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T.F. grants Jayco a pass on road fix

Manufacturer was on the hook to widen road

By Jared S. Hopkins
 Staff writer

After being approached two months ago by Jayco, the city's Urban Renewal Agency successfully received an exemption from the Twin Falls Planning and Zoning commission of a four-year-old mandate to widen a road near one of the company's facility.

City officials said the request — cutting the requirement to build a center turning lane on Washington Street South — was made due to rising construction costs the city couldn't afford and a lack of interest from contractors. But Jayco general manager Dave Yoder said he asked the city two months ago about finally removing the provision from 2004 because it would hurt his business and cause traffic problems that have since been solved.

"I just didn't feel we should spend money if it's not going to serve a purpose," Yoder said.

Jayco arrived in Twin Falls in 2005, recruited in part by the city's Urban Renewal Agency, which was part responsible for attracting a handful of business successes, including Dell and Seastrom Manufacturing.

In 2004, a special-use permit was granted to the Urban Renewal Agency so Jayco could operate its facility at Washington Street South. Among four special requirements was widening the road the plant was on.

The agency failed to act, despite receiving a one-year extension in 2006. By September 2007 the agency was out of compliance, although there is no penalty, said city planner Amber Westenskow.

On Tuesday, the city's planning and zoning commissions unanimously agreed to delete the requirement. The decision does need City Council approval.

Yoder said widening the road would force him to lose business and clog the roads. His second facility on Hankins Road, which opened last year, allows for traffic to be diverted from downtown. If Washington Street were widened, he'd also have to produce fixtures for water drainage to make up for the new road area, he said.

"I just can't afford to give up half an acre," he said.

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Presidential candidate Ron Paul to visit T.F.

By Damon Hunzeker
 Correspondent

Some people refuse to give up. The *Times-News* has confirmed that presidential candidate and U.S. Rep. Ron Paul, R-Texas, will visit Twin Falls on April 25 to deliver a speech. The rally, according to the local coordinator of Paul's campaign, Rick Martin, will take place either at CSU's Fine Arts Auditorium or the City Park.

"We secured the City Park today," he told the *Times-News*

Wednesday afternoon. "CSI is capped at 900 people, so we need to have a back-up location."

Amanda Lee, the scheduler with the Ron Paul 2008 campaign, said, "Yes, Dr. Paul will be coming to the area on April 25, but I'm unable to confirm any locations at this time. We are still considering some venues." Paul's



Paul

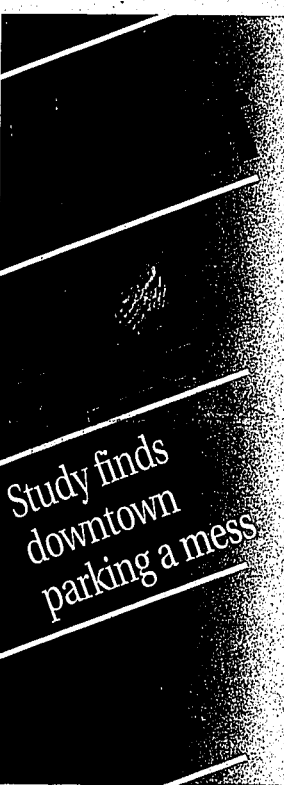
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pen," Martin said. "The police may even want to change the venue for security reasons."

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Study finds downtown parking a mess

By Jared S. Hopkins • Staff writer

Parking in downtown Twin Falls — for years symbolized by missing and broken meters — has exploded at the seams in recent years, according to a new study by a private consultant.

The study, presented to the City Council this week, found the parking system to be ineffective and its rules unenforceable. The city, which on Monday officially assumed the functions of the Downtown Business Improvement District, has prepared broad ways to fix the situation but is undecided on a long-term solution.

It costs 25 cents per hour to park at a meter. There are about 260 metered spaces, and at least 23 lack meters and many more are broken, according to the \$3,000 study, performed by Portland-based consultant Dane Braine.

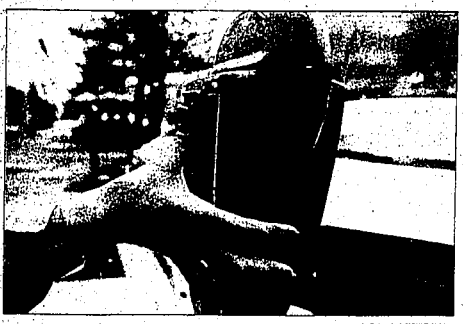
"It's a big deal," said Economic Development Director Melinda Anderson.

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Meter enforcement is ineffective, the study found. First-time violators receive warnings; repeat offenders are fined \$5, which can increase to \$10; third-time violators can be fined \$10, which can increase to \$20. Braine recommended a single uniform fine without a warning.

Braine wrote the meters have failed to live up to the goal of creating turnover; charging for parking triggers turnover, but if employees use the spaces, potential customers are discouraged from visiting due to a lack of parking. The fact people can "meter feed" also deters turnover, the study found.

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A visitor to downtown Twin Falls tries to push a quarter into a parking meter Wednesday on Main Avenue. The meter did not accept the quarter. Missing and broken meters like this one are just part of the reason that revenue continues to plummet.

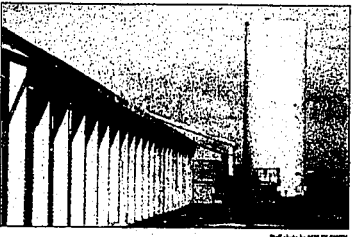
Murtaugh digester receives final approval

Operators see trend in southern Idaho

By Nate Poppino
 Staff writer

An anaerobic digester slated for a new Bettecorder dairy southwest of Murtaugh has received its final permit from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, adding to a small yet growing number of the digesters in south-central Idaho.

The permit was issued March 18, four days after the end of a public-comment period for the air-quality aspect of the proposed Bettecorder Environmental Quality's Magic Valley office. The state agency only received two comments from one Magic Valley resident, and issued the permit after finding no significant concerns, he said.



Construction continues on a new Bettecorder dairy southwest of Murtaugh, which has received its final permit from the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality for an anaerobic digester to be installed.

Representatives from Cargill Environmental Finance, the company constructing the digester, will meet with VanZandt and other officials today to discuss the terms and conditions of the permit. The installation is one of four currently permitted in the Magic Valley, VanZandt said, and though not all of them are online, the completed installations haven't caused any air-quality problems so far. That's good, he said, for a young technology.

"A lot of this technology is pretty cutting-edge," he said, adding that some places still have to work bugs out.

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Lacking foresight in hindsight

Phrase 'we didn't anticipate' becomes one-size-fits-all spin on making bad news better

By Paul Farhi
 The Washington Post

We admit it: We did not anticipate that not anticipating stuff would become such a great rhetorical device and all-purpose explanation for Why Stuff Went Wrong.

This week, for example, Ryan Crocker, the U.S. ambassador to Iraq, told a Senate panel that conditions in Iraq were improving, except where they weren't. "Developments which are on the whole positive can still have unanticipated ... consequences," Crocker said.

Crocker, in other words, seemed to be anticipating more difficulty in Iraq, which seems prudent in light of things the Bush administration didn't anticipate at the war. The shorthand includes its cost and

duration, the rise of the Sunni insurgency and Shiite militias, the displacement of millions of Iraqis, the ethnic strife and the inability of the Iraqi government to reconcile sectarian divisions.

But it's not just the war. "We didn't anticipate ..." has become a surefire, one-size-fits-all formulation for anyone stuck with trying to make bad news seem better. It's the go-to phrase for politicians, generals, economists, business executives, doctors, coaches and others stuck in jams ranging from the mortgage market meltdown to an early (i.e., unanticipated) exit from the NCAA basketball tournament.

"Nobody expected ..." the municipal bond market would go into a tailspin, said D.C. Treasurer Laskana K. Mack the other day, explaining why the city is paying steep increases on its debts in the wake of the credit market crash.

After a Full Four loss last week, UCLA guard Darren Collison said his team hadn't

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"It's always taken as a sign of your incompetence, stupidity or callousness if you didn't anticipate a million different reactions."

— Tony Snow, former press secretary for President Bush



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Torch relay routed around San Francisco protesters.
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TODAY'S HAPPENINGS

BENEFITS AND FUNDRAISERS

Twin Falls Optimist Club annual Roses Fundraiser, roses to be delivered April 22 and 23, \$30 for a boxed dozen (mixed colors), add \$5 more with vase, 308-3022 or danae.klimes@zionsbank.com. Costume Couture 2nd annual Runway Show, uniquely designed costumes inspired by the theme of love, presented by Twin Falls High School Drama Department and Costume Design II, 6, 7 and 8 P.M., Roper Auditorium, \$5 for adults and \$3 for children, Hayscoke@jtfed.net. American Legion Bingo, 7:20 p.m., Bonanza bingo and 7:30 p.m. Regular bingo, 610 W. Main, Wendell, \$5 and \$1.195 Black. Outside, 536-6558.

BUSINESS

Magie Valley Advertising Federation monthly meeting and lunch, with President of First Federal Bank Alan Hornor on "First Federal Bank...Right Here When You Need Us" local marketing strategies. 11:15 a.m. checkin, 11:45 a.m. program, Twin Falls Shilo Inn, members \$10, member/guest \$15 and non-members \$25, 308-0488 or Melissa.Crane@cablenet.net.

CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

The Magie Valley Symbiote League meeting, anyone interested in supporting the symphony is welcome; luncheon with the Symphony Board to follow, 10 a.m., Pandora's restaurant, 516 Hanson St. A, Twin Falls, 734-5323. Jerome County Historical Society meeting, preceded by Board of Directors meeting at 6 p.m.; Boy Scouts to present history of flag, 7 p.m., Jerome Public Library, public welcome, no cost, refreshments, 324-5641. Preceptor Alpha Kappa Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi meeting, 7 p.m., at the home of Bette Lee Marvel, 711 Morning Sun Drive, Twin Falls, 734-2346.

EDUCATION

Jerome Public Library "Let's Talk About It," with discussion of book "The Road from Corral" by Jill Ker Conway (Australia), 7 p.m., at the library, 100 First Ave. E., no cost (library card not required), books available for checkout, 324-5427 or 324-3441. Book discussion, "Hairy Burt and the Goblet of Fire" by J.K. Rowling, 7 to 9 p.m., Public Library, 215 Broadway Ave. N., 543-6500.

EXHIBITS

"For Want of a Horseshoe: Cultural and Natural History of Horseshoes," hosted by Hagerman Fossil Beds National Monument, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the Visitor Center, Hagerman, no cost, (208) 897-4793 ext. 5227. 2008 Student Show, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Jean B. King Gallery, Fairfield City Council, 9521 Hankins Road, College of Southern Idaho campus, Twin Falls, no cost, 732-6655.

FAMILY

Rhythmic Time, toddlers are invited for songs, rhymes, and finger plays, 10:30 a.m., Storytime Hour, Twin Falls Public Library, no cost, 733-2954 ext. 110.

GOVERNMENT

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse, 423 Shoshone St. N., 736-7068. Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., City Hall, 811 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438. Sun Valley City Council, 3 p.m., City Hall, 811 Elkhorn Road, 622-4438. Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Library, 2301 Progressive Drive, 775-755-2356. Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 115 E. Poplar, 788-2128. Fairfield City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall, 407 Solder Road, 764-2333. Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office, 108 W. Archer, 432-5469. Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main, 862-3313. Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 p.m., 246 Twin Falls, 734-9450. Minidoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall, 402 Cherry St., 431-4101. Minidoka Soil and Water Conservation District April board meeting, review of annual work plan, 8 p.m., Connor's Cafe, Interstate 84, ext. 208, Heyburn, open to the public, 678-1225 ext. 300.

HEALTH AND RECOVERY

College of Southern Idaho's Over 60 and Getting Fit programs, 9 to 10 a.m. at Flier Elementary and Hagerman High School Gym; and 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the old gym in Buhl, no cost, 732-6175. TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) ID No. 48 Chapter of Jerome, a weight-loss support group, 10 a.m., Jerome Public Library, 100 First Ave. E., 420-2623. Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10 to 11 a.m., Living Waters Presbyterian Church, 821 E. Main St., Wendell, no cost, 737-5988. Fit and Fall Proof Exercise Class, 10:30 a.m., First Segregation Fire Station, Eden, no cost, 737-5988. Ongoing exercise program for people with Parkinson's disease, offered by Magie Valley Regional Medical Center, 11 a.m. to noon, the Episcopal Church of St. Ann, 371 Eastland Drive N., Twin Falls, no cost, 737-2997. 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. Overeater's Anonymous, 6 p.m., 109 Seventh Ave. E., (red lig building with cannon), Jerome, 324-5019. Celebrate Recovery, a place to learn life affirming, healthy behaviors, 6:30 p.m., Freeseville House of the Nazarene Fellowship Hall at Yukona and Main, Filer, 734-0557. A.C.T.S. Program, a 12-week, ongoing course based on self-help, recovery and education, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Bethel Temple Apostolic Church, 929 Hankins Road (behind D & B Supply), Twin Falls, no cost, 731-3210.

HOBBIES AND TRAFFIC

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

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MORNING BRIEFING

MICHIGAN 787 DELAYED AGAIN

Firefighters rescue 200 seniors from blaze

WEST BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Firefighters carried senior citizens out of a fire at a three-story independent-living complex Wednesday, and officials said all 200 residents made it to safety. As they stepped down ladders, rescuers cradled people in their arms as smoke sprayed out of the Lillian & Samuel Hechtman Jewish Apartments, in West Bloomfield Township, about 20 miles northwest of Detroit. Other residents waited on balconies for help.



The new Boeing 787 Dreamliner is unveiled to several thousand employees, airline executives, and dignitaries in July 2007 at Boeing's assembly plant in Everett, Wash. Boeing delayed its 787 jetliner program again Tuesday, pushing back its expected debut in commercial service to the third quarter of 2009 as it continues to grapple with problems involving its supply chain and the need to redo work done by contractors.

My apartment was filled with smoke," said third-floor resident Evelyn Drotman, 60. "I finally opened the door to the porch (balcony) to let in fresh air. Then a fireman came. He carried me down the stairs and put me in a wheelchair." Drotman, who plans to stay with her daughter for now, said she inhaled some smoke but felt fine.

Police and fire officials at the scene said a few residents suffering from smoke inhalation and chest pains were taken the hospital but added that none suffered life-threatening injuries. Assistant Fire Chief Ray Biggs said he is believed to have stepped in a third-floor room he said one section of the building was extensively damaged.

Study: Waning immunity, other factors caused 2006 mumps outbreak

Most of the college students who got the mumps in a big outbreak in 2006 had received the recommended two vaccine shots, according to a study that raises questions about whether a new vaccine or another booster shot is needed.

became sick with the mumps, mostly in eight Midwest states, and the hardest-hit group was college students ages 18 to 24. Of those in that group who knew whether they had been vaccinated, 84 percent had had two mumps shots, according to the study by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and state health departments.

The "two-dose vaccine failure" started, public health experts, who had expected immunity to wane so slowly — if at all. The mumps virus involved was a relatively new strain in the U.S., not the one targeted by the vaccine, although there's evidence from DNA that the virus was the same.

The researchers, reporting in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, note the virus likely came from travelers or students from the United Kingdom, where mumps shots are voluntary and there was a much larger mumps outbreak of the same strain.

WASHINGTON Democrats seek broader rescue of homeowners

The Bush administration announced new steps Wednesday to help more homeowners head off foreclosure. The Senate, in the mean-

time, worked to complete a bipartisan housing bill, the White House says would worsen the mortgage mess. Scrambling to counter Democratic calls for a broader federal housing rescue, the administration said it would use an existing Federal Housing Administration program to enable more low- and moderate-income homeowners to refinance into government-insured mortgages with monthly payments they can afford.

It is a more modest version of a concept Democrats have recently been pushing to respond to the housing crisis, which would have the FHA back from \$300 billion to \$400 billion in restructured loans for distressed borrowers if lenders were willing to take a substantial loss on the mortgages.

Pilot on oil-spilling ship in S.F. had prescription drugs, DUI conviction

The pilot who steered a freighter into the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge last fall, causing a huge oil spill and a drunk-driving conviction and a history of alcohol abuse and took numerous prescription drugs that could have impaired his judgment, federal investigators said Wednesday. The pilot, John Cox, had regularly received waivers allowing him to keep his federal

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, April 10, the 101st day of 2008. There are 265 days left in the year.

TODAY'S HIGHLIGHT:

On April 10, 1912, the RMS Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage. ON THIS DATE: In 1966, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was incorporated. In 1925, the novel "The Great Gatsby" by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published. In 1932, German president Paul von Hindenburg was re-elected in a runoff, with Adolf Hitler coming in second.

national Amber Alert system

and strengthening child pornography laws. A fire in a boarding school for the deaf in southern Russia killed 30 children. Eva Peron, Mrs. Juan Peron, the singer formerly known as "Little Eva," died in Kingston, N.C.

One year ago: A woman wearing an explosives vest strapped underneath her bra was arrested in the midst of 200 Iraqi police recruits in Muqtadiyah, killing 16. Two Russian cosmonauts and U.S. billionaire Charles Simonyi arrived at the International Space Station. DNA tests showed that former bushy-haired Larry Birkhead was the father of Anna Nicole Smith's baby.

national weather affect the Magic Valley?

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mariner's license despite a long list of illnesses including glaucoma, depression, kidney stones, migraines, panic attacks, and most recently, sleep apnea, according to testimony at a National Transportation Safety Board hearing.

He fought many of the conditions with pills, including narcotics and an anxiety drug, Imfrix for migraines, propranolol to increase wakefulness, and darvon compound 65 for pain. Some of these medications could affect his cognitive abilities by themselves and taken together the side effects could be compounded, a medical witness said. "I wouldn't want anyone taking those medicines and having to make decisions in a safety-critical position," Dr. Robert Bourgeois said to an NTSB panel during the second day of a two-day hearing on the Nov. 7 accident.

FRANCE

French fashion signs charter against anorexia

PARIS — Key members of the French fashion industry have signed a new charter Wednesday aimed at fighting against anorexia and promoting healthy body images. The document, backed by the Health Ministry, asks signatories to work toward a diversity of body representations and "not to show images of people that could help promote a model of extreme thinness."

The international fashion industry has long criticized for stressing the super-thin look.

Guidelines have been in place in France since the 1980s to regulate French modeling agencies, including guidelines for medical visits for models under 16.

MAGIC VALLEY

Are there parking problems in downtown Twin Falls? Let us know what you think. How will weather affect the Magic Valley? How about that national weatherman told a group of local agencies. Check out a rehearsal of the Magic Philharmonic Orchestra.

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Focus on fostering family values, Taurus

IF APRIL 10 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Personal relationships, groups and clubs might come to the forefront of your life in the year ahead. Your popularity heads for a long-lasting peak in May. June could be an ideal month in which to take a glamorous getaway-from-it-all vacation. In June your romantic senses are heightened, but a new relationship may be temporary or a flit shy of commitment. There is an upside and you can be sure that whoever is still in your life next February is true blue and ready for permanence. ARIES (March 21-April 19): You may react to competition by adopting a defensive stance. Your best bet is to sit on your hands until the perceived threat recedes. By overreacting to rudeness you can lose your touch at the top. TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Focus on fostering firm family

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Jeraldine Saunders. values. Put long-term goals and career aspirations on the back burner for a few days. Keep up the good work, but don't initiate new ventures, take risks or sign contracts. GEMINI (May 21-June 20): You may not have an ax to grind, but you might be tempted to sharpen your pencil to a dangerous point. Avoid situations where you are tempted to participate in one-upmanship exercises. CANCER (June 21-July 23): Keep your cool. There is a tendency to rush in where angels fear to tread. Hold off on signing contracts and making crucial decisions. You might inadvertently offend a key person. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Reckless optimism or empty promises can irritate some-

one. You might be unaware that there is a problem until it is too late. Avoid making extravagant promises today. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keep mum in conflicts as the wrong word could make matters even worse. If confrontation comes your way, just walk away. It is better to say nothing than to say something that will trigger a dispute. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Play the waiting game. Avoid arguments and do not sign on the dotted line or make an irrevocable decision. Hostilities could undermine an agreement today. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Excitement and enthusiasm is contagious. You might get carried away by an idea or offer, but should hold off on making any promises. If anyone wants a quick answer, you will be wise to disappoint them. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You could be letting

your arrogance show if you rush forward with a new project or make a promise under these stars. Don't let your enthusiasm but might not have all the necessary facts. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): There is no way you can count your chickens before they hatch. In the same way, you can't count on a financial support you need to complete a deal that is pending. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): You are known by your friends. Watch your step as meddling can rub off on you and put you in a bad light. Handle arguments or disagreements with kid gloves to avoid harming your image. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Imagination could be working overtime, but not to your advantage. Don't embrace false assumptions that could cause misunderstandings later. Check the facts with more than one source.

