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Idaho's Rural Towns Shrinking

Urban areas accounted for nearly all Gem State population growth between 2010 and 2011.

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TWIN FALLS • Idaho's small communities are getting smaller, as a new report shows nearly all the Gem State's population growth came in urban areas this past year.

The Idaho Department of Labor reported that more rural counties lost population between 2010 and 2011 than at any other time since the 1980s, according to U.S. Census Bureau data. While the state added nearly 14,000 residents during a 12-month span that ended this past summer, data shows that only 20 of those new residents settled in rural communities.

The Big Picture

Idaho's most populous county spurred the state's growth last year. Ada County gained 7,376 residents, cresting the 400,000 population mark last summer. While Idaho grew at just less than 1 percent between 2010 and 2011, Ada County grew at more than twice that rate.

By summer 2011, more than 65 percent of all Idahoans lived in the state's metropolitan areas, up from about 56 percent in 1980.

Population gains in some of rural Idaho were offset in near-equal declines in 18 of the state's 33 remote counties. Elmore County lost 734 residents last year — nearly 3 percent of its population — while Boundary County saw a loss of 211 residents.

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By the Numbers

South-central Idaho population changes from 2010 to 2011:

County	2011	2010	Change
Blaine	21,199	21,334	-135
Camas	1,124	1,108	16
Cassia	23,186	23,091	95
Gooding	15,475	15,500	-25
Jerome	22,682	22,461	221
Lincoln	5,186	5,214	-28
Minidoka	20,155	20,082	73
Twin Falls	78,005	77,490	515



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Three-year-old Trysta Federico tries to take a handheld gaming device from her step-brother, Devin Cummings, 8, while their mother, Crystal, and step-sister, Kala Cummings, 10, look on Thursday at the Super 7 Motel in Twin Falls.

At Home, but Homeless

More families weathering the downturn in motels or multi-family homes mean an increase to Idaho's homeless student population.

BY JULIE WOOTTON

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TWIN FALLS • When Gaylynn Draves and her husband moved their family into the Super 7 Motel, they weren't planning to stay for more than two weeks.

But seven months later, they still call the downtown Twin Falls motel home.

"We feel stuck here," Draves said Tuesday as she leaned against the metal railing outside a row of rooms.

They moved in after she and her daughter had surgeries and medical bills piled up.

Living at a motel can take a toll

on a family, from the lack of space and privacy to the noise that permeates the walls between rooms.

For children, it's difficult to focus on school.

Draves' 12-year-old son — a Robert Stuart Middle School student — used to be an A student. Since moving into the motel, his grades have slipped.

Her 10-year-old daughter — who goes to I.B. Perrine Elementary School — spends a lot of time at a friend's house to get away from the motel room.

"My kids just want a home," Draves said, adding that they're looking for a place to rent but have a bad credit history.

More than 45 Twin Falls School District students live in a motel and are classified as homeless.

The school district's population of homeless students has grown in recent years, due in part to the economy and better counting methods.

There were just two identified homeless students during the 2008-09 school year.

Now there are 189.

Doubling Up

Although the number of students counted as homeless has increased, many children have a

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More Online

SEE more photos from the Federicos' hotel room at Magicvalley.com/gallery.

T.F. School District Homeless Students by School Year:

2008-09: 2
2009-10: 58
2010-11: 57
2011-12: 189

Current Living Situation:

Doubled up: 117
Motel: 46
Trailer/car: 2
Shelter/foster: 24
Total: 189

Jerome Officials Approve Sewer Line Contract

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JEROME • Sometimes problems arise with just a little digging.

Jerome city officials are working to replace a 500-foot sewer line after construction workers exposed a problematic pipe in a separate project.

Construction crews discovered the problem while excavating the new Head Start/Early Head Start center. Once open, the \$1.06 million facility will be located near the Jerome School District's administrative office.

Jerome City Council members were asked at an emergency meeting on Wednesday to approve a contract be-

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Jerome Mayor **John Shine**

tween the city and CSI, which operates Head Start locally, to replace the sewer line.

"We don't want to slow the project down," said Mayor John Shine. "Now

is the right time to replace it."

Shine said much of the city's sewer line system still uses the original pipe from when the system was first built.

And while other sections of the city might need work done on them eventually, this project will start immediately because of the Head Start project, he said.

"If you look at the system as a whole, it goes back generations," he said. "And as we find the ones that need replacing, we will. But we can't replace everything all at once."

The sewer line replacement project is estimated to cost the city \$14,000, Shine said.

Tipped Concrete Truck Blocks U.S. 30 near Filer

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FILER • An overturned concrete truck closed both lanes of U.S. Highway 30 between Filer and Buhl on Thursday.

While the crash involved three vehicles, including a commercial truck and a 1992 Ford F150 pickup, only the concrete truck's driver suffered minor injuries, said Twin Falls County Sheriff's spokeswoman Lori Stewart.

No one else was seriously injured in the accident, she said.

According to Idaho State Police, the

accident was caused when the pickup's driver, Neil Paterson, 17, of Twin Falls, attempted to turn left from 2000 East Road onto U.S. 30. He collided with the westbound concrete truck, driven by Brett Olson, 53, of Twin Falls.

While Olson's truck eventually rolled onto its side and slid across the highway, Paterson's pickup clipped a 2006 Kenworth semitrailer headed east on U.S. 30, driven by Clyde McClain, 52, of Buhl. McClain saw the initial collision and had attempted to avoid the crash, according to ISP.

Alcohol is not believed to be a factor in the accident and seat belts were worn by all occupants, ISP Trooper Michael Faller said.

County sheriff's deputies responded to the crash at about 2 p.m., blocking both lanes of the highway near its intersections with 1900 East Road and 2000 East Road for about 3 1/2 hours. The Idaho Transportation Department and area fire department officials also responded to the accident.

ISP continues to investigate the crash.

Wyoming Town with 1 Resident Sold for \$900,000

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ALSO MAKING NEWS



Obama Signs Small Business Legislation

WASHINGTON • President Barack Obama signed bipartisan jobs legislation Thursday that will help small businesses and make it easier for startups to raise capital, saying it could be a "game-changer" for entrepreneurs dreaming of founding the next Microsoft or Facebook.

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Police say the driver of this 1978 Chevrolet Suburban, Gregory Lee Veeh, was under the influence of several drugs when he allegedly swerved into this power pole on March 9.

DUI Charged in March T.F. Power Outage Crash

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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TWIN FALLS • Police say a Twin Falls man was driving while under the influence of several prescription drugs when he crashed into a utility pole in early March, cutting power to nearly 2,000 Twin Falls homes.

Officers believe Gregory Lee Veeh had taken a variety of drugs before the March 9 crash, including Ritalin, Oxycodone, a cholesterol drug, a generic form of Prozac and Ambien. It was unclear from the police report whether the drugs were prescribed to him.

Veeh, 49, was arraigned on a charge of driving under the influence Wednesday in Twin Falls County 5th District Court.

On the afternoon of March 9, police and sheriff's deputies found a 1978 Chevrolet Suburban driven by Veeh crashed into a utility pole along Hankins Road in eastern Twin Falls. The utility pole had broken about halfway up, leaning at a 45-degree angle, held up by power lines.

While Twin Falls police

officers spoke with Veeh, a Twin Falls County sheriff's deputy interviewed a witness who said she saw the Suburban turn in front of her, strike a utility pole, then back up and hit a second pole, causing it to snap. The witness said the driver seemed "out of it," according to the police report.

When the deputy spoke with Veeh, the suspect was having a hard time standing up and his pupils were constricted, according to the report.

According to court records, Veeh repeated 10 to 15 times that he had been struck from behind and knocked into the pole. "Veeh was unaware that he had cut off the vehicle in the turn lane and didn't know he hit two utility poles," the documents state.

Veeh said he had a head injury in 1988 and had some problems from prior injuries, the records state.

Deputies say Veeh failed all three field sobriety tests and was transported to St. Luke's Magic Valley Medical Center for a blood test.

A pretrial hearing is scheduled for May 1.

Sgt. Daniel Brown to Be Returned to T.F. Today

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TWIN FALLS • As flags across Idaho fly at half staff, the body of U.S. Army Sgt. Daniel Brown will arrive today in Twin Falls.

Brown, a 27-year-old Jerome resident, was killed March 24 while serving in Afghanistan.

Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has ordered that flags at all state-owned facilities fly at half staff through Saturday, to honor Brown and Air Force Capt. Frances Imlay, who was killed in an accident while deployed in southwest Asia.

Twin Falls city is also flying

its flags at half staff through Saturday, and has asked businesses and residents to do the same.

Brown's private honorable transfer ceremony will happen today at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport. The charter flight will originate from Dover Air Force Base in Delaware.

On Saturday, Brown's funeral service — which the public is invited to attend — is scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday at the College of Southern Idaho's gymnasium. It will be followed by burial with full military rites at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.



Brown

City officials and the Idaho Transportation Department plan to close several roads for Brown's funeral procession. Starting at CSI, the procession will travel down Falls Avenue to Locust Street North, down Locust to Filer Avenue East, then from there to Eastland Drive North. It will then follow Eastland down to Kimberly Road and the memorial park.

Starting at about 5 or

5:30 p.m., the following closures are expected and could last two hours:

- Falls Avenue, from Washington Street North to Locust.
- Blue Lakes Boulevard at its intersection with Falls.
- Kimberly between Eastland and the entrance to Sunset Memorial Park.

Other closures are possible. Donations may be made to the Dan Brown Memorial Fund at any Wells Fargo bank branch. Proceeds will benefit Brown's twin daughters. Memories of Brown may be shared at www.rosenaufuneralhome.com.



PHOTOS BY ASHLEY SMITH • TIMES-NEWS

Devin Cummings, 8, grabs a snack Thursday at the hotel room his family rents by the week at Super 7 Motel in Twin Falls.

Homeless

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roof over their heads. They're just sharing space — such as an apartment — with another family.

Of the 189 homeless students in the Twin Falls School District, 117 fall under this category.

"Right now, it seems like our highest numbers are in doubled up," said Support Services Director Clara Allred.

That meets the Idaho State Department of Education's definition of a homeless student: one without "a fixed, regular and adequate night-time residence."

Statewide, there were 4,774 homeless students during the 2010-11 school year.



Ten-year-old Kala Cummings, left, plays a guitar Thursday while her step-sister, Trysta Federico, and mother, Crystal Federico, listen.

they're treated no different than everyone else," Olmstead said.

About 27 homeless students attend the school, according to the latest school district data.

Accommodations can be made for homeless students who are identified. For instance, Olmstead said it's difficult for many to do homework without a quiet place available.

"Homework is really the last thing they think of getting done," she said.

A portion of federal Title I funding school districts receive to help students living in poverty goes toward homeless students. In the Twin Falls School District, that amounts

to \$3,613 this year.

At Lincoln Elementary, employees can help families make medical appointments, get glasses for children and cover field trip fees. The school also has a closet full of clothes, a food pantry and a weekend backpack food program.

Students also receive vouchers from the Deseret Industries thrift store to get clothing and supplies.

Store Manager Wayne Tonge said vouchers are typically for between \$20 and \$40.

who lives at Valley House homeless shelter with her husband and five children — the shelter provides her family with a "place to sleep" and a chance to breathe.

"We can actually concentrate on getting a good-paying job," she said.

A few months ago, the family moved to Twin Falls in order to be close to a hospital due to Van Holland's complicated pregnancy. Van Holland's job — which came with housing — was filled while she was away.

Van Holland has five girls, ages 2 months to 11 years. Her older children attend Lincoln Elementary.

One of her children, she said, is having trouble adjusting to life at the shelter. But she said her other children are doing well, making friends in school and getting good grades.

At Super 7 Motel, Crystal Federico lives in a single room with her husband and four children. They ended up at the motel after moving to Twin Falls in October.

Her husband collects \$301 per week in unemployment benefits. Federico is also looking for a job and fills out applications daily.

"The kids have been through a lot," she said.

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FORMER BANK EMPLOYEE ACCUSED OF STEALING CASH

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TWIN FALLS • Twin Falls police say a 20-year-old woman stole more than \$1,600 from a branch of Wells Fargo Bank in Twin Falls while she worked as a teller in August and September 2011.

Krystyn Rae Whittemore, of Twin Falls, was arraigned on one count of grand theft

on Thursday in Twin Falls County 5th District Court.

Police received the case in mid-March from a U.S. Secret Service agent in Boise. The agent said he had been given a referral from a Wells Fargo Bank investigator who said Whittemore had stolen about \$1,630 between Aug. 26 and Sept. 16.

On Sept. 17, a manager performed a random audit on Whittemore's cash drawer

and said it came up \$1 short. A few days later, a manager performed another audit and said the drawer was \$200 short. From there, an investigation was started.

According to court documents, Whittemore admitted to falsifying her teller balancing records on numerous dates in order to conceal her thefts.

Police say Whittemore stole \$850 on Aug. 26. Sever-

al more thefts over the next few weeks totaled \$1,710. Whittemore said she repaid \$80 after her cash drawer was audited.

In an interview with police, Whittemore allegedly said she stole the initial \$850 to cover a bill for an online college course and took the other money because of financial hardships and other bills.

A preliminary hearing is scheduled for April 13.

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City of Filer Denies Residential Rezone

BY JOHN E. SWAYZE
For the Times-News

FILER • The city of Filer has turned down a request to change the zoning of four lots on the southeast end of Main Street from commercial to residential. City Council members made the decision Tuesday after hearing opposition to rezoning lots 12-16. Residents argued the move could harm the use of the properties, as well as efforts to eliminate or reduce spot zoning — land completely isolated from anything else in its zoning category — in the city's comprehensive plan.

Main Street residents Larry and Sheri Underwood came before the council last month with a plan to tear down their existing residence and construct a two-story replacement. The site's commercial zoning, however, limits residential construction to rebuilding after a natural disaster or a remodel of the structure within its existing foundation footprint.

Their rezone request included their own land and that of their neighbors, leading to Tuesday's vote.

"I don't want to do something my neighbors won't like and I really don't care if it gets rezoned," Lar-

ry Underwood said Tuesday. "All I want is a permit so I can start building before winter gets here."

Their neighbor, John Darnall, was concerned that a zoning change would impact both the use and the sale potential of his home.

"The change would affect me if we ever decided to sell our property," Darnall said. "If someone wanted to live there or start a business, right now, they could do both. If someone wants a rezone for their own property, they should do it themselves."

Filer City Attorney Fritz Wonderlich suggested that, since the Underwoods' southern property line adjoins a residential zone, they should look into just rezoning their own property. Though unusual, it would avoid spot zoning, he said.

In other action, the city will observe Arbor Day with a public celebration on April 28. Activities, including tree care and planting, will kick off at 11 a.m. with a hot dog and hamburger lunch at the Filer City Park.

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Rural Idaho

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South-central Idaho

Locally, the eight-county area of south-central Idaho saw population growth by only 732 residents between 2010 and 2011. Blaine, Gooding and Lincoln counties all saw population decreases, mainly spurred by people moving out of the counties at a greater rate than new births.

Blaine County, known for its high cost of living, saw its population sputter out of the Great Recession. Its roughly 21,300 residents in 2010 dipped by 135 in the following year.

Twin Falls and Jerome counties, parts of which combine to form the Twin Falls metropolitan area, accounted for nearly all of south-central Idaho's population growth, adding 736 residents.

Moving Out

While more people moved into Idaho than moved out last year, migration counted for only 16 percent of the state's population growth.

Instead, the state's growth was spurred by births outpacing deaths by nearly 12,000 in the 12-month span.

While south-central Idaho's population grew between 2010 and 2011, six of the eight area counties saw more people moving out than moving in.

TWIN FALLS COUNTY

THURSDAY ARRAIGNMENTS

Alex David Trafford, 18, Twin Falls; lewd conduct with a minor under 16, \$100,000 bond, public defender appointed, preliminary hearing April 13.

Alex David Trafford, 18, Twin Falls; no-contact order violation \$2,500 public defender appointed, pretrial May 15.

Krystyn Rae Whittemore, 20, Twin Falls; grand theft, appearance, public defender appointed, preliminary hearing April 13.

Ronda Kay Jones, 50, Twin Falls; driving under the influence (second offense), appearance, private counsel, pretrial May 15.

