy. As recently as 1980, they supplied almost half of all lending — to companies, consumers and homebuyers. Now their share is less than 30 percent. The gap has been filled by "securitization": the bundling of mortgages, credit card debt and other loans into bond-like instruments that are sold to a consortium of investors (banks themselves, pension funds, hedge funds, insurance companies).

As a result, the nature of financial crises changed. With a traditional "bank run," the object was to reassure the public. The central bank — the Federal Reserve in the United States — lent cash to solvent banks so that they could repay worried depositors and pre-empt a panic that would spread to more and more banks and soon ultimately deprive the economy of credit. But now the fear and uncertainty center on the value of highly complex, opaque securities and the myriad financial

TREASURY BONDS ARE NOW BACKED BY THE FULL FAITH AND CREDIT OF THE SUB-PRIME MORTGAGE INDUSTRY.



institutions that hold them. At the epicenter of the crisis are the now-notorious "subprime" mortgages made to weaker borrowers and subsequently "securitized." On paper, the financial system seems to have ample resources to absorb losses. Commercial banks have \$1.3 trillion in capital; U.S. investment banks in 2006 had an estimated \$200 billion in capital — and other investors, including foreigners, may hold half or more of subprime loans. But no one knows who or how much. Recent estimates of subprime losses range from \$285 billion to \$400 billion. They might go higher. Ignorance breeds caution and fear.

The stunning fall of Bear Stearns reflects these realities. It was not a traditional commercial bank that took deposits from the public but America's fifth-largest investment bank that funded most of its operations with borrowed money ("leverage"). On average, the ratio of borrowed money to underlying capital for investment banks and hedge funds is about 32-1, according to a recent study. Many of these loans — commercial paper, "repurchase agreements," bank credits — are backed by the securities owned by the borrowing financial institutions.

What this means is that if leaders became worried about the worth of these securities, they might ask for more collateral or pull their loans. In effect, that's what happened to Bear Stearns. Deprived of its credit lifeline, Bear Stearns either had to collapse or be purchased by someone with credit. If Morgan Chase bought Bear for almost nothing, \$236 million for a firm valued at \$20 billion in January of 2007.

Whether Bear Stearns was the victim of unfounded rumor or of genuine rot in its securities portfolio is unclear. But the very uncertainty defines the nature of the modern financial crisis — and the difficulties facing the Fed in trying to contain it. Financial institutions (banks, investment banks, hedge funds, and others) are interconnected through networks of buying, selling, borrowing and lending. These require confidence that commitments made will be commitments honored. If the confidence collapses, the processes of extending credit for the economy and of trading — for stocks, bonds, foreign exchange — may also collapse.

The Fed can no longer instill confidence by lending to besieged but sound banks.

Somehow it must measure the broader market that there are backup sources of credit and that the failure of any major financial institution would trigger a chain reaction of failures, as firms refuse to deal with each other and dump stocks, bonds and other securities onto the market. That's why the Fed was eager to see Bear Stearns continue operations by being purchased and why it has, in the past six months, introduced more and more ways for financial institutions to borrow from the Fed itself.

So far, panic has been avoided, though some observers think the Fed's frantic efforts have actually undermined confidence. Meanwhile, the real economy of production and jobs, though weakening, is not yet in dire straits. In February, manufacturing output dropped 0.2 percent, bad news but hardly a calamity. But in trying to calm financial markets, the Fed has spent out enormous amounts of money and credit that have depressed the dollar's exchange rate and could aggravate inflation. The effort to fix one problem may lead to others.

Newsweek columnist Robert Samuelson writes about economics.

Elected officials are just plain irresponsible

We've all seen or heard about them. Perhaps they are friends or family members who have demonstrated financial irresponsibility: a college student who has a budget and quickly exceeds it on wild partying; a cousin or best friend who asks for a "loan" and then never pays it back; people whose credit cards are maxed out and they can't afford the finance charges.

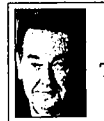
Government behaves similarly, playing any or all of those roles. It now resembles an irresponsible parent, spending the children's wages and inheritances as if there were no tomorrow. Republicans lost the spending issue — and their congressional majority — because they behaved like overspending Democrats.

Now Democrats in the House are getting the House Republicans to better. They are promising to increase spending should they win the White House and maintain their congressional majority. According to an analysis of the House 2009 House Democratic majority's federal budget by Brian Riedel of The Heritage Foundation, (www.heritage.org), every American household would pay on average \$3,100 more in federal taxes. That amounts to \$1,265 trillion

more over five years and \$3.911 trillion over 10 years. Worse (if that's possible) the Democratic budget proposal increases discretionary spending by 8 percent and does not eliminate even one wasteful program. It also ignores the coming explosion in the cost of Social Security, Medicare and Medicaid.

None of these increases will be paid for by "sinking the rich" with new tax increases. That means more borrowing from countries that don't have America's best interest as a priority, more inflation and a weaker dollar. The spending virus has so permeated Congress that members won't even go on the wagon during an election year. The bipartisan DeMint-McCaskill budget amendment that would have reduced a one-year moratorium on earmarks was soundly defeated 71-29. This is low little respect most members have for those whose money they take through taxation, spending it like frat boys on a weekend binge.

The Washington Examiner newspaper determined that the longer someone serves in the Senate, the more likely they are to favor spending more money and to oppose any suggestion that they stop. According to the



CAL THOMAS

Examiner, "the average seniority of senators voting for DeMint-McCaskill was 12 years, while opponents averaged 22 years in the Senate." All three presidential candidates returned from the campaign trail to vote for the measure. Sen. John McCain is far more creditable on increasing discretionary spending than Hillary Clinton or Barack Obama and the moratorium was about slashing earmarks, not the big-ticket items most in need of reform, but getting any politician on record favoring spending reductions (and then following through to see if they mean it) is worth something.

This year, according to Heritage, the federal government will spend \$25,117 per household. The excuse one hears most often is that there is no price legislators can cut spending. Really? Last year, says the Heritage Foundation, the government made at least \$55 billion in overpayments; the Pentagon spent almost \$1 billion washers 2001-02 cut 19-cent washers

from South Carolina to Texas and \$293,451 sending an 89-cent washer from South Carolina to Florida. Even the coming postal rate increases aren't that high.

Washington spends \$60 billion per year on corporate welfare compared to \$50 billion on homeland security. Suburban families are receiving large farm subsidies for the grass in their back yards, subsidies that many of these families never requested and do not want. Over half of all farm subsidies go to corporate farms with average household incomes of \$200,000.

And then there is my personal favorite: government auditors spend the last five years examining all federal programs and found that 22 percent of them — costing taxpayers \$123 billion per year — fall to show any positive impact on the populations they serve.

This is outrageous. That our elected officials participate in this sham and then claim they can't afford to cut anything ought to disgust us all, especially when some are planning to spend even more. It demonstrates that a government program is proof of eternal life in Washington.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

China must address trade imbalance with U.S.

It seems apparent that we may be heading for a great depression. The American dollar is below the Euro. The only way to combat this inequity is to insist that the large corporations and China that we purchase from not only buy an equal amount of products marked "Made in the USA" but 10 percent more. If they don't do this, they will have our great country bankrupt.

We should not do any business with them unless there is a more equitable exchange. Many of you don't remember the Great Depression when long lines of men and women stood in line at soup kitchens because they had no food, no jobs and no homes. I would like to encourage everyone who loves this country to write to your senators and representatives to do something to keep this

country fiscally strong. JACK STREETER Mountain Home

Magic Valley is not so beautiful anymore

I very much agree with Don Jesser about the ranchers and the wolves. The ranchers have been here for many, many years and have never yet destroyed the range lands. Also, there was a lot of money spent to get the gray wolves here. Guess they didn't think about them breeding. Now that there are so many that there are using them for target practice!

I also agree with William Knox II, especially about the pollution of our state. I've lived here for 73 years, and it really is sad what they are doing to our valley. We have a beautiful Magic Valley, but not anymore! There are so many new houses going up; it looks like barracks on some streets. And more crime! ALICE TRACY Twin Falls

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Post Register, Idaho Falls

Given the shady way Madison County commissioners are passing out tax goodies, wouldn't it make sense to check this authority?

Instead, Idaho's Legislature is poised to expand it. In November, the three county commissioners waived \$78,875 in property taxes owed by Rex Theater in Rexburg. Whether Rexburg can support one theater, five or none ought to be decided by consumers, not local government. But the community didn't get a chance to weigh those options.

The county board took it upon itself to decide without any public discussion. The county employees who already suffered a pay freeze due to Madison County's \$800,000 budget hole found out after the fact. So did the other local governments that shared in the loss, such as Madison schools — which will go without \$27,000, enough for a computer lab or a couple of classroom aides.

The only advance word was a 14-item meeting agenda commissioners posted just prior to the Nov. 26 ses-

sion .... Rare though it may be for county officials to outright forgive a business' tax bill, they're authorized to do so "for any lawful reason." And they decide what's lawful.

Yet legislators may allow county commissions to forgive property taxes on any new factory worth at least \$3 million for as many as five years. The rest of us who already live here, homeowners and businesses, could pay taxes to deliver services to that factory.

The bill makes no provision for public hearings. That's unnerving when you consider how few checks and balances exist at the county level. The three county commissioners are both legislators and executives. It takes only two of them to make a decision.

Nor is there any accountability in this measure. County officials often lack the expertise or the access to expertise to make these decisions. The tax abatement applicant must demonstrate his project will result in "significant economic benefits." But what is that? And how do you hold him to it once he gets the tax break? ...

### ... raises for state employees

Idaho Statesman, Boise

Considering the circumstances and the recent history, lawmakers deserve

credit for raising state employee pay.

No one will call these 3 percent raises extravagant, especially since pay for the state's 19,500 employees lags about 18 percent behind the private sector.

So let's call these raises what they are. An incremental but significant step to fix a broken pay scale. A show of good faith to the state's talented work force. And we hope, a sign that legislators will try to do better in better years.

This year simply isn't one of those better years.

The bleak news started rolling in soon after the 2008 session convened, when January tax collections came in \$38 million below projections. The economic picture hasn't gotten any better, with Otter predicting the state's budget surplus could dissipate within a few months.

This news has affected just about every item in the state budget — such as Otter's \$50 million college scholarship endowment plan, a \$637,000 request for staffing at state forensics labs and the governor's original proposal for a 5 percent employee pay raise. Slow tax collections will inevitably affect the state's ability to grant pay raises; it's unrealistic to expect otherwise.

### ... banning chocolate

Lewiston Tribune

Idaho state Rep. Lenore Barrett, R-Challis, ought to write science fiction.

spin, lawmakers froze employee wages for two years, with the predictable effects on agency morale and staff turnover.

The Idaho economy is much stronger than it was post-9/11 — and with the February unemployment rate at 2.9 percent, a pay freeze would have been a monumentally rash business decision. By offering a smaller and affordable raise this year, lawmakers give themselves some flexibility, which might help avoid pay freezes if the economy doesn't rebound by next session.

Much of the criticism of the raises centers on an accompanying increase in insurance rates. The average increase of 29 percent is startling — but needs to be considered in the context of current premiums. For 2007-08, a state employee pays \$23 to \$29.50 per month for individual health coverage for an employee, his or her spouse and their children, the cost is \$80 to \$98 a month.

These insurance rates are a bargain compared to the private sector. And given the economic uncertainty surrounding the private sector, a 3 percent pay raise sounds fair as well ...

"One of these days you're going to open your front door and find someone there marching into your kitchen and telling you what to feed your kids," she says.

Ooo, chilling ... Like most creators of science fiction, Barrett imagined a future extrapolated from the present. In this case, her imagination took a quantum leap — envisioning snack-grabbing stork troops from a bill to provide healthy food in school vending machines.

Conservatives often see the heavy hand of government at work, but Rep. Margaret Herbest, D-Boise,

makes an unlikely despot. All she wants to do is ask (politely) the Department of Education to prohibit unhealthy foods — loaded with sugar, caffeine, sodium and trans fats — to be sold from school vending machines ...

Why, however, should schools be in the snack food business?

Barrett actually has an answer: "If they need the money and they want to rot kids' teeth, I guess that's their decision."

The government governing rotting kids' teeth for money? Now that is a nightmarish vision.

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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Expose to Hanford led to chronic health problems

Regarding the U.S. Department of Energy's revised plan to send up to 9,000 containers of radioactive waste from Hanford to Idaho (article in the Times-News, March 17, Page 2):

Once they get their feet in the door, look out. The 9,000 containers will multiply.

How many gallons does each container hold? They've been trying to years to clean up Hanford, a huge toxic waste dump. Their leaking buried containers, more than 150 of them, are huge, containing nearly a million gallons of waste each. Contamination is widespread already. How much leakage will occur in transit? What kind of hazard will result from the transportation of those leaking containers? The cost of

cleanup is so astronomical that our government is downplaying the hazard. Money talks, especially if the powers that be want the money for something else.

My first husband worked for General Electric from 1951-1959 in Unit 1 at Hanford. We first lived in the trailer park for construction workers about a half-mile from the gate. We were within 300 feet or so of the Columbia River. We moved

to Benton City next, about 30 miles west of Hanford, then bought a farm at Whitstarr, another 15 miles or so farther. We drank contaminated milk, ate contaminated vegetables, walked contaminated earth and lawn. A.I. died at age 54 with cancer throughout his body.

My youngest son was conceived and born in this period of time. He had hemophilia, died at age 33. I have

a blood condition which stunted the lab technician, which led to repeated tests. This test proved I could never have passed hemophilia to my son, and had I ever lived over a toxic dump. Health problems are rampant in my family. Go figure.

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# Floods force hundreds to flee in central U.S.

## 13 deaths linked to severe weather

By Betsy Taylor  
Associated Press writer

PIEDMONT, Mo. — Residents of low-lying towns stacked sandbags and evacuated belongings and evacuated Wednesday after a foot of rain pushed rivers and creeks out of their banks in the nation's midsection. At least 13 deaths had been linked to the weather, and three people were missing.

Record or near-record flood crests were forecast at several towns in Missouri. Flooding was reported in large areas of Arkansas and parts of southern Illinois, southern Indiana and southwestern Ohio, and schools were closed in parts of western Kentucky because of flooded roads.

"We've got water rising everywhere," said Jeff Korb, president of the Vanderburgh County, Ind., commissioners. The National Weather Service posted flood and flash flood warnings from Texas to Pennsylvania.

After two days, rain had finally stopped falling by Wednesday afternoon in much of Missouri and Arkansas as the weather system crawled toward the Northeast, drenching the Ohio Valley and spreading snow over parts of northern New England. A parallel band of locally heavy rain stretched from Alabama and Georgia to the mid-Atlantic states.

Atlanta police closed some downtown streets in case the stormy weather knocked down more broken glass and debris from buildings damaged by Friday's tornado. In Ohio and other areas, the rain fell on ground already saturated from heavy snowfall less than two weeks ago.

A foot of rain had fallen in sections of southern Illinois and at Mountain Home, Ark., and Cape Girardeau, Mo., while 6.2 inches fell at Evansville, Ind., the weather service said.

Five deaths were linked to the flooding in Missouri, five people were killed in a high-water wreck in heavy rain in Kentucky and a 65-year-old Ohio woman appeared to have drowned while checking on a sump pump in her home. In southern Illinois, two bodies were found hours after floodwaters swept a pickup truck off a rural road.

Searches were under way in Texas for a teenager washed down a drainage pipe, and two people were missing in Arkansas after their vehicles were swept away by rushing water.

Searchers in Missouri found the body of Mark G. Speir Jr., 19, on Wednesday about 2 miles downstream from where he was reported missing in a creek the previous evening.

"He was going down the creek screaming and hollering," Lawrence County emergency management chief Mike Rowe said.

An estimated 300 houses and businesses were flooded in Piedmont, a town of 2,000 residents on McKenzie Creek. Dozens of people were rescued by boat.

Outside St. Louis, the Meramec river was threaten-

ing towns including Eureka and Valley Park, where Chandler Webster's kids ran bags of toys and clothes to the car while she moved boxes of belongings to the second floor and her husband moved furniture out of harm's way.

"It's a lot of work, but it's worth it to save your stuff," Webster, 34, said Wednesday. "In '82 we lost everything when I was a little girl. I don't want to put my kids through that."

The Meramec hit a record,

39.7 feet that year; flood stage is only 16 feet. A levee completed just three years ago is designed to hold a flood of 43 feet, three feet above the crest forecast for later this week.

Valley Park alderman Steve Drake helped fill sandbags.

"We've got everybody working together," Drake said. "It's going to be interesting."

Gov. Matt Blunt said he was seeking a federal disaster declaration for 70 of Missouri's 114 counties and the city of St. Louis.



A mangled stop sign lies at the side of the road on Corrigan Street in Piedmont, Mo., Wednesday. Piedmont, a town of 2,000 residents, was flooded when the McKenzie Creek rose above its banks Tuesday.

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## Botched evidence papers lead to dismissal

### Reimer still faces charges in T.F. County

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

Once physical evidence in Deborah Reimer's case entered the evidence room at the Ketchum Police Department in July, all the handling of the evidence and documentation for its handling became the responsibility of one detective.

Late last week, while preparing to try Reimer on an attempted murder charge in April, the police chief and county prosecutor discov-

ered the chain of custody had been broken — the records detailing the transfer of evidence were incomplete. On Tuesday, the county prosecutor dropped the charges. By Wednesday evening, she was free on bond.

"We are disappointed in ourselves and we are disappointed for the alleged victim," said Chief Cory Lyman.

"The physical evidence was crucial. We had no reason to doubt our victim's testimony but in order to prove beyond a reasonable doubt we need-

ed all that physical evidence. Upon examination, we could not prove in court that the evidence had not been tampered with."

Lyman said it's the first time in his five years on the department that a broken chain of custody has caused the state to forfeit a case. The Idaho Attorney General's Office confirmed Wednesday that it has been called into investigate what went wrong.

Lyman declined to say what evidence the flawed records pertain to, only that

there were no signs of evidence tampering.

Reimer was accused of firing two shots with a handgun at her ex-boyfriend, Bob Dreyer, while he took a shower. Although the charge is dropped, Reimer is not free.

After she posed a reduced bond and was placed on an ankle monitoring in Twin Falls, Reimer allegedly escaped Idaho in November 2007, but was later captured in an Oklahoma motel. On Tuesday, she was charged in Twin Falls County court with malicious injury to property on allegations of dismantling the ankle monitor.

Late Wednesday night, she posted \$1,500 bond and went free from the county jail, according to jail deputies.

Although the failure of the police department may be the first of its kind, the department had already improved its evidence management system months ago, Lyman said.

"When the break in chain of evidence happened, (three) detectives were accountable for their own evidence," Lyman said. A single detective has since been designated the department's sole evidence custodian.

"Now the evidence custo-

dian reviews that all the standards are met," Lyman said. "It's a safeguard against this very type of thing."

