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Cessna crash kills three

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Three men died Sunday at Joslin Field, Magic Valley Regional Airport when their Cessna 182 crashed into a fuel tank. The identities of the men had not yet been established Sunday evening, airport manager Bill

Carberry said.

The airplane departed Sunday morning from Kalispell, Mont., and attempted to land in Twin Falls, possibly for fuel, Carberry said. The plane was registered in California.

The Cessna approached Joslin Field at about 10:30 a.m. Crosswinds blew about 25 mph

and possibly played a factor in the crash, Carberry said.

The plane appeared to lose control as it approached, and it flew into a truck off the side of the runway. The truck held 75 gallons of fuel.

The fire ignited two neighboring trucks, each holding 2,000 gallons of jet fuel.

Emergency crews set up a containment system to capture residual fuel.

The crash did not occur on the main runway and commercial traffic continued on schedule, Carberry said.

The National Transportation Safety Administration is investigating the crash.

U.S. traces al-Qaida through phone calls

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Government agents have recently uncovered numerous calls from difficult-to-track prepaid cell phones, Internet-based phone services, prepaid phone cards and public pay phones in the United States to known al-Qaida locations overseas, federal officials said.

The calls are one piece of a growing body of evidence pointing to the presence of suspected members of terrorist sleeper cells operating on U.S. soil, and a growing sophistication on their part to keep their communications secret, the officials said.

The officials, who spoke only on condition of anonymity, said the effort to follow the phone call trail has involved numerous federal agencies and is the result of improved post-Sept. 11 coordination between the traditional law enforcement of the FBI and the intelligence gathering of the National Security Agency, America's premier overseas electronic intercept agency.

"Things have really improved, and that gives us the ability to better track terrorists both in the United States and abroad, and prevent things before they happen," one senior law enforcement official told The Associated Press.

The officials said the process works like this: U.S. intelligence learns of a communication to known al-Qaida locations overseas and then alerts the FBI and other law enforcement agencies, who try to track down the source and origin of the U.S. callers.

Authorities said the calls point to the clear presence of one or more sleeper cells in the United States and attempts by al-Qaida sympathizers in America to make their calls difficult to trace, using tactics invented by U.S. criminals in the 1990s.

With Friday's arrest of five American men of Yemeni descent in a Buffalo, N.Y. suburb, Deputy Attorney General Larry Thompson said that U.S. law enforcement "has identified, investigated and disrupted an al-Qaida-trained terrorist cell on American soil."

In other recent steps to disrupt suspected domestic terrorist activities, the indictments of several men in Detroit cited the possible presence in the Midwest of a "combat squad" of terrorists. Also, the government in the past few weeks charged a man with trying to help al-Qaida set up a terrorist training camp in Oregon.

Investigators have found several instances in which suspected al-Qaida members in the United States to overseas numbers were made on prepaid cell phones, prepaid telephone credit cards or public phone booths. One official said there also has been some

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A GIFT TO THE PUBLIC



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Collections manager Phyllis Oppenheim handles one of the artifacts that will be part of the new exhibit opening at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science this fall. With a \$1.5 million gift, the Herrett will receive a new observatory, expanded conference space and a much-needed new storage area for artifacts.

Faulkner estate gives \$1.5M to Herrett Center

By Robert Meyer Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - As a Twin Falls businessman, Earl Faulkner was larger than life.

Now, his money will help the public view life on a grander scale.

The owner of The Paris clothing store, who died last summer, left \$1.5 million to the College of Southern Idaho's Herrett Center. Its CSI Foundation's second-largest single gift.

As such, the donation will go toward the center's expansion - several years in the planning. The plans call for an observatory with a state-of-the-art telescope, a large conference hall and a climate-controlled artifact storage area.

A longtime champion of the



Earl Faulkner

center, Faulkner spent much of his retirement years raising money for the Herrett Center. He also helped form the CSI Foundation. Faulkner's estate was worth a little more than \$1.5 million when he died. Around \$150,000 was lost to estate taxes and loss in equity from an underperforming stock market.

It took more than a year to sort out the financial details, said Curtis Eaton, executive director of the foundation. The most time-consuming aspect was the trans-

fer of the various assets to the foundation, he said.

"This is a unique case, because we've never had a contribution exactly like this to the foundation," Eaton said, referring to the size and restriction of the gift.

Half of the money is slated for Herrett Center operations. The other portion will be turned into an endowment.

Faulkner's house is still on the market a year later, albeit with a lower asking price. The proceeds from the eventual sale won't have strings attached and may be used as CSI officials see fit.

The original idea was for the house to be used as a residence for the CSI president.

While the ideas are swirling around as to how best use the Faulkner gift, nothing has been determined yet, Eaton said. It

will play a major role in the Herrett Center's expansion, however.

Adding an observatory

Chris Anderson, planetarium production specialist, said he was enthusiastic about the addition of an observatory to the museum. Doing so will complete Norman Herrett's vision, he said.

Herrett and his wife, Lillie, were avid astronomers and played a large educational role in the Twin Falls area. The museum bearing the Herretts' name was built in 1980.

The center and its artifact collection have gradually expanded through the years. The planetarium was added in 1995.

However, an observatory with

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Bush officials: U.S. can fight terror, Iraq

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration insisted Sunday that the U.S. military can simultaneously fight terrorism and confront Iraq, as White House officials said Congress and the United Nations must act quickly to show resolve against Saddam Hussein.

Members of Congress, however, were split on whether it was wise to act within four weeks on an undefined resolution about Iraq, as Secretary of State Colin Powell called for. There were signs of a possible stalemate before the midterm congressional elections in November.

"We don't know what this administration wants to do," Senate Majority Leader Tom Daschle said on ABC's "This Week." He said President Bush had yet to ask for a resolution on Iraq. But Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, said, "Obviously, it is up to the Congress to offer resolutions, not



An Iraqi woman buys goods at a popular market in Baghdad Sunday, U.S. threats to invade Iraq have not affected the daily lives of ordinary Iraqis who still go about their daily lives as usual.

Saudi Arabia gives U.S. OK to use bases vs. Iraq

The Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS - In a shift likely to put more pressure on Saddam Hussein, Saudi Arabia's foreign minister said Sunday that U.S. forces may have access to bases in the kingdom to attack Iraq - provided military action has United Nations endorsement.

Prince Saud al-Faisal called on the Baghdad regime to allow U.N. inspectors back into Iraq to ensure it is not developing nuclear, chemical or biological weapons.

Other Arab nations also pressed Iraq to comply with U.N. Security Council resolutions to avert a showdown with Washington, saying they wanted a diplomatic solution to avoid a conflict that could threaten stability in the Middle East.

At the same time, Arab states urged U.N. action to settle the Israeli conflict. The Saudi Arabian leaders previously had ruled out any use of

Saudi bases by U.S. forces to attack Iraq. But Saud said Sunday that if the Security Council authorized the use of force against Iraq, Saudi Arabia would go along.

"All signatories to the U.N. Charter, including Saudi Arabia, are obligated to abide by the decisions of the Security Council, in particular those under Chapter 7 of the Charter," he said in a statement.

Chapter 7 authorizes the use of force in the case of threats to international peace and security and requires all member nations to abide by such resolutions.

"Whatever threat Iraq poses, it is clear that the will of the international community is to remove that threat in a way that does not require the firing of a single shot or the loss of a single soldier," Saud said.

But once international consensus is reached, he added, the Iraqis will have to respond or "suffer the consequences."

FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY

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Idaho Extremes Yesterday: High 94°
Boise 71°
Low 29°
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Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday
Temperature: High/Low 93°/70°
Normal High/Low 74°/43°
High/Low last year 78°/51°
Record High/Low 101°/1900°
Record low 30° in 1970
Precipitation 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: 0.00"
Month to date: 0.40"
Normal to date: 0.30"
Normal year to date (Oct. 1): 0.64"
Humidity Yesterday at noon: 15%
Barometric Pressure Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 29.03 in.
TF pollen count yesterday: 112
(High) sagebrush, chenopods, Mold; High
Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
▲ 70°	▼ 46°	▲ 68° ▼ 44°	▲ 70° ▼ 44°

THURSDAY	FRIDAY
▲ 74° ▼ 46°	▲ 78° ▼ 48°

CANADIAN CITIES

City	H	L	W	H	L	W
Calgary	67	40	30	67	40	30
Edmonton	70	40	30	70	40	30
Kelowna	67	40	30	67	40	30
Regina	61	34	24	61	34	24
Saskatoon	67	40	30	67	40	30
Winnipeg	75	50	30	75	50	30

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Clouds and some sunshine today with a couple of showers; an afternoon thunderstorm across parts of the higher terrain. Highs will range from the 60s in the higher elevations to upper 70s in the valleys.
Boise: Mostly cloudy and breezy today with a couple of showers. High 72. Patchy clouds tonight. Low 46. Sunshine and some clouds tomorrow with a breeze at times. High 70.
Northern Nevada: Times of clouds and sunshine today; an afternoon shower is possible, but most locations will remain rain-free. Highs generally in the 70s.

SUN AND MOON

Sunrise today: 7:18 a.m.
Sunset tonight: 7:48 p.m.
Moonset today: 2:05 a.m.
Full Moon: Last New First
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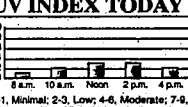
WORLD CITIES

City	H	L	W	H	L	W
London	55	34	24	55	34	24
Moscow	61	31	21	61	31	21
Rio de Janeiro	74	51	31	74	51	31
Sydney	60	39	29	60	39	29
Warsaw	67	44	34	67	44	34
Zurich	63	40	30	63	40	30

NATIONAL WEATHER

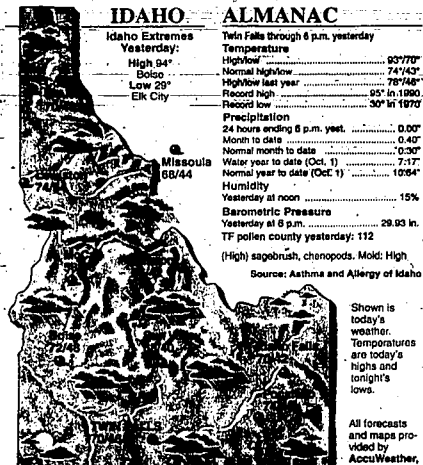
Northern Idaho: Breezy today with sunshine and patchy clouds; a thunderstorm in parts of the area this afternoon. Highs ranging from the 60s in the higher terrain to 78 in Salt Lake City.
Northern Nevada: Breezy today with sunshine and patchy clouds; a thunderstorm in parts of the area this afternoon. Highs ranging from the 60s in the higher terrain to 78 in Salt Lake City.
Northern Idaho: Cool with plenty of clouds today with some showers. Highs ranging from the 60s in the mountains to 70s elsewhere. Mostly cloudy tonight with more showers possible late.

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	H	L	W	H	L	W
Atlanta	62	58	48	62	58	48
Baltimore	63	52	42	63	52	42
Boston	74	59	49	74	59	49
Chicago	74	58	48	74	58	48
Denver	68	53	43	68	53	43
Houston	88	72	62	88	72	62
Los Angeles	82	62	52	82	62	52



Shown is today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows. All forecasts and maps prepared by AccuWeather, Inc. 020002.

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tue	City	Today	Tue
Boise	72	48	70	68	44
Bonanza Ferry	68	46	50	46	32
Butte	70	48	71	47	33
Coeur d'Alene	65	41	65	41	31
Elko	73	38	76	37	24
Eugene, OR	72	52	48	70	50
Hagerman	65	45	65	45	31
Idaho Falls	70	42	68	40	26
Katopite	68	42	68	42	28
Lewiston	72	54	68	50	36
Malad	73	44	68	44	30
Mesa	67	49	68	45	31

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Crash on I-84 kills Utah woman

BURLEY — A Utah woman was killed in a rollover crash Sunday five miles east of Burley on Interstate 84, the Idaho State Police reported.
Tamara Rhodes Wright, 39, of Kerns, Utah, was transported to Minidoka Memorial Hospital in Rupert where she was pronounced dead, the ISP said. Tony Lockhart, 27, of Bountiful, Utah, suffered serious injuries and was airlifted to the University of Utah Medical Center in Salt Lake City. He was in critical condition with pelvic injuries Sunday night, the ISP said. Both Wright and Lockhart were ejected from the car.
A 1-year-old infant, who was in a car seat, was not injured and

Congressman: Iraq may be ready to allow inspectors

BAGHDAD, Iraq — A U.S. congressman visiting here said Sunday that there was a "strong possibility" Iraq would agree to unrestricted U.N. weapons inspections if President Bush backed down from his call for Iraq leader Saddam Hussein to be replaced.
Rep. Nick J. Rahall, D-W.Va., said in an interview that meetings this weekend with senior Iraqi officials, including the deputy prime minister and a speaker of the national assembly, left him with the impression that Hussein's government was "very interested" in allowing inspectors to return unconditionally but wanted diplomats from countries other than the United States to serve as independent arbiters of disputes between Iraq and the United Nations inspection commission.
"I feel the Iraqis want to give peace a chance, and I'm convinced the majority of Americans want the same," Rahall said.

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telescope has been "the one element missing from the equation," Anderson said.
Not only will it be the largest research-grade telescope in Idaho; Anderson said it's likely to be the largest public observatory in the country, if not the world.
Moreover, the design will be user friendly, he said. Sky-watchers will be able to remain seated in one position while the telescope moves through the different quadrants in the sky. Thus, those in wheelchairs will easily be accommodated, as will small children who won't need to be boosted.
"I think Horrett would be excited. He was all about access," Anderson said.
The observatory will also be available for Internet observers. Astronomers will be able to operate the telescope remotely from any computer on the planet. In fact, there need not be anyone in the building during operation, he added.

Calls

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instances of suspect calls made through Internet-based phone services.
"All this shows is that they are about as sophisticated as mafia guys from the 1990s," said Stewart Baker, a Washington lawyer who formerly served as the NSA's general counsel.
Baker said more significantly, the operation of al-Qaida on U.S. soil, including the Sept. 11 hijackers, suggests a change in terrorists' method of operation. Instead of entering the country just before they perpetrate attacks, they now stay on U.S. soil for months and even talk on U.S. communications system as they wait to carry out orders.
"It is clear that they feel comfortable operating here, and that is a new problem for us," Baker said, adding that the solution is to rapidly improve the

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to the administration."
Several leading lawmakers made clear they will consider such resolutions on their own timetable.
Daschle was noncommittal on whether Congress could pass such a resolution before Election Day, saying only that it was possible.
Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., said it would help Bush if Congress acted before its planned mid-October recess.

Best interest of Iraqis and the world

Bush has called for Iraq to consent to a resumption of U.N. inspections to determine whether it has resumed nuclear, biological or chemical weapons programs, but he and members of his administration have expressed doubts about whether Iraq would give inspectors what they need. U.N. and U.S. officials have accused Iraq of hindering the work of the inspectors for almost eight years before they finally left the country in 1998.
"We have totally run out of artifact storage space," said Phyllis Oppenheim, collections manager at the center.
Also important regarding the new artifact area — for which plans still lack detail — is that it will have a secure ground. Nearly all artifacts are now stored in the basement, increasing the risk of damage from flooding or insects.
It's taken a while to get plans sorted out. Several times in the last year, the expansion plans derailed, usually for financial reasons, said Mike Mason, vice president of finance. The price tag kept rising with each new meeting with architects and contractors, he said. For a while, it looked as if one of the three elements of the expansion would have to be eliminated. Those involved were beginning to get quite discouraged, if not downright pessimistic, he said.
As recently as last week, the latest plans came back \$380,000 over budget.
However, all parties have worked together in good faith and as of Friday have come to an agreement with solid plans under which they can finally move forward, Mason said.
"It looks really good," Mason said Friday. "We made a lot of progress today."
The timeline is still hazy, however.
But a proposal to SSI's board of trustees tonight on bids for a dome and observatory dome should provide momentum for the project, Mason said.

