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CELEBRATION AND CONCERN



Jeremy Moore, a Jefferson Elementary School fourth-grader, salutes a flag that once flew over the nation's Capitol. Moore wrote to Congressman Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, asking for the flag and Simpson delivered it in person while he was in the Magic Valley for annual Lincoln Day events Wednesday.

Idaho Republicans make merry, address tough issues

By Robert Meyer
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The laughs were plenty at the Twin Falls Lincoln Day event Wednesday, with Idaho's top Republicans taking joy in ribbing one another.

Yet, despite the merriment, it was hard to mask realities that Idaho's delegation is facing. The annual gathering served to celebrate the Republican Party and those who have greatly contributed to its cause. But it was also time to hear brief snippets of how the state's elected officials propose to confront the mounting state- and nationwide troubles.

National debt is quickly rising.

some \$300 billion. State economies are suffering the worst economic crisis since World War II. It's been even longer — The Great Depression — since the stock performed such a lengthy string of poor returns.

Add to the mix a war on terrorism, and economic times are grim indeed. So much so that, Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne sees no other way out of Idaho's economic mess than to increase the state's sales tax by 1.5 percent.

"I'm very proud that we believe in limited government," Kempthorne said.

But the trimming to state agencies has been done, he says.

Further cuts would jeopardize

the state's well-being. Somehow, the state must make up for a \$200 million shortfall in the next fiscal year.

As such, an increase in revenue is the only way to avoid a similar situation experienced in other states such as Oregon's move to reduce the school week to four days or to implement the early release of some prisoners.

U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo backed Kempthorne's proposal.

"(The public) will want to know that the Legislature had gone through every line of the budget and they have paired it back to its bare bones, which

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“Ultimately (Idaho is) going to have to increase revenue. That's the reality.”

— U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo

'Local public interest' bills see sunlight

By Julie Pance
Times-News writer

BOISE — The much-talked-about "local public interest" legislation was introduced and sent to print in the House Ways and Means Committee on Wednesday.

Chairman of the House Resources & Conservation Committee, Rep. Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert, carried the two bills. One addresses land-use planning issues, and the other changes the application of the phrase "local public interest" so that it is used only in relation to water.



Bert Stevenson, R-Rupert

Local public interest is a phrase incorporated into Idaho water law in 1978 in order to safeguard the state's resource from out-of-state interests and also to help address growing concerns about the environment. Usually Idaho water law is only about water, but in recent years protesters of large dairies — particularly in the Magic Valley — have used the phrase to protest water transfers based upon such things as odors, bright lights, excessive traffic and noise. They say those things are not in the local public interest.

Agricultural interests, howev-



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er, contend that the language in water law has always had to do only with water. Dairy groups began pushing legislation three

years ago to either re-define the phrase or to drop it completely from the law. This year the push to do something about the language gained momentum when a couple of decisions by Water Resources and 5th District Court came down in favor of the environmentalists and the neighbors of concentrated animal feeding operations.

Sen. Laird Noh, R-Kimberly, and Stevenson both said it isn't just CAFE's in the Magic Valley that are driving the issue. A proposed ski resort in central Idaho was temporarily brought to a halt based on such protests. In addition, even the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation made an

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Turkey could force U.S. to alter Iraq battle plans

Talks fail to break impasse over more aid in exchange for allowing U.S. buildup

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Without access to more bases in Turkey, the U.S. military would have to abandon a central feature of its Iraq war strategy: using armored forces to open a northern front.

There still would be plenty of U.S. firepower in the region to defeat Iraq's military without Turkey's help, U.S. leaders say, and the war plan undoubtedly includes options.

"It's doable," Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Wednesday at a Pentagon news conference. "There are work-arounds." He declined to discuss any specifics.

Rumsfeld said he expects Turkish cooperation in the end. "I

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suspect that in one way or another — a variety of ways probably — they'll end up cooperating in the event that force has to be used in Iraq, he said.

But if the impasse is not broken plan "B" might involve airlifting infantry directly into northern Iraq from another country or from aboard ships in the northern Persian Gulf, bypassing Turkey, private analysts said.

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French retiree Bernadette Mouchel, at the American military cemetery in Saint-James, western France, said she's grateful for what America did in World War II but questions U.S. intentions to go to war with Iraq.

Stabbing puts man in hospital

One suspect remains at large after break-in

By Mark Heinz
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Police late Wednesday were still looking for one of two suspects in a robbery that apparently turned violent late Tuesday and left two people suffering from knife wounds.

Bryan Gregory Sparks, 21, of Twin Falls was arraigned Wednesday on a charge of aiding and abetting robbery, according to court records. He later posted \$20,000 bond and was released from the Twin Falls County Jail. He faces a preliminary hearing on Feb. 28.

Cody Douglas Strunk of Twin Falls suffered three knife wounds in what he reported to police as a break-in robbery at his house on Bolton Street at about 10:30 p.m. Tuesday, said Twin Falls police Sgt. Dan McAtee. Strunk was listed in fair condition late Wednesday at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

His girlfriend, Kamil Rachelle DeRuiter, had a cut on her face — and told police it had been inflicted during the robbery, according to an affidavit written by Twin Falls police officer David Weigt and filed with court documents.

According to the affidavit, Strunk and DeRuiter told police that:

• They were watching television late Tuesday night when they heard a knocking on their door that soon turned into a violent pounding.

DeRuiter got up to answer the door, and she found a man — who she knew as Sparks — there, with a Hispanic man she didn't recognize. She said the other man appeared to be about 21 years old, 5-foot-6, with eyeglasses and black, slicked-back hair.

• The unidentified man pulled a knife, and he and Sparks shoved DeRuiter out of the way.

• The man with the knife walked over to the television and said it was his. When DeRuiter and Strunk argued that it was theirs, the man with the knife said if he found out they were lying, he would come back and kill them.

• The man then lunged at Strunk and cut his arm and ordered Sparks to get the television.

• The man then shoved Strunk to the ground and stabbed him twice in the stomach. He put the knife to DeRuiter's face and said if she called police, he would hunt her down and kill her. The man sliced DeRuiter's face, and both suspects left with the television in a black Honda CRX.

Sparks was later found by police, according to the affidavit, and a television set was recovered from his car. When her. Detectives asked him who the other man was, Sparks requested an attorney and was placed under arrest, according to the affidavit.

Some see U.S. as superpower run amok

The Associated Press

PARIS — The years have not dimmed Bernadette Mouchel's respect for Americans. Nothing, the French retiree says, could erase her gratitude to the brave GIs — "those boys who died," she calls them — who liberated her Normandy farm from Nazi occupiers in World War II.

Which is why, 59 years later, the prospect of renewed war over Iraq leaves Mouchel deeply conflicted. Like others the world over, her attitude toward

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Mostly cloudy skies, breezy and a slight chance of afternoon rain showers. Highs in the lower 40s.
Tonight: Mostly cloudy skies and isolated snow showers. Lows in the upper 20s.
Tomorrow: Increasing clouds with scattered showers possible by nightfall. Highs in the middle 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

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IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS.
Northern areas will see the best chance of rain and snow for today with rain and snow showers becoming likely for all areas on Friday night and Saturday. Several inches or more of snow possible by Saturday.

BOISE
Today Highs 27 to 29. Nighttime Lows 11 to 21.
Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and mostly dry for today. The chance of showers will be increasing on Friday with scattered showers likely Friday night and early Saturday.

NORTHERN UTAH
Cloudy skies and mostly dry for today. The chance of showers will be increasing on Friday with scattered showers likely Friday night and early Saturday.

Weather Key: sun, sunny; pc, partly cloudy; cl, mostly cloudy; cldy, cloudy; th, thunderstorms; r, rain; s, snow; fl, flurries; w, wind; pm, passing.

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TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Mostly cloudy and mostly dry	Mostly cloudy skies and isolated snow showers	Partly to mostly cloudy, chance of overnight snow	Scattered rain and snow showers and breezy	Partly to mostly cloudy and mostly dry
High 43	Low 28	45 / 27	40 / 25	41 / 20

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Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's Low: 40 Yesterday's High: 21 Normal High / Low: 48 / 27 Record High: 58 in 1963 Record Low: 12 in 1916	Yesterday: 0.02 Month to Date: 0.02 Year to Date: 0.02 Water Year to Date: 0.02	Yesterday: 54% Month to Date: 54% Year to Date: 54% Water Year to Date: 54%	Yesterday: 30.1 Month to Date: 30.1 Year to Date: 30.1 Water Year to Date: 30.1	Yesterday: 7:29 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM Friday: 7:29 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM Saturday: 7:29 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM Sunday: 7:29 AM Sunset: 6:00 PM

Moon Phases

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Moonsrise and Moonsset

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Snowpack

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Yesterday's Weather

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Payette	82	67	51	Teton	85	70	54	Yellowstone	86	71	55</

Mars may have snow formations

The Washington Post

Mysterious gullies on Mars appear to have been etched by melting snow, a finding that offers promising new places to search for signs of life on the red planet, a scientist reported Wednesday.

New pictures collected by NASA's Mars Odyssey space probe show formations that seem to be remnants of thick snow packs that once draped the slopes of craters, cliffs and other areas. The formations are located near the gullies, which could have been carved when most of the snow melted, slicing channels into the ground.

"Mars seems to have quite a bit of snow," said Philip Christensen of Arizona State University in Tempe, Ariz., who conducted the new research. "I think the young gullies of Mars were actually carved by melting of extensive snow packs."

If confirmed, the findings would solve the puzzle of how the gullies formed and could provide the best place to search for evidence of existing or extinct microbial life when NASA's next round of unmanned Mars probes arrives in 2004.

"If you were to land on one of those and stick a shovel in the ground, you'd be shoveling snow. And if life ever existed on Mars, I can think of a more exciting place to go and look," Christensen said at a briefing at NASA headquarters — an event that was almost cancelled by the terrestrial snowstorm that buried the U.S. East Coast this week.

GOING NOWHERE



Kentucky highway crewman Mike Riggs cuts ice-coated overhanging branches along state route 7 near Carter City, Ky., on Wednesday. Seventy-two hours after an ice storm passed through the region, many roads are still blocked by debris and thousands are without power.

States tally high costs of storm

BOSTON (AP) — Backs aren't the only things hurting as residents of the Northeast shovel away mounds of snow left by the year's first blizzard. State and city budgets also are strained.

While the storm meant a pile of green for plow drivers, clearing away all the snow was a monumental headache for governments already wrestling with fiscal shortfalls. And the trouble isn't over: Rain expected this week, combined with melting snow, has several states bracing

for flooding.

The storm, blamed for 58 deaths, finally headed out to sea after taking a parting shot at Boston, which got a record 27.5 inches by the time the snow stopped falling Tuesday morning.

Even though the storm was gone, many schools still remained closed Wednesday.

The storm cost Massachusetts between \$7 million and \$8 million in snow removal, bringing the state's total so far this year

to at least \$62 million. The state had budgeted only \$16 million in fiscal 2003 for snow removal.

New York Mayor Michael Bloomberg estimated the storm would cost his city \$20 million — about \$1 million for each inch of snow.

Maryland's State Highway Administration was already \$14 million over budget before the President's Day storm, which Gov. Robert Ehrlich estimated had cost the state an additional \$20 million to \$30 million.

opening the door to new charges at some locations.

"In general, if the benefits accrue broadly to the public, then the program should be financed by taxes paid by the public," according to the White House budget. "In contrast, if the benefits accrue to a limited number of private individuals or organizations, then the program should be financed by charges paid by the private beneficiaries."

The reality, however, is seldom as neat as that, and new or increased user fees generally face a difficult time in Congress.

In many cases, the fee simply

mingles with general revenue, with no guarantee that it will be spent on a particular activity; that can upset those in the industries being charged. For example, revenue from a charge on patent seekers won't necessarily wind up at the disposal of the U.S. Patent and Trade Office.

"Why don't they get approved? Because in effect they are taxes on particular populations, particular groups, who usually are in a pretty good position to lobby strongly against them," said Stan Collender, a budget expert at Fleishman-Hillard who has worked for the House and Senate budget committees.

Sept. 11 suspect's trial ends with max sentence

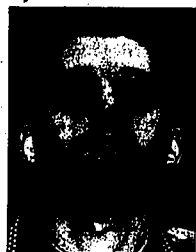
HAMBURG, Germany (AP) — A Moroccan was convicted Wednesday for helping a key al-Qaida cell behind the Sept. 11 terror plot and was handed the maximum sentence under German law — 15 years — the first verdict anywhere in the world in the attacks on the United States.

Mounir el Motassadeq, 28, showed no emotion but occasionally shook his head or checked his watch as he listened to the verdict finding him guilty of more than 3,000 counts of accessory to murder.

El Motassadeq helped pay tuition and rent for members of the Hamburg-based al-Qaida cell — allowing them to live as students as they plotted the attacks, prosecutors said.

Judge Albrecht Mentz said el Motassadeq lied when he testified he was unaware of the plot despite being close friends with suicide hijackers Mohamed Atta, Marwan al-Shehhi and other cell members. The defendant was "a cog that kept the machinery going," Mentz said.

While suspects in the plot detained in the United States



Mounir el Motassadeq
Received 15 years imprisonment

face possible death sentences if convicted, el Motassadeq's sentence translates into a minimum of 10 years with 15 months off for time served. Even defendants in Germany sentenced to life in prison generally serve at most 15 years.

El Motassadeq, a slight, bearded man who admitted receiving al-Qaida training in Afghanistan, denied the charges during his 3.5-month trial. The defense, which had argued the evidence was circumstantial, said it would appeal.

Witnesses illustrated el Motassadeq's enthusiasm for the plot, the judge said.

"Al-Shehhi said, 'There will be thousands of dead,' and the defendant said, 'We will dance on their graves,'" Mentz said, citing witness testimony.

Bosnia raid yields list of al-Qaida donors

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. authorities recovered a list of 20 financiers they suspect funneled money to Osama bin Laden and others' extremist Muslim causes among a cache of documents that provide insight into the financing of terrorism, an unsealed court record shows.

The seized documents are a "treasure trove" and among other things indicate al-Qaida military leaders were at times paid salaries from Muslim charity proceeds and purchased weapons with money from charity leaders, prosecutors said in the once-sealed court filing.

Other evidence seized in March

2002 from the Bosnian offices of the Benevolence International Foundation, an Illinois-based Muslim charity, includes handwritten correspondence to and from bin Laden and documents detailing the origins, growth and expansion of his al-Qaida network in the 1980s and 1990s, the filing said.

Though the original documents remain secret, the prosecutor described their contents and English translations for the first time in the filing unveiled this month in the case of the head of the Muslim foundation who reached a plea deal with federal prosecutors in Chicago.

Bush's 2004 budget proposes additional fees

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If President Bush has his way, some veterans soon will pay more for health care, meatpackers will have to fork over more for government inspections, and visitors could encounter recreation fees at more national parks and forests.

It is all part of a White House plan to increase revenue by billions of dollars next fiscal year through new and higher user fees. Such charges — generated by services the government provides and the businesses it regulates — would pull in \$176.3 billion under Bush's 2004 budget, an increase of \$5.9 billion from this year's estimated receipts.

"These (fees) have typically been a longstanding approach to support various specialized services," said Trent Duffy, a spokesman for the Office of Management and Budget. "It's not unlike if you have a dog, you pay a dog license. Dog owners pay for dog licenses."

Or, while the public pays for national defense, which benefits everyone, individual Americans who want passports must pay an \$85 fee.

About \$2.1 billion of the increase would come from new and higher user fees, while the rest would come from revenue growth in existing charges.

The administration is also considering making permanent recreational user fees on federally managed public lands, including a number of sites in south-central Idaho.

The Forest Service's user fee program was implemented on a trial basis in 1997, and it has been renewed on a yearly basis by Congress. The Forest Service uses the money to improve trails, repair outdated sewage systems and provide maintenance where the fees are collected.

Both Sen. Larry Craig, and Sen. Mike Crapo, have said they have concerns about a permanent fee program.

The Bush proposals include \$230 million from a new \$250 annual VA health care premium to be paid by higher-income veterans — generally those earning more than \$29,576 year — who are not suffering from a military-related disability. Another \$122 million would be generated by a new fee that the meat, poultry and egg industries would pay when they want government safety inspectors to work extra shifts.

About \$195 million would come from a new charge on Medicare providers who submit duplicate or incomplete claims. And, a seven-year-old pilot program of recreation and entrance fees at some national forests and parks would become permanent.

Sofi...

We have been married for almost 35 years. In good times and bad you have showered me with love, affection and support. For that I thank you.

Happy Valentine's Day.

Sergio A.

All The Goals

Good Luck at State Lady Bruins

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Gephardt announces plan to seek presidential nomination

ST. LOUIS - Rep. Dick Gephardt, a 26-year veteran of Congress and the former House Democratic leader, announced his second candidacy for president Wednesday, pledging to repeal President Bush's tax cuts to finance "quality health coverage for everyone who works in America."

The eighth candidate in a growing Democratic field, Gephardt sought to distinguish himself from lesser-known rivals for the party's nomination. "I think experience matters," said the Missouri lawmaker who sought the presidency in 1988.

"I'm not the political flavor of the month. I'm not the flashiest candidate around," he said. "But the fight for working families is in my bones."

Gephardt's health care plan, which would give billions of dollars in tax credits to businesses that invest the money in employee insurance benefits, is the cornerstone of an ambitious policy agenda designed to win what he called "the contest of ideas."

Consent forms confuse readers, study suggests
BOSTON - The consent forms signed by patients who take part in medical studies are written in such complex language that most Americans could not understand them, a study suggests.

The study looked at the model forms that are drawn up by medical school ethics committees called Institutional Review Boards, or IRBs. The actual forms given to patients often list long passages word-for-word from these templates, though some of

Nation in brief

the details differ from experiment to experiment.

The study found that these templates are written at a 10th-grade reading level or higher. The average American is believed to read at an eighth-grade level.

Previous research has shown that medical consent forms - both for routine and experimental treatments - are often hard to understand. This study suggests a possible reason: The medical school committees assigned to protect research participants are writing forms that are too dense.

More patients, higher costs blamed for hospital spending

WASHINGTON - The biggest reason Americans are spending more on hospital care is that more people are using hospitals, industry groups said Wednesday. The remainder of the growth in hospital spending is due to increases in the costs of hospital goods and services such as drugs, medical devices and health care personnel, according to a study by the American Hospital Association and the Federation of American Hospitals.

A government report released last month found Americans spent more on health care in 2001, particularly for hospital visits. The report by the government's Centers for Medicare and Medicaid found that hospital spending grew 6.3 percent, the fastest growth for that sector in a decade. The hospital spending growth rate had been 2.9 percent as recently as 1998.

Judge rejects request to dismiss abuse lawsuits

BOSTON - A judge refused to dismiss more than 400 sex abuse lawsuits involving the Boston arch-

diocese Wednesday, rejecting the church's argument that the First Amendment bars courts from interfering with church operations and policies.