In an action that Lyman said is not disciplinary, he has transferred custodial responsibilities to the assistant police chief. An internal audit of all the evidence in police custody is under way. Meanwhile, there's no evidence of evidence missing or being tampered with and no personnel are suspected of malfeasance, Lyman said.

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## Quick response saves Jerome man's life

### Recreation center employees use CPR

By Matt Christensen  
Times-News writer

For his whole life, Brian Wilson never really understood what they say about life-and-death situations: When the adrenaline kicks in, you stop thinking and start doing.

Today, he understands all too well. Doctors are crediting Wilson and others for saving the life of a heart attack victim who collapsed Monday morning at the Jerome Recreation District building.

"The CPR he administered likely saved the life of the man, whom authorities and the rec district aren't identifying because of privacy concerns.

Here's how Wilson, a fitness coordinator at the center, and his boss Gary Warr tell it.

The 58-year-old victim, a regular at the gym, arrived to workout with his wife, as usual. A few minutes after riding the elliptical machine, the man collapsed.

A handful of exercisers in the room — and the man's frantic wife — began yelling for someone to call 911. Wilson heard the screams and rushed in, where he saw the man lying on the floor.

"When I got to him, he wasn't breathing," Wilson said. "We couldn't find a pulse."

The man was turning gray. Wilson and others started CPR.

About five minutes later, an ambulance crew arrived and transported the man to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center, where he underwent emergency heart surgery.

Gym employees and clients were speechless. Later that day, a doctor called the center to commend its employees for their lifesaving efforts. "He said the man would have died if it hadn't been for the CPR," Warr said.

According to rec center employees, the victim was in good shape, exercised regularly and was one of the last people they'd expect to have a heart attack.

And giving CPR was one of the last things Wilson expected to be doing that morning. In fact, he's never had to use it in his job-plus training.

"I guess it's true what they say about the adrenaline rush in these situations," he said. "You just do it."

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## Latinos put it all on video

By Andrea Gates  
Times-News writer

Before 17-year-old Jose Hernandez graduates high school and goes to Army basic training in June, he wants to leave something with the community. That reminder: A video about life as a young Latino man in rural Rupert, Idaho.

Some see us as lazy, good-for-nothings," Hernandez said.

Hernandez said he wants to change these painful, racist perceptions through a video he's crafting with 13 other kids this week for a total of four days through the Raíces Project, which is a four-year initiative to strengthen rural Latino communities in Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota and Oregon.

The children from Burley, Jerome, Shoshone and Rupert, ranging in age from 13 to 19, wrote stories they're putting to video with music and pictures. They trained Wednesday in the art of digital storytelling in rented space in the Art Lab at the College of Southern Idaho.

"They're telling stories of their experiences as young immigrants in this part of Idaho," said Thennmozhi Soundararajan, director of Third World Majority out of Los Angeles, Calif., which coordinated video training. "It's about what it's like living between two different worlds."

The three- to five-minute videos will include personal items such as photographs, drawings and letters. In Hernandez's video, there will be signs and cartoons depicting racism

See a video story and meet some of the students at Magicvalley.com.

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Instructor Bani Quasin, of San Francisco, talks with Leonel Mendoza, 16, Wednesday during a class on video editing software at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. The four-day course is part of the Raíces project, which strengthens rural Latino communities in Idaho, Iowa, Minnesota and Oregon and uses videos as a vehicle for students to tell their stories.

"They're telling stories of their experiences as young immigrants in this part of Idaho."



Fourteen students from around the Magic Valley attended the course at the College of Southern Idaho.

## Cures for a sick state

### Committee, public discuss health care

By Nita Peppino  
Times-News writer

It was a tale heard before, and that the members of the Governor's Select Committee on Health Care will likely hear again.

Sen. McNeely, co-owner of Donnelly Sports in Twin Falls, can barely pay for \$3,000-deductible health benefits for 14 full-time employees. Mark Lopshire, business manager for Twin Falls counseling client Positive Connections, can't afford them — the only reason four of his 50 employees are covered is because they served in the military.

Many topics were discussed Wednesday afternoon at a public hearing held by the committee. But the conversation always returned to insurance and the effect high premiums have on small business.

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The Governor's Select Committee on Health Care listens to comments and requests Wednesday afternoon from local speakers representing health care organizations, small businesses and doctors from the Magic Valley at the College of Southern Idaho. The committee has been traveling the state gathering input on health care concerns.

after an August summit, the committee stopped in Rupert and Twin Falls on Wednesday, holding two public hearings and listening to presentations from local health providers and businesses in-between. The crowd in Twin Falls was nearly all health care providers, a fact that did not go unnoticed by participants.

"Hearings in the morning and starting at 4 p.m. are

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## Maschek charged while in hospital

### Twin Falls man suspected of arson in car fire at Devil's Corral

By Cassidy Friedman  
Times-News writer

Spencer Maschek, 37, of Twin Falls, was charged March 6 with conspiracy to commit arson in connection with a fire started in his car in Devil's Corral.

That's a fact he still may not know about. Maschek, who knew he was under investigation, shot himself in the stomach March 4 two days before a warrant was ordered for his arrest.

The warrant was issued the same day that Maschek recovered in a hospital bed. Also on March 6, his friend, Patrick Morrissey, 21, of Twin Falls was charged in court with arson and conspiracy to commit arson. Maschek and Morrissey conspired to destroy

Maschek's car so Maschek could have the car paid off by insurance, and thus escape his car debt, according to a Twin Falls Police affidavit. Only Morrissey is charged with destroying the car.

Instead of arresting Maschek, police gave him time to recover at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center. Then on March 13 a judge quashed the warrant and replaced it with a summons.

But on Wednesday, police said, he remains at the hospital without formal notification that the county prosecutor has charged him. "We don't want to interfere with that treatment," said Twin Falls Police Capt. Matt Hicks. "There is a time and a place to serve him with the paperwork."

**Mary Adams**

**BURLEY** — Mary Martin Adams, 88-year-old Burley resident, passed away Monday, March 17, 2008, at her daughter's home in Riverton, Utah.

She was born March 8, 1920, in Basin, the daughter of Moses S. and Sarah Mackay Martin. She was raised and attended school in Basin. She married Forest Douglas Adams on July 7, 1943, in the Logan LDS Temple. She attended Albion State Normal College, earning her teacher's certificate. She attended Idaho State University and graduated in 1969 with a bachelors of arts degree. She taught school for two years in Oakley, three years in Jerome and 26 years in Burley, mostly at Dvorshak Elementary. She was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints and held numerous callings, including Young Women's president.



Primary president and several teaching positions. Mary loved to crochet, making afghans and blankets. She loved making scrapbooks about personal and family history. She also enjoyed genealogy work and working in her yard. She especially loved spending time with her family.

She is survived by her children, Doug (Edie) Adams of Burley, Larry (Kathy) Adams of Murtaugh and Karla (Jerry) York of Riverton, Utah. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and 25 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; her husband, Doug; one son, Duane; three brothers, Karl, Ralph and Jay; three

sisters, Vera, Louise and Maurine; one grandson, Brady Adams; and her in-laws; Fred and Geneva Adams.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Burley 2nd and 4th Ward Chapel, 515 E. 16th St., with Mike James officiating. Burial will be in the Basin Cemetery near Oakley. Friends may call from 8 to 9 p.m. Friday, March 21, at Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. prior to the funeral Saturday at the church. The family suggests memorials be made to The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Education Fund or a charity of the donor's choice.

The family would like to offer a special thank you to the Inspiration Hospice Group in Murray, Utah.

**Amber Huettig**

In loving memory of my sweet daughter, Amber Huettig. Amber was born in Burley. She turned 26 on Jan. 4, 2008, and went to heaven the night of March 15, 2008.

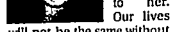
As a child, Amber loved to dress up, play outside, picnics, church, Bible school, church camp, monkey bars, singing, riding her bicycle. She loved watching movies and playing with my hair and makeup. Every week, she would go see her Great-Grandma Bessie and read to her. Their time together meant a lot to both of them. She would also spend time with her Grandma Dorothy, picking strawberries from the garden. She loved to help me make cookies and frost cakes. She liked to take my camera away from me to take pictures by herself. As a teen through adulthood, she loved dancing, singing, writing and reading poetry, writing lyrics and short stories, working, swimming, riding on the jetskis, driving way too fast, reading, hanging out with her friends and family, photography, art, school.

From the time that she was little, Amber and I would have mother-daughter days, just us girls hanging out together watching movies, window shopping going to the mall, falls, park, lunch, zoo, swimming, working on a craft project, cooking together, having long walks and long talks, or just hanging around the house. We just loved being together. Amber loved to be out in the rain

and snow and got so excited about the holidays. Amber's love was apparent in her beautiful smile and giving manner.

Her animals, family and friends mean a great deal to her. Our lives will not be the same without her. Amber, we love you more than words can possibly express. You are and will remain in our hearts forever. We will be together again, our lovely girl. Till then, we love you and miss you so.

Amber is preceded in death by her Grandma Dorothy, Grandpa Edgar,



Great-Grandma Bessie, Aunt Jennie and her cat Jeze. She is survived by her loving mother and father, Tina and Dwayne; her uncles, Loyd and Dwayne, Brad and Todd; her aunts, Janie, Shawna, Tammy and Linda, and many cousins and friends. She will be missed by her dog, Dallas, and her babies. Bailey, who are her babies.

A service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Trinity Lutheran Church of Eden, 1602 E. 1100 S. Lutheran Road (take the Valley Road, go two miles south and three miles west). If you need further direction, you can call Tina at (208) 863-0973. Arrangements are under the direction of Bowman Funeral Parlor in Garden City.

**Geessien 'Jean' Liestro**

Geessien "Jean" Liestro, 78, of Twin Falls, died Sunday evening, March 16, 2008, at her home in Twin Falls.

Geessien was born on March 8, 1930, in Kerkrade, Netherlands, the daughter of Hendrik and Hilke Terkstra Inderswich. She grew up and attended schools in the Netherlands. Following school, she began to learn the trade of becoming a seamstress. On Aug. 24, 1951, Geessien married Hendrik Liestro in the Netherlands. In this union, two children were born, Anita and Hendrik. She continued being a seamstress, where she designed and sewed her own clothing and sold them for many years. In June of 1985, she, and her husband, Hendrik, came to the United States to be close to her daughter, Anita. Jean was active at the St. Edward the

Confessor Catholic Church, where she provided help to many people. She was also active in quilting and knitting groups for many years.



Sewing was her life, and she enjoyed making things for her church and family and friends.

Jean is survived by her husband of 56 years, Hendrik Liestro of Twin Falls; one daughter, Anita (John) Schade of Orovida, Nev.; and one son, Hendrik Liestro of the Netherlands. She is also survived by her three brothers, Hank Inderswich, Reinhard Inderswich, and Be Inderswich, all of Australia; as well as three grandchildren and five great-grand-

children. She was preceded in death by her parents.

A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Monday, March 24, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2469 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Francisco Godinez reciting. A memorial Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 25, at the St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls, with Fritz Kippes officiating. A private family inurnment will take place at a later date. Services are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be given in Jean's name to Hospice Visitation. Contributions may be given to funeral chapel staff or mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

**SERVICES**

Lareeda Elizabeth Schenk of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome LDS 7th Ward Chapel, 50 E. 100 S.; visitation one hour before the funeral today at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Ariene Russell Mallory of Declo, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Declo LDS Stake Center, 213 W. Main St.; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. today at the church (Basmusen Funeral home in Burley).

Arthur "Merle" Lynes of Burley, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Burley United Methodist Church (Hansen-Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Max Lynn Goates of Layton, Utah, and formerly of Kimberly, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Kimberly LDS 2nd Ward Church, 222 Birch St.; visitation from 10 to 11 a.m. today at the church; graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at the Lehi City Cemetery in Lehi, Utah (Leavitt's Mortuary in Layton, Utah, and Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Willard Laurel Hawkins of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Friday at the Rupert LDS West Stake Center, 36 S. 100 W.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Rasmussen

Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley, and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Friday at the church.

Pauline Knopp of Paul, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and one hour before the funeral Friday at the church.

Lawrence Robert Adams, funeral at 1 p.m. Friday at the Wendell LDS 3rd Ward Chapel, 605 N. Idaho St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. today and one hour before the funeral Friday at the church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Kyle Lee J. Blanc-Jacob of Jerome, celebration of life at 1 p.m. Friday at the Cornerstone Baptist Church, located at the corner of Sheep Avenue and Blake Street in Twin Falls; visitation one hour before the service; potluck dinner after the service (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Darlene Jerry Palmdexter, 64, of Rupert, celebration of life from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Friday at the Rupert Elks Lodge (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Sarah Catherine "Cathy" Kuzlik of Filer, memorial

service at 10 a.m. Saturday at Rock Creek Community Church, Fifth Avenue and Idaho Street in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Michelle Huppel of Young of Shoshone, service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Shoshone LDS Church, 507 N. Greenwood St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday and one hour before the service Saturday at the church; interment at 4 p.m. Saturday in Wellsville, Utah (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Richard Trel Kennett of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Emerson LDS Ward Church, 127 S. 950 W. in Paul; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Saturday at the church (Basmusen Funeral Home in Burley).

Susan Ann Pond of Twin Falls, funeral at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Kimberly LDS 2nd Ward Chapel; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road.

Erwin W. (Bill) Erickson and Ruth M. Erickson, both of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Saturday at the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church in Buhl; reception follows at the Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl.

Richard L. Vawser — Richard L. Vawser, 82, of Hansen, died Tuesday, March 18, 2008, at his home. Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

**DEATH NOTICES**

**Paul C. Kunkel**

Paul Chandler Kunkel, 84, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, March 16, 2008, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 22, at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 371 Eastland Drive N. in Twin Falls, with Father Brian Thom officiating (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Falls, with Father Brian Thom officiating (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

**Dorothy E. Ritschof**

Dorothy E. Ritschof, 87, of Twin Falls, died Monday, March 17, 2008, at her home. A private memorial service will be held at a later date. Cremation is under the direc-

tion of Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

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# Senate panel backs changing debt provisions in Idaho Constitution

BOISE (AP) — The Senate State Affairs Committee on Wednesday unanimously backed a plan to amend the Idaho Constitution to make it easier for cities, counties and public hospitals to take on debt.

The measure stems from a 2006 state Supreme Court decision that halted Boise's effort to sell bonds to finance expansion of the city airport's parking garage without first getting two-thirds support of voters. The city said it didn't

need to, because revenue from the project, not property taxes, would pay off the debt.

Cities and counties have complained that the ruling has made it tougher for them to raise money for essentials, and it's created an obstacle to a \$200 million expansion at Bannock County-owned Portneuf Medical Center in Pocatello.

Lobbyists for Idaho counties and cities say the constitutional change is needed to prevent the everyday business

of government from grinding to a halt or costing taxpayers more money. Lawmakers on the Senate panel agreed.

For a constitutional amendment to pass, it must win two-thirds votes of the Senate and House, as well as a simple majority of voters in November's general election.

The proposed amendment would replace the existing two-thirds voter approval requirement for cities to go into debt with a simple majority vote, as long as the struc-



tures the bonds are paying for are repaid with revenue generated by the project, not taxpayer money.

In addition, publicly owned hospitals could pay for capital needs without voter authorization, as long as tax dollars

aren't used to pay off the debt.

Cities and counties could enter long-term contracts for goods, services, leases and power-purchase agreements, as long as the contracts are for less than five years, and are paid for with user fees, or if the local governments can cancel the contracts on a year-to-year basis.

David Frazier, the Boise activist who brought the original lawsuit against Boise, argued unsuccessfully at Wednesday's hearing that the

Supreme Court's 2006 ruling on the long-term contracts protected Idaho citizens from unnecessary public projects. A constitutional standard allowing government to incur long-term debt without a taxpayer vote only when projects are "ordinary and necessary" is an appropriate safeguard to government running amok, he said.

"The citizens are left out of the loop," Frazier said. "That's what happened with the city of Boise. That's why I went to court."

## Settlement talks fail between al-Kidd, feds

BOISE (AP) — Court-ordered lawsuit settlement talks between a man who was detained in a federal case and the government were to no avail, attorneys on both sides told U.S. District Court Judge Mike Williams.

The notice issued this week means that the lawsuit brought by Abdullah al-Kidd against the United States, former U.S. Attorney General Alberto Gonzales and several other officials will likely go to trial.

Al-Kidd filed the lawsuit in 2005, claiming his civil rights were violated when the government improperly used material witness laws to detain him for two weeks. Last month, Williams ordered the attorneys involved in the case to take part in settlement talks after both sides indicated "that a settlement conference would be beneficial."

A trial date has not yet been set.

The case began in 2003 when al-Kidd, a former student who played football for the Vandals under the name Lavoni Kidd, filed the lawsuit after he was arrested in 2003 as a material witness in the government's case against a fellow student, Sami Omar Al-Hussayni.

Both men worked on behalf of the Islamic Assembly of North America, a Michigan-based charitable organization that feder-

al investigators alleged funded money to activities supporting terrorism and published material advocating suicide attacks on the United States.

A jury acquitted Al-Hussayni of using his computer skills to foster terrorism and of three immigration violations after an eight-week federal trial. But Al-Hussayni was eventually deported to Saudi Arabia.

Al-Kidd was never called to testify, but he spent two weeks in jail as a material witness and was later released to the custody of his wife with strict limitations on where he could travel. He sued, alleging that he was falsely imprisoned and that the government violated due process, using material witness laws to arrest, detain and investigate individuals without first proving probable cause.

A material witness is considered to be someone who can give testimony to one else can give. In an important criminal case, such a person may sometimes be held by the government against his will to ensure the person's availability for testimony.

Al-Kidd said the investigation and detention not only caused him to lose a scholarship to study in Saudi Arabia, but cost him employment opportunities.

He seeks unspecified damages.

## Rammell files as independent, says Risch is 'too old' for Senate

BOISE (AP) — Former elk rancher Rex Rammell has shed his Republican ties and will run for the U.S. Senate as an independent because he says his former party has abandoned him. Gov. Jim Risch as his chosen candidate.

Rammell, 47, who last October said he'd run as a Republican for the seat now held by Sen. Larry Craig, conceded he couldn't beat Risch, 64, in the May 27 GOP primary. He gathered the 1,000 signatures needed to run as an independent before filing Wednesday with the Idaho secretary of state's office.

The two men have been at odds since September 2006 when Risch, then Idaho's interim governor, ordered an emergency hunt for 160 domesticated elk that had escaped Rammell's property near Yellowstone National Park. Rammell has named the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Risch in a civil lawsuit filed in 7th District Court.

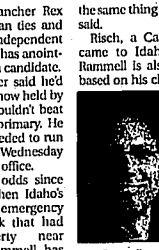
At a news conference in Boise, Rammell said Risch's political career is nearly its end, making 2008 a hard time to run for U.S. Senate. Rammell hopes to rely on his credentials as a former elk rancher — he's since sold his eastern Idaho property — and member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Idaho's largest religion, to win over voters.