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Study: Workers lose health benefits.

WASHINGTON (AP) - Future retirees should expect to cover substantially more, if not all of the costs of their health care not covered by Medicare as employers increasingly reduce retirement medical benefits.

Few workers today are getting ready for this significant change and many have to consider putting off retirement, says an author of a new study on the issue.

By 2031, companies are expected to pay less than 10 percent of total medical expenses for retirees as part of actions already taken, says the report being released Monday by Watson Wyatt Worldwide, a human resources consulting firm that works with employers.

Large employers now typically pay more than half of total retiree medical expenses. But increasing health care costs are forcing companies to scale back how much they are willing to offer.

"The burden on future retirees to pay for their own medical costs is increasing dramatically and far too few employees are prepared for these looming changes," said Sylvester J. Schieber, Watson Wyatt vice president and an author of the study.

"Retirees will have no choice but to assume greater responsibility for planning for medical costs during their retirement, including consideration of increased personal savings and even delayed retirement," Schieber said.

About 20 percent of employers studied have eliminated retiree medical plans for new hires and 17 percent will require new hires to pay the full premium for coverage, the report said. Other companies are capping their contributions, linking them to the retiree's length of service or imposing stricter minimum-service requirements.

It found 45 percent of employers cap contributions for new hires while 39 percent do so for current employees. Only one in four employers cap contributions for current retirees, the median employer contribution cap of \$2,000 for current post-65 retirees - that is those who have Medicare coverage - drops to \$1,740 for future retirees. The median of \$4,450 for current pre-65 retirees drops to \$3,900 for future retirees.

The study says employers face a particular problem in providing health benefits for post-65 retirees because of how their plans wrap around Medicare and says Medicare itself should be reformed to provide better coverage.

The study is based on benefit plans of 56 large employers with at least 5,000 employees. The growing population of retirees, rising life expectancies and uncertain business profitability also are contributing to the trend.

But workers are being confronted by health care concerns even before retirement years. Workers now are paying more for their benefits, a recent study by the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation found.

This year saw the largest increase in premiums in 12 years, to nearly 13 percent. Single premiums are now on average \$3,060, with \$7,954 for family coverage.

The amount workers pay for coverage also has risen substantially. Employees now pay an average of \$454 per year for single coverage, a 26 percent, or \$95, increase from last year. Family coverage averaged \$2,084 a year, up 16 percent, or \$283. For the first time in 16 years, more workers experienced a cut in benefits than an increase.

JOINING THE RACE



A deer breaks across Molt Road between a gap in runners just east of Molt, Mont., Sunday, during the early miles of the 2002 Montana Marathon/Half-Marathon.

Train derails in Tennessee, releases sulfuric acid fumes

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. - Derailed railroad cars leaked billowing fumes of highly corrosive sulfuric acid in a residential area Sunday, forcing the evacuation of about 100 homes within a mile of the site.

No serious injuries were reported, said Alan Lawson, deputy director of the Knoxville-Knox County Emergency Management Agency.

Some people exposed to the acid fumes complained of minor skin and lung irritation and a few were taken to a hospital, where they were treated and released, said Lt. Jeff Devlin of the Metro Special Hazards Team.

Nine cars of the 25-car train derailed on a Norfolk Southern track, rupturing one car that was carrying about 93,000 pounds of sulfuric acid, Devlin said.

Prosecutor: Terrorist cell on U.S. radar before Sept. 11

BUFFALO, N.Y. - An alleged terrorist cell based in western New York and trained by Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network had been on the U.S. government's radar screen before the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, a prosecutor said Sunday.

The investigation into the Lackawanna cell began in early summer 2001, about the time records say the men returned from Afghanistan, said Michael Battle, U.S. attorney for western New York. All five were born in the U.S. and of Yemeni descent.

"What essentially happened is that information came to our attention that pointed us in the direction of these individuals," Battle said.

He declined comment on specifics, but said law enforcement officials took investigative

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steps to corroborate the information.

Embassies in Indonesia, Malaysia will reopen

JAKARTA, Indonesia - U.S. Embassies in Malaysia and Indonesia are scheduled to reopen Monday after being closed for five days because of securities concerns on the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terror attacks.

Both embassies were closed Sept. 10.

It was the second time since the Sept. 11 attacks that the embassy in Jakarta was closed because of security fears. In October, the public section of the building was shut down for two weeks because of fears of a terrorist attack.

Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim nation, although the vast majority of its 210 million people dislike hard-line interpretations of the faith.

Student held in terror scare says incident was a mistake

DAVIE, Fla. - Insisting he and his friends bore no resentment toward anyone, one of the three Muslim medical students detained in a terror scare on a Florida highway said Sunday that the situation was a misunderstanding.

Kambir Butt, 25, said that he and Ayman Gheith, 27, and Omar Choudhary, 23, simply want to clear their names and be allowed to continue their education in the United States.

- compiled from wire reports

Daschle says Security bill will pass soon

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Senate majority leader said Sunday that Congress will pass legislation before the November elections creating a Homeland Security Department despite a dispute over the president's power to hire and fire agency workers.

President Bush is threatening to veto the bill, which the GOP-led House passed and the Democratic-controlled Senate is considering, unless it gives him flexibility over the estimated 170,000 employees that would become part of the Cabinet agency.

"I can't believe he'd veto a bill over the issue of accountability," said Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "I can't believe he'd veto the bill over the issue of politicization of the federal work force."

Daschle has called Bush's proposal "a power grab of unprecedented magnitude" that would undermine the government's non-political civil service system and threaten labor union rights and protections for one-third of the workers.

The White House says the new department needs broader powers to hire, fire, promote or demote and pay employees, and to waive union rights in matters of national security, to meet emerging terrorist threats.

"We've put this in place for good reason. The politicization of

the federal work force is not something we should have, ... and that's all we're saying now," Daschle said on ABC's "This Week."

Despite the apparent impasse, Daschle said: "It will get passed before the election. I am confident of that."

The House version, passed in July, closely tracks Bush's proposal. Both the House and Senate bills give Bush rouch of what he

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Council will consider '311' phone number

TWIN FALLS - The city staff will present a new non-emergency call service to the City Council at the council's regular 5 p.m. meeting today.

The purpose of the system is to take some of the load off of the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center. The city staff is also hoping to free up police officers so that they don't have to respond to calls that are not emergencies.

People reporting non-emergency situations would call "311," instead of "911," starting around Oct. 1.

Also today, the City Council will hold a hearing for a second reading for a district change requested by Jay Froot. The hearing will be at 6 p.m.

Froot is asking for a change on 58 acres from 1-acre lots to variable-sized lots at the corner of 330 East and Addison Avenue East in the city's area of impact.

The city will also hold a hearing to declare its intention to amend the boundaries of the Downtown Improvement District and the Historic Warehouse Improvement District.

The council will also consider amendments to the city code regarding public parks and set a Sept. 30 hearing date for an amendment to the city budget.

Planned fun run benefits blind and deaf students

GOODING - A Gooding fun run the morning of Saturday, Oct. 5, will raise money for a transitional housing complex on the College of Southern Idaho campus for blind and deaf students.

The 5-kilometer walk/run and 10-kilometer Raptor Run have events and categories for all family members, including a children's one-mile fun run.

Entry fees are \$20 for the 5- or 10-kilometer events, \$10 for children 10 and younger or \$40 per family. The fee includes a T-shirt for the event. On the day of the event, registration fees go up and T-shirt availability is not guaranteed.

Refreshments will be served to participants after the event and prizes will be awarded. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. the day of the race.

The children's event starts at 8:30 a.m. and the main events start at 9 a.m.

All events will start and finish at the Idaho State School for the Deaf and Blind in Gooding.

Proceeds will be used to help build the Transitional Living Center at CSI. When built, the complex will house deaf and blind students making the crucial transition from the Gooding school to college and beyond.

To pre-register or to get more information about the event, contact Paula Mason at 732-6257 or by e-mail at pmason@csid.edu.

Road project information will be available Tuesday

SHOSHONE - Information about the Idaho Highway 75 Timmerman to Ketchum project will be available at a drop-in "storefront office" Tuesday, the Idaho Transportation Department said.

The public is invited to the session that runs from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Wood River Inn, 603 N. Main St. in Holley.

The transportation department, Federal Highway Administration and project consultant Parsons Brinckerhoff encourage Wood River Valley residents and business operators to participate in the National Environmental Policy Act process.

In addition to the initial mapped concepts that have been shown at previous open houses, the following information will be available for discussion at Tuesday's meeting:

- Approved highway administration purpose and need summary statement
- Range of possible NEPA alternatives
- Preliminary screening matrix for possible NEPA alternatives
- Results of noise measurements of the existing highway
- Information sessions are offered monthly on the third Tuesday at the Wood River Inn.

Compiled from staff reports

CSI, T.F. focus on traffic safety

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Changes to improve traffic flow onto Falls Avenue and reduce hazards between Blue Lakes Boulevard and Washington Street are under consideration.

CSI's board will vote tonight on a proposal to change traffic routing at its main Falls Avenue entrance. Four lanes are separated by an island.

Rather than permitting two-way traffic on each side of the island as it does now, CSI is considering limiting entering traffic to the two east-side lanes and

Meeting tonight

The CSI board meets at 5:30 tonight on the second floor of the Taylor Building.

exiting traffic to the two west-side lanes.

The existing traffic pattern creates bottlenecks and some collisions, CSI President Jerry Meyerhoeffer said.

"It's really tough to get people on and off campus," he said. Sgt. Matt Hicks, who leads the Twin Falls police traffic division, said Falls Avenue between Blue Lakes and Washington is No. 9 on the city's top 10 list of collision-prone areas.

The speed limit on that stretch of Falls is 35 mph, but a traffic study showed that 85 percent of motorists travel 43 mph. That rate of speed coupled with the number of side streets and public and private driveways that empty traffic onto the road make for a hazardous mix.

The Traffic Safety Commission formed a Falls Avenue Committee, Hicks said. The committee will review possible engineering options to help slow traffic along the road, he said. The effort will take a couple of years as plans and public input are considered. Police are patrolling the street

for speed violations and motorists failing to yield.

The decision before the CSI board tonight involves only college business - the campus main entrance.

Other business at tonight's board meeting includes:

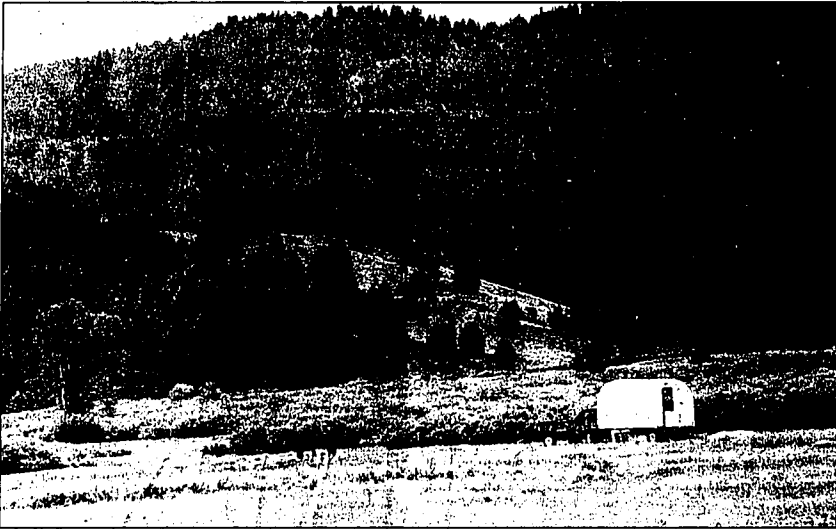
- New observatory: The board will decide whether to accept bids for an observatory dome and a telescope designed for a new observatory planned at the Harren Museum Center for Arts and Science. Total cost for the two items is about \$382,000 donated by the CSI Foundation.
- More parking: The board

will be asked to approve expenditures for additional parking needed to accommodate 160 vehicles. A gravel parking lot was built in an emergency situation to accommodate an increase in enrollment growth that the college said filled up available parking. The lot cost about \$38,000.

CSI expects traffic volume to increase by another 150 cars this week as more classes come begin.

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BAA-CK ON THE TRAIL



A sheepwagon recently set up residence near the Harman Trail several miles north of Ketchum. The wagon's presence signifies the move of sheep south to winter grounds in the Twin Falls area, as well as the upcoming Trailing of the Sheep Festival, which will be held in October.

Minidoka Home Health will offer hospice

By Shari Chaney
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Minidoka Home Health now offers services to those who are dying.

Home Health part of Minidoka Memorial Hospital, added hospice care - geared at making those who are at the end of their lives comfortable - to its list of services in June. Office Manager Valerie Hanks said patients who leave the hospital can now move to home health services and if needed, directly into hospice care all the while working with the same personnel.

Continuity is important, Hanks said. Patients and families have routines.

Keeping the same nurses and aides means new people don't have to be taught those routines.

Continuity also means a continued trust between caregiver and patient, said Director Joyce Simpson.

Both parties know each other and know what to expect from one another.

Registered Nurse Karen Lusk said getting to know the patient and the family is the most rewarding part of hospice care. Hospice deals with the whole family, not just the patient, Simpson said, and hospice care also continues after the patient dies.

A social worker looks in on the patient and family, Hanks said, and a spiritual adviser is also available.

For the family, hospice can provide information about what to expect and allay any fears, Hanks said.

A registered nurse is on call 24 hours a day, Simpson said.

The phone may ring at 2 a.m. and family members "just want that reassurance that they are OK."

Bereavement services are offered to family members for 13 months after a patient dies, Simpson said.

If a caregiver has spent two to four years caring for someone, it can be hard for them to re-enter society.

Hospice services also pick up the costs of things which make the patient more comfortable - a hospital bed for the home or medication, Simpson said. It may be quite a savings for the patient and family.

Often the most important thing hospice service does for patients is give them permission to do what they want or need to in the last days, Simpson said. Hospice is a chance to make choices.

"Hospice is not a money maker," Simpson said. "Hospice is a service provided."

It takes a special staff to provide that service, Simpson added. "It's kind of an art. We're richer because of it."

The service was added to Home Health inexpensively, Simpson said. Karen Sunderland worked briefly for Home Health and put together the program. It was a matter of paperwork and training.

Before the program was in place the hospital received calls asking for the service and had to turn people away, Simpson said. Now there is a program in place.

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Man faces charges in sexual abuse of girl he later married

By Shelley Ridenour
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Burley man has been charged with sexual abuse of a minor under 16 years of age in connection with actions in 1997 and 1998 with a teen-age girl whom he later married, he divorced.

Henry Paul Rios, 31, is charged with seven counts of sexual abuse of a minor. He also faces several other felony charges in Cassia County, including possession of methamphetamine, two counts of aggravated assault and two counts of enhanced penalty because police say he used a sawed-off shotgun in the assaults.

Three misdemeanor charges against Rios have been bundled with the felony charges, court records indicate. He was charged by Deputy Burley City Attorney Lance Loveland with exhibiting

the photos, according to court records.

The photos were taken in the girl's bedroom at her mother's home in Burley, she told police.

In 1999, when the girl was 16, she married Rios.

The couple divorced June 13, according to records in the Cassia County Clerk's Office. The girl was 18 when she filed for divorce against Rios on May 9, citing irreconcilable differences. According to the divorce records, Rios had an affair in July 2000, and his wife said she found marijuana and cocaine in their house, which her husband admitted were his. In spite of the wife's efforts to work things out, her husband wouldn't work to save the marriage, those records state. She is now 19.

According to the criminal complaint and affidavit filed by the Cassia County Prosecutor at Attorney's Office, the possession

and aggravated assault charges stem from incidents in June.