David Patrick Flloyd, 47, Twin Falls; possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, \$500 bond, public defend-

er appointed, pretrial May 15.
Courtney Lynn Wickard, 21, Twin Falls; battery, recognition release, public defender appointed, pretrial

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Steven Ray Stone, 37, Twin Falls; domestic battery, \$2,500 bond, public defender appointed, pretrial May 15.

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T.F. Man Found Guilty of 10 Counts Child Sex Abuse

BY ALISON GENE SMITH
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TWIN FALLS • A jury has found a Twin Falls man guilty on 10 charges of child sex crimes.

Aaron William Frandsen, 34, was accused of raping a female relative starting in 2006, when the girl was 7 or 8 years old.

Frandsen was charged with 10 counts of lewd conduct with a minor under 16 when he was indicted by a Twin Falls grand jury on Dec. 19.

According to the indictment, the abuse occurred at several residences throughout Twin Falls, the latest occurring between Aug. 1, 2009, and May 31, 2010, when the child was 11 years old.

The trial for the case began Wednesday and closing arguments wrapped up Thursday morning. The jury began deliberating at 9:30 a.m.

Thursday and returned just after 2 p.m. with the guilty verdict.

Both the victim and Frandsen testified at the trial along with a school guidance counselor, a Twin Falls police detective and a doctor who examined the victim.

Prosecutor Suzanne Craig asked the jury not to make their decision based on emotions about the victim or Frandsen, but rather the plain evidence. Defense attorney Sam Beus pointed out differences in the testimony of the victim and a counselor who had spoken with her.

The maximum punishment for lewd conduct against a minor under 16 is life in prison and a \$50,000 fine.

Frandsen has been ordered to have no contact with the victim or other children.

A sentencing hearing is scheduled for June 18.

RISCH, CRAPO, SIMPSON REPS TO VISIT BURLEY

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BURLEY • Representatives for U.S. Sens. Mike Crapo and Jim Risch and Rep. Mike Simpson will be in Burley on April 18 to visit with constituents.

The field representatives will answer questions from individuals with specific problems with federal agencies such as the Internal Revenue Service, Veterans Affairs and the Social Security Administration. From 9-11 a.m., they will be at Burley

City Hall, 1401 Overland Ave. From 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., they'll travel to the Golden Heritage Senior Center, 2421 Overland Ave. Information: Risch's office, 734-6780; Crapo's office, 734-2515; Simpson's office, 734-7219.



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Dave Whaley, Veteran Idaho Union Leader Dies at 54

BOISE (AP) • Dave Whaley, who ascended from the floor of a Lewiston sawmill to become the president of the AFL-CIO in Idaho, has died. He was 54.

Whaley had pancreatic cancer and died at his home in Boise on Wednesday, the *Idaho Statesman* reported in a story published Thursday.

Whaley took over leadership of the union in 1996. He was vice president at the time, but in the wake of the resignation of then-president Randy Ambuehl, Whaley left his job at the Potlatch Corp. to move to Boise.

"Randy basically dropped the keys on the desk and said, 'I'm out of here,'" recalled Jim Kerns, president from 1981-1993. "Dave had to learn from Day 1. He did a fine job."

AFL-CIO membership in Idaho has fallen to about 11,000, down from the more than 41,000 members in 1985 when state lawmakers passed the Right to Work law. That legislation weakened unions by prohibiting payment of dues as a condition of employment.

During his tenure as union chief, Whaley earned respect from Republican leaders who were often on the opposite end of political and philosophical clashes about the role of unions and business.

Republican Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter spent an hour visiting Whaley in the hospital recently, calling him a great friend and praising his contributions to the Workforce Development Council.

"Dave was a good man," Otter told The Statesman. "Even in supporting my political opponents, as he had to do, he was always even-handed and fair."

Idaho Department of Labor Director Roger Madsen partnered with Whaley and business leaders to reform unemployment insurance rates at the request of employers.

"He has been a strong supporter of the business community, knowing full well that economic development and workforce development, to be successful in Idaho, need a strong business community and a strong workforce," Madsen said.

Despite the decline of union membership and influence across the state, Whaley refused to let it affect his commitment to Idaho's working class, said union Secretary-Treasurer Cindy Hedge.

"It was a love of labor and a labor of love," Hedge said. "He was always for the worker and a voice for dignity and respect in the workplace?"

The Idaho AFL-CIO's executive board will meet Tuesday to choose a successor.

Gov. Signs Animal Cruelty Measure, Others

BY ALEX MORRELL
Associated Press

BOISE • Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter gave his approval this week to a new law that puts felony animal cruelty penalties on the books in Idaho for the first time.

The legislation signed by Otter and approved by lawmakers in the final days of the 2012 Legislature makes a third animal cruelty conviction over a period of 15 years a felony, leaving the Dakotas as the only states without a felony crime on the books for animal cruelty.

The new law also covers cockfights by making it a felony to organize fights accompanied by drugs and gambling, but it exempts normal animal production practices like branding and castration, protections considered critical for earning

Other Business

The animal cruelty bill was one of more than 100 signed by Otter this week, including:

• PUBLIC SCHOOL BUDGET:

The 2013 funding plan for public schools includes funds for the state's new education reforms, including merit pay bonuses and laptops. The budget includes \$1.27 billion in state general funding, a \$56 million bump over the current fiscal year. That's a 4.6 percent boost in state support, but the overall in-

crease is much smaller at 0.4 percent when including federal funding.

overall support from Idaho's powerful livestock industry.

Toughening Idaho's animal cruelty laws has been a longstanding goal of animal rights activists, and their ef-

fort to get a much stiffer proposal in front of voters in November was credited by some lawmakers as motivation for passing the tougher penalties this year.

But the new law, which goes into effect July 1, has also softened the sense of immediacy among some animal rights groups for getting an initiative before voters this year. So far, a ballot initiative pursued by Idaho 1 of 3 faces an uphill battle, with organizers having collected a little more than half of the nearly 50,000 signatures required by the end of the month to qualify for the November election.

Animal rights advocates lauded Otter and lawmakers for adopting a tougher law on animal cruelty, but they are far from satisfied. Strategies are already being developed for next year to strengthen animal protections overall and improve upon the new law, which is seen by some as too weak and narrow to actually produce any felony convictions.

Lisa Kauffman, Idaho state director of the Humane Society of the United States, said she is trying to organize meetings with the agriculture industry and animal welfare groups to create a definition of and penalties for animal torture — which applies to behavior considered more extreme and malicious than cruelty. A bill to do just that was left on the cutting room floor in the Senate.

For now, Kauffman said her group is content to give the Legislature another chance next year to pass an animal torture measure before pursuing reform at the ballot box.

"I really think these bills should be going through the Legislature," Kauffman said. "If we can't get that done, an initiative by HSUS is definitely on the table."

Nampa Hammer Killing May Have Been Premeditated

Lead investigator reads aloud in court from a message sent by suspect two days before her mother died from blunt force trauma to the head.

IDAHO PRESS-TRIBUNE

CANYON COUNTY • Based on witness testimony — and a text message suggesting prior intent to kill — Judge Brian Lee ruled there is sufficient evidence to move forward in the case of a Nampa woman suspected of murdering her mother.

Kelly Singh, 40, will be arraigned on the felony charge of first-degree murder April 13 before Judge Bradley Ford. Singh is represented by Canyon County public defenders.

Nampa Police Detective Brice King, lead investigator in the case, read aloud during a preliminary hearing from a text message sent by Singh to her sister:

"Help, I want to kill Ruth, the b— don't care about me at all, she wants me gone," King read from a photograph taken from Singh's cell phone. "I want to bash her head in, but I don't want it to go to me... this may happen within two days."

The message was dated two days before Ruth Collins, Singh's mother, died from blunt force trauma to the head.

Michael McClune, who lives near the home shared by Collins and Singh on the 4400 block of Long Valley Place, testified earlier in the hearing that Singh had pounded on his door around 11 p.m. Feb. 28. He said Singh was at his front door with a red substance he believed to be blood on her face and clothing.

"The first thing she told me, that she repeated four

or five times, 'I killed her, I killed her, mom's dead, I know I killed her,'" McClune testified.

Nampa Police officers Matt Thomas and William Koho — the first two officers to arrive on scene — also testified in Wednesday morning's hearing. Thomas responded to a disturbance call at Collins and Singh's home, where he said Singh answered the door, he said, and asked if he could enter the home. She initially said yes, according to his testimony, but then changed her mind. Nonetheless, he forced his way into the home to investigate the blood he saw on her hands.

According to Koho's testimony, he was in the area and responded to assist Thomas. Koho conducted a quick search of the house. When he got to the master bedroom, he said, he shouted back to Thomas.

"I found an elderly female laying on the bed with significant head injuries," Koho recalled. "She was gasping, doing agonal breathing," which he described as the death throes of the body.

Thomas testified he was waiting elsewhere in the house with Singh as Koho searched the house.

"I could hear him yell, 'Cuff her!'" Thomas told the court.

Prosecutors played an 18-minute video of Singh's interview with Detective King shortly after the incident. Singh appeared to understand what she had done, but did not know Collins was dead.

"You don't know how my mom is, she's never going to get over this," Singh told King in the video.

At other times during the video, Singh expressed concern for her dog, and asked King for a cigarette.

Singh will next appear in court 9 a.m. April 13 before Judge Bradley Ford.

IDAHO BRIEFS

Otter Declares Disaster for Soggy Bonner County

SANDPOINT • Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has issued a disaster declaration to help Bonner County in northern Idaho deal with record rain and snowmelt that have damaged roads and triggered landslides.

Otter approved the declaration this week. Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security Director Bill Shawver says record rainfall for the region created conditions ripe for wide scale damage to roads.

The *Bonner County Daily Bee* reports that crews are out clearing or replacing culverts across the county, removing fallen trees and patching and refilling holes in gravel roads. Officials estimate the damage to public infrastructure is nearing \$1 million.

Court: Park's Snowmobile Rules Affect Wyoming

CHEYENNE, Wyo. • A federal appeals court has withdrawn a recent ruling that said the state of Wyoming wasn't economically affected by restricting snowmobile traffic at each entrance to Yellowstone National Park.

The 10th Circuit Court of Appeals on Thursday granted a request from the state to reconsider a court ruling issued in late February.

Wyoming and Park County had protested that court incorrectly ruled in February that the state could only argue it was economically affected by snowmobile restrictions at the park's East Entrance.

The National Park Service is drafting new snowmobile limits for Yellowstone that should be in effect by next winter. The court ruling will be important to the state if it wants to challenge those forthcoming limits.

Appeals Court Upholds Conviction in 2009 Slaying

LEWISTON • An Idaho appeals court has upheld the conviction of a Lewiston man who killed his wife on Valentine's Day in 2009.

The Idaho Court of appeals unanimously ruled this week that a lower court did not err during the trial of 42-year-old Gary Mallory.

Mallory is serving 30 years to life for strangling his 48-year-old wife, Charlene Mabie Mallory. He was convicted by a jury of first-degree murder and felony domestic violence.

In their appeal, attorneys for Mallory challenged the trial judge's decision to allow prosecutors to present evidence of rib injuries suffered by the wife before her death.

Former Exec Admits to Embezzling from Company

IDAHO FALLS • The former chief financial officer for an eastern Idaho company has admitted to stealing more than \$550,000

from the company.

Fifty-one-year-old Stanley William Mills pleaded guilty to grand theft by embezzlement in 7th District Court on Wednesday.

His plea was part of an agreement reached with prosecutors who contend he took the money over several years while serving as an executive for Environmental Management Inc.

The *Post Register* reports Mills admitted to taking the cash between 2007 and 2009. In some cases, evidence shows he wrote checks and deposited company money into personal accounts and used company money to pay personal credit cards. Records show he also manipulated federal withholding documents.

He faces up to 14 years in prison. Sentencing is set for May 17.

Bankrupt Nampa Broker Pleads Guilty to Grand Theft

BOISE • A former Nampa real estate broker pleaded guilty to grand theft rather than face trial on allegations he took more than \$400,000 from business clients.

The *Idaho Statesman* reports Jerry Gunstream faces 3 to 14 years in prison at his June sentencing.

Gunstream has been held at the Canyon County Jail since his arrest in January on two felony theft charges. He had been under investigation since 2009 after acknowledging in letters that he took \$598,000 from eight properties he managed.

He told investigators he transferred money out of tenants' accounts when he needed it to cover his own expenses because his income from real estate sales had declined. Gunstream reported \$2.1 million in debt when filing for bankruptcy.

He pleaded guilty Wednesday to one of the theft charges.

Deputy in Critical Condition after Accident

IDAHO FALLS • A southeastern Idaho jail deputy who spent an hour in 48-degree water after a boating accident was hospitalized in critical condition.

The Jefferson County sheriff's office says 46-year-old Mark Weaver of Hamer was found with a life jacket on, but face down in Mud Lake Wednesday afternoon.

A witness reported seeing Weaver fall into the water off a sinking boat at about 1 p.m.

Rescuers performed CPR and Weaver was taken to the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center in Idaho Falls, where a hospital spokeswoman said he remained in critical condition Thursday morning.

Sheriff Blair Olsen said Weaver bought the boat a few weeks ago and was testing it. The cause of the accident has not been determined.

— Associated Press

Sheriff: 17-year-old Driver Cited Following Crash on Idaho 16

IDAHO STATESMAN

BOISE • Ada County Sheriff's deputies ticketed a 17-year-old boy Thursday morning after officials say he drove a pickup truck into the path of an SUV on Idaho 16.

Emergency crews had to cut the 64-year-old driver out of wreckage of an SUV, but it appears that person did not sustain any life-threatening injuries, sheriff's officials said.

Witnesses told investiga-

tors that the driver of a pickup truck, going south on Idaho 16, tried to turn on to Floating Feather Road and drove into the path of the SUV going north.

The 17-year-old driver and his 16-year-old passenger in the pickup truck were not hurt in the collision but the driver of the SUV and a 5-year-old child inside were taken by paramedics to a local hospital for treatment of what appear to be non-life-threatening injuries, accord-

ing to reports. A 3-year-old in the SUV was not injured.

The crash was reported to Ada County dispatch at 7:53 a.m. The entire intersection was closed for a short period and traffic was backed up in the area for about an hour while emergency crews removed the debris and deputies gathered evidence.

Sheriff's officials did not identify the boy because he is under the age of 18 but did say he was cited for failure to yield.



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OPINION

"If you really think about it, the fact that everybody who woke up in Forney yesterday is alive today in Forney, that's a real blessing."

Forney Mayor **Darren Rozell** after a tornado struck the North Texas city, causing heavy damage to property, but resulting in no serious injuries

OUR VIEW

Heyburn Council's Actions Show Its Disregard for the Public

Something amazing happens after Election Day.

Candidates who promised to serve their constituents celebrate a victory at the polls and take their seat at the dais. It doesn't take long before they forget the promise they made to listen to the people who elected them.

After a few meetings of sitting through public comment, they become annoyed. They begin to see the public as an impediment to "getting things done."

And before you know it, our elected officials have forgotten who they serve.

It's a well-worn road the Heyburn City Council has taken.

Sure, it's more efficient to make decisions without the "interruption" of the public and their pesky opinions. But it is not how things are done in a representative democracy.

Here's What Happened:

• On March 14, the Heyburn City Council voted to designate PSI Environmental Systems as the city's official commercial contractor.

In Case You Missed It:

Garbage Contract Raises Questions in Heyburn: <http://bit.ly/ADTVC3>
Trash Talk Dominates Heyburn Council: <http://bit.ly/1uSopC>
Heyburn OKs Garbage Contract in Emergency Meeting: <http://bit.ly/HplGgH>
Few Answers in Heyburn Garbage Vote: <http://bit.ly/HxErKe>
Minutes for the Heyburn City Council emergency meeting: <http://bit.ly/HckToJ>

cial contractor. The council also voted to require businesses to use the service.

• At the March 28 council meeting, the public came out in droves to ask the council to reconsider. Instead of making a decision that night, the council declined to take action.