Superior Court Judge Constance Sweeney's ruling allows the lawsuits, accusing the archdiocese of ignoring allegations of clergy abuse, to go forward.

Attorneys from both sides have said they continue to hope the lawsuits can be settled out of court.

Church documents released publicly over the past year show that church supervisors shuffled accused priests from parish to parish instead of keeping them out of positions where they had contact with children.

Murder victim's dead pet bird helped convict suspect

DALLAS - Prosecutors say a pet cockatoo that was killed while trying to protect its owner from an attacker produced evidence crucial in convicting the man's murderer.

Kevin Butler's 18-inch white-crested cockatoo, named Bird, flew at Daniel Torres during the

Christmas Eve 2001 attack and pecked him in the head, drawing blood. Torres wiped the blood and then touched a light switch, leaving his DNA at the crime scene, authorities said.

Torres was convicted Tuesday of capital murder and sentenced to life in prison for Butler's slaying in Pleasant Grove.

"This bird spoke; he spoke to us," West told jurors. "We know

this bird will attack anybody who is attacking his owner. And who did he attack? Daniel Torres."

Judge cuts \$2.2B award to \$330M for cancer patient

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - A judge upheld a verdict in favor of a cancer patient who received watered-down drugs from a pharmacist, but cut damages from \$2.2 billion

to \$330 million.

Circuit Judge Lee Wells ruled Tuesday in the case against Robert Courtney, who was sentenced to 30 years in prison in December after pleading guilty to diluting two cancer medications.

He admitted in his plea agreement that he had been diluting drugs since 1992, affecting as many as 4,200 patients.

—compiled from wire reports



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NATO OKs defense systems for Turkey

BRUSSELS, Belgium (AP) - Days after breaking a stalemate in planning in case of war with Iraq, NATO on Wednesday approved the urgent deployment of AWACS radar aircraft, Patriot missile systems and chemical-biological response units to Turkey.

The decision was made by the same Defense Planning Committee that convened Sunday to approve the start of military planning to defend Turkey, the only NATO ally bordering Iraq. The committee excludes France, which opposed the move.

"Alliance solidarity has prevailed," said U.S. Ambassador Nicholas Burns. "By taking this step, NATO has lived up to its core responsibility - to respond to an ally in a time of threat."

NATO officials said the 18 ambassadors took less than 15 minutes to back a recommendation from alliance military experts to "implement defensive measures as a matter of urgency."

It was unclear when the AWACS would leave their base in Geilenkirchen, Germany. Officials said it would take only two or three days for the multinational crews to prepare and fly down to Turkey once the orders came.

Three batteries of Dutch Patriot-missile defense systems left for Turkey by sea this week and are expected to take three weeks to arrive. The anti-missile rockets, supplied by Germany, will be operated by 370 Dutch Air Force troops.

Deployment of the biochemical units will wait until the Turkish military presents a detailed list of what exactly it needs to fill shortfalls in its defenses.

Americans

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Washington is hardening. Despite her feelings for Americans, she can't help but voice - almost apologetically - concern that the United States is a superpower running amok.

"Business America, economic America, is just too powerful and it wants - I don't necessarily want to say rule the world, that might be too strong - but it wants nevertheless to keep an eye on the entire world's affairs," said Mouchel, aged 75.

In many corners of the globe, America's image is slipping. While the current crisis is over Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, the United States is on trial in the court of world public opinion for pushing efforts to disarm President Saddam Hussein by military force, rather than through slower but peaceful U.N. inspections.

Interviews by Associated Press reporters with dozens of ordinary people in nations as far-flung as France and China, Algeria and South Korea, suggest that goodwill and sympathy for the United States generated by the Sept. 11 terror attacks have evaporated.

For some, the United States is again - or always has been - the country they love to hate: America the brutal, America the hypocrite, America the implacable ideological or religious foe.

"We pray for America's destruction day and night," says Haider Khan, who drives a taxi in Pakistan's capital, Islamabad.

But beyond the zealots and outside the Muslim world, many others are torn between admiration for Americans and things American - they cite democracy, technology, Hollywood movies - and the disconcerting reality of America the sole superpower, able and willing to fight alone if need be, despite international

"We like American things - just give us a choice, don't shove it down our throats ..."

—John O'Donnell, Irish bank clerk

opposition.

"A year-and-a-half ago, we said we're all Americans. That has changed," said Emanuela Le Monaco, an architect sipping juice in a Rome bar. But, she says, "How could someone not admire Woody Allen?"

"We like American things -

just give us the choice, don't shove it down our throats, you know?" said Irish bank clerk John O'Donnell, lunching at a McDonald's in Dublin and gesticulating with a half-eaten Big Mac.

No survey can capture the global range of emotions the United States inspires. But there are common threads. No matter the language, words used these days to describe America are often the same: bent on war, arrogant, bullying, blind to the plight of the poor. At anti-war protests like those that brought millions onto streets worldwide this weekend, President Bush is lampooned as a bloodthirsty bandit or a cowboy.

"I don't need the Third World War," said Eleonora Chizhevskaya, a 68-year-old Russian retiree demonstrating in St. Petersburg. "The United States is

just trying to save its dollar and it spits on the rest of the world." But to others, American power is comforting. In Kabul, Afghan army major Sultan Mohammed frets that his country will plunge back into war if U.S. troops "get busy in Iraq and say goodbye to Afghanistan."

"We should be pleased that somebody else wants to do the dirty work for us - I mean fight evil and dangerous countries," says Sławomir Konopka, a retired teacher in Poland. "If not America, who can do it?"

Martin Glas, a 72-year-old Czech retiree, regrets that no "world's cop," as he put it, was there to prevent World War II. "History could have been different. Hitler would never have become as strong as he was and my father would not have died in a gas chamber," said Glas, who is Jewish.

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EDITORIAL

TFHS should rework block schedule idea

When high schools raise the bar for graduation requirements, they should also maximize learning time in the classroom.

So you can't really blame Twin Falls High School teachers for proposing big changes to daily class schedules. By expanding the current six-period schedule to a longer block schedule of four classes, or to a seven-period school day, schools can teach more and meet higher graduation requirements.

Last week, TFHS teachers voted in favor of a 4-by-4 version of the block schedule. Under this format, students will take four 90-minute classes daily, in nine-week mini-semester, four times a year. But the teachers' initial proposal should be rethought before it goes forward. The proposal flies in the face of established extracurricular activities and religious release-time patterns in the community. If the plan doesn't accommodate those interests, the public will probably reject it.

This 4-by-4 format hasn't been used much in Idaho. Since most schools on the block schedule use an A/B schedule, in the A/B format, students take eight classes in a semester, each class lasting 90 minutes a day. One day, students take four courses and alternate them with four more classes the following day.

Twin Falls teachers had valid skepticism about that approach. Eight courses in a semester may be too much for many students who already struggle with six classes in a semester.

But under a 4-by-4 block schedule option, Twin Falls could see additional problems, mostly in scheduling electives and core subjects.

Some subjects thrive with 90-minute classes each day throughout the semester. But some electives, such as music, physical education, art or religious release time, may be better suited on a daily basis throughout the year.

If a student takes an elective, such as drama, speech, or debate, in one semester, but competitions for that course are in the following semester, the student misses out. The same problem happens with athletics. If student-athletes want P.E. electives to be participate in multiple sports or train year-round, will they be able to do so?

Our view: A proposed schedule change at Twin Falls High School may need more revision to pass with the public.

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

Scheduling core classes will also be tricky. For example, a student taking math in the first semester may wait another full semester, or possibly two, before taking math again. TFHS principal Ben Allen said the school would counsel students to schedule core classes on a consistent basis, but he acknowledges that gaps may occur.

The same possibility exists for elective release-time, which many LDS students use to attend seminary classes. If students have to go one or two semesters until seminary can be retaken as an elective, a good portion of the community will object to the plan.

Other problems also could pop up. If an AP course is taken in the first semester, will students retain that knowledge for the spring test? What if a student misses two or three days for illness? That's equal to missing an entire week in four courses.

The teachers' proposal has all the right intentions. It expands the number of classes students take in a school year and widens the class time for effective teaching—if teachers use it adequately.

But the potential conflicts may require more discussion of alternative schedules. In our view, the school should reconsider a seven-period day. Or perhaps they can keep the block schedule and use one block period for two electives, at 45 minutes each, that continue year-round.

Since the proposal is only in early stages, Twin Falls students and parents should pay close attention and make their voice heard when public comment is heard in March. The public should work with educators to design a schedule that meets all interests.

Hawks too quick to dismiss protests

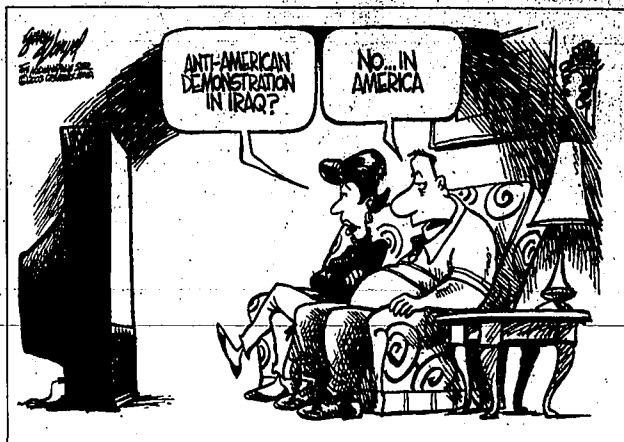
Albert Einstein once said, "You cannot prevent and prepare for war at the same time." We are sorely testing that hypothesis as President Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair lead the drumbeat for war against Iraq while much of the world—including about 6 million to 10 million who marched around the globe Saturday—say no.

Even before the rallies ended, some hawks were calling them irrelevant. In this country, those protesting were seen by the Bush camp as leftovers from the hippie, anti-Vietnam era. But this is a new movement, and many of its supporters were born post-9/11.

Iraq officials gloated, of course. But that does not make irrelevant the protests of the millions, many of whom believe this is a personal vendetta against Iraq dictator Saddam Hussein, a war gain control of Iraqi oil fields and/or a war to reshape the Middle East to the liking of the U.S.

I, too, find it difficult to connect the dots among the supposed war against al-Qaida terrorism; a war against Iraq, which may have weapons of mass destruction, and the more unhurried approach to North Korea, which surely does have them. "This isn't brain surgery," an exasperated Secretary of State Powell told the U.N. Security Council last week. But neither is the administration's argument a compelling justification for war without the support of many of our allies and the U.N.

Recent opinion polls show



Bush still has the approval of a majority of Americans even in his handling of the Iraq situation. But majorities are not always right. Our constitutional system realizes that and thus provides an avenue for the voices of the minority to be heard through speech, assembly and protest.

Here in the city, that heritage is being forgotten as the city gives in to terror. A rally was permitted, but marching was banned, ostensibly for security reasons, though other world capitals permitted far greater numbers of people to march. People were hemmed into pens. And according to some, a

number of police roughed them up while calling them commies and other derogatory terms.

Sometimes the greatest expression of patriotism is protest. As Bishop Desmond Tutu, the Nobel Peace Prize recipient, said, it was because of such acts that blacks won their civil rights in the 1960s, the Berlin Wall fell in 1989 and South Africa dismantled apartheid in the 1990s. "Can you imagine," Tutu said, "what we'd be able to do if half of what we invested in war, we invested in peace?"

The question, unfortunately, is going unheard. Once on the path

to war, there seems no turning back regardless of whether appeals come from Tutu, the pope or a grandmother.

And so we muddle on, hoping against hope that war can be averted. From the emergency summit of the fractured European Union in Brussels Monday to a planned gathering of poets against war at Lincoln Center, we are struggling to do what Einstein deemed impossible: simultaneously preparing for and trying to prevent war.

E.R. Shipp is a columnist for the New York Daily News.

Fate of globalization rests with Iraq

What may ultimately be said of a war with Iraq, that it made the world safe for globalization—or that it proved the world unfit for globalization. Wars produce surprises, for good and ill. No one expected that World War I would doom the existing global economic system or, more optimistically, that World War II would herald history's greatest prosperity. The question now is whether a war in Iraq, even though much smaller, might also trigger momentous side effects.

Only a few years ago globalization seemed irresistible. We were all advancing (it was said) on flood tides of international trade and investment. After World War II, countries were mainly self-contained economies, with trade concentrated in raw materials (food, fuels, minerals) and some advanced industrial products.

This world no longer exists. In 2000, exports equaled 23 percent of global economic output (gross domestic product), says the World Bank. That was almost double the 1960 level (12.5 percent of GDP). Cross-border investing is routine. The International Monetary Fund reports that foreign ownership of stocks and bonds totaled \$12.5 trillion in 2001; Americans held \$2.2 trillion in foreign securities; Japanese, \$1.3 trillion, and Germans, \$792 billion. Globalization already faces



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problems unrelated to Iraq: Overdependence on the U.S. economy (it accounted for 64 percent of world economic growth from 1995 to 2002), says Stephen Roach of Morgan Stanley; stagnation in Europe and Japan; over-indebted developing countries (Argentina, Brazil); the threat in deflation (declining prices), caused by cheap goods from China and Asia; hostility from some labor and environmental groups. Still, the presumption has been that globalization is unstoppable. Freer trade and cheap transportation and communications make it so.

Perhaps, but history suggests caution. Globalization also flourished in the 19th century—and then faltered. Railroads and steamships, submarine telegraph cables (the first in 1851, under the English Channel) and the Suez Canal (1869) all encouraged a huge expansion of trade, global investment and migration.

Even before World War I, a backlash against imports among farmers and industrial workers inspired higher tariffs. World War I and the Great Depression (1929-1939) were fatal. Trade and global investment declined.

Protectionism rose. By 1950, trade (as a share of global GDP) was lower than in 1870.

The good news now is that history need not repeat itself. One plausible outcome of a war is that globalization gains.

America's victory is swift. Civilian casualties are low. Iraqis generally celebrate their liberation. Oil supplies aren't disrupted. Economic and political modernization advance in the Middle East. The climate for radicalism fades.

The bad news is that globalization could go into reverse, damaging countries that depend on trade and international investment. There's an eerie parallel with 1913, says Stephan Richter of The Globalist Research Center, when hardly anyone imagined the world economy might unravel. The danger now is that "major economic players are divided by non-economic issues—and have lost the ability to trust one another," he warns. Proving Richter right, the Financial Times (London) reported last week that European corporate leaders are worried that the diplomatic split between the United States and Germany and France will widen into commercial disputes. German companies already report a backlash from U.S. customers, says the FT. Some American investors balked at buying French bonds.

Businesses can usually strike bargains based on financial calculations. War and terrorism re-

late new uncertainties that confound ordinary calculations and may deter global commitments. It might make sense to invest in a South Korean company. But how risky is it to bet on a company next door to a nuclear megalomaniac?

Commerce flourishes when there is economic confidence and political stability. The reconstruction of the world economy after World War II occurred because the United States provided both. It created a military umbrella for Europe and Japan. It led the writing of rules for global trade. American economic vitality aided the rest of the world. The gospel of globalization presumed that the end of the Cold War meant more of these good things. American ideas (democracy, free markets) would spread and foster political confidence. Economic global trade and investment would build economic confidence.

It isn't so simple. Contradictions abound. American leadership seems strong—and countries everywhere aspire. Economic measures draw nations together—and cultural and political differences pull them apart. Some technologies favor global commerce—and others abet terrorism. The logic for cohesion rests the power of fragmentation. This looming war may help determine which prevails.

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them immediately and was told that they were offered more money and because we hadn't yet given them the check, they could sell it to whomever they wanted.

We later learned that they had not sold the vehicle at all—they

had decided they could get more money so they hid it in their detail shop and lied to us.

We confronted them about it and they saw it on the lot. They said the deal fell through and lied to us again.

Needless to say, that same

day we went to look at other dealers. We found a similar car, made a similar buy and were treated with respect and dignity.

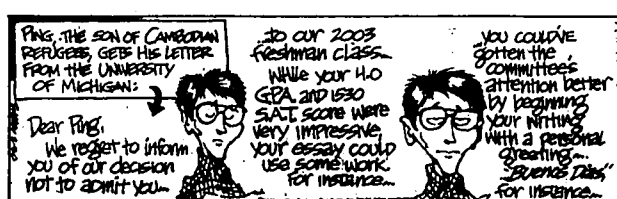
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—David Whitley, in *The Orlando Sentinel*, commenting on Yankee's closer Mariano Rivera's apparent unawareness of the dangers of ephedrine.

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Twin Falls vs. Boise, 8 p.m.
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At Nampa HS
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At Skyview HS
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Murtaugh vs. Highland-Craigmont, 3 p.m., loser out
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Twin Falls at Highland, 7 p.m.
4A Region Four-Five Tournament
Century at Burley, 7 p.m.
3A District Four Tournament
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High school bowling
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IN BRIEF

Davis pitches Eagles to 11-1 victory

PHOENIX — Ryan Davis (2-0) is making a case for staff ace after the College of Southern Idaho right-hander scattered five hits over seven innings to lead CSI past Phoenix College, 11-1, on Wednesday.

Ross Swisher of Tacoma, Wash., closed the game with six innings of relief as CSI improved to 4-2.

The difference in the game was a nine-run fourth inning when every one of the Eagles in the lineup plated a run before a single out, said assistant coach Boomer Walker.

“We work so hard on the short game, that got the inning for us,” he said. “And our pitching is in pretty good shape. We’ve gotten six ephedrine starts.”

Casper Oliver and Kris Walker had back-to-back two-RBI doubles in the fourth.

CSI plays College of Eastern Utah and Santa Ana College on Friday at the Community College of Southern Nevada tournament.

CSI returns for its home opener March 1-2 hosting Prairie Baseball Academy.

Golf records fifth career ace in Buhl

BUHL — Chuck Michael made his fifth career hole in one on the 136-yard, par-3 12th Tuesday at Clear Lake Country Club in Buhl.

He used a 9-iron for the ace, which was witnessed by Hank Radingha, Jack Pierce, and Rocky Hoover.

Tri-City registers for youth soccer

BURLEY — Registration is under way for the Tri-City Co-ed Youth Soccer season.

Sign-up at the Rupert City Office from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. through March 14.

Compiled from staff reports

GIRLS: 1A REAL DAIRY SHOOT OUT

Dietrich holds off ragged Troy

Parker nets 18 in win

By Matt Baney
Special to The Times-News

NAMPA — For a half, Dietrich gave its fans a sight rarely seen: the Troy girls, in a state-tournament game, looking ragged, fidgety, even unsure.

It would pass, but not soon enough for the Trojans. The clutch Blue Devils (24-3) with-

stood Troy's second-half surge, escaping with a 49-46 win Wednesday in the first round of the Class 1A Girls Real Dairy Shoot Out at Skyview High School.

Dietrich, which defeated Troy for the third consecutive time, advances to face Kootenai in a quarterfinal match today at 6:15 p.m. at Skyview. Kootenai (15-7) advanced with a 41-33 defeat of Rockland.