"Jim Risch is too old to become a U.S. senator. You don't become a U.S. senator in the sunset of your career," Rammell said, adding to reporters, "I am a member of the LDS church, which is a significant portion of the electorate."

Rammell denied he was running for vindictive reasons. Animosity over the elk escape would be settled in court, not at the polls, he said.

Risch said Rammell is just bitter over the 2006 elk fracas and is using the race as a chance to get even. Age should have little bearing on who becomes U.S. senator, he said, pointing out that Ronald Reagan was nearly 70 when he took office as U.S. president in January 1951.

"I'd imagine somebody told Ronald Reagan



Rammell

the same thing when he ran for president," he said.

Risch, a Catholic from Milwaukee and came to Idaho in the early 1960s, said Rammell is also unrealistic to expect votes based on his church affiliation. People "don't vote by religion, they vote by how they feel in their hearts," Risch said.

Though Rammell contends he'll take votes from Risch and turn the general election next November with Democratic candidate Larry LaRoche into a closer contest, Risch said he's not concerned about that.

"Every major election in this state, whether it's for governor, U.S. senator, or president, has an independent candidate," Risch said. "I've never seen anyone win a vote or a little less."

In the 2006 race for lieutenant governor when Risch beat LaRoche 58 percent to 39 percent, third-party candidate William Charles Wellisch from the Constitution Party won 2.3 percent of the vote.

LaRoche, so far the only publicly declared Democratic candidate for U.S. Senate, also estimated Rammell could expect to win just 2 percent to 3 percent of voters, based on other races with independent candidates.

Still, LaRoche, who served two terms in the U.S. House for Idaho from 1991 to 1994, did say Rammell's conservative, property-rights ideology would likely draw more disaffected Republicans than Democratic-leaning supporters.

"At the end of the day, it's a favorable development for me," LaRoche said. "It's a very interesting development, that somebody who obviously felt strongly about the primary didn't feel like there was room for him in our other party. It's a strong indication that some voters might be abandoning the establishment and looking for new leadership."

## Conservationist says feds renegeged on bison plan

GARDINER, Mont. (AP) — An 8-year-old plan to give bison grazing rights to Yellowstone National Park has never been put in place because promised federal funding hasn't materialized.

Federal agencies are renegeging on the agreement, a conservationist said this week.

The Intergovernmental Bison Management Plan, adopted in 2000, was aimed at limiting the spread of disease from bison to cattle. It provided for a \$2.8 million, 30-year lease of grazing rights for the Yellowstone herds on the Royal Teton Ranch adjacent to the park. The lease would allow the bison to migrate onto an additional 7,500 acres of winter habitat.

The plan was adopted and signed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Animal Plant, Health Inspection Service (APHIS), U.S. Forest Service, National Park Service, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks and the Montana Department of Livestock.

"It's not in the budget," said Bruce Knight, undersecretary for marketing and regulatory programs for APHIS.

Knight said his agency's entire budget for managing brucellosis, a disease that causes bison and cattle to abort, is less than \$9 million.

In addition to bison removal, the service has been seeking a "meaningful long-term solution without the need for land acquisition," Knight said, referring to efforts to develop a vaccination protocol for bison. Brucellosis has been fully eradicated nationwide except for remnants in the greater Yellowstone area, he said.

Tim Stevens, Yellowstone program manager for the National Parks Conservation Association, said federal agencies are renegeging on the agreement, despite state and private commitments of more than \$1.3 million for the lease. The federal agencies had agreed to provide \$1.5 million, Stevens said after watching a bison roundup Tuesday morning.

## E. Idaho scientists develop tiny antennas to capture energy

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Researchers at Idaho National Laboratory are developing tiny antennas that might one day be woven as clothing that can heat or cool the person wearing it, and even capture energy to power small electronic devices.

The "nan antennas" could also be used as wallpaper to recycle heat back into a house, just some of the possible applications scientists say they can only guess at now.

"I think we're going to be limited only by the applications we can think of in the future," said Steven Novack, advisory scientist in the

National and Homeland Security Directorate at INEL. "Ten to 20 years down the road, this is what we're going to be using for a portion of our energy needs."

Also working on the project are Judy Partin, a physicist in the Energy and Environment Directorate, and Dale Kotter, an electrical engineer in the National and Homeland Security Directorate.

Novack said the project originally began as an attempt to make military bases more energy efficient, as well as another application he said he could not discuss.

The INEL is an 890-square-mile federal nuclear research area in eastern Idaho, but it also does research on other forms of producing energy. Novack said the INEL makes available to U.S. companies research that has business applications. Several companies are interested in the three patents that have come out of the project so far.

Novack said the nan antennas that have been developed are designed to capture infrared energy. The nan antennas are square spirals of metal the width of a human hair stamped onto sheets of plastic.

He said the original goal was to use nan antennas to improve the efficiency of traditional solar panels, also called photovoltaic cells, but the team realized the nan antennas themselves had even greater potential.

"The original concept was to use nan antennas to help photovoltaic cells concentrate more light," Novack told the Post Register. "But, what if we were using them as the harvesters themselves?"

The team estimates the efficiency of nan antennas in capturing energy is about 60 percent.

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## 4 dead in shooting at wrecking yard; son of business's owner in custody

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — Police alleged Wednesday that a son of an auto wrecking yard owner shot four people to death at the business, including at least one relative and two employees.

"I think we're going to be limited only by the applications we can think of in the future," said Steven Novack, advisory scientist in the

Panicked customers fled the busy yard Tuesday afternoon as the gunman shot his victims at close range, police said. The shootings were "very deliberate" and the suspect likely reloaded at least once, Santa Maria police Chief Danny Macagni said.

Loc Isaac Bedwell Leeds of Santa Maria was booked for investigation of the shooting.

murder and was held without bail. Police issued a news release saying witnesses at the scene identified the 31-year-old son of the business's owner as the gunman.

At least one of those killed

Black Road Auto was related to Leeds, two were employees and the fourth victim appears to have been a customer of the business, investigators said. The wrecking yard is in the outskirts of Santa Maria, about 150 miles northwest of Los Angeles.

One victim was found in a junk yard's office, and three outside. Police said at least 10 shots were fired.

no one else was hurt.

"There were a lot of customers on the property, and they were running outside," police Lt. Dan Ast said. "It was a pretty chaotic situation."

One of the victims found outside still had a pulse, Ast said. While police searched for the gunman, officers escorted patients onto the property of a nearby hospital.

gunman "took off running, tried to get over a fence and was captured."

The gunman discarded a semi-automatic handgun before he was taken into custody and it was found later, police said.

There were no telephone listings for Los Leeds in Santa Maria, Ast said. He said he



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## Hoops hypocrisy? Office pools still illegal in many states

By David Forter  
Associated Press writer

NEWARK, N.J. — While you're busy checking free throw percentages and rebounding margins as you fill in the last teams in your NCAA tournament bracket, there's something else you might want to take a peek at: your state's criminal code.

Office pools are illegal in many states, despite the efforts of some legislators to change statutes they say are outdated and rarely enforced.

"Right now, in every office and factory — and maybe even in some state capitols — there are people engaging in criminal behavior," said Wisconsin state Sen. Jeff Place. "It's

### NCAA Men's Basketball Tournament

Featured games on local CBS affiliate AMTV Today:

- Portland State vs. Kansas, 10:25 a.m.
- Kent State vs. UNLV, 12:30 p.m.
- Texas A&M vs. BYU, 5:20 p.m.
- George Mason vs. Notre Dame, 7:40 p.m.

Friday:

- Gonzaga vs. Davidson, 10:25 a.m.
- San Diego vs. Connecticut, 12:50 p.m.
- Oregon vs. Mississippi State, 5:25 p.m.

Boise State vs. Louisville, 7:30 p.m.

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Plans to reintroduce the bill. Legislation proposed by Michigan state Rep. Kim Meltzer met a similar fate. The bill would have included NCAA college basketball tournament brackets with

entry fees of \$20 or less and consisting of 100 people or fewer from the definition of gambling under Michigan law. The money would have to be divided only among participants.

Even hoops-mad North Carolina, home to 2008 tournament participants North Carolina, Duke and Davidson, considers "any person who plays at or bets on any game of chance at which any money, property or other thing of value is bet" to be guilty of a Class II misdemeanor.

In other states, gambling on sports is prohibited — but the laws contain enough loopholes for the average bracket buff to rest easy.

In New Jersey, for example, gambling laws contain an exception that can be interpreted as giving a pass

to people who participate in pools in which no one takes any profit beyond personal winnings.

If authorities ever decided to crack down on office pools, there would be a treasure trove awaiting them. While it is impossible to break down the estimated several billion dollars wagered legally and illegally on the tournament, NCAA spokeswoman Stacey Osburn said the NCAA has heard reports of individual pools with more than \$100,000 in prize money.

The NCAA's stance on gambling is clear. The association attempted unsuccessfully to have all sports wagering on college games banned in Las Vegas several years ago, and it

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## NJCAA DIVISION I WOMEN'S BASKETBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

# NATIONAL DISASTER

## Golden Eagles stumble in quarterfinals

By Eric Larsen  
Times-News writer

SALINA, Kan. — No team wins on destiny alone.

Down 15 at halftime to the second-seeded University of Arkansas-Fort Smith Lions, the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball team had all the desire to make a second-half comeback. The Golden Eagles just didn't have the execution.

CSI bowed out of the NJCAA Division I National Championship winners' bracket, losing 60-63 to the 33-1 Lions Wednesday night in the Solina, Kan., Bicentennial Center. The 31-3 Golden Eagles missed 12 shots from within three feet in the game's first 30 minutes, and couldn't seem to find the net until the conclusion of Wednesday's late championship quarterfinal game was already decided.

"Maybe we were a little intimidated by their athleticism and ability to go up and block shots, but we did miss a lot of easy baskets," CSI head coach Randy Rogers said. "And they would have helped, because maybe we hit them and then the (Lions) are on their heels a little bit."

Instead, it was Fort Smith's aggressive full-court defense that had CSI on its heels at times. The Lions forced CSI into 24 turnovers, including 15 in the first half. Hyper-athletic wing Tanisha Smith hit 10 of 20 shots to get 22 points, while Katrina Lewis used a plethora of post moves to finish with a 19-point, 13-rebound double-double.

"We knew that one of two things was going to happen,"



College of Southern Idaho players Soana Lancel, right, Amy Higbee and Tera Tremayne fight for a rebound with Candice Nelson of Arkansas-Fort Smith Wednesday during second round of the NJCAA national tournament at the Bicentennial Center in Salina, Kan.

Lions head coach Louis Whorton said. "They were going to get control with their high-low post game or we'd get pressure and

win with our tempo. I thought that was the difference in the ball game because if they got into a half-court situation, they scored."

Freshman post Maddy Plunkett tried to keep the Golden Eagles in

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## NJCAA Division I Women's Basketball National Championship

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First round
- No. 9 Midland, Texas 74, No. 8 Trinity Valley, Texas 46
  - No. 4 Southeastern Illinois 74, No. 14 East Central, Miss. 43
- Consolation quarterfinals
- No. 14 Western Nebraska 84, No. 11 Monroe, N.Y. 81
- Championship quarterfinals
- No. 3 Gulf Coast, Fla. 64, No. 6 Jefferson, Mo. 62
  - No. 2 Arkansas-Fort Smith 80, No. 7 CSI 63
- Consolation quarterfinals
- No. 10 Walters State, Tenn. (29-5) vs. No. 15 Lake Region State, N.D. (26-7), 9 a.m.
  - No. 16 Georgia Perimeter (19-15) vs. No. 8 Trinity Valley, Texas (26-6), 11 a.m.
  - No. 12 Shelton State, Ala. (28-5) vs. No. 13 East Central, Miss. (22-7), 3 p.m.
- Fifth-place semifinals
- No. 6 Jefferson, Mo. (32-2) vs. No. 7 CSI (31-3), 3 p.m.
- Championship quarterfinals
- No. 1 Central Arizona (32-0) vs. No. 9 Midland, Texas (29-5), 5 p.m.
  - No. 4 Southeastern Illinois (32-2) vs. No. 5 Barton County, Kan., (33-2), 7 p.m.
- Can't get to Kansas?
- CSI's games will be broadcast live by Ken Simmons on 1270 AM KTVI and online at <http://kthl.com>.
  - Live statistics of every tournament game will be available at <http://www.bicentennial.org/njcaanationalchampionship.htm> under the link "Click here for live stats during each game."

Up next: 32-2 Jefferson College, 3 p.m. The Golden Eagles will take on sixth-seeded Jefferson College (Mo.) at 3 p.m. this afternoon in the tournament's fifth-place semifinals. Jefferson came a bounce away from the championship semifinals, as guard LaToya Johnson's 22-foot buzzer-beater attempt rimmed in-and-out in Wednesday's 64-62 loss to third-seeded Gulf Coast Community College (Fla.). Johnson scored 15 points in Wednesday's loss, while solid freshman post Danielle Adams led the team with 29 points and 16 rebounds, both game highs. Adams and Johnson took 45 of Jefferson's 59 field goal attempts Wednesday night, as Adams went 12-for-32 from the field, including a 2-for-1 effort from a 3-point range that ultimately doomed the Vikings.

## CSI softball ranked No. 14 in NJCAA poll

Times-News

The College of Southern Idaho softball team is ranked No. 14 in the first NJCAA Division I Softball Poll of the 2008 regular season, released Wednesday. CSI (23-10) was ranked No. 9 in the preseason poll and is one of only two teams with double-digit losses ranked in the Top 20.

Preseason No. 1 Eastern Arizona College remained atop the poll, while CSI's scenic West Athletic Conference rival Salt Lake Community College is ranked No. 8 with a 19-5 record.

Rounding out the top five behind 31-5 Eastern Arizona

### NJCAA Division I Softball Poll

Team (Last Week)	Record	Points
1. Eastern Arizona (4)	31-6	80
2. Santa Fe (2)	32-1	78
3. Penn State (1)	32-1	76
4. Chattanooga Tech (2)	32-7	68
5. Chipola College	24-6	64
6. Central Arizona	28-6	58
7. Indiana River (2)	28-8	56
8. Salt Lake (2)	19-5	52
9. Gulf Coast (2)	23-6	48
10. Crowder College	20-3	42
11. Delaware College	23-2	40
12. Sevier (2)	13-3	38
13. Minnesota (2)	24-5	32
14. CSI	23-10	28
15. Shelton State (2)	17-3	24
16. McKeenan (2)	18-10	20
17. Central Alabama (2)	23-6	18
18. Blinn College	21-8	12
19. Midland College	18-7	8
20. Gardner (2)	10-4	4

Others receiving votes: Boulder Falls CC, Columbia State CC, Daytona Beach CC, Florida CC, Miami-Dade CC, Morrow State CC, Sevier County CC, St. Petersburg College, Three Rivers CC, Wallace State CC, Hanover.

### NJCAA Division I Baseball Poll

Team (Last Week)	Record	Points
1. Miami-Dade College (2)	29-3	90
2. Walters State (2)	23-5	66
3. Pensacola (2)	27-3	60
4. San Jacinto College-North (1)	24-6	52
5. Young Harris College	23-6	47
6. Howard College (2)	24-2	43
7. New Mexico (2)	23-5	41
8. Wallace (2), CC-Neaneville	20-7	37
9. Tarrant College	23-6	27
10. Chipola College	22-7	27
11. Iowa Western (2)	15-4	18
12. Arkansas-Fort Smith	25-8	15
13. Oak Ridge College	24-4	12
14. Newberry College	18-4	12
15. Columbia College	24-6	9
16. Salt Lake (2)	18-8	8
17. Northeastern (2)	18-4	6
18. (Rd) Southern Nevada	20-7	5
19. (Rd) Eastern Oklahoma St.	18-6	5
20. Arkansas-Fort Smith	22-4	2

Others receiving votes: Barton County CC, Dyerburg State CC, Gulf Coast CC, Triton College.

Community College for a four-game SWAC series, beginning Friday.

The first regular-season NJCAA Division I Baseball Poll was also released Wednesday. While the 15-13 CSI baseball team did not receive any votes, two SWAC squads made the Top 20 as Salt Lake is No. 16 and the College of Southern Nevada is No. 18.

Miami-Dade College, took over the No. 1 spot, leaping up from a No. 13 preseason ranking. Walters State Community College (Tenn.) is No. 2, while Pensacola junior college (Fla.) is third. San Jacinto College (Texas) and Young Harris College (Ga.) round out the top five.

The CSI men visit the College of Eastern Utah for a pair of doubleheaders, beginning Friday.

The next NJCAA polls will be released March 26.



The Boston Red Sox and Oakland A's reverted a pay dispute with MLB to end a threatened boycott of spring games and Boston's trip to Japan. Pictured, Boston catcher Kevin Cash tags out Toronto Blue Jays runner Vernon Wells (10) at home plate in Fort Myers, Fla., Wednesday. For more, see page C5.









# Red Sox, A's resolve pay dispute, end threatened boycott of spring games

FORT MYERS, Fla. (AP) — Fans at City of Palms Park were ready for Boston's final spring training game in Florida. The Red Sox weren't.

In an extraordinary move, Boston players voted to boycott a nationally televised exhibition and Wednesday afternoon's flight to Japan for next week's season-opening series against Oakland, upset that coaches weren't going to receive the same \$40,000 per player payments negotiated for players by their union.

A couple of hours later, all was resolved, and the Red Sox took the field one hour late for a 4-2 loss to Toronto before a crowd of 7,868.

Across the country in Phoenix, Athletics players also considered a boycott. They didn't take batting practice and held five team meetings before following Boston's lead and deciding to play. An Oakland split squelched last 6-1 to the Los Angeles Angels in front of 7,940 fans before leaving for Tokyo.

"The players just stepped up and they did what I think was right," Boston bench coach Bill Mills said.

Major League Baseball agreed to pay the managers, coaches and trainers on the trip \$20,000 each from management's proceeds, a person familiar with the agreement said, speaking on condition of anonymity because details weren't announced. The Red Sox agreed to make up the difference to make the amount equal, and to pay some of the other team personnel making the trip, the person said.

"It was a misunderstanding of what agreement was reached between MLB and the MLBPA," Red Sox president Larry Lucchino said. "We said we would step up and make sure a second pool was created and would seek contributions from all parties."

It had not yet been determined whether Oakland would make additional payments to its staff.

"Everyone connected with

## Barry Bonds still wants to play this year

NEW YORK (AP) — Unsigned and thus far unplayed, Barry Bonds still hopes to play this year.

"I'm not going to retire. I don't think that's going to happen," he told MLB Tuesday. "I'm working out. I'm training. If my phone rings, it rings. If it don't, it don't. I have a BlackBerry. They work. If something comes up, I'm sure they'll let me know. I'll come back in July if I have to. It depends on the circumstances."