Paul

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To the common observer, Paul was done a long time ago. "Some media leaks have suggested that he's dropped out," Martin said, "but he has no intention of it."

With his insurmountable lead in the delegate count and a presumptively assured nomination, John McCain will represent the Republican Party this year, but Paul refuses to quit. "Dr. Paul realizes he can't

win in a conventional sense," Martin said, "but he can win in an unconventional sense. He's securing more delegates — and even if he doesn't win the election, the delegates determine platform positions and elect leadership at the local level. The whole idea of this campaign is to bring the Republican Party back to its roots — lower taxes, less government, and personal responsibility. The presumptive nominee has never

stood for that."

According to Martin, Twin Falls County has at least 100 people actively working for the Paul campaign. "John McCain has about six," he said. Meanwhile, the grand opening of Paul's Twin Falls field office on Addison Avenue will take place at 10:30 a.m. Saturday.

Donna Hinzker may be reached at 208-420-1697 or hinzker@aol.com.

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Parking

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The enforcement had been administered by the BID, and its enforcement officer left the organization last year, Anderson said. But the collection of funds from meters was last done in October, 2007, and possibly once this past January, according to a memo from Police Capt. Bryan Klear.

The city's short-term solution is give enforcement and meter duties to the Twin Falls Police Department. Working with current and former city staffers familiar with meters, the police will use current community officers until a full-time employee can be hired, according to a staff report.

City Manager Tom Courtney said at Monday's

City Council meeting the city will use extra parts to fix existing meters. Most meters are from 1991; about 50 were installed in 1974. Replacing the meters is estimated to cost between \$35,000 and \$55,000.

Revenue, meanwhile, continues to plummet, particularly since the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce gave up administering the BID earlier this year. Their monitoring was inconsistent, according to Klear's memo. The BID typically receives \$65,000 and \$70,000 in revenue from parking — a figure officials will drop this year.

Parking revenues are necessary to help offset costs of maintenance and landscaping downtown, said Councilman David E.

Johnson. A long-term solution must be agreed on.

"We can run out and fix them, which is probably what we'll do short-term," Johnson said.

The city's parking lots have a mix of leased spaces, two-hour customer parking and reserved spaces for businesses. The study found that some businesses do not pay for their spaces.

The consultant offered two solutions: Completely overhauling the parking system, estimated between \$50,000 and \$65,000 and fixing the existing system, estimated at \$20,000. Anderson told councilmen the second option would likely be better.

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Digester

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Digesters convert dairy manure into methane gas, which can then be turned into natural gas or burned for power. The equipment carries a high price tag — one installed at Whitesides Dairy near Rupert cost \$1 million to install. But the technology is catching on with other animal feeding operations as one way to cut down on methane emissions and harness a renewable energy source.

The trick, it seems, has been adapting the digesters to the southern Idaho market. Bob Naerebout, executive director of the Idaho Dairyman's Association, said the cost of generating electricity using digesters has usually been higher than what digester operators can sell the power for.

Others in the valley say they've found a way around that. Intrepid Technology and Resources, which built the Whitesides digester, said the company is selling its gas to Intermountain Gas and a local industrial operation that burns it for fuel. The gas is purified at the plant, Intrepid President and Chief Operating Officer Ike Dustin said, and passed a six-month inspection process from a Chicago company.

A plan to sell solid waste produced as a byproduct to garden stores for use as peat moss fell through in February when a partnering company

decided it couldn't make enough of the substance to sell.

"We get a fair price for the product, and we just feel like we can do a lot better with gas than we can with electricity," Dustin said. "We see it definitely as a very good waste management tool, and you can produce some renewable energy along the way."

The other part of Intrepid's strategy is selling carbon credits from the renewable energy on the worldwide market. Those credits should be a source of income for Cargill as well, spokesman Bill Brady said in September. In a statement on Wednesday, Brady said the digester should begin operations within the next couple of weeks. When completed, the digester could produce 2.4 megawatts of power each year to be sold back into the electric grid, though it's unclear whether the company has any arrangement to do so yet.

The digester is only the first of several planned by Cargill, and Dustin said he expects the industry to keep expanding due to both the environmental and financial draws. "I think the pressures are going to mount that something more has to happen than spreading it on the ground," Dustin said.

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Meet Taste of Home culinary specialist Kristi Larson. Kristi conducts cooking schools throughout Washington, Oregon, Nevada, Utah and Idaho. In an average year Kristi can put 40,000 miles on her car traveling to towns like Twin Falls to share her passion of cooking with people just like you!

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When asked what her favorite part of the cooking school experience is, Kristi replied, "I am always excited to come into a community and share my love of cooking with new people. I always have a great time at the show, because the audience makes it fun!"

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Ohio man threatens to blow up buildings housing black celebrities

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — An Ohio man has been indicted on charges that he threatened to blow up the U.S. Supreme Court and attack black men, including a justice on the court, according to an indictment filed Wednesday.

David Tuson, 46, targeted black men known to affiliate with white women, well-known, white women who

had relationships with black men, and children of mixed-race parents, federal authorities said.

Supreme Court spokeswoman Kathy Arberg confirmed that a threat was made against Clarence Thomas, but refused further comment. Thomas is the only black justice on the court.

FBI spokesman Scott

Wilson declined to name those targeted, citing privacy issues. He would not specify whether Tuson attempted to carry out attacks. The threats began in Cleveland and branched out across the nation, Wilson said.

Wilson said Tuson sent the communications as far back as 20 years ago and that the threats were sent to places where the targets worked or

may have attended functions.

"It's been a very long, enduring case," Wilson said. "Basically it's a case we never gave up on."

An message seeking comment was left after-hours Wednesday at the Cleveland office of Federal Public Defender Dennis Terez, who authorities say is representing Tuson.

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Jayco

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Melinda Anderson, the city's economic development director, said the city is not doing Jayco a special favor. She said the decision to request the deletion was mutual. Anderson said she approached Yoder and he agreed.

Still, city officials emphasized the project's cost of \$250,000 was too large for contractors but too large for the city, so they wanted the requirement deleted. City Engineer Jackie Fields said

that the city didn't even seek for bids because the city couldn't afford to pay and they didn't think contractors would bid.

But Anderson said the agency put out for bids — simply none were received. Anderson and Fields said they were unsure why the provision took four years to be deleted.

But the assertion that contractors wouldn't be interested was met with skepticism from some local contractors. "Sounds like an odd state-

ment," said Tony Hughes, who was recently president of the Magic Valley Builders Association. "I don't know if anyone would turn down a \$250,000 job. I've got a list of concrete jobs that sure would like to take a look at it."

He said it's not uncommon for public projects not to receive bids, but noted that the downturn in the housing market has forced all workers in the housing industry to scramble.

"The housing market isn't on fire as you know so there

are guys looking for work," he said. "I imagine with three, four phone calls you could have three, four guys interested in putting a bid together."

Nevertheless, it appears unlikely the road will widen anytime soon. Fields said the Idaho Transportation Department could pay for it in the future, but they haven't yet asked the state agency.

Jared S. Hopkins may be reached at 735-3204 or jhopkins@magicvalley.com.

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Anticipation

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anticipating that opponent Memphis would make so many shots, as if it were a surprise that a team with a 36-1 record at the time could shoot so well.

Sen. Barack Obama clearly failed to anticipate that fiery sermons by his preacher, the Rev. Jeremiah Wright, would become a campaign issue. Similarly, Sen. Hillary Clinton didn't foresee that her embellished tale of landing under sniper fire in Tuzla, Bosnia, in 1996 would become controversial.

Could have, would have, should have.

Given the law of unintended consequences and the nature of hindsight, it's often unfair to expect anyone to anticipate all the contingencies. As Sen. Clinton's phrase "I didn't anticipate" strikes me as a fairly straightforward way of admitting one's lack of omniscience," says linguist Wayne Glasska.

"One's supporters would find the phrase honest and open — perhaps too honest and open," he says. "One's detractors would perhaps be horrified because they expect to hear rank and frank admissions of guilt, utter stupidity, evil intentions and whatnot: 'mea culpa, mea culpa, mea maxima culpa.'"

While he was press secretary for President Bush, Tony Snow was constantly fending off media questions that implied that officials SHOULD have anticipated the unforeseen, he says. "Everyone plays that game," Snow says. "It's always taken as a sign of your incompetence, stupidity or callousness if you didn't anticipate a million different reactions."

Snow says he tried to avoid we-didn't-anticipate responses to questions about the administration's policies because "it probably sounds defensive." Instead, he says, he tried to explain the context in which

decisions were made — what the facts, goals and priorities were at the time — and let others engage in "destructive perfectionism."

But there are other reasons that government officials, businesspeople and the like might want to avoid the we-didn't-anticipate construction: It's a back-passing maneuver and a tacit admission of failure, says Grant Barrett, the editor of the Oxford Dictionary of American Political Slang.

"It really means that you didn't have foresight, that you didn't plan well, that you were ignorant before and that you're confessing that you're not ignorant now," Barrett says. "You're basically providing your opponents with the wedge in which they'll place their hammer and chisel to chip away at your credibility. You might as well draw up your letter of resignation."

Often, Barrett says, we-didn't-anticipate can give the perception that you just ignored someone else's anticipation.

Many people, for example, had long anticipated the failure of the New Orleans levees despite President Bush's assertion to the contrary in an ABC interview in September 2005.

Some economists, such as William Nordhaus of Yale and Nobel Prize-winner Joseph Stiglitz, predicted that rebuilding Iraq would be far more costly than Washington experts anticipated, including former Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan. Others, including financial reporters and columnists, worried about the housing bubble long before Washington policy-makers owned up to it.


And despite Vice President Dick Cheney's

assertion in June 2006 that no one "anticipated the level of violence that we've encountered" in Iraq, the record says otherwise. A number of defense and Middle East experts say administration officials ignored their warnings during the run-up to the war.

So the next time a twist of fate or failure goes unforeseen, you can bet that an official somewhere will trot out this catch-all phrase to evade blame or minimize

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Petraeus: He won't ask fresh troop buildup for Iraq; Bush to announce shorter tours

By Anne Flaherty
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — America's war commander in Iraq told Congress Wednesday he is unlikely to endorse any fresh buildup of troops even if security in the country deteriorates, signaling that the limits of the U.S. military have been reached for now.

Gen. David Petraeus, whose recommendation by lawmakers for a second day, described Iraq as a frail state still struggling to provide its own security.

That volatile situation figured in his recommendation to President Bush that a gradual pullout of U.S. troops be halted this summer — a recommendation Bush is expected to embrace in a speech Thursday.

But Petraeus also spoke of the burden on U.S. ground forces, and Bush will address that, too, in his speech at 11:30 a.m. Bush will announce plans to cut the combat tours of active-duty soldiers from 15 months to 12 months. The reduced deployments will not apply — at least initially — to any soldiers currently serving in Iraq, unless conditions improve to the point that commanders believe some could go home early.

Petraeus said, "I am keenly aware of the strain" on the military, noting his own deployment since 2001.

"And I can tell you that there is nothing that a commander feels more than, in fact, the losses that we have sustained over there."

Strains of war showing on Army's soldiers, equipment, their readiness to fight

By Pauline Jelinek
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — U.S. soldiers are committing suicide at record levels, young officers are abandoning their military careers, and the heavy use of forces in Iraq has made it harder for the military to fight conflicts that could arise elsewhere.

Unprecedented strains on the nation's all-volunteer military are threatening the health and readiness of the troops.

While the spotlight Wednesday was on congressional hearings with the U.S. ambassador and commanding general for Iraq, Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Richard Cody was in another hearing room explaining how troops and their families are being taxed by long wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and the prospect of future years of conflict in the global war on terror.

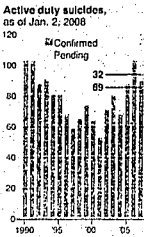
"That marathon has become an enduring relay and our soldiers continue to run — and at the double time," Cody said. "Does this exhaust the body and mind of those in the race, and those who are ever present on the sidelines, cheering their every step? Yes. Has it broken the will of the soldier? No."

And it's not just the people that are facing strains. Military depots have been working in high gear to repair or rebuild hundreds of thousands of pieces of equipment — from radios to vehicles to weapons — that are being overused and worn out in harsh battlefield conditions. The Defense Department has asked for \$46.5 billion in this year's war budget to repair and replace equipment damaged or destroyed in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Both the Army and Marine Corps have been forced to take equipment from non-

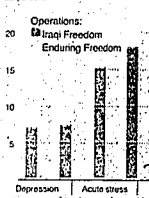
The psychological effects of war

About 121 soldiers committed suicide in 2007, while 11.4 percent of U.S. soldiers in Afghanistan suffered from depression.



SOURCES: Department of the Army, Mental Health Advisory Team V

Behavioral health, for brigade combat teams, 2007



deployed units and from pre-positioned stocks to meet needs of those in combat — meaning troops at home can't train on the equipment.

National Guard units have only an average of 61 percent of the equipment needed to be ready for disasters or attacks on the U.S., Missouri Democrat Ike Skelton lamented at Wednesday's hearing of the House Armed Services Committee.

Cody and his Marine counterpart, Gen. Robert Magnus, told the committee they're not sure their forces could handle a new conflict if one came along.

An annual Pentagon report this year found there was a significant risk that the U.S. military could not quickly and fully respond to another outbreak elsewhere in the world. The classified risk assessment concluded that long battlefield tours in Iraq and Afghanistan, along with persistent terrorist activity and other threats, are to blame.

The review grades the armed services' ability to meet the demands of the nation's military strategy —

which would include fighting the current wars as well as any potential outbreaks in places such as North Korea, Iran, Lebanon or China.

Similarly, a 400-page January report by the independent Commission on the National Guard and Reserves found the force isn't ready for a catastrophic chemical, biological or nuclear attack on this country, and National Guard forces don't have the equipment or training they need for the job.

Strain on individuals has been repeatedly documented.

It contributes to the difficulty in getting other Americans to join the volunteer military. The Army struggles to find enough recruits each year and to keep career soldiers.

Thousands more troops each year struggle with mental health problems because of the combat they've seen.

The lengthening of duty tours to 15 months from 12 a year ago also has been blamed for problems as has the fact that soldiers are being sent back for two, three or more times.

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EDITORIAL

Buying half a loaf at full-loaf prices

This week's \$900 million settlement between four Pacific Northwest Indian tribes and the federal government may — or may not — reduce the long-term threat to Idaho water.

But it sure won't end it. The deal committed federal agencies to pay for improving conditions for endangered salmon, but leaves intact four hydroelectric dams on the Lower Snake River that environmentalists say kill fish.

The settlement will end years of legal battles between the Bush administration and the tribes, but will not affect Idaho's Nez Perce Tribe, which is party to a lawsuit over salmon restoration. Nor will it derail environmental groups that have vowed to press on in their efforts to breach Ice Harbor, Lower Monumental Dam, Little Goose and Lower Granite dams.

That's critical because the federal judge who is presiding over a long-running lawsuit targeting federal operation of the dams has rejected two previous federal plans and threatened unspecified consequences if he doesn't like the latest effort.

U.S. District Judge James Redden could order the government to increase flows from the Snake River drainage to augment salmon recovery efforts, putting some southern Idaho water that irrigators now use in jeopardy.

So what are we getting for \$900 million? Time, basically.

The money will go for salmon hatchery improvements, stream restoration work, screens to protect fish and additional spillway weirs on some of the dams.

Will it boost salmon populations significantly? The feds hope so, because the only alternative is probably breaching the dams. That would force the region to replace about 5 percent of its hydropower with alternatives that cost upward of \$250 million a year.

In addition, dam removal and the resulting loss of barge traffic would each cost at least \$75 million annually.

As with any salmon recovery initiative, the effects of the feds' agreement with the tribes is uncertain because we still don't fully understand the science of wild salmon.

Is, for example, the current collapse of West Coast salmon runs due to human activities or climate cycles?

What we do know is that the \$900 million reprieve is going to be paid for mostly by Bonneville Power Administration ratepayers, which will probably mean higher power bills for residents of Burley, Rupert, Declo, Albion, Hayden and Minidoka as well as for customers of Minn-Cass utilities, Burt River Rural Electric Cooperative, East End Mutual Electric, Riverside Electric, Farmers Electric Company, South Side Electric Lines and United Electric.

In reality, the feds had few options other than trying to cut a deal with the Northwest tribes. If they hadn't, Redden might have been calling the shots on salmon recovery, which probably would have been bad news for Snake River water users and Idaho ratepayers.

But the chances are pretty good we'll still be talking about it — and paying for — salmon recovery when the tribal agreement expires in 2010.

Our view:
The federal government's \$900 million agreement with Pacific Northwest Indian tribes buys time for salmon recovery efforts, but the Lower Snake River dams could still be breached.

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

Cheap food may be a thing of the past

What's behind the world food crisis? These days you hear a lot about the world financial crisis, but there's another world crisis under way — and it's hurting a lot more people. I'm talking about the food crisis.



PAUL KRUGMAN

Over the past few years the prices of wheat, corn, rice and other basic foodstuffs have doubled or tripled, with much of the increase taking place just in the last few months. High food prices dismay even relatively well-off Americans, but they're truly devastating in poor countries, where food often accounts for more than half a family's spending.

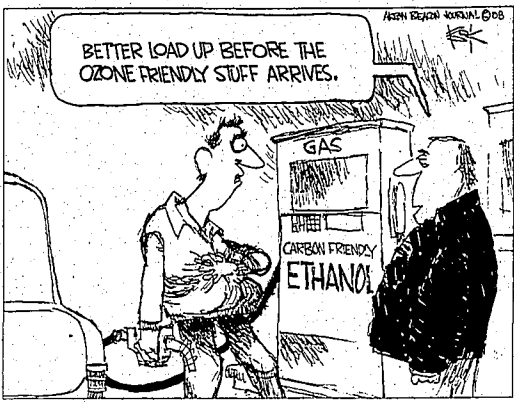
There have already been food riots around the world. Food-supplying countries, from Ukraine to Argentina, have been limiting exports in an attempt to protect domestic consumers, leading to angry protests from farmers — and making things even worse in countries that need to import food.

How did this happen? The answer is a combination of factors: bad luck — and bad policy.

Let's start with the things that aren't anyone's fault.

First, there's the march of the meat-eating Chinese — that is, the growing number of people in emerging economies who are, for the first time, rich enough to start eating like Westerners. Since it takes about 700 calories' worth of animal feed to produce a 100-calorie-portion of beef, this change in diet increases the overall demand for grains.

Second, there's the price of oil. Modern farming is highly energy-intensive: a lot of BTUs go into producing fertilizer, running tractors and not least, transporting farm products to



consumers. With oil persistently above \$100 per barrel, energy costs have become a major factor driving up agricultural costs.

High oil prices, by the way, also have a lot to do with the growth of China and other emerging economies. Directly and indirectly, these rising economic powers are competing with the rest of us for scarce resources, including oil and farmland, driving up prices for raw materials of all sorts.

Third, there has been a run of bad weather in key growing areas. In particular, Australia, normally the world's second-largest wheat exporter, has been suffering from an epic drought.

OK, I said that these factors behind the food crisis aren't anyone's fault, but that's not quite true. The rise of China and other emerging economies is the main force driving oil prices, but the invasion of Iraq — which proponents promised would be changed to "Sun in a Valley" or something similar due to the risk of animal waste from our local dairies at certain times. Odors can get really bad during wet, humid weather. Depending on the wind direction, the odor from dairy farms in Jerome and surrounding areas can be smelled for 20 miles, and that's no exaggeration.

And bad weather, especially the Australian drought, is probably related to climate change. So politicians and government officials who have stood in the way of

action on greenhouse gases bear some responsibility for food shortages.

Where the effects of bad policy are clear, however, is in the rise of demon ethanol and other biofuels.

The subsidized conversion of crops into-fuel was supposed to promote energy independence and help limit global warming. But this promise was, as Time magazine bluntly put it, a "scam."

This is especially true of corn ethanol: even an optimistic estimates, producing a gallon of ethanol from corn uses most of the energy the gallon contains. But it turns out that even seemingly "good" biofuel policies, like Brazil's use of ethanol from sugarcane, accelerate the pace of climate change by promoting deforestation. And meanwhile, land used to grow biofuel feedstock is land not available to grow food, so subsidies to biofuels are a major factor in the food crisis. You might put it this way: people who are hungry in Africa so that American politicians can court votes in farm states.