Cassia County Sheriff's Office personnel received complaints that Rios and his friends were "hanging out and doing lots of drugs" at Rios's home, that they were selling stolen property from the house on Oriental Avenue and were also selling drugs from the house.

A teen-age girl, who had run away from home, was staying with Rios then, court records state. That girl told police she had taken drugs while staying at Rios's house.

When deputies served a search warrant at Rios's house, they found drug paraphernalia and methamphetamine residue, court records say. Rios told officers the room those items were found in was "where he did his dope," the affidavit states. He later admitted to officers he used methamphetamine, choosing to "slam

the drug, by injecting it into his veins with a needle. Officers reported a 12-gauge sawed-off shotgun and 100 rounds of ammunition in that room.

The possession charge stemmed from the discovery of drugs.

The parents of the teen-age runaway told police they went to Rios's home June 2 "to try to find their daughter." A man pointed the sawed-off shotgun at the mother and said her daughter wasn't going anywhere, according to the affidavit. The man also pointed the gun at the girl's father, who was outside in the pickup. Pointing that weapon resulted in the enhanced penalty charges.

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T.F. Valley House opens doors to public

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Valley House's Board of Directors is inviting the community to come and see the fruits of this year's fund-raising labors.

Proceeds from the annual dinner and auction fund-raiser allowed the organization to landscape the grounds of the homeless shelter, according to a news release.

"Improved landscaping for Valley House accomplishes several goals," said President Jeff Gooding in the news release.

An open house will be held at Valley House from 2 to 4 p.m. Sept. 21 at 507 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls. It helps to beautify our community. And most important, it improves the safety and access at Valley House with new sidewalks, parking areas and handicapped accessible restrooms.

To celebrate the completion of the landscaping project, an open house will be held at Valley House from 2 to 4 p.m. Sept. 21 at 507 Addison Ave. W. The open house will include refreshments and tours of the facility.

Since opening in 1995, Valley House has provided shelter for more than 1,500 people. Many of the shelter's guests are in families.

Valley House receives no state or federal aid, the news release said.

It depends on the generous support of community individuals, business corporations, religious and civic organizations, and other nonprofit groups to finance its modest \$65,000 annual operating budget.

The landscaping project was made possible through the donations and contributions from more than 150 supporters. Landscaping work at Valley House was completed by Idaho Sand & Gravel, Stanley Associates and Enhanced Garden Center and Landscaping.

Crash hospitalizes T.F. teen

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS—Medics transported a Twin Falls teen to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center Sunday for injuries sustained in a car crash at about 12:30 a.m. on U.S. Highway 93 north of Twin Falls.

A 1998 Hyundai Accent was ejected from the vehicle when it rolled, the Idaho State Police reported. The teen had been wearing a seat belt, the police said. His condition was unavailability Sunday evening.

Heather M. Bloxham, 18, of Twin Falls, had been driving the Hyundai southbound on Highway 93 and apparently fell asleep, the ISP said. The car traveled off the road, Bloxham overcorrected, and the car went into a roll flipping once, the ISP said. Bloxham had been wearing a seat belt.

Meth problem grows in Arizona

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP)—Law enforcement agents and drug treatment providers say they're worried about the growing popularity of methamphetamine in southern Arizona.

Small-scale 'mom-and-pop' labs are already keeping southern Arizona agencies busy. Authorities busted 15 labs in Pima County through August this year, only three fewer than they discovered in all of 2001.

The labs are dangerous because they can contain highly explosive chemicals and toxic gases or be rigged to explode if tampered with.

sustained local meth abuse mean more Mexican methamphetamine is on its way.

Labs in Mexico began making most of the United States' meth in the 1990s, says the Drug Enforcement Administration. As U.S. laws restricting possession of prime meth ingredients, such as aged, long-stemmed pseudophedrine, were strengthened in the '90s, authorities began to see a rise in the number of large-scale Mexican meth labs.

Officials attribute the increase to tougher state and national laws, which limit how much of some meth ingredients can be purchased, and increased attention from law enforcement agencies. Those factors are forcing large-scale meth production south of the border, officials say. Small-scale "mom-and-pop" labs are already keeping local agencies busy. Authorities busted 15 labs in Pima County through August this year, only three fewer than they discovered in all of 2001.

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tampered with. Police are recording higher levels of some crimes typically associated with meth.

Local officials fear the situation may get worse before it improves, with some likening meth to the crack epidemic of the 1980s. They say the increasingly large border seizures and

Customs spokesman Roger Maier says the Mexican labs started using California's ports of entry to transport the drug into the United States. Now the trend is moving east into Arizona.

Customs agents in Arizona have seized 317 pounds of meth, also known as speed and crank, in 91 busts this fiscal year, up from 18 pounds in 45 busts in 1998, Maier said.

Officials say some Mexican meth may stay in southern Arizona, but much of it goes north. The DEA's Ryan said Mexican meth has gone through Nevada, Utah, Colorado, Wyoming, Idaho and elsewhere.

Stanley Ray Johnson of Boise, service at 10 a.m. today at Summers Funeral Home, Ustick Chapel, 3629 E. Ustick Road, Meridian; reception will follow at the family's home, 10053 Harvester Drive, Boise.

SERVICES

Helena Lena Marie Rudolph of Kimberly, service at 2 p.m. today at the Kimberly Nazarene Church in Kimberly; interment will be held following the service at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, Twin Falls).

ment will follow at the Twin Falls Cemetery.

Iola Phillips of Whitehorse, Yukon, Canada, and formerly of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls; burial will follow at the Filer Cemetery; friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Helen Margaret Sayers of Buhl, memorial service at 10:30 a.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Mae (Johnson) Lamont of Ogden, Utah, service at 2 p.m. today at the Wendell LDS Stake Center; friends may call from 1-1:45 p.m. today at the church; interment at Wendell Cemetery.

Fred Clinton Stewart of Twin Falls, service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at Twin Falls LDS Chapel, 847 Eastland Drive N.; viewing will be from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls and at noon Wednesday at the church.

J. D. Hutchison of Malta, service at 11 a.m. today at the Malta 1st and 2nd Ward LDS Church; interment will follow at Valley View Cemetery; friends may call from 10-10:45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Bradley Alan Cox of Nampa, service at 2 p.m. today at the United Methodist Church, 824 Logan St., Caldwell; burial will follow at Canyon Hill Cemetery (Flahiff Funeral Chapel, Caldwell).

Betty Fenson Ward of Boise, celebration with family and friends from 2-5 p.m. Sept. 26 at the Hillcrest Country Club in Boise.

Shirley Bischoff of Burley, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

Helen McClure of Jerome, memorial services at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome; inter-

OBITUARIES

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TWIN FALLS



Donna Lorraine Simon, 72, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Sept. 14, 2002, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. She was born Jan. 3, 1930, in Dillon, Montana; the daughter of Victor and Jewel Ridgeway

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Idaho's prison

problem makes county money

IDAHO FALLS (AP)—The state's shortage of prison beds is not a bad thing for Bonneville County. The state is paying the county \$40 per day for every inmate it houses. As of Sept. 1, Bonneville County housed 45 of the 243 prisoners the Department of Correction keeps in county jails around the state. That is roughly \$633,000 that Bonneville County will see this year to help pay for food, staff, heat and medical expenses. "Adding extra population helps cover some of your fixed costs," Bonneville County Commission Chairman Roger Christensen said. It is no accident that so many state inmates are serving time in Idaho Falls. When county officials asked taxpayers to pony up for a new jail six years ago, they built one a little bigger than was necessary, with extra beds they could rent to the state and federal government. With the state prison population more than doubling since 1991, county officials believe they made the right decision. Bonneville County is not the only county jail making money from the state's prison woes. Ada County has 28 inmates in its jail. Madison County currently houses 13 inmates, and Bingham County has two.

CSI TODAY

Education Coalition board of directors meeting, 7 a.m., Taylor 250.
Magic Valley superintendents' monthly meeting, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Taylor 277.
Twin Falls High School girls soccer, 5 p.m., soccer field.
Armed Services vocational aptitude testing, 5:30 p.m., Shields 106.

Counselors Workshop, 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., Taylor and Shields buildings.
American Association of Retired Persons tax aid training, 6 p.m.; Evergreen C93.
Huggie Bear Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Deser 112.
"The Cowboy Astronomer" with narration by Baxter Black, 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Tuesday
CSI Club weekly meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 107.
"Fury of Silas" art show, Jean B. King gallery, Herrett Center for Arts and Science (through Oct. 19).
Gay/Straight Alliance weekly meeting, 4 p.m., Shields 112.
Twin Falls High School girls soccer, 5 p.m., soccer field.
"Mingle in the Jungle" reptile revue, 6 p.m., Herrett Center for Arts and Science rainforest exhibit (free admission).
"How to Build a Planetar", 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Thursday
Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class Challenge Course session, afternoon, ropes course.
The Times-News and First Federal Savings Bank small business marketing seminar, 1 to 3 p.m., Shields 115.
CSI Equestrian Team clinic, 5 p.m., Taylor 277.
Twin Falls High School girls soccer, 5 p.m., soccer field.

Friday
State Division of Professional and Technical Education Fall

Sunday
Magic Valley Bible Church, 9 a.m. to noon, Shields 117 and 118.
United Church of God meeting, 9:30 a.m., Aspen 145.
"WSKY: Radio Station of the Stars," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"More Than Meets the Eye," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"How to Build a Planetar," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

ON THE AGENDA

Today
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
Bliss City Board, 7:30 p.m., school library.
College of Southern Idaho Board, 5:30 p.m., Room 258, Taylor Administration Building.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., school district's office.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Ketchum City Council, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.
Minidoka County School Board, 7 p.m., district office, Rupert.
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Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Castelford School Board, 7 p.m., school library.
Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers.
Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 6:30 p.m., Hailey Town Center.
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.
Jerome School Board, 7 p.m.,

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Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Thursday
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Kimberly School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school media center.
Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 4 p.m., courthouse.
Sun Valley City Council, 4 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

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Meridian administrator steps down

MERIDIAN (AP)—The woman who led Meridian's planning and zoning department through the boom of the 1990s has resigned her post. Shari Stiles, who was the city's planning and zoning administrator for almost a decade, submitted a letter of resignation Sept. 3. "She wanted to move on and do some other things," Mayor Bob Corrie said. Corrie appointed City Planner Brad Hawkins-Clark as the acting planning and zoning administrator until the position is permanently filled.

Meridian administrator steps down

Meridian's population has almost tripled since Stiles started in her post. Even as the city's population exploded during the first four years of Stiles' tenure, she was the only employee in Meridian's planning department. By comparison, Eagle, which had a quarter of Meridian's population, already had two planning employees during part of that period. She was a one-person show for a number of years, and she did that through high-growth times," City Councilwoman Tammy de Weerd said.

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MAGIC VALLEY

M. V. towns treat sewage naturally

By Nate Johnson Times-News writer

PAUL — As Randy Sutton drove the pickup along the edge of the pond, hundreds of ducks took flight and corkscrewed skyward.

There were even more ducks a few weeks earlier, said Sutton, a Paul city maintenance worker. The ducks built floating nests in the water and raised their young.

Besides an abundance of birds, Paul's ponds contain the sewage from the city of Paul. There are three ponds, 10 acres each, located less than a mile west of Paul.

Workers have also seen geese, storks and pelicans stopping at the ponds. It's a pleasant spot to watch birds on an autumn day.

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Workers then move the water to the final pond, where the process occurs again. The water, which chlorine added to canal water and sprinkled onto the city hay field next to the lagoons.

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Passive sewage

The following Magic Valley towns have passive sewage treatment systems, where sewage is treated through natural processes:

- Buhl
Burley
Edinburg
Flor
Gooding
Hagerman
Hansen
Hawley
Murtaugh
Rupert
Shoshone
Wendell

Sources: David Anderson, Idaho Department of Environmental Quality engineering regional manager, and city offices.

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Magic Valley in brief

TWIN FALLS — Hailing the event as a "gala working person's meat and potatoes feast," the Twin-Falls County Democratic Central Committee plans to host its annual picnic and fund-raising dinner from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Heider Pavilion in Trout Creek Park.

Cost to participate is \$8 per person or \$20 for a family, said John Radford, executive director of the Central Committee chairman. Besides the meal, that price includes entertainment provided by "Celtic Fire," a local duo made up of John Jacobson and Stephanie Joffe, who perform Irish music on guitar, bouzouki, violin, button accordion, whistles and flute.

Local radio personality Suzanne Justt also will entertain with her country music. To help raise campaign money for Democratic candidates, donated items are being sought to be auctioned off, Radford said. All seven Democratic candi-

dates for Twin Falls County and Blaine, 23 and 24 state legislative offices are expected to attend the picnic to answer questions and to make their positions on major issues known.

The event is open to the public. For further information or to make advance reservations, call Radford at 735-4086.

Medical center health lectures kick off Tuesday

KETCHUM — A four-part lecture series on eating well and keeping your body healthy will begin on Tuesday in the Baldy Conference Rooms at St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center.

The free lectures will be held from 12:15 to 1:15 p.m. the third Tuesday of each month through December. This month's topic, "Is it

MAGIC VALLEY

Healthy to be a Vegetarian?

will be facilitated by dietitian Becky Stewart. The Oct. 15 topic is "Body-Nov-19-Healthy Choices at Favorite Local Restaurants," and on Oct. 17, "The Truth About Fad Diets."

S.V. animal center offers free screenings

KETCHUM — The Sun Valley Animal Center, two miles south of Ketchum on Idaho Highway 75, is offering free Senior Health Screenings for dogs and cats through September.

Dogs past age 7 and cats past age 10 are good candidates for the screenings, which will include an assessment of the animal's weight, temperature, dental health, nutrition, coat and arthritis.

Attention to some of the conditions pets encounter in old age can increase their longevity. For information, call 726-7777, compiled from staff reports

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Coming Tuesday

The first Up Close look at the CSL volleyball players.



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MORNING LINE SPORTSQUOTE

It really doesn't hurt my confidence. It hurts my manhood, especially when you know you went out and got killed.

—Nebraska running back Dohrran Dieckrich after the Huskers lost to Penn State Saturday

TRIVIA

QUESTION: Who was the first UCLA player selected in the NFL draft?

ANSWER below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school boys soccer: Twin Falls JV at Filer, 4:30 p.m.; The Community School at Wendell, 6 p.m.
- High school girls soccer: The Community School at Wendell, 5 p.m.
- High school volleyball: Castelford at Magic Valley, Christian, 6 p.m.; Mackay, Hagerman at Shoshone, 5 p.m.; Valley at Raft River, 6 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Curtis, Harris win Canyon Classic

Aaron Curtis and Roger Harris carded a 54 for the second straight day to win the Canyon Classic... Two-person best ball golf tournament held at both the Jerome Country Club and Canyon Springs Golf Course. Curtis and Harris overtook first-day leaders Denny Stimpson and Terry Spackman.

Todd Jones and Allan Stutzman tied for third place with Steve Call and Dutch Fulman, with 135s. Chad Urie and Doug Hayes took fifth with a 136 while E.L. Reiersdorf and Roger Wallock took sixth.

The net winners were Rod Reeves and Casey Perkins with a 112.

The first flight winners were Monty Bell and Bart Miller with a 139. The net winners were Cory Oschner and Steve Root with a 119. The mens second flight winners were David Odell and Bruce Ratlike with 148. Net went to Ken Blake and Mike Giva with a 114.

Utah State holds off Idaho State Bengals

LOGAN, Utah — Quarterback Jose Fuentes passed for 330 yards and the Aggies called five touchdowns as Utah State defeated Idaho State, 38-33. Utah State (1-2) racked up 491 total offensive yards and Fuentes threw three touchdown passes. He moved into second place on the Utah State total offense list, bringing his career total to 6,283 yards.