Baseball's home run king was indicted in November on four counts of perjury and one count of obstruction of justice stemming from 2003 grand jury testimony in which he denied knowingly using illegal performance-enhancing drugs. He pleaded innocent.

"I want to win a championship or else I want to keep the trip will be fairly compensated," baseball spokesman Rich Levin said.

Cancellation of the March 25-26 series at the Tokyo Dome would have been a public nightmare for Major League Baseball, which already has had enough bad news during an off-season dominated by performance-enhancing drugs.

Managers and coaches were included in the players' pool payments for baseball's two previous season-opening trips to Japan, when the New York Mets played the Chicago Cubs in 2000 and the Yankees played Tampa Bay in 2004. But this time, the agreement between MLB and the players' association called only for payments to 30 players on each club, and left out the coaches.

"They're just as much a part of this team as anybody," said Oakland closer Eli Street, the team's player representative. "Playoff shares, coaches get an equal share. You look at previous Japan trips, coaches have gotten an

equal share."

The initial vote by Boston players set off a series of calls among players from the Red Sox and Athletics. Major League Baseball, the clubs and the players' association.

"We felt we had to make a stand, and being on ESPN didn't hurt," Red Sox third baseman Mike Lowell said.

An Phoenix Municipal Stadium, where their game was scheduled to start three hours after Boston's, A's players watched coverage of the Red Sox dispute. Oakland players spoke by telephone with their Boston counterparts about boycotting the trip.

There was a discussion about whether to play the game today. There was a discussion about how the money could potentially be handled. There was a discussion about going to Japan.

There was a discussion about how to talk to the media about it, Street said.

Street said Oakland's players would be willing to lower what they receive in order to

provide for coaches. He said while "everybody is going to be compensated fairly," he wasn't certain that "fairly" would mean "equally."

Lowell said \$20,000 payments to the coaches would not have been acceptable, given that the players were making \$40,000.

"We didn't think that was correct," he said. "Giving them half of that is not equal." Daisuke Matsuzaka, who had been scheduled to pitch for Boston, left the stadium to pitch in a game against Minnesota's Triple-A affiliate while David Anderson started in his place. Matsuzaka is scheduled to be the opening-day starter in Tokyo next week against Oakland.

Boston manager Terry Francona spoke twice Wednesday with commissioner Bud Selig about the exhibition against the Blue Jays.

"Mr. Selig was justifiably concerned about playing the game, which I completely understand," Francona said.

Boston's Kevin Youkilis stressed the players felt strongly about not going to Japan without a resolution.

"The club's working on stuff and trying to get money where it needs to get," he said. "It was definitely an experience of a lifetime, and it ended in a good way."

Boston catcher Jason Varitek said players thought it was necessary to take a stand on behalf of the coaches and staff.

"They're the basis of what takes care of us," he said.

Oakland general manager Billy Beane was happy the trip will go on and expressed desire for additional international play.

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# Yankees' Chamberlain to pitch out of bullpen

TAMPA, Fla. (AP) — Joba Chamberlain will begin the season in the New York Yankees bullpen.

"We think that's where he fits best right now," manager Joe Girardi said Wednesday.

For much of spring training, Chamberlain was a contender for a spot in the starting rotation. He was a starter in college, and the minors before New York switched him to a relief role last year and called him up in August to boost its shaky bullpen.

When asked if Chamberlain would go back to the setup role he thrived in as a rookie last season, Girardi refused to be specific. But he did say Chamberlain would pitch late in games.

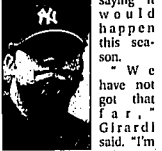
"It's a back-end guy. That's how I'm going to classify him," Girardi said.

The 22-year-old "Light" hander had prepared as a starter this spring, but wasn't surprised by the decision.

"I had an idea if everybody stayed healthy this would happen," he said. "It's best for the team right now. It's about winning games. It's not about Joba Chamberlain."

The Yankees' projected rotation includes Chien-Ming Wang, Andy Pettitte, Mike Mussina, Phil Hughes

and Ian Kennedy. The team said it still expects Chamberlain to be a starter down the road, but Girardi wouldn't commit to saying it would happen this season.



Chamberlain put it this way, we consider him a starter in the future. I don't want to be locked into a timetable. You know that's my personality."

Chamberlain started Saturday against Detroit in a split-squad game and allowed three runs and four hits in three innings. He has a 6.14 ERA in 7 1/3 innings this spring.

Chamberlain is scheduled to pitch out of the bullpen Thursday and Saturday. He is expected to work on consecutive days next week.

"I really wasn't wondering at all," Chamberlain said. "It's great not only to know, but just to get your routine going. The routine is going to be the hardest part."

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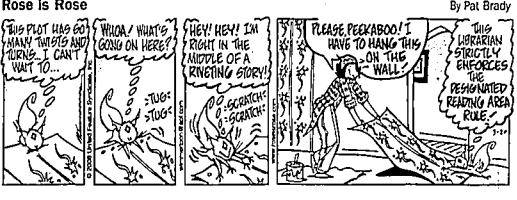
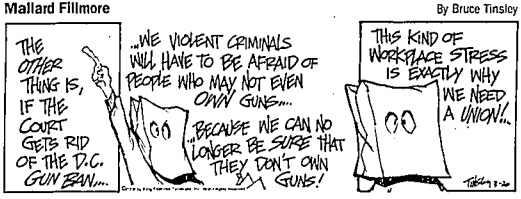
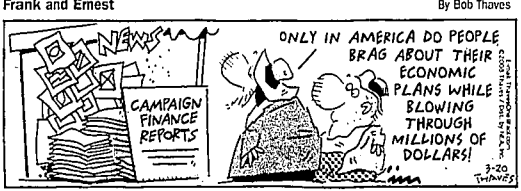
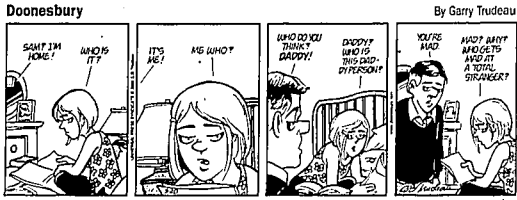
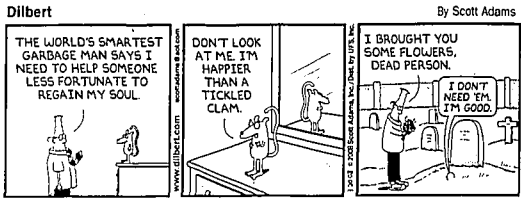
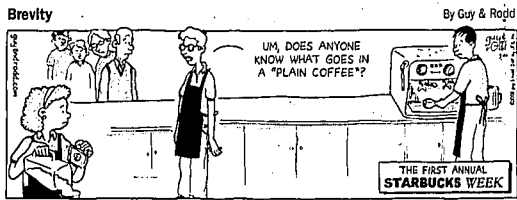
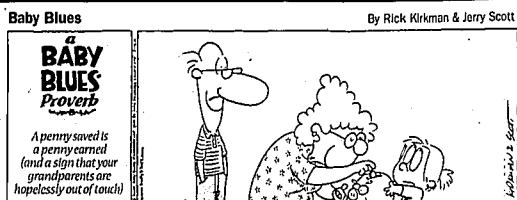
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## Don't chase after birds and bees, Aquarius

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IF MARCH 20 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You want to be a success so badly that you can almost taste it. The world will expect you to pay your dues, however, so you aren't likely to become an overnight success. Work hard, play hard and transform yourself into the budding professional you hope to be. Next December you may reap the rewards for your determination - and receive a lucrative offer, a pleasant change or a major improvement in your situation.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** The spring equinox represents a turning point. You may sense a slight downturn in confidence and might be tempted to make unwise changes that you would regret in a few days.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Speak softly and carry a big stick. Love issues might challenge you on crucial issues, but your quiet words can divert controversy. Enhance your reputation by being a peacemaker.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Rhyme doesn't match reason. To get into the mood for fun-filled activities, you might need to put ambitions on the back burner. Don't undermine

your future by ignoring a pressing responsibility.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** High spirits speak suicidally. You are upbeat and positive, so no one will want to bring you down by discussing their troubles. A significant other may have pressing obligations and you can help.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** An intense desire may be thwarted by circumstances outside your control. Keep in mind that you are gaining valuable experience. Take a much-needed break and spend time with a special someone.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Let your artistic side shine through. Chip away at problems like a sculptor; leave just the best parts where a relationship is concerned. Avoid signing contracts or becoming involved in negotiations.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** The first day of spring might not seem as encouraging as it usually does. There may be extra responsibilities on your schedule that prevent you from looking for buds on the trees. Keep your chin up.

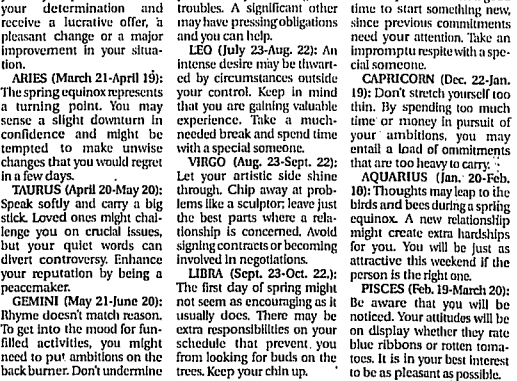
**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Anything worth having is worth waiting for. You may be torn between achieving your ambitions and doing what is expected of you. Measure your success by the smile on a loved one's face.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21):** You may be under pressure to perform at an intense pace. This isn't a good time to start something new, since previous commitments need your attention. Take an impromptu respite with a special someone.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Don't stretch yourself too thin. By spending too much time or money in pursuit of your ambitions, you may entail a load of ornaments that are too heavy to carry.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Thoughts may leap to the birds and bees during a spring equinox. A new relationship might create eye-handicaps for you. You will be just as attractive this weekend if the person is the right one.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** Be aware that you will be noticed. Your attitudes will be on display whether they rate blue ribbons or handkerchiefs. It is in your best interest to be as pleasant as possible.



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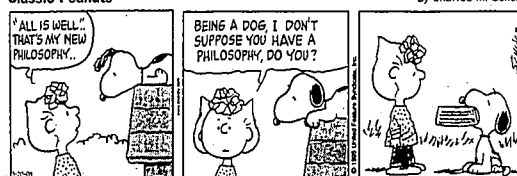
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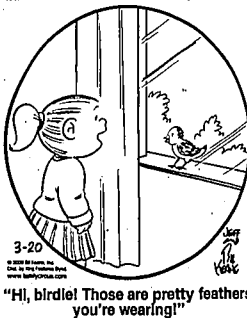
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# Wife misses ex's friendship after years of breaking up



**DEAR ABBY Phillips**

**DEAR ABBY:** My ex-husband and I have remained friends and lovers for the past 37 years. We maintained a relationship that included shared vacations and socializing together. We even talked of living in a retirement home together one day.

Three months ago, he stopped communicating with me. A month later, he sent me a greeting card telling me to "remember our good times always."

My heart has not mended. I cry continuously. I have not contacted him, but I know I deserve more than this because of the nature of our relationship. Abby, how do I handle these emotions, my future, and the social and family events that will be coming up?

— **GRIEVING IN DAYTON, OHIO**  
**DEAR GRIEVING:** Under the circumstances, your feelings — and your tears — are normal. You are grieving for your lost husband. This is a process you should have gone through 37 years ago, when the marriage ended. But because you continued behaving as husband and wife, the strings remained tied.

It would be healthier for you if you had some closure. But that I mean if he had explained why he was ceasing communication. After all that

this time you deserve some answers — even if they're painful to hear.

You may need professional counseling to handle your emotions. As to the social and family events that are scheduled for me, I think the down payment should be considered "wedding money," and I should not be required to pay it back. What is your opinion?

— **JILTED DOWN SOUTH**  
**DEAR JILTED:** What bothers me about your letter is the sense of entitlement it conveys. I assume that at the time your parents loaned you

the money, you agreed to the terms. If that's the case, then you should abide by them. You are fortunate your parents were willing (and able) to help you. Residential loans are not easy to get right now.

**DEAR ABBY:** I always find the letters you print about "pennies from heaven" intriguing. I lost a dear friend to a serious illness a few years ago. I was at work the day after her death, and we were having a severe, unseasonable thunderstorm. I had to wait until it was over to get to my car.

As I approached my car, I noticed a shiny penny — not on the ground, but on the back of my windshield! The hairs on the back of my neck stood up. I immediately thought of my friend Lisa. She must have known that I had been berating myself for not having been there for her while she was at her sickest point. In my heart, I feel that the penny was Lisa's way of telling me she forgave me for not being a better friend.

— **WISH I HAD A SECOND CHANCE**  
**DEAR WISH:** Regret is the cancer of life. Rather than looking backward, resolve to do better in the future. We find forgiveness where we look for it — and if finding the penny was a comfort to you, then it has served its purpose.

## POST ST. PATRICK'S



The Irish Pub in Atlantic City, N.J., overflows with participants of its 24th annual day-after St. Patrick's Day tradition, Bag Day, on Tuesday, Each March 18, people come from far and near to jam the joint, most wearing some sort of bag fashioned into a hat atop their head. The tradition dates back 24 years to a group of exhausted waitresses and casino workers who realized they had worked through the entire night and missed St. Paddy's Day.

# After St. Patrick's Day comes traditional Bag Day at Irish pub in Atlantic City

By Wayne Parry  
Associated Press writer

**ATLANTIC CITY, N.J.** — Paul Murphy came all the way from Glasgow, Scotland, to stand against the back wall of The Irish Pub with a pint in his hand and a paper bag on his head.

He did not stand out in the least at the bar, which was packed Tuesday afternoon with people wearing brightly decorated paper bags atop their heads. For this was Bag Day, the second-greatest day of the year at The Irish Pub.

Each March 18, the day after St. Patrick's Day, people come from far and near to jam the joint, most wearing some sort of bag fashioned into a hat atop their head. The tradition dates back 24 years to a group of exhausted waitresses and casino workers who realized they had worked through the entire night and missed St. Paddy's Day.

"We said, 'We didn't have too much fun on St. Patrick's Day, let's start our own holiday,'" said Cathy Burke, who owns the pub. "The bartender had just brought out a pile of bags that they use behind the bar, and we put some on our heads and said, 'We declare today Bag Day, the official holiday of The Irish Pub and anyone who

has to work on St. Patrick's Day.'" That day, the staff met people at the door and told them they couldn't enter unless they wore a bag on their heads, handing them out to the slightly startled patrons. As the years went by, people started bringing their own bags, many richly painted and decorated.

Rich Crofton drove 40 miles from Williamstown to wear a white bag bedecked with shamrocks, drawings of two sudsy mugs, and the words "Beer Me, I'm Irish" on his hat.

"It's a chance to let your hair down a little bit," he said.

His friend Karen Peacock, also of Williamstown, said people come year after year to see friends they made at Bag Day. She had the same take on the origin of the name as did most of those interviewed at the bar.

"Because you're still in the bag after St. Patrick's Day," she laughed between sips of a Blaudy Mary. "It's an excuse to have some hair of the dog."

One was shaped like a giant marijuana cigarette (a "doo-bee"); Werth's was adorned with a list of things you can't do around her, including the admission, "Do Not Pet Me; I'm Working." She is a "don't-bee."

A friend of Werth's had a high-heeled shoe atop his hat; he was a "shoe-bee," in honor of the derogatory term that residents of the southern New Jersey shore used for day trippers to the area, who were said to carry their lunch to the beach in shoe boxes.

"You meet so many interesting people here on Bag Day," she said. "It's not like a typical drinking night. People come from all over for this."

Revelers wore hats shaped like a Bishop's miter, a boat, a pirate hat, a crown, a hipie beach band, the Wicked Witch of the West, a Dalmatian puppy, and one adorned with cut-outs of centerfold models.

Derek Berkett, who traveled about 50 miles from Bellmawr to help hold up the back wall Tuesday afternoon, summed up the appeal of Bag Day.

"You can wear a paper bag on your head and fit in with everyone else in the room," he said. "When else can you do that?"

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Pleasant with cloudy periods. Highs upper 40s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy. Chance of nighttime showers. Low 30s.
Tomorrow: Perhaps a brief shower, mostly cloudy otherwise. Highs near 50.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy and breezy at times. Highs upper 40s.
Tonight: Perhaps a light rain or snow shower developing overnight. Lows near 30.
Tomorrow: More clouds and wind than precipitation. Highs upper 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Pockets of rain and snow will be common today and Friday as the weather pattern remains very unsettled.
Look for a break in the weather to surface on Saturday.

Map of Idaho showing weather forecasts for Boise, North Idaho, and Twin Falls. Includes temperature and precipitation data for various cities.

NEGG CHOCOLKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY
I would like to recommend you choose for life what you will be careful to avoid.
M. W. Darnett

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast for Twin Falls with icons for weather conditions: Pleasant with cloudy periods, Mostly cloudy, Perhaps a brief shower, Booming party, A small threat of showers, Light rain possible.

High 47 Low 33 80/31 61/30 62/33 65/37

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Almanac section for Twin Falls including Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, Sunrise and Sunset.

Moon Phases and Moonrise and Moonset information for Twin Falls.

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP showing weather patterns across the United States with temperature and precipitation indicators.

CANADIAN FORECAST

Table showing Canadian forecasts for major cities like Toronto, Montreal, and Vancouver.

Tibet protests puts pressure on Olympics sponsors

BEIJING (AP) — McDonald's, Coca-Cola and other sponsors paid tens of millions of dollars to link their names with the Beijing Olympics. Now they're trying to mollify activists pressing for change on Tibet, Darfur and other issues, without angering China.

The Olympics almost always attract activists interested in leveraging the popular event to publicize their causes. At the 1996 Atlanta Games, sponsors faced boycott calls after a country where the beach volleyball events was to be held enacted a measure deemed anti-gay.

through Tibet and up Mount Everest. Jiang Xiaoyu, executive vice president of the Beijing Olympics Organizing Committee, or BIOCOC, vowed Wednesday that the anti-government riots in Tibet last week and a subsequent crackdown by authorities would not disrupt plans for the torch relay.

Nadal rallies for win; Blake, Fish advance

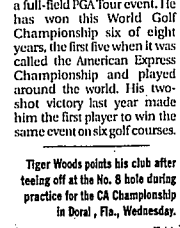
INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Rafael Nadal came back to win the final five games and beat Jo-Wilfried Tsonga on Wednesday in an intense, crowd-pleasing rematch of their Australian Open semifinal. Nadal, the defending Indian Wells champion, avenged his lopsided loss in Melbourne with a scrappy 6-7 (7), 7-6 (3) 7-5 victory in the fourth round of the Pacific Life Open.



Rafael Nadal celebrates winning a point against Jo-Wilfried Tsonga in the fourth round of the Pacific Life Open in Indian Wells, Calif., Wednesday.