Oh, and in case you're wondering: All the remaining presidential contenders are terrible climate deniers.

One more thing: one reason the food crisis has gotten so severe, so fast, is that major players in the grain market grew complacent.

Governments and private parties used to hold large inventories in normal times, just in case a bad harvest created a sudden shortage. Over the years, however, these precautionary inventories were allowed to shrink, mostly because countries suffering crop failures could always import the food they needed.

This left the world food balance highly vulnerable to a crisis affecting many countries at once — in much the same way that the marketing of complex financial securities, which was supposed to diversify away risk, left world financial markets highly vulnerable to a systemic shock.

What should be done? The most immediate need is more aid to people in distress: the United Nations' World Food Program put out a desperate appeal for more funds last week.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Only Obenauer has courage to stand up to dairymen

I will be the first to admit that the dairy industry has been good for Jerome County and has been a blessing, but it has reached the point of being too much of a good thing. The stench arising from the various dairy and confined animal feeding operations is often enough to make a person's eyes water, not to mention the additional threat the industry's annual waste shoots on our water supply.

It seems that every time I pick up the paper there is an article chastising and criticizing Diana Obenauer for her handling of dairy issues and that she has a disruptive effect on the commission.

Until Diana was elected to the Jerome County Commission, the commission was not much more than a rubber stamp for any dairy issue that came before it. Diana has been the first person in years with the backbone to stand up to the

dairymen and stop them from running roughshod over people to get what they want.

Magic Valley has just about reached the point where the name will have to be changed to "Sun in a Valley" or something similar due to the risk of animal waste from our local dairies at certain times. Odors can get really bad during wet, humid weather. Depending on the wind direction, the odor from dairy farms in Jerome and surrounding areas can be smelled for 20 miles, and that's no exaggeration.

Cheers for Diana!
WILLIAM STRANGE
Jerome

Morley's 'harmony' means corrupt government

Lobbyist Roger Morley's corrupt attempt at "harmony" keeps quiet and off their feet on prosecution; commissioners could go into secret executive session to cover up all their shenanigans and violations with the county ordinances and other business; immigrant dairies could haul manure to Twin Falls County, but the commissioners limited democratic participation in dairy hearings to rich folks who owned real estate and lived within one mile.

gans and violations with the county ordinances and other business; immigrant dairies could haul manure to Twin Falls County, but the commissioners limited democratic participation in dairy hearings to rich folks who owned real estate and lived within one mile.

This toxic industry complains about folks building a home in the country because their invasive dairy pollution not only covers the industrial dairyman's property but ruins other property for miles around. Lobbyist Morley seems to be stepping down because the dairy lobby only wants to buy one lobbyist to represent them, and they figure Cathy Roemer is more capable of executing their agenda. After all she was a high-level party official. Harmony to Morley means corrupt government without protest. Morley's harmony and Morley's "agriculture."

MORLEY'S "HARMONY" MEANS CORRUPT GOVERNMENT

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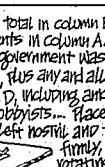
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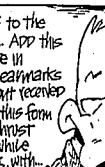
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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Beware of puppies from irresponsible breeders

I wonder how many readers know 99 percent of puppies sold in pet shops come, no matter what may be claimed, from puppy mills? Hidden, shameful places where thousands of breeding females live their whole lives in small wire cages with no bedding, no exercise, no veterinarian care, no human touch and are simply shot or discarded when they are no longer viable. 2 million to 3 million puppies are bred this way every year — from cute “designer” crossbreeds in Beverly Hills to “cash crops” all across the country. And at the other end of this tragic story, thousands of abandoned and stray dogs are euthanized yearly because homes cannot be found.

The good news is we can put puppy mills out of business with a simple vow never to buy a puppy from a pet shop or an advertisement in a newspaper or pet magazine or online. These are outlets for these pup-

pies, many of whom are inbred and unhealthy. It is easy to identify a caring, responsible breeder. He or she will want to meet you to make sure you are a suitable owner for the puppy being sold. Better still, adopt the new member of your family from an animal shelter or, if your heart is set on a particular breed, from a rescue organization. And remember, a large percentage of shelter dogs are purebred. They will also have their vaccinations and be spayed or neutered.

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Put a stop to puppy mills! It is a sad but self-evident truth that people who abuse defenseless animals have little love or respect for any other form of life.

DIANA FASSINO
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QUOTE

“We get a lot of, ‘Make it stop. No more snow, please.’”

— Steve Bodnar, a meteorologist for the National Weather Service, on requests from residents in Spokane, Wash., where 89.5 inches of snow have fallen this winter.

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OTHER VIEWS

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

... ethanol

Idaho State Journal, Pocatello

The people in Burley worry that when a brand-new ethanol plant (is fully operational), 100-car trains carrying corn to the plant could block all the city's rail-road crossings at once. And tanker trucks leaving the plant with loads of ethanol could cause traffic jams.

That may be the least of their worries. Pacific Ethanol, the California-based company that built the plant in Burley, has \$14.7 million in the fourth quarter and has delayed construction of its plant in Imperial Valley. Large construction cost overruns and higher corn prices get the blame. Still, the company operates plants in Montana, Calif. and Boardman, Ore., and has a major interest in an ethanol plant in Windsor, Colo., and another is set to open in Stockton, Calif. this year.

The Los Angeles Times reports that industry overcapacity is causing financial problems for ethanol plants nationwide.

There are winners in all this, notably farmers profiting from the surge in growing corn for fuel and those growing wheat to replace the diminishing corn crop used for food. And ethanol may make a small dent in the amount of oil that the U.S. imports from foreign sources.

But there are losers as well. A U.S. fund expert recently called agribusiness a “crime against humanity,” and Lester Brown of the Earth Policy Institute says that bio-fuels pit the 800 million people who live against the 800 million people with hunger problems. Even the prosper-

ous shoppers in the U.S. are finding food prices rising in concert with climbing grain prices paid to producers ...

If technology (may find) a way to convert possible feedstocks such as municipal trash, agricultural waste, algae, prairie grasses and even carbon dioxide. But don't count on that anytime soon. *The Magazine* says Iowa is the new Silicon Valley ... The state has so many ethanol distilleries under construction that it is poised to become a net importer of corn ...

But, as the magazine says, several new studies show the biofuel boom is dramatically accelerating global warming, imperiling the planet in the name of saving it. Corn ethanol ... turns out to be environmentally disastrous.

It's also fresh evidence that the law of unintended consequences has yet to be repealed.



... Sgt. Vela

Post Register, Idaho Falls

Mustafa al-Janabi's reaction to a military court's decision to punish an American soldier for killing his father is no small thing: “I find the Americans have more fairness than the Arabs,” he said.

To see our country's respect for the rule of law impress someone from a land where that concept is alien is comforting. In championing Sgt. Evan Vela of St. Anthony, U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, D-Idaho, and U.S. Sen. Mike Stumpson, R-Idaho, raise equally compelling points. Exercising the

right of appeal is no sign of disrespect for the law.

They're requesting clemency for Vela, which could include reversing his conviction or a more lenient sentence. A staff officer is preparing recommendations to a military review court. Vela was among six soldiers in a sniper squad whose hiding place south of Baghdad was destroyed by Gen. Nasir al-Janabi and Mustafa.

On May 11, the soldiers freed Mustafa — but the group's commander ordered Vela to kill al-Janabi. On Feb. 10, a military jury found Vela guilty of murder without premeditation, of aiding and abetting in planting an AK-47 on the victim's body, and lying to military investigators.

He got 10 years, the harshest sentence possible. Two other soldiers from the group — but convicted of murder but convicted of planting evidence on dead men ...

Why is it no one above the rank of noncommissioned officer is held to account for policies established by officials further up the chain of command? In Vela's case, there was testimony that superiors pressured the soldiers to rack up kills and to “hunt” their targets with suspicious items ...

Add it up and there's every reason to give Vela's case a deliberative second look.



... Ron Gillett

Lawton Tribune

Tom Gillett no doubt has

had better weeks ... (Last month), the Stanley outfitter who leads the Idaho Anti-Wolf Coalition was arrested after a confrontation with one of his neighbors ... wolf advocate Lynne Stone. He later pleaded innocent to misdemeanor charges of assault and battery, and was released on his own recognizance ...

(A few days later) the federal government did something Gillett had predicted it never would: It removed the Rocky Mountain gray wolf from the endangered species list.

If these incidents don't make the people Gillett has enlisted in his crusade to exterminate every wolf in Idaho ... suspect he might be a hothead given to sprouting unreliable information, you wonder what will ...

... according to Custer County Sheriff's Deputy Mike Tallbot, who arrested Gillett at his home. Gillett did admit trying to grab a camera Stone carried, saying she had no right to photograph him and put the photos on the Internet ...

Stone says Gillett grabbed her by the throat and shoulders and shook her violently, leaving a cut on her right hand, for which she went to a Stanley medical clinic.

She says he also told her, “If you were a man, I would beat the crap out of you.”

Gillett can answer to this in a court of law, but the court of public opinion should have reached its conclusion long ago ...

Gillett spreads the fear among people who apparently know no better that wolves are a bigger threat to human beings than other wild creatures. Statistically, that is preposterous. Mosquitoes, cougars, deer, mosquitos and even the lowly wood tick now emerging from winter's deep-freeze are just a few of the animals posing a greater threat to people ...

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SPIN the WHEEL

Olympic torch relay routed around San Francisco protests

By Juliana Barbossa and Marcus Wohlsen Associated Press writers

SAN FRANCISCO — The Olympic torch was routed away from thousands of demonstrators and spectators who crowded the city's waterfront Wednesday to witness the flame's symbolic journey to the Beijing Games.

The first torchbearer took the flame from a lantern brought to the stage and held it aloft before running into a warehouse. A motorcycle escort departed, but the torchbearer was nowhere in sight.

Then officials drove the Olympic torch about a mile through the city and handed it off to two runners away from protesters and media.

Less than an hour before the relay began, officials cut the original six-mile route nearly in half. The flame's only North American stop has drawn thousands of demonstrators gathered to praise and condemn China during the flame's journey to Beijing.

Chi Zhang, a software engineer from Sunnyvale, waited to see the torch since 10 a.m. He shook his head sadly four hours later when he heard the route had been changed. "That's surprising," he said. "We were very excited about



San Francisco Sheriff's Department officers block off part of Embarcadero Street during a rally for China's Olympic torch in front of Pier 1 in San Francisco, Wednesday.

this. This was supposed to be the only stop in the United States. I took a day off work to be here."

There were signs of tension even before the torch relay began. Pro-Tibet and pro-China groups were given side-by-side permits to demonstrate, and representatives from both sides spilled from their sanctioned sites across a major street and shrouded at each other nose to nose, with no visible police presence to separate them.

"A lot of Tibetan people are getting killed," said Kunga Yeshi, 18, who had traveled here from Salt Lake City. The Chinese said they'd change if

they got the Olympics, but they still won't change."

Farther along the planned route, about 200 Chinese college students mobbed a car carrying two people waving Tibetan flags in front of the city's Pier 39 tourist destination. The students, who arrived by bus from the University of California, Davis, banged drums and chanted "Go Olympics" in Chinese.

"I'm proud to be Chinese and I'm outraged because there are so many people who are so ignorant they don't know Tibet is part of China," Yi Che said. "It was and is and will forever be part of China."

FLDS church lawyer argues search of Texas compound like search of Vatican

By Michelle Roberts Associated Press writer

SAN ANGELO, Texas — Lawyers for a polygamist sect that is the subject of a massive child-abuse investigation argued in court Wednesday that although its members' multiple marriages and distinctive ways may be unusual, they have a right to their faith and privacy.

Gerry Goldstein, a San Antonio lawyer representing

the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, also told a judge that the search of the temple in the sect's West Texas compound is analogous to a law enforcement search of the Vatican or other holy places.

Goldstein asked the judge to throw out at least some of the search warrants as unconstitutional, but failing that, urged authorities to handle any documents seized with respect.

Prosecutor Allison Palmer countered that the purpose in seizing the documents was to uncover evidence of criminal activity, not to malign a religion.

State troopers and child welfare officials began a search of the FLDS compound in Eldorado last Thursday after a 16-year-old girl there called a local family violence shelter to report her 50-year-old husband beat and raped her.

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**AROUND
THE VALLEY**

**'Today' show to lend
a hand in Mini-Cassia**

Al Roker of the "Today" show will hit the road to lend a hand to charities in several states, including a charity in Mini-Cassia on Monday.

This is the seventh year the show has held the "Lend a Hand Today" event, where Roker packs up a truck and heads off to help small charities across the country that improve conditions in their communities.

Although the Mini-Cassia charity is being kept a secret, the show's staff confirmed they will be broadcasting from the area between 5 a.m. and 8 a.m.

The event will continue throughout the week in Boulder, Colo., on Tuesday, Albuquerque, N.M., on Wednesday, Oklahoma City on Thursday and Atlanta on Friday. During the visit, Roker will broadcast from the charitable organization. He will also present the charity with scores of essential items it needs to continue serving the community. Sponsors of the event include Columbia Sportswear Company, Nike, Chrysler, General Mills, JC Penny and Scholastic.

This year, the show has raised nearly \$550,000 in donations and expects more donations to come in throughout the event.

**T.F. police to revive
crime watch program**

Twin Falls Crime Prevention Officer Luke Allen wants to rebuild a fizzled neighborhood crime watch program.

"We haven't had neighborhood watch for a while," Allen said. The program tries to foster partnerships among neighbors and between neighbors and police.

"If you have the signs up and know the police officers, you're less likely to become victims," Allen said. Allen has a handful of brochures about the program and signs that warn would-be intruders at the police station and is willing to teach anyone who lives in town how to recognize suspicious criminal activity and how to build a safer neighborhood.

Anyone interested in starting a program in their area: 308-7284.

**Mini-Cassia voters
pass supplemental levy**

RUPERT — Minidoka County School District patrons approved a \$1.2 million supplemental facilities levy Tuesday night.

The levy will be used to fund facility maintenance, technology upgrades and general repairs across the school district.

The levy, which passed with a nearly five-to-one yes vote, was the largest bond approval in the past 20 years. "This is very encouraging," Trustee George MacDonald said. MacDonald thanked the citizens' advisory committee for its support of the levy.

The approved levy was for the years 2008-2010 and did not represent an increase from the 2006-2008 levy.

Minidoka County School District Business Manager Michelle DeLana said approval of the levy will allow the district to continue its scheduled maintenance of the district's buildings.

None of the money will go to the district's projects to build two new elementary schools in Heyburn and Acquia and an addition at Paul Elementary.

Of the 751 votes cast across 11 polling locations, 621 voted yes, 129 no and one ballot was spoiled.

The election results must still be certified by the Board of Trustees to become official.

— From staff reports

Convict sues Jerome police for '05 shooting

**ISP determined
officers acted
in self-defense**

By Cassidy Friedman
Staff writer

A man currently serving time for an attack on Jerome police is now suing city and

county law enforcement.

William Leroy Davis Jr. claims Jerome officers repeatedly ignored suicidal cries for help, then shot him twice during a confrontation when he posed no imminent threat. Later in jail, medical staff refused to remove the bullets while they festered painfully in his back, he alleges.

Davis is serving five fixed years after pleading guilty in

January 2006 to one count of aggravated assault.

He filed an October 2007 lawsuit against Jerome Police, Jerome County Sheriff's Office, county government, the Jerome hospital, and two Twin Falls County agencies.

Davis was ravaged by methamphetamines in November 2005 when the shooting occurred. He's suing the officers, their superiors

and medical staff at the jail for compensation and punitive damages.

His lawsuit contradicts the findings of Idaho State Police investigators, who called the Nov. 5 shooting an act of self-defense. Investigators found that police fired at Davis only after he lunged at officers with a "large carving-type knife" outside of St. Benedict's Regional Medical Center.

He argues that in his drug-induced paranoid suicidal state he never presented a threat to anyone but himself. When he was 25 feet from the closest officer, another officer, George "Pee Wee" Silver III, fired his gun three times, hitting Davis once in the stomach. Then Silver shot him in the back as he lay on the ground, Davis alleges.

Please see LAWSUIT, Page B3

Spring snow surprise



A Twin Falls County Sheriff vehicle drives through blowing snow Wednesday morning along 3000 East Road south of Twin Falls. Today's forecast for the Magic Valley is breezy conditions with a high of 52.

Take heart, gardeners: 68° coming Saturday

By Nate Poppino
Staff writer

Not that the weather's been completely cooperative the past two weeks, Brandy Fraley said, but Wednesday morning's snow put a damper on trails at Kelley Garden Center in Twin Falls.

"We had those couple of nice days and it was starting to pick up, and then the wind picked up and it got cold again," said Fraley, the store's office manager. "I'd love it if spring would actually arrive."

It may be April, but it felt more like February for much of the day as morning snow showers scattered anywhere from four inches to less than one across the Magic Valley. Wednesday's 32-degree weather may have seemed an unpleasant

"I'd love it if spring would actually arrive."

— Brandy Fraley, office manager at Kelley Garden Center.

change to some after several days of high around 50 degrees. But as long-time residents may know, April snow is actually somewhat common, said Tim Barker, a meteorologist with the National Weather Service.

The average April snowfall for the desert region is 1.3 inches, Barker said, and it's normal for an inch or more of snow to be recorded at least one day of the month.

"It's not that unusual," he said. "The month even boasts several large snowfalls over the past couple

of decades, the most recent being an April 1999 storm that dropped six inches of snow.

More unusual, Barker said, is snow in May — the last time more than an inch was recorded was in 1983.

In Twin Falls, snow clung to grass and dirt until mid-afternoon. But the National Weather Service only recorded three-tenths of an inch of snow for the area, compared to about four inches in Jerome, another meteorologist confirmed Wednesday night.

Of seven local sporting events across the valley, including baseball and softball games, only one was not cancelled — a softball doubleheader between Kimberly and DeLa.

Please see SNOW, Page B3

**T.F. emergency
groups discuss
floods, quakes**

By Damon Hunzeker
Correspondent

Is the Magic Valley in impending danger of succumbing to massive earthquakes and catastrophic floods?

No. Not just in case, the Local Emergency Planning Committee held its monthly meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Twin Falls County Courthouse. Jay Breidenbach, a senior hydrologist and meteorologist from the National Weather Service, provided a presentation on the past year and how it affects the months ahead.

"Part of our mission," he said, "is to provide warning, if for instance, rivers rise and to protect life, and property."

Nonetheless, Breidenbach presented an optimistic view. Because of La

"Nina — a cold pattern in the Pacific Ocean," as opposed to the warm pattern produced by El Niño, he expects the Pacific Northwest to continue along the trend of cooler weather during April, which should essentially end the drought.

"If you get a lot of water and snow, you should always root for La Nina in this area," Breidenbach said. He described the amount of snow Twin Falls received this year as "very deep and unusual" and said that "it's almost an ideal snowpack for Twin Falls. It's kind of amazing that we were able to ease out of that very deep snow depth without a flood problem."

All of this is related to events in the Pacific Ocean and how La Nina or El Niño tap into the polar and sub-

tropical jet-streams, respectively.

This year has, according to Breidenbach, seen the coldest Pacific waters since 1988 — but the water off the coast of South America is warming, which indicates a cessation of La Nina's cooling effects.

But the amount of snow this winter also presents potential flooding.

"The outlook is that Twin Falls County is probably not going to have any floods," Gary Davis, the area field officer for the Department of Homeland Security, later told the *Times-News*. "But if we have a warm rain that sets on top of the snow and brings it down faster, there could be issues. You never know what Mother Nature is going to do."

On Feb. 21, nature surprised a lot of Western residents with an earthquake in Nevada — which could have affected Idaho more severely than most people realized. Breidenbach, using a simulation he created, on his computer, demonstrated to the committee what would happen

if the Salmon Falls Reservoir were breached.

Jackie Frey coordinator of the Twin Falls Department of Emergency Services, pointed out that the dam, unlike most, is privately owned by the Salmon River Canal Company and is therefore exempt from the detailed emergency plans associated with federally owned dams. "It doesn't matter who owns it," Breidenbach said. "If something happens, we need to get a warning out."

Within 30 minutes, Breidenbach's simulation demonstrated, the dam would collapse. First, Balanced Rock Road would be wiped out, and then the Miracle Hot Springs community would have about 11 hours to evacuate before the homes and buildings were destroyed. "Eleven hours is a whole heck of a lot better than 20 minutes," Frey said.