• Less than 24 hours later, the Heyburn City Council called an emergency meeting on March 29 to approve the contract with PSI Environmental Systems. (Idaho Open Meeting Law requires public meeting notices to be posted at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting's start,

unless an emergency exists. The council cited "immediate financial loss" as the emergency requiring them to hold a meeting with less than 24 hours notice.) According to meeting minutes on the city of Heyburn website, City Attorney Steven Tuft said the PSI contract approved on March 14 was sent to PSI, which had some changes it wanted to make to rates for the charges for commercial containers. Those suggested rates were not received until late on March 28, according to the minutes.

• Heyburn's contract with PSI began April 1.

• In a Monday interview with the *Times-News*, Tuft offered no comment about why Thursday's meeting was called after the council declined to make the contract decision Wednesday. He said his comments were limited due to a threat that the city could be sued over the issue. Tuft said the city originally asked to hold the meeting on Friday to satisfy the 24-hour notice requirement, but didn't due to his un-

availability that day.

The council had two options that would have shown a commitment to the public. They could have made a final decision on Wednesday or posted 24-hour notice for a meeting on Friday. (A city council can meet without the presence of a city attorney.)

By calling the emergency meeting, the Heyburn City Council might have followed the letter of the law, but not the spirit of the law.

The Idaho Open Meeting Law was written to protect the public from a government that would make decisions without the public's knowledge, not to protect the government from the voters who do not agree with their decisions.

What the Heyburn City Council did might have been legal, but it was disrespectful.

The council's actions showed a lack of courage to make a decision in front of a dissenting public, and a blatant disregard for the people of Heyburn.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Liberals Reveal Double Standard

If liberals didn't have double standards, they wouldn't have any standards at all and, with the liberal media, hypocrisy rules the day.

Two years ago, President Obama signed into law the Affordable Health Care Act (HR3962), better known as "Obamacare." Immediately after this legislation was passed and signed into law, Sarah Palin cautioned that the implementation of this health-care law would require "death panels" to decide who was worthy, because of age or other factors, to receive medical treatment or medications which would extend the quantity of life or enhance the quality of life. In less than 24 hours after making this statement, the liberal media labeled Ms. Palin an "uninformed fool" for making this assertion about death panels.

Several days ago, former Vice President Dick Cheney received a heart transplant after experiencing decades of heart trouble and five separate heart attacks. And now, guess who the strongest proponents of the so-called death panels are, the death panels they said wouldn't be a part of the health-care law? Mr. Cheney had barely been wheeled out of the operating room when liberals were loudly protesting that Cheney didn't deserve this heart transplant because, at

71 years of age, he was "too old." Could there be any clearer signal as to what liberals have always intended to do once this legislation fully becomes law? Hypocrisy, double standard? Ya think?

The United States Supreme Court is now taking up the case of The (Affordable?) Health Care Act, specifically whether certain clauses such as the individual mandate are, in fact, constitutional. If this legislation, Obamacare, is not ruled unconstitutional or overturned, one day soon some liberal may be deciding whether you and I, like Dick Cheney, are worth keeping around.

LEROY UHRICH
Paul

Wind Energy Becoming More Affordable, Attainable

There seems to be some misunderstandings in your recent editorial on wind power ("It's Time for Wind to Fend for Itself," March 23).

First, the federal law requiring utilities to buy power from independent renewable power plants had a size limit for those plants of 80 megawatts or 80,000 kilowatts. Idaho's setting of a limit of 100 kilowatts — just 1/800th of the federal limit, far smaller than the average size of a single modern wind turbine — was

basically an attempt to nullify the law, so it's no wonder wind developers have had to be creative to install projects.

Second, wind power's cost is coming down. Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory reported recently that the cost of wind-generated electricity is at an all-time low. Wind turbine prices have dropped sharply in recent years, due to the scaling up of turbine size to reduce cost of energy and the growth of a domestic supply chain.

Third, wind today provides just 2 percent of Idaho's electricity and is growing much more slowly than in surrounding states. That makes it very hard to see how, if electric bills increase, wind is to blame. More likely causes: a new natural gas plant (at a cost of more than \$300 million) and relicensing of the Hells Canyon hydropower complex.

It's interesting to contrast Idaho Power's approach toward wind with that of MidAmerican Energy. MidAmerican, a major Iowa utility, fought that state's first-in-the-nation renewable energy standard in court for many years, but under its new owner, legendary investor Warren Buffett, has become the national leader in building its own wind farms, installing nearly 600 MW in 2011 alone. Meanwhile, Idaho Power continues to drag its feet instead of making a serious commitment to clean energy.

TOM DARIN
Washington, DC
(Editor's note: Tom Darin is the Western Regional representative American Wind Energy Association.)

More to Being a Christian Than Saying You're One

I personally think that the column about non-religious Christians published on the Opinion page (March 29) is a way to avoid doing what has been prescribed for Christians to do by father God.

The Bible has the instructions needed to use to

be an "appropriate" Christian. You can call yourself a Christian without actually doing the things outlined in the Bible. Many persons who call themselves Christians do not know what is in the Bible. Therefore, I challenge persons who profess to be Christians to read and study the Bible.

I do not say this with any malice, anger or sarcasm. It is said because God tells us that we should have an answer for the faith for which we profess. This is written in First John.

It is easier just to say "I am a Christian" without knowing what God wishes for Christians to do. I am glad that people do profess to be Christians, but there is more to it than that. Please talk to your preacher, minister, priest or whoever you admire as knowledgeable about the Bible.

Thank you for exploring this issue.
BARBARA THORSON
Caldwell

GOP Setting Itself Up for Four More Years of Obama

Correction, Mr. Billington (aka Grant Loeb and Jennifer):

The problem with a local county Republican Central Committee is that it is controlled and run by county employees. The district attorney (Grant) and assistant district attorney who recently resigned (thank you, Jennifer) should not be involved in the local political process of overseeing the election of committeemen or committee chairman. This is a huge conflict of interest and reminiscent of having the fox guarding the chicken coop and is a county-level dictatorship.

Representative government should come from the people up, not from the government down. The Idaho GOP has committed suicide by disenfranchising all military members, the elderly and more than two-thirds of its own constituents who could not attend the caucus to vote for a presidential candi-

date of their choice. They certainly do not need any help from Dan or Rick, and my intentions are far from "taking over the Twin Falls party."

The "Republicrat" system is a Hegelian two-party system of thesis, antithesis, synthesis — create the problem, come up with the solution to the problem — and the solution is always predetermined and usually means more control and more government.

The outcome will be the picking of an establishment candidate (i.e., McCain in the previous campaign) who is a predetermined loser and the elimination of any viable non-establishment candidate who has real crossover votes and grassroots support by disenfranchising the majority of their own party.

The synthesis will be four more years of Obama and a country in great peril. The only reason I am a Republican is because of Ron Paul. When Ron Paul is no longer in the Republican Party, I believe the Republican Party will die from self-inflicted wounds, and this free republic could suffer the same fate.

Despite our disagreements, Mr. Billington, we are all in the same boat.
DANIEL GILL
Twin Falls

Public Invited to See New Burley Library Building

As Friends of the Burley Public Library, we are excited about the proposed new library building. We invite everyone to come to a special program featuring the new library. It will be a one-hour "brown-bag" event at noon April 12 at the Burley Public Library. Friends will furnish a vegetable plate.

The proposed new library building will address many needs while providing greater efficiencies. There will be adequate space and separate areas for children, young adults, students needing to study, people using computers and others wanting to read and relax. The space is configured so

that the librarians can see all these areas from the front desk, making it easy for them to monitor everything. The book processing area will be directly behind the front desk, so that librarians can quickly move from book processing to helping patrons. A great bonus for our both our Friends group and the librarians is that they and we will not have to be constantly moving chairs and tables whenever we have a book sale, program, or exhibit.

The community room at our current library is continually in demand for meeting space even though it can only hold about 30 adults (more children crowd in for Story Time). The new library will have a community room that will hold 100 people with sliding doors to divide it into two rooms for smaller groups. It will have an outside door, making it accessible when the library is closed.

These are only a few of the improvements that will benefit our community. With interest on the proposed library bond at 2.79 percent — probably as low as it will ever be, this is a great opportunity for our community to get a larger, more efficient library building. For the average homeowner, the cost of this new library will be \$2.11 per month, which is less than \$26 per year. One hardback book costs more than that, and a tank of gas costs a lot more.

We urge you to vote in the primary election on May 13. Vote "in favor of" the general obligation bond that will fund our new Burley Public Library.

KATHLEEN HEDBERG
Burley
(Editor's note: Kathleen Hedberg is the president of Friends of the Burley Public Library.)

Where Was Melody Bar?

Regarding the Best of Mini-Cassia area:

Obviously people haven't been to the Melody Bar in Rupert, where it's entertaining EVERY day.

STAN WINTER
Rupert

TIMES-NEWS

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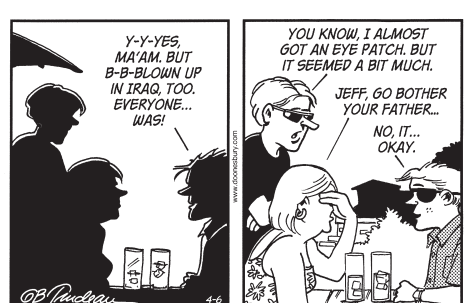
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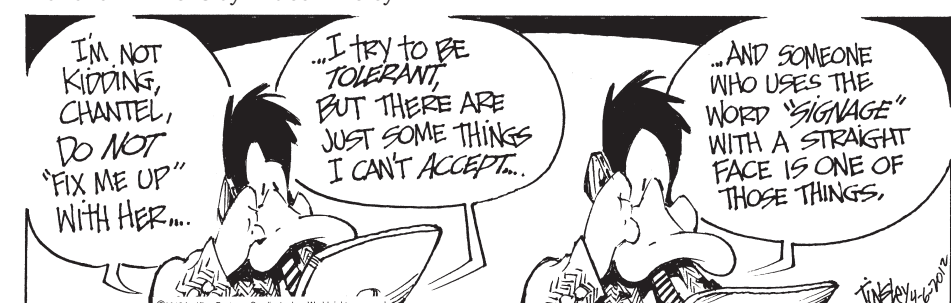
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Michael Sheneman, left, and Jennifer Drake hold signs with opposite opinions during a Recall CdA rally on Wednesday at City Hall in Coeur d'Alene. Residents turned out for the rally to express their discontent with the city leadership's decision to move forward with a park plan that will cost millions of dollars without seeking public input.

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Recall Petition Drive Ready to Roll in Cd'A

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COEUR D'ALENE • Citizens hoping to oust Coeur d'Alene Mayor Sandi Bloem and council members, Mike Kennedy, Woody McEvers and Deanna Goodlander can begin collecting the signatures needed to get a recall election on the Nov. 6 ballot.

The documents paving the way for the petition effort were approved Thursday morning by the city clerk's office.

Susan Weather, city clerk, said she is crafting a letter of approval to Frank Orzell, recall organizer, that says the pe-

titions Orzell dropped off earlier Thursday have been certified and the recall petition drive may begin.

The group, calling itself Recall CdA, will have 75 days from Thursday to collect 4,311 signatures on each of four petitions, one for each of the officials.

Orzell delivered the initial preliminary paperwork needed to launch the effort to the city clerk's office Wednesday.

That paperwork was deemed incomplete by the city clerk, who determined the documents needed to include the specific reasons the group is requesting a ballot measure to recall the four elected

officials, other than that the Idaho Constitution allows them to.

The reasons in the certified documents are:

- He or she denied a public advisory vote on McEuen Field and approved the plan for the park.
- He or she continues to approve excessive salaries for city employees.
- He or she consistently supports excessive spending of taxpayer dollars.

Each incumbent will have 200 words to craft a response to those reasons on the November ballot, should the recall drive prove successful and get that far.

Rep. Phil Hart Found Asleep at Scene of Shooting

ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW • In what officials are calling a coincidence, Idaho state Rep. Phil Hart, R-Athol, was asleep in his car at the Latah County rest area where a woman suffered a gunshot wound.

"He is not a suspect," Latah County Sheriff's Office Lt. Brannon Jordan said Wednesday.

Deputies who responded to the 3:30 a.m. Monday shooting, found Hart asleep in his car when they searched the rest area parking lot and awakened him at gunpoint.

"They identified him, cleared him immediately, and sent him on his way," Jordan said.

Kayla M. Sedlacek, 28, of Princeton, called 911 from

the rest area's pay phone to report she had been shot once in the abdomen after being attacked in the restroom by a masked assailant. She told investigators she was shot with her own .38 caliber handgun during a struggle with the man.

Jordan said when deputies arrived, Sedlacek had gone to the mobile home of the rest area caretakers. Deputies then cleared the restroom before moving on to the two vehicles in the parking lot.

"They've got their weapons drawn and their rifles out," Jordan said.

One vehicle belonged to Sedlacek, the other to Hart, who deputies awakened by beating on a window. Hart told deputies he had been asleep for about 45 minutes

and didn't know anything about the shooting. He did not match the description Sedlacek gave of her alleged assailant, Jordan said.

Hart, who has served in the Idaho House since 2004, has become infamous in Idaho for failing to pay hundreds of thousands of dollars in state and federal taxes. He also was in the middle of controversy for cutting timber on state-owned land without paying for it.

Deputies didn't locate any suspects at the scene, but the sheriff's office and the Pullman Police Department are investigating a report Sedlacek recently filed about a man who had been stalking her. Sedlacek has told investigators she believes the man who attacked her and the

stalker are the same person.

Jordan said he was unsure if Hart gave a reason for being asleep at a U.S. Highway 95 rest area in the middle of the night 80 miles south of Athol, but said he was on his way home.

Service Planned for Ex-president of Architecture Firm and Wife

IDAHO STATESMAN

BOISE • Neil and Margaret "Fritz" Smull cared deeply about other people in Idaho and around the world, said Jeff Shneider, a friend of 38 years and co-owner of CSHQA architecture and engineering in Boise.

Neil Smull died at home March 18 at age 90, just 8 days after Margaret "Fritz" Smull passed away at age 89. A memorial for the Smulls is planned at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, April 14 at the Cathedral of the Rockies, 717 N. 11th St., Boise.

"He was just genuine, personable, a person with integrity," Shneider said. "He was just as warm as he could be."

Neil Smull is the "S" in CSHQA and was president

emeritus of the firm. He joined in 1961 and spent 25 years as a principal architect designing projects across the United States.

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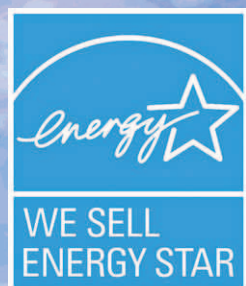
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International Snow Job

Community School's Josey is making a name for himself in snowboarding and is a world traveler at just 17.

BY STEPHEN MEYERS
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SUN VALLEY • With a fluid style and flare as he soars 10 feet in the air, Chase Josey is one Sun Valley snowboarder making a name for himself in the halfpipe.

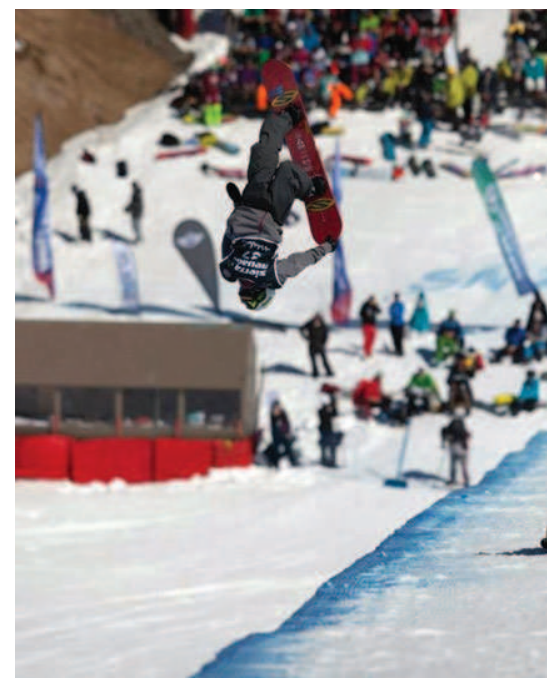
The just-turned-17-year-old has torn up the snowboarding circuit in the States and now has an international competition under his belt as well.

Josey, a junior at the Community School in Sun Valley, was the

top American in snowboard half-pipe at the Junior World Championships at Sierra Nevada, Spain, last week, placing fourth in his first international competition.