Raysa Parker scored a game-

high 18 points for the Blue Devils and Lynn Fredenburg netted 17 to lead Troy.

Before the tournament began, many observers pointed to this game as the true state title game. After all, the two teams either played for the championship or to go to the title game for four straight seasons from 1996-99.

So did the Blue Devils feel the pressure of such a spot?

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Shoshone moves to quarterfinals



Shoshone guards Sarah Hubsmith (32) and Katie Strunk (21) apply pressure defense on Meadows Valley guard Tegan Rawlings (left) during the third period of their first round game at the Girls 1A Real Dairy Shoot Out state tournament Wednesday at Nampa High School. Shoshone downed the Mountaineers 35-25 and will play District Four rival Hansen today at 6:15 p.m.

Defensive-minded Indians face rival Hansen today

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

NAMPA — Spell Indians with a capital “D” in the middle because it was the difference against Meadows Valley.

The Mountaineers (13-9) shot a miserable 13 percent in the second half as Shoshone's pressure defense disrupted and eventually shut down Meadows Valley's offense in a 35-25 first-round victory Wednesday at the Class 1A Girls Real Dairy Shoot Out at Nampa High School.

The win sets up a 6:15 p.m. quarterfinal matchup Thursday

Hansen keeps Southside hopes alive — D2

against District Four fourth-seed Hansen, 47-33 winners Wednesday over District Five-Six champion Clark County.

“Our press got us going,” said Shoshone coach Tim Chapman. “For us to win, we have to play good defense.”

Shoshone (20-5) certainly did, right to the very end when the game was well in hand. Game-high scorer Sarah Hubsmith (13 points) hacked a Meadows Valley player instead of allowing an

uncontested layup with 48.7 seconds remaining and the Indians up 35-23.

“We’re taught to go underneath,” Hubsmith said.

And go inside. Katie Strunk found her range for eight points in the second half while the smallest player on the floor, 5-foot-3 Kelsey Manton, led the team with eight rebounds, many coming from the weak side. Manton was unable to go up for a putback against the larger Mountaineers, but often passed out to point guard Meghan Sorenson to reset the offense.

While Shoshone out-rebounded

the Mountaineers by only a 35-32 margin, the Indians used a scrambling zone defense to deny many passes inside.

“We tried to tell them to get after it,” said Meadows Valley coach Curt Barnett. “Their older girls were hard to move once they got into position.”

Shoshone took over the game in the final moments of the first quarter and cruised the rest of the way. Denied an inside game, Meadows Valley was unable to take advantage of many second-chance opportunities so necessary to rally from double figures.

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No. 8 Duke stops Maryland; home winning streak hits 26

The Associated Press

DURHAM, N.C. — Duke got Maryland in its comfort zone and paid back the 13th-ranked Terrapins for its most lopsided loss of the season.

Dahntay Jones scored 21 points and J.J. Redick added 17 as the eighth-ranked Blue Devils ran their winning streak in Cameron Indoor Stadium to 26 straight with a 75-70 victory Wednesday night.

After a rough few weeks, Duke (18-4, 8-4) is tied with the defending national champion Terrapins (16-7, 8-4) for the Atlantic Coast Conference lead with four league games remaining.

Wake Forest, which plays at Georgia Tech on Thursday night, is 7-3.

The Terrapins beat Duke 87-72 on Jan. 18 by dominating the second half. But this time around it was the Blue Devils who closed the deal in the final minutes after leading 37-33 at halftime.

Steve Blake missed a contested 3-pointer with 2 seconds left that could have tied it for the Terrapins, but he threw up an air ball and Redick closed it out with two free throws.

Shelden Williams also came up big for the Blue Devils. The freshmen had three points in 13 minutes in the first meeting between the last two national champs, but Williams showed Maryland's experienced big men early that he had matured. He finished with 13 points, 11 rebounds and six of Duke's season-high 13 blocked shots.

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Stimulant possible factor in death

The heartstroke death of Baltimore Orioles pitching prospect Steve Bechler has renewed attention on the amphetamine-like stimulant ephedra. Linked to heartstroke and heart trouble, ephedra was a main ingredient in the weight-loss drug, Xenadrine RFA-1. Bechler had been taking it.

Ephedra, also known as Ephedrine, or Ma huang

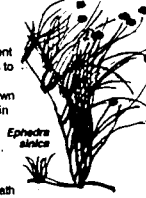
Properties and uses: Used to prevent attacks of bronchial asthma and acts to relieve nasal congestion; common ingredient in weight-loss products; shown to promote fat-loss and muscle gain in controlled tests

Side effects: Raised blood pressure, can cause irregularities in heart rate, insomnia, tremors and headaches, seizures, heart attacks, strokes and death

Banned by: International Olympic Committee, NCAA and NFL

SOURCES: Food and Drug Administration; Harvard School of Public Health

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YOURSPORTS

JEROME TOURNEY CHAMPS



The Jerome Lynx Rec Team placed first in tournament and second in league. Shown, from left to right, is: top row, Coach Debbie Bingham, Veronica Garcia, Jordann Hollifield, Jossna Van Vleet, Coach Jake Traugher and Coach Jim Hollifield and bottom row, Emily Dean, Megan Traugher, Stephanie Bingham, Brandy Sherrill and Natasha Falconburg.

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Cheerleaders compete in Boise



The Magic Valley Cheerleaders Mini-Squad attended its first competition on Jan. 11 at the Wings Center in Boise. The squad placed third. They train at Magic Valley Gymnastics. Shown, from left to right, is: back row, Melissa Fierros, Mickelle Baxter, Reylene Abbott and Alexis Richardson; middle row, Kaley Broner, Clara Nanthanong, Jessica Holstine and Jordyn Clark and front row, Ena Bahltri and Katie Hargis.



Statistical analysis of LTP and LTD

Right, the Magic Valley Cheerleaders Junior Squad attended its first competition on Jan. 11 at the Wings Center in Boise. The squad placed third and was given a bid to compete at nationals. The group trains at Magic Valley Gymnastics.

Shown, from left to right, is: back row, Kristen Verhagen, Samantha Willelts and Janie Nunez; middle row, Alaina Davis, Miyoko Freeman, Shay Louder and Erin Bradley and front row, Marj Nelwith.



The Magic Valley Cheerleaders All Stars Squad attended its first competition on Jan. 11 at the Wings Center in Boise. The squad placed third. The group trains at Magic Valley Gymnastics. Shown, from left to right, is: back row, Alyssa Littleton, Brittany Dixon, Shelby Roberts and Sara DeLeon and front row, Jordan Coats, Jennifer Matrangola, Brianna McDermott and Cori Haynes. Not pictured is Jordan Wagner.

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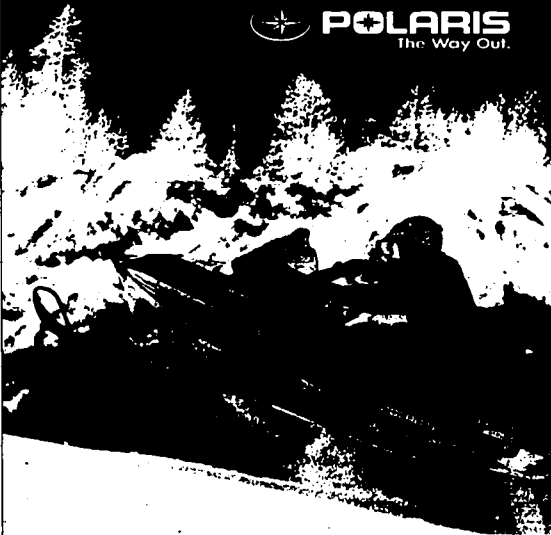

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AROUND
THE VALLEYFederal agency offers
drought disaster loans

BURLEY - Small businesses in Cassia and Blaine counties may qualify for economic injury disaster loans as a result of drought, the U.S. Small Business Administration announced Wednesday.

The loans are to offset economic losses because of reduced revenue to farmers and ranchers caused by the drought starting Jan. 1, 2002, according to a press release from the federal agency's office in Sacramento, Calif.

The loans of up to \$1.5 million are to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which businesses could have met had the drought not occurred.

Reming and ranching businesses aren't eligible for the SBA disaster program. Drought relief programs for farmers and ranchers are handled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Information and applications forms may be obtained by writing to the SBA at P.O. Box 13795, Sacramento, Calif., 95833-7955, or by calling 1-800-485-5323. The deadline to apply is Sept. 1.

MVRMC plans lecture to
help people reduce stress

TWIN FALLS - Stress is the way people react physically, mentally and emotionally to various conditions, changes and demands in their lives, according to a news release from Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

And unless people regularly release the tension that comes with stress, it can increase their risk for physical and mental illness, the news release said.

Magic Valley Regional is offering help in reducing stress and anxiety. A free community education session will be held from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. today inside the KMYT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

A recent study published in the Archives of Internal Medicine involving people who have heart disease compared the effects of exercise with the effects of stress management on the progression of heart disease.

Habitat for Humanity elects
directors, updates bylaws

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley affiliate of Habitat for Humanity elected directors and updated its bylaws at a board meeting earlier this month.

The bylaw changes were needed to conform to guidelines of Habitat for Humanity International and Idaho's laws dealing with nonprofit corporations, said Lorayne O. Smith, president of the Magic Valley affiliate. Directors re-elected were Rosalinda Bowman, Rosemary Baris Fornschell, Carol Robertson, Paul Seidenman, Lorayne Smith and Curtis Webb. All of Twin Falls; Fred Decker of Filer; Roger Hinton of Fairfield; the Rev. Jerry Steele of Kimberly; and Carole Stennett of Buhl.

Gordon and Trudy Saffrey of Twin Falls are new directors. Cecil Torres of Twin Falls and Christine Bettencourt of Hazelton are retiring board members.

The affiliate's annual public meeting will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Twin Falls First United Methodist Church on the corner of Shoshone and Fourth Avenue East. Brian Dale of the Department of Housing and Urban Development in Boise will speak on the need for low-cost housing.

All supporters and others interested are invited.

Compiled from staff reports

Snowpack
levels

Watershed	% of Avg.	% season peak
Upper Snake River	82%	80%
Salmon Falls	82%	49%
Boise	84%	63%
Cobley	84%	62%
Big Wood	87%	69%
Little Wood	104%	79%
Hayden Park/Teton	89%	89%
Snake	95%	90%
Little Lost	95%	93%

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Layoffs feed pessimism in Boise

The Associated Press

BOISE - News that Idaho's largest private employer will lay off 10 percent of its work force fueled pessimism among lawmakers Wednesday.

"I keep hearing information that it's going to take us three and four years to get out of this," GOP Rep. George Eskridge of Dover told others on the Joint Finance Appropriations Committee.

The state chief economist, Michael Ferguson, announced to assess the effect on state tax collections of Tuesday's announcement by Micron Technology Inc. that it would lay off 1,100 of its 11,000 Boise workers.

But economic drops around the

world in recent months, he said, created "a higher level of volatility than you normally see. Things have changed, and they haven't changed for the better."

Since the state's nonfarm employment totals \$71 billion in an economy estimated at \$37 billion a year, the effect will probably be more psychological than financial, he said.

Concerns that the economy is not recovering have prompted legislative conservatives to push for cutting another \$38 million out of this year's state budget on top of the \$20 million Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has already cut. And they want to include education in the new round of reductions - something Kempthorne opposes.



Legislative leaders had hoped that budget-cutting proposals would be a major step toward determining how lawmakers will deal with the estimated \$160 million deficit in the next budget. Its rejection by the House and Senate could force consideration of the kind of tax hike Kempthorne has proposed and the GOP legislative majority has resisted.

Approval of deeper cuts in this year's budget - even if Kempthorne vetoes them as he has promised - would strengthen the hand of conservatives opposed to any tax hike.

But a test vote on the issue was delayed indefinitely on Wednesday in a procedural dispute between the House and Senate. Much of the disagreement focused on what Senate leaders see as a House attempt to try to convince moderate lawmakers that cutting state aid to schools by another \$18 million will not affect their local districts.

House and Senate leaders failed to negotiate a resolution late Wednesday and planned to try again on Thursday.

Public schools suffered a \$23 million cut in the last school year, and colleges have lost the same amount over this year and last.

Kempthorne refused to cut them again in the latest deficit-erasing campaign. He hoped out all the state's reserves to balance the current budget with only \$20 million in non-education spending cuts.

The \$160 million deficit looming in the new budget would be covered by a record tax increase. Kempthorne has proposed increasing the 5-cent sales tax by 1.5 cents and more than doubling the cigarette tax - moves he says will maintain essential government services for another year without further curtailment.

M.V. students earn Congressional awards



Congressional Award bronze medalists Tawnya Oliver, left, Kati Tudor and Samantha Strunk, right, wait nervously for their turn to be presented with their awards at Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School in Twin Falls on Wednesday. Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, U.S. Sen. Larry Craig and Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, and Congressman Mike Simpson and Butch Otter, R-Idaho, turned out to honor the 43 award winners from schools around the Magic and Wood River valleys.

State dignitaries participate in presentation of medals

By Loreta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The prestige associated with the ceremony was evident, as state officials and local dignitaries gathered at the Vera C. O'Leary Junior High auditorium Wednesday to present medals of honor to 43 Magic Valley youth.

Students received Congressional Awards for their hours of dedication and commitment in the areas of volunteer public service, personal development, physical activity and expedition/exploration.

"They are our leaders of tomorrow - in these challenging times," said Wiley Dobbs, Region V co-director of the annual

Students awarded

The following Magic Valley students received Congressional Awards:
Wednesday:
Boise - Marissa Barlett, Brigham Young University; Phoebe, Utah; Trinity Barlett, Brigham Young University; Kelsey Bonadad, Kimberly; Sarah Sargent, Kimberly; Jacob Smith, Twin Falls; Matthew Kent Taylor, Kimberly; Casey Tucker, Twin Falls; Kathryn Wondrich, Twin Falls; Tanner - Joseph Connor D'Amico, Wood River; Lisa Tate, Hazelton; Benjamin Tate, Hazelton; Melissa White, Hazelton; Emily Blane, Twin Falls; Kaitlin Croder, Twin Falls; Jun Hurst, Pocatello; Carl - Tyler Jussel, Burdick; Stephanie Ward, Twin Falls; Ashley Lauren Weston, Twin Falls.
Bonneville - Joseph Connor D'Amico, Wood River; Lisa Tate, Hazelton; Benjamin Tate, Hazelton; Melissa White, Hazelton; Emily Blane, Twin Falls; Kaitlin Croder, Twin Falls; Jun Hurst, Pocatello; Carl - Tyler Jussel, Burdick; Stephanie Ward, Twin Falls; Ashley Lauren Weston, Twin Falls.
Preston - Wood River; Tawnya Oliver, Twin Falls; Kati Tudor, Twin Falls; Samantha Strunk, Twin Falls; Alex Bowyer, Twin Falls; Audrey Nicole Brown, Twin Falls; Megan Bury, Twin Falls; Chelsea Cochran, Kimberly; Cherelle Dolezal, Twin Falls; Alex Arsal, Twin Falls; Jenna Menden, Twin Falls; Tawnya Lynn Oliver, Twin Falls; Casey Pugh, Kimberly; Jay Pickett, Twin Falls; Justin O. Roberts, Kimberly; Jared Stewart, Twin Falls; Samantha Strunk, Twin Falls; Susan Tawnya, Twin Falls; Melissa Thom, Twin Falls; Kati Tudor, Twin Falls; Brittany Jayne Ward, Twin Falls; Linda E. Wells, Twin Falls; Morgan C. W. Kim.

The program, signed into law in 1979 during the Carter administration and introduced to the Twin Falls School District in

1993, is designed to promote responsibility and citizenship. It also offers young people an opportunity to set personal goals and achieve them.

And the young people of Idaho are meeting the challenge.

Idaho leads the nation in the number of medals awarded this year, Dobbs said, and ranks second in the nation in the total number of students who are in the program.

And the number of Magic Valley students receiving recognition was also significant.

"The number is very interesting, because we're the 43rd star in the galaxy of states," said Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, who, along

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Parties negotiate behind closed doors
on Glanbia Foods wastewater permit

By Judy Perce
Times-News writer

BOISE - At the instruction of the Idaho Board of Environmental Quality, four parties at odds over a wastewater permit for Glanbia Foods Inc. met Wednesday behind closed doors to see if they could work out an agreement.

But before the mediation, the parties' attorneys explained their positions to the board. Board member Don Chisholm, a Burley attorney, cautioned the lawyers not to reveal evidence in case the board might have to resolve the issues in a hearing sometime in the future.

Glanbia's position was that in the summer, the company discovered it was spreading too much wastewater on 940 acres near its plant in Gooding County because of a meter problem. The Department of

Environmental Quality cited the company, and since then it has struggled unsuccessfully with getting a wastewater discharge permit and establishing a winter lagoon to store the discharge it has in the winter, the company's attorney said.

By 2002, the company said it might be able to get relief by buying an extra 500 acres on which to apply wastewater, but that would require another permit. So far, a final permit has not been issued. DEQ and Glanbia have been negotiating an agreement that would allow the company to expand its land application.

Idaho Deputy Attorney General Doug Conde, who represents DEQ, agreed with Glanbia on the points the parties were negotiating, but on the history of the problems he did not.

"Glanbia knew about the

metering problem for two and a half years," Conde said. "Yet here we were again in December of 2002 with it unresolved."

He pointed out to the board that without a temporary waiver of Glanbia's existing permit limits, the company will begin another discharge violation on Feb. 28. A waiver allowing the company to go over its permit could only be allowed if Glanbia proved it was not affecting the groundwater and if it could prove it is not economically feasible to treat the water before land application.

DEQ and Glanbia began negotiations sometime back, but before they came to an agreement, Gooding attorneys Tom Arkovosh and Joe James got involved on behalf of neighbors of both sites that Glanbia wants to use for land application. They

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Buhl School Board could
face building dilemma

By Mary Lou Potts
Times-News correspondent

BUHL - The School Board may face a dilemma over whether to go ahead with the construction of a new high school or renovate the old middle school.

Some residents say board members haven't given a renovation plan fair consideration. So at last month's meeting, the board instructed Brian Brundwell, district treasurer, to contact the company that did an in-depth study in 1995 to determine the cost of renovating the middle school at that time.

Brundwell reported that the proposed fee for a more current study is \$11,426 plus reimbursable expenses.

Before the board makes a decision on whether to go ahead with the study, board members want to see how long a study would take. Board members said the right time frame is essential because

they would like to move ahead with a bond issue for a new high school sometime in May.

"Eleven thousand is not a lot of money for a complete evaluation of the middle school and the community needs to know about it," said board member Don Campbell.

In the meantime, the board has chosen three architects to interview for building a new school. The board has compiled a list of questions for the architects all pertaining to the district's wants and needs.

Other School Board business included:

• Special education visit - A team of educators that periodically visits school districts to review their special education programs visited Buhl Feb. 3-5.