"The odds of something happening are slim," Davis told the *Times-News*.

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No candidates yet for May 20 Jerome School Board race

By Andrea Jackson
Staff writer

Steady tides on the Jerome School Board have led to little trustee turnover in recent years and with two seats up for grabs May 20, it's not looking like the weather is about to change.

No one has officially filed yet for the two open seats, Jerome School District Clerk Linda Adams says Wednesday.

Two seats on the five-member school board, one held by Lois Barker in Zone 4, and Kelly Bangerter in Zone 3, will be decided at the polls next month. Prospective candidates until April 16 to file.

After that, candidates can run as write-ins, and those forms must be turned in to Adams by May 6, she said.

Election forms for the three-year positions can be obtained at the school district office, 107 Third Ave. W.

Bangerter, who ran unopposed in 2002 and then unopposed again in 2005, lives in a residential home 100 feet outside of his school zone prevents him from running for re-election.

"When I was first elected, I knew that I faced significant obstacles," Bangerter said. "I however, I believe that I have left the district in a stronger state than when I arrived."

But Bangerter still plans to run again for her seat, but has yet to drop off her filing information. "Highlights are definitely getting the school bond passed and the two new schools."

The Jerome School District is home to three elementary schools, a middle school and a high school.

Only residents living in zones 4 and 3 can vote. Zone 3 includes much of the southeast portion of town, and zone 4 includes the northeast quadrant, according to information from the school district.

"I would say the turnover really isn't that high," said Adams. "People who run tend to at least go two terms if not more."

The other three sitting school board members in Jerome are serving out terms that expire in 2009 and 2010. Reed Crozier was in 2003, was elected in a contested 2002 race, then he ran unopposed in 2005 with that term ending in June 2009, said Adams.

Representing Zone 1, Linda Hixson, was appointed in 2005 to fill in for a resigning school board member, and then she ran unopposed in 2006 with her term ending next year, said Adams.

Rob Williams, from Zone 5, ran unopposed in 2004, again unopposed in 2007, and his term expires in 2010, Adams said.

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**Jerome
school
elections**

Voting in the Jerome School District will be from noon until 8 p.m. on May 20 at Horizon Elementary School for Zone 4, and Jefferson Elementary School for Zone 3.

For more voting information, 324-2392.

For zoning information, www.magicvalley.com

SERVICES

Vera LaDue Smith Hawkins of Rupert, funeral at 1 p.m. today at the Rupert West LDS Stake Center, 36 S. 100 W. in Rupert; visitation from noon to 12:45 p.m. today at the church (Hansmann Funeral Home in Burley).

Robert (Bob) Leffoy Harney, funeral Mass at 9 p.m. today at St. Edward the Confessor Catholic Church, 161 Sixth Ave. E. in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Burley).

Rose Mabel Thorpe of Mountain Home, service at 2:30 p.m. today at the Host Funeral Home, McMurrey Chapel in Mountain Home; visitation at noon today at the mortuary.

Roger Dean White of Jerome, funeral at 3 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; visitation one hour before the funeral.

Stasha Byre of Rupert, funeral at 6 p.m. today at the Christian Center Assembly of

God, 317 W. 27th St. in Burley (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Robert (Bob) Ernest Brown of Boise and formerly of the Magic Valley area, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Cassia Street LDS Chapel, 3200 Cassia St. in Boise; visitation from 10 to 10:45 a.m. at the church (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Boise).

Marvin Eugene Foreman of Burley, memorial service at 3 p.m. Friday at the Hansen-Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley.

Frank Klimes of Nampa, celebration of life graveside service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Twin Falls Cemetery in Twin Falls (Alsip Funeral Home in Nampa).

Olava Marian Borgogno of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Saturday at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, 101 N. Bliss in Wendell (Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

John A. Schenk

RUEPIT — After a peaceful symphony of life's dance on his 72nd wedding anniversary, John A. Schenk, a 97-year-old longtime resident of Rupert, died April 5, 2008, at the University of Utah Burn Center in Salt Lake City of burns he sustained in a house fire.



Bagley of Burley; three grandchildren, Becky (Lutz) Acular of Filer, Wendy (Mario) Calderon of Burley and Dallan Cantrell of Oakley; 10 great-grandchildren; one great-grandchild, with another on the way; three brothers, Art Schenk of Wendell, Ed (Lois) Schenk of Twin Falls and Hal Schenk of Indiana; and one sister, Ella Sallsbury of Salt Lake City, Utah. He was preceded in death by his parents; two sons; and four sisters. John Schenk (died when she was 7 years old), Lorene Lenn Schenk (died when she was 7 years old), Martha Culler.

The funeral will be at 11 a.m. Friday, April 11, at Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St. in Burley, with Pastor David Powey officiating. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery. A visitation will be held 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, April 10, at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St., and an hour before the service Friday.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Rupert Trinity Lutheran Church, 909 Eighth St., Rupert, ID 83350.

John was born in Menno, S.D., on Jan. 30, 1911, to Phillip and Rosina Pfeifle Schenk, the oldest child of nine children. He married Rose Wolf on April 5, 1936, in Rupert. To this union were born two sons, Ronald Gene Schenk and Gerald Dean Schenk, both deceased; and one daughter, JoAnn (Doug) Bagley of Burley. John was a hard-working farmer. In the winter, he worked at the Amalgamated Sugar Co. until his retirement. His hobby and passion in life was fishing and spending time with his family. He was an active member of the Trinity Lutheran Church, serving in many capacities when he was young.

John is survived by his loving wife of 72 years, Rose; one daughter, JoAnn (Doug)

DEATH NOTICES

Betty Z. Coats

KIMBERLY — Betty Zorech Coats, 73, of Kimberly, died Tuesday, April 8, 2008, at the Heritage Retirement Center in Twin Falls. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 12, at White Mortuary in Twin Falls (online guestbook, www.WM.com).

Avilla Lewis

RUEPIT — Avilla Ruth Lewis, 71, of Rupert, died Monday, April 7, 2008, at St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center in Twin Falls. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m.

Monday, April 14, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St.; visitation from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday, April 13, at Hansmann Funeral Home, 1530 E. 16th St. in Burley and from 10 until 10:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Leo Mudd

BUHL — Leo "Dean" Mudd, 73, of Buhl, died Wednesday, April 9, 2008, at his home. At his request, a private family service will be held at a later date. Cremation was under the direction of Parkes Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Prison work crews cleaning up vandalism at Lewiston cemetery

LEWISTON (AP) — More than 160 headstones have been toppled and damaged at the Normal Hill Cemetery in this north-central Idaho city, some so badly officials say they cannot be repaired. The vandalism during the weekend at the city's first cemetery, which dates to 1888 and includes the graves of city founders, was the second time in a week that grave markers were

reported knocked over. "We're doing what we can, number one from a maintenance standpoint," said Lynn Moss, Lewiston Parks and Recreation director. "We're trying to collect them and put as many of them back on the bases if we can." "Our inmate work crews have already put 140 stones back on their bases and they estimate there's another 20 or 30 on the ground," Moss said Tuesday.

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Cassia Co. invites residents to join wind-measuring project

By Sven Berg Staff writer

Don't feel bad if you don't know what an anemometer is. Most people can barely pronounce the word.

Nonetheless, anemometers, which measure wind speed, are important scientific instruments, especially for anyone interested in building a wind farm or just plain interested in wind.

Now Cassia County is looking for residents who might want to have anemometers installed on their land.

Leroy Jarolimiek, who is planning to build a 19-unit wind farm near his home west of Burley, said wind can be a powerful resource, especially in a time when renewable energy sources are at a premium. Jarolimiek said one small windmill he currently operates generates enough power to run his home and shop.

"It's basically eliminated our power bill," he said.

Jarolimiek said the anemometer program could provide crucial wind research for experts looking to map the county's wind patterns. He said the instruments are currently owned by Idaho Department of Water Resources, but the agency, already swamped with water issues, is looking to divest from energy matters.

Residents enrolled in the anemometer program must have at least in an area that is subject to at least Class 3 wind — 13 to 14 mph on average at an altitude of 20 meters. Anemometers would stay on the land at least one year to record annual wind patterns. Jarolimiek said maintaining an anemometer is very little work, requiring only the changing of a flush-drive-sized component once every few months.

Jarolimiek said Idaho, especially Cassia County, is full of untapped potential for wind-energy generation. He blamed state legislators for not encouraging the development of that potential.

"It's basically eliminated our power bill." — Leroy Jarolimiek, talking about a small windmill he has at his home west of Burley



Cassia County wind farmer Leroy Jarolimiek demonstrates the use of an anemometer — an instrument that measures wind speed.

"Idaho has got a reputation among all the wind growers as being pro-wind," he said. "Idaho has all this potential, and our Legislature hasn't even talked about it."

Jarolimiek said the difference between Idaho and states such as Texas, California and Minnesota, which actively encourage development of wind resources, is that Idaho is not willing to provide start-up money for wind projects. That leaves landowners interested in building wind farms leaning on investors — a dangerous prospect because if a project fails through without making back the investors' money, the land itself can be used as collateral.

Had the state's policy toward wind been more proactive, Jarolimiek said, he might have been able to be a substantial owner in his own future wind farm. As it is, he owns about one half of one percent of it — plus the land it's located on.

Jarolimiek said he expects to break ground on the new wind farm this spring. After that, he anticipated about five to six months of construction time before his turbines are

cranking out 26 megawatts of electricity, enough to power about 10,000 homes.

To participate in Cassia County's anemometer program, call 478-7302.

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STUDENT FOOD DRIVE



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SERVICE NEWS

Jennifer J. Moore

SAN ANTONIO, Texas — Air Force Airman Jennifer J. Moore has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.



Moore

Brian J. Layton

Air Force Staff Sgt. Brian J. Layton has deployed over-

seas to a forward operating base in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Layton, a fire protection craftsman with five years of military service, is normally assigned to the 366th Civil Engineer Squadron, Mountain Home Air Force Base.

The training consists of Basic Infantry Training and

Advanced Individual Training.

He is a 2007 graduate of Twin Falls High School and the son of Richard Bean of Twin Falls.

Timothy L. Stemp

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Army National Guard Pvt. Timothy L. Stemp has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

He is the son of Eileen Fowler of Buhl.

years of military service, is assigned to the 308th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, 11th Air Force Base, Ogden, Utah.

The sergeant graduated in 1980 from Twin Falls High School and received an associate degree in 2007 from the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Phillip Schmidt of Twin Falls.

Caitlin Brower

COLUMBIA, S.C. — Army Pvt. Caitlin Brower has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Brower is a 2007 graduate of Twin Falls High School and is the daughter of Denise Delaney of Buhl.

— From staff reports

Lawsuit

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Glen Goff, a claims adjuster for Idaho Counties Risk Management Program, a government insurer responsible for the county's defense, did not return a phone call.

On Nov. 4, Davis made a call announcing his desperation to police.

He told them he was feeling suicidal and lacked anyone to turn to for help, he alleges.

Davis "had been up for several days prior to the call and was having hallucinations of people trying to hurt and steal from (me)," he wrote. He said he "also began to fall into a state of depression."

Three police officers left Davis at home, finding him "non-threatening and friendly," he wrote.

At about 1 p.m. the next day, he developed "suicidal thoughts," grabbed a knife and told his girlfriend he was going to hurt himself. She talked him out of it. Another woman, the mother of his child, told police Davis had a knife and asked them for help. Police never responded to that call, according to Davis.

Three hours later, Davis called 911 from his cell phone and waited for police to meet him at Oasis Stop N Go in Jerome. Three officers arrived with another officer, former Twin Falls County Sheriff's Detective Jerry Martinez.

Martinez denies he was there. After he frisked him for the knife reported in the earlier 911 call, Davis admitted to using meth and told the officers he was "depressed, paranoid and having hallucinations."

The officers told him to stop calling 911.

Against that advice, he called 911 moments later from his cell phone. This time, Silver threatened to take him to jail if he called again.

Davis argues despite his numerous calls for help and amid his worsening condition, police ignored him.

Jerome Police Chief Dan Hall declined comment on the case Wednesday, citing pending litigation, but Hall said an officer faced with a suicidal person has a couple of options.

By Idaho law, an officer may place the person in a 24-hour protective hold in a mental facility when he or she is "gravely disabled due to mental illness or the person's liberty poses an imminent danger to themselves or others."

That law applies to mentally ill people; not people high on drugs, he said.

"We don't have a written policy saying, 'this is what you say,'" Hall said. "Typically, if there is a resource that we are aware of that we can point them to we would point them toward that."

By 7:30 p.m., Davis' friends tried to get him admitted to St. Benedict's. When he refused to go in, his friends called police again.

As officers arrived, Davis was holding a knife to his chest.

He began to run away, but more than 15 yards into his escape, he stopped and turned around for fear of being shot, he wrote.

Davis wrote that he then proceeded to walk toward

(officer Dennis) Clark "when the first shots fired dropped Davis to the ground. A follow-up shot rendered him unconscious.

Martinez, an off-duty detective from another county, heard the call on his scanner and joined the officers in wrestling Davis on the ground.

"He was struggling all the way through," Martinez said. "He was fighting. When I got there, the officers were tired of struggling with him."

Davis argues, however, when he reawakened, five officers were beating and handcuffing him.

"We never punched him. He's a liar," said Martinez. "That's what needs to be more told here. They commit the crime if they don't want to pay the time. That's ridiculous."

Martinez said he arrived after Davis was already laying face-down on the ground and observed none of the shots. Multiple spectators observed the altercation, Martinez said.

After then-Magic Valley Regional Medical Center released him to the Jerome County jail, the medical staff in the jail denied multiple requests to have the bullets removed from his back. The wounds had become infected, causing him extreme pain, he said.

The staff "demonstrated deliberate indifference to the plaintiff's serious needs," he wrote.

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Soldier from Boise killed by grenade in Iraq

BOISE (AP) — Army officials say a soldier from Boise died in Iraq Monday after being attacked by a rocket-propelled grenade.

The soldier is identified as 23-year-old Sgt. Michael T. Lilly, who joined the Army after graduating from Borah High School.

Lilly was assigned to the 1st Squadron, 2nd Stryker Cavalry Regiment, based in Vilseck, Germany.

Lilly was killed along with another soldier, Spc. Jason C. Kazirick, of Oakmont, Penn., in an attack in Sadr City.

Relatives say Lilly enlisted in the Army after the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. In a statement released through the Idaho National Guard, the family said Lilly, who was married, believed that serving in the Army was what he needed to do in life.

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Snow

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The blowing snow apparently wasn't a huge threat to drivers in the area. The largest weather-related accident reported all day was a semi truck carrying two trailers full of wheat that slid off of U.S. Highway 93 at about 7 a.m., dispatchers said.

The truck, owned by Anderson Trucking of Burley, leaked whey from one trailer onto the roadway until Idaho State Police and the Idaho Transportation Department showed up to help, ISP Senior Trooper Michael Faller said. Police are still investigating the accident.

Wednesday's storm was slow-moving, allowing snow to build up in some places, Barker said. But the plodding storm was brief, and today's high is predicted to be 52 degrees. The warning should continue through the weekend, he said, with a high of 68 predicted for Saturday — perfect gardening weather.

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Today's Auctions are on page C-6. Includes an image of a man in a suit.

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Blaine County struggles to attract more teachers

KETCHUM (AP)—Officials in the resort area of central Idaho are trying to head off a possible teacher shortage they foresee being caused by high home prices that teachers can't afford.

"They love the salary, they love the scenery, they'd love to move here, but when they see the cost of living and housing, they're not even interested in filling out an application," Mike Chatterton, business manager for the Blaine County School District, told the Idaho Mountain Express.

The Blaine County Education Foundation announced earlier this month that it has awarded its first "forgivable loans" to help Wood River High School teachers make down payments on homes.

Erika Swanger was hired this year to teach Spanish at Wood River High School, and was one of the first two recipients of a "forgivable loan" of up to \$10,000.

"The loans are forgiven at a rate of \$2,000 per year. I think this grant is great," Swanger said. "It helped us get stabilized in the valley. It's an expensive place to live. With the program, they make it possible to actually stay here. I wouldn't have been able to buy a home by myself."

Chatterton said that teacher salaries in Blaine County are 40 percent higher than those of teachers farther south, near Twin Falls. But he said the cost of buying a home in Blaine County is 60 percent higher than it is in the Twin Falls area.

Another looming problem, Chatterton said, is that half the district's teachers will reach retirement age within 10 years.

"I wouldn't say it's a crisis stage, but it's a big area of concern for us and we have to start moving toward some solutions now," he said.

To bring in teachers, the district is offering rent subsidies, is helping some workers in the district with college expenses so they can become teachers, and is looking at ways to get into the real estate market for teacher housing.

"There are a lot of programs we've developed over the years that will help with the problem, but we won't really solve it until we can provide affordable housing for teachers," Chatterton said.

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Leatherheads on 7:00 & 8:30
Horton Hears a Who on 7:30 & 8:45

Group begins project to rate N. Idaho child-care providers

COEUR D'ALENE (AP)—A pilot project by a group that wants to establish a five-star rating system for child-care providers in Idaho is entering its second year.

IdahoSTARS Quality Child Care Rating System allows child care providers to volunteer to participate in the statewide project.

It's an effort to improve the quality of care and offer parents more information about where to send their children.

The group hopes to have the rating system in place by 2009 for child-care providers who want to participate.

More than 70 facilities volunteered this year, and 29 were randomly selected to take part, said Maritha Anderson, IdahoSTARS regional quality consultant in Hayden.

She said the voluntary rating system is important because Idaho has few child-care regulations.

Day care centers with fewer than seven children are not regulated by the state.

Idaho lawmakers in the most recent session killed a bill that would have set stan-

dards — such as criminal background checks for workers and annual health and fire inspections — for centers with four or more unrelated children.

"This is really grass roots," Anderson told the Spokesman-Review. "We want to help individual providers improve their quality."

Fingerprints Children's Center in Lewiston is one of the facilities taking part in the program this year.

"It's completely supportive of the idea of it," said Brooke Pederson, the center's director. "Hopefully parents will see that centers that made an effort to be in the system will be the quality centers."

An IdahoSTARS mentor will work with child-care providers to develop a plan to improve, as well as apply for grants to make improvements.

Once that work is finished, the providers would receive the STAR rating.

Because it's a voluntary program, Anderson said, it would be up to the day-care provider to decide whether to make the results public.

At least 10 wolves killed in Wyoming since protections removed

LANDER, Wyo. (AP) — Wyoming Game and Fish officials say, at least 10 wolves have been killed in the state since the federal government ended its protection of the animals last month.

All 10 of the wolves have been killed in Sublette County. They've been killed in the area of the state where regulations classify wolves as predators that can be killed on sight.

Wolves in the northwestern corner of Wyoming generally can only be killed by licensed hunters.

Federal agents on Monday killed four wolves at a Sublette County ranch that had reportedly killed calves inside a rancher's cow pen over the weekend.

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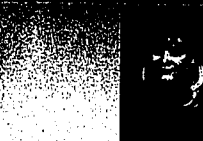
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Harper, Hunt sign with CSI women's basketball

Gamblin, Lucet, Plunkett set to return

By Eric Larsen
Staff writer

Wednesday afternoon, the College of Southern Idaho women's basketball program began laying the foundation for what head coach Randy Rogers hopes is a return trip to the NJCAA Division I National Championships.

Raft River High standout Nicole Harper and McChel Hunt of Plain City, Utah's Fremont High became the first players to sign National Letters of Intent to play for the Golden Eagles during the 2008-09



Harper

"We've got to replace a lot of guards, and that's been my focus, is finding guards that can not only

help us win this league, but help us at the national tournament," Rogers said.

Harper has been a familiar face in the realm of Magic Valley high school basketball as a four-year varsity player for the Trojans. The 5-foot-8 guard led Raft River to a 19-0 record and runner-up finish at the Class IA state tournament as a senior, and garnered Idaho Statesman IA Player of the Year honors for her efforts. She averaged 15 points, nine rebounds, 6.6 assists and 5.8 steals as a senior, and chose CSI for a variety of factors.

"Of all the colleges, CSI felt right," Harper said. "It was the perfect environment, it's close to home and

they have a great, successful program. It's always been high in my mind."

"The 6-foot Hunt is expected to play small forward at CSI after helping Fremont to a 17-1 record as a senior and 14-0 mark in Utah's Class 5A Region 1 standings. She averaged 11.5 points, 3.1 steals and 2.1 assists per game and adds a wrinkle to CSI's offensive attack, as she's left-handed.