"I didn't know what I would get into. It's really been a blast. It's surprisingly a big mountain and the snow has been good. It's a beautiful place," said Josey, who celebrated his 17th birthday last Saturday in Granada, Spain. "I've been to Europe before, but never for competition.

Please see **JOSEY**, S2.



COURTESY PHOTO

Chase Josey, a 17-year-old junior at the Community School, performs a backside 900 nose grab during a run in the snowboard halfpipe at the Junior World Championships in Sierra Nevada, Spain last week.

CSI SOFTBALL

Big Series Ahead for Eagles, Bruins

BY DAVID BASHORE
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TWIN FALLS • There doesn't need to be anything at stake when the College of Southern Idaho and Salt Lake Community College square off in any athletic event.

That doesn't mean that ramifications don't add a little spice, though.

The Golden Eagles host the third-ranked Bruins today and Saturday for a pivotal four-game set that could decide the Scenic West Athletic Conference race.

Salt Lake leads in the standings, but CSI can overtake its rival with a series win this weekend, potentially putting the Golden Eagles in the driver's seat with 12 games left to play. Although Salt Lake holds a 2.5-game lead and CSI would still be a half-game back with a 3-1 series win, the Eagles would have a superior winning percentage — the standard by which seeding in the Region 18 is determined.

"We know it, but we haven't really talked about it," said third baseman Patti Ferguson. "We know we have a great opportunity but we can only worry about one at a time, because we can't afford any more losses."

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Scenic West Showdown

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Twin Falls' Dallas Hunt hits the ball in his match against Burley's Angel Anguiano. For more photos, visit Magicvalley.com/gallery.

TWIN FALLS' HUNT YIELDS BIG GAME

BY STEPHEN MEYERS
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TWIN FALLS • A tournament in Las Vegas humbled and improved Twin Falls tennis player Dallas Hunt.

Watch out, Great Basin Conference.

The junior, who placed fourth at state last season, rolled past Burley's Angel Anguiano 6-1, 6-0 Thursday in his first high school competition since competing at the Intermountain Easter Circuit in Las Vegas March 31 - April 3.

"He's really fast and my first serve was a little inconsistent today," Hunt said. "I started playing better in the second set and started to hit more shots in. He hits this spinning serve that's really low and hard to get to and I was staying too far back, so I just moved back on the serve in the second set."

Hunt competed at the Las Vegas

tournament, which featured players from Idaho, Utah, Nevada, Colorado, Wyoming and Montana.

He lost in the second round, but he said it was a good experience.

"It's just good to play these really skilled guys. They don't make a lot of errors and they hit with a lot of pace," said Hunt, who said he needs to improve his first serve. "It was really hard, but it's just a good preparation for state."

One of the funnier moments of the tournament he said, was playing in the wind — something he's certainly used to, living in Idaho.

"We had like 15 mph winds and people were freaking out. They were like, 'Sorry it's so windy! I was like, 'It's not that bad! Guys were throwing their racket because they were so mad,'" said Hunt, who figures to battle with Wood River's Karl Wilander for the GBC

BOYS: TWIN FALLS 5, BURLEY 1

GIRLS: TWIN FALLS 6, BURLEY 0

Boys singles: Hunt (TF) d. Anguiano 6-1, 6-0. Zitterkopf (TF) d. Downs 6-0, 6-1. Pierce d. Brandon McFarland 6-2, 6-3.
Boys doubles: Carpenter/Bean (B) d. A. Carter/C. Carter 6-1, 7-5. Alagate/Tucker (TF) d. Greener/Hosteen 7-6 (7-1), 6-0.
Girls singles: Pierce (TF) d. Masoner 6-2, 7-5. Orton (TF) d. Pena 6-0, 6-0. Tikasky (TF) d. Taylor 6-0, 6-0.
Girls doubles: White/Ash (TF) d. Jones/Carpenter 6-4, 6-3. Athey/Webster (TF) d. Crane/Geary 6-1, 6-1.
Mixed doubles: Olson/Bauman (TF) d. Millword/Weekes 6-1, 6-0. Woods/Dyker d. Marini/Geary 6-1, 6-1.

crown this season. "He's a good player. We've had some good matches, but I've never beaten him before. Last year, we went to 7-6 in the third set."

Hunt wasn't the only Twin Falls player to win big Thursday as the rest of his teammates completed a 5-1 decision on the boys side and the girls earned a 6-0 sweep.

The Twin Falls girls doubles team of Natalie White and Kayla Ash defeated

Please see **HUNT**, S2.



RYAN HOWE/TIMES-NEWS

Twin Falls' Claire Goss runs a step ahead of Minico's Rebecca Child in the 100-meter hurdles Thursday at Minico High School.

Seniors Shine at Minico Track Meet

BY RYAN HOWE
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RUPERT • Both are too humble to admit it, but Minico's Marlee Chandler and Twin Falls' Erik Harris are so over high school track meets.

Both seniors are bidding their time until they can begin their collegiate careers, and if it weren't for their inner personal drive, they would probably be bored with meets like Thursday's at Minico High School.

Chandler breezed to wins in 100, 200 and 400 meters, leading the Spartan girls to a team victory.

As her prep career draws to a close, Chandler's goal is to break her own school record and win a state title in the 400. After that, she has narrowed her college list down to two schools: College of Idaho (for basketball and track) or Utah State (track only).

"I'm ready for a new challenge," Chandler said. "I'm ready to get my life going in a different direction. It's a bittersweet feeling because I'm going to miss my friends and athletics here at Minico, but I'm ready to see what else I can do."

Harris had no reason to push himself Thursday, having reached his 1,600-meter personal record (4 minutes, 9 seconds) two weeks ago at a meet in Arizona. Still, the BYU-bound senior easily won the 800 and 3,200 as he ran Thursday's meet at training pace.

Please see **TRACK**, S2.

Idaho Gov. Signs Youth Athlete Concussion Bill

BOISE (AP) • Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter has signed legislation aimed at protecting Idaho's youth athletes from devastating concussions.

The bill was among more than 100 measures Otter signed into law Tuesday.

The concussion measure requires schools to develop rules to protect youth athletes from punishing hits to the head that pose devastating long-term impacts. The rules will include when students must be pulled from

sporting events following a possible concussion, under the new law.

Declo Sen. Denton Darrington sponsored the measure, saying the growth of athletes and the damage concussions cause make the risk too large to ignore.

Matt Kaiserman, a former Boise State University running back whose career was ended by a concussion, also promoted the measure during the 2012 session as a lobbyist for the National Football League.

4A TRACK AND FIELD AT MINICO HIGH SCHOOL

BOYS
Team scores: 1. Twin Falls 93, 2. Minico 49, 3. Burley 38.

Individual winners
3200: Harris (TF) 9 minutes, 59.4 seconds; **110 hurdles:** Burgett (TF) 10:16.7; **4x200:** Burley 13:37.9; **100:** Hardman (TF) 10:8; **800:** Harris (TF) 2:04; **4x100:** Twin Falls 46.6; **400:** Worley (M) 52.2; **300 hurdles:** Burgett (TF) 46.6; **Medley relay:** Twin Falls 4:11.1; **200:** Hardman (TF) 23.2; **1600:** Pickett (B) 5:02.5; **4x400:** Twin Falls 3:36.7; **Shot put:** Thompson (M) 49 feet, 11 inches; **Discus:** Thompson (M) 127.8; **High jump:** Carlson (TF) 6-0; **Long jump:** Carlson (TF) 19-6.5; **Triple jump:** Gelman (TF) 31-8.5; **Pole vault:** Hutchinson (B).

GIRLS
Team scores: 1. Minico 96, 2. Twin Falls 73, 3. Burley 12.

Individual winners
3200: Biedenbach (TF) 14:28.3; **100 hurdles:** Goss (TF) 16.1; **4x200:** Twin Falls 15:71; **100:** Chandler (M) 12.3; **800:** Gomez (TF) 2:37.8; **4x100:** Twin Falls 53.4; **400:** Chandler (M) 1:00.5; **300 hurdles:** Goss (TF) 48.6; **Medley relay:** Minico 2:06.1; **200:** Chandler (M) 26.1; **1600:** Gomez (TF) 6:02; **4x400:** Minico 4:35.2; **Shot put:** Bair (M) 33-9; **Discus:** Bair (M) 110-5; **High jump:** Meiers (M) 5-3; **Long jump:** Sen (TF) 15-0; **Triple jump:** Ford (TF) 31-5; **Pole vault:** Jones (M) 8-0.

Josey

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like this, so it's been a really good experience."

First in his heat and tied for second overall with 85 points after qualifying rounds, Josey led a group of four Americans into the finals.

He fell on his first run, but Josey regained his composure and landed a front 9, back 9, front 10, cab 7, air to fakie on his second run to score 79 points - one point out of third place.

"Well in my first run I was really nervous, so I tried to calm myself down before my final run," Josey said. "I knew coming in that I had a chance (to medal), but that I had to land it. I felt pretty good about the run. I wanted to podium, but finishing fourth is pretty cool."

So is being the top American, he said, as the next best Yank finished 11th.

"That's really cool. There are so many great riders here and to be the top American is a good feeling," said Josey, who competed against riders as old as 21.

Josey has been snowboarding "for about 12 years now," he said, growing up shredding his home mountains, Bald and Dollar, in Sun Valley.

He's a member of the Sun Valley Ski Education Foundation, which trains athletes as young as seven to ski moguls and snowboard halfpipe and terrain parks.

Josey is one of about 100 SVSEF members, some of whom competed in United States of America Snowboarding Association events around the country. This season, they traveled to Jackson Hole, Wyo., Brighton and Park City, Utah and Tahoe, Calif., and this week Josey and 14 other teammates are in Copper Mountain, Colo., for USASA nationals.

"I've kind of been competing and traveling for a while now," said Josey, who rode in Argentina this summer. "That was really cool and a lot of fun on some huge mountains."

This year was the first time Josey qualified for international competition, however, and he traveled to Granada with SVSEF snowboarding director, Andy Gilbert.

"It's pretty awesome riding with all these guys around the world. Everyone is really cool," said Josey, who finished behind competitors from Slovenia, the Netherlands and Russia. "Anyone that has gotten here obviously has a passion for the sport. We all love it."

Josey cites professional boarder Danny Davidson as one of his favorites, and said when he rides, he tries to "create his own style and be as fluid as possible."

Already the recipient of one sponsor, Josey hopes to attain more as he improves his skill and moves up the snowboarding ladder in hopes of someday competing on a national and international stage as large as the X-Games.

"Yeah I'd love to do this as long as I can and the X-Games would be pretty cool," Josey said. "Snowboarding is hard to explain. It really is a rush. It's such a good feeling to be flying through the air."

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Softball

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CSI took two games from Salt Lake earlier in the season, but the Golden Eagles felt like it should have been three or even four.

But that series made the team tougher, they contend, and they're itching to put things right.

"We needed to do some things better defensively, and we expect they'll test us with that again," said pitcher Nellie Makings. "I don't know about previous teams, but I've seen this team from even the first part of the season, and we're learning to settle it down and be tough because that's what it takes."

The Golden Eagles, ranked No. 13 in the most recent NJCAA Division I poll, have done a better job addressing the key shortcoming that separated them from Salt Lake in years past: dropping games they weren't supposed to lose.

Both teams this season so far have lost a game to Snow College and one Nevada school - Southern Nevada for CSI, Western Nevada for Salt Lake. CSI also let one slip to North Idaho, putting further pressure on the Golden Eagles this week if they want to win the Scenic West for the first time.

With successive trips to Snow and North Idaho on the docket after this weekend, CSI knows this weekend is it if it's going to make its move.

"There's still a lot of work to be done, but I think the girls are ready for the opportunity," CSI coach Nick Baumert said.

Hunt

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Burley duo Delta Jones and Kaci Carpenter 6-4, 6-3.

The duo, which has been to state the last two seasons, used a strong net game to overwhelm the Bobcats.

"We had Kayla and Natalie play our No. 2 doubles team (Carly Athey and Rachel Webster) last night in practice and you can't tell the difference between the four players," said Twin Falls coach Ann Vogt. "We had to stop at 7 because they were tied. Our team is really strong this year."

Athey and Webster beat Lexi Crane and Lauren Geary 6-1, 6-1.

In No. 1 girls singles, Twin Falls' Britni Pearce beat Hailey Masoner 6-2, 7-5.

"She's just a little thing, but she's a grinder," Vogt said.

Burley earned its only point behind the boys doubles team of Kord Carpenter and Brandon Bean, which defeated Andy and Coby Carter, 6-1, 7-5.

FAST FINISH FOR SLOTTEN

BY STEPHEN MEYERS
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TWIN FALLS • Twin Falls pitcher Zayne Slotten is admittedly a slow starter on the mound.

So it wasn't a surprise to him - or his teammates - when he allowed three baserunners in the first inning of Twin Falls' game against visiting Burley Thursday afternoon.

He worked his way out of the jam with a nifty pickoff move and two fly balls and he settled in from there, scattering four hits in six innings as the Bruins beat Burley 11-1 in the Great Basin Conference matchup.

"I've never been a good first-inning guy. I don't know what it is. Maybe just start of the game jitters or something. I honestly couldn't tell you," Slotten said. "I always end up leaving the ball up in the first inning, so it's a lot bigger than you think (to get out of the jam) because I've had some first in-



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Twin Falls' Thomas Corr high-fives teammates after crossing home plate against Burley at Bill Ingram Field Thursday in Twin Falls.

nings that went really bad. It obviously helps because it got me into the second inning and that's when I started cruising."

Twin Falls (9-1, 4-0 GBC) broke open the game by scoring three runs in both the second and third innings and the Bruins ended the game in the sixth on account of the 10-run rule.

Eric Harr went 3-for-3 and Casey Merritt added a 2-for-4 performance, both driving in two runs, as the Bruins racked up 12 hits off Jackson Kunz, J.J. Timmons and Jesse Bywater.

The No. 6 through No. 9 hitters were especially productive for Twin Falls, scoring seven runs.

"Coach believes in all of us, so it's good to have people up and down the lineup that can put the ball in play," said third baseman Thomas Corr. "That was the biggest thing, with Jackson (Kunz) on the mound, we knew that their best infielder was pitching."

Burley (2-6, 1-4) hosts Twin Falls for a doubleheader on Saturday.

"Joe (Ferrin) is a little banged up and he's our ace, so we're having to go with some other guys," said Burley coach Devin Kunz. "We're just kind of having a tough time getting things rolling right now. We've just got to keep grinding. It'll come."

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Twin Falls: Merritt 2-4 (BB, 2 RBI); Harr 3-3 (2 RBI).
PITCHERS - Burley: Kunz (1) 3 IP, 7 H, 4 ER, 2 BB, 0 SO; Timmons 2 IP, 3 H, 2 R, 2 ER, 0 BB, 0 SO; Bywater 0.2 IP, 2 H, 1 ER, 0 BB, 0 SO; Twin Falls: Slotten (W) 6 IP, 4 H, 1 R, 1 ER, 3 BB, 4 SO.

Track

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"I'm glad I broke 4:10, that was one of my goals," said Harris, who is aiming to qualify for the prestigious High School Dream Mile in New York, as well as nationals.

The Bruin boys topped the team scores with help from multiple-event winners Kimball Hardman (100, 200) and Ryan Carlson (high jump, long jump). Minico thrower Brett Thompson won the shot put and discus.

For the Minico girls, Linsey Bair was a dual winner in shot put and discus. Twin Falls' Claire Goss swept the hurdles, while Bruin teammate Hailey Gomez took the 800 and 1,600 races.

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Coast Guard Fires on Japanese Ghost Ship

The U.S. Coast Guard unleashed cannon fire Thursday at a Japanese vessel set adrift by last year's tsunami, stopping the ship's long, lonely voyage across the Pacific Ocean. A Coast Guard cutter fired on the abandoned 164-foot Ryou-Un Maru in the waters of the Gulf of Alaska and more than 150 miles from land, spokesman Paul Webb said. He said it could take at least an hour to sink it. Soon after they started firing, the ship burst into flames, began to take on water and list, Chief Petty Officer Kip Wadlow said. He said the vessel poses a significant hazard and that the Coast Guard has been warning mariners to stay away. — Associated Press



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NATION WORLD BRIEFS

Santorum Huddles with Conservatives. Republican presidential hopeful Rick Santorum met privately with conservative leaders on Thursday to craft plans to try to stop Mitt Romney's march to the nomination. Pressuring rival Newt Gingrich to leave the race was part of their overall strategy. The northern Virginia meeting included a host of fiscal and social conservatives who have long doubted Romney's conservative credentials.