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Halfback Chuck Cheshire by the Detroit Lions in the second round in 1956.

Twins clinch AL Central

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND — The Minnesota Twins got soaked, and the champagne wasn't even opened yet. The Twins, the team baseball couldn't contract, clinched at least a share of the AL Central title Sunday with a 5-0 win over the Cleveland Indians on a rainy day at Jacobs Field.

But after doing their part by winning, the Twins had to put their postgame party plans on hold as they waited for the final score of Chicago's game in New York.

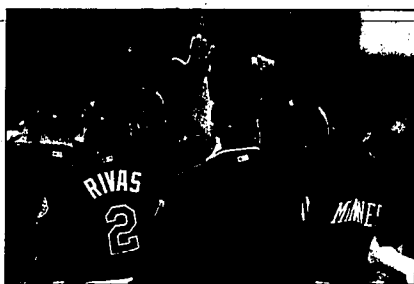
The White Sox were in their third rain delay, trailing 8-4 in the bottom of the sixth inning at Yankee Stadium.

Denny Hocking hit a two-run single in the seventh and Matt LeCroy had a sacrifice fly in the sixth for the Twins, who had hoped to celebrate their division title with hugs and high-fives on the infield grass at Jacobs Field.

67-minute rain delay in the seventh and playing much of their game in a light rain, the Twins headed for their clubhouse to wait — and root for the free-spending Yankees.

Nothing was easy this season for the Twins, who learned in a letter from ownership last November of baseball's plans to eliminate them and the Montreal Expos.

And the clinching was nearly as tough. Minnesota's magic number was stuck at three for two days as the Indians won the first two games of the series.



The Minnesota Twins celebrate their 5-0 win over the Cleveland Indians to clinch the AL Central division on Sunday in Cleveland.

Evans breaks losing streak

Win is third at Magic Valley track

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It all came down to a few inches, as it usually does.

Kevin Hamlin, the hottest driver on the Raybestos Brakes Northwest Series, saw his chances at grabbing the lead of the NAPA Auto Parts 150 go up in a cloud of dust Saturday night at Magic Valley Speedway.

Instead, veteran NASCAR driver Garrett Evans entered Victory Lane for the first time in two years after winning his third NAPA 150.

Evans led 149 of the 150 laps, but the series points leader Hamlin made it interesting on lap 136, when Evans slid toward the outside by a foot and Hamlin made his move.

Hamlin, 23, kept the pressure on, and by lap 130, was getting position inside on the straight-aways before Evans would cut him off heading out of the turns.

Evans, of East Wenatchee, Wash., was unable to hold off Hamlin early in lap 141 as the defending series points champ took the lead.

But it lasted all of one lap as Evans used his car's superior

power to get around the corners to pass Hamlin in turn 2 of lap 142.

Evans held on over the next eight laps for a 250 seconds margin of victory.

"I couldn't compete with that power," Hamlin said of Evans' car. "We couldn't get it done off the turns."

Hamlin's battle for first came after he won the war for second place with Gary Lewis. Hamlin



Scott Lynch tries to race past a competitor during the NAPA Auto Parts 150 Saturday night at the Magic Valley Speedway. He finished in 20th place after developing radiator problems.

came charging up on the far straightaway and bumped Lewis as his car entered turn No. 3 of lap 127. The contact sent Lewis' back end around as he ended up off the track. Lewis, however, bounced back to fifth place by the checkered flag.

Pete Harding, Shane Biles and Lewis rounded out the top five. Evans last won the final race of the 2000 series, which propelled him to the season points title. He entered Saturday's race in 10th overall.

Evans appreciated the work done on his shocks, which helped him maintain his position along the bottom groove of the track.

"The best way to keep the lead was to keep it along the bottom edge," he said.

Local hero Eddy McKean's bad

luck continued Saturday at the speedway. He since has moved on to the Featherlite Southwest Series.

A big crack-up just past turn 2 in lap 52 sent five cars into the pits and damaged a number of others. It left McKean's No. 19 missing his right fender. No one was hurt from any contact on Saturday.

Even without the contact that hampered his car's suspension the rest of the way, McKean estimated his car was only the third- or fourth-fastest at the track.

Radiator problems ended Scott Lynch's night early while brother Nick, also of Burley, failed to qualify for the main event. Brett Thompson of Jerome finished 12th.

Thompson moved up as far as

sixth during laps 52-70 before a bearing problem in his right front wheel started to hamper his car. Brake problems developed soon after.

"It kept getting worse and worse so we're happy to hold on for 12th place," Thompson said. He hopes to rebound this Saturday in a Winston West Series stop at Roseburg, Ore.

NAPA Auto Parts 150
1. Garrett Evans, East Wenatchee, Wash. 2. Kevin Hamlin, Twin Falls, Idaho 3. Pete Harding, Burley, Idaho 4. Shane Biles, Burley, Idaho 5. Gary Lewis, Burley, Idaho 6. Scott Lynch, Burley, Idaho 7. Brett Thompson, Jerome, Idaho 8. Eddy McKean, Jerome, Idaho 9. Nick Lynch, Burley, Idaho 10. Scott Lynch, Burley, Idaho 11. Joe Bonomo, 11 Run Run 12. Chris Holt 13. Tom Powell 14. Jim Burrows 15. Russ Ruler 17. Chris Holt 18. Tom Powell 19. Jim Burrows 20. Scott Lynch 21. John Dick 22. Jeff Johnson 23. Top Corner 24. Matt Hill

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Brothers gamer experience

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The NAPA Auto Parts 150 may not have turned out the way Nick and Scott Lynch of Burley had hoped, but both have time left to make their mark on a NASCAR touring series.



Scott Lynch

And believe it, they plan to. But right now, races like the one held Saturday at Magic Valley Speedway are a matter of picking up quality seat time and using that new-found experience when it counts most next year.



Nick Lynch

Nick, 20, is making a strong transition to touring cars from his days at MVTS. He recently won the Maverick Late Model track championship and rookie of the year honors at Rocky Mountain Raceways near Salt Lake City.

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NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

'Flawless' Collins leads upset

The Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Kerry Collins was nearly flawless for the New York Giants, while the St. Louis Rams are looking more and more impotent.

Collins built an early 17-point lead and the Giants' defense made all the big stops in a 26-21 victory over the defending NFC champion Sunday.

"I think we have higher expectations and desires than a lot of people think, or that we're capable of," said Giants coach Jim Fassel. "Our guys weren't going to stop unless they were going to win."

Collins hit 14 of his first 15 passes for the Giants (1-1). "Everybody was writing us off before this game," he said. "But we've got some good leaders in this locker room."

The error-prone Rams are 0-2 for the first time since they went 4-12 in 1998, the year before Kurt Warner led them to their first Super Bowl title. St. Louis' offense has produced 37 points in two games, and the Rams have trailed at the half in their last four games, including a 14-3 deficit in the loss to the Patriots in the last Super Bowl. At least, they're good at



New York Giants running back Tim Barber is tackled by St. Louis Rams defender Adam Archibolta during the third quarter in St. Louis on Sunday.

left. "We keep tying our shoelaces in knots and stumbling over ourselves," said running back Marshall Faulk.

Jason Sehorn scored his fifth career touchdown on a 37-yard interception return, and Matt Bryant kicked four field goals for the Giants. Bryant is 6-for-6 this season.

Faulk fueled the Rams' second-half comeback with a pair of touchdowns and finished with 87 yards on 14 carries. But he was stuffed on fourth-and-inches and fumbled. Michael Strahan recovered at the Rams' 40 with 2:53

Broncos send clear message to NFL

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Though radio problems reduced Denver Broncos to hand signals and player relays on offense, their defense sent a message that every team in the NFL should be able to hear.

Mike Anderson ran for 95 yards and caught a touchdown pass, and Brian Griese threw two TD passes as the Broncos beat the puncheon San Francisco 49ers 24-14, knocking off an NFC Super Bowl hopeful for the second straight week.

Because of interference from the 49ers' communications systems, the Broncos (2-0) used old-fashioned methods for nearly everything they did. While Griese called several plays off the top of his head, the Broncos' defense simply hit hard and tackled hard, forcing the 49ers into one of their worst games in recent memory.

"That's one of the most complete games we've played in a while," linebacker Ian Gold said. "They got frustrated because we were stopping everything they

did." Denver held the 49ers (1-1) to 261 yards — 67 on a meaningless final drive. Fans booed their team heartily in the second half, and thousands headed for the exits early.

"We just stunk it up all across the board," said Terrell Owens, who caught five passes but had just one in the first three quarters. "Everybody messed up. It's early in the season, and we've got time to correct our mistakes. But basically, we just stunk."

The Broncos, who have missed the playoffs in two of the past three seasons, appear ready to reclaim their spot among the NFL's elite after an impressive victory at Candlestick Point, where the 49ers lost for just the second time in 10 home games.

Olandis Gray ran for 61 yards and a TD as Denver followed up a surprising 23-16 win over St. Louis with another powerful defensive performance. Broncos defensive coordinator Ray Rhodes dropped two safeties and a linebacker into deep coverage, forcing the Niners to throw short completions.

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Passing

Drew Bledsoe, Bills, set career and franchise highs with 463 yards passing...



Rushing

Thomas Jones, Cardinals, carried high 173 yards in Arizona's 24-13 victory at Seattle...

Receiving

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American Conference standings

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National Conference standings

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Sunday's Summaries

Jaguars 23, Chiefs 16. Second Quarter. K-C-FC 28:10, 1:12. K-C-FC 35:00, 3:10. K-C-FC 40:00, 4:10. K-C-FC 45:00, 5:10.

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Saints 35, Green Bay 20. First Quarter. N-F-FC 10:00, 1:00. N-F-FC 15:00, 2:00. N-F-FC 20:00, 3:00. N-F-FC 25:00, 4:00.

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SCORES AND STATS

Yanks move within 5 of east division title



NEW YORK (AP) - Alfonso Soriano, Jason Giambi and Bernie Williams honored and the New York Yankees cut their magic number by five by beating the Chicago White Sox 8-4 in a game called in the sixth inning after three rain delays.

Mariners 6, Athletics 3
OAKLAND, Calif. - Bret Boone and Edgar Martinez each drove in two runs as Seattle finally found some offense to beat Oakland and end a six-game losing streak.

Orioles 8, Red Sox 3
BOSTON - Tony Batista set a Baltimore record for homers by a third baseman, and Luis Lopez added a two-run shot to beat Boston.

Devil Rays 7, Blue Jays 4
TORONTO - Joe Kennedy allowed just three hits in seven innings as Tampa Bay ended a six-game skid with a victory over Toronto.

Royals 9, Tigers 3
DETROIT - Joe Randa had three hits and Dee Brown homered as Kansas City beat Detroit. Rueluis Hernandez (4-4) came within two outs of his first complete game, allowing three runs on seven hits.

Angels 13, Rangers 4
ANAHEIM, Calif. - Troy Glaus hit three homers as Anaheim took sole possession of first place in the AL West for the first time this season and set a club record with its 29th win.

National League Padres 4, Giants 1
SAN FRANCISCO - Trevor Hoffman struck out Barry Bonds and Jeff Kent with the bases loaded in the ninth inning to preserve the San Diego Padres' 4-1 victory over the San Francisco Giants on Sunday.

D'backs 6, Brewers 5
PHOENIX - Curt Schilling

joined Randy Johnson to make strikeout history, and Tony Womack singled home the winning run in the 13th inning to give Arizona a win over Milwaukee.

Rockies 5, Dodgers 4
DENVER - Todd Zeile hit a three-run homer and Brent Butler a two-run shot as the Colorado Rockies beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 5-4 Sunday.

Cubs 6, Reds 0
CINCINNATI - Nance Sosa snapped a scoreless tie and joined an exclusive club, driving in his 100th RBI of the season with a three-run homer in the eighth inning, leading Chicago back Cincinnati.

Astros 8, Cardinals 0
HOUSTON - Wade Miller won his 11th consecutive decision with a three-hitter for his first career shutout, and Lance Berkman drove in four runs as Houston beat Matt Morris and St. Louis.

Expos 10, Mets 1
MONTREAL - Matt Cepicky hit his first career grand slam and Orlando Cabrera and Jamey Carroll hit two-run homers to lead Montreal past New York.

Phillies 1, Pirates 0
PHILADELPHIA - Pat Burrell scored on a fielding mistake by reliever Scott Sauerbeck in the 10th inning as Philadelphia beat Pittsburgh.

Braves 6, Marlins 4
MIAMI - Javy Lopez had a pinch-hit grand slam and John Smoltz earned his major league-leading 51st save as Atlanta beat Florida.

WHAT'S ON T.V.

Baseball
Braves at Marlins
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Table with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, GB, and other stats for various MLB teams.

Table showing scores for Yankees vs White Sox and Chicago vs Detroit.

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Table showing scores for National League Padres vs Giants and D'backs vs Brewers.

Table showing scores for Expos vs Mets and Phillies vs Pirates.

Table showing scores for Braves vs Marlins and Marlins vs Yankees.

Table showing scores for Athletics vs Mariners and Orioles vs Red Sox.

Table showing scores for Devil Rays vs Blue Jays and Tampa Bay vs Toronto.

Table showing scores for St. Louis vs Houston and Cincinnati vs Pittsburgh.

Table showing scores for Arizona vs San Francisco and San Diego vs Colorado.

Table showing scores for Atlanta vs Montreal and Toronto vs Philadelphia.

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Table showing scores for SPQR Championship event.

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AP Top 25

Table showing AP Top 25 college football rankings.

USA Today/ESPN Top 25

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Table showing tennis match results.

Wild Card Races

Table showing wild card race results.

GOLF

Table showing golf scores and standings.

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Table showing player transactions and trades.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Large table showing Major League Baseball scores, standings, and statistics for various teams.

OTHER VIEWS

State budget jam requires rethinking income tax cuts

The (Pocatello) Idaho State Journal

There was a sliver of solace in Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's latest holdback of state funds, a 3.5 percent spending cut for all government operations except schools and higher education. The governor promised to appoint a bipartisan panel to not only assess efficiencies of every aspect of state government, but more significantly, review the viability of Idaho's tax structure.

By draining the rainy day fund, the tobacco settlement and just about every other fund with a balance of a few dollars, as well as deferring building maintenance and repairs and cutting back on state services, the governor believes we can scrape by this fiscal year without considering a tax increase. But the piper will be waiting to be paid in 2003, and his bill will be large: a \$200 million gap between revenue and expenditures.

The expectation is that lawmakers in the next legislative session will squirm mightily, and finally enact a one-cent increase in the five-cent sales tax. That is the easiest course, but is it the fairest? Keep in mind that the 2001 Legislature reduced personal income taxes and gave breaks to business and property owners that altogether cost the state \$130 million. Some of those ill-advised tax cuts need to be looked at before we make the sales tax even more regressive.

And consider this: When the state enacted a sales tax in 1965, it included 17 exemptions. Now there are 72, with more special interests lining up, hat in hand. Reducing that number would remove the necessity to increase the sales tax. One obvious solution would be to lift the exemption on services, meaning we would all have to start paying sales tax for such things as haircuts, auto repairs and other such spending.

Feeling further into the murky possibilities, if the lawmakers add a cent to the sales tax, at the very least they should ease the burden on low income people by increasing the grocery tax credit. The present amount, a paltry \$20 (\$15 more if you are over 65), is grossly inadequate and penalizes those who must spend a greater percentage of their income on food.

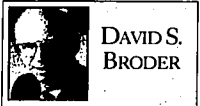
Meanwhile, lest voters become complacent that the spate of holdbacks is somehow healthy in reducing the cost of state government, consider that the latest cuts are likely to torpedo such programs as substance abuse treatment for prison inmates, and reductions in Medicaid support for the poor. Never mind that earlier slashes to education have already severely squeezed public schools and universities.