"It's my second weapon, going left," Hunt said with a smile.

The two incoming freshmen are expected to be officially joined shortly as CSI signees by sophomores Kim Gamblin, Soana Lucet and Maddy Plunkett. Gamblin sat

out the 2007-08 season after transferring from Snow College and suffering a midseason hip fracture that's kept her on crutches for months.

Lucet and Plunkett both garnered All-America honors for their efforts in leading the 32-4 Golden Eagles to a sixth-place national finish.

"To have one All-American is big," Rogers said. "To have two All-Americans is huge. The last time that happened, I had Nakeya Isabell and Sidney Orndorff, and we played for a national championship their sophomore years."

Harper and Hunt will be expected

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WANTED: WORTHY CHALLENGER



Among those looking to challenge Tiger Woods, center, at this year's Masters are, clockwise from left, Padraig Harrington, Phil Mickelson, Ernie Els and Zach Johnson.

Bouncing back from a scandal

With too-close-to-call races and good story lines, NBA is thriving

By Brian Mahoney
Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — David Stern has all kinds of data showing NBA attendance is up, TV ratings are up and merchandise sales are up.

Good news, obviously, but not the evidence he'd cite first when calling this a good year.

For that, the commissioner turns to a much different set of numbers: the Western Conference standings.

That's where he finds the deepest playoff race his league has ever seen, the catalyst

for a remarkable turnaround. The NBA is a week away from closing a memorable regular season, bouncing back from perhaps the worst offseason it's ever endured.

And it's happened in the best way possible to Stern, with strong play and better story lines on the court that are just too good to be ignored.

"The basketball part is what has legs because the world is watching and they're really having a good time watching," Stern said.

Are they ever.

Throw in a too-close-to-call MVP race, the record-shattering re-emergence in Boston of the league's winningest franchise, and a flurry of blockbuster trades, and there's been no shortage of things to talk about for fans.

"The races, the Western Conference, you've got Boston back being one of the best teams, one of the storied franchises that has now come back to prominence. The Lakers are back up there again with the moves they've made. I think it's been a good year all the way around," Minnesota coach Randy Wittman said. "The more

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The success of Kobe Bryant and the Los Angeles Lakers is just one reason the NBA drew more than 4.2 million fans, its highest attendance ever in March, while sales at the NBA Store in New York were up 46 percent from last year.

Can anyone keep pace with Tiger at the Masters?

By Thomas Bonk
Los Angeles Times

AUGUSTA, Ga. — It's a roped-off rectangular patch, just a few steps from the towering old oak tree that is the expense outside the three-story white clubhouse. The first tee at Augusta National Golf Club, that's where it all starts for the 94 players who begin the first round of the Masters Thursday.

From the tee, the view is the same for everyone — a rolling expanse of green grass, a yawning bunker down the right side, 455 yards of trouble everywhere you look.

Tiger Woods sees something different. His vision is on a grander scale because that's the way he's built:

besides, it's also what is expected of him.

The Masters kicks off the majors, in its rightful role, and Woods begins his audacious quest of winning them all this year. That's the sort of role that may not be his right, but he's the only player who begins the 72nd Masters who would dare mention it as a possibility in the first place.

Phil Mickelson said Woods is human, he thinks.

"I don't think it really matters if you're favored or not," Mickelson said. "I think how you're perceived heading into this tournament really doesn't matter."

Like everyone else, Woods will find a stern test in front of him on the finely manicured and pristine

INSIDE:

• A look at each of Augusta National's 18 holes
• Par 3 contest televised for first time
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AUGUST 1. A National. It may appear benign, with Rae's Creek meandering through Amen Corner, the calming sound of birds chirping and rows of azaleas showing their blazing colors.

But its looks are deceiving. Make no mistake, this is a mean place, 7,455 yards of sheer terror at every turn. Last year, when Zach Johnson won, the winning score was one over, matching the highest winning score in history.

Woods has done all right here. If

four victories mean anything, but he knows that you can't make birds the same way you used to.

"You know you used to say that par was 68 for the longer hitters," he said. "I remember roaring around here and hitting good drives off the par fives and good irons to every green. That's no longer the case."

The weather was cold and windy for most of the weekend last year, which adversely affected the scoring, but outside of a chance of rain Friday and Saturday, the conditions are shaping up for something a lot different this week.

And while Woods may be the favorite, but he's not the only one

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Snowfall forces cancellation, rescheduling of area events

Staff report

Wednesday's morning snowfall forced the postponement of numerous high school sporting events in the Magic Valley, including the Farmers' National/Zion's Bank Invitational at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding. The multi-team track meet has been rescheduled for 2 p.m. Friday. Gooding athletic director Joleen Toose said all area teams are expected to

participate Friday.

Buhl's home baseball and softball games against Wendell were pushed back to today, with each contest starting at 4 p.m.

The Great Basin Conference West baseball matchup between Burley and Jerome was also wiped out by the inclement weather along with Twin Falls softball's nonconference contest with Pocatello. No makeup date has been set those games.

Kimberly's Makings hurls another no-no

Freshman shuts down Declo as Bulldogs cruise to sweep

Staff report

Kimberly freshman pitcher Nellie Makings threw her second no-hitter in as many days as the undefeated Bulldogs trounced visiting Declo 12-0 and 15-0 during a mastery Wednesday in Kimberly.

Makings came one out shy of a perfect five-inning game in the opener, as a throwing error with two outs recorded in the top of the fifth finally allowed a

Hornets runner to reach base safely.

Makings struck out six Declo batters in the win, while the Bulldogs crushed 11 extra-base hits, highlighted by home runs from Kasele Newberry and Alex Pfafferte.

"We know we have to try to keep getting better," Bulldogs head coach Rich Bishop said. "It was important to come out with two big wins and do it convincingly."

Newberry finished 6-for-

6 on the day while Silva ended up 4-for-4 with a walk and three Game 1 doubles. The 18-0 Bulldogs improved to 3-0 in the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference heading into Tuesday's home doubleheader against the rival Bully Indians.

"Our goal is to get the home field advantage for the (conference) tournament," Bishop said. "We know Bully's going to come

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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

Table for Major League Baseball scores. Columns include Team, W, L, Pct, H, R, E, and A. Rows list teams like Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, etc.

National League All-Time Record Table. Columns include Team, W, L, Pct.

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BOYS GOLF: Mason at Twin Falls, DH 2 p.m.
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MUSICAL BASKETBALL: Mason at Twin Falls, DH 2 p.m.
MISCELLANEOUS: Mason at Twin Falls, DH 2 p.m.

TV SCHEDULE

ATLANTA: Atlanta Braves vs Pittsburgh Pirates
COLORADO: Colorado Rockies vs Philadelphia Phillies
CHICAGO: Chicago Cubs vs St. Louis Cardinals
CLEVELAND: Cleveland Indians vs Boston Red Sox

DALLAS: Texas Rangers vs New York Yankees
DETROIT: Detroit Tigers vs Oakland Athletics
FLORIDA: Florida Marlins vs Montreal Expos
HOUSTON: Houston Astros vs Cincinnati Reds

LOS ANGELES: Los Angeles Angels vs Seattle Mariners
MINNESOTA: Minnesota Twins vs Kansas City Royals
NEW YORK: New York Yankees vs Boston Red Sox
SAN FRANCISCO: San Francisco Giants vs Los Angeles Dodgers

ST. LOUIS: St. Louis Cardinals vs Chicago Cubs
WASHINGTON: Washington Nationals vs Tampa Bay Devil Rays
WISCONSIN: Milwaukee Brewers vs Pittsburgh Pirates
PITTSBURGH: Pittsburgh Pirates vs Atlanta Braves

ARIZONA: Arizona Diamondbacks vs San Diego Padres
CINCINNATI: Cincinnati Reds vs Houston Astros
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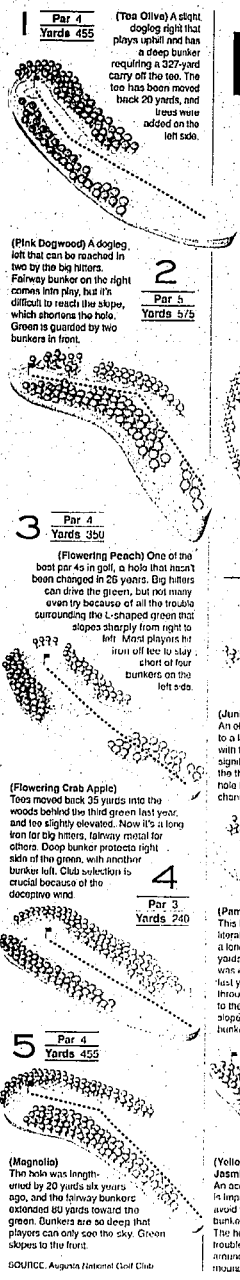
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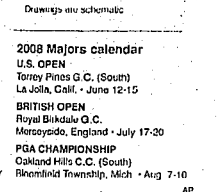
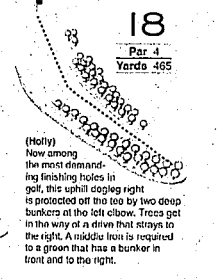
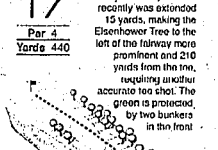
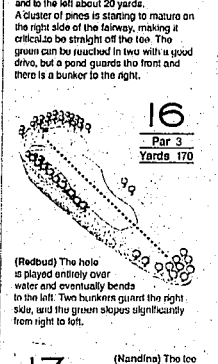
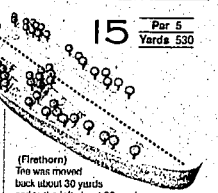
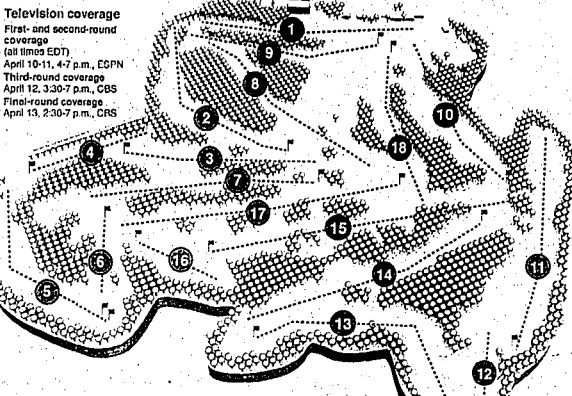
Tiger Woods will attempt to win his fifth Masters title and 14th major — second on the career all-time list behind Jack Nicklaus (18). Woods became the only player to hold all four major titles at the same time when he captured the 2000 U.S. and British Opens and the

PGA Championship before winning the Masters the following April. Defending Masters champion Zach Johnson won in dramatic fashion last year at Augusta National, capturing a two-shot victory over Woods, Rory Sabbatini and Retief Goosen for his first major win.

Television coverage
First- and second-round coverage (all times EDT)
 April 10-11, 4-7 p.m., ESPN
Third-round coverage
 April 12, 3:30-7 p.m., CBS
Final-round coverage
 April 13, 2:30-7 p.m., CBS



SOURCE: Augusta National Golf Club



Drawings are schematic.

2008 Majors calendar
 U.S. OPEN
 Tony Finau G.C. (South)
 La-Jolla, Calif. - June 12-15

BRITISH OPEN
 Royal Birkdale G.C.
 Maresfield, England - July 17-20

PGA CHAMPIONSHIP
 Oakland Hills C.C. (South)
 Bloomfield Township, Mich. - Aug. 7-10

Masters

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be under the radar, but they probably won't stay that way for long this week.

The Masters

First round coverage
 2 p.m., ESPN

Mickelson is a two-time Masters champion who has an Augusta National win this year, at Riviera, and owns the kind of short game that scores especially well to hit everything perfectly to score well.

"You have to be able to miss it in the proper sides of the greens and you have to have a great short game. You have to get up and down a lot from on and around the greens."

Mickelson is as good as anyone in that category, but there's one area to keep an eye on that may tip off how he's doing. Woods has never shot lower than 70 in the first round in his 13 Masters appearances. He's opened with a round of 70 three times—in 1997, 2001 and 2002—and he won all three times.

So it Woods really is going to win all four majors, he's going to have to start here, and starting quickly accounts for a lot. No one has his expectations, but even if there's nothing else, that's something Woods shares equally with the rest of the field.

"I am excited heading into this tournament where I feel comfortable on and around the greens."

— Phil Mickelson

Par 3 romp at Augusta broadcast to the masses for first time; Sabbatini gets win

— AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Barefooted kids frolicked on pristine greens. Caddies stepped up to take puts for the real golfers.

Could this be the start of Augusta National's The home of the Masters let down its guests Wednesday and finally allowed the rest of the country to get a glimpse of the rollicking good time known as the Par 3 Contest.

Jack, Arnie and Gary teamed up to provide a glorious experience for those lucky enough to see it — and thousands of golf fans were, crammed into every nook and cranny of the picturesque nine-hole course.

Televised live for the first time, the just-for-fun tournament, its guests Wednesday provided another side to a place known for its stoic traditions and zealous resistance to change. There's plenty of lodging on the rulebook, which is why it was OK to let your kid or caddy — sometimes, they were one in the same — take a put or two or three.

Ian Poulter's 3-year-old son, Luke, knelt as tall as the chains his dad uses, but that didn't let him fling lining up a birdie putt on No. 9.

Deeked out in downsized white coveralls, just like the



Rory Sabbatini holds the winner's trophy from the Par-Three Contest at the Masters at the Augusta National Golf Club, Wednesday in Augusta, Ga.

ones worn by the regular caddies, he broke out the mini-tour he lugged around the course just for this moment. The first attempt went rocketing past the cup. Luke scuffed after it and took another whack. Strike two. Finally, with some help from his father, he tapped in for a three-put bogey.

But who's counting? "It was awesome," the proud papa said after scooping his boy off the short grass. Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer, who no longer play the Masters, still tee it up for the Par 3 Contest, going

wedge to wedge on the marvelous little 1,060-yard layout that was built on the north-east edge of the club in the late 1950s. It winds around DeSto Springs Pond, Ike's Pond and the azaleas blooming in an explosion of white, pink and fuchsia.

Gary Player's joined the dynamic duo, making it a threesome with 13 green jackets among them. They posed together on the first tee, arm in arm, a photo op for the ages.

"The most important thing is we've remained great friends," said the 72-year-old

Player, who'll play in his record 51st Masters this year. "To have great friends in your life is something you can count on one hand, and these two men both go on my one hand."

Nicklaus' bag was carried by grandson Jackie, who knew he would be expected to put at the final hole. As the Golden Bear stood over his tee shot, the teenager gave the winner of 18 major titles some sage advice.

"Please get it close to the hole," Jackie said. "So I don't have to putt."

Nicklaus promptly stuck it 2 feet from the hole, and then turned it over to his grandson to complete the birdie.

"He plays a little bit of golf. Not a lot, but a little, like they all do," Nicklaus said. "It was fun having him with me today."

Any chance the 68-year-old Nicklaus might return to play in the Masters? No way. But he'll be back at the Par 3 Contest next year.

"I've got 21 grandkids," Nicklaus said. "I'll be playing here for a long time."

Two-time Masters champion Ben Crenshaw brought along 10-year-old daughter Anna Hiley, who had already kicked a few shoves by the time they got to No. 9.

2008 DISTRICT VI RODEO QUEEN CONTESTANTS



Bradlie Ann Adams
Adams is the daughter of Wail and Shelley Reinke. She is a sophomore at Oakley High School. She loves riding horses and enjoys dancing. In her spare time she likes hanging out with friends.



Britny Andrea Adams
Adams is the daughter of Wail and Shelley Reinke. She is a sophomore at Oakley High School. Along with loving to ride horses, she enjoys basketball, reading and being outdoors.



Brook Bishop
Bishop is the daughter John and Meriline Bishop. She is a freshman at Castleford High School and is on the honor roll and cheerleading squad. Her hobbies include motorcycle riding, showing steers, rodeo and riding horses.



Chelsie Nelson
Nelson is the daughter of Chris and Les Hedges. She is a sophomore at Declo High School and is active in her church. Her hobbies include creating and designing Web pages, dancing, volunteering at the hospital, volleyball and rodeo.



Shelby Schlund
Schlund is the daughter of Cindy Schlund. She attends Minico High School. Her hobbies include snowboarding, 4-H, snow-balling, four-wheeling, camping, training foals, rodeo and being a teenager.

Competition begins Saturday with horsemanship

The 2008 District VI Rodeo Queen competition begins at 9 a.m., Saturday in Filer with the horsemanship event. The competition continues at 11 a.m., May 26, with the modeling and speech contests at Magic Valley Mall. Vickers Western Wear has provided the clothes for the modeling portion of the competi-

tion. Above are photos and brief bios on each of the five contestants.

CSI
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to put in hours of practice to improve their skills over the summer, as Rogers regularly inserts his entire roster into game action. No CSI player played in fewer than 23 games last season.

Harper expressed her excitement about playing alongside a basketball-savvy college roster, along with facing the challenge of the NCAAA Division I level of play.

"I'm definitely going to have to raise my level of competition, because playing I.A. you don't get that level of competition," she said. "I think my game will improve because the level of competition is there."

CSI has collected a 150-44 record and three national tournament trophies in Rogers' six seasons at the helm. With exceptionally strong returning post strength and two promising guards already on the roster, win No. 160 for Rogers may only be a season-opening game away.

The true excitement for this team, however, may lie in its potential for gaining another trophy in its season finale.

"You know what, the program's awesome and I'm just excited to go to the next level and play," Hunt said.

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COVERED WAGON
Nice covered wagon, all complete, hardwood tongue, wagon brakes with handwood pads, tongue and groove floor, new canvas top tarp is folded back in picture for open seat parade driving, rear original narrow wagon wheels, wagon seat springs, tool box with wagon wrench, excellent condition, parade ready

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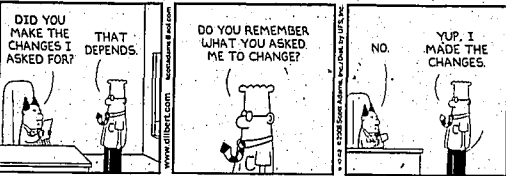
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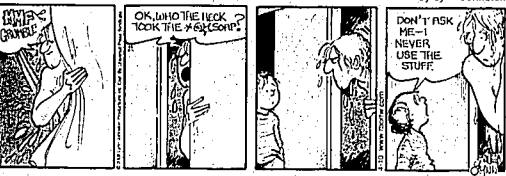
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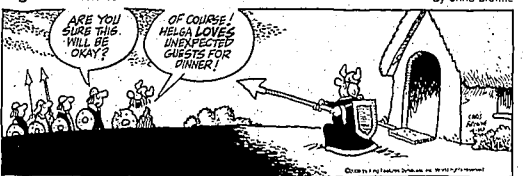
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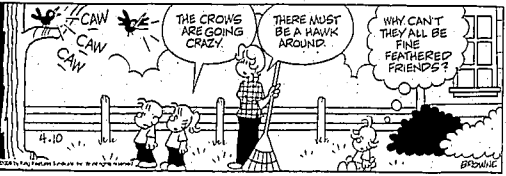
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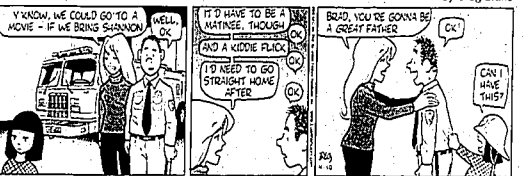
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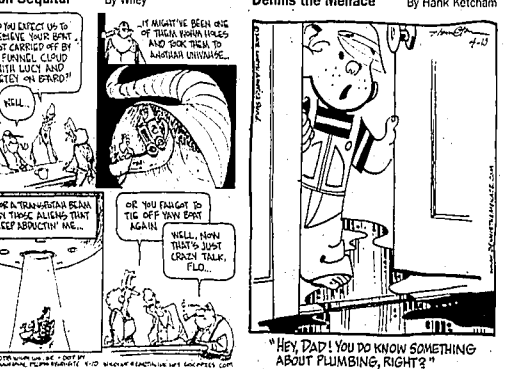
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Today: Cloudy and breezy periods expected. Today: Highs low 50s. Tonight: Breezy and clearing. Lows near 30. Tomorrow: Sunny and pleasant. Highs upper 50s to low 60s.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

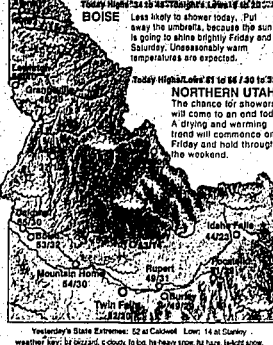
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Today: Much less likely to shower. Few lingering clouds and brisk winds. Highs near 40s to near 50. Tonight: Breezy to windy and clearing. Lows under 20s to low 20s. Tomorrow: Lots of sunshine and warming temperatures. Highs middle to upper 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. High pressure slot will put a nice spin on the weather. The chance of showers developing today is remote, beginning only Friday and Saturday as temperatures warm nicely.