Buhl Special Education Director Mike Gena reported on the results of the review and highlighted some recommendations.

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Hansen winter IRI test scores improve

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - Winter results from the Idaho Reading Indicator tests show significant improvement over fall's tests for Hansen elementary students.

Principal Tom Standley told the School Board this week that 75 percent of kindergarten students were reading at grade level, up from 52 percent in the fall.

The percentage of students reading near grade level is nearly the same, but no kindergarten students were reading below grade level, compared to 24 percent in the fall.

In first grade, 97 percent of students were reading at grade

level, compared with 86 percent in the fall; no students were reading near grade level, down from 10 percent in the fall; 3 percent were reading below grade level, compared with 4 percent in the fall.

In the second grade, 75 percent were reading at grade level, up from 54 percent; 10 percent were reading near grade level, up from 29 percent; and 15 percent were reading below grade level, down from 17 percent.

Seventy-five percent of third-grade students were reading at grade level, up from 55 percent; 22 percent were reading near grade level, down from 36 percent; and 3 percent were reading below grade level, down from 9 percent.

Eighty percent of students who rated a one or two were English as a second language students. Standley expects to see improvement in these groups on the May tests.

Other School Board business included:

- **Track suits** - The board discussed fund-raising projects in response to Laurie Fibich's request for new warm-up suits for the track team.

- **Administrative contracts** - The board renewed administrative contracts for another year and transferred the bus depreciation money into the plant facility fund to eventually be used for a new bus.

- **Conditioning program** - It was reported Bob Wayment was

interested in overseeing a weight conditioning program this summer.

The program would be for residents or athletes wanting to remain in condition over the summer.

- **Event calendar** - Upcoming events include grade reports today; teachers in-service Friday; and a Parent Teacher Organization meeting Feb. 27.

The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory scholastic team tournament is March 4 in Boise; the Honor Choir was chosen as one of 10 schools to sing at the Capitol March 4; the spring concert will be March 13; and the solo and ensemble competition will be March 15.

Ketchum recreational center project regains ground

By Karen Bosack
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - Cynthia Murphy is not about to sign a very important check.

It's only for a dollar. But that dollar is the down payment on a new YMCA - something Murphy and others have been working on for almost eight years. It leaves the park and ride lot in Ketchum, sending a signal to the community that at last the center has a good chance of becoming reality.

"That's one check I will feel great about signing," said Murphy, board chairman for the proposed recreational and community center. "I think now that we have the land it will appear to the community like they're finally seeing some action. With the land we can move forward."

And that's a pole vaulter away from where the center appeared to be just a month ago, when many Wood River Valley residents thought it was about to be deep-frozen after being buried in the eyes of Ketchum Mayor Ed Simon and his council.

"I heard a consultant recently say that projects take 10 to 12 years, whether they're an arts facility or recreation facility," Murphy said. "Fortunately, they don't tell people that when they get involved in a project like this they might not ever get started."

Discussion

Representatives of the Blaine County Recreation District and the proposed Wood River Community YMCA and 5B Sports Center will discuss on March 6 what they might collaborate. They will meet at 10 a.m. at the Blaine County Senior Center.

Organizers of what was formerly known as the Janss Center have six months to create a project steering committee that will include two members of the City Council, two members of the YMCA board and two community residents.

According to city directive, they must raise \$3 million - \$1.3 million of which they've already raised from the annual celebrity golf tournament and donations - within a year. The City Council is poised to match that amount with money from local option taxes - provided Ketchum voters approve. Property taxes would not be raised.

Campaign Director Mike Wolter said his group estimates it will cost \$10 million to build a center without an Olympic-sized ice rink - \$15 million with.

The proposed center has undergone a few revisions - and will undergo still more - since the group officially became a member of the National Council of YMCAs a few weeks ago. Namely, the focus has shifted

from an outdoor pool to an indoor pool with lap lanes and a leisure component to accommodate Sun Valley's seasonal climate. The new center will also have a gymnasium with a full court and child care facilities.

Joining hands with the YMCA came about serendipitously, Murphy said, when the Janss Center organizers contacted the Boise Family YMCA, a few months ago to learn about their fees.

"When they looked at us and we looked at them we felt like we were a Y without the Y name. I look at it as a great enhancement since the Y brings with it 150 years of experience, more than 2,500 YMCAs worldwide and so many other resources available to us, from architects to marketing experts," she said.

Among the concepts the Y has fostered is the idea of establishing satellite centers throughout the valley. It's possible the board could get some "programs without walls," such as summer camps, up and running even before the center is built, provided those programs do not duplicate existing programs, Murphy added.

Meanwhile YMCA organizers plan to meet with representatives from the Blaine County Recreation District and the proposed 5B Sports Center for Hailey on March 6 to see how the three efforts might collaborate.

The Hailey City Council gave 5B Sports Center organizers the cold shoulder earlier this month for lack of a definitive proposal when the group approached the council about building an \$11.5 million center on Hailey rodeo grounds.

But Reamy Goodwin says the group, which had been working to get YMCA status for two years, plans to reapproach the council with a definitive plan to secure a land lease after the March 6 meeting.

Goodwin says he still believes there's room for two recreational centers in the valley. With the Wood River Community Y focusing on a pool, it leaves the way open for the 5B center to build a rink and gym, he said. His group could shell a proposed pool if the recreation district covers its existing pool.

Wolter said he doesn't know what kind of collaborative efforts might be possible with the 5B center. Asked to join the Y design committee, 5B representatives respectively declined because of their focus on Hailey.

"I don't know if there's any collaboration potential or not," Goodwin said. "It might be that a Y member might pay his dues to the Y and be able to use our facilities at a discount, particularly if we end up with an ice rink and they don't. The important thing is for both of us to get something in the ground."

House delays decision on reservation cigarette taxes

BOISE (AP) - The House tax committee agreed Wednesday to delay a vote on a proposal to raise state cigarette taxes on Indian reservation sales.

After 90 minutes of testimony, members of the committee voted 11-7 that they wanted to know more about how tobacco wholesalers would pre-collect Idaho's 28-cents per-pack charge and

what would happen if the four tribes that sell cigarettes bought untaxed cigarettes from out-of-state wholesalers.

Rep. Don Pischner presented the bill as a lobbyist for a coalition of non-tribal tobacco retailers, and leaders from all five Idaho tribes opposed the bill.

Shoshone-Bannock tribal mem-

bers had the most visible opposition, partly because cigarette sales at the tribe's Trading Post off Interstate 86 between Blackfoot and Pocatello are a large percentage of the tribe's total business receipts. Indian sales account for about a third of all cigarettes in the state, according to tribal estimates.

Momentum for the bill seemed

to fade when Karleane Allen of the Idaho Wholesale Marketers Association testified that wholesalers haven't a clue how to abide by it. "I don't know how we'll collect it," Allen said, referring to a provision that would require wholesalers to add the cost of the sales tax to the product before it was bought by consumers.

Shoshone connect trails highway improvements

By Almon Durand
Times-News correspondent

SHOSHONE - A future road project will give travelers four lanes of highway for several miles north of Shoshone instead of two, Larry Young with the public involvement department of MFE Inc., an environmental consulting firm, presented information on the project to the Shoshone City Council Tuesday evening.

The improvement will take place on the east side of the existing Idaho Highway 75 and include four lanes and a center turn lane, Young said.

The project, which spans eight miles between the northern city limits and 620 North, was expected to cost \$12 million when it was just a two-lane project. The new cost is not yet known. Construction won't start until 2005.

About 90 percent of the project will be paid with federal money, and the rest will come from the state.

In the beginning, three proposals for improving the highway

were on the table. But, because historical sites of interest were involved, including an old Civilian Conservation Corps camp and two bridges, a single proposal remained. Mayor Richard Andress and council members addressed effects on business owners. A project description will be sent to the city soon.

Other city business included:

- **Entrance cleanup** - The council discussed cleaning up the main entrance to the city. It would be nice to have a schedule and a group or organization to keep the entrance clean, councilwoman Wendy Robinson said.

Andress mentioned the junior high had an interest in starting a civic program to clean up other areas of town. Another group was also mentioned as a possibility.

Policy changes - Council members are shifting through changes in deductibility, coinsurance and rate changes on the city's insurance policy. An affordable plan for small group insurance coverage is in the works.

SERVICES

Ernest E. Fletcher of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert LDS Stake Center, 324 E. 18th St.; burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery; friends may call from 10:10-10:45 p.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Verlyn A. Merrill of Oakley, service at 2 p.m. Friday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Oakley Stake Center, 301 N. Center; burial will be in the Deep Creek Cemetery; friends may call from 1:45 p.m. Friday at the church (Payne Mortuary, Burley).

M. Kay Darrington of Syracuse, Utah service at 11 a.m. today at the Syracuse Utah West Stake Center, 1600 S. 4500 W., Syracuse; friends may call from 9:30-10:30 a.m. today at the church; interment will be in the Syracuse City Cemetery (Lindquist's Layton Mortuary).

Dorothy Wood Thompson of Salt Lake City, Utah service at 2 p.m. Friday at Mountain View Cemetery; 3115 E. 7800 S., Salt Lake City; viewing at 1 p.m.; burial will follow in the Sandy City, Utah cemetery.

Jose C. Rocha of Twin Falls, Mass of Christian burial at 11 a.m. today at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 Second Ave. E.; friends' entombment will follow at Sunset Memorial Park Mausoleum in Twin Falls (Farnsworth Mortuary, Jerome).

Sandra "Sandy" Kaye O'Meara, graveside service at 2 p.m. Friday at Elmwood Cemetery.

David Bettencourt of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Teri Kaye McMasters of Twin Falls, open-house memorial from 1-3 p.m. Saturday at 1649 Satterfield Drive in Pocatello.

Arla I. Mothershead of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert LDS 1st Ward; burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Catherine Mildred Watson Bloom Burks of Paul, celebration of life at 11 a.m. March 22 at the Paul United Methodist Church; interment at 10 a.m. March 24 at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Robert Allen Crowe Sr.

JEROME - Robert Allen Crowe Sr., 67, of Jerome died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, at his home. The memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. today at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 S. Lincoln, Jerome, with Bishop ElRay C. Bingham officiating.

by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Ann Turner

TWIN FALLS - Ann Turner, 90, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, at her home in Twin Falls. The memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, 2003, at the Calvary Episcopal Church, 201 S. Adams, Jerome, with the Rev. A. Thomas Kennedy officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

Cleo Vogts

TWIN FALLS - Cleo Vogts, 89, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The family will greet friends from 5-7 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel. The service will take place at a later date in Denver, Colo. Local arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Owen G. Miller

UNION CITY, Calif. - Owen G. Miller, 92, of Union City, Calif., and formerly of Filer, died Wednesday, Feb. 19, 2003, at his home in Union City, Calif.

Kevin R. Allred

TWIN FALLS - Kevin R. Allred, 26, of Twin Falls died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, in Twin Falls. The service will be held at 1 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 22, 2003, at the Mayfield, Utah, LDS Ward Chapel. Burial will follow at the Mayfield Cemetery.

LaVera J. Zurett

EDEN - LaVera J. Zurett, 71, of Eden died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, at her home. Arrangements will be announced.

Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

LaVera J. Zurett

EDEN - LaVera J. Zurett, 71, of Eden died Tuesday, Feb. 18, 2003, at her home. Arrangements will be announced.

Kori Koller Zamora

CALDWELL - Kori Koller Zamora, infant son of Koryne Keller and Rudy Zamora of Caldwell, died Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, in a Caldwell hospital. Arrangements will be announced by the Nampa Funeral Home, Yruegan Chapel.

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TWIN FALLS

Everett True Johnson

Everett True Johnson, of Twin Falls died Monday, February 17, 2003, at his home in Twin Falls.

Everett was born on August 23, 1921, in Medina County, Ohio, the son of Glen Everett and Eva P. Burrer Johnson. He grew up and attended schools in Ohio and graduated from Boston Township High School. Following high school he entered the U.S. Coast Guard in 1942 and served his country proudly until he was honorably discharged in 1946. On January 12, 1947, Everett married Della Mae Snyder in Ohio. They moved to Idaho in 1949 settling in Burley, Idaho, where Everett began his career as a clerk at the Post Office. He worked at the post office for over 24 years before retiring in 1980. The next eight years he worked for Wayment Farms doing what he loved to do, until Della retired in 1988. Everett and Della traveled the United States in their RV for three years before moving to Tucson, Arizona, for the next eleven years. In 2002 they moved back to Idaho and settled in Twin Falls to be close to family. Everett enjoyed spending time with his family, taking the children fishing, hunting, and on many family vacations.

Everett is survived by his wife of 56 years, Della Mae Johnson of Twin Falls, his three children, Becky (Jack) Becker of Twin Falls, Harold (Rhonda) Johnson of Fallon, Nevada, and Delma (Randy) Mason of Boise, Idaho, one sister, Ethel (Jack) Becker of Ohio. Also surviving are 7 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one son, Delman Johnson, and a 5-year-old great granddaughter, K. J. Jones.

At Everett's request there will be a family gathering to celebrate the

life of Everett this Spring 2003. Arrangements and cremation is under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls. The family suggests that memorials be made to the name of the American Cancer Society. Contributions can be mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83303-1142.

PAUL

Paul was born May 27, 1921, in Wiley, Colorado, the daughter of Alexander and Amelia Bauer Moore. She grew up in Paul, Idaho, on the family farm. She met Edwin Laib in Twin Falls, Idaho, and they were married November 4, 1941, in Gooding, Idaho. Together they had one son, Scott. They had a daughter, Twin Falls and later named King Hill, Idaho. Edwin was a musician who moved around, and eventually settled in Paul, Idaho, where she has since lived. She worked for the Minidoka County School District

Millie Laib
Millie Laib, 81, of Paul died Tuesday, February 18, 2003, at her home in Paul.

Millie was born May 27, 1921, in Wiley, Colorado, the daughter of Alexander and Amelia Bauer Moore. She grew up in Paul, Idaho, on the family farm. She met Edwin Laib in Twin Falls, Idaho, and they were married November 4, 1941, in Gooding, Idaho. Together they had one son, Scott. They had a daughter, Twin Falls and later named King Hill, Idaho. Edwin was a musician who moved around, and eventually settled in Paul, Idaho, where she has since lived. She worked for the Minidoka County School District

as a cook and later as a Teacher's Aid. She enjoyed crocheting, and especially tending her grandson Kyle. She was a member of the Lutheran Church.

She is survived by her son Scott Laib of Paul, her two grandsons, Kyle Laib of Paul, several nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her husband, the parents, five brothers and one sister.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, February 22, 2003, at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel with Pastor John Zuhowek officiating. Burial will follow at the Paul Cemetery. Friends may call Friday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel and one hour prior to the service.

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Paul was very active politically in his younger years and continued to keep his fingers in National Politics even after he retired. He traveled with his family throughout the U.S. and after he retired he traveled as a professional witness in causes of electrical fire. At the young age of 84, he was introduced to PCs and bought a Macintosh to pursue his second love, investing.

He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Chive M. Mortuary and Paula Meunier of Jerome and his grandson, Paul Martel Meunier, of Caldwell, Idaho.

He was preceded in death by his parents, his grandfather, Deanna Re Meunier, and his sister, Eileen Ruth Lieberg Maszk of Burley, Florida.

Funeral services will be held Saturday, February 22, 2003, at 10 a.m., at Farnsworth Mortuary Chapel, 1343 South Lincoln, Jerome, with Pastor Dan Riecke officiating. A visitation will be held Friday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Farnsworth Mortuary and again one hour prior to the services on Saturday. Interment will follow in the Jerome Cemetery Mausoleum.

Everett Paul Lieberg
Everett Paul Lieberg, 89, of Jerome passed to his Heavenly Father's home to join his wife, granddaughter, family and friends, Tuesday, February 17, 2003, at his home.

He was born February 18, 1913,

Burley mulls playground funding

By Shelley Robinson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — City Councilwoman Adria Masoner busily took notes during Tuesday's council meeting when a local businessman and a councilman entered into a friendly challenge to help fund a new playground in Burley.

Masoner is a member of Families at Play, the group planning the new playground to be built in mid-May. She kept tabs of who said what and assured the men she would follow up on their offers.

After Masoner announced the winning name of the playground and the new name for West Park — now Storybook Park — Councilman Dennis Curtis challenged Jim Bryant and other people at the City Council meeting to help fund the playground. Bryant told Curtis up on the offer and suggested Curtis and the other council members match whatever Bryant donated. Curtis agreed.

Families at Play is now raising \$125,000 in cash and materials for the Leathers and Associates-designed playground. So far, about \$10,000 has been collected.

Curtis referred to the playground as "the best project to unite people in Burley."

Another part of Tuesday's

meeting wasn't quite as light-hearted.

Resident Casey Anderson spoke during the public comment portion of the meeting and said he disagreed with comments made two weeks earlier by Councilman Brent Kerbs that there hadn't been a loss of confidence in elected city officials.

"It had happened," Anderson said, "and that's why I'm here and why quite a few others are, too."

Anderson said the prior city administration made promises that shouldn't have been made and spent some money it shouldn't have.

Later in the meeting, Kerbs responded by saying his comments were in response to a remark that Councilman Curt Mendenhall had made about state officials questioning Burley government. Those people shouldn't be casting stones at any other governing body, he said.

"I'm not going to go around and hang my head about Burley government," Kerbs said.

Anderson said he'd interpreted Mendenhall's comment differently.

Kerbs commended Anderson and others for regularly attending City Council meetings and urged those people to run for

office, saying his seat would be up for grabs this year, because he isn't going to seek re-election.

Other council business included:

- **Surplus property** — The council declared a house and two lots at 619 Oakley Ave. as surplus property and agreed to solicit bids for the property.

- The minimum bid the city can accept is \$40,200, the amount at which the property was appraised.

- The city obtained the property through an outstanding promissory note on a U.S. Housing and Urban Development loan, City Administrator Mark Mitton said.

- **Lift station** — Sewer plant Superintendent Rod Smith reported the new pumps had been installed at the sewer plant lift station at Fifth and Highland streets and the station was operating as expected.

- **Annexation** — Resident Vaughn Egan urged the council to keep the city from annexing into the city limits all properties that touch the city. The annexations are necessary, he said, before septic systems and water wells fail in those parts of the community and the health department becomes involved and forces annexation.

Egan said the annexations

should be completed within three years.

- **Budget review** — Mitton reported that one-third of the way through the fiscal year all city department budgets are on track.

- **Revenues** are performing as expected," he said. Although sales tax revenues to the general fund are down slightly, property taxes are up somewhat, balancing the tax revenues.

- **Building permits** — The council approved a \$5,000 building permit for Donald Courtwright at 1558 Normal Ave. for a bedroom and bathroom project and \$98,000 building permit for Ron and Vera Reynolds for a house at 2901 Rock Road.