By all means, Kempthorne's blue ribbon panel should examine the tax structure in depth, and get us out of the red ink. And lets hope the committee doesn't recommend any more ill-advised tax cuts.

Their view: This guest editorial from the Idaho State Journal in Pocatello says state leaders should revise income tax cuts before spiking sales taxes. **What do you think?** We welcome viewpoints from our readers on this and other issues.

Don't miss out on a great mid-term election

If the mid-term election were a Broadway-bound show, it would have folded by now. The turnout in the primaries—the equivalent of out-of-town tryouts—have been miserable. Voters have stayed away from the polls in droves. If "angels" invested in campaigns the way they do in theatrical productions, they would have to post closing notices for candidates and con-



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sultants and say, "Folks, much as we love you, we're not going to throw away our money on something the public doesn't want." Fortunately, the Constitution requires elections to be held at regular intervals, so that those in office can explain and justify their actions to their constituents and those seeking office will have an opportunity to present their credentials and their ideas.

That, at least, is how the Founders envisaged the political system, and that is why they ordained that every two years, some of those serving in Congress and Washington and the state capitals would have to face the voters. That is not how the voters I have met this year in California, Arizona, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Iowa, Massachusetts and other states see the campaigns. They are—many of them—disgusted by the amounts of money being raised and spent, by the distortions and misrepresentations and oversimplifications of the TV spots, and by the generally negative tone of the rhetoric.

So when the candidates present themselves, the winning 60 percent or 80 percent or more of those eligible to vote—turn their backs and do not vote. The flight from politics, the mass refusal to participate in the most basic responsibility of the citizen of the republic, would be grounds for criticism at any time. It is particularly unworthy for citizens of a nation which claims before the world the right to judge the acceptability of leaders



of other lands—a nation which promotes "regime change" in Iraq and which tells the Palestinians to replace Yasser Arafat.

But there is another, less elevated reason to reproach ourselves for what amounts to our national boycott of candidates and campaigns. And that is, simply, that there are some damn good people running and some very competitive races in the offing.

Take the race for governor of Massachusetts, which I was covering recently. The Republican candidate is Mitt Romney, who learned his sense of civic obligation from his father, George, a reform-minded governor of Michigan and one-time presidential candidate, and his mother, Lenore, who ran for the Senate when few women even contemplated such a step. Mitt Romney, like his dad, has turned from a successful business career to public service, rescuing the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics from scandal and financial distress, and now offering his state, which suffers from the same afflictions, a similar service.

But you don't have to accept Romney, if his ideas and solutions and personality are not to your liking. The four Democrats vying to oppose him in Tuesday's primary are no slouches. Shannon O'Brien, the state treasurer, comes from a family steeped for generations in Bay State politics, and she prepped for this race at Yale and with years of apprenticeship in the Massachusetts Legislature. State Senate President Tom Birmingham is a blue-collar guy who chose to represent unions, not corporations, as a lawyer, and whose work in the Legislature includes major contributions to education reform, health care protection and a higher minimum wage.

Former state Sen. Warren Tolman is also from humble origins. His time in the Legislature on Beacon Hill made him an advocate for campaign finance reform, and this year, the public-spirited soul who forced the politicians to heed the public demand for publicly financed campaigns. And finally, Robert Reich, the professor of the economics and social policy and former U.S. labor sec-

retary, who has assembled a post-star's following of young people. As he rightly boasts, "they will be the next generation of Democratic leaders in this state," regardless of what happens to him this year.

These are worthy people, and I have found a lot more like them running in other states. Unfathomable though it may be, I am here to assert that the quality of candidates at all levels, but especially for governor, is rising—not falling. As the barriers to women and minorities are reduced, the level of expected competence continues to improve.

As for the quality of competition, Charlie Cook, my favorite handicapper, lists eight Senate contests and 11 governors' races as pure toss-ups, too close to make either party a favorite, and a good many more (including Massachusetts) where either party stands a reasonable chance of winning.

This is a campaign to savor—not to scorn.

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LETTERS

CAFO proposal needs further hard analysis

We have concerns, as every one does, about the confined animal feeding operation that Alliance Land & Livestock wants to put in Declo. We are maybe a half mile from the proposed site. We are concerned about the effects it will have on our wells, the odors, flies, traffic and dust that 9,999 head of cattle will create. What about our property values? The citizens of Declo filed an appeal with the planning and zoning commissioners. We signed a petition against the CAFO. So, planning and zoning commissioners, take a long, hard look at the appeal and don't let Brent Stoker get the conditional use permit.

We were not even notified until the night before the first meeting and that was at 10 o'clock at night. We feel that Mr. Stoker thought that he could push this through without notify-

ing anyone. Sorry, didn't work. **SKIP AND LOLA THORNTON**
Declo

Candidate Chisholm enjoys bipartisan support

I urge citizens of District 23 to vote for Bill Chisholm for Senate on Nov. 5. When I first met Bill, he was wearing a T-shirt with the slogan, "Idaho is not for sale." Those words capture the spirit of his views. Bill speaks the voice of citizens, not the voice of the political rhetoric we all know too well.

Over the past two years, Bill has selflessly traveled from his home in Buhl over to Canyon County countless times to help out the citizens of the Middleton area in their efforts against the Garnet Energy Facility. As a Republican, I am crossing party lines to support this true Idaho gentleman. I urge others to do the same. If Bill is elected, you will be glad you did! **JONNA WEBER**
Middleton

Forget Germany and France in pursuit of Saddam

As the invasion of Iraq gets closer, the coalition news is looking pretty good. You can tell by who's out.

Last week, meeting in Cairo, the Arab League solemnly affirmed its unqualified support for Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein. An attack on one Arab country, said the league, is an attack on all.

This assertion of Arab mutual defense would offer a tempting opportunity—imagine taking out a half dozen tin-pot Middle Eastern dictators at one blow—if it weren't so transparently at odds with reality. For weeks, Jordanian and American Special Forces have been engaged in joint maneuvers near the Iraqi border. The United States is planning tanks, artillery and troops in another Iraq—70 Arab neighbors, Kuwait. The huge, new American air bases and command-and-control facilities in Qatar are nearing completion. The U.S. 5th Fleet is gearing up in Bahrain.

As usual, Arab solidarity is nothing more than empty resolutions and hyperbolic babble. On Friday, Arab League chief Amr Mussa, said at a news conference that an American invasion of Iraq would "open the gates of hell in the Middle East." The world hasn't heard such frightening words since Saddam threatened to unleash "the mother of all battles" in 1990.

The European front is coming along nicely, too. Tony Blair is on board. ("The Americans need to know, are you prepared to commit, are you prepared to be there

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when the shooting starts?" the British prime minister told a BBC interviewer. And he answered his own question. Yes, even if the editors of the Guardian, the archbishop of Canterbury and George Michael are appalled.

Ever better news is the unwillingness of the French to fight. Seeing French soldiers in the fox-hole next to you is about as reassuring as seeing your favorite team on the cover of Sports Illustrated. Even military officers here have fancy hats and the Napoleonic swagger of upscale mental patients. But when it comes to war, they are 0 for the last two centuries. President Bush is smart, he'll put them in charge of the sandwiches.

Most encouraging of all is the German decision to avoid what Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder calls the "American adventure." Herr Schroeder is a wise leader. He knows his people. Germany shouldn't go to war for the same reason Robert Downey Jr. shouldn't hang out in bars—it exacerbates a tendency to get carried away.

The best contribution the Fourth Reich can make is to serve as a role model for the Arab Axis: Germany is living proof that even the most debased society, led by the even most fanatical dictator, can—once it is manfully squashed—simulate civilized behavior. Even without Germany and France, the United States and

Great Britain will not be alone on the battlefield. Least of all, the Middle East's only serious military power, will be there if it is needed. The Aussies are ready to fight (they always are). Canada, after sufficient posturing, will most likely send in the Mounties.

Turkish troops are already primed to invade Iraq from the north; Ankara's price is an American promise to stymie an independent Kurdistan. Most of the Central Asian republics of the former Soviet Union have happily transformed themselves into American military assets.

To the East, India will deploy its famous passive aggression to keep Pakistan honest. What about Russia? President Vladimir Putin faces a choice: Who does he want a special relationship with, Saddam Hussein or George W. Bush? Not that the Orlando Magic took Shaquille O'Neal over Christian Laettner; has there been such an easy call. On Thursday, Bush went before the United Nations and began making his case to the international community. But in truth, the Coalition Special was already heading for Baghdad. Germany and France were not on board, and Bush should make every effort to keep it that way.

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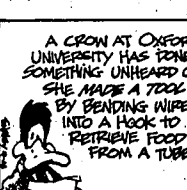
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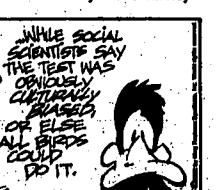
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I read carefully before trying to rebuild the World Trade Center

America is haphazard about its history. It took nearly a decade before any concrete steps were taken to memorialize the carnage at Pearl Harbor. It took 40 years to finish the Washington Monument. Congress didn't declare Memorial Day a national holiday until 1888, 22 years after Civil War veterans began placing flowers on the graves of the fallen every May 30. American life always buries forward, often so fast that it tramples the past. That danger is resurfacing in the debate over what to do with the site of the World Trade Center.

For now, the decisions on how and what to rebuild on the site are primarily in the hands of the Lower Manhattan Development Corp., formed by New York state and city officials to redevelop the area. (The site's owner, the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey, also has a say.) The LMDC's initial proposals didn't inspire much confidence. In July it released half a dozen blueprints that all leaned too heavily toward putting office buildings over the shattered ground.

After a volley of criticism, the LMDC now says it will pick five teams to develop new plans by Sept. 30. And it's planning a sep-

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architectural competition next year to design a memorial to the victims.

In Washington, there's been much too casual an assumption that this group, even with local elected officials, should make the final decisions on how to use the site. That deference is misplaced. There is a national interest in ensuring that the tragedy is memorialized in the right way. Rep. Jerrold Nadler and Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, both New York Democrats, are finishing a bill that would have the federal government match the funds raised locally to construct a memorial. When the memorial is completed, the National Park Service would assume responsibility for running it.

But the catch is this: The bill insists that the public, through the federal government, shouldn't have any say in designing or planning the memorial; it should just foot half the bill for whatever the LMDC produces. Congress should think twice about that deal.

Compounding the problem, the Port Authority initially demanded that the redesign

include as much office space as in the original towers: 11 million square feet.

Amid the uproar against the original proposals, the Port Authority is signaling a retreat from that demand. The pressure to scale back the commercial presence is likely to increase since former Mayor Rudolph W. Giuliani's argument in a Time magazine essay last week that the entire 16-acre site should be set aside as a memorial, with no commercial activity.

Mitchell Moss, director of New York University's Taub Urban Research Center, notes that many people in the surrounding neighborhoods want at least some commercial and retail presence to keep those communities alive. That's rea-

sonable, to a point.

But this site now belongs not just to the city or the landowners or the neighbors or even the victims' families; it belongs to the nation. It's no more appropriate to let New York officials make these decisions alone than it would have been to let the Gettysburg Chamber of Commerce decide what to do with the Civil War battlefield.

In fact, Gettysburg may be the most relevant model for protecting the national interest at the site. In the 1890s, the federal government went to the Supreme Court to stop a private company that wanted to build trolley tracks over a part of the Gettysburg battlefield it owned so it could operate a profit-making tour. In its brief to the high

court, the government wrote: "The ground whereon great conflicts have taken place, especially those where great interests or principles were at stake, becomes at once of so much public interest that its preservation is essentially a matter of public concern."

As Civil War historian James McPherson noted in a recent essay, the Supreme Court agreed — and today, the battlefield, like the nearby cemetery where Abraham Lincoln delivered the Gettysburg Address, has been preserved in the national park system.

If the LMDC produces a plan that gives a memorial its due, then fine. But the federal government should intervene if it appears that parochial commer-

cial considerations are overshadowing the national stake in building a lasting monument to the losses of Sept. 11.

Above all, the signal sent at the World Trade Center site will reverberate for years. Building new office towers there would show a commitment to persevere, but also an eagerness to forget. More powerful would be an empty sky where the towers used to stand, anchored by a memorial of scale to the tragedy. That is how this generation can show all generations to come it understands that what was lost on Sept. 11 can never be replaced.

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LETTER

Lawsuits are hurting national forests

...We in the West are being inundated with forest fires. It is becoming a more and more serious problem, devastating our lands, which will take years and years to recover, mostly, I believe, because of the continued lawsuits filed by environmentalists on the Forest Service to stop all efforts to maintain the forests in a responsible way.

Their intentions are to leave all lands untouched, but this has created a countryside fire hazard. Also, the lawsuits produce a multitude of paperwork and large expenses for the Forest Service, which is tying their hands as to actually doing anything to manage the forests. The expense is enormous and the taxpayers' dollars used in this manner is ludicrous.

I suggest instead of finding some individual camper to sue for an unintentional fire to sue the environmental groups who have stopped the Forest Service from managing the forests in a safe and responsible manner. If they want to dictate how to manage them, they should be held accountable.

I suggest lawsuits be filed on each group who has, in courts, set the stage for such fires. I would assume almost every fire could have an environmental

group held legally responsible. If they had to pay the cost of putting out such fires, perhaps they would be more responsible in their filing of these lawsuits.

I'm sure all of us want well-managed forests, but we all should have a voice in it, not just environmentalists through lawsuits.

If this is a concern to you, as citizens, I hope you will let your voices be heard, whether through your congressmen, senators, whatever means you have to be heard. But silence in a lot of issues has let the loudest dictate our policies in this country.

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Palestinians learn in secret schools

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — The children of the Al Qasr neighborhood dodge Israeli military patrols on the way to class in a cramped dorm room.

They sit on chairs brought from home or crouch on mattresses. Their teachers have no textbooks, only a blackboard.

The "secret school" in Al Qasr is one of several that have sprung up in mosques, empty factories and apartments in Nablus, the West Bank's largest city, since Israel first imposed a round-the-clock curfew June 21 to prevent Palestinian militants from attacking Israeli civilians.

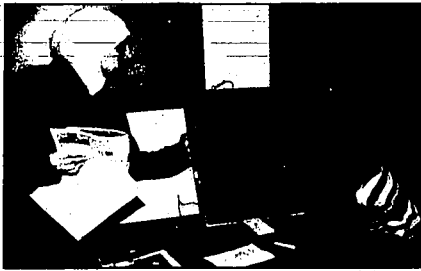
With no sign of the restrictions ending, parents and teachers say they do not want children to fall behind in their studies.

"If we stay at home waiting for lifting the curfew, the students will lose their future," said Fida al-Khayat, who teaches elementary school Arabic.

Secret schools were common during the first Palestinian uprising in 1987-1993, when Israel closed schools for extended periods, arguing that they were hotbeds of violence. Teaching was sporadic and many Palestinians of that generation have serious gaps in their basic education.

The Israeli military, which recaptured most West Bank territory in June, lifts curfews in most areas during the day to allow schools to operate. But students and teachers from outlying areas still have to get around checkpoints, taking bumpy backroads or climbing over earthen barriers put up by the army.

In Nablus, the easing of the curfew on Aug. 31, the first day of school, was followed by a shooting



Palestinian teacher Fida al-Khayat looks at a school boy while holding lessons in a makeshift school in the West Bank town of Nablus Saturday. A round-the-clock curfew imposed by Israeli soldiers has led to the closure of schools, forcing teachers to hold lessons in almost any way possible.

attack a day later on a nearby Jewish settlement that wounded a pregnant woman and her husband, the army said.

The curfew will be lifted if attacks on Israelis stop, army spokeswoman Brig. Gen. Ruth Yaron.

Earlier this week, a group of children from Nablus asked U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to pressure Israel to lift the restrictions.