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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Includes monthly and yearly averages.

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Table listing forecasts for various cities including Boise, Idaho Falls, and Pocatello.

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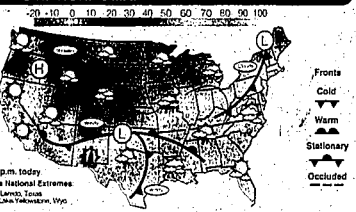
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Feeding pate to cats puts partner in the doghouse

DEAR ABBY: My domestic partner and I have been together 12 years. I love him dearly. He is sweet, funny, witty, kind, and most importantly, willing to live with me. I can't imagine life without him.



DEAR ABBY: Jeanne - Phillips

The problem is, he has no common sense. It doesn't "get" that dishes we cook and eat with should not be used for feeding the cats. If the toilet runs over two low into the plumbing, my best built towels should not be used to clean up the mess when there's a mop in the closet. If we're out of cat food, he should go to the supermarket and buy some, not open the can of goose liver pate we brought back from Paris. That sort of thing.

DEAR READY TO SCREAM: Until they start cloning couples, there will always be one more responsible person in a relationship. Because your partnership has lasted as long as it has, I'm sure he has his strengths, too, that are different from yours.

Because you already know the state of your plumbing, stock a supply of mops or old, faded towels in your linen closet and show them to him, so that when another emergency occurs, he will be able to locate them quickly. Transfer your fine china and crystal to a cabinet that's less convenient to reach — perhaps even one with a lock — so it won't be so available when the livestock gets hungry. And warn your partner in advance that certain items — like paint — are only for special occasions. Also, consider transferring your balance from the high-interest credit card, or keeping it in a safety deposit box.

The immediate cause of my annoyance is if you have two credit cards, one with a 7 percent interest rate, the other with a 21 percent interest rate, you don't put a \$2,000 purchase on the card with the higher interest rate. My partner is 42, but sometimes I feel like I'm the parent of a 3-year-old. If I say anything, he accuses me of being a "control freak." I don't consider myself one, but I just don't want my favorite punch bowl used as a bucket. Any ideas before I shoot the both of us?

READY TO SCREAM, GROVELAND, FLA.

on the dating circuit. If that doesn't make you count his virtues, nothing will.

DEAR ABBY: I have a friend, "Bob," who has a strange sense of humor. A lot of people don't find him funny, and this time I'm afraid he's gone too far.

His most recent prank was to fake his own death. Bob even went so far as to submit a fake obituary. The problem is we have mutual friends in other states who are convinced he is dead and are pretty shaken up about it.

I want to tell everyone the truth, but I know Bob will see it as a betrayal. I don't want to hurt our relationship, but I hate to see our friends in pain. What should I do?

— DILEMMA IN DALLAS DEAR DILEMMA: Your "friend" has a cruel and twisted sense of humor, and if you are wise, you'll distance yourself from him. Not only has he hurt people who care about him, but if he has done this to avoid paying taxes or other financial obligations, it is fraud.

Since you asked, you should inform anyone who inquires that Bob is still very much among them — and advise them to give him a call when you know he'll be picking up.

PS: If someone did that to me, I'd pretend he was dead.

Fresh off NCAA crown, Parker is the top pick in WNBA draft

PALM HARBOR, Fla. (AP) — Candace Parker had a whirlwind 24 hours. Parker was selected No. 1 by the Los Angeles Sparks in the WNBA draft on Wednesday, a day after capping her college career by leading Tennessee to a second straight NCAA title.



WNBA President Donna Orender, left, and first overall pick Candace Parker pose for a photo at the WNBA draft Wednesday in Palm Harbor, Fla.

These last 15 hours or so have been just amazing," Parker said. "It was a national championship and then switch gears and come to the WNBA draft and be surrounded by my peers that I've played with ever since I was in junior high school has been amazing."

The Associated Press player of the year joins Lisa Leslie, turning Los Angeles into one of the top teams in the league. The Sparks were a franchise-worst 10-24 last season with Leslie sitting out after giving birth to a daughter in June.

"Lisa Leslie has been one of my idols ever since I was younger," Parker said. "I've never had an opportunity to play with her — but I'm really looking forward to it. Obviously, she's a great role model and I'm looking to take in whatever she tells me."

LSU senior Sylvia Fowles was taken second by the Chicago Sky. The 6-foot-6 center led the Lady Tigers to four straight Final Fours and scored 23 points and had 20 rebounds in their league-leading 47-46 semifinal loss to Tennessee.

Stanford star Candice Wiggins, whose team finished runner-up, went third to the Minnesota Lynx. Alexis Hornbuckle of Tennessee was chosen by Detroit and Matee Ajavon of Rutgers was selected by Houston.

rounding out the top five.

Parker led Tennessee with a year of eligibility remaining. She chose to skip her fifth year, which she gained because of a knee injury as a freshman.

"It's been really hard," she said. "Obviously I've missed it. I think everybody wants our decisions all the time. Especially when you're in the moment and there's orange surrounding you and people begging you and telling you 'one more year.' But I gave my word, and I just felt it was time to go and we left on top."

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Stocks fall
as oil jumps

(AP) Wall Street extended its losses Wednesday as a rise in oil prices and a profit warning from United Parcel Service Inc. raised investors' anxiety about the well-being of the economy.

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American strands thousands after grounding jets

More than 1,000 flights cancelled to check wiring

By David Koenig
Associated Press writer

schedule, as it spent a second straight day inspecting the wiring on some of its jets—the same jets it used it to scrub hundreds of flights two weeks ago.

The nation's biggest airline had already canceled 460 flights on Tuesday, stranding thousands of travelers.

Federal inspectors, focused on problems with wiring work done two weeks ago, although the airline says pas-

senger safety was never jeopardized.

Airline officials said the flights would have averaged more than 100 passengers, meaning that more than 100,000 travelers could have been left scrambling to book new flights.

Tim Wagner, a spokesman for American, said the cancellations could continue beyond Wednesday as the airline works on its fleet of 300

MD-80 jets. By Wednesday morning, only 30 of the planes were back in service.

American uses the MD-80s mostly on mid-range flights, particularly from hub airports in Dallas and Chicago. Wagner said 208 of Wednesday's cancellations would occur at Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport and 130 at Chicago O'Hare.



Airline passengers wait in line at the American Airlines Terminal at LaGuardia Airport on Wednesday. American Airlines canceled more than 1,000 flights Wednesday, more than one-third of its schedule, as it spent a second straight day inspecting the wiring on some of its jets.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

IDAHO Nampa contractor banned from doing business in Idaho

BOISE — Nampa contractor JT Enterprises and its owners, Bert Joseph Nash and Tierra A. Nash, were banned from doing business in Idaho by Third District Judge Gordon Patrie, Attorney General Lawrence Wasden said.

The court order issued last week is a result of JT Enterprises' failure to cooperate with the Attorney General's investigation of the company's business practices.

In December 2007, an Investigative Demand was served on JT Enterprises and the Nashes, requiring them to provide certain information and documentation to the Attorney General.

The company never complied.

If JT Enterprises violates the court's order, it may be subjected to contempt proceedings.

Grant awarded to Wood River area

BOISE — Idaho Congressman Mike Simpson announced a \$10,000 grant that has been awarded to the Wood River Resource Conservation and Development program to assist rural businesses.

The funding, provided through the USDA Rural Development, will aid agricultural entrepreneurs in market research and project development for value-added products.

The grant meets the Wood River economic development goals by assisting local farmers and entrepreneurs in vertically integrating their operations and adding value to agricultural commodities.

NATION Crude oil and gasoline prices hit new records

NEW YORK — Crude oil futures topped \$112 per barrel, setting a new record after a weekly U.S. government inventory showed an unexpected decline in inventories.

The inventory slide sent light, sweet crude for May delivery up \$2.37 to settle at a record \$110.07 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

May gasoline futures rose 2.38 cents to settle at \$2.7742 a gallon on the Nymex — a level that approaches the record futures price of \$2.925 per gallon set in 2005 when Hurricane Katrina struck New Orleans.

— from staff and wire reports

Ethanol's unique M.V. experience

Area livestock industry key to Burley's Pacific Ethanol plant

By Sven Berg
Staff writer

With Pacific Ethanol's Burley plant just days away from producing its first batch of ethanol, company officials say they are looking forward to taking advantage of the unique opportunities the Magic Valley has to offer their business.

In particular, they point to the area's livestock industry as a way for the plant to increase its efficiency. One of the byproducts of the ethanol-production cycle is wet distillers grains (WDGs), a protein-rich feed supplement for cows, especially dairy cows. But WDGs are 65 percent moisture, making them more costly to ship and shortening their shelf life.

Tim Raphael, Pacific's director of communications and government affairs, said ethanol plants located in areas without high cattle populations must dry WDGs before shipping them. In Mini-Cassia, WDGs can be trucked directly to the area's dairy farmers, saving on the costs and pollution associated with drying the grain.

WDGs are sold as a commodity, and so their price fluctuates, but Pacific Director of Business Development Harrison Pettit said it is the company's hope WDG prices will rise as their market develops.

Beyond the simple disposal of WDGs, Raphael said, the entire process of producing and using



Pacific Ethanol Plant Manager Lee Phillips, left, surveys Pacific's Burley plant Tuesday with Director of Communications and Government Affairs Tim Raphael, center, and Director of Business Development Harrison Pettit. The plant received its first major shipment of corn and is now passing it through the two-day process of ethanol conversion.

ethanol is becoming more efficient. He said the process starts with corn farmers, who every year work to increase the number of bushels per acre they grow. Then there is the ethanol-production process itself. Ten years ago, Raphael said, one

bushel of corn produced about 2.5 gallons of ethanol. Today, a bushel produces 2.8 gallons. New technologies aim to push that production to three gallons per bushel. Meanwhile, the fuel efficiency of ethanol-burning cars is constantly improving.

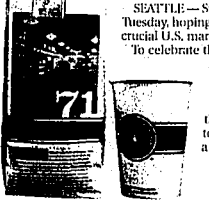
Raphael contrasted those improvements to the petroleum industry, which he said must now work harder than ever to mine oil and convert it to gasoline.

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Serving up a fresh new blend

Starbucks unveils 'everyday' brew as it seeks to boost slumping sales

By Elizabeth M. Gillespie
Associated Press writer



SEATTLE — Starbucks Corp. started serving up a new "everyday" brew Tuesday, hoping the signature blend will help revive slumping sales in its crucial U.S. market.

To celebrate the launch, it hosted a half-hour nationwide coffee-tasting, giving away free 8 oz. cups of Pike Place Roast — named after its first store in Seattle's famed public market — at more than 7,000 U.S. stores.

Chairman and Chief Executive Howard Schultz said the new blend has a bold, robust flavor profile that customers have come to expect of Starbucks coffee, but with a smoother, buttery finish.

"It's the best of Starbucks," Schultz said in a conference

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Defying surveys and stats, some small companies are expanding their payrolls

NEW YORK — Having been in business for 30 years and survived many consumer spending slowdowns, Lloyd Lippman isn't cutting staff at his retail executive search firm. He's been adding account executives and plans to hire two or three more by the end of the year.

"Our competition will probably be looking to

contract. By us expanding, we think we'll be in a great position," Lippman said.

Cliff Robertson is also hiring for his Dallas-based real estate investment firm, seeing plenty

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Joycè M. Rosenberg

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Boise immigration office sees increase in applications

Fees, election cited as some reasons

By Pat Marcantonio
Staff writer

At Ellis Island, immigrants stood in line with their possessions and hope. They lined up to become citizens of a new homeland.

These days, there are still lines and forms, but the wait to become legal residents or citizens of the United States can stretch out to years and months.

Statistics for the Boise office of the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services show that the number of people applying for citizenship or permanent residency in Idaho has grown and is continuing to grow. While a spokesman says the processing time in Boise is good compared to other field offices, immigrant advocates say it's longer than it used to be.

For fiscal year 2006, which ended Oct. 31, 355 permanent residency applications were approved in Idaho, and 879 applications approved for citizenship. For fiscal year 2007, 606 permanent residency applications were approved and 1,151 citizenship applications. And so far this fiscal year, there were 562 permanent residency approvals and 749 for new citizenship.

Why the increase? Fees and the presidential election were reasons given by many applicants, said Maria Elena Garcia-Upson, a spokeswoman for U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, which is an arm of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

Fees were raised substantially last summer so immigrants wanted to file before the fee jump — the fee for a citizenship application went up from \$330 to \$675, for example.

Fees and help from an immigration attorney can add up for a family of four, said Leo Morales with the Idaho Community Action Network, a private nonprofit advocacy group. Given that many immigrants work in agriculture, the expense can take a bite from a family's budget.

When Homeland Security raised fees, they failed to beef up staff to meet the application rise, Morales added. "They should have expected an increase across the nation."

Some immigrants also said they wanted to become citizens in time for the presidential election, Garcia-Upson said.

The climate toward immigrants, regardless of their residency status, is negative, so immigrants want to become citizens to vote for someone who could help change that climate, Morales said. "That is the general sense I see when I'm out in the community."

But fear may be another reason for the rise in the number of immigrants going through the naturalization process.

The enforcement arm of Homeland Security has ratcheted up action on the border and in the interior. In the Magic Valley, more than 100 illegal immigrants were rounded up last fall in a border patrol raid. So does more enforcement in Idaho and the nation have anything to do with the increase in naturalization applications?

"I'm sure there is some of that part. How much I don't know," Garcia-Upson said. Katherine Rallsback, a Boise immigration attorney, believes that enforcement is definitely part of the reason more immigrants are applying.

She said it's not only the



Immigrant inspection at Ellis Island. Now immigrants still deal with forms, but their wait for citizenship can take months, even years.

increased enforcement, but also their increased fear about their status and that of their loved ones.

"I think a lot of community organizations have been working hard to encourage people to become citizens," said Rallsback, who also works with Catholic Charities. They work to address fears of and about immigrants. They've also sponsored a citizenship day where volunteer lawyers help people complete applications.

"I think that's had an impact in getting more information out to the public,"

On the Web

For more information go to the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services Web site at <http://www.uscis.gov/portal/site/uscis>.

she said. In the end, immigrants want to be full participants in this country and as citizens they can help other family members, Rallsback said. Especially younger immigrants; they want to have a say in the electoral process.

The processing time through the Boise office for people applying to become citizens takes about eight months, and for permanent residency applications, it takes about seven months, Garcia-Upson said. However the wait is longer depending on where the applicants live and may indeed take longer in big cities.

Some naturalization applications filed after June 1, 2007, may take about 16 to 18 months to process, according to

the U.S. Immigration Services Web site. "So demographics have a lot to do with it," she said.

But Rallsback said that a year ago processing times were running three to four months at the Boise immigration office.

Nationally, the agency is in the process of hiring more than 1,500 new employees and trying to employ more than 700 retired people to come back to help reduce processing times.

"Because we understand that having to wait for a year or longer is not right," Garcia-Upson said.

She didn't know how many people would be going to work at the Boise office. She also declined to say how many people are employed at

the Boise office, citing security reasons.

While the agency is working to reduce long waits, they don't want to compromise national security by approving applications "silly-billy," Garcia-Upson said. "Everything changed after 9/11. We want to make sure that they don't approve someone who will cause us harm."

Because of residency requirements, immigrants may not come to Idaho from another state to apply just because the processing time in Boise might be shorter.

"You have to live a physical presence in that state," she said.

In the meantime, many immigrants and their families are caught in "that legal limbo loop," while waiting for their applications to be processed. Morales said. "Again I think there is a need to reform the system so we can expedite the process for immigrants who want to apply for their green card and citizenship."

Immigration, FBI release joint plan to eliminate backlog of FBI name checks

Staff report

WASHINGTON, D.C. — U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services and the Federal Bureau of Investigation have announced a joint plan to eliminate the backlog of name checks pending with the FBI.

The two agencies report that they have established a series of milestones prioritizing work based on the age of the pending name check. The FBI has already eliminated all name check cases pending more than four years, according to a U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services release.

"The plan of action is the product of a strong partnership between USCIS and the FBI to eliminate the backlogs and to strengthen national security," said USCIS Director Emilio Gonzalez.

By increasing staff, expanding resources and applying new business processes, the goal is to complete 99 percent of all name checks within 30 days. USCIS and the FBI intend to resolve the remaining 2 percent, which represent the most difficult name checks and require additional time to complete, within 90 days or less, Immigration Services reported. The goal is to achieve and sustain these processing times by June 2009.

The joint plan will focus on resolving the oldest pending FBI name checks first. USCIS has also requested that the FBI prioritize resolution of about 20,000 pending name checks from naturalization applicants submitted to the FBI before May 2006 where the naturalization applicant was already interviewed.

Application approvals for the state of Idaho

FY	State	Permanant Residency Approved	Citizenship Approved
2006	ID	955	879
2007	ID	606	1151
2008	ID	562	749

Source: U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services

University of Idaho offers multicultural journalism workshop

The University of Idaho 2008 Scripts Howard Multicultural Journalism Workshop takes place June 22 to 28 at the university campus in Moscow.

Students from Idaho, Alaska, Oregon, Washington and other Northwest states attend a week working with media professionals and UI journalism students and faculty. They write news stories for the student radio station and newspaper, and participate in the production of a 15-minute television news magazine. Students learn reporting, writing and editing skills that they can take back to their high schools, as well as strategies for including more diverse voices in their stories.

Faculty and participants work on their high school newspapers, Web sites or yearbooks. The workshop is funded by an annual \$10,000 grant from the Scripts Howard Foundation. It is intended to bring more journalists to underserved and underrepresented populations into U.S. newsrooms.

The workshop is open to



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college freshmen in the fall. There is no fee for the workshop. Rooms and meals are provided at no cost to the students. Students are responsible for their own travel expenses.

For more information, contact JAMM Director Kenton Bird at 208-885-4947 or kbird@uidaho.edu.

Hispanic College Fund seeks students for scholarship program

The Hispanic College Fund is looking for students in the hospitality fields for the Marriott Scholars Program.

The deadline to apply is April 15. To apply, go to

<http://scholarships.hispaniccollegefund.org/applications>.

The Marriott Scholars Program offers financial support of up to \$9,000 per year for four years coupled with opportunities for ongoing career guidance and mentoring by Marriott hotel managers and Marriott corporate executives. Marriott is the largest and most rapidly growing leader in the hospitality industry, offering a diverse range of career opportunities in hospitality management, hotel management, food and beverage and culinary, according to the Hispanic College Fund. Marriott provides internship opportunities at hotels.

Applicants must be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident residing in the United States or Puerto Rico, enrolled full-time in an accredited four-year college or university in the United States or Puerto Rico with a Hospitality management program as an incoming college freshman, first year freshman or community col-

lege transfer, pursuing or planning to pursue a degree within the hospitality management, hotel management, culinary or food and beverage field and have a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better on a 4.0 scale.

For more information, contact Auri Duarte, Scholarship Program manager, at aduarte@hispaniccollegefund.org or 1-800-644-4223.

Immigration Advocates Network seeks members

The Immigration Advocates Network is inviting people to join.

The national network describes itself as a free resource for nonprofit advocates, organizers and service providers to immigrants, and a collaboration of immigrants' rights organizations designed to increase access to justice for low income immigrants.

The network says it works to promote more effective and efficient communication

among existing immigration organizations, by providing easily accessible and comprehensive online resources in a password-protected Web site for legal service providers, pro bono attorneys and advo-

cates. It also provides a library of materials, a national calendar of immigration training and more.

For more information, go to www.immigrationadvocates.org.

PRIVATE OIL



Federal Police agents guard the area near the Senate to prevent protests against possible reforms on the constitution Mexico's National Oil Company, PEMEX, in Mexico City, Tuesday, in a nationally televised address on Tuesday, Mexico's President Felipe Calderon stressed repeatedly that he does not want to privatize PEMEX, but would give the firm greater freedom to contract work out to private companies, manage its own revenues and even issue bonds that only Mexicans could buy.