Syria Sends Helicopters against Rebels. The Syrian military stepped up its campaign against anti-government rebels Thursday as a deadline for the government to implement a U.N.-sponsored peace plan approached, while the country's fractured opposition took a step toward unity with representatives of Syria's Kurdish minority. In the past two days, President Bashar Assad's troops have increased their use of helicopter gunships in rebel areas near Aleppo, the country's largest city, and outside the city of Idlib in the country's restive north.

— Associated Press



Big Change for Autism?

Kelly Andrus holds her son Bradley on Wednesday at Children's Choice Learning Centers Inc. in Lewisville, Texas. Bradley, who will soon turn 3, was diagnosed a year ago with mild autism.

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Doctors Want to Redefine Autism; Parents Worried

BY LINDSEY TANNER
Associated Press

CHICAGO • One child doesn't talk, rocks rhythmically back and forth and stares at clothes spinning in the dryer. Another has no trouble talking but is obsessed with trains, methodically naming every station in his state.

Autistic kids like these hate change, but a big one is looming: For the first time in nearly two decades, experts want to rewrite the definition of autism. Some parents fear that if the definition is narrowed, their children may lose out on special therapies.

For years, different autism-related labels have been used, the best known being Asperger's disorder. The doctors working on the new definition want to eliminate separate terms like that one and lump them all into an "autism spec-

trum disorder" category.

Some specialists contend the proposal will exclude as many as 40 percent of kids now considered autistic. Parents of mildly affected children worry their kids will be left out and lose access to academic and behavioral services — and any chance of a normal life.

But doctors on the American Psychiatric Association panel that has proposed the changes say none of that would happen.

They maintain the revision is needed to dump confusing labels and clarify that autism can involve a range of symptoms from mild to severe. They say it will be easier to diagnose kids and ensure that those with true autism receive the same diagnosis.

With new government data last week suggesting more kids than ever in the U.S. — 1 in 88 — have autism, the new

definition may help clarify whether the rising numbers reflect a true increase in autism or overdiagnosis by doctors.

There is no definitive test for autism. The diagnosis that has been used for at least 18 years covers children who once were called mentally retarded, as well as some who might have merely been considered quirky or odd. Today, some children diagnosed with autism may no longer fit the definition when they mature.

"We're wanting to use this opportunity to get this diagnosis right," said Dr. Bryan King, a member of the revision panel and director of the autism center at Seattle Children's Hospital.

The revision is among dozens of changes proposed for an update of the psychiatric association's reference manual, widely used for diagnosing mental illnesses.

Olbermann Sues, Accuses Current TV of Blackmail

LOS ANGELES (MCT) • Keith Olbermann isn't mincing words in his \$70 million lawsuit against Current TV.

Dumped last week by the upstart cable network, Olbermann let loose with a verbal barrage against co-founders Al Gore and Joel Hyatt in a 43-page legal complaint for breach of contract filed

Thursday in Los Angeles Superior Court, accusing them of "blackmail."

The suit peels back the curtain on Current's backstage workings, charging that Gore and Hyatt wooed Olbermann, a liberal talk host formerly on MSNBC, with promises that he would be the captain of his own ship, free from cor-

porate interference. But no sooner had he started work, Olbermann alleges, than Hyatt began meddling, running the network as his "personal hobby-horse" and creating "an environment in which major business errors and technical failures became commonplace and acceptable."

Going, Going, Gone!

Resident Don Sammons stands in front of the population sign in Buford, Wyo., in January 2011. The town advertised as the smallest in the U.S. has sold at auction for \$900,000.



WYOMING TRIBUNE EAGLE • ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE PHOTO

Buford, Wyo., Population 1, Sells at Auction for \$900K

BY BOB MOEN
Associated Press

BUFORD, Wyo. • Buford is a small place for sure, but so is the world.

A remote, unincorporated area along busy Interstate 80 that advertised itself as the smallest town in the United States, Buford was sold at auction for \$900,000 on Thursday to an unidentified man from Vietnam.

Its owner for the past 20 years, Don Sammons, served with the U.S. Army as a radio operator in 1968-69.

After meeting the buyer, an emotional Sammons said it was hard for him to grasp the irony of the situation.

"I think it's funny how things come full circle," he said.

The buyer attended the auction in person but declined to

meet with the media or to be identified. Sammons and others involved in the auction would not discuss the buyer's plans for Buford.

It will take about 30 days for all the paperwork to be completed before ownership of the place located almost halfway between Cheyenne and Laramie in southeast Wyoming changes hands, Sammons said.

The new owner will get a gas station and convenience store, a schoolhouse from 1905, a cabin, a garage, 10 acres, and a three-bedroom home at 8,000 feet altitude — overlooking the trucks and cars on the nearby interstate on one side and the distant snowcapped mountains in Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado on the other.

The town traces its origins to the 1860s and the construc-

tion of the Transcontinental Railroad. Buford had as many as 2,000 residents before the railroad was rerouted.

Sammons, who moved to the Buford area in the late 1970s from Los Angeles to get away from the busy city life, bought the trading post on Jan. 31, 1992. He plans to retire from his unofficial title as "mayor" and write a book about his experiences in Buford, he said.

"I felt my time here has been very happy for me, and hopefully the new owner will be able to enjoy what I've enjoyed over the years — conversations with people, the uniqueness of the area and so on — and keep the history alive," Sammons said.

As workers boarded up the windows of the convenience store behind her, Rozetta Weston, a broker with a Cheyenne real estate auction company that represented the buyer, said the buyer was excited to own a "piece of the United States." But she declined to discuss the buyer's future plans for Buford.

Panetta Has Paid \$17,000 for Commuting to Calif.

Based on fuel and other operating expenses for his Air Force plane, those same trips cost the government as much as \$860,000.

BY LOLITA C. BALDOR
Associated Press

WASHINGTON • Defense Secretary Leon Panetta has commuted on military aircraft to his home in northern California more than two dozen times since he took over the Pentagon in July, paying about \$630 per trip for a roundtrip flight that costs the Pentagon about \$32,000.

The totals detailed by defense officials lay out his reimbursements for the first time, showing he paid the Treasury about \$17,000 for the 27 personal trips. Based on fuel and other operating expenses for his Air Force plane, those same trips cost the government as much as \$860,000.

As Pentagon chief, Panetta is required to travel on military planes because they have the secure communications equipment he needs to stay in contact with the president and other top civilian and military leaders.

His bill for the travel is calculated according to reimbursement formulas dictated by longstanding federal policies using what a full-fare coach trip would cost. And the Pentagon says it costs about \$3,200 per flight hour to operate the small plane he usually uses for the 10-hour round trip.

When he took the job, Panetta made it clear that he would continue to return home to his family on the weekends as he had done as CIA director for the previous two years, and as a member of Congress from 1977-1993.

The cost of the flights is a tiny frac-



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Defense Secretary Leon Panetta testifies March 7 on Capitol Hill in Washington.

tion of the Pentagon's proposed \$614 billion budget. But Panetta comes to the defense job at a particularly difficult financial time for the department.

If Congress can't reach an agreement on savings or additional revenues elsewhere in the federal budget by next January, officials could be forced to cut nearly \$1 trillion in defense spending over the next 10 years.

When Panetta took the post it was noted that he came with budget skills honed during his time as chairman of the House Budget Committee, head of the White House Office of Management and Budget and White House chief of staff for President Bill Clinton.

"No one understands the budget pressures on the Pentagon better than Secretary Panetta, who is responsible for identifying nearly \$1 billion per week in defense cuts — or roughly \$140 million per day — over the next 10 years," Pentagon press secretary George Little said. "As a required-use traveler, he must use government aircraft for all travel."

Little said Panetta values his time with his wife and family, and "spending time away from Washington, in fact, helps him focus on the job and recharge."

NEW PHOTO SHOWS OLD MAN MANSON

It is a mug shot for the ages. Charles Manson, the most notorious mass murderer imprisoned in California and perhaps the nation, stares glumly at a camera, holding his booking number in front of him. In the latest photo released by the California Department of Corrections, the 77-year-old Manson is a shadow of the shaggy haired, wild-eyed killer whose visage glared from the covers of magazines in 1969.

— Associated Press



Charles Manson is seen in June 2011 in Corcoran, Calif. Manson is scheduled to have his 12th parole hearing Wednesday at Corcoran State Prison.

Convicted Arms Dealer Viktor Bout Gets 25 Years in Prison

LOS ANGELES TIMES

NEW YORK • A federal judge sentenced convicted arms dealer Viktor Bout to 25 years in prison Thursday, but in a swipe at prosecutors said there was no convincing evidence that he would have committed the crimes alleged if he had not been the target of a sting operation.

Judge Shira Scheindlin gave the 45-year-old Russian the minimum mandatory sentence for conspiring to acquire and use anti-aircraft missiles.

She also sentenced him to 15 years on three other counts of conspiracy to kill Americans and conspiracy to provide material support to a terrorist organization — the Colombian rebel group known as FARC — with those sentences to run concurrently

with the 25-year term. Prosecutors had asked for life in prison for Bout, who was convicted in November. In a statement before the sentence was passed, prosecutor Brendan McGuire called Bout's alleged plot to sell a massive weapons trove to FARC rebels to use against Americans in Colombia "simply chilling."

Bout appeared in court unshackled, in khaki pants and a khaki shirt. He made a brief and angry statement, pointing at federal agents in the crowded courtroom and accusing them of lying about him. "They will live with this. ... They'll have to raise their children with this truth," he said bitterly in Russian as a translator repeated the words in English.

At one point early in McGuire's statement, Bout shouted, "It's a lie!"

Conn. Moves to Abolish Death Penalty

ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARTFORD, Conn. • After executing just one prisoner in more than 50 years, Connecticut moved Thursday to become the fifth state in five years to do away with the death penalty for good.

But the repeal wouldn't be a lifeline for the state's 11 death row inmates, including two men who killed a woman and two children in a horrifying home invasion supporters touted as a key reason to keep the law on the books. The state Senate debated for hours Thursday about whether the law would reverse those sentences before voting 20-16 to repeal the law.

After the state Senate's 20-16 Thursday vote to repeal the law, the heavily Democratic state House of Representatives is expected to follow with approval within weeks. Gov. Dannel P. Malloy, the first Democratic governor elected in two decades, has vowed to sign the same bill vetoed by his Republican predecessor.

The wealthy, liberal state is one of the last in the Northeast to have a death penalty law and would join New Mexico, Illinois, New Jersey and New York as the most recent to outlaw capital punishment. Repeal proposals are also pending in several other states including Kansas and Kentucky, while an initiative to end the death penalty goes before California voters in November.

Like Connecticut, states that have recently decided to abolish capital punishment were among those that in practice rarely executed inmates. New Jersey, for example, hasn't executed anyone in more than 40 years; Connecticut's death row population is more than seven times below the national average.

Death sentences and executions are also plummeting around the country as fewer prosecutors push capital punishment cases, often because of new laws that allow life with no possibility of parole as a sentencing option.

'Three Cups of Tea' Author to Stay on at Charity Despite Sanctions

BY MATT VOLZ
Associated Press



Mortenson

HELENA, Mont. • "Three Cups of Tea" author Greg Mortenson will remain the face of the charity he co-founded, despite his having to repay \$1 million after an investigative report released Thursday concluded he mismanaged the organization and mis-spent its money.

Central Asia Institute Interim Executive Director Anne Beyersdorfer said Mortenson will continue to draw a salary from the charity. But it won't be as executive director and he is barred from being a voting member of the board of directors as long as he is still employed by the organization.

The mountaineer and humanitarian will continue to represent the organization at speaking engagements and work to build relationships in Pakistan and Afghanistan, where the charity builds schools and promotes education, she said.

"He's the heart and soul of the organization," Beyers-

dorfer said. "He's the co-founder and I think we all think of him as our chief inspiration officer."

A yearlong investigation by the Montana attorney general, which oversees charity organizations operating in the state, found that Mortenson exerted tremendous control over the charity as tens of millions in donations poured in after the 2006 release of "Three Cups of Tea."

The best-seller and a later book by Mortenson, "Stones Into Schools," came under scrutiny last year when reports by "60 Minutes" and author Jon Krakauer alleged the CAI co-founder fabricated parts of both and that he benefited financially from the charity. The attorney general's probe focused only on the charity's finances and operations, and did not examine the books' contents.

The investigation found Mortenson had little aptitude for record keeping or personnel management, resulting in still-unknown amounts of cash earmarked

management costs or wired overseas for projects without receipts or documentation on how that money was actually spent, the report said. The two other board members were Mortenson loyalists who generally did not challenge Mortenson, and he resisted or ignored CAI employees who questioned his practices, it said.

"Mr. Mortenson may not have intentionally deceived the board or his employees, but his disregard for and attitude about basic record keeping and accounting for his activities essentially had the same effect," Attorney General Steve Bullock said.

The charity's mission is good and its financial situation is strong, Bullock said. CAI took in \$72 million in donations from 2003-2011 and still has more than \$23 million in reserves.

But though no criminal wrongdoing was found, CAI needs better oversight so that too much control is not in one person's hands, the report concluded.

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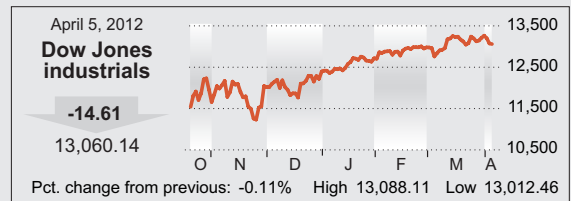
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THE MARKET AT A GLANCE

U.S. Stocks Close Mostly Down

NEW YORK (AP) • The S&P 500 fell 0.88 point Thursday to close at 1,398.08. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 14.61 points to 13,060.14.



STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST

Table listing various local stocks such as AlliantEgy, AmCasino, Aon plc, BallardPw, BkofAm, ConAgra, Costco, Diebold, DukeEnergy, DukeRtly, Fastenal's, Heinz, HewlettP, HomeDp, Idacorp, Keycorp, LeeEnt h, MicronT, OfficeMax, RockTen, Sensient, SkyWest, Teradyn, Tupperware, US Bancrp, Valhi, Walmart, WashFed, WellsFargo, and ZionBcp with their respective prices and changes.

MAGIC VALLEY COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including live cattle, feeder cattle, corn, soybeans, wheat, and various grains with their current prices and percentage changes.

GRAINS & LIVESTOCK REPORT

VALLEY BEANS Prices are net to growers... 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 beans, less Idaho bean tax and storage charges.

VALLEY GRAINS Prices for wheat per bushel... mixed grain, oats, corn and beans per hundredweight.

INTERMOUNTAIN GRAINS POCATELLO (AP) - Idaho Farm Bureau Intermountain Grain Report for Thursday.

CHEESE Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange.

VALLEY LIVESTOCK TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls Livestock Commission reports the following prices from the livestock sale held Wednesday, April 4.

Stock cows: \$975-\$1,375. Heiferettes: \$94-\$110. Butcher bulls: \$70-\$99.75.

No Saturday sale. March 31 JEROME - Producers Livestock Marketing Association in Jerome reports the following prices from the livestock sale held Tuesday, April 3.

JEROME - Producers Livestock Marketing Association in Jerome reports the following prices from the dairy sale held Wednesday, April 4.

BURLEY LIVESTOCK AUCTION BURLEY - The Burley Livestock Auction reports the following prices from the sale held Thursday, April 5.

Steeers: 300 to 400 lbs., \$180-\$197; 400 to 500 lbs., \$170-\$181.50; 500 to 600 lbs., \$137-\$161.75.

For-profit Arm of the LDS Church Names New CEO

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) • The corporation that oversees many businesses for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has a new chief operating officer.

The Deseret News reports Thursday that Keith McMullin is being appointed as CEO of the Deseret Management Corporation, a for-profit arm of the Mormon Church.