"We have been stripped completely of our right to education," the students said in a letter to Annan.

About 150,000 people in Nablus and nearby refugee camps have been confined to their homes for the past 84 days by the Israeli restrictions.

With shops and businesses closed, men spend their days playing cards, smoking cigarettes or water pipes and watching satellite television. Kids who are not in school play soccer in the streets, then run away when tanks come rumbling by.

Children attending the "secret schools" often are accompanied by parents for the first few days until they make friends. After that, they move around town together.

"Our mother told us that when we hear the sounds of a jeep or a tank, that we should run into the nearest house and wait for them to leave," said 8-year-old Lubna Shbaiah, who attends a makeshift school in the women's dorms at An Najah University.

Picture emerges of Karzai's attempted assassin

MUK DOZAI, Afghanistan (AP) — The man who recently tried to kill President Hamid Karzai was a quiet, devout Muslim whose father, a village cleric and judge, died when he was 5. His neighbors laugh at the suggestion he was a major Taliban figure.

and a U.S. soldier and Kandahar Gov. Gul Agha Sherzai were wounded. Provincial authorities suspect a Taliban conspiracy, noting that Rahman was a Taliban soldier who was released from a prison camp only 2.5 months ago. He was hired as a security guard for the provincial government about two weeks before the assassination attempt.

The U.S.-backed government, its neighbors say he must have been a small-time player. Some suggested he may have been psychologically disturbed after harsh confinement by the U.S.-backed northern alliance.

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Macedonia prime minister concedes defeat of party

SKOPJE, Macedonia — Macedonia's prime minister conceded defeat for his ruling party early Monday after the troubled Balkan country's first elections since convulsing in ethnic warfare last year.

Prime Minister Ljubeo Georgievski confirmed that the ruling Macedonian party, known as VMRO, was ousted from the government in Sunday's parliamentary elections by the opposition Together for Macedonia coalition led by former communist Branko Crvenkovski.

"At this moment, it is fully clear that we will not be able to form a new government, and we are congratulating the winner," Georgievski said. "These were the most democratic elections in the history of Macedonia."

Indian soldiers kill nine before Kashmir elections

SRINAGAR, India — Indian soldiers shot and killed nine suspected Islamic rebels Sunday in a border sweep just hours before the start of Kashmir's crucial state elections. The shootout occurred after a key government minister survived an assassination attempt earlier in the day.

Two guards of Tourism Minister Sakina Yattoo were killed when attackers ambushed her well-guarded campaign convoy, officials said. Three others were wounded.

Yattoo, a candidate in elections that begin Monday in Indian-controlled Kashmir, was traveling with soldiers and paramilitary forces near her constituency of Dambhal-Hanjipora when a remote-control bomb exploded under an escort vehicle and guer-

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rillas opened fire, said a spokesman for the paramilitary Border Security Force.

Pope: Cross display cross in schools, hospitals

CASTEL GANDOLFO, Italy — The image of the cross should be placed in schools, hospitals and homes to help guard against increasing "secularization," Pope John Paul II said Sunday.

In his weekly appearance to pilgrims and tourists at his summer retreat, the pope said the principle symbol of Christianity is the image of Jesus dying on the cross.

"In the process of secularization, which distinguishes a great part of the contemporary world, it is all the more important that the faithful fix their gaze on this central sign of the Revelation," he said.

Nigerian leader urges help to fight arms trafficking

UNITED NATIONS — Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo urged U.N. members Sunday to seek a legally binding agreement to curb trafficking in small arms, which he said worsens many conflicts in Africa.

In a speech to the General Assembly, he said the "root causes" of terrorism and conflicts are "poverty, ignorance, real and perceived injustice, and absence of basic freedoms." But, he added, many African wars are exacerbated "by the influx of small arms into the continent."

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Money goes up in smoke

In these troubled times, it's nice to know that there is one thing that can always bring a smile to our faces, and maybe even cause us to laugh so hard that we cry.

I am referring, of course, to the War On Tobacco. Rarely in the annals of government - and I do not mean to suggest anything juvenile by the phrase "annals of government" - will you find a program so consistently hilarious as the campaign against the Evil Weed.

Before we get to the latest wacky blinks, let's review how the War On Tobacco works. The underlying principle, of course, is Tobacco Is Bad. It kills many people, and it causes many others to smell like acrids in a poorly janitured bus station.

So a while ago, politicians from a bunch of states were scratching their heads, trying to figure out what to do about the tobacco problem. One option, of course, was to say, "Hey, if people want to be stupid, it's none of our business."

But of course that was out of the question. Politicians believe everything is their business, which is why - to pick one of many examples - they have elaborate regulations governing who may, and who may not, give manicures.

Another option was to simply outlaw cigarettes, illegal, just like other evil vices, such as selling heroin, or giving unlicensed manicures, or operating lotteries (except, of course, for lotteries operated by states). But the politicians immediately saw a major flaw with this approach: It did not provide any way for money to be funneled to politicians.

And so they went with option three, which was to file lawsuits against the tobacco companies. The underlying moral principle of these lawsuits was "You are knowingly selling a product that kills tens of thousands of our citizens each year. We want a piece of that action!"

The anti-tobacco lawsuits resulted in a humongous jackpot settlement under which the tobacco industry is paying hundreds of billions of dollars to 46 states (and of course their lawyers). The tobacco companies are raising this money by mowing lawns.

Originally, the states claimed that they would use the tobacco-lawsuit money to do something about tobacco. But that of course makes no economic sense: To actually reduce the number of cigarettes smoked would be to kill the goose that is coughing up the golden loaves.

So the states, according to the Government Accounting Office, are using the tobacco settlement money to buy a new car system for each legislator. Maybe they were thinking that a golfer, while teeing off, would get sprayed in the eyes, causing him to hit the ball into a foursome of tobacco executives. Take that, merchants of death!

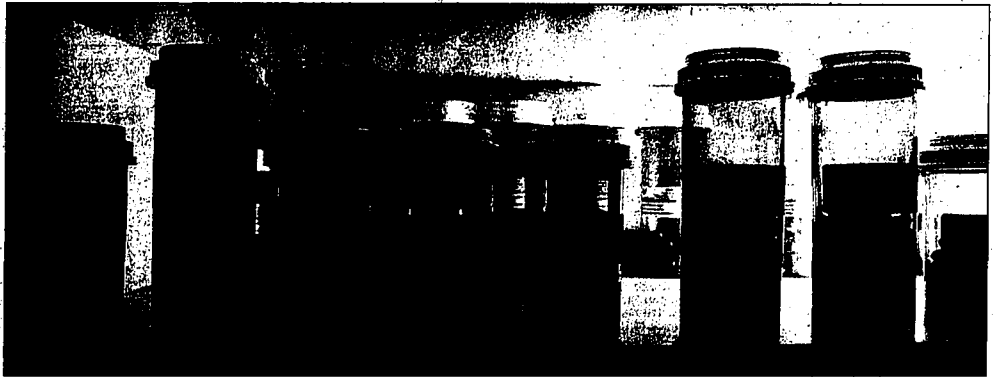
But as comical as all this is, it is not the sanest development in the War On Tobacco. For that, we must look to North Carolina. According to an article by Liz Chandler in the Charlotte Observer, North Carolina officials have so far given \$41 million of the tobacco settlement - I swear I am not making anything up - to tobacco growers. Yes! The state gave this money - which, you may recall, was taken from tobacco companies to punish them for selling tobacco, which is evil - to tobacco growers. Yes! The state gave this money - which, you may recall, was taken from tobacco companies to punish them for selling tobacco, which is evil - to tobacco growers so they can buy machinery that will make them more competitive producers of... tobacco! This is like selling War On Terrorism funds to buy flying lessons for al-Qaida.

So that's your update on the Wacky, Wonderful War On Tobacco. It is now essentially a cash-for-benefits scam. Politicians and tobacco companies to make money by selling cigarettes. It's only a matter of time before some shrewd state cuts out the middle-man and starts selling the War On Tobacco by making cigarettes and selling them directly to the public ("Smoke New Jerseys - They Taste As Great As Their Names").

No way that's the complete insanity. I give them two years.

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Hormone alternative



Shelves full of hormones in varying strengths fill Dick's Pharmacy in Twin Falls. The business says it is the only compounding pharmacy in Idaho that can custom-mix hormones for patients in either pill or cream form.

Bioidentical therapy stirs controversy

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - For the past few months, menopausal women who take estrogen and progestin - a traditional hormone replacement therapy - have been in a quandary.

Earlier this summer, federally sanctioned researchers reported that such hormone therapy increased the risk of heart attacks, strokes, blood clots and lung cancer.

So some women are trying alternative therapies, such as bioidentical hormone therapy. Kent Alexander, pharmacist and co-owner of Dick's Pharmacy, says his business - a compounding pharmacy - makes up prescriptions for individual patients for their individual needs. It's not something done routinely for everyone.

Bioidentical means the hormone is derived from plant oils extracted from soybeans and wild yams and chemically altered in a laboratory to match human bioidentical molecular properties. From those hormones in the human body.

Several manufactured products are on the market that contain bioidentical hormones, according to Marty Hoffman, the pharmacy educator at Dick's Pharmacy, but compounding pharmacies take the raw powders and put them together in a form that he says more closely matches the actual percentage of the makeup of those hormones in the human body.

Cassandra Pharis-Blakely of Filer, 56, has been taking bioidentical hormones since December. She had long suffered from hot flashes and mood swings, and Premarin didn't seem to help. Bioidentical hormones (is) a natural estrogen and some of it you take orally and some you put on as a cream in different areas of your body," she said. "These last two months have been the best - two months since they've been fine-tuning me."

DonnaMae Harper, 52, of Paul says she was having hot flashes all the time when



Marty Hoffman mixes a cream in the pharmacy.

she began taking Premarin. She was on it for a year and half, and although the hot flashes were under control, she didn't feel very well.

"It made me feel funny, plus I broke out with lots of skin things," she said. "I didn't feel normal."

Harper started on bioidentical hormone replacement therapy about 10 months ago. After three or four weeks, she noticed a big difference.

"I feel wonderful! I'm in just shape now," she said. "That's my good totally changed everything."

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Not all gynecologists are sold on the bioidentical hormone therapy approach.

Dr. Miles Humphrey, a Twin Falls obstetrician and gynecologist, says the people who produce bioidentical hormones have some very scientific-sounding

explanations for the mixtures of estril, estradiol and estrone, which are the hormones in the human system. It sounds good to say you're doing the same thing or putting these in the same percentage that is in the human body, he says.

"But they're not quite the same molecule as the human produces," Humphrey said. "By saying that this is a safer estrogen than the other source is really a stretch, because we don't know that."

Humphrey says there's a lot of testing done on these hormones, but without double-blind studies that would hold up under scientific scrutiny.

Those who sell bioidenticals rely a lot on testimonials, he says. And with that medication, there is already a 20 percent placebo effect, Humphrey adds.

"So it may be that all that contact and filling out the questionnaire and being able to call someone and fine-tune your case and so forth is where the advantage comes from," he said. "And it may be a perceived advantage rather than an actual advantage."

But Dr. Donald Smith, another Twin Falls physician, says he has seen

How it works

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The body's production of estradiol is the strongest estrogen, according to Kent Alexander, co-owner of Dick's Pharmacy. It's a common hormone available from drug manufacturers in patches, tablets and creams. The problem, Alexander says, is that the body has hundreds of estrogen receptors and if all those receptors are filled up with the strongest estrogen, patients are asking for trouble.

The body produces only about 10 percent estradiol and about 10 percent of estrone. Premarin, Alexander says, is about 85 percent estrone, which is almost as strong as estradiol.

So the estrogen receptors are being filled with the strongest estrogens, he says. The third kind the body produces is estril - 70 to 80 percent - which is the weakest estrogen.

"If everything is functioning normally, you get almost 80 percent of that, 10 percent estradiol and 10 percent estril," Alexander said. "So what we try to do in compounding is mimic what your body produces."

That way, estrogen receptors are filled with weaker estrogen. Studies have found that the weakest estrogens, the estriols, will help protect against breast cancer, osteoporosis and memory loss, he says.

"There's no long-term studies to show the safety of all these things and we'll probably never have that study," Alexander said. "You're not going to have anybody fund a study that shows how safe a natural is."

The good, he says, is to balance what is normal to each individual system; that which the body was used to producing before the reduction that comes with age. Doing that will generally take care of most symptoms, he says.

"We've got 250 or more women that we're doing this for, and for the most part they're pretty happy, but most of the women we started with are the ones that the doctors have had trouble getting them regulated with the commercial products," Alexander said. "And so we're dealing with a lot of the more difficult patients anyway."

Study: Walking is as good as running

Walking away from a heart attack is as good as running from it, according to a new study. A six-year examination of the exercise habits of more than 70,000 middle-aged women found that those who walked briskly for more than two hours each week cut their risk of a heart attack or stroke by about one-third. Women who did the same amount of more vigorous exercise enjoyed about the same benefit. The study also found that sitting too much increased the risk of having a heart attack. Women who spent at least 16 hours a day sitting - compared with those who spent less than four hours a day sitting - increased their chances of a heart attack or stroke. The government-sponsored study appeared last week in *The New England Journal of Medicine*.

Secretary

The level of physical activity among girls declines dramatically during adolescence, concludes a new 10-year study. Annual questionnaires filled out by 2,400 girls indicates that nearly all participated in some activity, including organized sports, recreational outings or sports lessons, when they were 9 or 10 years old. (The study did not include participation in school physical education classes, which often is mandatory.) When the girls reached 15 or 16, 56 percent of the African-American girls and 31 percent of the white girls reported no habitual

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leisure-time activity. Pregnancy was associated with the decline in such activities for black girls, and cigarette smoking was a factor among white girls who became less active, the study said. "These findings should sound an alarm, given the current epidemic of obesity," wrote lead author Dr. Sue Kimm of the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine in last week's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

Sexual confusion

Babies who have their gender assigned at birth because they have indeterminate sexual organs most often are satisfied with their sexuality as adults, says a new study from Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. Researchers interviewed 39 adults who had been born with a variety of genital ambiguities that required their parents and doctors to choose the sex in which they would be raised. Surgery and hormone therapy were used to support the assignment. "The rate of dissatisfaction reported here is problematic and illustrates the importance of additional studies," wrote lead author Dr. Claude J. Migeon, of the school's Division of Pediatric Endocrinology, in the current issue of the *Journal of Pediatrics*.

-compiled from wire service reports

Quilt exhibit reverberates year later

On Sept. 11, 2001, our world changed forever. We were stunned, horrified, baffled and angry.

Many quilts in America and some foreign countries reacted by turning to their art. A spontaneous exhibit, "America: From the Heart," was quickly organized. Submitted quilts were to be hung at the annual Houston Quilt Festival in Houston, only six weeks away.

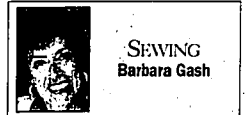
According to curator Karey Breenhan, "We expected perhaps 50 quilts, and received almost 300!"

Every quilt was hung, forming a wall of images across the main floor under an American flag. "The resulting exhibit was moving, heartbreaking and inspiring," says Breenhan.

Sharon Torregrossa of Trenton, Mich., was there. She had never entered a show before, but felt strongly enough to send a quilt called "Love Lifts Us Up Where We Belong," based on a political cartoon by Bill Day, former Detroit Free Press cartoonist.

"I was moved to create something tangible that would comfort me, and perhaps provide comfort to others," she says.

Rebecca Nelson-Zerfas of Beulah, Mich., called her quilt "American Liberty." "I wanted to do something hopeful," she says. "The Statue of Liberty reminded me of what she stands for - the hopes and dreams of the American people and its future generations."



SEWING
Barbara Gash

She adds that this was one of the hardest quilts she ever made, emotionally.