- **Auditor** — The council agreed to again contract Evans and Poulsen Certified Public Accountants to conduct the city's audit. The firm will charge no more than \$12,890 unless a problem arises and the council approves a higher fee.

- **New employee** — The council confirmed the hiring of the new community development director. Brian Tibbets started work last week. He's being paid \$20,120 for a one-year contract. The council hasn't committed to fund the position for more than one calendar year.

M.V. Christian School hosts dinner, talent show

Around the valley

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Christian School will host a "Fiesta Dinner and Talent Show" Saturday night.

The dinner will be served between 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. in the Twin Falls Reformed Church's social hall, 1631 Grandview Drive N. Proceeds go to the senior trip.

The talent performance will follow at 7 p.m. Seven acts are slated to perform. Talent show proceeds go toward the freshman class trip to Washington, D.C.

The suggested donation for the dinner is \$8 per person or \$25 per family. The suggested donation for the talent show is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. Tickets can be purchased from students or at the door. For information call Chad or Moira at 733-5999, or send an e-mail to chard@fielnet.net.

San Valley arts center holds Western series

KETCHUM — The San Valley Center for the Arts is encouraging people to begin reading in preparation for its third "West Word: Writing from the New West" series which will be held this month.

This year's series will feature award-winning authors Mark Spragg and Judy Blunt.

Blunt, recently featured on National Public Radio with Rick Bass, has written a memoir called "Breaking Clean," which details growing up on an isolated ranch in eastern Montana and her subsequent marriage to the son of a neighboring rancher. The book offers a glimpse at gender roles on the ranch, including the lack of participation in the decision making.

Spragg's memoir, "Where Rivers Change Directions,"

speaks to his childhood in Cody, Wyo., on one of the country's oldest guest ranches. His "Fruit of Stone," his first fiction piece, is about two men — best friends since childhood — who share after the same woman in the quintessential road trip through Yellowstone National Park, Jackson, Wyo., Bonanza, and other parts of the West. The authors will appear at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the San Valley Center in Ketchum. They'll lead a different discussion at noon Thursday, Feb. 27, at the Halley Public Library. For information call 726-9491.

Demolition work begins on River Rock Restaurant

SUN VALLEY — Demolition workers tore shingles off the former River Rock Restaurant Tuesday and Wednesday and plan to gut the inside today as they prepare to demolish the restaurant this weekend.

Herb Allen of Jerome supervised the workers as he instructed them to remove nuts and bolts from beams and other cedar wood in order to save the wood for a cabin he hopes to build.

Meanwhile, workers for Twin Falls Crane pulled toilets, carpet and other fixtures out of the 27-year-old Elkhorn Resort Hotel and sent them to Twin Falls where they will be sold wholesale.

The hotel will come down in 10 days to two weeks, said Twin Falls Crane Owner Jim Thorpe.

CG-Elkhorn-LLC hopes to build high-rise condominiums on the property.

— compiled from staff reports

Conservation groups explain water project

By Nate Johnson
Times-News writer

BURLEY — A new sign facing Idaho Highway 30, next to the Burley Municipal Golf Course, bears a cryptic message.

"Your community is active with the TMDL. How much do you know about this water quality process?" the sign reads.

The people who put up the sign hope it will provoke questions. The sign marks a water system within the golf course which reduces pollutants flowing into the Snake River.

A pond, which doubles as a

water hazard on the golf course, allows sediments to settle out of a stream before reaching the river. Engineers finished the pond in November. Projects like this aim to reduce the pollutants added to the river down to the total maximum daily load, or TMDL, set by the Environmental Protection Agency.

The sign shows the community is working to reduce pollution, said Natural Resources Conservation Service engineer Arnie Wetstein.

"A lot of people think we in ag are just polluters and that's all — we're not," Wetstein said.

The conservation groups would like to help people with these kinds of projects rather than act as regulators, telling people to clean up or else, said Laurie Kowitz, a West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District board member.

The final goal of the project is to keep all water from the drainage out of the Snake River, Wetstein said. Golf course workers will eventually pump water from the pond into the irrigation system.

While the sign asks people to contact the West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District,

many organizations were involved in the project. The West Cassia Soil and Water Conservation District is in charge of the project. The Idaho Soil Conservation Commission designed the dam, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service has final inspection responsibilities. EPA provided an \$11,000 grant, which was administered by the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality. The city of Burley and the Burley Irrigation District provided the in-kind match for the grant by building the dam, Wetstein said.

Deadline for Hagerman project bids is Friday

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN — City Council members will make a decision early next month on bids submitted for a contract for the downtown improvement project.

Bids must be submitted to J-U-B Engineers of Twin Falls, by 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 21. The council will make a decision at its Tuesday, March 4, meeting.

The project has been split into three parts for the bid process. The primary bid is for the parking lot with accesses and sidewalk, curbs and gutters on State Street between Salmon and Main. The second item is the sidewalk down Salmon, and the third item for bid is the sidewalk and parking area associated with

Bid acceptance

Council will accept or reject bids for downtown project.
When: 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, March 4
Where: Hagerman City Hall

the Main Street segment of the project.

"The project has been prioritized," Councilman Jim Scott said. "We will add up all the line items and see how far we can get."

The project to provide off-street public parking on Hagerman's main thoroughfare is being done in conjunction with the construction of a new Hagerman Food Town by Gary Chappel. Chappel purchased three buildings on State Street.

The property was given to the city as a match for a \$220,000 Rural Community Block Grant from the Idaho Department of Commerce. The buildings were demolished, covered with fill dirt and leveled using an earlier \$50,000 Rural Community Block Grant.

The council will review city signage ordinances to determine if Chappel's proposed sign meets city code. The 9-foot-wide and 20-foot sign, which would be installed between the State Street sidewalk and new parking lot.

A fire suppression sprinkler system must be added to the plans for the store, Chappel said. He anticipates the underground plumbing and electrical work will be completed in four to six weeks, at which time the concrete floor can be poured. "I hope to have the store open in May," Chappel said. "I would love to have the grand opening for Fossil Days."

Other council business included:

- **Alley vacation** — The city will vacate the alley on the 900 block between West and First avenues, giving that property to Steven Howard and Alvin Howard in exchange for property which will allow the city to extend First Avenue. This property previously housed a residence built in the 1920s or early '30s. The house has been moved and the property owners have agreed to the trade.

- **Hookup approval** — The council approved the sale of \$4.7 million in bonds for the center on Dec. 17, which included interest and fees not discussed with last year's Legislature. A construction contract is to be awarded to Turner/McAlvain soon, said Wayne Meulman, authority executive director.

Buhl

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ions, such as assigning paraprofessionals to all core curriculum classes to assist students in meeting graduation requirements. This recommendation is in the planning process now, Gemar said.

Gemar also noted that the district was given a number of positive comments regarding goals that have been met. A plan to meet other goals is in the works.

The team noted that Poppewell Elementary School was working hard to increase test scores for all students.

The team also said Buhl has administrative support in special education programs and that Gemar is highly competent, supportive and helpful.

- **Drug policy** — High School Principal Terry Adolphson suggested that the board take a closer review of the drug testing policy and make some recommended clarifications.

- **Boys and Girls Club** — The board tabled the lease agreement with the Boys and Girls Club until the board decides on a solution for a bond issue or renovation decision.

License

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the immigration laws and restoring the rule of law to the immigration system and welcomes the State of Idaho's assistance in pursuing these goals," Moss wrote.

"Allowing aliens illegally present in the United States to obtain driver's licenses makes it easier for such aliens to move freely throughout the country and frustrates federal efforts to enforce immigration laws," Moss wrote. Law enforcement officers should assist the Immigration and Naturalization Service by contacting the INS when they encounter illegal aliens, he wrote.

"But immigration officials pay no attention to the illegal aliens that local officers arrest, said Canyon County Sheriff George Nourse.

"You can't get them deported for anything," Nourse said.

An INS guideline states individual agents have to make a judgment call in deciding when to enforce immigration laws. INS agents have the authority to decide, among other things, whether to detain aliens in custody, the INS guideline on prosecutorial discretion stated.

"In addition, the possession of a driver's license makes it possible for an alien to fraudulently assert U.S. citizenship and to move at will over the Canadian border in either direction," Moss wrote. "This is a source of national vulnerability in the ongoing war against terrorism."

Terrorists could find a fake driver's license fairly easy — the law wouldn't put more terrorists on the road, Cassia County Sheriff Jim Higgins said. The law might make it easier for foreign terrorists to get an official driver's license, which could put sheriffs in an awkward position,

Progress on huge building project concerns legislators

BOISE (AP) — The largest and most financially complex building project state planners have ever considered may be altered from its original plans.

The \$136 million, six-acre Idaho Place in Boise would house classrooms, health clinics and research facilities. It also would extend the reach of the University of Idaho and Idaho State University.

Legislators were told a year ago the first phase, the Idaho Water Center, would open this year and not cost taxpayers anything. The

State Board of Education met behind closed doors for at least 11 hours Tuesday, apparently discussing the project.

The \$48 million water center was to have been completed by June. The Board of Education approved the sale of \$4.7 million in bonds for the center on Dec. 17, which included interest and fees not discussed with last year's Legislature. A construction contract is to be awarded to Turner/McAlvain soon, said Wayne Meulman, authority executive director.

hinder or prevent his apprehension, trial or punishment, is an accessory after the fact."

To successfully prosecute a sheriff, a lawyer would have to prove the sheriff gave an illegal alien a driver's license in an attempt to hinder or prevent the alien's apprehension, trial or punishment, said Jean McNeill, public information officer for the Idaho U.S. attorney's office in Boise.

Claims that the bill might violate federal law are utterly spurious, Reese said. In the 22 other states which issue driver's licenses to non-citizens, no one has ever been arrested for giving a license to an illegal alien, she said.

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Awards

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with other Idaho dignitaries, were in the Magic Valley for annual Lincoln Day events.

When goals in citizenship, planning and organizational skills are reached, participants are awarded achievement certificates or medals of bronze, silver or gold.

"It's the only program of its type to recognize youth for their accomplishments," said U.S. Sen. Larry Craig, Idaho.

Established for students who are between the ages of 14 and 24, the program was created to recognize "initiative, achievement and service." Craig said.

Bronze medalist Teresa Arenz said, "I have learned the importance of making reasonable goals for myself. I have found that great things can be accomplished that otherwise would have never happened."

Along with the honors, a life-long dream has also come true for silver winner Joseph Cramer DiFrancesco, who will be leaving the processing of raw milk. Because of the danger of pathogens that affect human health, DEQ wants Glanbia to establish 1,000 feet of riparian irrigation of wastewater. But the company should do that with the 940 acres also, Arkoosh said.

for the U.S. Military Academy in West Point, N.Y., in June.

And how does his dad feel about that?

"It's outstanding, just wonderful," said Richard Jesinger, who retired recently after 32 years with the FBI.

Gold medalist Katherine Wonderlich says she has gained respect from others by participating in the program.

Also at the event were U.S. Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho, and U.S. Reps. Mike Simpson and Butch Otter, R-Idaho.

In recognition of his outstanding work as director of the Congressional Award program in Twin Falls, Dobbs will be presented the Spirit of Idaho Award by Crapo at 9:45 this morning at the Twin Falls School District Administration Office at 201 Main Ave. W.

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Glanbia

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asserted on Wednesday that because their clients are affected by the land application, they should have some say on what Glanbia is allowed to do.

Arkoosh said his clients are worried about well contamination. He also questioned Glanbia's financial ability to treat the waste, which comes from water used to clean cheese processing equipment and includes waste and solids from

NATION

SWEET SORROW



Sp. Cliffon Peoples holds his 6-month-old daughter, Sarah, and his wife, Gabby, in a gym on Fort Bliss prior to boarding a bus that would take him to a waiting plane at the rapid deployment facility Monday in El Paso, Texas. Peoples, of the 507 maintenance company of the 11th Air Defense Artillery Brigade at Fort Bliss, was one of 240 Fort Bliss soldiers to deploy to the Middle East region Monday.

Saddam's land mines are threat to U.S. troops

Knight Ridder News Service

CAMP 6, Kuwait — U.S. Army Sgt. Dale Green spotted it first, a van, tennis-sized ball on the desert sand: It was an anti-personnel bomb left over from the Persian Gulf War in 1991, still lethal enough to blow off a leg.

Munitions like it have killed 1,700 civilians in Kuwait since the war ended, despite a massive and continuing campaign that has removed 1 million land mines and 100 tons of unexploded ordnance from the Kuwaiti desert since the war.

U.S. troops will face the same threat if they invade Iraq: 10 million land mines sown by Saddam Hussein along his borders, plus unexploded ordnance, or UXO, from 1991 and from the Iran-Iraq war in the 1980s.

"Kuwait demined heavily and people still find them to this day. Iraq never demined, so that must be a very dangerous UXO environment," said an army colonel from an Asian country who worked on Kuwait's demining campaign. He spoke on the condition that he not be identified.

U.S. military officers here awaiting President Bush's decision on an attack against neighboring Iraq say they are deeply concerned about land mine and UXO risks.

"We know Saddam will put some mines out there to try to block our way, and we're trained to deal with those threats," said Vanormer, 32, a Pittsburgh native and combat engineer with the 3rd Infantry Division.

U.S. soldier hits mine, loses foot in Afghanistan

BAGRAM, Afghanistan (AP) — A U.S. soldier was injured in eastern Afghanistan on Wednesday when the military vehicle he was traveling in struck a land mine, the U.S. military said.

The soldier was patrolling near the eastern city of Gardez when the incident occurred. The soldier was taken to an American base farther east in

Khost and treated there.

The soldier's right foot was blown off by the explosion, the military said in a statement from Bagram Air Base, north of the capital, Kabul.

"He is in currently undergoing surgery at the forward operating base in Khost and is in stable condition," the statement said.

The statement did not identify the soldier or his unit.

The day after

Hard part will come if and when Saddam is forced out

By George Gedda
Associated Press Writer

WASHINGTON — The United States is an old hand at supervising unscheduled government transitions in overseas trouble spots. Some examples are Afghanistan, the Philippines and Panama — all relative cakewalks compared with what could lie ahead in Iraq if the U.S. military forces out Saddam Hussein.

Take for example the question of disarmament. Anthony Cordesman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies offers the somewhat chilling prediction that a successful post-Saddam disarmament effort in Iraq would be short-lived.

"The intellectual capital and skills to make weapons of mass destruction will remain," he said last week. "Iraq will have the dual-use facilities to rapidly return to the production of chemical and biological weapons."

"You cannot disarm a sophisticated state. It is an oxymoron." People who think otherwise, he said, "really do not understand this region."

Cordesman is no placid-carrying, anti-war militant. Indeed, he has staked out a pro-war stance, admitting he has done so with "reluctance and considerable uncertainty."

The war's cost? "Unknownable," Defense Undersecretary Douglas Feith told the committee, citing uncertainty about the severity of war-related damage.

Two budget experts cited by The New York Times predict the cost could range between \$127 billion and \$632 billion.

The latter figure is more than half the gross national product of Russia.

How long would it take to dispose of Saddam's arsenal?

"We can't, now, even venture a sensible guess as to the amount of time," Feith said. Left unanswered were Cordesman's concerns about a post-Saddam Iraq, freed of U.N. Security Council sanctions, rearming.

Such an outcome might be acceptable to Washington if the transition produced a pro-Western government. But what if Iraq fell back into the hands of people more attuned to the

Libyas and the Syrians of the region?

For now, the administration's focus is on the short term. Marc Grossman, an undersecretary of state, told last week's committee hearing that the administration's Iraq roadmap, aside from disarmament, includes the "liberation" of Iraq — not a long-term U.S. military occupation; elimination of the "terrorist infrastructure"; and maintenance of the country's territorial integrity. Iraqi oil "belongs to the Iraqi people," and will be treated as such, Grossman said. He predicted that Americans would be in charge of Iraq for two years before turning authority over to the Iraqis.

James Phillips of the Heritage Foundation foresees an outpouring of Iraqi joy if Saddam is deposed, seriously undercutting anti-war protesters who have been on the march lately, especially in Europe.

More worrisome to Phillips is the specter of bloody score-settling by Iraqi Kurds and Shites, who have suffered horrific abuses under Saddam's Sunni-led regime for years.

Religious and political divides

Iraq has long been a religious, ethnic and ideological mix. The Shiite Muslim Arabs are the majority, but Sunni Muslims are in power.

Ethnoreligious inhabited areas

☒ Kurd ☒ Sunni Arab
☒ Shiite Arab ☒ Sunni Arab
☒ Sunni Arab, Sunni Kurd, Turkmen
☒ Christian presence



SOURCE: Associated Press, CIA, GlobalSecurity.org, EIRI

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In the permanent position

Twin Falls High School club spreads cultural flavor

By Nate Poppino

Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls High School Hispanic Unidos club is alive and flourishing in its seventh year.

The club organizes various activities around the school, especially for Cinco de Mayo. Last year, the club put on a dance to celebrate the Mexican holiday. This year, one of its goals is to decide whether to have another dance or do a different activity.

Members traveled to Boise on Jan. 18 for the Future Hispanic Leaders of America conference, and are in the planning stages for activities this spring.

"The club has only about 10 regular members, but many others drop in sporadically and a good time is had by all, according to club president Blanca Vargas."

"We like being able to be in something where we are welcome and can express how we feel," Vargas said.

"We can get together with friends and talk in our language and just have fun," member Severo Hernandez said.

The club is open to all students who wish to join. Joining is easy, too. All you have to do is show up.

"There are no requirements. There isn't a GPA that's required, nothing special is required at all," Vargas said.

Club adviser Jackie Plastino says she believes that the club helps the school's Hispanic population stay in school and out of trouble.

Students agree that it accomplishes that goal. "Statistically, the Hispanic dropout rate is high in this state. It is proven that kids with a connection to school stay in it. It is very important no matter what we do that the club is here," Plastino said.

"The club helps us get ahead with our studies and with our future," Hernandez added.

All in all, the club's purpose can be summed up in one sentence by Plastino: "Every person has a voice."



The Twin Falls High School Hispanic Unidos club members meet. They include Blanca Vargas, right, club president; Jackie Plastino, center with glasses, club adviser and member Severo Hernandez, far left.

Group offers Spanish CPR, first aid classes

TWIN FALLS—A pediatric cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid course will be offered in Spanish.

Magic Valley Lifeline will hold a pediatric and adult CPR course, which includes a first aid portion on choking, bleeding and shock. The course will be held from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. Saturday at the YMCA, 1751 Elizabeth Blvd. in Twin Falls.

The course meets the Idaho Child Care Program and daycare licensing requirements for the state of Idaho.

To register, call the YMCA at 733-4384 or 736-1888 evenings. Cost is \$30 per student.

Idaho Migrant Council offers CNA course

TWIN FALLS—The Idaho Migrant Council Inc. will offer an all-tuition paid course for CNA/Enfermera.

Students must have been a farm worker within the past 24 months, show documents that establish identification and show income to qualify for this certified nursing assistant course.