DORAL, Fla. (AP) — There are 70 players at this World Golf Championship, and one guy playing out of this world. Tiger Woods is winning at a rate not seen in more than a half-century. Bay Hill was his sixth straight victory around the world among official tournaments, and he is the three-time defending champion this week at the CA Championship.

tain a wry smile. "There's no proof of that," Scott said. "But we'll try to change it this week." The bookmakers don't like the chances of the other 78 guys on the Blue Monster at Doral. Woods was listed as a 2-3 favorite on one Web site, staggering odds for a sport in which players have no control over the competition and the hole is only 4 1/2 inches in diameter.



Tiger Woods tees his club after teeing off at the No. 8 hole during practice for the CA Championship in Doral, Fla., Wednesday.



Top 20 Dining Card advertisement for Plum Natural Organic Market & Deli, listing various food items and contact information.

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## Oil falls after government reports demand appears to be weakening

By John Wilen  
Associated Press writer



U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, talks about why Congress can't do much about oil prices.

NEW YORK — Oil prices pulled back sharply Wednesday after the government released data suggesting that the high price of oil and gasoline are depressing demand for petroleum products.

The demand numbers in the Energy Information Administration's weekly inventory report overstated data showing that supplies of oil grew less than expected last week, while gasoline and heating oil supplies fell.

Gas prices at the pump, meanwhile, slipped lower for the third day while diesel

fuel rose to another record. Overall consumption of oil and its products fell by 3.2 percent over the last four weeks compared to the same period last year, the EIA said. Demand for gasoline fell by 1 percent over the same period.

"It doesn't look like we've got much in the way of demand here for gasoline," said Tim Evans, an analyst at Citigroup Inc., in New York.

Light, sweet crude for April delivery fell \$4.94 to settle at \$104.40 a barrel on

the New York Mercantile Exchange, the largest one-day price decline for a front-month oil contract since 1991. The April contract expired at the end of Wednesday's session, and trading was much heavier in May oil futures, which fell \$5.36 to settle at \$102.54 a barrel on the Nymex.

The market's reaction to the tepid demand data marked a change from its recent focus on the falling dollar, with investors looking more closely at oil supply

and demand fundamentals. Prices have jumped sharply in recent weeks as investors looked to the dollar for direction and ignored evidence of rising supplies, falling demand and a weakening economy.

Oil and other commodities are viewed as a hedge against inflation, and tend to rise in price when the dollar falls. Also, a falling dollar makes oil less expensive for overseas investors.

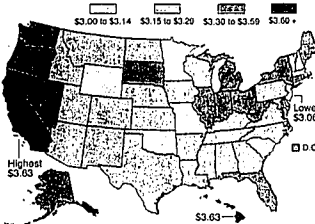
But some analysis wondered whether the market's tether to the dollar may be ending.

"Could it be that (investors have) finally noticed that the big picture here is not bulls'?" Evans said.

### Gas demand falling as prices rise

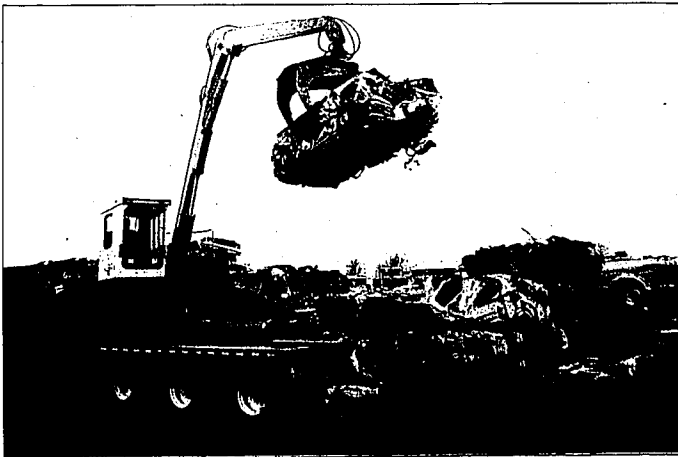
The national average price for a gallon of regular gasoline is \$3.28, with California and Hawaii registering the highest. Meanwhile, demand for gas dropped 11 percent since August.

Average retail price for regular gasoline



SOURCES: AAA; Department of Energy; Oil Price Information Service

## TURNING SCRAP INTO SCRATCH



A Pacific Steel and Recycling car crusher places a newly compacted vehicle into a pile to later be loaded onto a truck Wednesday afternoon behind Idaho Equipment in Twin Falls.

### More farm machinery being scrapped as price of metal rises

By Joshua Palmer  
Times-News writer

Lucas Diaz recalled when his wife stormed into the house after she stubbed her toe on the axle of an old hay-baylor that was hidden beneath a patch of overgrown grass in their front yard.

"She said it was time to get rid of my collection of old parts — for good," he said.

"That summer I took a load of junk to the scrap yard and realized that I could make some money off that junk."

Diaz isn't the only "collector" of old farm equipment to realize that there is a profit in recycling it.

Scrap metal yards across the nation are experiencing double digit growth fueled by record prices for steel, aluminum and copper. Since 2004, the price of

scrap steel has more than doubled due to increased demand overseas. As of Wednesday, the price for one ton of scrap steel was \$351.67, compared to less than \$300 a ton a year ago.

The global market is turning to local scrap yards to meet the growing demand for steel, and in rural communities like those in south-central Idaho there seems to be a plentiful supply of steel

in the form of old farm equipment.

"I think the thing we see the most of are people bringing in old combines," said Russ Taylor, manager of Pacific Steel & Recycling, which serves south-central Idaho and northern Nevada. "In general, we're just getting a lot of old farm equipment."

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## Wal-Mart's 'green store' cuts energy consumption

Stores promise savings of up to 45 percent compared to older Supercenters

By Marcus Kabel  
Associated Press writer

BENTONVILLE, Ark. — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. will open its latest generation of energy-efficient test stores this week with a Las Vegas Supercenter that uses new cooling technology to cut overall energy use by up to 45 percent.

The Las Vegas store opening Wednesday builds on advances in earlier pilot stores that reduced energy use in areas including lighting, refrigeration and water flow.

The previous pilot stores in the Midwest cut energy use up to 25 percent compared to a typical Supercenter built in

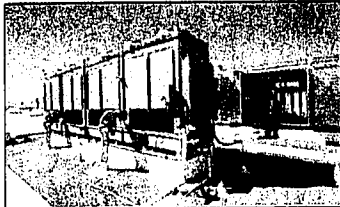
2005, the year Wal-Mart launched a broad environmental program to reduce energy use and packaging waste and to sell more sustainable products.

Wal-Mart said the new Las Vegas store adds to those savings with a new cooling system based on water evaporation for total energy savings of between 35 percent and 45 percent.

Wal-Mart has said it is the biggest private user of electricity in the world and has huge potential to cut back on greenhouse gases from fossil fuels burned to create electricity. It aims to use technologies proven in the pilot stores to develop a prototype in 2009 for all new Supercenters that will be between 25 percent and 30 percent more energy efficient.

An outside engineering and efficiency expert said

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A field cooler, foreground, is installed on the roof of a Wal-Mart store as application engineer Chris McCarty checks on the E2 control system in Las Vegas. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. will open its latest generation of energy-efficient test stores this week with a Las Vegas Supercenter that uses new cooling technology to cut overall energy use by up to 45 percent.



A coffee latte at Groundwork Coffee Co. in Los Angeles. Groundwork's owner says price hikes have been less severe for premium coffee than his stores sell.

## Weak dollar has coffee consumers facing price jolts

By Jerry Hirsch  
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Lisa Spruill is fighting inflation with a secret stash of coffee. The Los Angeles office building manager has six cans of Don Francisco coffee squirreled away, all purchased with double coupons at local supermarkets in recent months.

Spruill's micro-investment is paying off as she and other Americans find themselves

coping with the increasing price of morning java — whether it's at the supermarket or the corner coffeehouse.

"If I hadn't done that, I would have to reduce my coffee drinking," Spruill said. "I have already curtailed my Starbucks drinking. I am cutting back wherever I can."

Breakfast is getting a lot more expensive. Coffee is now up there with other increasingly expensive essentials such as milk, bread and eggs. Overall, the cost of gro-

ceries is rising at the fastest rate since 1990, according to the federal Bureau of Labor Statistics.

The increase for coffee started with Starbucks raising drink prices in July. Other coffee chains followed suit. The big supermarket brands, including Folgers, Maxwell House and Chock full o'Nuts raised prices twice in the past two months. World coffee prices have risen 23 percent over the past six months.

It's not that there's a sudden

coffee shortage.

A weak U.S. dollar that makes imported coffee more expensive and speculative investments in all commodities, including raw (green) coffee, wheat, oil and platinum, have sent prices skyward.

At the Ralphs supermarket in Seal Beach, a typical package of ground coffee, say Folgers' 13-ounce Classic Roast, recently sold for \$1.89.

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### STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Con Agra	21.95	▲ .05	Dell Inc.	19.51	▼ .81	Idacorp	32.16	▼ .36
Lithia Mo.	9.79	▲ .05	Micron	5.80	▼ .19	Supervalu	27.92	▼ .26

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Live cattle	89.63	▼ 1.33	April Oil	104.43	▼ 4.94
April gold	945.3	▼ 59	March Silver	18.34	▼ 1.54

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Coffee

A 11- to 13-ounce range. The first in instant coffee also is going up. This was the second round of price increases this year.

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## Drivers need help with the name game

Los Angeles Times

MEXICO CITY — No matter where you drive in this megalopolis, it's hard to miss Juarez Street. That's because there are 632 of them. Hidalgo Street is almost as common, with 624 incarnations. At least 500 streets are named Zapata.

But you can also find Sea of Tranquility and Good Luck or, if those fail, Tequila. There's a street called Disneyland and lots of Progress all over Mexico City's sprawling traffic grid, if only lurching movement.

Among the few traffic-related charms of the car-choked capital city are the names of its 32,000 streets — 73,000 if you count the surrounding metropolitan area. Peruse the most popular street atlas here and you'll encounter history and whimsy, the fanciful, the soaring and the clunky (Metallurgical Resources lands like lead, even in Spanish).

Many street names follow a theme, lending symbolic cohesion to neighborhoods. Streets in the wealthy Polanco section, for example, carry the names of famed men of thought and letters: Virgil, Galileo, Cervantes — even Dickens has a street in this most un-Dickensian redoubt of privilege.

A parched swath not far from the airport, itself named after Benito Juarez, is awash in great seas, at least on paper. Here, you can find lounge next to the Pacific Ocean, Red Sea and Gulf of Finland on the same day. Other neighborhoods are sprinkled with virgins, lakes, volcanoes, flowers.

Baghdad has a street, as does an ever-spreading city, where as many as 1,200 streets are christened each year, it is not easy to avoid repetition, even with the help of binary books. That can complicate the job of navigating the place.

Want to flummox a taxi driver? Ask for Emiliano Zapata street, named after the peasant leader from Mexico's revolution, but omit the neighborhood. Punch the street named Michoacan into a dashboard GPS system and what comes up is a forest and dizzying lists of possibilities, sorted by postal codes.

"Once I asked a taxi driver to take me to Cerrada Hidalgo and he took me to the Hidalgo metro station," said Aixa Collin Becerril, who lives on a tiny, dead-end street named Hidalgo in the Hidalgo neighborhood, just a few blocks from the edge of a municipal borough called, you guessed it, Miguel Hidalgo.

But Collin, 23, who works in an ice cream shop, said she's pleased to have her street named after an icon of Mexican history. Hidalgo is known for letting loose the cry for independence that launched the uprising against Spain in 1810 before his capture and death a year later.

"That your street has the name of a leader who represents some of our heritage — that's good," she said.

"Not everyone is pleased to have a name from history attached to their street."

Last year, the Mexico City assembly ordered municipal officials to strip the name of former President Luis Echeverria from city streets because of what leftist members said was his role in the infamous 1968 police crackdown against student protesters when Echeverria was interior minister, and in the government's so-called "dirty war" against left-wing activists while president in the 1970s.

So far, though, authorities haven't begun to erase Echeverria's name from the 16 streets that carry it because they're waiting for officials in the affected boroughs to weigh in with alternatives.

"If they removed the name of everyone who had a problem in his past, the capital wouldn't have the name of any official," groused Javier Sanchez, who runs a pet shop with his wife on Luis Echeverria Street in the Presidents neighborhood. "We have a lot of problems much more serious than the name of a street."

Guidelines for naming Mexico City's streets, adopted along with the formal creation of an official Nomenclature Commission in 1998, permit the use of proper names.

Many evoke Mexico's dearly held past, such as Juarez, the 19th-century president often compared to Abraham Lincoln, or Hidalgo, the priest and rebel leader credited with lighting the cascade for Mexican independence earlier this century. It's a male-heavy roster, although a striking exception is Sister Juana Ines de la Cruz, a 17th-century nun and poet.

Municipal officials have taken note that famous lakes or mountain ranges can be a safer bet than people.

"Proper names that have to do with geography have less political baggage," said Jesus Velazquez Angulo, who directs a 27-member staff that dreams up street names and installs the signs. "It allows us to reach consensus that gives social recognition to the names."

It's not always smooth. Last year, Velazquez recalled, district officials worked up a naming scheme for a neighborhood that had just been granted official recognition. The streets were to be named for lakes. But when city workers showed up with the signs, residents rebelled, demanding to keep the names they had been using.

In the end, Mexico City officials rejected. The signs were removed. Replacement signs, white with black letters, went up the newest street names in Mexico City.

Among them: Juarez and Hidalgo.

## Passion for the game

### Paul man starts new soccer league for entire community

By John E. Swazy  
Times-News correspondent

Soccer has been a part of Victor Ruiz's life for almost as long as he can remember. Now, the Paul resident wants to show his passion for the game with others.

"I've been involved with soccer since I was about 4 years old, but my economic situation kept me from looking for a chance to play professional," he said.

But that's changed for Ruiz. "Especially for talented young players, there are more chances to make their dreams come true now," Ruiz said.

Last year, after hearing complaints about the lack of a quality program and a shortage of referees, Ruiz and two other like-minded players set themselves a goal of developing a new league in the Twin Falls area for all players, Latino and non-Latino, which he says that he encourages. Three months later,

### For more information

The Magic Mountains Soccer League: Victor Ruiz at 438-2116 or Jose Luis at 260-0112.

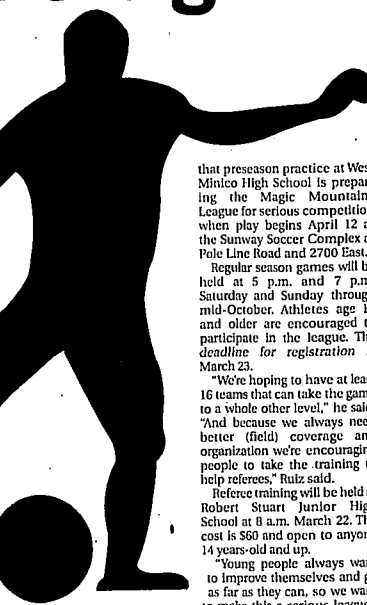
with a roster of 11 teams made up of players from around the Magic Valley, the Magic Mountains Soccer League is taking shape.

The Magic Mountains Soccer League will join in membership with at least five other leagues in the Idaho State Soccer Association Affiliate leagues, which

include the Southern Idaho Soccer League and Prime Time Co-ed Soccer League in Boise, Idaho Falls Adult Soccer Association, Lega Azteca in Caldwell and Liga de Futbol Valle Magico in Burley.

The league is also looking for business and individual sponsors to help cover the costs of competition such as prize money and trophies. This year's first place team will receive \$1,000 and \$400 for the second place finisher. Trophies will be awarded for the best

goalie, scorer and coach. Ruiz, who directed the Burley league from 2004 through 2006, feels confident



that preseason practice at West Minto High School is preparing the Magic Mountains League for serious competition when play begins April 12 at the Sunway Soccer Complex at Pole Line Road and 2700 East.

Regular season games will be held at 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. Saturday and Sunday through mid-October. Athletes age 16 and older are encouraged to participate in the league. The deadline for registration is March 23.

"We're hoping to have at least 16 teams that can take the game to a whole other level," he said. "And because we always need better (field) coverage and organization we're encouraging people to take the training to help referees," Ruiz said.

Referee training will be held at Robert Stuart Junior High School at 8 a.m. March 22. The cost is \$60 and open to anyone, 14 years-old and up.

"Young people always want to improve themselves and go as far as they can, so we want to make this a serious league," Ruiz said. "But soccer also keeps you in good health and out of bad habits, and that's something that goes a long way with me."

### PALM SUNDAY



Roman-Catholic worshippers hold up palms during a Palm Sunday Mass in Mexico City, Sunday. Waving palm fronds, thousands of Christians from around the world celebrated Palm Sunday, honoring the moment they believe Jesus rode a donkey as he entered Jerusalem days before his crucifixion.

### CONCERT FOR PEACE



Juanes, left, of Colombia, embraces Miguel Bose, of Spain, prior to the start of a concert for peace atop the bridge that links Colombia to Venezuela in Cucuta, Colombia, Sunday. Some of the biggest stars in Hispanic music were to give a free concert in a show of unity between the South American neighbors.

## Love, family and immigration on film

Los Angeles Times

HOLLYWOOD — To all the people who think that the illegal immigration debate is about electronic fences, NAFTA, Lou Dobbs and such, director Patricia Riggen and screenwriter Ughia Villalobos offer a polite but emphatic rebuttal.

Immigration, say the women, is about survival. It's about learning to be invisible. It's about families. It's about love.

That, Riggen says, was the insight she uncovered while leaping through Villalobos' screenplay for "Under the Same Moon" (La Misma Luna), a Spanish-language drama about a Mexican mother who comes to work in Los Angeles, leaving behind her young son across the border.

The U.S.-Mexican production, which will open on more than 200 screens in Los Angeles and other cities Wednesday, is the first Hispanic-centered movie that Fox Searchlight has distributed, reflecting the major studios' interest in tapping into a growing market. It stars Kate del Castillo as the mother, Rosario; Adriel Alfonso as her son, Carliitos; and an eclectic supporting cast that includes America Ferrera of "Ugly Betty" as a child smuggler and the northern supergroup Los Tigres del Norte as themselves.

But several of the film's most memorable characters are nameless illegal immigrants shown struggling to reach end norte or, once there, struggling to make ends meet financially and not be sent back to Mexico. Reading over the script during pre-production, Riggen "suddenly discovered that all these characters have one thing in common: All these people staked their lives crossing the border, leaving everything behind, for love," says Riggen, who was born and raised in Guadalajara, studied film at Columbia University and has lived in Los



Angeles for the past several years. "For love of their families who they're going to go reach, for love of their families who they have behind and send money to. But it always has to do with love and family."