McMullin previously served as a member of the corporation's board of directors. He also was the second counselor in the church's presiding bishopric.

McMullin replaces Mark Willes, who was appointed in 2009.

THE DIGIT

1,979

Amount of oil and gas rigs currently operating in the U.S. • The number of rigs actively exploring for oil and natural gas in the U.S. is unchanged this week, holding at 1,979.



President Barack Obama signs the Jumpstart Our Business Startups (JOBS) Act Thursday in the Rose Garden of the White House in Washington.

Obama Signs Small Business Legislation

BY KEN THOMAS Associated Press

WASHINGTON • President Barack Obama signed bipartisan jobs legislation Thursday that will help small businesses and make it easier for startups to raise capital.

"When their ideas take root, we get inventions that can change the way we live," Obama said in the Rose Garden, flanked by lawmakers of both parties who backed the bill.

He said the initiatives in the bill paralleled many of the provisions that he sought last fall in his jobs agenda to encourage small-business growth.

Republicans, who promoted the pro-small business ideas in the House, joined Obama at the signing ceremony, including House Majority Leader Eric Cantor, R-Va.

"This bill represents exactly the kind of bipartisan action we should be taking in Washington to help our economy," Obama said.

Cantor, speaking to reporters after the ceremony, said the bill was aimed at "the problem that we face in America today which is that our economy is lagging and our small businesses are having too hard of a time getting up off the ground."

Some Democrats, however, raised concerns that the bill softened investment protections enacted after the dot.com excesses and Wall Street melt-

downs and the changes could lead to fraud and abuse.

Speaking to an audience that included small business owners, Obama indicated he's aware of those concerns and has directed top officials to "keep a close eye" on how it goes into effect.

The main part of the bill would phase in Securities and Exchange Commission regulations over a five-year period to let smaller companies go public sooner.

The legislation may be one of the few accomplishments for a Congress stymied by partisan divisions heading into the fall elections.

The bill combines a number of bipartisan bills that exempt newer companies from SEC reporting rules in order to reduce costs and red tape.

Another provision facilitates the practice of "crowd-funding" in which the Internet is used to solicit a large number of smaller investors.

Senate Democrats were unsuccessful in their efforts to add more investor protections but succeeded in attaching one provision that requires websites involved in crowd-funding to register with the SEC.

Sara Hanks, a securities attorney and co-founder of a crowdCheck, a company aimed at helping startups, said the crowd-funding element will help make it easier for small companies to access capital but warned it will be up to investors and entrepreneurs.

"to protect themselves from deals that are too good to be true."

Google Creates a Spectacle with Eyewear Project

NEW YORK (AP) • If you think texting and walking is dangerous, just wait until everyone's wearing Google's futuristic, Internet-connected glasses.

While wearing a pair, you can see directions to your destination appear literally before your eyes. You can talk to friends over video chat or even buy a few things online as you walk around.

These glasses can do everything you now need a smartphone or tablet computer to accomplish.

Mind you, the technology doesn't actually exist. Google offered a glimpse of "Project Glass" in a video and blog post this week as a way to start a discussion and solicit ideas.

The glasses hint at endless possibilities. But the project also opens up a minefield of challenges around public safety, privacy, practicality, even fashion sensibility.

Kituku to Speak at MVAF Meeting

TIMES-NEWS

TWIN FALLS • Motivational speaker Vincent Kituku will be the featured speaker during Thursday's Magic Valley Advertising Federation meeting.

Kituku will cover marketing topics of how to be creative with limited resources while making your message about a product or service available to the masses. In his presentation, "What's Your Zoop & Does the Market Know About It?"

The meeting will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday at the Twin Falls Shilo Inn, 1586 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The cost to attend is \$10 for MVAF members and \$25 for non-members.

Register by Tuesday by calling Donna Cleland, 308-0830, or email Patty Murray at patty@murrayneuhoffmedia.com.

Britannica's Halt of Print Edition Triggers Sales

Three weeks after announcing it will discontinue its print editions after 244 years, people have been scrambling to buy the last edition.

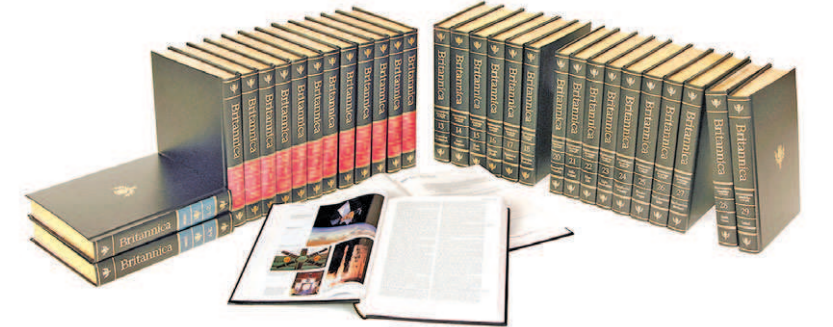


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BY DON BABWIN Associated Press

CHICAGO • It turns out all Encyclopaedia Britannica had to do to breathe new life into the sale of its print edition was to kill it.

Since Britannica announced last month that it was discontinuing its print editions, the Chicago-based company said sales have skyrocketed. It has sold all but 800 of the 4,000 sets of the 32-volume 2010 edition it had left of a Kentucky warehouse, the company said.

"We were averaging about 60 sets a week and the next thing we knew, we were selling 1,050 a week," Britannica spokesman Peter Duckler said Thursday.

It's a collector's item."

Britannica announced March 13 that it would stop publishing print editions of its flagship encyclopedia for the first time in 244 years and instead focus on its online encyclopedia.

Duckler said business got so busy after that — Britannica at one point was selling the print editions at a clip of about two sets per minute — that a senior vice president and chief marketing officer jumped in and started taking orders over the phone.

The company will likely sell out by the

end of the month, Duckler said. He added that Britannica — which first published its book form encyclopedia in Edinburgh, Scotland, in 1768 — will hold onto a few sets so they can be displayed somehow or donated to museums.

As they did before the announcement, the sets are selling for \$1,395. If that sounds like a lot of money, secondary sellers online are asking more than \$3,200 a set for the 2010 edition — and that's before the company has run out of the ones it has.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

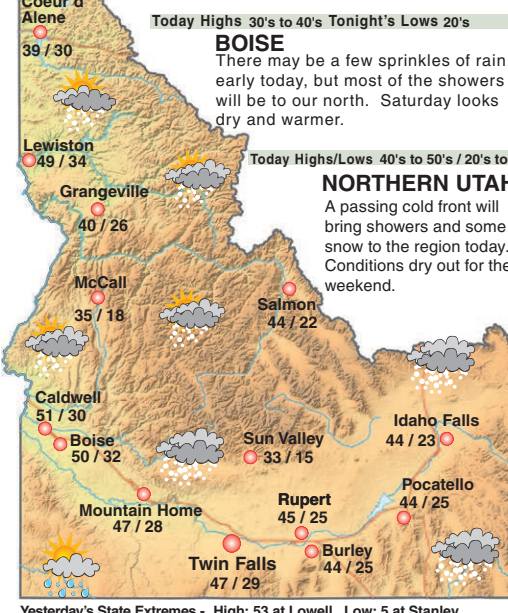
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Tonight: Partly cloudy. Low 25.
Tomorrow: Warmer. High 54.

ALMANAC - BURLEY

Temperature and Precipitation almanac for Burley, including historical high/low and precipitation data.

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SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. It will be a chilly day with perhaps a few spring snow showers early on. The weekend looks mainly dry.



Yesterday's State Extremes - High: 53 at Lowell Low: 5 at Stanley

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Five-day forecast for Twin Falls: Today (Mixed showers possible), Tonight (Partly cloudy), Saturday (Warmer), Sunday (Scattered clouds), Monday (A few clouds), Tuesday (Warm, continued dry).

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure, and Sunrise and Sunset almanac for Twin Falls.

Moon Phases: Full April 6, Last April 13, New April 21, First April 29.

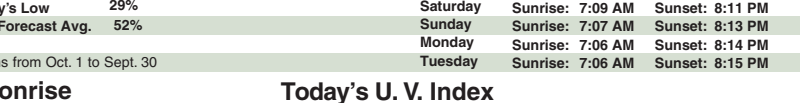
REGIONAL FORECAST

Regional forecast table listing cities like Boise, Idaho Falls, and Salt Lake City with their respective weather conditions and temperatures.

Yesterday's Weather

Table of yesterday's weather for various cities including Boise, Coeur d'Alene, and Lewiston.

Today's U. V. Index



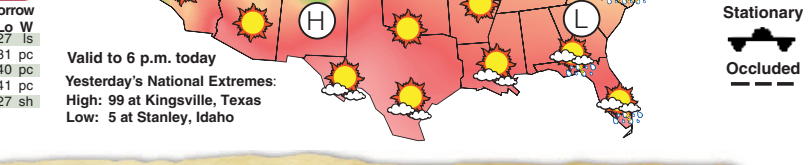
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National forecast table listing weather conditions for major cities across the United States.

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DEATH NOTICES

Caroline Fischer TWIN FALLS • Caroline Ruth Fischer, 80, of Twin Falls, died Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at her home.

A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 9, at the Immanuel Lutheran Church in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Carolyn Schafer GARDEN CITY • Carolyn J. Schafer, 65, of Garden City and formerly of Jerome, died Tuesday, April 3, 2012, in a Boise hospital.

A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Monday, April 9, at the Alden-Waggoner Funeral Chapel in Boise.

William Stouder BUHL • William "Bill" Charles Stouder, 70, of Buhl, died Friday, March 30, 2012, at his home.

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, April 14, at the Living Waters Presbyterian Church in Wendell (Demaray Funeral Service, Wendell Chapel).

Justin Henson RICHFIELD • Justin Clay Henson, 51, of Richfield, died Thursday, April 5, 2012, in Richfield.

Arrangements will be announced by Demaray Funeral Service, Shoshone Chapel.

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Ranch humorist **Baxter Black** on Wednesday will ride back into the town where he got his start as a storyteller. Now perhaps the West's favorite cowboy poet, Black has traveled a lot of miles on the poetry circuit since his days as a cattle veterinarian. At his benefit performance for the CSI Equine Club, you can expect

cowpies and cowboy curses, rural life and rough livestock. Exactly what a Magic Valley audience enjoys.

Follow the Bunny

Easter egg hunts are scattered all over Magic Valley on Saturday. But if you choose **Buhl's**, the children can dress up and parade along four blocks of Main Street first, following the Easter bunny to the egg hunt. Some children decorate their bicycles with



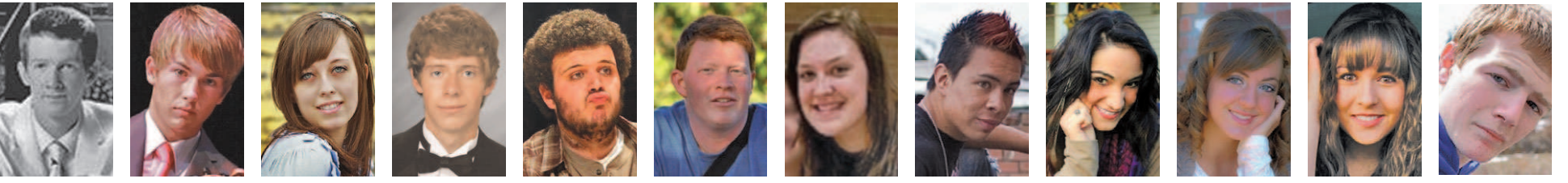
Virginia Hutchins
Editor's Picks

streamers or costume their dogs in Easter finery. Even kids too old to hunt for eggs (12 is the limit) ride bicycles in the parade. It's a straightforward route: "Keep 'em close and together, so we don't lose any," the chamber's Michelle Olsen said.

Mayan Wisdom

Since my grade-school visits to the Herrett Center, I've admired **Jim Woods'** ability to explain archeology and ancient ways in a particularly engaging fashion. Woods, an anthropology professor with a good deal of field work under his belt, will give a public lecture Tuesday in Gooding about the Mayan calendar and one of its key dates: Dec. 21, 2012. Don't expect him to predict world-ending events on that date, however.

For details, see the calendar inside.



Bortz Beck Shaw Giltner Gardner Punt Wormsbaker Alba Howard Peters Smith Brown

THE FINAL 12

Fifteen students made it to the Danny Marona Performing Arts Scholarship Finals; 12 will compete for \$9,000 in scholarships.

BY ANDREW WEEKS
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TWIN FALLS • A dozen talented students will compete for the \$5,000 top scholarship during the Danny Marona Performing Arts Scholarship Finals.

The second-place contestant will win \$2,500 in the April 19 competition at the College of Southern Idaho, while third place gets \$1,500. The battle won't be easy.

"I have seen each and every one of the acts," Marona said, "and this will be one of the fiercest competitions we've had."

Marona, who started the competition five years ago — "I used to be known as an entertainer," he said, "but now I'm known as the old whited-headed guy who gives away money" — said he's pleased with the variety of performers.

"In the past, almost everyone's been a singer or played an instrument," Marona said. "But this year we have a good blend of talent."

Five judges will critique the actors, comics, dancers, musicians and singers. Finalists are judged on a 10-point system including overall presentation, execution and stage appearance.

"They'll know on the spot how they did," he said.

In all, 15 students — high school juniors through age 21 — did well enough in the scholarship fund's regional competitions to make it to the finals, but three are unable to attend. Here's what the 12 said they'll perform:

Andrew Bortz, Twin Falls: The singer and piano player will perform "Feeling Good," a standard recently made popular by Michael Buble. "I am excited to make it back to the finals," Bortz said. "I am thrilled to have the opportunity to perform in my hometown again, in front of all the people who have supported my musical career." He majors in music composition and vocal performance at Whitworth University.



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Shelby Peters and Coltyn Giltner, right — both finalists for the Danny Marona Performing Arts Scholarship — rehearse Wednesday for a Jerome High School theater production.

Brae Beck, Burley: Beck will play fiddle classic "Orange Blossom Special," the same piece he performed on tour with the Rocky Mountain Express Folk Group. "I have studied violin for 15 years, and I'm very excited to perform in the finale," he said. "I also play the piano and would play both at the finale if I could." At Utah State University, he plans to major in agri-

cultural economics with a minor in general music-violin performance.

BreAna Shaw, Burley: "I'm going to be doing a 'dramatic' instrumental called, 'If Alice had control of Wonderland.' The song I will be performing on the piano is called 'Wonderland's Surprises' by Natsumi Kameoka. I'm very excited to be in the finals." Shaw is a piano major at the College of Southern Idaho.

Coltyn Giltner, Jerome: Giltner, who's planning a double major at CSI, will perform contrasting monologues: a humorous selection from "The Imaginary Invalid" by Moliere, followed by a serious selection from "The Comet of St. Loomis" by Ed Simpson. "Many extremely talented people, most of them my close friends, did not get

Please see **MARONA, E2**

Watch the Showdown

The Danny Marona Performing Arts Scholarship Finals will be 7 p.m. April 19 at the College of Southern Idaho's Fine Arts Center. A \$10 donation is suggested at the door; admission is free for students. Information: 888-627-6621 or 280-0404.



PHOTO COURTESY TWIN FALLS PUBLIC LIBRARY
Jessie Bisbee's journals provide a new glimpse into Twin Falls' early days a century ago.

The Other Bisbee

Librarian **Marenda Wright** will share her research about little-known **Jessie Bisbee**, wife of early Twin Falls photographer **Clarence Bisbee**.

BY NATALIE DICOU
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TWIN FALLS • If you know much about early Twin Falls history, you know the name Clarence Bisbee. With few writings to document the city's beginnings, Bisbee's photographs provide a glimpse into life here a century ago.

But what about the woman behind Magic Valley's best-known photographer? What about Clarence's wife, Jessie?

"Most people are aware of Clarence, but I've never seen much about Jessie," said librarian Marenda Wright, Twin Falls Public Library's local historian. "That's what intrigued me to find out about the personal life of Mrs. Bisbee."