To make an appointment, call Jaime Valero or Hugo Mendoza at 734-3336.

Know a Latino who deserves recognition?

TWIN FALLS—Do you know a Latino person who has overcome obstacles, has an unusual hobby or job or earned a special achievement? Do you know someone who has made a contribution to the community or makes a special effort to keep up his or her tradition and celebrate their culture?

Then, *The Times-News* Comunidad page would like to write about them.

Call editor Pat Marcantonio at 735-3288, or send information via e-mail to patm@magicalvalley.com.

Acclaimed writer Rodriguez will speak at conference

BOISE—Luis J. Rodriguez, a best-selling and award-winning writer, will be the keynote speaker for the fifth biennial Mexican American Studies Conference hosted by Boise State University March 11-12 in the Student Union building. Titled "La Raza: Identity and Resistance Through the Arts," the free conference features several Hispanic scholars, including Constance Cortez, Roberto Dansie, Jorge Durand and Theresa Martinez.

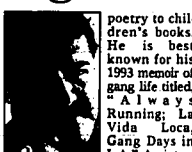
The conference is one of the signature events of Boise State's Cultural and Ethnic Diversity Office, and features 14 panels and workshops on issues such as Idaho folk artists, the history of Mexican Americans in Idaho and multicultural literature; two performances of "Latins Anonymous," a play by Luis Leschins, Armando Molina, Rick Najera and Diane Rodriguez; the Organization de Estudiantes Latino Americanos dancers; and a dance.

Rodriguez is the author of eight books ranging from nonfiction to

More information

Call conference co-chairman Martin Orr at (208) 426-4056 or Richard Baker at (208) 426-3207.

To view the complete conference schedule, visit <http://news.boisestate.edu/news/leaves/022003/0213mexican.html> or schedule.



Luis Rodriguez

poetry to children's books. He is best known for his 1993 memoir of gang life titled, "A I w a y s Running; La Vida Loca, Gang Days in L.A." An international best seller, the memoir garnered Rodriguez a Carl Sandburg Literary Award and Chicago Sun-Times Book Award, and was designated a New York Times Notable Book. He will deliver his keynote address, "Hearts and Hands: Creating Community in Violent Times," at

6:30 p.m. March 11. He will speak again at 10 a.m. March 12.

Cortez teaches and publishes about colonial art of Mexico and contemporary Chicano art. Her most recent studies include a show she curated and edited titled, "Imágenes e Historias/Imágenes and Histories: Chicana Altar-Inspired Art."

Durand is a professor-investigator in the department for the study of social movements at the University of Guadalajara. He is co-author of "Beyond Smoke and Mirrors: Mexican Immigration in an Era of Economic Integration," which looks at United States immigration policies between 1986 and 1996.

Dansie is a nationally-acclaimed expert on issues of cultural diversity. An award-winning speaker, trainer and clinical psychologist, he has won a number of awards, including the National Award for Community Development, the prestigious Golden Medallion from the National Indian Health Board and the Cesar Chavez Award.

Martinez is a professor of sociology at the University of Utah, where she teaches courses on racial and ethnic relations, deviant behavior and juvenile delinquency.

She serves as a board member for the Salt Lake Legal Defenders and the Utah Hispanic American Festival.

VALENTINE FUND-RAISER



Photo courtesy of Jerome High School High School

Members of the Jerome High School BESO (Bilingual Education Student Organization) sell candy for Valentine's Day. There are 35 members this year, and all the fund-raising goes toward scholarships, adviser Jane Howell said. In the past, the club has raised \$1,000, and gave college scholarships to two seniors who are members. The Future Hispanic Leaders of America group also sold flowers and white teddy bears for Valentine's Day. The money goes for local and state scholarships.

'Master of Romance' Julio Iglesias plans series of albums

By Rod Harmon

Idaho Reader News Service

Julio Iglesias wants to make love to you.

Figuratively speaking, that is. "Reality of life is so boring sometimes, and fantasies are so beautiful," the Latin crooner said recently from the Caribbean, where he was working on a series—yes, a series—of new albums. "One of the biggest privileges to be loved as an artist is to enjoy the eyes of others. I love to flirt with a billion people at the same time."

At 55, Iglesias is still the master of romance, the king of debauchery, the object of affection for millions of fans worldwide. Watching him perform, you're reminded of a line Dennis Hopper said to Dean Cain in "Blue Velvet": "You are so (expletive) naive, man."

Iglesias' image has taken a few

hits recently, fueled by comments from son Enrique that hint he would hardly be a candidate for the Father of the Year Award. But that hasn't appeared to have affected his popularity. Thirty-five years into his career, Iglesias is still selling platinum and performing to sold-out crowds.

For his latest project, tentatively titled "Frontiers," he's following the formula that made him an international star—gathering songs from various songwriters and recording them in several languages at once. It's a return to a process that he deviated from on his previous effort, "Noche de Cuatro Lunas" ("Night of the Four Moons"), for which he cowrote most of the tracks and sang duets with young Latin artists.

"I didn't like the last album," Iglesias said, his voice dripping with a thick Madrid accent. "It



Photo courtesy of Julio Iglesias

Julio Iglesias, who plans new series of albums, is still master of romance. was very confused, (with) too many people, too many ideas. You know, when you do an album, you get in love with an idea.

"Imagine that you go to Mexico

with your wife or your girlfriend, and you are in a restaurant, and you hear a song that you had never heard before. And suddenly, you hear that same song on the radio, or somebody singing in the house, or on the record. That's exactly what I'm doing now. I am recording 18 songs that have been No. 1 songs in different countries and have never been available in other languages."

Iglesias' story is tailor-made for a Hollywood script. An 18-year-old soccer player from Spain is nearly killed in an auto accident that leaves him partially paralyzed for a couple of years. While convalescing, he finds solace by learning to play guitar and compose songs. A few years later, he wins first prize at the Spanish Song Festival, is signed to a major record label, and becomes an international star.

Pilar Montenegro leads finalists in music awards

MIAMI—Mexican actress-singer Pilar Montenegro and Spain's female trio, Las Ketchup lead finalists in the 2003 Billboard Latin Music Awards with seven nominations each.

Colombian "Rock en Español" sensation Juanes followed with nominations in six categories, while new pop duo Sin Bandera and up-and-coming artist Aracely Arambula were finalists in five.

Winners will be announced May 8 at the Miami Arena. The show will be broadcast live by the Spanish-language television network Telemundo.

"This year's finalists include up-and-coming artists who are setting trends with their unique sounds and innovative rhythm, as well as established artists," Manuel Martinez, Telemundo's chief of programming and production, said in a statement.

In the major categories, top Latin albums artist of the year finalists include Juanes for "Un Dia Normal," Mana for "Revolucion de Amor," Las Ketchup for "Hijas del Tomate," and regional Mexican group Los Temerarios for "Una Lagrima No Basta."



Pilar Montenegro is one of the lead finalists for the 2003 Billboard Latin Music Awards.

Finalists for hot Latin track are Chayanne for "Y Tu Te Vas," Pilar Montenegro for "Quitate Ese Hombre," Jennifer Pena for "El Dolor De Tu Presencia" and Sin Bandera for "Entra En Mi Vida."

The awards honor the most popular albums, songs, and performers in Latin music as determined by sales and radio airplay from Billboard's weekly charts in a one-year period ending Feb. 8.

Shoshone has an indoor rock-climbing gym.

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Israelis, Palestinians trade blows

GAZA CITY, Gaza Strip (AP) — Palestinian militants fired a series of small rockets at an Israeli town Wednesday, hours after Israeli troops carried out a major incursion directed at the metal workshops producing the weapons.

The Palestinian attack prompted a further action by the Israeli army, who moved to block the main north-south road in Gaza in two places, effectively cutting the coastal territory into three pieces.

Overall, 11 Palestinians were killed in Gaza and three died in the West Bank on Wednesday, with both sides warning that additional confrontations appeared likely.

Israeli troops and Palestinian militants have clashed in Gaza throughout the 29 months of Mideast fighting. But the confrontations have intensified since the militant Islamic group Hamas carried out a bomb attack that killed four Israeli soldiers last weekend.

Gerald Steinberg, an Israeli political analyst, said Israel was trying to weaken Hamas in advance of any possible cease-fire agreement. "What the Israeli military is trying to do is to remove as much of that (Hamas) capability as possible before a cease-fire," he said.

Engine glitch forces plane to land in Canada

PARIS (AP) — Engine trouble forced an Air France Concorde headed to New York to make an unscheduled landing Wednesday in Canada, the airline said.

The 47 passengers aboard Air France Flight 002 were transferred to other flights from Halifax, Nova Scotia, where the Concorde landed, the company said. Further details were not immediately available.

An Air France Concorde crashed shortly after takeoff from Paris in July 2000, killing 113 people and prompting authorities to ground the planes for more than a year. Last month, an Air France Concorde had to make a loop over the Atlantic Ocean and return to Paris after the jet failed to kick into supersonic mode.

In December, part of the rudder on the tail of a British Airways Concorde fell off as the supersonic jet approached New York. The landing was smooth, but once the plane was on the ground workers discovered part of the lowest of four rudder sections on the tail fin was missing.

In November, an Air France Concorde rapidly descended 27,000 feet from 60,000 feet after one of the jet's four engines malfunctioned. The flight, which took off from New York, arrived safely at St. Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport.

Deadly fire in subway spurs safety concerns

DAEGU, South Korea (AP) — A subway fire that killed more than 125 people is forcing officials to strengthen safety measures on trains after a suicidal man ignited the blaze in a train stopped at a station.

A second train arrived at the station minutes later and was engulfed in flames, raising concerns about why it wasn't diverted or stopped.

The suspect, Kim Dae-han, 56, has a history of mental illness and was trying to commit suicide, police said. Kim told police "he decided to die with others in a crowded place, rather than die by himself," said police Lt. Cho Do-won.

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Tribunal convicts Rwandan pastor, son in genocide

ARUSHA, Tanzania (AP) — A U.N. tribunal on Wednesday convicted a Rwandan pastor and his son of genocide for calling in Hutu gangs to kill minority Tutsis who had sought refuge in a church during the 1994 slaughter in the tiny central African country.

Elizaphan Ntakirutimana, 78, and his doctor son, Gerald Ntakirutimana, 45, were both convicted of genocide, complicity in genocide, conspiracy to commit genocide and crimes against humanity for their part in the killings at a Seventh-Day Adventist complex in Kibuye.



Elizaphan Ntakirutimana (left) and Gerald Ntakirutimana (right) were convicted of genocide by a U.N. tribunal on Wednesday.

Rwanda, on April 16, 1994. Elizaphan Ntakirutimana, the pastor at the Kibuye church, was sentenced to 10 years in prison. His son, who worked at the asso-

ciated hospital, was sentenced to 25 years.

The trial was held at the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda, which is hearing cases involving major suspects in the genocide. The maximum sentence the Tanzania-based tribunal can hand down is life in prison.

The tribunal found that Elizaphan Ntakirutimana transported attackers to various locations around the church and ordered the church's roof removed so Tutsis couldn't use it as a shelter. "In doing so, Elizaphan facilitated the hunt-

ing down and killing of Tutsi refugees," Mose said.

The son was found to have taken part in attacks on Tutsis in the area around the church and to have shot and killed Charles Ukobizaba, a Tutsi accountant, in the courtyard of the hospital.

More than 500,000 Tutsis were killed during the genocide.

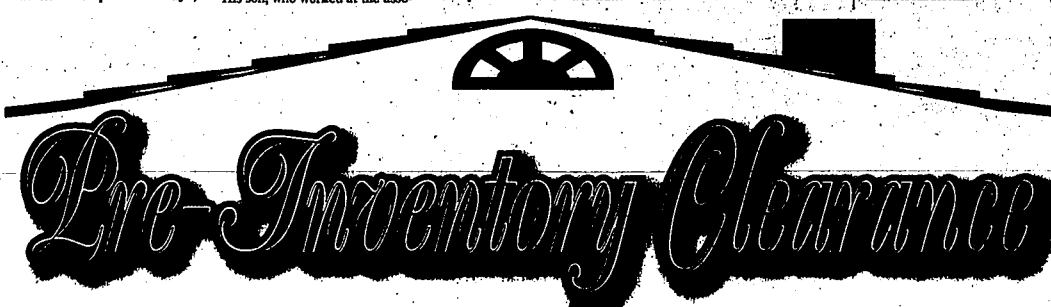
Erik Mose, the Norwegian judge presiding over the case, said Gerald Ntakirutimana deserved the stiffer sentence because he had "abused the trust bestowed on him as" a doctor.

Plane crash in Iran kills at least 250 people

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — A plane carrying at least 250 people, most of them military personnel, crashed in southeastern Iran, Tehran television reported Wednesday.

The plane was flying from Zahedan, on the Pakistan border, to Kerman, about 500 miles southeast of Tehran.

The state-run television said the plane, a Russian-built Antonov, lost contact with the control tower at 5:30 p.m. and crashed near Shahdad, about 50 miles from Kerman.



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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Kraft reaffirms earnings guidance for 2003

RUPERT - Illinois-based Kraft Foods Inc. - which has a cheese plant in Rupert - on Wednesday reaffirmed its earnings guidance for 2003.

Betsy D. Holden and Roger K. Deromedi, co-chief executives, spoke at the annual Consumer Analyst Group of New York conference in Scottsdale, Ariz.

They said Kraft's worldwide volume is expected to grow around 3 percent in 2003, with pro forma diluted earnings per share expected to increase 4-6 percent to \$2.10-\$2.15, and discretionary cash flow (operating cash flow minus capital expenditures) expected to grow more than 10 percent to about \$2.6 billion.

Revenues from new-product introductions are expected to reach more than \$1 billion in 2003, Kraft said.

The company expects to achieve \$140 million to \$150 million in savings in 2003 from its Nabisco integration, Holden and Deromedi said. That is in addition to the \$425 million in savings achieved through 2002.

Several significant factors will affect earnings per share in 2003, they said, including the continued impact from higher U.S. pension plan and other benefit costs, which will decrease earnings per share by 7 cents; restricted stock compensation, which will decrease earnings per share by 2 cents; and economic difficulties in Latin America, which will decrease earnings per share by 1 cent versus 2002.

Urban Renewal Agency sets meeting today

TWIN FALLS - The city's Urban Renewal Agency plans a special meeting at noon today.

The meeting at City Hall, 321 Second Ave. E., is open to the public.

The only item on the Twin Falls, agency's agenda is discussion of its 1998 Series A bonds.

Sonic Corp. plans conference participation

TWIN FALLS - Oklahoma City-based Sonic Corp. - a restaurant chain with franchised locations in Twin Falls and Jerome - will participate in Bear Stearns' 9th Annual Retail, Restaurants & Apparel Conference, Feb. 25-27 in New York City.

The investor presentation by Sonic's management is scheduled at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday and will be available to investors via a live audio webcast. A link can be found at the investor section of www.sonicdrivein.com. The event will be available for replay, too.

IRS offers tax advice at Twin Falls location

TWIN FALLS - Puzzled by your tax forms?

Taxpayers have four more chances to get tax help from the Internal Revenue Service at 1038 Blue Lakes Blvd. N., Suite C (that's in the Idaho State Tax Commission office behind the Big S Sporting Goods store).

Hours of service:
• Today - 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
• Tuesday - 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
• Wednesday - 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

• Feb. 27 - 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Help includes tax forms, answers to tax questions, assistance solving federal tax problems, and courtesy basic return preparation for lower-income taxpayers, generally those with incomes of \$35,000 and less.

Those intending to take advantage of the courtesy return preparation should bring all relevant information, including Social Security cards for each person listed on the tax return; their tax books; all wage and earnings statements (Forms W-2); interest and dividend statements (Forms 1099); copies of last year's tax returns; and any other information concerning income and expenses for 2002.

If filing jointly, both spouses must be present to sign the required forms for e-filing.

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Dairy dollars



A worker uses a forklift to unload a truck at the new WOW Logistics warehouse in Jerome recently. The company specializes in providing warehouse space to the dairy industry and is already looking at expanding the Jerome facility. Boise State University researchers say dairy and milk-processing jobs create an unusually high number of jobs in related industries.

Industry-sponsored study touts boost from dairies, processing

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Dairy industry leaders on Wednesday unveiled results of an economic-impact study they hope will promote cooperation with policy makers who regulate the industry.

Direct employment on dairies and in-milk- and cheese-processing plants in 2001 accounted for 7,943 jobs across southern Idaho, with Magic Valley home to the bulk of those jobs, said a recent study conducted by Boise State University and commissioned by the Milk Producers of Idaho and the United Dairymen of Idaho.

An additional 11,517 jobs throughout all economic sectors are indirectly related to the dairy industry for a total of 19,460 Idaho jobs, the study said.

"That number surprised me. I didn't think it was that high," said Brent Olmstead, Milk Producers of Idaho's executive director.

"We had the study for a couple of purposes. First of all, for our own education... Secondly, to be able to inform the public as to the value of the industry economically," Olmstead said.

The third, and perhaps most important, aim was to provide data to local and state policy makers, he said, adding that the timing of the release wasn't tied to particular legislation. BSU finished the study in December.

"We took a month and a half to analyze it ourselves,"

Olmstead said.

Much of the data will be news to many county commissioners, he added.

"They don't realize the full impact of the industry," he said. Understanding, he hopes, will promote cooperation between the industry and local rule makers "in determining how the industry is regulated."

BSU's John Church, Don Holley and Michael Joyce used U.S. Department of Agriculture data and interviewed dairymen, environmentalists, dairy processors, heifer operators (who raise heifers for dairies), real estate agents, lobbyists, dairymen's accountants and representatives of several Idaho state agencies, said Holley, a visiting professor of economics at BSU.

Most striking among the findings, he said, is how important dairies and milk processing have become, especially to Magic Valley.

"It's a big industry," Holley said.

In the BSU study, Magic Valley or south-central Idaho data represent just six counties - Twin Falls, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Cassia and Minidoka.

The researchers concluded that 145 additional jobs are created in related industries for each of the 7,943 southern Idaho jobs directly related to dairies and milk-processing plants. In economic lingo, that's a "multiplier" of 2.45.

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Dairy, milk processing and the economy

How dairies and milk processing contributed to the Idaho economy in 2001. United Dairymen of Idaho provided this summary of findings from an industry-commissioned study by Boise State University.

	Eastern Idaho	South-central Idaho	Southwestern Idaho	Statewide
Direct employment				
Dairy farms	813	4,130	1,307	6,250
Cheese and fluid milk	93	900	700	1,693
Total	906	5,030	2,007	7,943
Value of output (in millions)				
Dairy farms	\$136.2	\$892.0	\$219.0	\$1,047.2
Cheese	\$30.0	\$610.0	\$160.0	\$800.0
Wages and salaries (including fringe benefits) and proprietors' income (in millions)				
Dairy farms	\$24.4	\$144.6	\$45.7	\$214.7
Cheese and fluid milk	\$3.2	\$33.4	\$25.9	\$62.5
Total	\$27.6	\$178.0	\$71.6	\$277.2

Dairy industry effects on taxes, sales

The study provided these estimates of direct and indirect effects of the dairy industry on personal income taxes and retail sales.