About 100 of the quilts were auctioned off to raise \$25,000 for the Families of Freedom Scholarship Fund. In addition, C&T Publishing put together a catalog of the 277 quilts and donated all of its profits, more than \$24,000, to the same fund. The "America: From the Heart" exhibit is currently touring in the United States and abroad. The book of the same name, which features pictures of the quilts and artist statements, is available from C&T at 800-284-1114 or <http://www.ctpub.com>. It's \$24.95.

"That these quilts - made so quickly in a catharsis of grief and anger - could have such an effect is a testimony to the power of art to touch people's hearts," says Breenhan.

Barbara Gash writes about sewing for the Detroit Free Press. Write to her at the Free Press, P.O. Box 828, Detroit, Mich. 48231, or send e-mail to compus2@aol.com

HEALTH & FASHION

T.F. hospital will offer parenting class

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will offer a parenting class "Baby Steps Behind Pregnancy" from 6:30-8:30 p.m. today in the Sage Room of the Education Center.

The class is for parents with newborns to 1 year olds and for expecting parents. The Health Educator at Magic Valley Regional, will discuss active parenting and the importance of emotional nourishment for the child.

Cost is \$10 per family. Preregistration is required; To register, call 737-2900.

'Baby and Me'

St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will offer "Baby and Me" classes from 10:30-11:30 a.m. Tuesdays at the Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. This week's topic will be "Traveling With Baby."

The session is for parents of children from infancy through toddler years.

The class is free. For more information, call 324-7262.

Refresher course

Childbirth refresher course will be offered from 6:30-9:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Sage Room of the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

The class is for those who have previously taken childbirth classes. Childbirth preparation and procedures will be reviewed, and will include a tour of the Women's and Infant Center.

To do for you

Cost is \$15. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

PCR class

Cassia Regional Medical Center will offer an infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation and child safety class from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday.

Instruction will include first aid techniques to assist infants who are choking. The class will be taught by a certified American Heart CPR instructor who also works as an advanced emergency medical technician and newborn nurse practitioner.

Cost for the infant CPR and safety class, including several other childbirth classes, is \$20. To register or for more information, call 677-6500.

Diabetes support

The Diabetes Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at South Central District Health, located on the College of Southern Idaho campus in Twin Falls. Those attending will need to use the north entrance of the district health building.

Dr. John Pilch will lead the discussion on diabetes and neurology.

The meeting is open to the public and there is no charge to attend. The group meets regularly at 7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at South Central District Health.

For more information, call Carol Gandiaga at 733-5300 or

Susie Bean at 734-5900, Ext. 246.

Alzheimer's support

SunBridge Care Center and Rehabilitation will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at SunBridge, 640 Filer Ave. W., Twin Falls.

For more information, call Steve Jones or Dawn McCoy at 734-8645.

Cancer support

Prostate Cancer Support Group will meet from 7-9 p.m. Wednesday in the reception area at St. Luke's Mountain States Tumor Institute Twin Falls Cancer Center, 656 Addison Ave. W.

The ongoing group is open to prostate cancer survivors or patients and their families, friends and caregivers.

For more information, call Andy Hall at 737-2800.

Foot clinic

The Magic Valley Diabetes Coalition will sponsor a free foot care clinic for people who have diabetes.

Dr. Randy Wraalstad and Dr. Craig Holman, podiatrists, will conduct the exams from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Thursday at the West End Senior Citizens Center, 1010 Main St. Buhl.

Diabetes is the leading cause of amputation of the lower limbs, according to a news release. Many of these amputations might be prevented through simple, yet effective, foot-care

practices, officials say.

People who have diabetes are vulnerable to nerve and vascular damage that can result in loss of protective sensation in the feet, poor circulation and poor healing of foot ulcers.

To make an appointment for a free foot exam, call Susie Bean, diabetes program coordinator for South Central District Health, at 734-5900, Ext. 246.

Infant massage

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center will offer infant massage course from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 25 through Oct. 9, at the Women's Health and Imaging Services office, 224 Martin St., Twin Falls.

Instructor Susan Beck has been an infant massage instructor for 15 years and is a nationally certified therapeutic massage and body-work therapist.

The course is part of Magic Valley Regional's parenting class series. Parents or caregivers should bring their baby or a life-size baby doll, a blanket and an extra diaper. Other child care will not be provided.

Cost is \$30 per family. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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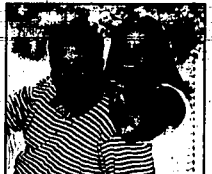
CAMPBELL-BURTON

BOISE - Mr. and Mrs. Mike Campbell of Boise announce the engagement of their daughter, Kelli Campbell, to Shane Burton, son of Ted and Linda Burton of Jerome.

Campbell is a graduate of Idaho State University. She is a dental hygienist in Boise.

Burton is also a graduate of ISU. He is a teacher and coach at Bishop Kelly High School in Boise.

The wedding is planned for Saturday at St. Mark's Cathedral



Shane Burton and Kelli Campbell in Boise. The couple will reside in Boise.

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New eczema treatments have positive effect

DEAR PAULA: Have you heard of two new treatments for eczema called Protopic or Elidel? Are these as amazing as they sound or is it just too good to be true?

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DEAR SCRATCHING: Anyone who has suffered from eczema knows it is an agonizing, uncomfortable skin disorder. Red, inflamed, blistered skin that itches incessantly is an exhausting frustration. No matter how hard you try not to scratch the offending area, scratching happens and it is almost unstoppable. Even when you make it through the entire day without scratching, you can wake up at night finding yourself attacking the area.

For years eczema and atopic dermatitis was treated almost exclusively with topical cortisone creams. Unfortunately, repetitive use of cortisone for lengthy periods of time cause thinning of skin and depletion of collagen and can leave skin prematurely aged.

The two drugs you mentioned, Protopic, \$55.80 for 30 grams (generic name tacrolimus) and

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Paula Begoun

Elidel, \$48.95 for 30 grams (generic name pimecrolimus), have been approved by the FDA to control the itching.

Both tacrolimus and pimecrolimus are similar molecules that are thought to work by suppressing some aspect of the immune system that is suspected of causing the skin to react this way. No one is quite sure how they work, but they do work.

Research indicates that these two drugs have a positive effect

but do not cause skin thinning or collagen destruction as topical steroids do (Sources: Allergy and Asthma Proceedings, May-June 2002, pages 191-197; Clinical and Experimental Dermatology; June 2002, pages 328-337; American Journal of Clinical Dermatology, 2002, volume 3, number 6, pages 381-389).

It is important to point out that both of these substances are immunosuppressive drugs. For example, oral tacrolimus is one of the most powerful immunosuppressive drugs known and is used to prevent rejection of transplanted organs. The only associated risks known at this time are a risk of transient burning (similar in many respects to what occurs when using topical cortisones) and a potentially more serious risk of damage to skin with exposure to

sun or sun lamps.

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BURLEY - Polly Beck and Todd Windley announce their engagement.

Beck is the daughter of Glen and Myra Beck of Burley.

The wedding is planned for Tuesday in Hawaii. A reception and Hawaiian luau to honor the couple will be held from 6-9 p.m. Saturday at BX Place, 48 S. 400 W., Burley.

The event will include dancing. Traditional Hawaiian attire is welcome.
The couple will reside in Palo Alto, Calif.

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If, prior to your father's death, your stepmother signed a consent to payment of proceeds in accordance with your father's direction, all monies would be paid to you as the sole beneficiary.

Practically speaking, most spouses acquiesce in the designations made by the deceased spouse despite a technical right to claim half the proceeds.

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Mary Louise Fant's gift of gab has taken her hairdressing career beyond snipping and styling as she works at her salon in Anderson, S.C., last month. Fant is part of the Beauty and the Breast program by Partners for a Healthy Community to help increase breast cancer awareness to her mostly African American clientele.

Beauty shops help prevent breast cancer

ANDERSON, S.C. (AP) — Sna-Z is not unlike the beauty shops found in most Southern towns, a place where the regulars stop in to get their weekly hairdos, read magazines under the dryers and catch up with their friends. Except this salon isn't decorated with wall-to-wall pictures of hairstyles. It's filled with posters and pamphlets about breast cancer. And the owner encourages customers to do a self-exam each month and get a mammogram every year.

women but die at a higher rate, said Kathryn Smith, who founded Beauty and the Breast in January. It now reaches about 600 women in Anderson through 14 hairdressers and eight salons. Smith said Fant has proven to be a great representative for the program. "She knows how bad this can be," Smith said. "She's got a real good, close relationship with her customers and really cares about them. And it shows."

Davis has been a customer of Fant's for years. Davis' sister hid her illness from the family for more than a year. She died of breast cancer in 1988. Davis said her sister might not have kept the secret if she had met Fant. "I think a lot of African-American women don't take time out," Davis said. "It is a constant reminder as soon you come into Louise's shop."

"I felt that if I could just help one woman from dying from breast cancer, it would be all worth it," says shop owner Mary Louise Fant, whose aunt died from the disease in 1988. Sna-Z is part of a program called Beauty and the Breast, which uses the intimate atmosphere of salons in the area to help spread information about a disease that kills 40,000 American women a year. Fant said early detection could have saved her Aunt Leila, who hadn't seen a doctor in more than 15 years when she was diagnosed. She said her mission is even more important considering most of the salon's customers are black women.

Fant goes from woman to woman — washing, cutting and styling — talking about the weather, the town, how her nieces and nephews are growing up. She tells one woman, whose hair is being scrubbed in the sink as her son sits in her lap, how beautiful her locks are. Then she tells another that she really should get a yearly clinical exam and rattles off statistics linking breast cancer and black women. Fant knows who goes to the doctor and, more importantly, who doesn't.

A \$10,000 grant from the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation funds the Beauty and the Breast program. It is modeled on a program started in other states years ago called Operation Beauty Shop, and on a Columbia prostate cancer program run by barbers. Smith first challenged area hairdressers to talk to 50 women about breast cancer during the year. "Louise talked to 50 women in two weeks," Smith said.

Hormones

Continued from B1: Falls obstetrician and gynecologist, says he looks at the bioidentical as one more arrow in his quiver. He thinks there's probably a role for them, but that there is not the science or research behind them at this point. "I believe there's some patients that benefit from the bioidentical hormones, especially those that have failed some of the traditional hormone therapies and/or have concerns regarding some of the pharmaceutical companies and/or products."

always have to question what percentage of the effect is placebo," he said. "All the answers aren't known yet, but in the meantime bioidentical hormones are an option available to women, Smith says. They need to talk to their healthcare providers, he adds. "Everybody's different; their risks are different," he said. "So you cannot make generalized statements that all hormones are bad or all hormones are good. Everything has to be individualized for the patient."

another option for women, and they have a place there," she said. Some women like bioidentical hormones because they feel they're more natural, Adrian says. For example, Premarin comes from the urine of pregnant mares, she says. That might be natural for horses, but some people don't think it's natural for humans. "And yet some of the other kinds of 'natural hormones for humans' are made identical to what's in a woman's body, but they're made synthetically in a laboratory," she said. "And some of the hormones for women come from plant sources, so what's really is natural is hard to say."

"Times-News correspondent Joan Bean can be reached at 733-0830.

MARCHANT-WILLIAMS

OAKLEY, — Karen Marchant and Jason Robert Williams were married Sept. 7 in the Boise LDS Temple.

Following the ceremony, they were honored at a luncheon hosted by the groom's parents, Melvin and Sharlene Williams, who also hosted a reception that evening at the Meridian South Stake Center. The newlyweds will be honored at a reception from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Saturday at the Oakley Stake Center by the bride's parents, Gerald and Celia Marchant of the Oakley Basin. The bride is a graduate of Oakley High School and received

WEDDING



Karen and Jason Williams a bachelor of science degree in ag business from Brigham Young University, where she was president of the Block and Bride Club and a member of the livestock judging team. She served one semester as an intern to former

Sen. Dirk Kempthorne in Washington, D.C. She is presently the natural resource/public policy coordinator for the Idaho Cattlemen Association in Boise.

The bridegroom graduated from Ricks College, where he was National Junior College Decathlon Champion, Region 18 Track Most Valuable Athlete and Ricks Most Inspirational Athlete. He graduated cum laude from Kansas State University with a degree in business administration. While there, he was the Big 12 Decathlon Champion and NCAA All American in track. He served a Santa Domingo West LDS mission. He is a shift manager at Boon Docks in Boise, while training for a position on the 2004 U.S. Olympic Team.

Vaccinations can help seniors

The Hartford Courant

For many senior doctor visits, medications and treatments are all parts of aging. But vaccinations they assume, are not. Studies show that most older Americans believe shots are kid stuff, more important for their grandchildren than for themselves. This is a misconception that could be fatal. Each year in the United States, nearly 40,000 adults die from vaccine-preventable diseases or their complications. The American Society of Internal Medicine says adults are about 100 times more likely to die from vaccine-preventable diseases than children, yet few older folks think to keep a record of immunizations or to check with their physicians to be sure they are up to date.

Tetanus. Many people know they need a tetanus shot if they step on a rusty nail, but few realize the disease can be contracted other ways. Puncture wounds of any type can be infected with tetanus. Adults should get a booster every 10 years.

tions and takes 20,000 lives. In a bad year, it can take as many as 40,000 lives, and 90 percent of these deaths are among people 65 and older. Forty to 50 cases of tetanus occur each year, resulting in an average of five deaths annually in the United States. Most deaths occur in people 50 years or older. Yet as many as half of Americans over 50 are inadequately immunized against tetanus.

While children have a standard vaccination schedule well known to pediatricians and parents, says Dr. John Shanley, an infectious-disease specialist at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington, there is no comparable fixed schedule for adults. "Adult immunization was a neglected area of medical management," says Shanley, who helped organize an adult immunization clinic at the health center. It's just not as ingrained for adults as it is for children. But over the past few years, there's been a tremendous push to educate both the public and physicians on the importance of immunizations for all ages. Currently, says Shanley, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the American College of Physicians recommend the following immunizations for adults:

Diphtheria. Immunization against this bacterial infection usually is given in combination with the tetanus-pertussis vaccine. Adults who have been vaccinated should get a booster every 10 years.

Almost all reported cases of tetanus occurred in people who either have never been vaccinated or who were vaccinated but have not had a booster shot in the past 10 years. And one out of every 10 people who gets diphtheria will die from it. "The elderly are more susceptible to risk factors for complications," says Shanley. "There is excess mortality among older adults who contract some of these diseases."

Hepatitis. There is a safe and effective vaccine for Hepatitis A and B infectious liver diseases. Hepatitis A can be spread by infected individuals or by drinking water or eating shellfish contaminated with the virus.

Flu. The influenza vaccine is 70 percent to 90 percent effective in preventing the flu. Influenza vaccine can prevent as much as 50 percent to 60 percent of hospitalizations and 80 percent of deaths from influenza-related complications among the elderly. Adults over 50 (especially those over 65) should get a flu shot each year. Pneumonia. This vaccine is about 60 percent effective in preventing pneumococcal infections. Adults, especially those over 65, should get a shot every five years.

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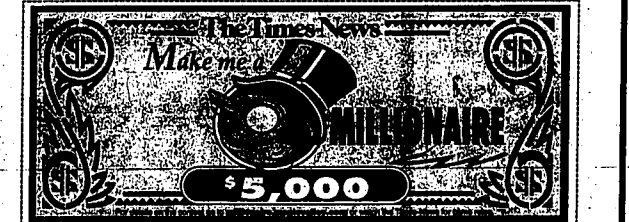
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DEAR ABBY: I am a 20-year-old college student in Japan who discovered your column through a class lecture. My instructor is in love with "Dear Abby" and teaches English by reading aloud letters from the column, followed by a class discussion.

women and children with your kind and correct advice. -H.N. IN OKINAWA DEAR H.N.: I'm pleased you enjoy the column and find it helpful. Although there are many differences in our cultures, it's heartwarming to remember how many things we also have in common.

of these topics is vastly different in America. Thanks to your informative column, these students leave my classroom not only with a better knowledge of the English language, but also a better understanding of the customs in this great country of ours.