For the past nine months, Wright has delved into Jessie's journals, researching a woman who moved here



Wright

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Your Guide to Easter Egg Hunts Page E6

FLEDGLING BAGPIPE BAND HOPES TO RECRUIT NEW PLAYERS

BY MCKAYLA HAACK
For the Times-News

TWIN FALLS • The room filled with sound as musicians of the fledgling Magic Valley & District Pipe Band separated into corners to tune their bagpipes Tuesday night at Canyon Ridge High School.

"If they're not tuned, it kind of sounds like a cat screaming," member Jeff Cooper said.

The bandmates had peppered newcomer Jeffery Carney with questions — how much training he'd had, where he learned, whether he has a practice chanter — before playing through their songs on their chanters and bringing out the bagpipes.

In a niche this small, every newcomer is notable.

The pipe band made its public debut at the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Twin Falls, but where did this group come from? How does one get into bagpiping? And when can we see the band again?

Group founders Cooper and Gene Turley had been getting together to play their bagpipes in Turley's living room

Please see **BAGPIPE, E3**

Musicians Can Compete for Spots in Buhl's July 4 Jam

BY BLAIR KOCH
For the Times-News

BUHL • Will a new musical competition bring fresh crowds into Buhl's Sagebrush Days celebration over the Fourth of July holiday? The Buhl Chamber of Commerce hopes so.

Rick Stoltenburg, chamber president, is spearheading Buhl Jam, a competition he says is less "American Idol," and more battle of the bands.

"We don't want this to be a 'Buhl Idol,' where bands and musicians are cast out weekly and drag it on," Stoltenburg said. "It'll be a two-day event. On the third (of July) the top 10 groups will be judged, and then the top three groups will perform for the public on the fourth (of July) before the fireworks at McClusky Park."

Stoltenburg said the competition will recruit judges from the community to award points for musical clarity and performance, stage presence and crowd interaction, appearance and

personality and crowd response.

"Hopefully, they'll have their fans out and everyone will get engaged and have a great time," Stoltenburg said.

To try out, musicians from across the valley may send their best works on MP3, CD or DVD to the chamber by June 8. The chamber board will go through entries and pick 10 for a public performance and judging. The \$15 registration fee will be refunded to entrants not advancing to the top 10.

"We're getting posters out around town and are in contact with surrounding chambers to get some help with the advertising and a little more exposure," said chamber administrator Michelle Olsen, who said Tuesday that no musicians had signed up yet.

The chamber is optimistic the Buhl Jam will represent musical genres across the spectrum, but it's reminding musicians that Sagebrush Days is family-friendly.

"The one rule we have is that since Sagebrush Days is

Learn More

For information on the Buhl Jam: 543-6682

a family event that no profanity in the lyrics will be allowed. The music and performance has to be appropriate for all ages," Olsen said.

If the jam goes well, it could become an annual competition, chamber board member Janice Rice said.

"Our hope is that it draws some people into Buhl that may not think to come to Sagebrush Days and that it is big enough that next year we can break it into different categories. Maybe we'll have a youth category or have enough participants for different music styles," Rice said. "We're really trying the waters this year and seeing how it goes."

The chamber is seeking event sponsors so it can give the top three winners cash prizes.

"We'd like to sweeten the pot a little," Stoltenburg said.

Marona

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the opportunity to move on (to the finals), which makes me feel even more blessed to be in this position," he said.

"They, above anybody else, inspire me to ... try to bring home something special."

Daniel Gardner, Twin Falls: "I'm going to perform the same monologue I performed in regionals. Last year I took first place in regionals but then didn't place in finals. It's pretty hard for an actor to place in finals, from what I've seen. Last year I switched things up and performed something different in the finals than I did the regionals. So this time I'm just going to stick with what I did in regionals this year." Gardner is a theater major at CSI.

John Punt, Ammon: Punt, a freshman in the voice performance program at Idaho State University, plans to sing Don McLean's "Vincent (Starry, Starry Night)" as well as play the piano. "I will be performing my own take on the piece," he said, "which I think adds a new depth to the incredible piece of music. I feel very lucky to have earned a place in the finals for this competition and look forward to meeting many more incredible performers."

Meg Wormsbaker, Twin Falls: "I'll be singing 'His Eye is On the Sparrow' a cappella," she said. "I'm happy to have made it to the finals. It's been a blessing to come across this wonderful

opportunity." She's still thinking what she'd do with scholarship money. "I'm leaning more towards working with youth. Possibly in ministry."

Rogelio Alba, Blackfoot: Regelio, a graphic design student at ISU, will do something a little different: a light show. He'll wear gloves that have beams of light at their fingertips, and his performance will be set to techno music. It's something he hadn't seen before until he started attending concerts in Salt Lake City. Now he's happy to give his audience something new to see as well. "I'm extremely excited."

Sammie Howard, Twin Falls: "This is my third try. I was hoping they'd let me in finally," Howard said with a laugh. "I'll be doing a piece called 'Screw Loose' from the musical 'Crybaby' ... It's a very, very fun piece. I'm in love with it. ... I've been waiting so long to be in the finals. It's such a great group of people I'm performing against. It's very rewarding." Howard majors in photography and musical theater at CSI.

Shelby Peters, Jerome: "It's really a fun thing to be part of the finals," said Peters, a student at Jerome High School. "It's professional and the crowd is responsive; it's really an intense sort of environment. I'll be performing a Shakespeare piece, a dramatic piece. ... I'm nervous but

hopefully I can use those nerves to my advantage?"

Whitney Smith, Twin Falls: "I'll be performing a piece called 'The Girl in 14G.' It's a musical theater number, with a little singing and dancing. ... I wanted to do something fun this year; not just something that impressed the judges, but something the audience would enjoy. I'm really excited to perform and to see the other performers. I was in it last year and won second place." Smith is a freshman at Brigham Young University-Idaho.

Wyatt Brown of Twin Falls: This Twin Falls High student with film industry ambitions will perform an audition-style acting piece with two contrasting monologues: "Door Test" from the movie "A Bronx Tale," then a "Bridesmaid Debt" excerpt from the radio show "A Prairie Home Companion." "I had mono during the first competition and I personally felt like it was a sub-par performance compared to what it could have been; thanks to the judges, however, I have been given a shot at redemption," he said.



Pick Up Some Primitive Fishing Skills

TWIN FALLS • Before this place was called Idaho, how did primitive people catch the fish in Idaho's rivers and streams? Learn how in the second part of the Herrett Center's Primitive Skills workshops.

The afternoon workshop, dubbed "Hook, Line, and Sink," will be 1:30-5:30 p.m. April 14 at the Herrett

Center. Cost is \$15, which includes all materials. Herrett exhibits manager Joey Heck will show what primitive fishing equipment looked like and how to make your own kit using local plants, stones and animal parts.

Then, at 1:30-4 p.m. May 12, a free Primitive Skills Day at the Herrett Center will coincide with

Idaho Archaeological Week and a Herrett Forum presentation from archaeologist Suzann Henrikson about Idaho's famous Wasden Site that produced a mammoth skeleton. Heck will also oversee some primitive skills exhibits at that event.

Information: Heck, 732-6668 or jheck@csi.edu; or visit csi.edu/herrett.

NEXT WEEK

Bug Zoo

Get up close to exotic insects in a one-of-a-kind festival. Next Friday in Entertainment

Bisbee

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in 1910 at 26 and became what the librarian calls "a backbone of the community?"

Wright will share her findings next week at a presentation, "Life and Art Are One: Jessie Bisbee, Her Husband Clarence, and the Historical Photography of the Magic Valley," at the Twin Falls Public Library. It's one of several events the library is hosting to celebrate National Library Week.

For Wright, researching Jessie, a prolific journal writer, has been a fascinating journey. She learned not just about the Bisbees, but about the infant Twin Falls.

"These people, when they came here in the early 1900s, they were so busy trying to get water to their land and educate their children, they didn't have time to write," Wright said.

But Jessie found time. Often a daily writer, she at least wrote weekly, detailing her activities and interests. She talked about camping trips and her husband's photography business.

"Many times she'd just write her thoughts and what they were doing on scraps of paper," said Wright, noting the scraps were collected and combined in a journal.

Wright discovered that the college-educated Jessie was a poet, a published

magazine writer and a nature lover who knew the Latin names of plants, and that she was fond of animals and children. Jessie was also a photographer in her right.

"In many of the photos, Clarence was the main subject, so we know she took some of the photos," said Wright of promotional images sent throughout the country to entice people to move here.

On the personal side, Wright gained insights into Jessie's marriage.

"She and her husband were very, very close," Wright said. "They did everything together. I think they would've been wonderful parents, but unfortunately that wasn't to be."

Jessie never wrote about wanting to have children, Wright said, but she did talk about the couple's financial troubles.

"It did weigh heavily on her mind," Wright said, "but it didn't consume her."

Wright's overall impression of Jessie? "I think she was a very delightful person, educated, someone I would've loved to have met."

Bill Nichols, owner of Blip Printers, has worked for more than a decade with Clarence Bisbee's photographs. His company scanned the negatives the library holds in its collection. Nichols plans to attend next week's presentation

Hear the Talk

To meet Jessie Bisbee through librarian Mareda Wright's eyes, attend Wright's presentation at 7 p.m. April 11 at Twin Falls Public Library.

Check out other National Library Week events at the Twin Falls library, too, including:

- **Rhyme time** for youth at 10:30 a.m. April 9
- **Volunteer recognition** luncheon at 1 p.m. April 10
- **Book club** discussion of Billy Collins' poetry at 5:30 p.m. April 10
- **Kidz Activity** at 4 p.m. April 11

and is interested to learn what Wright has uncovered about the couple who left behind a legacy of images.

"It's the only real history of Twin Falls you can possibly find," Nichols said of the Bisbee photos. "The pictures (show) very much what life was like in 1906."

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'Phantom Tollbooth' Play Takes Audience to Land of Puns and Wisdom

BY KAREN BOSSICK
For the Times-News

KETCHUM • Before there was the smartphone there was the smart book — Norman Juster's "The Phantom Tollbooth." It's a magical book where words have been transformed into characters and nearly every sentence resembles a pun.

Laughing Stock Theatre will bring Susan Nanus' adaptation to the stage April 12-15 at Ketchum's nexStage Theatre. The play follows a spoiled little boy named Milo who has all the toys a boy could want but treats them with disdain, professing to be totally bored.

"It seems to me that almost everything is a waste of time. There's nothing for me to do, nowhere I'd care to go and hardly anything worth seeing," he says.

One day, however, Milo discovers a tollbooth in his room, along with a map of "The Lands Beyond." He pays the toll and he and his toy car drive into a magical Kingdom of Wisdom, a place where what you know matters more than having a magical wand at your disposal.

There he picks up a watchdog named Tock with a giant alarm clock. And he encounters a variety of intriguing characters such as the Ever-present Wordsnatcher, who



The cast of 'The Phantom Tollbooth' — which stars Blake Nelson (at right in a black shirt) and Nick Smith (in the red shirt) as young Milo — awaits its journey into the Kingdom of Wisdom.

takes the words right out of your mouth; the Senses Taker, who insists on asking trivial questions; the 12-faced Dodecahedron; and Whether Man.

"In my case, it's more important to know whether there will be weather than what the weather will be," said Community School freshman Lauren Sunday, who plays the Whether Man.

Milo also encounters King Azaz the Unabridged, the ruler of Dictionopolis, where all the world's words and letters are bought and sold. And he meets the mathemagician of Digitopolis, who serves up subtraction stew and discusses infinity.

Thanks to those two, he must try to rescue princesses Rhyme and Reason, who have been banished for suggesting that letters and numbers are equally important.

"The Phantom Tollbooth," published in 1961 and illustrated by Jules Feiffer, has been compared to such stories as "Alice in Wonderland," said actor Jamey Reynolds, whose King Azaz throws banquets where guests eat their words. "It's something that will appeal to adults, as well as children."

Director Patsy Wygle said she received "The Phantom Tollbooth" as a birthday present when it first came out and has reread it every 10 years.

If You Go

What: Laughing Stock Theatre production of "The Phantom Tollbooth"
When: 7 p.m. April 12-14 and 3 p.m. April 14-15
Where: nexStage Theatre, 120 S. Main St., Ketchum
Tickets: \$10 for children and \$15 for adults; reserved seats are \$20 for children and \$25 for adults, at 726-4857
Special rate: The April 15 matinee is Senior Sunday with \$10 tickets for those 65 and older.

"I marvel at how creative it is," she said. "It's still taught at the middle school. And though abbreviated, this play captures the flavor of the book."

Company of Fools designer Joe Lavigne designed the set, which features a map that pops up as Milo drives to the Mountains of Ignorance, a Sea of Knowledge, a castle and a marketplace. Allison Higdon did the artwork. And K.O. Ogilvie made a puppet for the play.

Blake Nelson, a Hailey Elementary School student who shares the role of Milo with Sage School student Nick Smith, said he can identify with Milo.

"Sometimes I get really bored, and when I do I go on a bike ride looking for adventure," Blake said. "I like adventures and as Milo goes around the world it gets so exciting, especially where he ends up saving two princesses."

Political Prof Examines Lincoln Legacy

TWIN FALLS • David Adler, professor of political science at Idaho State University, will speak about President Abraham Lincoln at the next Herrett Forum in Twin Falls.



Adler

His lecture is at 7:30 p.m. April 18 at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science, titled "A President For the Ages: Lessons Learned from Lincoln's Presidency."

Adler has been a frequent speaker at CSI over the years, headlining the Snake River

Symposium, Eagle View Lecture Series, Constitution Day observances and the Civil Liberties Symposium. At ISU, he teaches courses on the U.S. Constitution, the presidency and the Bill of Rights. He has written more than 100 scholarly articles and three books.

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Gene Turley, right, plays bagpipes with the recently formed Magic Valley & District Pipe Band during last month's St. Patrick's Day Parade in downtown Twin Falls. The parade was the band's public debut.

Bagpipe

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when they decided to find more pipers in the area and start a band. Formed in November, the group has just five bagpipe players and one drummer but hopes to expand — despite the fact that there are few bagpipes in the Magic Valley.

"We're all about having fun and not competing yet — we want beginners," said the pipe major, Martin Meyers. The band will cater to the newest members and play easier pieces as needed.

Interested in learning? You'll start on a practice chanter to master the fin-

gering. The chanter is a double reed woodwind instrument that is a much smaller financial commitment than the great Highland bagpipes. The chanter usually costs around \$60, and a person can spend about six months to a year — depending on dedication — on the chanter before moving to bagpipes.

"If you put in the time on the practice chanter to get to the full set of pipes, then you are ready to make that financial commitment," Cooper said, adding that bagpipes start at about \$900.

Believe it or not, many of the Magic Valley & District Pipe Band members experienced some difficulty find-

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Interested in joining, sponsoring or lining up the Magic Valley & District Pipe Band for a performance? Contact Jeff Cooper at 404-8051 or colonel.teal@gmail.com, or find the band on Facebook: facebook.com/MagicValleyPipeBand

ing bagpipe teachers in the Magic Valley when they were learning. Member McKenzie Manning is now offering private lessons, and a few of his bandmates are willing to teach informally for free if the learners join the band.

"We will instruct people that are interested in playing in our group," Cooper said. "Some would benefit from having a private instructor, but we have three or four guys willing to give up time to teach."

What makes the bagpipes so attractive?

"I just love the sound of them, I really enjoy the music," Turley said. "It's just easy to listen to."

Meyers called it a powerful and unique instrument, adding: "It only has nine notes to learn, but it is the grace notes that make it tricky."

The band is looking for new members — pipers and drummers — but also for

gigs and sponsors. It can send one member, a duet or the whole band to an event.

Want to hear the bagpipers in action? Their next public performance will be for First United Methodist Church's 7 a.m. sunrise service on Easter morning at Shoshone Falls Park.

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Burley
 • Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m.

at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave. No cover.

Rupert
 • Karaoke by AC Entertainment, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont Ave. No cover.
 • Krokars Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Melody Bar, 502 Sixth St. No cover.

SATURDAYS
Burley
 • Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the 610 Club, 1054 Overland Ave. No cover.

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 • Krokars Karaoke, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room, 613 Fremont Ave. No cover.

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Twin Falls
 • Lone Wolf Entertainment,

8 p.m. to midnight at Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover.

WEDNESDAYS
Twin Falls
 • Krokars Karaoke, 8:30 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.
 • Lone Wolf Entertainment, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover.