	Eastern Idaho	South-central Idaho	Southwestern Idaho	Statewide
Personal income (including wages and salaries, proprietors' income, rent, interest and dividends) (in millions)	\$92.3	\$501.5	\$169.5	\$794.5
Percent of regional personal income	1.4%	12.3%	0.7%	
Idaho taxes (in millions)				
Personal income taxes	\$2.8	\$15.1	\$5.1	\$23.8
Sales taxes	\$1.9	\$10.5	\$3.6	\$18.3
Corporate income taxes	\$0.4	\$2.0	\$0.7	\$3.2
Retail sales (in millions)	\$36.5	\$177.0	\$53.8	\$317.8

State guards unclaimed property from Twin Falls

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - If you meet Raymond Blessin this week, tell him about this story.

The state is safeguarding unclaimed property for him, and for several hundred other people or businesses with names starting in "Barn" through "Cont" whose last known addresses are in Twin Falls.

The Idaho State Tax Commission is looking for those folks, and hoping they'll call to claim the property.

It's stuff for which Idaho businesses have been unable to find the rightful owners, such as payroll checks, contents of safe deposit boxes, tax refunds, stock dividends, worker's compensation benefits and the like.

The Times-News on Thursdays prints names of unclaimed-property owners whose last known addresses are in Magic Valley communities. The second installment of the Twin Falls list appears today; watch for more Twin Falls names, and for other cities, in coming weeks.

The state's Barn-Cont list for Twin Falls:

What to do

See your name on Idaho's unclaimed-property owners list? To claim your property, do one of these things:

- Call 1-800-972-7660, Ext. 7623 or Ext. 7627.
- Write to the Idaho State Tax Commission, Unclaimed Property Section, P.O. Box 36, Boise, ID 83722-0410.
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Firms offer ways to foil drug tests

The Washington Post

Type "beat the drug test" into an Internet search engine, and you come up with more than 100 Web sites devoted to helping foil workplace drug screening.

It's part of a technology race, or as Barry Sample, director of science and technology at Quest Diagnostics Inc.'s Corporate Health and Wellness division, puts it, a marathon, pitting those who would defeat the screening against those who conduct it.

The starting gun was a 1986 federal order establishing the goal of a drug-free federal workplace. In subsequent years testing spread to federal contractors and then into the private sector. "It's a pretty ubiquitous," said Diane Cadran, a lawyer who is legislative affairs director of the Human Resource Association of Central Connecticut.

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Holding right along with workplace testing was the subject of a counter effort. "This is a cottage industry that has become increasingly more sophisticated over the years," said Robert Steinhilber, director of the division of workplace programs in the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

Both the testers and the would-be cheaters watch each other and try to reverse-engineer what the other side is doing, he said. One company says on its Web site that it changes the formula for chemicals to fool the drug-testing labs every six to nine months, he said.

Early attempts to alter drug-test results were fairly obvious and relied on products that were still at hand. And some of them still show up from time to time, said Lottie Johnson, drug program coordinator for the District of Columbia public works department, which requires drug tests for its truck drivers and heavy-equipment opera-

tors. "Sometimes you smell it. It's like, 'OK, this is bleach,'" she said. Products that pledge to beat the test include products that promise to wash away any sign of drug use from hair follicles, as well as synthetic urine, urine additives and detoxifying drinks or tablets with brand names as "Fast Flush" and "Clean Genie."

And then there is the Whizinator. Ads for it offer a \$150 device that straps on and comes with its own portable pump to force urine into the bladder. The device is free-kick hush, dehydrated drug urine and heat pads designed to produce a realistically warm urine sample, even under observation.

Sometimes product names remain the same, but the product is changed to keep up with new technology. Vendors may offer to replace older, now detectable, versions of urine bottles that product shelf life is less than a year.

According to Quest, drug testing is making inroads against drug use and against the use of adulterants to beat the tests. The company is one of the largest drug-test diagnostic firms, analyzing about 40 percent of all tests nationwide each year. In 2001, 4.6 percent were

positive, down from a high of 13.6 percent in 1988. The company also found that cases of adulterated samples were declining.

"There are two basic explanations," said Sample. "One is that testing for adulterants is having a deterrent effect." The other explanation, he said, "may be that the cheaters are finding a way around the tests. Maybe it's a little bit of both."

Testing for adulterants has been widespread only since about 1998, when the federal government issued standards of what constituted adulterated, altered urine. The definitions were needed because the drug-screening industry realized that methods of beating the tests had become more sophisticated. Nitrites and other oxidants began to show up in samples, signaling that a chemical reaction had occurred.

Workplace drug testing pays, supporters say. A study by the Office of National Drug Control Policy estimated that the nation loses \$1.05 billion in productivity because of drug use, and the Labor Department estimates that 6.5 percent of full-time and 8.6 percent of part-time workers are illicit drug users. Marijuana is the most

frequently abused drug, showing up in about 60 percent of the positive tests, followed by cocaine. Critics of the tests say that they "pile up" more marijuana users because the drug stays in the body longer, although Sample disagrees.

"If you have a casual marijuana user who shares a joint or two, the detection time for that isn't much different than for cocaine or other agents," he said.

Critics fault widespread drug testing as an unnecessary invasion of privacy. While it makes sense to test people in safety-sensitive jobs for drug usage, many of the tests contribute little to improving either workplace safety or productivity, said Graham Boyd, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Drug Policy Litigation Project. Employers test anyway, he said, in an effort to reduce their workers' compensation and insurance costs.

"The fact that so many people are doing so much to subvert the system" suggests widespread disdain, he said. "You don't see that with the federal government, because there is a shared moral code that embezzlement is bad. If you don't buy into that, you really are an outsider."

Stocks pull back on Iraq uncertainty

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street retreated Wednesday, declining for the first time in three sessions as investors worried that unresolved questions about Iraq will stifle corporate spending critical to the economic recovery.

The decline was another of the fits and starts that have stalled the market during the past month. "It's short-term profit-taking after the last two days of rallies," said Mike Kays, chief investment officer at Eastover Capital in Charlotte, N.C. "The market is just going to bounce around until we have some kind of military action in Iraq."

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 40.55, or 0.5 percent, to close at 8,000.60, having gained 251 points the last two sessions to reach its highest level in two weeks. Earlier in the day, blue-

chip stocks were down as much as 105 points.

The broader market also finished lower. The Nasdaq composite index fell 12.22, or 0.5 percent, to 1,334.32. The Standard & Poor's 500 index declined 6.04, or 0.7 percent, to 845.13.

Tensions with Iraq have pressured the market for weeks, although stocks rose sharply the previous sessions on investors' belief that a war is not imminent. Still, analysts say the prospects of war and its effect on the economy continue to weigh on the market.

On Wednesday, U.N. weapons inspectors hunted for banned Iraqi missiles, visiting at least three sites. The United States and Britain say they plan to press this week for a U.N. Security Council resolution authorizing the use of force to disarm Iraq.

Dairy

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"This is fairly high, but not as high as I've seen," Holley said. The dairy industry buys an unusually large portion of its goods and services locally, compared with other industries, he said. Examples of purchases are veterinary services, laboratory testing, heaters, hay and feed. And the single largest input is milk. Processing plants is milk bought locally.

"The more you buy in state, and the more of what you buy in state is produced in state, the larger the multiplier will be," Holley said. That's a factor the researchers addressed in interviews.

The BSU study's count for direct Magic Valley dairy output, \$530, sounds about right to Greg Rogers, the Idaho Department of Labor's regional labor economist for Magic Valley.

The Labor Department figures dairy workers in the six counties number at least 2,800, not including part-timers, he said. Some dairy workers aren't covered by workers' compensation, so their numbers are difficult to track with precision.

The BSU study's multiplier of 2.45 is higher than the about 2 which the Labor Department uses "to make sure we're conservative," Rogers said. "But it's cer-

tainly not out of the ballpark."

Environmental and social issues aside, Rogers said, there's not much argument with the economic impact of the dairies. They certainly keep our unemployment rate very stable."

The local average wage on dairies is around \$20,000 to \$22,000 per year, and cheeseplant work pays \$18,000 to \$30,000, he said. The industry tends to offer good benefits to workers, he said.

The dairy industry's growth in the past decade, as it boosted per capita incomes in Jerome and Gooding counties, also turned former migrant seasonal farmworkers into settled, full-time workers.

"It's helped them to become integrated into society a lot better," Rogers said.

The economic effects of southern Idaho dairies are greatest in Magic Valley, where employment in the dairy and cheese industries is comparable to 10 percent of total nonfarm employment, the BSU researchers said.

Percentage-wise, they said, that's:

- More than the combined employment of Micron Technology and Hewlett-Packard in the Treasure Valley.
- More than total employment in lumber and wood-product manufacturing in the Panhandle.

- More than total employment in paper-products manufacturing in the Lewistown area.
- More than total employment in all manufacturing in southeastern Idaho (Pocatello and south).

- Close to total employment at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory in the larger eastern Idaho area.

That last comparison is a bit grandiose, Rogers said, considering the salary difference between dairies and the INEEL.

What's in the future for dairy-related job numbers?

In some respects there is potential for much further growth, Holley said. But dairies have envi-

ronmental and social "side effects," and the more concentrated they become the more reaction they'll get from the community.

If Magic Valley sees further dairy expansion, it will probably be outside the core of Gooding, Jerome and Twin Falls counties, perhaps toward Burley, Holley said.

"More expansion could lead to the construction of another processing plant someplace else," he said.

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NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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MARKET SUMMARY

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Name	Vol	Last	%Chg	Name	Vol	Last	%Chg	Name	Vol	Last	%Chg
IBM	362,094	177	+0.2	Intel	107,433	25.08	+1.7	Intel	51,927	16.80	+0.0
Apple	150,143	140	+0.2	Microsoft	35,542	35.50	+0.5	Microsoft	50,855	16.46	+0.0
GenElectric	149,835	23.45	+3.4	DJIA DM	52,823	50.40	+0.1	SunMicro	43,304	3.38	+0.0
AMC	137,120	6.18	+3.2	SemiTech	50,908	22.76	+2.2	Microsoft	43,790	24.53	+3.0
NorthWest	125,636	11.00	+0.0	StarCom	19,745	61.85	+0.8	Oracle	34,058	12.32	+1.1
GAINERS (#2 on assets)				GAINERS (#2 on assets)				GAINERS (#2 on assets)			
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MSC SR	8.85	+5.2	+207	MetaNet gr	6.00	+7.4	+141	Manor	2.95	+7.0	+31
LabCorp	8.55	+5.9	+123	Summa	2.21	+2.1	+21	PainMed	2.78	+6.0	+27
AMC	6.18	+3.2	+207	StarCom	61.85	+0.8	+10	Truist	2.08	+5.5	+27
LAC	26.78	+3.2	+100	Hewlett	7.10	+5.0	+62	Truist	2.08	+5.5	+27
Amcor pl	7.95	+6.5	+189	WestSec	2.69	+2.1	+21	SaksSt	2.48	+4.7	+23
LOSERS (#2 on assets)				LOSERS (#2 on assets)				LOSERS (#2 on assets)			
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Conoco	3.65	-2.7	-51	UDM Tech	3.00	-3.0	-91	Seahawk	17.30	-5.8	-24
China W	2.30	-3.0	-132	UDM Tech	3.00	-3.0	-91	Seahawk	17.30	-5.8	-24
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50-YEAR MEMBERS

Three Filer women were honored as 50-year members of the Filer American Legion Auxiliary 47. Neoma Shouse, left, unit president, presented plaques to Leslie Kaiser, Kay Jones and Ruth Lincoln, recognizing their service to the auxiliary. The honorees are current local or retired school teachers. Leslie and Kay also are daughters of past National Auxiliary president, Norma Brown. Lincoln taught at Filer High School for several years.

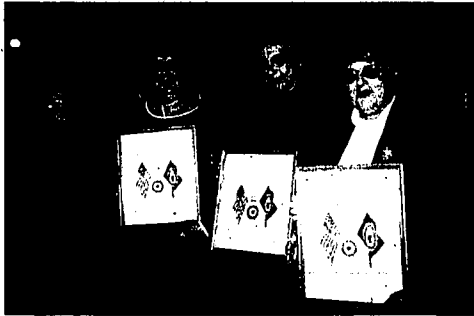


Photo courtesy of NEOMA SHOUSE

LETTERS OF THANKS

Buyers, bidders at auction help community

The Castleford Men's Club thanks the people who made our Jan. 25 auction a success; proceeds exceeded last year's record. Members pulled together in collecting donations, planning and implementing the auction.

Special thanks to students and Castleford cheerleaders for helping. Masters Auction Service (Lyle, Lamar, Gary and Joe) is much appreciated for its service. Individuals' handmade, art or other items made this a unique and fun event. Gary Stone's donated art prints brought a lot of special interest. Businesses in the Magic Valley who donated goods and services are always ready with their items and eager to give us support. They are our mainstay for 30 years' success in hosting this event.

Buyers and bidders are at the top of our thank you list for generous support, fun and enthusiasm. The proceeds spent on our community and youth will go

back into the community 100-fold.
JOHN F. HURLEY
President
Castleford Men's Club
Castleford

Magic Valley Symphony League deals out thanks

The Magic Valley Symphony League would like to thank the individuals and businesses who helped make the 10th annual card party benefit on Jan. 31 successful.

Thanks go to card party chairman Dottie Miller, league president Elaine Bowen, Ted and Patty Hadley, Father John Koelsch, and league and symphony members their assistance.

Thanks to our generous donors: Swenman, Elsa Hilton, Arlene's Florist, Royal Lounge, Gem State Wedding, Betty Mahan, Joan Wojcik, Gloria Hann, Jensen Jewelers, Marlon Wallace, Rock Creek and Rudy's.

Proceeds from the benefit support of the Magic Valley

Symphony.
DORIS WILLIS
Publicist
Magic Valley Symphony League
Twin Falls

Contributions make a big difference to fund

The Dietrich Scholarship Fund-raising Committee would like to thank the following businesses and individuals for their support. Barnes and Noble, Chili's, Cook's Lawn Care, Dick

Andersen, Dietrich LDS Relief Society, Fingers and Toes (Deanna McGhee), Great Harvest Bread, Holly Cook, Cassidy Whitaker, Magic Floral in Shoshone, Melissa at Magic Cuts, Perron's Garage, Rick and Carolee Dykes, St. Peter's Catholic Women, Whistle Stop Java, and Wyant's Texaco.

Your contributions have made a difference! Thank you.

CAROL PERRON
Scholarship Fund-raising Committee

Buhl Rotary dinner will support West End Boys and Girls Club

BUHL - The Buhl Rotary Club will hold its annual West End Spaghetti Dinner and Silent Auction from 5:30-8 p.m. Tuesday at the Poppewell Elementary cafeteria, 200 N. Sixth.

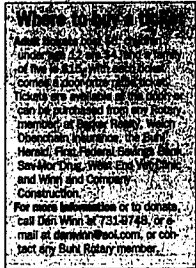
As its only fundraiser, the Buhl Rotary invites the public and local businesses to attend, and contribute to the goal of creating a West End Boys and Girls Club for area young people.

Menu items will include traditional spaghetti noodles and meat sauce, green salad, garlic bread, beverages and ice cream.

Dan Winn, the event planner, also invites businesses and people to donate items for the silent auction or cash for the project.

The silent auction will take place throughout the evening, and people will be able to browse the donated items and submit a written bid. The highest bidders do not have to be present to win, and may bid multiple times until closing time. There also will be numerous door prizes throughout the evening.

The creation of West End Boys



and Girls Club would be a great community asset, Winn said. "Because of the success of the Twin Falls Boys and Girls Club and the obvious need for youth programming in our area, this would give our youth a structured, positive environment where they can be safe and productive. A Boys and Girls Club in our area would be a great complementary program to current youth-building endeavors such as Asset Building, Building Buhl's Future and other programs from churches, schools, civic groups, etc. The Buhl Rotary Club is proud to be a part of the fund-raising campaign."

The Buhl Rotary sponsors, and participates in several community events, such as its signature event, the Octogenarian Banquet. Each November, Buhl Rotary honors more than 100 community members 80 years and older for their contributions with a semi-formal banquet, turkey dinner and a performance by the Poppewell Elementary Honor Choir.

Other Rotary contributions include the Buhl Rotary Invitational High School Track Meet, Rotary Triangle City Entrance, Poppewell Elementary Reading Buddies, Adopt-A-Highway, Rotary Youth Leadership Award and Conference, as well as numerous college scholarships for area young people.

CSI Blaine center offers classes

HAILEY - The College of Southern Idaho Blaine County Center offers a variety of non-credit and credit courses.

Call 788-2033 for more information.

"Finally Home - Home Buyer Education" - Learn about the benefits of buying a home in this free step-by-step program. Course completion may help you qualify for reduced mortgage insurance premiums, down payment and closing cost assistance or other special lender programs. The course is offered in partnership with Idaho Partners for Home Buyer Education Inc. and includes a training manual and expert speakers. Preregistration is required! The course will be held from 6-10 p.m. Monday and Tuesday at Wood River High School.

"Diabetes: The American Epidemic" - Through the use of slides, this free course will explain diabetes, the rising incidence of the disease in America, and how it is tied to diet and lifestyle. Jackie Mizer, a pharmacist, will lead the discussion. The course meets from 7-8:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wood River High School.

"Design Composition" - This is part of a landscaping series. Participants can finalize the landscape analysis, planning and design process by ensuring all the elements of their new landscape are integrated and unified to provide an exterior living space that functions as an enjoyable extension of interior living space. Emphasis is placed on solving maintenance, circulation and fire safety issues. The cost is \$20. The course meets from 7-9 p.m. Tuesday at Wood River

High School.

"Introduction to Windows" - Topics include the PC environment, screen layout and customizing the desktop, using the start menu and icons to execute programs, using Help and other functions, sharing data between programs, managing files and folders with Explorer, formatting disks and proper shutdown. The cost is \$102.50. The one-credit class meets from 1-4 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, Feb. 25 to March 11 at the Fox Building.

"CPR and First Aid" - Cardiopulmonary resuscitation methods for infants, children and adults, and standard first aid are covered. Books and American Heart Association requirements are included. The cost is \$45. The course will meet from 5-10 p.m. Feb. 26 at Wood River High School.

Kimberly student wins health education scholarship

Luke Lindley of Kimberly has received a \$1,000 award as one of the 150 winners of the 2002 Health Education Scholarships presented by the makers of Tylenol, McNeil Consumer & Specialty Pharmaceuticals, based in Fort Washington, Pa.

Lindley is a May graduate of Kimberly High School, and attending Stanford University in Palo Alto, Calif., studying pre-medicine and biology.

Students participate in Peer Mediation Training

Several Jackpot Combined School secondary students have participated in a day-long Peer Mediation Training held at Wells High School.