ISRAEL

Palestinian militants from Gaza kill two Israelis in border attack

NAHAL OZ — Militants from Gaza Strip slipped across the border and opened fire at a fuel depot in southern Israel on Wednesday, killing two Israeli civilians in a brazen daylight raid that threatened to set off heavy combat after a monthlong lull.

The Israeli government held Gaza's Hamas rulers responsible for the attack and sent tanks, troops and aircraft into the Palestinian territory. At least nine Palestinians died during the day, including two from the depot and seven in Gaza.

Earlier in the day, a Hamas militant and an Israeli soldier also were killed in clashes in southern Gaza.

The surge in violence could jeopardize recently renewed peace talks between Israel and the Palestinian government based in the West Bank, and the raid on the depot posed a threat to the supply of fuel to Gaza.

The military is the sole conduit of gasoline to the coastal territory. Officials said there was no serious damage despite plumes of smoke billowing from the site, but Israel already has reduced the flow of fuel to Gaza as part of its sanctions against Hamas, causing severe shortages and rationing.

Israeli Foreign Ministry spokesman Arye Mekel said the attack would only cause more harm to Gazan civilians by threatening the constant flow of fuel and other humanitarian supplies to Gaza. "Israel sends food, gas, medical supplies and humanitarian assistance every day and the terrorists are attacking the crossing today are trying to harm this operation and are harming mostly the well-being of the people," Mekel said.

SUNNI AREA OF AZAMIYAH

In many ways, Baghdad resembles more of a war zone than it did in April 2003, when American Marines stormed into the capital and pulled down a bronze statue of Saddam with the help of dozens of Iraqis.

The city of some 6 million people has largely been carved up along sectarian lines, a patchwork of neighborhoods surrounded by 10-foot-high concrete walls and dotted with checkpoints.

Violence declined last year, an early sign following a cease-fire by Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. An influx of some 30,000 additional American troops and a Sunni revolt against al-Qaida in Iraq.

GERMANY

Officials say top Al-Qaida planner is dead

BERLIN — Al-Qaida's chief operational planner is believed to have died last year in a remote part of Pakistan after contracting a fatal illness, a U.S. counterterrorism official said Wednesday.

The official said there was "strong evidence to suggest" that Abu Obaidah al-Masri, an Egyptian media reporter who oversaw the London transit bombings in 2005 and the failed transatlantic airliner plot a year later, died in December of hepatitis.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, declined to provide any other details of Masri's demise or to shed light on how U.S. intelligence agencies obtained the information. The account of Masri's death was first reported Tuesday by McClatchy Newspapers.

It is not the first time that Masri has been reported dead. In January 2006, Pakistani officials said he and three other senior Al-Qaida officials perished in a missile attack by an unmanned Predator drone in the village of Damadola, near the Afghan border.

There has been no confirmation of Masri's death.

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5. "CSI: Miami," CBS.

From Nielsen Media Research

HOT FIVE

1. "Touch My Body," Mariah Carey.
2. "Love in This Club," Usher feat. Young Jeezy.
3. "4 Minutes," Madonna featuring Justin Timberlake.
4. "Bleeding Love," Leona Lewis.
5. "No Air," Jordin Sparks duet with Chris Brown.

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FILM

1. "21"
2. "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!"
3. "Superhero Movie"
4. "Tyler Perry's Meet the Browns"
5. "Driftbill Taylor"

From Media By Numbers LLC

VIDEO RENTALS

1. "I Am Legend"
2. "No Country for Old Men"
3. "Enchanted"
4. "Atonement"
5. "Dan in Real Life"

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DVD SALES

1. "Enchanted"
2. "I Am Legend"
3. "Bee Movie"
4. "Atonement"
5. "No Country for Old Men"

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ITUNES MOVIES

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

From iTunes.com

ITUNES MUSIC

1. "4 Minutes," Madonna featuring Justin Timberlake.
2. "Bleeding Love," Leona Lewis.
3. "Lollipop," Lil Wayne.
4. "Touch My Body," Mariah Carey.
5. "No Air," Jordin Sparks duet with Chris Brown.

From iTunes.com

ALBUMS

1. "DAY26," DAY26.
2. "Pretty.Odd." Panic at the Disco.
3. "Saturday Nights & Sunday Mornings," Counting Crows.
4. "Welcome to the Dollhouse," Darily Kane.
5. "NOW 27," Various artists.

From Billboard magazine

CONCERT TOURS

1. The Spice Girls
2. Van Halen
3. Hannah Montana/Miley Cyrus, "Best of Both Worlds."
4. Rascal Flatts
5. Ozzy Osbourne

From Pollstar

BOOKS

- Fiction
1. "Lush Life," by Richard Price.
 2. "The Appeal," by John Grisham.
 3. "Change of Heart," by Jodi Picoult.
 4. "The Silver Swan," by Benjamin Black.
 5. "Remember Me?" by Sophie Kinsella.

Nonfiction

1. "In Defense of Food," by Michael Pollan.
2. "Beautiful Boy," by David Sheff.
3. "STORI Telling," by Tori Spelling.
4. "The Secret," by Rhonda Byrne.
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Competition: The Danny Marona Performing Arts Scholarship Fund finals

Seen April 5 at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts auditorium

The young performers showed impressive talent — best of luck to you all!

But the evening was dominated by Marona's monologues — and his harsh language and sex jokes just weren't appropriate for the audience, which included young children. Danny, your patronage is extremely appreciated, but some comedy belongs in a club.

—Ariel Hansen, TNT editor

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For information: Pat Marcanonio at 735-3228.

A 'Sleigh Ride' in spring?



Staff photo by BETTE HICKSON

Members of The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra rehearse a piece by Leroy Anderson, a famous light orchestra composer. The group will play the composer's tunes, along with other movie and television themes, at its spring concert on Friday.

Magic Philharmonic set for concert featuring music by Leroy Anderson

BY ARIEL HANSEN
Staff writer



BURLIY — They've been wanting it for five years, and it's about to happen.

In 2003, members of The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra saw Kurt Anderson conduct the Magic Valley Symphony. The son of famous light orchestra composer Leroy Anderson, Kurt Anderson led the Twin Falls group as it played his father's tunes.

"It's delightful. It's very unique music," said Bob Dayley, a trumpet player with the Philharmonic and the Burley group's president. "Over the years, it's never lost its popularity, its timelessness."

Now it's Burley's turn.

Watch a bit of rehearsal as The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra prepares for its spring concert. At magicvalley.com.

Friday, the Philharmonic will welcome Kurt Anderson as guest conductor for a concert that features Leroy Anderson music as well as other movie and television themes.

The concert also marks the 25th year the Philharmonic has brought orchestral music to Mini-Cassia. The orchestra started in 1982, but its first concert was in spring 1983, Dayley said.

Listen in on the fun

What: The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra's spring concert, featuring guest conductor Kurt Anderson.

When: 7:30 p.m. Friday.
Where: King Fine Arts Center, 2100 Parke Ave., Burley.

Cost: \$6 adults, \$3 students, \$15 families.

Information: 878-5464, or magicphilharmonic.org.

With these milestones in mind, members of the group reflected on its past and present.

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A quarter-century of memories

Carol Badger, Paul, first violin

Badger has been a member since the Philharmonic started and is one of only four original members still playing.

"It's just part of me now," Badger said. "It's just in my blood."

"We've had some neat conductors and we've played a lot of music in those years," she said. "It takes a lot of time, but everybody that's here does enjoy it."



The orchestra's place in the community

Leo Ann Turner, Burley, first violin



Turner has been a member since 1989, and she hopes the Philharmonic will continue to gain followers.

"Some people still do not know the orchestra even exists, which is a sad thing. We still work to get the word out," Turner said. But quality is high. "We've had guest conductors come in and be impressed with the talent that's in this community."

The performers provide their own instruments and are not compensated for their time.

"This is the only community that has a philharmonic orchestra, the only one in Idaho, not subsidized by a college," she said. "That's a great accomplishment for a small community."

The Philharmonic supports itself by ticket sales — which Turner noted are cheaper family concerts at Christmas and in February to bring more music to the community.

Playing in a small town

Elizabeth McFadden, Burley, second violin

McFadden is the newest member of the Philharmonic, having recently rejoined after going to college in Rexburg. She feels fortunate to have a group to play with in Mini-Cassia.

"Everyone's friendly and I feel comfortable," McFadden said. "Everyone does it for fun but they still do a good job."

"There's no better way to get better on your instrument, to improve your skills, than to play with the symphony," she said. "It's a great opportunity to hear classical music live."



Cover story

The appeal of Anderson's music

Jo Dayley, Burley, bass clarinet



Dayley remembers when she saw Kurt Anderson conduct his father's music in Twin Falls.

"We just fell in love with the way he conducted, and the music," she said.

"I'm tempted to say it's easy, but Leroy Anderson music is not easy, but it's very familiar, very sing-alongy," Dayley said, describing the music as appealing to both performers and audience. "They're going to recognize all of this stuff. They might not always know where they heard it, but they'll know it."

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Launching a life of performance

Cassandra Grisenti, Burley, first violin

Grisenti started playing violin when she was 5, and by ninth grade had started playing with both the Philharmonic and her school orchestra.

When the Philharmonic started, Mini-Cassia schools didn't have a strings program, said Bob Dayley, president of the orchestra. It was one of the Philharmonic's missions to restart that program, which Grisenti benefited from.

"It prepared me to come here, taught me how to play in an orchestra," she said. "It's very important, it gives the kids an opportunity to do something different and appreciate the music."

With that experience under her belt, she was ready to join an adult group like the Philharmonic.

"I like the togetherness, the unity of the group," she said. "It's not as intimidating because of the people."



Finding musicians

Jolena Hobson, Burley, concertmaster



The Philharmonic's seats are filled by audition, so not just anyone can drop in and play.

"A lot of times, we'll invite them to come play with us, and they'll find out it's over their heads," Hobson said. However, the orchestra is willing to work with people

at a variety of levels to help them find a place in the Philharmonic. "We have accomplished players and those who are at beginning levels."

Playing in tune is one of the only requirements — and being willing to practice and learn.

Who was Leroy Anderson?

"Sleigh Ride," "The Syncopated Clock," the theme from "I've Got a Secret." These are all Leroy Anderson tunes, part of the light orchestral repertoire that earned him a spot among the most popular American orchestral composers of the 20th century.

Anderson was born in 1908 and studied music at Harvard University. He soon came to the attention of Arthur Fiedler, director of the Boston Pops Orchestra, who asked him to compose for the group.

In 1951 he wrote "Blue Tango," the first instrumental recording to go gold in the U.S., and his piece "Plink, Plank, Plunk!" was selected as "Secrets" theme in 1952.

Anderson's style, heavily influenced by George Gershwin and folk music, uses creative instrumental effects and sound-generating items like typewriters and sandpaper.

"It's just good fun playing," said Wayne Hurst, a trombonist with The Magic Philharmonic Orchestra in Burley. He has been conducting the orchestra during rehearsals for its spring concert, and watched videos of Anderson conducting to prepare. "He emphasized how his music is supposed to be fun and enjoyable."

Anderson died in 1975 and 13 years later was elected to the Songwriters Hall of Fame. In 1995, Harvard named its band center after him, and a square in Cambridge, Mass. — his boyhood home — was dedicated to him in 2003.

Leroy Anderson's son Kurt will be guest conductor at the Philharmonic's concert featuring the elder Anderson's music on Friday.

For more on Leroy Anderson, including clips of his music, visit leroyanderson.com.

— From Wikipedia and leroyanderson.com

A family's commitment

Lynette Hale, Oakley, percussion

Hale, right, first started coming to the Philharmonic with her father, one of the founding members.

"The orchestra's really near and dear to my heart," she said. She has passed on that love of music to her nine children; some of them have also played in the Philharmonic.

It's a trek to come to Burley from Oakley for rehearsals, but Hale never thinks of quitting. "I wouldn't abandon it because it means so much to me. I can't imagine if it weren't here," she said. "It's an opportunity to keep my talents going. I can't think of another way I can play percussion and have a family."



Warming up the band

Wayne Hurst, Doclo, trombone and rehearsal conductor

This is the first time Hurst has conducted the Philharmonic, but he has played with the group for more than 20 years. He is enjoying the opportunity to practice from the other side of the pit.

"'Fiddle-Fiddle,' it's light but challenging," Hurst said. He looks forward to watching Leroy Anderson's son conduct the performance of his father's music, and hopes the younger Anderson will be impressed. "We have a wide range of ages and abilities, but really there are some great musicians here."

What will they play?

The final performance program is not yet set, but it is likely to include most of these pieces:

By Leroy Anderson:

- "Serenata"
- "The Syncopated Clock"
- "A Trumpeter's Lullaby"
- "The Waltzing Cat"
- "Fiddle-Fiddle"
- "The Typewriter"
- "Forgotten Dreams"
- "Belle of the Ball"
- "Bugler's Holiday"

By other composers:

- "Linus and Lucy"
- "Moon River" (from the movie "Breakfast at Tiffany's")
- "The Pink Panther"
- "Meet the Flintstones"
- "Stranger on the Shore"
- "Go West!" a medley of Western movie themes
- "A Symphony of Sit-Coms," a medley
- "Tijuana Brass in Concert," a medley
- "The William Tell Overture" ("The Lone Ranger" theme)



Low budget? Become an author anyway

Staff report

The College of Southern Idaho will offer a pair of workshops — "Writing Your First Book (or 7th) ... on a Shoe-String Budget" and "Publishing Your First Book ... on a Shoe-String Budget" — on April 21 in Shields 108 on the CSI campus.

The noncredit workshops cost \$29 each or \$49 for both, plus a one-time materials fee of \$15 payable to the instructor.

In "Writing Your First Book," California writer Bobbie Christensen, author of 10 books including award-winners and bestsellers, will teach students how to develop and complete a manuscript in just six weeks following her 10-step plan. Learn how to create a page turner, whether it is fiction, nonfiction, cookbook or even textbook, class organizers said. Meets from 6 to 7:45 p.m.

In "Publishing Your First Book," Christensen will teach students how to submit work to a publisher or how to self-publish and keep the profits, plus all about PODs, e-books and more. Materials will include forms, contracts, samples and other documents associated with publishing. Meets from 8 to 10 p.m.

Register: 732-6414 or csi.edu/communityed.

Perrine Bridge Festival seeks artists for show, poster

Staff report

When you think of art on a bridge, you may think graffiti. But the Magic Valley Arts Council and Perrine Bridge Festival have something else in mind.

They are holding a juried art exhibition at which the winning entry will be selected as the promotional art for this year's festival.

The piece selected as best of show at the September exhibition will be used on festival posters, T-shirts and other advertisements, and the original will be displayed in the permanent collection of Westera Real Estate Group and River Vista Development. Other entries will

be on display at the show until the end of September, and then be available for purchase as a fundraiser.

There are several categories to enter in: preschool, elementary, junior high, high school, college, adult and professional. The art should represent the artist's view of celebrating the spirit of giving and community in the high desert of the Snake River.

The entries become the property of the festival, to be sold or used as promotional material with artist credit. Recognizable models must sign release forms, the artist must hold all rights to the art, and works by minors must be submitted with a parent's or guardian's signature.

The works will be judged by a jury of local residents, festival committee members and artists, and prizes will be determined by the number of entries.

This year the festival will feature a BASE jumping exhibition with world-class athletes and a stunt helicopter, fun runs, food and entertainment, organizers said. All proceeds will go to the

St. Luke's Magic Valley Health Foundation's Fund for Children with Special Needs.

Information and entry forms: Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce office (858 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. in Twin Falls) or Perrinebridgefestival.com. Entries must be received at the arts council by 5 p.m. May 30. Winners will be announced July 15.

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Competition

Talent abounds at launch of scholarship competition

BY ARIEL HANSEN
Staff writer

No one is surprised when they hear there are talented people in Hollywood and Manhattan — these meccas for the performing arts attract the best dancers, singers, actors and others to their soundstages and main stages. But those performers have to come from somewhere, and if this year's Danny Marona Performing Arts Scholarship Fund finals are any indication, a lot of them are coming from south-central Idaho.

The 12 high school seniors who competed for a combined \$8,500 on Saturday night represented the best this year's graduating class has to offer in the performing arts. It also represented the launch of a program that organizers hope will encourage and assist talented 17- and 18-year-olds well into the future.

The competition came to life under the hands of recently retired entertainer Danny Marona, who has made it a mission to advance the performing arts in Magic Valley.

"This whole process, the pleasure has been mine," Marona said during a pause between competitors at the finals on Saturday, held at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts auditorium. "I never dreamt, and I don't know why I didn't, that there was



Photos by DORE GAZDAR

Danny Marona entertains the audience with a comical story during the scholarship competition at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts auditorium.

"This talent in the Magic Valley,"

Quick to self-deprecate, he gave the lion's share of the credit for creating the competition to others, including the board of directors of the scholarship fund, the owners of Middlekoff Automotive Group and other private donors who have filled the fund's coffers.

"I am just so appreciative and thankful of the pouring out of support we've gotten from the citizens of the Magic Valley, they've just been phenomenal. It's such a sense of community here," Marona said. "I don't know

how to say "Thank you" in enough ways."

With this year's schol-

arships paid out and hills paid off, the fund has about \$60,000, and Marona plans to continue fundraising until he can achieve his ultimate goal.

"My dream is to someday hand these kids full-blown scholarships," he said. "We know we've got to walk before we run, but I want to get there sooner rather than later."

For the young performers who won this year's scholarships, the smaller amounts still make a difference, and are one more positive nudge toward their visions of performing professionally. Winning first prize was McKay Nield; second prize, Carson Howerton; and third prize, Danielle Essma. All three acknowledge that competition was fierce.

From Twin Falls to Broadway?

"The people I had chosen for the top prize won third and sec-



Carson Howerton escapes from a box to begin his dance routine at the Saturday scholarship competition. Howerton took second prize in the contest.

ond, so when they took their prize I had no clue and I was just crossing my fingers it would be me," said Nield, whose jaw dropped when his name was announced. "Everyone there rocked, and I'm really honored to be mentioned in the same circle as some of those performers."

Nield, who emerged on stage to perform in a pale shirt and

The winners

Prizes in the 2008 Danny Marona Performing Arts Scholarship Fund final competition:

First place, \$5,000: McKay Nield, 18, of Kimberly High School
Second place, \$2,500: Carson Howerton, 18, of Twin Falls High School

Third place, \$1,000: Danielle Essma, 18, of Twin Falls High

khakis, the costume of his character from the musical "Pirate Queen," will attend Yale University this fall with the intention to double-major in theater and political science.

"Yeah, my biggest dream is Broadway, but I feel a little silly saying that. I want to be realistic, to dream big and be realistic," Nield said. "It's going to take a couple years in college to explore what I want to marry my life to."

The big dream has him on that Broadway stage under the lights, while the "realistic" dream has him earning a business or law degree and working on the organizational side of the New York theater scene.

Locals may know Nield from his dozen years of performing and leadership locally: with kids in the JUMP Co. theater troupe; with the theater company he started in Kimberly; The Spotlight Arts Association, which has prompted the launch of a similar group at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind; and with his participation in national speech championships and the local Business Professionals of America chapter. He and Essma have also been selected as Coca-Cola Scholars, winning \$10,000 scholarships with the possibility of \$10,000 more at a competition in Atlanta this summer, Nield said.

The young man is glad that Marona's scholarship competition has come to fruition, and not just because it gave him a chance to compete.

McKay Nield gives two excited thumbs up after winning first place at the Danny Marona Performing Arts Scholarship Fund competition Saturday.

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"I think promoting the arts is always long overdue," Nield said. "Theater and arts needed to be established in this town, and there are some awesome people who have done that."

Choreographing success

Howerton earned audience screams from the first moment of his dance routine. The slick-suited figure burst from a caution tape-draped cardboard box, immediately outpacing the rhythm of the songs — first "Hallelujah" by Bôisín Murphy, then "Sexyback" by Justin Timberlake — with his fast clogging footwork and modern-dance movement. The choreography, of his own design, had him on the ground, on his toes and spinning through the air. When he finished, cheers went up louder than ever.

Howerton, who has clogged for years and performed dramatic roles locally, also is a member of Clog America, a Utah-based troupe that travels the world as ambassadors for the U.S.

"I've worked really hard to get where I am, and I love entertaining people in the arts, and I hope I'll be able to continue in my life doing that," he said. He has been accepted to the University of California-Los Angeles, but worries that he won't be able to raise enough money for tuition. "Every little bit makes a difference, but it's a lot of money to overcome.