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THURSDAYS
Twin Falls
 • Lone Wolf Entertainment, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover.

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Mowing
 Your first lawn cutting in the spring should not be too short; cut the grass to a height of about 2 inches throughout the spring, then increase the height to 2 1/2 inches during the summer. Mow frequently to remove no more than one third of the grass blades at one time, rather than mowing more grass at fewer intervals.

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Raking
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Weeding
 Remove perennial weeds during the early spring, either by pulling them or with herbicides. A thick, healthy lawn discourages weed growth, so remove the weeds before they gain a foothold. Make sure that you use a separate sprayer for herbicides than you use for fungicides or insecticides, and spray the lawn when the weeds are actively growing, not when they are dormant.

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 Analyze your soil every two or three years to determine its pH level. Most types of lawn grasses prefer a pH level between 6.0 and 7.0 in order to thrive. Apply lime to your lawn in early spring to increase the pH levels of your soil and give your grass the optimum chance at a long life. The results of the soil test should offer recommendations as to how much lime you should apply.

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EVENTS CALENDAR

6 FRIDAY



FIRST FRIDAY/TWIN FALLS
Out of Order (pictured), a Treasure Valley band with acoustic bluegrass, folk, Americana, swing and Texas fiddle music, 6-9 p.m. at the First Friday event at Rudy's-A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W.; along with wine and beer by the glass, food sampling and a cooking demonstration by chef **Eric Ettesvold** in the Rudy's kitchen; no cover, 733-5477. Also for First Friday, music by **Travis Johnson**, 7:30-10:30 p.m. at Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N.; hot/cold drinks, snacks and studio-free painting; no cover, reservations: 736-4475.

FUNDRAISER/TWIN FALLS
JM Kitchens' Bunco Party, a fundraiser for Relay for Life, at Obenchain community room, 264 Main Ave. S. Chili and potato dinner starts at 6 p.m. with the games at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$15 (includes dinner and games), at JM Kitchens or at the door. 734-1434.

LECTURE/TWIN FALLS
Carol Tavis, author of the bestselling book "Mistakes Were Made (But Not by Me)," speaks at the Eagle View Lecture Series, 7 p.m. in the CSI Fine Arts Theater. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. Tavis, a social psychologist, writer and lecturer, discusses politics, conflicts of interest and the criminal justice system in her most recent book, subtitled "Why we justify foolish beliefs, bad decisions, and hurtful acts." She has written books including "Anger: The Misunderstood Emotion" and "The Mismeasure of Woman: Why Women are Not the Better Sex, the Inferior Sex, or the Opposite Sex." Free admission.

PLANETARIUM/TWIN FALLS
Faulkner Planetarium at Herrett Center for Arts and Science presents "Lifestyles of the Stars" with live sky tour at 7 p.m.; and "U2," at 8:15 p.m. Tickets for the 7 p.m. are \$4.50 for adults, \$3.50 for seniors and \$2.50 for students. Tickets for 8:15 p.m. show are \$4.50 for all ages. 732-6655 or csi.edu/herrett.

YOUTH ACTIVITIES/TWIN FALLS
Youth Options Extreme, for ages 12-16, at 7-11 p.m. at Salvation Army, 348 Fourth Ave. N. Open gym and game room with a variety of activities. \$1 per person. 733-8720.

JAZZ/TWIN FALLS
Jeff Fox Trio, 7-10 p.m. at Cucina Gemelli, 233 Fifth Ave. S., in the city's historical warehouse district. No cover.



THEATER/TWIN FALLS
Random Acts of Theatre Players present "The Bible: The Complete Word of God (abridged)" by Adam Long, Reed Martin, Austin Tichenor and Matthew Croke, 7:30 p.m. at Encore Event Center, 681 Filer Ave. The production with an irreverent retelling of the Holy Bible is from the trio who wrote "The Complete History of America (abridged)" and "The Com-



Randi Alexander holds onto her daughters Mercedez, left, and Jordyn before the 2011 Easter egg hunt at Twin Falls City Park. You'll find hunts all around the Magic Valley this weekend.

plete Works of Shakespeare (abridged)." Features local actors Thomas Crozier, Chase Taylor and Daniel Gardner. Tickets are \$10, at 420-3979 or at the door.

COMEDY, MUSIC/TWIN FALLS
Comedy Night with host **Jordon Brown** and headliner **Sean Peabody**, 8:30-10:30 p.m. at Canyon Crest Dining and Event Center, 330 Canyon Crest Drive. Tickets for comedy night are \$15 general admission, at canyoncrestdining.com. Music by **Rockin' Horse** at 9 p.m. in the lounge; no cover. 733-9392.

MUSIC/TWIN FALLS
Sweet Country Air, 8:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. at Montana Steak House, 1826 Canyon Crest Drive. No cover.

ROCK/TWIN FALLS
Black Rose, 9 p.m. at the Pioneer Club, 1519 Kimberly Road. No cover.

MUSIC/TWIN FALLS
DJ music, 9 p.m. to closing, at Woody's, 213 Fifth Ave. S. No cover.

AWARDS VOTING/TWIN FALLS
Curtain Call Awards voting for nominees of local stage productions is open online and continues through APRIL 15. Become a member of the Curtain Call Awards Association and be eligible to vote at curtaincallawards.com. Membership is \$10 per year. The gala is set for 7 p.m. APRIL 17 at the Turf Club, 734 Falls Ave., featuring a slide show from 2011 performances, and award announcements (tickets: \$12 at curtaincallawards.com and Facebook; no tickets at the door).

MUSIC/BUHL
Miles to Nowhere band, 7

p.m. at Mimi's Saddlehorn Events Center, 289 Clear Lakes Road in Buhl. No cover. 543-2721.

THEATER/BURLEY
Burley High School drama department presents "The Good Doctor" by Neil Simon, 7 p.m. at Burley High's Little Theater. Directed by drama instructor Dusty Fisher, with student directors Larissa Fisher, Jose Miramontes, Andrew McClain and Noel Nelson. A play about ideas that pop into a playwright's head. Many of the scenes include everyday exchanges (a man getting his tooth pulled, and a governess speaking to her employer about her paycheck), and odd encounters (bank accountant going crazy after a meeting with an insanely mad woman, and a woman performing a drowning for others' entertainment). Tickets are \$5. Donations accepted for Richard Call's family.

COUNTRY, ROCK/DECLO
The Fugitives, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Shakers, 826 Idaho Highway 81. No cover.

EGG HUNT FUNDRAISER/FILER
Easter egg hunt fundraiser, hosted by Filer Golf Team, 5 p.m. at Pebble Ponds Golf Course, 4035 N. 2300 E. (1.5 miles north of Filer High School). Dinner, prizes and candy. Admission is \$5 each, with four age categories: 3 and younger, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Admission is \$10 for 13 and older (includes dinner). Proceeds benefit the golf team. Reservations (for dinner count): 326-3333.

PRESENTATION/HAILEY
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"An Evening with Jodie Foster" at 7 p.m. at the Liberty Theatre, 110 N. Main St. Sold out. 578-9122 or companyoffools.org

DANCING/JEROME
Dance with music by **Country Classics** band, 8 p.m. to midnight, at Snake River Elks Lodge, 412 E. 200 S. \$5 per person or \$9 per couple. Dinner available. 280-3365.

EGG HUNT/SUN VALLEY
Eggstravaganza Easter egg hunt for children 10 and younger, hosted by Sun Valley Village shops and Sun Valley Resort, 4:30 p.m. in Sun Valley Village. Includes an appearance by the Easter bunny, face painting at Sun Valley Toy Store and music. 622-2183.

7 SATURDAY

EGG HUNT/TWIN FALLS
Annual Easter egg hunt, hosted by Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department and Twin Falls Optimist Club, 10 a.m. at Twin Falls City Park, with age groups (2 and younger, 3-4, 5-7 and 8-10). More than 1,000 plastic Easter eggs filled with candy in each age group. Six eggs per age group will have a coupon inside that can be redeemed for a gold \$1 coin. 736-2265.

EGG HUNT/TWIN FALLS
Second annual Easter egg hunt at 10:30 a.m. at Community Christian Church, 303 Grandview Drive, for children from toddler through fifth grade. Includes 10,000 candy and prize-filled eggs, plus face painting and hot cocoa. Free; 410-0538.

PARADE, EGG HUNT/BUHL
Day of the Child parade and Easter egg hunt. "El Dia de los Ninos" parade participants meet at 9:30 a.m. at The Furniture Store parking lot, 1104 Main St. (dress up, ride decorated bikes or dress up pets). Pa-

rade begins at 9:45 a.m. along Main Street, followed by Easter egg hunt at 10 a.m. at Buhl High's football field, corner of Seventh and Main streets. Age groups for egg hunt: 2 and younger, 3-5, 6-8 and 9-12. Information: Michelle at Buhl Chamber of Commerce, 543-6682.

EGG HUNT/BURLEY
Easter egg hunt for special-needs children, hosted by Cassia County Sheriff's Benevolent Association, 10 a.m. at Freedom Park.

EGG HUNT/BURLEY
Easter egg hunt at 11 a.m. at Cassia Regional Medical Center, 1501 Hiland Ave.

EGG HUNT/FILER
Annual Easter egg hunt for families with special-needs children, 10 a.m. at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds. Hosted by Twin Falls County Sheriff's Employee Association, in conjunction with Cactus Petes and Bureau of Land Management. Along with the egg hunt, each child receives an Easter basket.

EGG HUNT/GOODING
Gooding Easter egg hunt, hosted by Gooding Recreation District, 9 a.m. at West Park with the Easter bunny. Three age categories: 3 and younger, 4-7 and 8-12. Cash prizes. Information: Kent Seifert, 539-4194.

EGG HUNT/HAGERMAN
Annual Easter egg hunt, sponsored by Hagerman Fire Protection District and Hagerman Quick Response Unit, 10 a.m. at Hagerman City Park. Four age groups: 3 and younger, 4-6, 7-9 and 10-12. Includes 4,000 Easter eggs; cash prizes; candy; and the Easter bunny. Information: Tim Peterson, 837-4552 or 539-6546; or Jon Kepler, 358-0794.

EGG HUNT/HANSEN
City of Hansen Easter egg hunt, 10 a.m. at Rolling Hills Park on the north

side of U.S. Highway 30. Several age groups for 12 and younger; includes prizes. 423-5158.

EGG HUNT/HEYBURN
Second annual Heyburn Easter egg hunt, 10 a.m. at Mount Harrison High School, 1431 17th St., for ages 11 and younger; includes grand prize eggs, face painting and the Easter bunny. Hosted by HEART of Mini-Cassia (Heyburn Education and Renewal Team), focusing on poverty prevention and community improvement.

EGG HUNT/JEROME
The 35th annual Easter egg hunt, hosted by Jerome Optimist Club, 10 a.m. at Forsythe Park (East 10th Street and Tiger Drive). Four age divisions.

EGG HUNT/KIMBERLY
Seventh annual Easter egg hunt, hosted by Kimberly Business Owners' Association, at Kimberly City Park (formerly held at Windsor's Greenhouse and Nursery). Event opens at noon. Egg hunt begins at 1 p.m. with 12,000 eggs for three age groups: 3 and younger, 4-6 and 7-10. Includes prizes, Easter bunny, face painting, bounce house and children's train rides. Free; 734-2481.

EASTER CANTATA/KIMBERLY
"Beside Still Waters," an Easter musical presentation, 7 p.m. at Kimberly LDS Stake Center, 3857 N. 3500 E. A slide show of more than 140 paintings depicting the life and death of Jesus Christ, with music sung by a choir of 60, directed by Carolee Remington and accompanied by Marie Hansen. Paintings and music come from a variety of well-known artists and composers of many faiths. Several soloists from Magic Valley featured along with an instrumental ensemble. Free admission.

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Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

LIVESTOCK RESEARCH LAB. WE DID IT, ERNIE! A SHEEP IN A BOTTLE!

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Garfield By Jim Davis

IT HAS OCCURRED TO ME THAT I AM NO LONGER A LOSER. I HAVE A GIRLFRIEND, PETS... AN AWESOME SOCK COLLECTION... LOSER.

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Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

MY WIFE'S SHOPPING AND ASKED ME TO BABYSIT... SO JUST GIVE ME A BEER AND SHUT UP! YES, SIR... AND WILL YOUR BABY HAVE SOMETHING, TOO?

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Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

YOU PROMISED YOU'D CLEAN YOUR ROOM TODAY. I'LL GET TO IT. WHEN? 11:55 P.M.

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Luann By Greg Evans

YOUR STUPID PLAN WAS A DISASTER, T.J.! I ASKED TONI TO MARRY ME AND SHE FLARED UP, JUST LIKE I KNEW SHE WOULD! WHEN I SAID "APRIL FOOL!" SHE FUMED! YOUR STUPID PLANS STINK! I THINK YOU'RE BUNGLING THEM. WHAT IF YOU WORE AN EARPIECE? I COULD HIDE NEARBY...

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Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

WHERE'S RAT TODAY? HE HAS TO SPEND EASTER WITH HIS FAMILY. I THOUGHT HE HATED SPENDING HOLIDAYS WITH HIS FAMILY. HE DOES BUT HE SAYS HE HAS A WAY OF DEALING WITH IT NOW. WE KNOW YOU'RE IN THERE.

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Pickles By Brian Crane

HARD DAY AT SCHOOL, NELSON? WELL, LIFE CAN BE HARD SOMETIMES IT'S FULL OF FRUSTRATIONS AND DISAPPOINTMENTS. BUT IN SPITE OF IT ALL, WE PERSEVERE, AND SUCK UP THE PAIN, BECAUSE AT THE END OF IT ALL... THERE IS ICE CREAM!

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Rose is Rose By Pat Brady

THE COAST IS CLEAR, PASQUALE! THANKS FOR ACTING AS MY LOOKOUT! I'VE HAD MY FAIR SHARE OF BAD HAIRCUT HUMILIATIONS!

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Sherman's Lagoon By Jim Toomey

SHERMAN, I NEED THE COMPUTER. I'M USING IT. I'M WORKING ON MY SHORT STORY FOR THE CONTEST. THAT'S WHAT I NEED IT FOR. HEY! YOU'RE ON FACEBOOK! I'M LOOKING FOR INSPIRATION. DOES YOUR STORY TAKE PLACE IN FARMVILLE? HEY, NOT BAD.

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Non Sequitur By Wiley

HE'S MY WINGMAN IN CASE A POLITICAL ARGUMENT BREAKS OUT.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

"IF MR. WILSON PLANTS TULIP BULBS AND THEY GROW, WHY NOT LIGHT BULBS?"

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The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

HEY, BLANCH! CHECK THIS OUT! OKAY, I SHOULD BE IN CHARGE OF THE DECORATING.

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Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

UH-OH. SOMETHING'S UP. I FEEL IT, TOO. SCRAMBLE! LATER! I JUST HAD A GREAT IDEA! TOO LATE.

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green


		6	3			2		
	3		4					
8				9	2			1
5	7					3		
		2				1		
		8					9	5
1			8	5				2
					9		7	
		5			7	4		

Answer to previous puzzle

6	1	5	2	8	7	4	9	3
8	3	2	9	4	5	7	6	1
9	4	7	6	1	3	5	8	2
7	8	3	1	9	6	2	4	5
2	5	4	3	7	8	9	1	6
1	9	6	4	5	2	3	7	8
3	2	1	7	6	9	8	5	4
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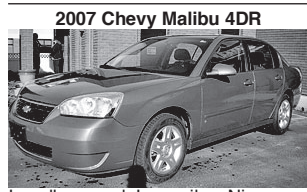
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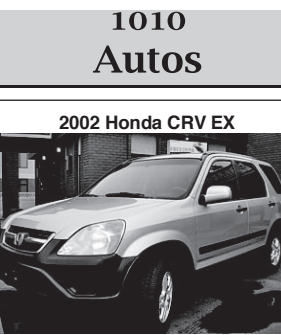
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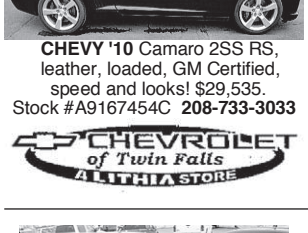
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