-OUTRAGED IN OMAHA DEAR OUTRAGED: Unless you feel a mother should protect her children at all costs, Am I wrong? Don't I have a right to be angry at her?

joint counseling. In that supportive environment, you will find an opportunity to express the trauma you both felt living and growing up in your father's house.

DEAR ABBY: I teach English as a Second Language (ESL) to immigrants in Southern California and find your column helpful in my conversation groups.

AROUND the turn of the last century, a wave of immigration brought a flood of people to this country from Central Europe. In those days immigrants were deterred to submerge themselves in the melting pot of American society.

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While my students come from countries with vastly different customs, and your column serves as a wonderful tool to introduce them to American customs.

While my students may have similar issues regarding sex, marriage, divorce, children, etc. in their own countries, the handling

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Capricorn: Display sense of humor, versatility

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the "extraordinary." Pressure is on due to added responsibility. People rely on you for their emotional stability. Capricorn featured.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): Popularity increases; you win friends and influence people. Highlight humor, ask questions and get answers, not evasions. You could be involved in political activity.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Lunar aspect coincides with creativity, short trip and physical attraction. You receive assurance of love tonight. Your "dream" could be doorway to the future. Take note of that dream!

Taurus (Apr. 20-May 20): Love, beauty, the intricate, fine ways of beating the odds. You achieve what many considered "impossible." Your way is the right way; know it, proceed accordingly. Scorpio involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Imprint style, make personal impressions. You are on solid ground; be aware of it, act accordingly. Highlight personality; you exude sex appeal. Don't permit others to take you for granted.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Finance and marriage will be featured. You receive "fabulous" gift; this is a gesture of love. You feel good about yourself as result. Notice provides good news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Rewrite, rebuild and do additional research. You will get that proverbial "lucky break." This could be the start of a winning streak. Events transpire to bring you closer to goal.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Be aware, alert; deception is involved. Deceive or otherwise. Terms must be defined - on paper. Don't substitute showmanship for research.

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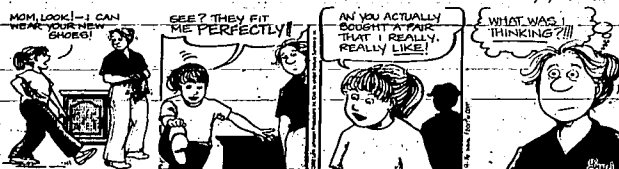
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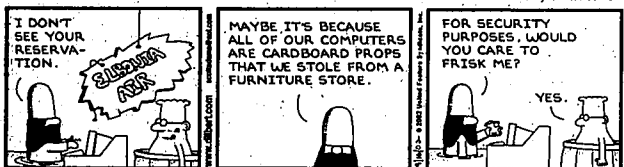


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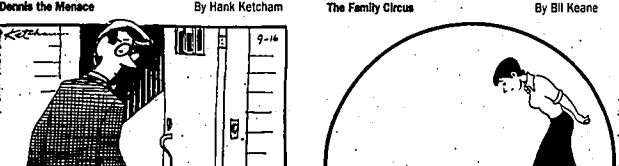
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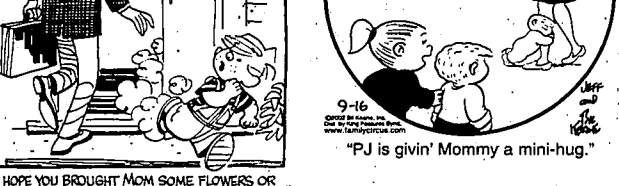
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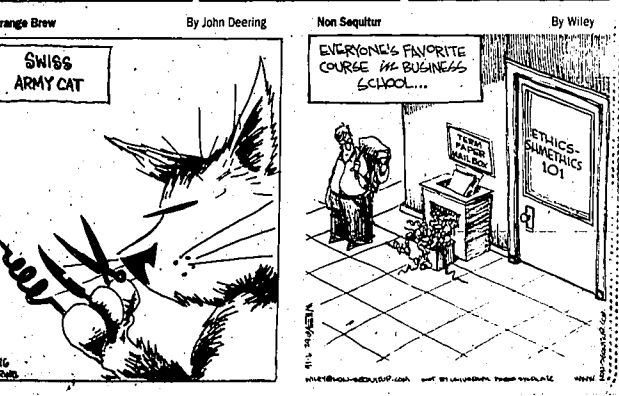
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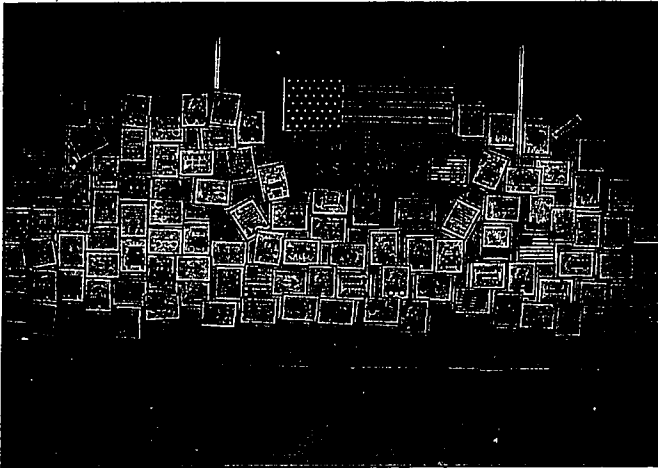


The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



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Children at Oregon Trail School in Twin Falls remembered Sept. 11 in drawings and writings, which filled a wall at the school.

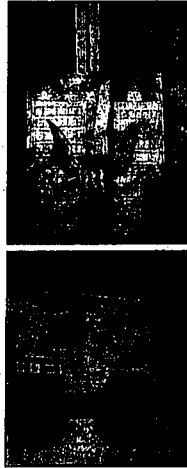


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SCHOOL EVENTS

Twin Falls High School plans Back to School night

TWIN FALLS - Back to School Night at Twin Falls High School is scheduled from 7-9 p.m. Sept. 23.

Parents will meet in the Roper Auditorium for a brief welcome, then continue on to classrooms to follow their student's abbreviated schedule. Teachers will give a short presentation.

Burley High School Youth Legislature meeting set

BURLEY - Burley High School announces the following activities:

A Youth Legislature meeting will be held at 7:30 a.m. in room 110 on Wednesday for current members, as well as any new members who would like to join. Members will plan homecoming activities.

Students are invited to join the Geology Club. Stop in room 216, sign up, pay dues and go on the first field trip, which leaves at 7 a.m. Tuesday to the City of Rocks. Sign up, dead line is today.

JHS offers after-school tutorial help to students

JEROME - Tutorial help is available to all students free of charge at Jerome High School. If your student needs extra supervised time or help, call Wendy Wright, After School Program coordinator, at 324-8137.

Wright hosts the help lab each day from 3:15-4:30 at the high school. Parent, teacher and student response to the program has been positive, said Patti O'Dell, school principal.

Mountain View Elementary School holds carnival

BURLEY - Mountain View Elementary School's carnival will be held from 5:30-8 p.m. Friday.

The event will include a variety of games, including bowling, bean-bag-toss, football throw, candy bar walk and stuffed animal walk. There will be face painting, balloon animals, karaoke, raffle and more. Raffle tickets are available in advance from any Mountain View student for five for \$1 or four for \$1 at the event. Raffle items include a scooter, TV, stereo and cassette radio.

Dinner will be available throughout the evening. The menu will include hot dogs, chili dogs, baked potato, nachos, vegetables and dip and soft drinks. There will also be cotton candy and donuts for sale.

DAR announces

History essay contests

TWIN FALLS - The Daughters of the American Revolution is sponsoring two essay contests for students.

For students in grades 5-8, this year's topic is "A Letter from Valley Forge: Winter, 1777-1778." Students are asked to pretend they are a Revolutionary War soldier and write a letter to

their family describing their activities and the conditions at Valley Forge. This essay topic was chosen to commemorate the 225th anniversary of the winter encampment. Essays must be between 300-600 words for students in grades six to eight.

Students in grades 9-12 are eligible to enter the Christopher Columbus essay contest with the topic "How did the voyages of Christopher Columbus express the general political, social and scientific outlook of the 15th century?" Essays should be no more than 750 words.

Contest rules may be obtained by calling 655-4100 or writing to greene@norchrin.net.

All entries must be submitted by Nov. 15, 2002. Local winners will be recognized at a reception in February 2003, and have their essays forwarded to the Idaho State DAR for consideration for state-level awards.

Cassia School District seeks kids with special needs

BURLEY - The Cassia Joint School District is looking for preschool age children who may have special learning needs.

Anyone who is the parent or guardian of a 4 or 4-year-old child who is experiencing a speech, physical, mental or emotional difficulty is encouraged to call the Cassia Joint School District office. The staff members will arrange for parent and child to participate in a full screening. Children who attend private or home schools are eligible, also.

Oct. 7 is the next scheduled screening. The purpose is to determine if a child is eligible for the district's Special Education Preschool Program or other special education services. Children who have a disability may attend the preschool or receive special education services free of charge.

Appointments for the Oct. 7 screening are required. For an appointment, call the secretary between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. at 878-6627. Only children and parents who have appointments will be screened.

CSI offers ACT Prep Class to help students

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho will offer a Saturday class designed for high school students who want to improve their scores on the ACT test.

ACT Prep students will take an ACT test using CSI's ACTIVE computer software to determine where their strengths and weaknesses. The test will be followed by tutoring in the different areas of the ACT: English, reading, math and science reading.

The tutoring is followed by another round of mock ACT testing, which will measure the student's progress and/or individual needs.

The class will be held from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 28 and Oct. 9 in Aspen room 144 on the CSI campus.

Cost is \$65. For more information or to register, call 732-6290.

Veterans offer scholarship competition

Want to enter?

The rules are: Interested students must write and then record a three to five minute audio essay expressing their view of the patriotic theme, "Freedom's Obligation." Competition is open to all ninth to 12th-grade students. The deadline for student entries is Nov. 1. For more information or entry form, call Commander Robert Jackson at 733-6042 or check out the Web site at www.vfw.org.

TWIN FALLS - Commander Robert Jackson of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2136 announced the start of this year's Veterans of Foreign Wars Voice of Democracy Scholarship Competition.

Local students have the opportunity to compete in the 56th annual audio essay competition, and win scholarships, trips and awards.

But the students achieve much more than just scholarships when they participate, Jackson said. Additional opportunities

include increased self-confidence and poise, experience in polishing communication skills, and the opportunity for self-expression.

Students who advance to become their state's first place winner are given the chance to earn a four-day tour of Washington, D.C., and the prospect of meeting and befriending students from every state, Jackson said.

During the many years that the Veterans of Foreign Wars have been involved with the Voice of Democracy, more than 7 million

high school students have participated.

All state winners receive at least a \$1,000 national scholarship, and have the chance to win the \$25,000 first place award. A total of \$141,500 in national scholarships are awarded to student national finalists.

"Young people who participate in the competition benefit by gaining a better understanding of their country, their freedoms and their obligation to America," Jackson said.

Jerome students reflect on Sept. 11 tragedy

A time to remember and a time to celebrate, Jerome High School students gathered for an assembly on Sept. 11 to reflect on the tragedy of a year ago and to honor the American way of life.

Next week, the ninth graders will take the fall Idaho State Achievement Test. The test of reading, math and language will be given Tuesday through Thursday. The tenth grade will repeat the procedure, Sept. 24-26. JHS administration will host several parent information sessions to discuss the state-mandated tests, and hopes student scores are available for parents at conferences on Oct. 9-10. Parents, students and educators must work together to help each student achieve to his/her full potential. Also, the deadline for the next ACT college entrance test is Sept. 20. Registration information is available from counselors or at www.act.org.

JHS is committed to prevention of substance abuse. In order to encourage students to avoid the pressures and perils of associated with substance abuse, a new random drug testing policy is being implemented. Random

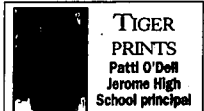


Jerome High School girls dressed in cowgirl outfits rounded up support for the football team.

testing of participants in extracurricular activities begins next week. All JHS administrators have volunteered to participate in the testing, and many teachers and coaches have requested that their names be included in the drawing. If you have questions regarding this policy or

would like to have your student's name included even if he/she is not involved in extracurricular activities, please call the office.

The cowgirls supported the Tigers in their varsity football win over Buhl. The bleachers in Buhl were filled with JHS girls



In cowgirl garb. Thanks to Mari Swan for helping to outfit the girls and to the girls for a great show of support. We have Tiger Pride!

Tiger pride winners this week are Tonya Anderson, Koelle Woodbury, Krista Hamblin and Miguel Diaz. Runners of the meet are Conrad Lee and Sara Traugher. Players of the game in volleyball are Whitney Clark, Jena Bubak, Lindsay Williams and Kristina Bingham. Player of the game for football are Preston Hills, Jared Harrison, Tyler Thiessen, Luke Arellano, Burke Higley, John Capps and Chance Jesso. Players of the game for girls soccer are Rebecca Miremontes, Silvia Miremontes and Kelly Gutknecht. For boys' soccer the honors go to Antonio Lopes. Way to go Tigers - excellence is our motto!

FOCUS ON STUDENTS

Allen receives \$2,000 Presidential scholarship

Brianna Allen of Twin Falls was awarded a \$2,000 Presidential Scholarship at Eastern Washington University in Cheney, Wash. for the 2002-2003 school year.

Incoming freshmen are selected for the award based on their outstanding academic accomplishments in high school. The award is renewable for a second year, if a 3.5 grade point average is maintained.

Allen, the daughter of Darlene and Ben Allen of Twin Falls, graduated first in her class from Twin Falls High School, where she played varsity softball, volleyball and basketball. She also was in the National Honor Society and Student Leadership program. Her other accomplishments include Idaho Top Scholar, SA All-Regional pitcher and All-Regional volleyball outside-hitter. She is an active

member of her church. Allen will majoring in accounting.

Fassett graduates from U of I with master's degree

Maria Fassett graduated from the University of Idaho May 11 during a ceremony at the Boise Centre on the Grove in Boise.

She earned a master's of education degree in special education. She is currently teaching special education at Valley Elementary School in Hazelton, and works with special needs children ages 3-9.

Fassett is married to Ron Fassett of Rupert, and they have four children, Leah, Katie,

Jessica and April Hollibaugh.

Teachers receive ISU master's degrees

Four teachers, all residents of Buhl, were among the graduates honored during commencement exercises at Idaho State University in Pocatello.

Diane Clemens and Deanne Ramsey, Poppelwell Elementary School teachers; Shannon Corpron, formerly of Poppelwell and Sue Ambrose, who teaches at Castledorf Elementary School, will each receive their master's degree of education.

Their education, with emphasis on instructional technology, which will be used to enhance teaching of curriculum in the classroom.

Kochneff graduates from University of Iowa

William Allen Kochneff of Twin Falls graduated from the

University of Iowa in Iowa City, Iowa with a master's degree in education.

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School events, such as carnivals, open houses, club meetings, parent organizations, club and school officers
Special student achievements
Club events
School projects
Fundraisers

TEACHER CONFERENCE



Twin Falls High School Family and Consumer Sciences teachers Leslie Poppington and Judy Schroeder recently attended the Career/Tech/Industrial Educators of Idaho (CTE) conference in Boise. Poppington was installed as the president of CTE for the 2002-2003 school year. Schroeder was awarded the PECLA Advisor of the Year by the Family and Consumer Sciences division.

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