Standing ovations at Rome and Toronto film festivals, along with mostly praise from critics, have greeted the movie so far. A "brawny and energetic crowd-pleaser" was the Miami Herald's verdict, and the "Hollywood Reporter" raved that the film "overcomes its narrative shortcomings with a surfeit of heart."

Sweet-natured but tough-minded, "Under the Same Moon" arrives in theaters at a time when politicians, pundits and the public are engaging in (vainly) verbal slugfests over immigration, a recurrent hot-button issue in American history. But although Villalobos deliberately wove migrant-related themes into her screenplay, she agrees with Riggen that the movie is more of a personal than a political statement.

Specifically, Villalobos says, she wanted to explore the theme of abandoned children, a subject that became painfully real to her when her parents split up when she was 3 years old. For the next eight years, she shuttled from Durango to Mexico City before settling with her mother in Utah

when she was 11. "As an adult, there have been a lot of issues in my life as a result of feeling this kind of abandonment twice from both parents," Villalobos says. "And so that is actually what I wanted to explore, that sometimes parents feel like they're making the best decision for their children, and it may not necessarily be the case. So whether it's in the arms of strangers that happened during World War II, or whether it's through Operation Peter Pan, which is also what happened with a lot of the children — 14,000 children — in Cuba, or whether it's through these mothers and fathers that because of circumstances, financial circumstances, have to come and live in this country, these kids are left behind."

Villalobos wrote the first draft of the screenplay seven years ago, then shelved it while turning her attention to writing for television shows, including the animated Nickelodeon program "Go, Diego, Go!" along with other projects. Only years later did she realize that setting the story against the background of illegal immigration would allow her to "introduce the public to all of these people that are working in this country and see them as human beings instead of an issue."

# China tightens grip in Tibetan areas

## Tibet protests still flaring, but officials vow unrest will not disrupt Olympic torch relay

By Anita Chang  
Associated Press writer

BEIJING — Police clamped down in far-flung towns and villages Wednesday seeking to restore control in the Tibetan areas of western China as sporadic demonstrations against Chinese rule in Tibet flared up.

A top Beijing Olympics official vowed the unrest would not disrupt plans for the torch relay preceding this summer's Olympics in Beijing. One leg of the relay is to pass through Tibet, taking the flame to the peak of Mount Everest sometime in May.

The official Xinhua News Agency said late Wednesday that 170 people had surrendered for their role in last week's riots in Tibet's capital, Lhasa. The violence injured

325 people, and China says 16 people were killed, denying claims by Tibetan exile groups that 80 died.

Despite an expanding police crackdown, Tibetans have continued to take to the streets to call for Tibet's independence and the return of the Dalai Lama, their exiled spiritual leader.

Hundreds of protesters, some on horseback and others on foot, stormed a government compound in the town of Hezuo in Gansu province Tuesday crying "Free Tibet." Whirling lasso and shaking flags, they burned the Chinese flag and hoisted the emblem of an independent Tibet.

The dramatic footage was captured by a Canadian television crew and aired by the British Broadcasting Corp. The protesters were driven

off by police wielding clubs and quickly dispersed after paramilitary reinforcements arrived. There were no reports of serious injuries or arrests.

Police also quelled a small protest Tuesday in Lhasa, an employee of the local Coca-Cola bottler told The Associated Press.

In the Aba area of Sichuan province, people were ordered to stay inside after Tibetans poured into the streets Tuesday, a hotel receptionist said. She said she heard gunshots during the demonstration.

Authorities appeared to be gradually regaining control in Tibet as well as the surrounding provinces where more than half of China's 5.4 million Tibetans live. Moving from town to town, police



A protester on a hunger strike is seen through Buddhist prayer flags as demonstrators continue a hunger strike vigil outside the Chinese Embassy in London, Wednesday, to protest against the crackdown on demonstrators in Tibet by Chinese authorities.

checked IDs and set up roadblocks to keep Tibetans in and reporters out.

Journalists in Gansu province saw towns that were like armed camps, with police lining the streets and few ordinary people venturing outdoors.

The protests have been the biggest challenge in almost two decades to Chinese rule in Tibet, a Himalayan region that the People's Liberation Army occupied in 1950 after

several decades of effective independence.

Putting world attention on China's human rights record, the unrest has prompted discussion of a possible boycott of the Aug. 8 opening ceremony at the Beijing Olympics and calls for China to address Tibetans' grievances and engage in direct talks with the Dalai Lama.

A Chinese Olympic official said the violence would not interrupt plans to take the

Olympic torch into Tibet and up Mount Everest.

"We know the incidents are the last thing we want to see, but we firmly believe that the government of the Tibet Autonomous Region will be able to ensure the smooth going of the torch relay in Tibet," Jiang Xiaoyu, executive vice president of the Beijing organizing committee, told reporters.

# Iraqi government clears major obstacle to provincial elections

By Robert H. Reid  
Associated Press writer

BAGHDAD — Under strong U.S. pressure, Iraq's presidential council signed off Wednesday on a measure paving the way for provincial elections by the fall, a major step toward easing sectarian rifts as the nation marks the fifth anniversary of the war.

The decision by the council, made up of the country's president and two vice presidents, lays the groundwork for voters to choose new leaders of Iraq's 18 provinces. The elections open the door to greater Sunni representa-

tion in regional administrations.

Many Sunnis boycotted the last election for provincial officials in January 2005, enabling Shiites and Kurds to win a disproportionate share of power at the expense of the Sunnis — even in areas with substantial Sunni populations.

That in turn helped fuel the Sunni-led insurgency and the wave of sectarian bloodletting which drove the country to the brink of civil war before President Bush rushed nearly 30,000 U.S. reinforcements to Iraq last year.

The decision by the council

came two days after Vice President Dick Cheney visited Baghdad to press Iraqi leaders to overcome their differences and take advantage of a lull in violence to make progress in power-sharing deals to heal sectarian and ethnic divisions.

A spokesman for the biggest Sunni bloc, Saleem Abdullah, said Cheney pushed hard for progress on the provincial elections as well as a long-stalled measure to share the country's oil wealth.

Last month, Iraq's parliament passed the bill calling for provincial elections by

Oct. 1. But the presidential council blocked implementation after the Shiite vice president, Adel Abdul-Mahdi, raised objections to some of the provisions.

That outraged followers of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, who are eager for elections to take power away from Abdul-Mahdi's party in the vast, oil-rich Shiite heartland of southern Iraq. Al-Sadr's supporters believed their Shiite rivals were trying to delay the vote to hold on to power.

Many details must still be worked out before a vote can be scheduled.



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NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

TS No. 08-1821 Title Order No. W830309 Parcel ID: RP T038100002B
A Trust Agreement was entered into and recorded on 02/25/08...

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

On July 01, 2008, at the hour of 11:00 a.m., at the front entrance of the First American Title Insurance Company, as trustee, will sell at public auction...

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IN RE: MICHAEL J. RUFFING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT ASCAPARY INC. has been listed by the Idaho State Board of Accounatancy against Michael J. Ruffing after a hearing...

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

Case No. CV-08-1015
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
IN THE Matter of the Estate of FRANCES W. TOWNS, Deceased.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

A Petition to change the name of Austin Tyler Van Voorhees, born October 24, 1998 in Twin Falls, Idaho...

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

Estate Number CV-08-0330
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IN THE Matter of the Estate of JUANITA J. WRIGHT, Deceased.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE UNDERSIGNED has been appointed Personal Representative of the above-named decedent.

RAYBORN and RAYBORN
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AY/R. Rayborn
AY/Debra L. Wright
P.O. Box 321
Twin Falls, ID 83303-0321

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

Case No. CV 08-4722
ORDER FOR EXAMINATION OF JUDGMENT DEBTOR

ROY, NIELSON, BARINI-GARCIA & PLATTS, a partnership, Plaintiff,

vs.
AARON KEYS, an individual Defendant.

Based upon the motion of the Plaintiff and for good cause appearing...

IT IS ORDERED BY THIS COURT that the Defendant, AARON KEYS, appear before the Court on the 28th day of April, 2008 at the hour of 9:00 a.m.

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INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the Board of Trustees of Twin Falls School District #411, 201 Main Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301 for the following:
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SUMMONS

TO: CASEY ADAM PEHRSON and PAMELA M. PEHRSON, husband and wife,

You have been sued by NCO Financial Systems Inc., the Plaintiff, in the District Court in and for TWIN FALLS COUNTY, Idaho. Case No. NV-08-074219.

Dated: February 14, 2008
Kistina Gluskoek
Attorney at Law, District Court
By Deputy

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEES SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Friday, March 7, 2008 at the hour of 9:00 AM at said Idaho, at the front (east) entrance to the Twin Falls County Courthouse, 425 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, Idaho, ROBERT E. TOWNS, as Successor Trustee, pursuant to an Appointment of Successor Trustee recorded January 26, 2005, as Instrument No. 2005-031798, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, cash in lawful money of the United States, at public sale, the following described real property situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows:

Lots 1 and 2 and the West 1/2 of Lot 3 Block County Acres Subdivision, Twin Falls County, Idaho filed in Book W of Plats Page 39.

- (a) Failure to make six (6) monthly payments under the Promissory Note secured by the Deed of Trust...
(b) Failure to pay \$4,562.00 of 2006 real property taxes, plus penalties and interest thereon...
(c) Failure to pay Twin Falls Sigsbee, Inc. an Idaho real estate sales commission...
(d) Failure to pay Robertson, Hoffmann, Sletten, & Slaver, PLLC, an Idaho professional's limited liability company...
(e) Failure to pay Robertson, Hoffmann, Sletten, & Slaver, PLLC, an Idaho professional's limited liability company...
(f) Any other defaults under the Note and Deed of Trust above described...

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

A Petition to change the name of Anthony Scott West, born March 28, 1947, in Mountain Home, Idaho, residing at 548 2nd Avenue North, Twin Falls, Idaho, was filed in Twin Falls County District Court, Idaho. The name will change to Anthony Scott Whitehawk, Jr. I want to change my name because my parents failed to change mine in 1988 when custody was established.

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NOTICE OF HEARING ON NAME CHANGE

The petitioner's father is living and his address is 727 Main Ave. April 28, 2008, at the County Courthouse. The petitioner's mother has died and the names and addresses of her closest blood relatives are Kai Parris, 300 W Van Ness, Suite 512 S. I. St., 83330, and Richard West, 912 S. I. St., Rupert, ID 83350.

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

Case No. CV-08-2008

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Matter of the Estate of ALLEN RAY DAVIS, 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 are required to present their claims within 4 (four) months after the date of the first publication of this Notice...

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NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an election will be held on April 28, 2008, at 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m. at the Hagerman City Office for election of two members to serve on the Lower Snake River Aquatic Resource District Board of Directors.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Notice is hereby given that the Twin Falls School District No. 411, Twin Falls, Idaho will receive sealed bids for an online real-time interactive data processing system designed to provide information to the school district's administrative and financial record-keeping functions.

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## TOP 5

The week's most popular media

## TELEVISION

1. "American Idol" (Tuesday), Fox.
2. "American Idol" (Wednesday), Fox.
3. "American Idol" (Thursday), Fox.
4. "The Moment of Truth," Fox.
5. "20/20: The Royal Family," ABC.

From Nielsen Media Research

## HOT FIVE

1. "Love in This Club," Usher feat. Young Jeezy.
2. "With You," Chris Brown.
3. "Low," Flo Rida feat. T-Pain.
4. "Love Song," Sara Bareilles.
5. "Don't Stop the Music," Rihanna.

From Billboard magazine

## ALBUMS

1. "Good Time," Alan Jackson.
2. "Sleep Through the Static," Jack Johnson.
3. "Discipline," Janet.
4. "Freak," Flogging Molly.
5. "Warpaint," The Black Crowes.

From Billboard magazine

## VIDEO RENTALS

1. "Beowulf"
2. "American Gangster"
3. "Michael Clayton"
4. "30 Days of Night"
5. "We Own the Night"

From Billboard magazine

## DVD SALES

1. "Beowulf"
2. "American Gangster"
3. "Ratatouille"
4. "30 Days of Night"
5. "Barbie: Mariposa and Her Butterfly Fairy Friends"

From Billboard magazine

## ITUNES MUSIC

1. "No Country for Old Men"
2. "Dan in Real Life"
3. "Enchanted"
4. "Shooter"
5. "Step Up"

From iTunes.com

## ITUNES MUSIC

1. "Love in This Club," Usher feat. Young Jeezy.
2. "Bleeding Love," Leona Lewis.
3. "Shawty Get Loose," Lil Mama.
4. "Love Song," Sara Bareilles.
5. "No Air," Jordin Sparks & Chris Brown.

From iTunes.com

## CONCERT TOURS

1. Bon Jovi
2. Van Halen
3. Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus "Best Of Both Worlds"
4. Barry Manilow
5. Rascal Flatts

From Pollstar

## BOOKS

- Fiction
1. "The Appeal," by John Grisham.
  2. "The Reserve," by Russell Banks.
  3. "L.A. Outlaws," by T. Jefferson Parker.
  4. "Betrayal," by John LeScorato.
  5. "The Outlaw Demon Walls," by Kim Harrison.

Nonfiction

1. "The Thin Jesus," by Deepak Chopra.
2. "Beautiful Boy," by David Shields.
3. "Losing It," by Valerie Bertinelli.
4. "The Secret," by Rhonda Byrne.
5. "The Age of American Unreason," by Susan Jacoby.

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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.

## Event: 48straight snow sports and music

Seen March 15 in Sun Valley and Ketchum

It's one thing to watch world-class skiing on TV. It's another to watch from the base of the final jump of the course for the final races of the season, to see the winners' triumph and the crashed losers' disappointment.

And observing the drunken revelry was pretty fun, too.

— Ariel Hansen, TNT Editor

## Live music: Gogol Bordello

Seen March 9 at the Big Easy in Boise

How to describe this show: Loud, fast, crazy, fun, colorful, amazing, raucous, rowdy, mosh pit punching, crowd surfing stage diving, fire bucket banging, multicultural, Ecuadorian-MC rocking, Russian violin and accordion mixing, Ukrainian chanting, rock 'n' roll means Eastern-European wedding band, jumping, dancing, yelling, complete and utter musical awesomeness.

— Megan Otto,  
Times-News News Editor

## Event: St. Patrick's Day parade

Seen March 17 in downtown Twin Falls

The energy from the crowd was amazing as people cheered passing floats, especially when the candy started flying and children strained for it. It's always great to see the community gather and it made for some fun photos as people sported green wigs, four-leaf clover sunglasses and wild hats.

— Ashley Smith, Times-  
News chief photographer

## Tips for hunting at home

If heading out to one of the many Easter egg hunts in Magic Valley is too much for your little ones, or you prefer to make your celebrations less secular, try holding a hunt at home.

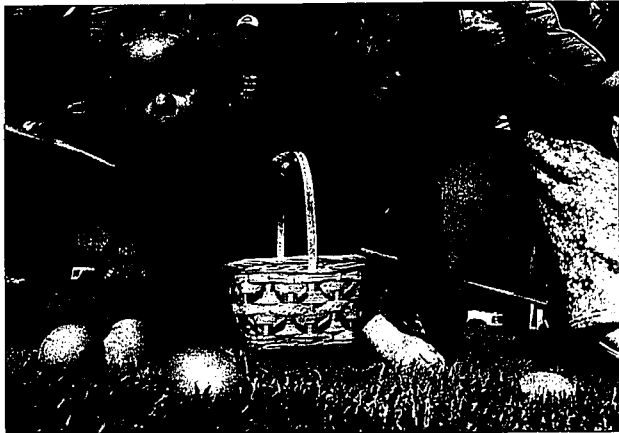
Whether you're using colored hard-boiled eggs or plastic eggs stuffed with treats, don't forget safety.

If you hide eggs outdoors, don't put them in pre-existing holes in the ground, as these could harbor nasty critters. Know what foliage you're concealing the eggs in, to avoid thorn pricks and rashes — and if you've applied pesticides or poisons, keep eggs away from those areas. Fido's doghouse or Fluffy's food bowl may seem like good places to stash eggs, but avoid your animals' areas.

**For indoor hunts,** keep commonplace safety in mind: Eggs should be away from electrical cords and outlets, glass and ceramic objects, and at or below eye-height for your children.

**Indoors or out,** count your eggs before you hide them, and recount after they're found — that'll save you potential odor and mess down the road.

**If you're using real eggs** eat them after the hunt only if they're undamaged and have been unrefrigerated for less than two hours.



One-year-old Madison Pereira of Twin Falls collects eggs with her aunt, Teri Metzger, during Bob's annual Easter egg hunt in Eastman Park in 2005.

Times News file photo

# The hunt is on

## Easter eggs are ready to be found across Magic Valley

BY ARIEL HANSEN  
Times News writer

Bulbs poke their green snouts from the ground. Newborn rabbits open their eyes. Warm gusts cut the chill out of an afternoon walk.

In pews, congregants are reminded of the promise that Jesus' resurrection brings to believers.

It's spring, and the cycle of the season signals rebirth for nature and for church.

As color returns to the garden, it appears in Easter baskets and on Easter finery. Pink, yellow and blue eggs, pastel-foil-covered chocolates, pale frilly dresses and hats.

Shop the grocery aisles and look for the Pas dyes — they come with that familiar octagon-shaped wire dipper.

Whether intricately designing with hot wax and layered colors or simply dipping in a single hue, egg dyers are following a practice that the Crusaders brought back to Europe after their sojourns to the Middle East. The tradition dates back to Persia, 3,000 years before Christ brought new meaning to the idea of a spring rebirth, and eggs have been celebrated as a symbol of resurrection by the Greeks, Romans, Gauls, Chinese,



Roy-Allen Gelais, 2, and his mother, Victoria, pose with the eggs he collected Saturday during an Easter egg hunt last year at City Park in Twin Falls.

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FOR A LISTING OF  
LOCAL EASTER  
EGG HUNTS.

## Find the perfect egg

• **Chaparrille House's 2nd Annual Easter Egg Hunt.**  
3 p.m. Friday.  
1800 Harrison St., Twin Falls.  
Information: 733-7511.

• **Adult egg hunt, sponsored by the Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce.**  
Begins after darkness falls on Friday.

Hagerman City Park, the intersection of State Street and Spring Street West.  
Bring a flashlight. The event includes 1,000 Easter eggs, with prizes and giveaways in each egg.  
Information: 837-6249.

• **Buhl's 9th Annual El Dia De Los Niños/Days of the Children Parade, "Hats Off to Children."**

Meets 9:30 a.m. Saturday in the parking lot at Main Street and 11th Avenue North in Buhl. Children are invited to dress up, wear fun hats, ride bikes (helmets advised), ride in wagons or walk. Parents should accompany children. No motorized vehicles are allowed.

The parade will leave at 9:40 a.m. headed east on Main to Sixth Avenue North, then left to Eastman Park. There, children may participate in the annual Easter egg hunt, which begins at 10 a.m.