"If I go to UCLA it will be the World Arts and Cultures arts major. I'll be studying dances from all around the world, as well as the typical jazz, modern and ballet," he said.

Howerton appreciates what the scholarship competition has done for both the competing seniors and the rest of the valley.

"I thought the competition was a great way for the community to see how talented stu-

REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK

Stiff competition left some behind

As Danny Marona noted before reading the names of the winners at his performing arts scholarship fund competition Saturday night, he couldn't have guessed who won. That was the caliber of performance from all the contestants battling for scholarship money.

From the front row, though, there were a few performers whom I felt deserved a shout-out, even if they didn't win the checks. They captivated me with their performances and awed me with their talents. They left me wishing I had a checkbook I could whip out to reward these four kids with more than applause.

• **So-Yeun Kwak**, whose spirited and intense piano playing matched many professional performances I've heard. Though I couldn't see her fingers fly or her feet work the pedals from my side of the stage, I closed my eyes and was transported to a big-city concert hall. I expect to see this young lady's name on one of those marquees soon.

• **Brian Town**, who whipped his slicks through at least five varied selections of music, accompanying a medley of records on his drum combo kit. If he hadn't been so far back on the stage, I wouldn't have been surprised to be hit with drops of sweat, he was working so hard with nary a noticeable misplaced beat. Find a worthy band, Brian, and take your rhythm to the world!

• **Susan Dodds**, who sang a selection from Mozart's "The Marriage of Figaro." Her voice soared and softened, her hand movements, expressions and costume bringing the role of a young page in love to life even before the Italian libretto. There were moments in this performance that set the hairs on my arms aloft.

• **Michelle Sortea**, whose remarkable, sophisticated mix of costume design, slide show and meta-monologue made for a closing act that stunned me. The incredible intensity of her main character was greeted with laughter that seemed at times like a nervous response, but would probably have garnered a standing ovation from an audience in Los Angeles or New York.



—Ariel Hansen

dents are in the area, and a chance for us to have a better opportunity for attending college," he said. "We're the pioneers for this whole thing, it's just so exciting we got to do this with Danny here. He's such a great role model."

Dancing toward the future

The structure of the competition impressed Essma, because

once, if their halleting was any indication — were impressed by Essma's performance: a modern jazz dance set to the Natalie Cole tune "This Will Be." Essma, who performed a lyrical ballet dance in the semifinals, opted for the higher-energy piece for the finals, pairing it with black leggings and a short gold sequined dress.

"I thought something more upbeat would be eye-catching," she said. "I dance in my kitchen to it, so why not dance on stage?"

Essma, who is student body president at Twin Falls High School, is known in the community for her dance performances and for teaching dance at Julie's Jazzworks. Like the other winners, she expects to continue performing in the coming years.

"My plans are to teach dance over the summer, and then in the fall I'm going to Madrid, Spain, on an exchange," she

said. She'll learn dance and Spanish there, assisted by her scholarship winnings, and when she returns, she plans to major in modern dance at the University of Utah.

Essing Nield and Howerton, Essma offered gratitude to Marona and the scholarship board for providing the opportunity to be not just recognized but rewarded for the performing arts they are so passionate about.

"The Danny Marona scholarships is one of the greatest things ever, because performers need money because they're going to school for what they love and then probably won't make much money," she said. "I lucked out that Danny started this this year. A big thank you to him and all the talented kids who took part in it."

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Leaping lizards!

Yep, it's what's on stage now

BY KAREN BOSSICK
Staff writer

Frogs on Broadway?

You bet.

Now, get ready for FROGZ! in Idaho.

Imago Theatre will bring its whimsical menagerie of human-sized frogs, penguins and other fantastical characters to the nextStage in Ketchum on Monday and to the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls on Tuesday.

"We have five performers who bring to life an assortment of 30 characters — everything from a cowboy whose life is told through a 100-foot scroll to orbs, or our vision of circus boulders," says Imago Theatre co-founder Jerry Mouawad.

The result: comedic amphibians, penguins playing musical chairs, a cat trapped in a giant paper bag, acrobatic larvae — all a madcap revue of illusion and comedy.

"There is no sound. Envision, instead, Charlie Chaplin-esque vignettes incorporating screwball comedy, high drama, vaudeville existentialism and abstract movement.

It's a carnival of the absurd in gorgeous costumes made by designers who created outfits for such productions as "The Lion King."

"Everything starts with a concept," says Mouawad. "For instance, we might explore the idea of paper in one vignette. Paper is everywhere. We might study how paper breaks, how it floats through the air. ... Everything we do comes from the everyday world, and that's why it appeals to such a large

Two chances to be awed

Imago Theatre will present two performances of FROGZ! in south-central Idaho this week.

The first is in Ketchum:

- 7 p.m. Monday at the nextStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St.
- Tickets are \$25, available at 726-4TKS.

The second is in Twin Falls:

- 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts auditorium.

- Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$11 for children, available at the CSI box office, 732-6288 or csi.edu/artsonline.

"It's imaginative enough to appeal to a 4-year-old yet sophisticated enough to get good reviews from critics worldwide."

— Jerry Mouawad,
Imago Theatre
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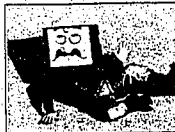
"It's imaginative enough to appeal to a 4-year-old yet sophisticated enough to get good reviews from critics worldwide."

Mouawad and Carol Briffe founded the Portland, Ore.-based Imago Theatre as mask theater in 1979.

Briffe had studied at the Ecole Internationale de Theatre in Paris under Jacques Lecoq, a French actor and mime best known for his methods on physical theater, movement and commedia dell'arte. Mouawad



Courtesy photo



had studied Lecoq's teachings at Portland's Hayes Marshall School of the Arts.

The two have designed works for such companies as the Oregon Symphony, Portland Opera and BodyVox, which recently

Wanted: Your mug, for the arts council

Staff report

The Magic Valley Arts Council is opening its doors for film aficionados and digital divas in its fourth annual Second Century Photo Contest.

The contest celebrates photographic documentation of life in Magic Valley.

The contest celebrates photographic documentation of life in Magic Valley, in the tradition of Clarence Bisbee, who documented life in the early years of Twin Falls' first century.

Deadline for submissions is May 16. Entry fee is \$10 per submission (\$5 for students under 18).

There are three entrant categories: adults, students and professionals. Entries may be in one of seven categories: Twin Falls and the Magic Valley, the Natural World, Buildings & Man Made Objects, People, Unclassified, Travel and Photographic Techniques.

Cash prizes will be awarded based on the number of entrants.

For rules, see the applications, available at all First Federal Bank branches in Twin Falls, Idley's, Bill Printers, the Herret Center for Arts and Science, Costco Wholesale, & J's Camera Shop, the Magic Valley Arts Council or online at magicvalleyarts.org. Information: 734-2707.

Former Idaho residents create Egyptian musical in Utah

Staff report

Malta might be about as far from ancient Egypt as one could get, but that didn't stop Tedi Tuttle-Wixom and her son, Jason Wixom, from creating a musical production encompassing the life and times of King Tutankhamen.

The Wixoms, originally from the Malta area, now live in Salt Lake City and found the perfect venue for their production: Peery's Egyptian Theater in Ogden, Utah.

"King Tut: the Musical" is a production about King Tut, the boy Pharaoh of Egypt, and tells the story of his birth, marriage at a young age and untimely death.

"Oh, but there is so much more to his story," said Tedi Wixom.

Countless hours of research were done to tell the story of King Tut, and only things that do not conflict with known facts were dramatized. Wixom said, she was often nicknamed "Tut"



Tedi Wixom



Jason Wixom

due to her maiden name of Tuttle and always had a love for Joseph of Egypt and mummies and the whole Egyptian scenario.

"It made sense to me to bring King Tut onstage and have him tell his own story," she said. Wixom grew up doing community theater in southern Idaho, and it was built into the fabric of her family's life.

Tedi and Jason Wixom are also published authors of several children's books and biographies.

The play includes an original score by Wixom. Songs include "It Doesn't Rain in Egypt," "Celebration," "Jealous Eyes" and "What a Life in the Palace." Samples can be heard online at www.kingtutmusical.com. The music employs acoustic guitar, harp and drums. The production is sponsored by the Lovina C. Tuttle Art Foundation.

The first public performance of "King Tut: the Musical," will be April 25-26 at Peery's Egyptian Theatre. Tickets are on sale at peeryegyptiantheater.com.

Jerome HS to welcome wind ensemble

Staff report

The Idaho State University Wind Ensemble will present an exclusive concert at 9:30 a.m. Monday in the Jerry Diehl Auditorium at Jerome High School. The free performance will be preceded at 9 by the Jerome High School Symphonic Band. The public is welcome.

The Wind Ensemble, under the direction of Patrick Brooks, is the premier instrumental ensemble at ISU. This 40-member ensemble meets spring semester only; its members selected by audition at the end of fall semes-

ter. The Wind Ensemble has appeared at several state conventions and is the host ensemble for the ISU Concert Band Festival. In spring 2004, the group was selected to perform at the College Band Directors Regional Conference in Reno, Nev.

This performance will be the sole Magic Valley stop on the 2008 Spring Tour, which continues in the Boise area following the concert in Jerome.

Monday's concert will be the second concert for the Jerome High School Symphonic Band with a top-notch performing ensemble, following a two-day stint

with the Dallas Brass in January. The students will also perform at Jerome High with clarinet soloist Dr. John Masserini in the coming school year, tentatively scheduled for January.

Jerome High's band has an array of concerts coming up this spring, including Spring and Awards Concerts with the middle school bands on April 22 and May 19, respectively. It will travel to Burley on April 23 for the District IV High School Festival, and host the comparable middle school festival at Jerome High and the LDS church next door on May 7.

KARAOKE CORNER

MAT 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 Clover Klub Lounge, 402 Main Ave. N. No cover charge.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Twin Falls

Karaoke, 9 p.m. at Kruger'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, APRIL 11

Twin Falls

Pioneer Karaoke by Kim, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover charge.

Burley

Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave. No cover charge.

Rupert

Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Melody Bar, 502 Sixth St. No cover charge.

Wanna-be-a-Star Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont Ave. No cover charge.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Twin Falls

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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Declo

Miller Time Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna, 9 E. Main St. No cover charge.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

Burley

Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Cheers, 163 W.U.S. Highway 30. No cover charge.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Twin Falls

Kroakers Karaoke, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover charge.

Pioneer Karaoke by Kim, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover charge.

Paul

Kroakers Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Red's Bar, 6 E. Idaho St. No cover charge.

Movie review

'NIM'S ISLAND'



This undated photo provided by Fox shows Abigail Breslin in a scene from 'Nim's Island.'

Foster and Breslin make an appealing team

BY CHRISTY LEHORE
AP movie critic

"Nim's Island" is a movie for kids who like to think and read and use their imagination, and for parents who may be tired of family fare that's nothing but a litany of cutesy pup-culture references.

Not much is terribly new or challenging in this adaptation of Wendy Orr's novel. But Jodie Foster and Abigail Breslin — child stars past and present — do make a smart, appealing pair.

Breslin is the titular Nim, an energetic, adventurous girl who's been living with her scientist father, Jack (Gerald Butler), on an idiosyncratic South Pacific Island since her mother's death. Then one day he disappears while on an aquatic expedition, leaving Nim all alone with her animal friends. (Breslin enjoys several amusing and affectionate

'Nim's Island'

Starring Jodie Foster, Abigail Breslin, Gerald Butler

Rated PG for mild adventure action and brief language

Playing at: Twin Cinema, SkitTime Cinema, Big Wood Cinema, Century Cinema and Jerome Cinema

moments with some well-trained creatures, including a sea lion, a bearded dragon and a pelican.)

Mature beyond her years but understandably panicked, Nim seeks help from Alex Rover, the globe-trotting hero of her favorite book series (also played by Butler in an Indiana Jones-style hat and an appropriate amount of facial scruff). But her e-mail exchanges are actually with the author of the novels, Foster's Alexandra Rover — who's agoraphobic, obsessive-compulsive

and so generally fearful, she hasn't left her San Francisco apartment in months. It's a refreshing role change for Foster, who's normally so strong and in control on screen, and it gives the veteran actress a rare chance at doing physical comedy.

Perhaps it's a bit convenient that Nim and Alexandra are opposites who must connect to make each others' lives complete. One is afraid of nothing while the other is afraid of everything, as illustrated with a parallel-editing sequence in which Nim climbs a volcano while Alexandra struggles just to open the front door.

But husband-and-wife writers and directors Mark Levin and Jennifer Flackett, who made the 2005 charmer "Little Manhattan," do get some heart-tugging moments out of their cast. (The couple co-wrote the script with Paula Mazur and Joseph Kwong.)

Butler gets to show off the skills that have helped holster him to stardom in his last two disparate movies: He's hardy and brave as he was in the blockbuster "300," but also tender and playful as he was in the weepy "B.S. I Love You." Levin and Flackett capably blend fantasy and reality, having Alex show up both in Nim's bedroom as she reads about his many adventures, and in Alexandra's apartment as she summons the courage to seek out this scared little girl and rescue her.

A couple of storms might be too intense for young kids who are afraid of thunder and lightning, and the whole movie might be troubling to youngsters who have separation anxiety issues. But those are only individual moments. For the most part, it's all smiles, sunshine, exotic scenery — and perhaps a couple of tears here and there.

What's playing

TWIN FALLS

Twin Cinema

- "The Bucket List"
- "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!"
- "Jumper"
- "College Road Trip"
- "10,000 B.C."
- "Footloose"
- "Leatherheads"
- "Superhero Movie"
- "Nim's Island"
- "The Spitzerwick Chronicles"
- "Dribbit Taylor"
- "Prom Night"

Odyssey Theater

- "Shutter"
- "The Other Boleyn Girl"
- "Vantage Point"
- "21"
- "Street Kings"
- "Juno"

The Orpheum

- "The Ruins"

HAILEY/KETCHUM

SkitTime Cinemas

- "Miss Pettigrew Lives for a Day"
- "Nim's Island"
- "The Bank Job"

Big Wood Cinema

- "10,000 B.C."
- "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!"
- "In Bruges"
- "Nim's Island"
- "The Other Boleyn Girl"

Magic Lantern

- "Leatherheads"
- "In Bruges"
- "Superhero Movie"

Sun Valley Opera House

- "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!"
- "Dribbit Taylor"
- "Sun Valley Serenade"
- Warren Miller ski films

BURLEY

Century Cinema

- "Never Back Down"
- "The Other Boleyn Girl"
- "Nim's Island"
- "Dribbit Taylor"
- "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!"

Burley Theater

- "The Bucket List"

JEROME

Jerome Cinema

- "Dribbit Taylor"
- "Nim's Island"
- "Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!"
- "Superhero Movie"

Find a bargain at the library's annual book sale

BY BLAIR KOCH
Correspondent

Pick your poison.

Whether it's a great novel, literary classic or travel guide you like to sink into, odds are great you'll find the perfect book at the Twin Falls Public Library Foundation's 16th Annual Used Book Sale.

"This year's sale promises to have thousands of titles to uncover as well as a treasure trove of first editions, collectibles, music, movies, audio books and art prints.

"The foundation has accumulated so many items to be sold that the sale, to be held at the Magic Valley Mall, has been split into two sections. The Children's and Young Adult section will be set up next to Macy's and the Adults and Special Collections will be next to Sears.

Make space on your bookshelves

What: Twin Falls Public Library Foundation's 16th Annual Used Book Sale.

When: 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Friday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday.

Where: The Magic Valley Mall.

Cost: Variable. From 2-4 p.m. Saturday, all items, except specialty items, will be half price.

"We used to hold the sale downstairs in the library but we kind of grew out of that," said library foundation director Diane Van Engelen.

"The annual event offers the best bargains and variety of books around," said Twin Falls resident Pete Toft. "Of course, you have to be a early bird if you want to get your worm, he said.

"I love books and love the



Fran Frost of Twin Falls holds up 'The Complete Stories of Truman Capote' in the Twin Falls Public Library in April 2006. Frost and a handful of others were putting out books for the library foundation's annual book sale. This year's sale starts Friday and continues through Saturday at the Magic Valley Mall.

sale," Toft said. "There is also a lot of excitement when you get a bunch of book lovers out searching in anticipation through stacks of great books."

Even though most paperbacks

will be sold for just 50 cents and \$1 will buy you a hardback, sale proceeds are expected to reach more than \$10,000. All of the money raised through the two-day sale will benefit the Twin

Falls Public Library, Van Engelen said.

"This is one of three big fundraisers we have each year to help support the library," Van Engelen said. "We try and give \$50,000 a year in books to the library, as well as help support the day-to-day operations."

Twin Falls Public Library director Susan Ash said some of the library employees will be on hand during the sale, which they look forward to all year.

"The best part is to be able to attend," Ash said. "There is always something to find. We have a fantastic foundation that does a superb job of supporting the library and this sale is just one of those ways."

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Art

A nontraditional art student

BY ERICA LITTLEFIELD
Correspondent

Rosalia Fisher may not be a traditional college student, but the professors and her fellow students at the College of Southern Idaho don't treat her any differently.

The 65-year-old Fisher has been painting for about 20 years, and for the past year she has attended CSI and majored in art. Two of her paintings were selected for the annual CSI Student Art Show. Her pieces, titled "Canyon View" and "Idaho Panorama," won the award for best mixed media painting. The show, which opened Tuesday, will run through May 10 in the Jean B. King Gallery of Art at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science.

Fisher is grateful to be taken seriously as a student and an artist.

"They see me as a serious student, not just an old woman who has nothing else to do," Fisher said. "I'm there to take classes to get my degree and further myself as an artist, and I appreciate their attitude toward me."

Nature is one of Fisher's inspirations and a recurring theme in her work. "Canyon View" is an abstract painting based on Fisher's photo of the Snake River Canyon at Shoshone Falls, and "Idaho Panorama" is an abstract piece based on a vista of fields and mountains Fisher saw on a trip to Idaho Falls.

Fisher said she has always been drawn to abstract and expressionist art and believes abstract art can be harder to do than realism.

"It requires bringing things down to the simplest forms and colors, without losing what's there," Fisher said.

Fisher's paintings for the art



Rosalia Fisher poses for a portrait in front of her art piece "Idaho Panorama" Monday afternoon at the Herrett Center in Twin Falls. "Idaho Panorama," made with gesso using an impasto technique, won the "Best in Painting" juror's award.

Staff photo by BETSY JACKSON

If you go...

What: College of Southern Idaho Student Art Show

Where: Jean B. King Gallery of Art at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science

When: Now through May 10. Gallery hours: 9:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays and Fridays; 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Wednesdays and Thursdays; and 1 to 9 p.m. Saturdays. Closed Sundays and Mondays.

Cost: Admission is free. Some pieces are for sale, ranging from \$40 to \$500.

Information: Milica Popovic, 732-6765

Watch for more

Over the next three weeks, TNT will profile three more CSI art students displaying work at the show.

show draw on her loves of nature and of the abstract. Fisher used a primer product called gesso mixed with organic mate-

Rosalia Fisher hopes her paintings will impart her love of nature to others and open their eyes to "how much beauty is out there for people to enjoy."

rials like sticks and leaves to add textures to the pieces. Before painting, Fisher coated the canvases with the gesso mixture, then painted with thin layers of oil paint to create an effect similar to watercolor.

"Canyon View" took about a month to complete, and "Idaho Panorama" took about two. The pieces were not assignments for class, but projects Fisher worked on in her own time. Fisher usually does about three or four pieces on her own in addition to her art class work.

Milica Popovic, a CSI art professor and coordinator for the show, has had Fisher in several of her classes and said Fisher is

an example to the younger students.

"She's very open to learning and very creative," Popovic said.

The CSI Student Art Show showcases about 100 pieces in seven categories: drawing, design, painting, printmaking, photography, ceramics and sculpture. Each year the show is judged by a different artist from outside Magic Valley. Sally Machlis, an art professor from the University of Idaho, was the juror for this year's show. Machlis chose which pieces to include, selected winners in each category and gave the students feedback.

Popovic believes getting out-

side perspectives in their work is important for students.

"I like that it gives students a chance to see their own work in a show," Popovic said. "They see what other students are doing, and it's good for the community to see what we do."

Along with the feedback, Fisher said one of the biggest advantages of being part of the show is the opportunity to bring a message to other people. Fisher hopes her paintings will impart her love of nature to others and open their eyes to "how much beauty is out there for people to enjoy."

"I hopefully they'll end up with a love of nature like I have," Fisher said.

"I hopefully they'll see the land in a different way and value it enough to keep it as pristine as possible."

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