Information: 543-6662.

• **Community Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department and Twin Falls Optimist Club.**

10 a.m. Saturday.  
Twin Falls City Park, Fourth

Avenue and Shoshone Street, Twin Falls.

Includes more than 300 dozen colored eggs. Four age groups: 2 and younger, 3-4, 5-7 and 8-10. Each age category will have three golden eggs, which can be redeemed for two \$1 coins.  
Information: 736-2265.

• **Pictures with the Easter Bunny**  
10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday  
E-Z Money Auto, 200 Overland Ave., Burley,  
\$7.50 each or two for \$10, for entire families including owner-controlled pets on leash or in carrier. Proceeds go to the sponsor, Therapy Pets Serving Mini-Cassia Inc.  
Information: 436-6861, 670-2184, or 677-9862.

• **Annual Easter egg hunt, sponsored by Hagerman Fire Protection District and Hagerman Quick Response Unit.**

10 a.m. Saturday  
Hagerman City Park, the intersection of State Street and Spring Street West.

There will be four age groups: 3 and under, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. The event includes 4,000 Easter eggs, cash prizes and candy.  
Information: 837-4552.

• **Anderson Camp's 3rd Annual Easter Egg Hunt.**

11 a.m. Saturday.  
Anderson Camp in Eden (Take exit 182 off Interstate 84, and go north on Frontage Road).

Prizes will be awarded for Gold Egg, Silver Egg and Most

Creative Easter Basket in each age group (5 and under and 6-12). Refreshments will be served.  
Information: 825-9800.

• **Annual Easter egg drive.**  
1 p.m. Saturday.  
The YMCA City Pool, 756 Locust St. N., Twin Falls.

Children ages 3-12 will hunt for Easter eggs in the pool and return them for prizes. The pool will stay open until 5 p.m. for open swim. Cost is \$1 for members, and \$1 plus the cost of swimming for non-members.  
Information: 734-2336.

• **Windsor's Greenhouses and Nursery's 3rd annual Easter egg hunt.**

1 p.m. Saturday.  
Windsor's, 3796 N. 3386 E., Kimberly.

There will be three age groups: infant to 3, 4-6 and 7-9. The event includes 2,000 Easter eggs full of candy, prizes; a live petting zoo; and a visit from the Easter Bunny. An adult Easter egg hunt with prizes will follow the kids' hunt.  
Information: 734-2481.

• **Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the Women's Association and the Sunday School of the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church.**

2 p.m. Saturday.  
Community Presbyterian, 2461 Central Ave., Hollister. All children are invited, and the event includes games and refreshments.  
Information: 655-4257.

## Hunt *Continued on page 3*

Egyptians and others. But in homes across America, this old tradition is being passed to a new generation.

Pick the perfect carton, and lower each egg carefully into boiling water — these eggs you'll eat after the hunt.

The ones you want to save for next year, puncture with a needle and blow out,

the yolk and white escaping in globular drips. These aren't for the hunt; they're too fragile.

Laying eggs into the roots of crocuses, choose a yellow one to match the yellow bloom, and nestle a purple egg beneath a grape hyacinth. An occasional bright plastic egg houses special treats — chocolate, perhaps, or coins.

The hunt is ready. With a basketful, a hatful or a handful, a child who has found eggs comes back with a grin.

A child's simple smile, a savior's sacrifice, the warm sun of spring: It's Easter.

*Ariel Hansen may be reached at 733-3376 or ariel.hansen@tee.net.*

# Out of the ordinary

## The Norman Magic Experience offers 'real' magic

BY BLAIR KOCH  
Times-News contributor

No behind-the-scenes special effects. No computer enhanced tricks. No playful lighting.

When The Norman Magic Experience hits the stage it will be just Norman Ng and magic as real and raw as it gets. Audience, prepare to be amazed.

Ng — pronounced "ing" — said his show is entirely different than any magic show you've seen, or will see.

"The whole focus is already different than other magic shows. The focus in my shows is on the audience. They are the cast for the show," said Ng, of Portland, Maine. "They get to be involved; the audience will get to see magic, touch it, smell it and be a part of it."

Ng said all attendees will experience magic from the comfort of their seats. They'll read each other's minds and, if there wasn't already reason enough to see his show, win cash prizes.

"This is a great way to experience magic, live and without the camera tricks," he said. "This is a great show everyone will enjoy, and it's great for kids."

The show was almost turned down, said Richard McWaters, College of Southern Idaho's Associated Students Program Board treasurer. The program board schedules shows and other events throughout the year. When McWaters saw Ng's magic firsthand, he was hooked but needed the board's backing.

"He really impressed the heck out of me," McWaters said.

The board has booked magic acts before and was looking for something unique at the National College Activity Conference last fall. The conference is a showcase of talent and an opportunity for rising acts to be booked on the college program circuit.

"I really liked the way he turned a \$1 bill into \$100, right in front of my eye," McWaters said. "I was hooked."

After he lured the remaining board members to Ng's booth, it didn't take long for them to sign him.



## A true special effect

**What:** The Norman Magic Experience.  
**When:** 6 p.m. Wednesday.  
**Where:** College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts auditorium.  
**Cost:** \$5 for general admission or \$2 for students; tickets are available at the door.

"At first they weren't impressed. We'd had magic shows before and wanted something different but after Norman threw out some cards, had someone step on it and it changed they were impressed and we booked him," McWaters said.

"Lucky for the public the show isn't open just to CSI students. Part of the admission fee goes back into the student groups coffers and will help college kids get the most of their schooling experience."

"The student activities board gets students to participate in more than just their classes. They schedule events that promote the school's numerous clubs, and the programs are a great way for students to meet other students and get more involved," said Jasmine Lopez, student activities office specialist. "I think this show will be pretty great."

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# Local band opens for Irish rockers

BY ERICA LITTLEFIELD  
Times-News correspondent

It will be a concert with a local twist and an international flair.

On Friday, local band Heads Like This will open a concert for rockers Young Dubliners. The music starts at 7 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts auditorium, and the concert is sponsored by Magic Valley Productions and 99.9 The Buzz.

Pierre Tusov, who plays guitar and sings for Heads Like This, said they are looking forward to starting the night off right and getting the audience on its feet.

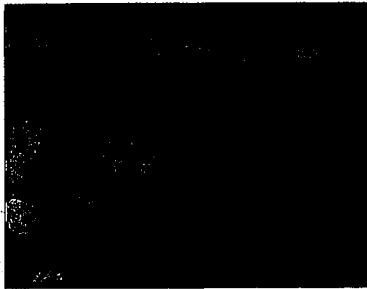
"It's fun to include the audience," Tusov said. "When they're dancing and giving back that energy, it's great."

Heads Like This had a humble beginning about two years ago when Tusov and roommate Brady Devey started jamming and improvising with a few friends. The five-member group started covering songs from bands like Grateful Dead and The Who and playing gigs a couple of times a month in places like Woody's in Twin Falls, Whiskey Jacques in Ketchum, and Terrapin Station in Boise. Tusov said being able to play at local venues has helped the band establish itself.

"They really nurtured our music and helped us polish our live show," Tusov said.

Some of their cover songs, like "Fire On the Mountain" from Grateful Dead and "Naive Melody" from Talking Heads, are still staples in their repertoire, but they have also branched out and play original music as well. Devey said Friday's concert will include two of the band's newest songs, "Doctor Aphrodisiac" and "Journey of Jonas."

The group's musical style is eclectic. Most of the songs have



Heads Like This, a local band, will open for the Young Dubliners in concert at the College of Southern Idaho on Friday.



With an Irish rock 'n' roll sound, national act the Young Dubliners are set to perform this weekend in Twin Falls.

Eric Littlefield

a laid-back, relaxed feel, but a beat you can dance to. Devey said they have been influenced by everyone from Phish to Pink Floyd to Herbie Hancock. Many of their songs are based on jamming and improvisation, and Devey said that gives each performance a fresh, new feel.

"We just try to create something that's really in the moment, and truly live," Devey said. "The creativity tends to burn out if it's too rehearsed."

On the other hand, improvisation can often get out of hand. Devey said they have signals to let each other know to wrap up a song if it's going

downhill, but they do try to push through or rework it.

"If you stumble through those things that aren't working at the moment, something that's really cool could come out of it," Devey said.

Tusov said the songwriting process is very much a collaborative effort for the band. Writing a new song usually starts when someone in the band comes up with an interesting guitar riff or baseline or drumbeat, and then the others jump in and add to it. Tusov said they are working on their first studio album together, and the experience has been a lesson in compromise.

## Riff 'n' jam

What: Young Dubliners in concert with special guest Heads Like This.

When: 7 p.m. Friday.

Where: The College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts auditorium.

Tickets: \$12-\$20, available at all Magic Valley Mr. Gas locations, Java on Blue Lakes in Twin Falls, [ESLThebuzz999.com](http://ESLThebuzz999.com), and at the door.

Information: Bill Selejo, 733-1750.

"We do our best to get five guys on the same page, going in the same direction," Tusov said.

After the Heads Like This gets the crowd warmed up Friday, headliners Young Dubliners will take the stage. The Young Dubliners have toured across the country and the world, and recently performed on the "The Early Show" on CBS.

In honor of the month of March and St. Patrick's Day, the band's set will include music from their CD "With All Due Respect: The Irish Sessions." The CD is full of traditional Irish songs with rock 'n' roll influences. They will also play new music from their upcoming album.

This is not the Young Dubliners' first trip to Idaho. Keith Roberts — one of the founding members of the Young Dubliners, who plays guitar and sings with the band — said the band has played in Boise, Sun Valley and Pocatello and has developed a strong fan base in this area.

"We have driven through Twin many times and always wanted to play there," Roberts said in an e-mail from the road. "Many people have traveled from Twin to see us in Boise so now we get to make the drive for them instead."

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# Learn to paint watercolors on fabric

Times-News

Open your eyes to new possibilities in your journey of art and let fiber artist Karen McClure share her techniques of painting on fabric with watercolor paints. In a class for all levels of aspiring artists, students will learn how to pick out designs, place them on fabric and then paint with individual flair.

The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer the class "Fiber Art: Watercolors on Fabric" from 10 to 9 p.m. on March 27 and April 3 in Art Building 112.

The two-session class costs \$50 with an additional \$15 kit fee paid to McClure.

Information or registration: 732-6442 or [CEd.edu@community.edu](mailto:CEd.edu@community.edu).

# The history of horseshoes

Times-News

Perhaps you know about the Hagerman Horse. But did this prehistoric critter have horseshoes?

Maybe not, but the history of horseshoes is an interesting one. Through May, the Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument will host the exhibit "For Want of a Horseshoe: Cultural and Natural History of Horseshoes."

The exhibit examines horse evolution, the rise in the need for horseshoes and the uses of the horseshoe in symbolism, art, advertising and sport.

The national monument visitor center is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursdays through Mondays, and admission is free. It is at 221 N. State St. in Hagerman.

Information: 837-4793, ext. 5227, or [Nps.gov/halo](http://Nps.gov/halo).

## Local

# Learn the art of stand-up

Times-News

So you think you're funny? Prove it with Danny Marona's stand-up comedy class. Learn from a professional comic and then, if you are chosen, perform in front of a live audience.

The Community Education Center at the College of Southern Idaho will offer the entertaining class "Stand-Up Comedy — or How to Be Funny (While You're Standing Up)" from 6 to 8 p.m. on Fridays, March 28 through April 18, in Fine Arts 119. Five lucky students will perform at the Turf Club on April 25. The class, which covers different topics during each week, costs \$99.

**Week 1:** What is the main ingredient that makes the spoken word funny? Believe it or not, there is a common thread that runs through funny monologue.

**Week 2:** Unless you have your heart set on being a mime, you are going to have to come up with some material, develop the material and get it ready for public presentation.

**Week 3:** The next step is learning how to actually do stand-up comedy. This requires pinpoint timing, good vocal and microphone techniques, and the ability to project (in other words, work the crowd).

**Week 4:** You've learned all the basics of stand-up comedy, now comes the exciting part. Those who wish to give it a try will do two to five minutes of stand-up comedy. The class will analyze, scrutinize and tweak it to see if they can make it performance worthy.

**Week 5:** Now class is over and it's time to see what you've got. Five students will perform their stand-up routines in front of a live audience in an actual nightclub setting. It's not a scary as it sounds.

Information or to register: 732-6442 or [Cei.edu/communityed](http://Cei.edu/communityed).

## THE 'COW'-LOR GREEN



Participants in the St. Patrick's Day parade on Monday made their way along Main Avenue in Twin Falls as hundreds of spectators watched.

## Mini-Cassia welcomes classical pianist

Times-News

Pianist Angela Jia Kim has established a unique voice on the classical music scene, bringing the elegant voices of the French masters and luminaries to the public with fresh poeticism, her promoters say.

She has performed in world musical centers, including New York; Washington, D.C.; Chicago; San Francisco; Warsaw; and Montreal, and has captured the Best Interpretation of French Music Award from the French Piano Institute in Paris, as well as grand prize at the Mozart Festival Competition in Illinois.

Kim will appear in Burley on Friday in a concert sponsored by the Mini-Cassia Community Concerts Association.

Described by critics as "a superb colorist" with playing that is "full of life and fantasy," Kim has delighted audiences in recital, orchestral and chamber music performances, promoters say. Her



Jia Kim

recordings have received critical acclaim from the press, public and radio stations around the world.

Her discography includes a new album, "From Vienna to Paris (Schubert,

### Traditional ivory-tickling

**What:** Pianist Angela Jia Kim, sponsored by the Mini-Cassia Community Concerts Association.

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Friday.

**Where:** King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Park Ave., Burley.

**Cost:** By season membership, available at the door. Memberships are \$40 for adults; \$20 for students and \$110 for families, and include admission to community concerts in Burley, Boise and Idaho Falls.

**Information:** Susan Tull at 678-1798 or Jan Manning at 678-7447.

Haydn, Schumann, Ravel, and Liszt)," released in 2005. Her debut CD release, "Dances and Fantasies (Scriabin, Mozart, and Ravel)," accompanied a tour of North America by the same name. An all-Mozart album was released in 2006, marking the 250th anniversary of his birth.



# Events calendar

## THURSDAY, MARCH 20

**Book discussion/Book!**  
Public Library will host a book discussion of "Year of Magical Thinking" by Joan Didion 7 p.m. at the library, 215 Broadway Ave. N. Free admission.

## Geology/Twin Falls

Magie Hatley Gem Club will hold its meeting at 7 p.m. at the old IOOF hall, 235 Third Ave. E. The meetings are open to anyone interested in geology.

## Poker/Twin Falls

Twin Falls Poker League will hold Texas Hold'em tournaments at 7 p.m. at Kruger's Night Life. No entry fee. Kruger's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

## Hardcore/Bolsa

Silverstein plus Devil Wears Fracks To Yo Romancer / Protest the Hero will perform at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Easy Concert House. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$25, are available at Ticketweb.com. The Big Easy is at 416 S. Ninth St.

## Musical/Nampa

"Musical: The Musical!" will play at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. at the Nampa Civic Center. The musical is a joyful parody set to 25 classic baby-boomer songs from "Puff, My God I'm Druggin!" to the disco favorite "Stayin' Awake, Stayin' Awake." Tickets, which are \$25-\$40, are available at Nampaciviccenter.com. Select-A-Seat and 468-5555. The civic center is at 311 Third St. S.

## Talent show/Utah

The LDS Business College annual Talent Showcase will be 7 p.m. at the Assembly hall on Temple Square. The program includes instrumental pieces, vocal performances and dances with native costumes of Bolivia, Tahiti, Mexico and more. The college's audition choir, Latter-day Jubilee, and the college's Institute Choir will perform. The hall is at 50 W. North Temple, Salt Lake City.

## FRIDAY, MARCH 21

## Adult egg hunt/Hagerman

An adult Easter egg hunt, sponsored by Hagerman Valley Chamber of Commerce and

## Calendar deadlines

Don't miss your chance to tell southern Idaho about your arts event.

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@magical-ve.com.

Hagerman Valley businesses, will be held after dark parties at Hagerman City Park. Bring your flashlight. The event includes 1,000 Easter eggs; prizes and giveaways in each egg. Information: 837-8249.

## Fundraiser/Twin Falls

The Twin Falls Optimist Club will hold its annual Last Wages Night 7-10 p.m. at the Turf Club. The event includes gaming, raffles, silent auctions, food and beverages. Prices include an Albanian diamond, a Sit-and-Sleep set of furniture and a 42-inch plasma HD color TV. All proceeds will go to the Coats for Kids Program. Childhood Cancer Campaign and other youth support services. Tickets, which are \$15 per person, are available from Optimist Club members or at the door. Information: Richard Croadick, 736-5076. The Turf Club is at 734 Falls Ave.

## Magic/Twin Falls

Magie Valley Productions will present Irish rock band The Young Dubliners at 7:30 p.m., with special guest The Lincins. This is 7 p.m. at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets are \$20, \$15 and \$12.

## 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 Shop Ave.

## Country, rock/Twin Falls

Randy Richards Band will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Siderwinder in the Siderwinder Saloon. \$5 cover charge. The Siderwinder is at 233 Fifth Ave. S.

## Bluesgrass/Ketchum

Hat Trick will perform a mix of the Grateful Dead, bluesgrass and original songs 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Papa Heml's Hideaway. No cover charge. The Hideaway is at 310 S. Main St.

## Jazz/Twin Falls

Carter Wilson & Co. will perform 6:30-9:30 p.m. at Pandor's restaurant. No cover charge. Pandor's is at 516 Hansen St. S.

## Variety/Twin Falls

The Beach Party will be featured at Kruger's Night Life. Doors open at 8 p.m. No cover charge until 9 p.m.; then \$5. Kruger's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

## Country/Twin Falls

Mixed Emotions will perform from 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steak House. No cover charge. Montana Steak House is at 1826 Canyon Crest Drive.

## Poker/Twin Falls

Twin Falls Poker League will host Texas Hold'em tournaments at 7 p.m. at Kruger's Night Life. No entry fee. Kruger's is at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

## Planetarium/Twin Falls

The Faulkner Planetarium at the Horrel Center for Arts and Science on the College of Southern Idaho campus will present "Icy Worlds" and "Saving the Night" with live sky tour at 7 p.m., and "Led Apollo: Maximum Volume I" at 8:15 p.m. Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for seniors, \$2 for students and \$3 for families.

## Country/Jerome

Country Classics will perform from 6 p.m. to midnight at Snake River Elix Lodge. Cover charge is \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. Everyone is welcome. Dinner available 6-9 p.m. The lodge is at 412 E. 200 S. on U.S. Highway 93.

## Musical/Burley

Koakers D featuring 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. Cover charge is \$5. Riverside is at 197 W. U.S. Highway 30.

## Country/Declo

The Firehose will perform from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shak-



Cherry Pie

Magician Norman Hig, appearing Wednesday at the College of Southern Idaho.

ers. No cover charge. Shakers is at 826 Idaho Highway B1.

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"Menopause! The Musical" will play at 8 p.m. at the Nampa Civic Center. The musical is a joyful parody set to 25 classic baby-boomer songs from "Puff, My God I'm Druggin!" to the disco favorite "Stayin' Awake, Stayin' Awake." Tickets, which are \$25-\$40, are available at Nampaciviccenter.com. Select-A-Seat and 468-5555. The civic center is at 311 Third St. S.

## Musical/Utah

Utah Food Bank Services presents the new musical "Power In His Touch," at 7:30 p.m. at Cottonwood High School. The net proceeds benefit the food bank. Special donor tickets are \$20, and regular admission is \$12; tickets are available at SmithSt.com. Children aged 8 and older are welcome. The school is at 5715 S. 1300 E., Salt Lake City.

## Dance/Utah

Ogden Singles Dance for ages 25 and over will be held 6:30-11:45 p.m. at Union Station in Ogden. Dance instruction will

## Parade, egg hunt/Buhl

Day of the Children parade and Easter egg hunt will be held in Buhl. Parade participants are encouraged to dress up, wear fun hats, pull wagons or ride bikes. No motorized vehicles will be permitted. The parade will assemble at 4:30 a.m. at the corner of Main Street and 11th Avenue North; and will start at 9:40 a.m., go down Main Street to Sixth Avenue North and then continue left to Eastman Park. The Easter egg hunt will follow at 10 a.m. at the park. Information: 543-6682.

## Egg hunt/Eden

The third annual Easter egg hunt will be held at 11 a.m. at Anderson Camp. Two age groups: 5 and younger, and 6-12. Prizes for gold egg, silver egg and most creative Easter basket (each age group). Refreshments. Information: 762-9800. Anderson Camp is on Intrans-94, 4 km. off 162; turn on North Florida Road.

## Egg hunt/Hagerman

The annual Easter egg hunt, sponsored by Hagerman Fire Protection District and Hagerman Quick Response Unit, will be held at 10 a.m. at Hagerman City Park. Four age groups: 2 and under, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. The event includes 4,000 Easter eggs; cash prizes; and candy. Information: 837-4552.

## Egg hunt/Hillister

An Easter egg hunt, sponsored by the Women's Association and the Sunday school of the First United Methodist Presbyterian Church, will be held at 2 p.m. at the church. The event includes games and refreshments. All children are invited. Information: 655-4257. The church is at 2451 Central Ave.

## Egg hunt/Kimberly

The third annual Easter egg hunt will be held at 1 p.m. at Windsor's Greenhouses and Nursery. Three age groups: infant to 3, 4-6 and 7-9. The event includes 2,000 Easter eggs full of candy, prizes and a visit from the Easter Bunny. An adult Easter egg hunt will prizes will follow the kids' hunt. Information: 734-2481. Windsor is at 3796 N. 338E. Kimberly Road.



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## Local

# A tumble of color and action

## Chinese acrobats come to CSI

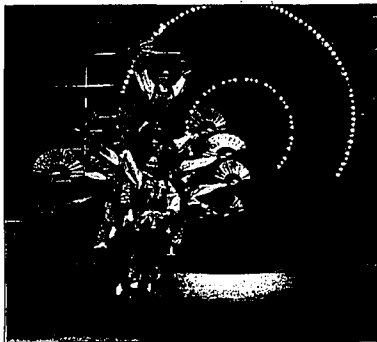
Times-News

More than 25 centuries ago, the Chinese began performing feats of flexibility and movement. That acrobatic tradition continues today with the internationally known tour company The Golden Dragons.

The company will bring its show, filled with award-winning acrobatics, traditional dance, spectacular costumes, ancient and contemporary music and theatrical techniques, to the College of Southern Idaho on Monday.

In China, acrobats are revered in much the same way prima ballerinas and opera singers are in the West, and it takes years of rigorous training to achieve the excellence demanded by this ancient art form. For 29 years, The Golden Dragons have toured the U.S.

Newsday described the show in 2005 as family friendly: "The Cat in the Hat, with his cake on a rake, has nothing on the Golden Dragon Acrobats," said a review on GoldenDragonAcrobats.com. "It takes children in the throes of inventing a game — or Chinese



Courtesy Image

Chinese acrobats from The Golden Dragons balance on a bicycle. Feats of body manipulation and movement are part of the show, coming to the College of Southern Idaho on Monday.

### In China, acrobats are revered in much the same way prima ballerinas and opera singers are in the West.

circus people — to push simple propositions (balance on a board, throw a hat in the air) to such baroque limits. Kids have every reason to love the Golden Dragons."

### A perfect balance

**What:** The Golden Dragons Chinese acrobats, sponsored by Arts on Tour.

**When:** 7:30 p.m. Monday, with a performance for students at 1:15 p.m.

**Where:** The College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts auditorium.

**Tickets:** \$21 adults, \$15 children, available at the CSI Fine Arts box office, [Csl.edu/artsonourtour](http://Csl.edu/artsonourtour) or 732-6288.

**Information:** [Goldendragonacrobats.com](http://Goldendragonacrobats.com) or [Csl.edu/artsonourtour](http://Csl.edu/artsonourtour)

# Even if you lose, kids win

BY BLAIR KOCH  
Times-News correspondent

Gambling the night away, and for a good cause?

The Twin Falls Optimist Club's annual Lost Wages Night Club has been such a hit the club is putting it on again — for the 32nd year in a row.

"This is something everyone looks forward to and they keep coming back, year after year," said event co-chairman Brent Evans. "This year we are all looking forward to Danny Marona, who will be the emcee for the night."

The draw is social and philanthropic. With the Turf Club habitually filled to capacity, the night promises a flurry of socializing and gaming excitement.

"We've got blackjack, Texas Hold-em and a lot of raffles. With the funny money won from the gaming tables you get to purchase raffle tickets for prizes like an Attenian diamond from Jensen Jewelers, a set of furniture and 42-inch television. All of the proceeds go back into the community, for the youth of our community," Evans said.

The Optimist run several local charities including the popular Coats for Kids, which provides around 600 coats for Magic Valley children, as well as countless sets of gloves and scarves. The civic group also

### Get out your wallet

**What:** The Twin Falls Optimist Club, hosting its 32nd Annual Lost Wages Night.

**When:** 7-10 p.m. Friday.

**Where:** The Turf Club. **Tickets:** \$15, available at the door.

**Information:** Richard Craddock at 736-5076, Brent Evans at 308-2648, or Kevin Roseman at 280-1311.

funds the Childhood Cancer Campaign and several other youth services.

"We are always looking for families who need help with a child fighting cancer," Evans said. "We can provide monetary help as well as just helping groceries or mowing the lawn."

Lost Wages Night is the biggest fundraiser for the local Optimists; annually it brings in about \$5,000.

"Our Optimist Club's No. 1 priority is helping the children of this community. Fundraisers such as this one are essential to putting all of our plans into action," said club president Kevin Roseman in a press release. "With this fundraiser, we hope to be able to bring more projects to the children of the community who need it most."

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# Author to speak about healthy relationships

Times-News

Sandy Robins, author of "They Do Remember: a story of soul survival," will make her Idaho debut 5 p.m. Friday at Insidings Books Music & Videos in Twin

Falls.

She will present a portion of her workshop titled "We don't get over it! We do get through it!" on Friday.

At 2 p.m. Sunday, Robins will lead a session on relationships

titled "How others try to manipulate us through 'Control Dramas.'"

A southern California resident, Robins has been a published author for over 15 years, was featured at the Los Angeles

Times Book Festival, appeared on radio programs across the country, and hosted workshops on relationships, child abuse prevention, addiction and recovery.

In her book and presenta-

tions, Robins discusses the courage to break free — how to stop living in denial and move into healthy relationships while spreading the word about positive choices, prevention and hope.

# Movie capsules

**"Doomsday"** — A team of specialists enters a city that has been quarantined for 30 years to find a cure to the quickly spreading virus. With Rhona Mitra, Bob Hoskins and Malcolm McDowell. Written and directed by Neil Marshall. It for strong bloody violence, language — and some sexual content/nudity.

**"Never Back Down"** — A teen turns his aggression to mastering mixed martial arts. With Sean Faris, Amber Heard and Djimon Hounsou. Directed by Jeff Wadlow. PG-13 for mature thematic material involving intense sequences of fighting-violence, some sexuality, partying and language — all involving teens.

**"Penelope"** — Christina Ricci stars in this contemporary romantic fable about a young

woman born to wealthy parents but saddled with a family curse. With James McAvoy, Catherine O'Hara, Peter Dinklage, Richard E. Grant and Reese Witherspoon. Directed by Mark Palansky. PG for thematic elements, some innuendo and language.

**"Semi-Pro"** — In this film, Will Ferrell plays one-hit disco star Jackie Moon, who buys the mythical Flamingo Basketball Association and installs himself as the team's improbable coach and starting power forward. Moon is not that different from Ferrell's other sports "heroes" such as Ricky Bobby in "Talladega Nights" or Chaz Michael Michaels in "Blades of Glory," with the actor once again relying on the character's obnoxiousness and brazenly misplaced confidence to carry him through. If that shtick still works for you, the film may be up your alley, otherwise you're in for a long haul. It for language and some sexual content.

**"The Other Boleyn Girl"** — Like the sibling rivals of the title, this film has ideas above its station. Not content to be a mildly diverting royal bodice ripper set in Tudor England with Eric Hana as Henry VIII and Natalie Portman and Scarlett Johansson as the Boleyn sisters, it spirals out of control into the kind of overwrought dramaturgy it's ill-prepared to deliver. PG-13 for mature, thematic elements, sexual content and some violent images.

**"10,000 B.C."** — As written and directed by "The Day After Tomorrow's" Roland Emmerich, this wacky Saturday matinee epic has so much up-to-the-minute computer-generated imagery that we can practically smell the fetid breath of its herds of woolly mammoths. But the film's heart is in its throwback innocence, its determinedly old-fashioned story of a young love that will not die and a young man who is a hero in the making but doesn't know it. PG-13 for sequences of intense action and violence.

# DVD REVIEW

## 'Enchanted' proves charming

Disney performs a neat trick of satiric jujitsu with "Enchanted," a charming family comedy that celebrates the princess cut it invented while skewering it most saccharin conventions.

After an old-school animated opening sequence, replete with a singing maiden named Giselle, her chorus of adoring woodland creatures and a handsome prince, it turns into a live-action adventure in which Giselle, played by the winning Amy Adams, is banished by the prince's evil stepmother to — eek! — Manhattan.

While Giselle, decked out in an impossibly frothy wedding dress, tries to navigate Times Square, she meets a divorce lawyer named Robert (Patrick Dempsey) and his 6-year-old daughter. A vision of loveliness

with a sweet, innocent nature, Giselle eventually overcomes Robert's wariness and cynicism, even as she's being pursued by her brave but dim Prince Charming (James Marsden).

Even if its most ironic humor will suit over the heads of very little ones, "Enchanted" is that rare comedy that will appeal to the whole family, as it indulges in all the dreams of fairy-tale romance while making a few 21st-century adjustments. Unusually directed by Kevin Lima, it owes its success to Adams, who not only looks like a would-be princess, but delivers a sophisticated performance as a self-discovery. Enchanting.

— Ann Hornaday,  
The Washington Post

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## Movie review

# 'HORTON HEARS A WHO!'

## Horton's joyful noise

BY DESSON THOMSON  
The Washington Post

As sacred cows go, Dr. Seuss is one of America's most beloved holsteins.

So when we sit down to watch "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!," a computer-animated adaptation of the classic 1954 children's book, expectations are bound to be high. Unreasonable even. We want to relive the euphoric feeling that made the original so special — the inventive rhymes and vocabulary, the underlying messages and the wonderfully expressive illustrations of its characters, including Horton the elephant and the teeny residents of Who-ville.

How, then, does a movie address our reverence in a medium that worships the popcorn-popping lid over the contemplative suppers? How does it break through the intimidation and get on with the fun?

"Horton," the movie, honors the spirit of the original. It has found the right balance between veneration of the text and its charter to entertain. It gives the audience just enough patter to evoke that Seussian universe, yet frees itself to exult in the spaces between the words. And if "Horton" has less poetry than a Seuss purist would desire, its atmosphere of playful goodwill is just right.

Made by the producers of "Ice Age," the "Horton" movie gives us that same, 3D-like animation and sense of children's epic. Horton (voice of Jim Carrey) finds himself traversing a precarious footbridge at one point and scaling a snowy mountain at another. Both echo the arduous trek of those prehistoric characters in the "Ice Age." But the message of "Horton" remains true to the book. It's about the special



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In the film version of "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!," Jim Carrey and Steve Carell voice the main characters from the favorite children's book.

### 'Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!'

Voiced by Jim Carrey, Steve Carell, Carol Burnett  
Rated G; contains nothing objectionable except mild profanity.

Playing at Twin Cinema, Big Wood Cinema, Magic Lantern, Century Cinema, Jerome Cinema

friendship between the pachyderm and the teeny mayor of Who-ville (voice of Steve Carell), whose practically inaudible words he hears one day, from a speck of dust atop a pink clover.

Carrey and Carell understand their subtle duties perfectly. Instead of manic Robin Williams humor laced with savvy asides for older viewers, Carrey and Carell play it straight and sweet. And doing so, they fulfill the Zen of Theodor "Ted" Seuss Geisel, and it becomes something deeper.

As a political cartoonist during World War II, Geisel learned how

to use wit to make a point. But in his children's books, he was subtler. Between their funny lines, "The Lorax" and "The Sneetches" addressed abuse of the environment and anti-Semitism, respectively. "Horton Hears a Who!" was a quiet statement against political isolationism and, in the McCarthy era in which it was written, it seemed to be a plea for political tolerance. (Geisel cried foul, however, when the anti-abortion movement appropriated and politicized the central phrase from "Horton" — "A person's a person no matter how small.")

The movie replays that understated commentary. It's clear enough if you care to see it. Realizing he has discovered a world in miniature, Horton has a tough time convincing his communi-

ty's mean, controlling Sour Kangaroo (Carol Burnett) that these unseen beings exist, let alone that they need protection from bigger beings. If you can't see it, hear it or feel it, argues this arch little fascista, it doesn't exist. But the movie's most appealing idea, of course, is that we should listen to the smallest, most underrepresented among us. Adults watching the film may think of various political groups. Maybe they'll remember the good old snail darter. The children will think "Oh, they're talking about me."

And they'll all be right. And by that standard, "Horton" reaches us as powerfully as the plaintive little voice that — one wonderfully inventive Dr. Seuss-like day — catches Horton's enormous and sensitive ear.

## What's playing

### TWIN FALLS

Twin Cinema  
"Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!"  
"The Bucket List"  
"Jumper"  
"College Road Trip"  
"10,000 B.C."  
"Footloose"  
"Juno"  
"Penelope"  
"The Siderwick Chronicles"  
"Drillbit Taylor"  
"Alvin and the Chipmunks"  
"The Prates Who Don't Do Anything: A Veggie Tales Movie"  
"The Water Horse: Legend of the Deep"

### Odyssey Theater

"Shutter"  
"Meet the Browns"  
"Doomsday"  
"The Bank Job"  
"Never Back Down"  
"Venture Point"  
"The Golden Compass"

### The Orpheum

"The Other Boleyn Girl"

### HAILEY/KETCHUM

#### SkiTime Cinemas

"10,000 B.C."  
"Penelope"

#### Big Wood Cinema

"10,000 B.C."  
"Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!"  
"Never Back Down"  
"Semi-Pro"  
"Venture Point"

#### Magic Lantern

"Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!"  
"The Other Boleyn Girl"  
"In Bruges"  
"Drillbit Taylor"

#### Sun Valley Opera House

"Juno"  
"Venture Point"  
"See Jay Gatsby"  
"Warrior: My First Kid Films"

### BURLEY

#### Century Cinema

"Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!"  
"10,000 B.C."  
"Shutter"  
"Venture Point"  
"Drillbit Taylor"

#### Burley Theater

"Alvin and the Chipmunks"

### JEROME

"The Water Horse"  
"10,000 B.C."  
"10,000 B.C."  
"Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!"  
"National Geographic Book of Records"

# 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.

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.

Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave. No cover charge.

**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.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20**

**Twin Falls**

Kahwalk Karaoke, 9 p.m. at Knizer'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 21**

**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**

Wanna-be-a-Star Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont Ave. No cover charge.

Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar, 502 Sixth St. No cover charge.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25**

**Burley**

Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers, 163 W.U.S. Highway 30. No cover charge.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 26**

**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.

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Sabina Merimova pauses to talk with her professor, not pictured, while painting in the room used for spinning classes at the College of Southern Idaho. Art students from the school worked on the paintings all semester.

Photos by ASHLEY SMITH/Idaho News

# Spinning in style

## Students paint fluorescent bike mural

BY MELISSA DAVLIN  
Times-News writer

"Each student got their own little expressive possibility," Youngman said.

When finished, the mural will wrap around the entire room and depict neon-colored bicyclists on a black background. During spinning classes, instructors can flip on a black light and illuminate the images, creating a nightclub-like atmosphere.

For now, the images are mostly white with just touches of brightness. The white primer intensifies the colors that will be painted over them by bouncing back the black light that would otherwise pass through the fluorescent paint.

While the painters paint, fitness students pop their heads in the room to give kudos to the artists, who barely acknowledge the compliments. They're too busy working on their mini-masterpieces to notice.

When the black light flipped on, there was an audible gasp.

"Oh. My gosh," college fitness instructor Jaime Tighe said. "That is so amazing."

"It just pops off the wall," colleague Scott Rogers agreed.

Their awe was well earned. Michael Youngman's advanced drawing class has spent the past semester painting a fluorescent bike mural for the spinning room in the College of Southern Idaho gymnasium.

Rogers and Tighe commissioned the project from Youngman. Initially, they planned to pick one or two of their favorite submissions from the advanced drawing students to decorate the walls. When the art came in, though, they couldn't decide.

So they picked all of them.



Ben Brown works on his painting, which utilizes fluorescent paints that glow in low light.

Today, the students focus solely on their own pictures. Classes to semester's end in May, that will probably change, Youngman said.

"We're kind of working as a team," Youngman said. "The project is designed to finish by the end of the semester, so whatever it takes to do that, we do that."

To the students, this is more than just an assignment. The

limited color range, large scale and qualities of fluorescent paint make this a unique learning experience that simulates real-world working conditions, Youngman said.

And it's an ordeal that the budding artists are embracing. "It's challenging," sophomore Chad Deltrick said. "I underestimated the medium and the scale, but I like it. I'm enjoying it."

Sophomore Samuel Vineyard has worked on large projects before, but never with fluorescent paint.

"I guess I'm curious to see what will happen with my project," he said.

The results are good so far, according to Tighe.

"It's way cool," she said simply.

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