Justin Martinez, Garland Worstall, Kristie Clymens, Matt Shover, Sandra Gonzalez and Sandra Perez spent the day working with fellow high school students from Wells, Elko and Spring Creek on interpersonal communication and problem-solving

skills to aid other people in understanding each other, and learning to solve problems peacefully.

The Peer Mediation Program is part of a conflict resolution curriculum that teaches problem-solving skills, taking responsibility for your own actions, skills to get along better at home and school, how to express your feelings and needs, and how to listen without taking sides. This program is in place in many schools throughout the country. Jackpot School officials said.

M.V. High School announces honor roll

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley High School in Twin Falls has announced its fall semester honor roll.

4.00 grade-point average
Megan Brown
Marley Edge
Jennifer Guymon
Megan Hall
Amanda Sorensen
3.5-3.9 GPA
Artur Bagamayan
Luis Carbajal

Elizabeth Hanna
Yasmin Ibarra
Shaye Littleton
Katy MacGregor
Kye Ricks
Theresa Rivera
Mirna Solis
3.0-3.4 GPA
Cecelia Clark
Larissa Cleveland
Lyndsey Hanna
Jesse Howell

Shanda Kingston
Chris Martinez
Heather Messer
Mhea Olson
Tressa Phillips
Heather Posey
Jessica Rivera
Roberto Rodriguez
Andy Russell
Nidia Sansores
Corey Starnes
Nicky Thompson
Roni Winkle

Wendell American Legion announces new officers

WENDELL - The American Legion Post 411 in Wendell recently installed new officers for 2003-2004.

New officers are: Tom Mattice, commander; Ron Smith, first vice commander; Ed Martin, second vice commander; Jim Crouson, adjutant; Don Icke, finance officer; Fred Tate, chaplain; Jim Benson, service officer; Bob Vulk, sergeant at arms and Riley Scott, assistant sergeant at arms.

Sonrise Cafe grand opening is set for Friday in Jerome

JEROME - A grand opening will be held at 7 p.m. Friday for the Sonrise Cafe at 101 Tiger Dr., across from the Jerome High School. The cafe offers gourmet coffees, cappuccinos and Italian sodas.

The cafe is sponsored by CERTS, a Christian nondenominational youth program, and staffed by volunteers. Call 644-9709 or 644-9200 for more information.

Friends establish bank account to aid Buhl man

BUHL - Friends of Kurt Cantrell of Buhl have established a fund to help defray the costs of his medical treatments.

Cantrell has been diagnosed with cancer. He recently underwent surgery to remove a tumor from his throat, and is scheduled for 12 weeks of radiation treatments at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. The Cantrells do not have medical

insurance, fund organizers say.

A fund has been established at the Farmers National Bank. Contributions can be made at any branch of the bank or mailed to Kurt Cantrell Fund, Farmers National Bank, P.O. Box 2706, Twin Falls, Idaho 83303-2706.

Gooding Rotary sponsors school carnival, smoker

GOODING - The Gooding Rotary will sponsor its sixth-annual school carnival starting at 6 p.m. Friday at Gooding Elementary School, 1045 Seventh Ave. W.

Proceeds will go to the school. Hamburgers, fries, popcorn and pop will be sold. There also will be children's games and bingo for adults and children, as well as two cake walks. The Rotary Club has help from the Gooding High School and Gooding Middle School honor societies.

The Rotary recently donated \$2,800 to the elementary school from last year's proceeds.

Upcoming events include a boxing smoker April 5 with proceeds going towards scholarships for the Rotary Club and Fifth District high school rodeo students and \$1,000 to the Gooding High School Athletic Department.

For more information, call Holly Sabala at 954-4360.

Pollard receives Eagle Scout award Sunday in Paul

PAUL - Kenneth Pollard will receive his Eagle Scout award at a court of honor at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Rupert 7th Ward LDS Church, at the corner of Eighth and G streets in Rupert. Phillips, 15, is the son of Boyd and Jean Phillips of Rupert, and grandson of Duward and Emma



Kenneth Pollard

Pollard, 13, has earned 21 merit badges. He is a member of Troop 47 sponsored by the LDS Church. His leader is Don Peterson.

For his Eagle project, he purchased 10 DVD players to donate to the Primary.

Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, Utah, where he has been treated for brain cancer. With the help of Wally and Lisa Blacker and his grandparents, Halite and Sharon Heiner, he asked local individuals and businesses to donate money to purchase the players, which were sold by Redder's Showcase in Burley at cost. His church congregation and various community members also donated more than 70 DVD movies for the medical center. Combined efforts on the project have taken more than 180 hours, and involved several people.

Pollard is in the eighth grade at West Minico Middle School, where he played soccer and drums in the band. He also served as secretary of the Deacon's Quorum at his church.

Rupert boy earns Eagle Scout award

RUPERT - Aaron Phillips will receive his Eagle Scout award during a court of honor at 6:30 p.m. Sunday at the Rupert 7th Ward LDS Church, at the corner of Eighth and G streets in Rupert. Phillips, 15, is the son of Boyd and Jean Phillips of Rupert, and grandson of Duward and Emma

Perkins of Burley and Floyd and Esther Phillips of Rupert.

He has earned 28 merit badges, and is a member of Troop 151. His Scout leaders are Russ Holland and Butch Connolly of Rupert.

For his Eagle Scout project, Phillips organized a fire escape plan for Heyburn Elementary School. Fire escape maps were designed for each classroom in two buildings. He was assisted by Troop 151's leaders and parents. More than 70 hours was spent on the project.

Phillips is a member of the Minico High School basketball and football teams. He enjoys art work, and has won several awards. He also enjoys snowboarding and wake boarding.

Cancer prevention seminar is scheduled this weekend

TWIN FALLS - A seminar entitled, "Smart Women, Smart Men, Smart Choices" will be presented from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday in the North's Chuckwagon meeting room, 1839 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

The seminar is presented by the Cancer Prevention Coalition Standard Process Newways International. Topics covered will include nutrition, harmful ingredients in products, safe alternatives to hormone replacement therapy, thermology and more.

The seminar is free. A lunch buffet will be available for \$6.25 per person.

For more information, call Dr. Troy or Kari Crum at 677-9020 or 1-888-562-0287.

Flea market hosts vendors from throughout Idaho

RUPERT - The Rupert flea market will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday and Saturday inside the McGregor Center, 85 E. Baseline Road in Rupert.

Hart Hollow Vending will have food available. New and used items will be for sale from vendors throughout the state.

For more information, call 436-9748.

American Legion Auxiliary holds Girls State event

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 will hold the Girls State competition and tea at 1 p.m. Sunday at the American Legion Post Home, 447 Seastrom St.

Twelve high school junior girls will compete for the spaces allotted in the Twin Falls area Girls State, a leadership conference, will be held June 8-14 at Northwest Nazarene College in Nampa.

Buhl Arts Council slates upcoming events

BUHL - The Buhl Arts Council announced the following upcoming events:

The West End Writers Group will meet from 7-9 p.m. Feb. 27 at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth Ave. in Buhl. Anyone interested in writing is welcome, and should call Becky Bartholemew at 537-6676. The

meeting is free, and open to all ages.

Merry Ann Finch: Southern Style Cooking Class will be held at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 28 at the Eighth Street Center. Finch, author of "The Cafe South Cookbook," will demonstrate the preparation and cooking of a number of vegetable dishes. The class is open to all ages, and costs \$25.

For more information, call 543-2888.

M.V. singles dance club holds workshop Tuesday

JEROME - The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will hold a workshop at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Methodist Church, 211 S. Buchanan St. in Jerome.

Those whose last name begins with H-N should bring finger foods and help with clean up. For more information, call Tom at 324-6440 or Galen at 733-9045.

Cooking class is set at Twin Falls store

TWIN FALLS - "Paris Bistro Classics" will be taught by Sun Valley chef Chris Kastner at 7 p.m. Wednesday at Rudy's, A Cook's Paradise, 147 Main Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Kastner will show how to prepare French cuisine in the traditional bistro style.

The cost is \$30. Class space is limited, and tuition must be paid in full or the reservation cannot be guaranteed.

For more information, call 735-5477.

Fetching up trouble

For a bird hunter, there is no greater pleasure than to watch a loyal dog perform the work he was born to do. I have kept the company of retrievers for many years, and the joy they have brought to my experiences in the outdoors is something I treasure.

Of course, dog ownership is not without its frustrations. Dogs don't grasp the concept of closed hunting seasons. That's when it can be a challenge to find outlets for that work they were born to do. Retrievers, especially, seem to find unique ways of getting into mischief, and those of you who have one know what I mean.



COUNTRY LARKS
Sam Hutchins

A more loyal and loving line of canine you will not find, but as the name implies, retrievers are given to a particular bent in life. They love to bring you stuff. Of course, things that you throw or shoot are preferred, but a good retriever with too much time and freedom on his hands is likely to bring you things you really would rather not have - all kinds of things, from road-killed chuck to the neighbor's shoes.

His intentions, of course, are pure. He will bring you anything he thinks is cool, which may be interpreted as (A) anything that looks like something you could throw for him or (B) something that smells - the more the better. Also, being the loyal and true friends that they are, a retriever will sometimes bring you something for no other reason than he believes you will like it, which is exactly what Duke did for me on a particularly memorable morning almost 10 years ago.

Imagine my surprise when I looked out my window and saw the lawn neatly covered with neatly rolled Sunday editions of the very publication you now hold in your hand.

"It looks like our paper boy decided he'd had enough and just dumped his whole morning route in our yard," I said to my wife. I stepped out the door and just in time to meet Duke, our big yellow lab, coming through the gate. He was carrying a newspaper, and he couldn't have been more pleased with himself. Upon seeing me, he quickly dropped his prize with the others and bounded up to greet me. He seemed to be fully expecting an unparalleled shower of praise and affection for his morning's work; after all, Duke reasoned, if bringing the boss one of these things every morning made him so happy, imagine how much ear-scratching and belly-rubbing a whole yard full should be worth!

I have to admit - I could see where he was coming from, although I couldn't quite muster the generosity to praise him. This was larceny, well intentioned or not. Judging from the quantity of dog slobber the papers had absorbed, Duke had covered some considerable distances fetching his prizes. How he got loose is anybody's guess, but he'd made the most of his few hours of freedom. It's hard not to like a dog with that kind of initiative, at least that's the perspective I tried on my wife as we gathered up the evidence. At the time, the reality didn't share my sentiments, expecting, as she was, the police, dogcatcher and perhaps even an angry, news-deprived mob to arrive at our doorstep any moment. They never did and we handled the situation in a way that any responsible young married couple would understand. We locked Duke in his kennel, put the papers in a trash can out by the alley, and went to church.

I have since wondered if some poor fellow every boy did catch a lot of flak for that incident, but honestly, that didn't occur to me until some time later. Well, they say it's never too late to right a wrong, and after nine years, we are hoping it is too late to go to jail for it. So, to whom it may concern, if you feel you were a victim of the great Sunday morning paper heist of 1994, please accept my belated apologies, on behalf of Duke, who - although he never did deserve any reward - is much better behaved these days.

Sam Hutchins is an outdoors writer from Twin Falls.

Climbing in popularity

Indoor climbing gyms, like the one in Shoshone, pop up across the country

By Mark Weber

Times-News correspondent

Mid-winter is the time of year when many folks begin dreaming of warmer weather and outdoor pursuits. It's understandable that after weeks of gray days and cool temperatures, some people are ready to "climb the walls." This common saying may adequately express the anticipation and frustration many individuals feel this time of year, but it was literally a Shoshone High School teacher's dream.

Over the past decade, commercial climbing gyms have sprouted up in virtually every corner of the country. In fact, many of the nation's larger cities are home to not only one but several of these indoor rock-climbing facilities.

Both Boise and Salt Lake City offer more than one location to climb artificial rock walls indoors, but presently, Twin Falls lacks any such opportunities.

Climb in Shoshone

The Shoshone Rock Gym is located on South Greenwood Street (U.S. Highway 93) directly across from the Snack Bar and is open from 3:30 to 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. The fee is \$2 per person, which includes shoes and equipment. Reservations for special events and large groups can be arranged by calling 886-7085.

ing to fill vacant warehouses, abandoned grain silos and other large buildings.

Today's commercial climbing gyms can exceed 23,000 square feet in climbing terrain on 80-foot-high walls festooned with factory-produced resin holds.

While stone-starved rock jocks still account for a large portion of a gym's clientele, today's rock gyms cater to a much more diversified crowd. Birthday parties, school field trips, church youth activities and even programs for troubled adolescents all take advantage of the unique experience and opportunities provided by these artificial climbing structures.

The sleepy little railroad town of Shoshone may seem an unlikely venue for the area's only indoor climbing facility, but it didn't wind up there by chance. Shoshone High School teacher David Weber has been an active climber for more than 20 years.

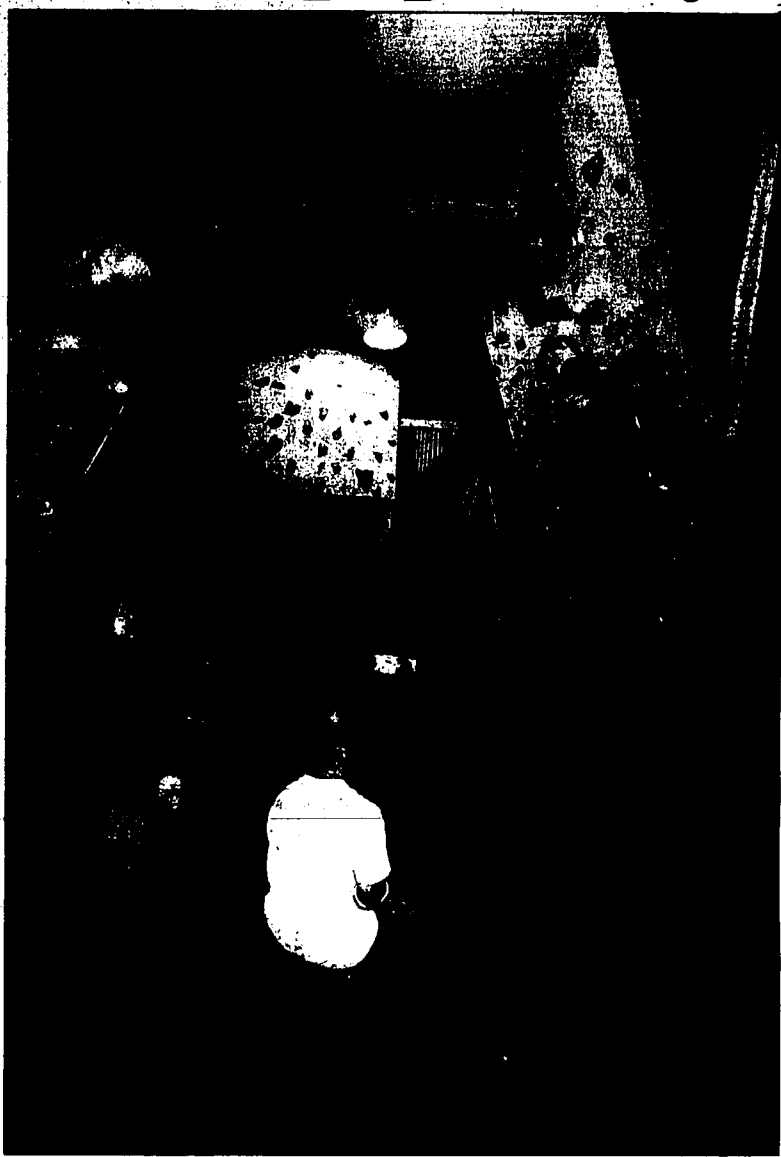
In addition to his passion for climbing, he has always been dedicated to helping his students stay focused on positive objectives, whether they be related to his math and science classes or in athletics.

David knew a climbing gym would be an excellent way to not only motivate his students to stay physically fit but also ponder more academic subjects such as the force of gravity.

In 1998, the Shoshone School District moved both its elementary and high schools into brand new buildings located just east of town. This consolidation left vacant space in the old high school gymnasium on South Greenwood Street. The unused room seemed to Weber like an ideal place for a climbing gym.

David knew that convincing the school board to sign off on the project would be easy, after all, the climbing facility would benefit not only the district's students but also the general public. With a building secured, Weber now faced the real hurdle - money. Besides plywood, lumber and hardware for the walls, he needed climbing holds, ropes, rock shoes, harnesses and safety mats for the floors.

Taking his case to the Lincoln County



Greg Moore climbs the walls at the Shoshone Rock Gym in Shoshone as he plays in a game of 'Add-On.'

Recreation District, David secured a grant of several thousand dollars to cover construction costs and equipment. Combining these resources with a crew of volunteer labor, which included many of Weber's past and present students, the dream was soon realized.

After four months of sawing, drilling and bolting, the dust finally settled and the Shoshone Rock Gym opened its doors in May of 2000 with more than 1,500 square feet of climbing terrain. It offers both roped and unroped climbing on a variety of surfaces that covers everything from vertical walls to overhanging ceilings.

Regardless of whether you are a veteran climber or just curious about the sport, next time those dreary winter days make you feel like climbing the walls, indulge yourself and head to the Shoshone Rock Gym.



Brent Heath stretches out as he hangs from a wall at the Shoshone Rock Gym.

Ice fishing appeals to more than just grumpy old men



Fishermen enjoy a day on Magic Reservoir, near Fairfield, in this January photo.

Families enjoy fishing together on Fairfield's Magic Reservoir

By Roger Phillips
The Idaho Statesman

BOISE - Ten-year-old Jace Bloom of Twin Falls likes to run around, and he likes to fish. Normally that wouldn't be the best combination for an angler, but it worked for him on Magic Reservoir.

During a recent fishing trip,

he caught several trout, including a 16-inch brown trout, which was the largest trout caught by his family.

Ice fishing also allowed him to use several rods at once, increasing his chances of catching fish and multiplying the anticipation.

He watched the tips of several fishing rods that were

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spread across the ice for the telltale bounce that signaled a fish was biting.

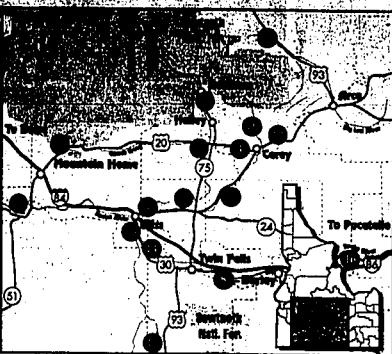
"You don't just sit there - you can move around a lot more," he said.

Across the reservoir, Brady Jones of Hailey had a radio strapped to the front of his ATV while he and his kids, Garrett and Austin, fished for

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OUTDOORS

Magic Valley Angler's Guide



The Magic Valley fish report is for the week of Thursday, Feb. 20. Updated conditions are listed for 15 locations that include state family fishing waters and major rivers in the Magic Valley region. Reports are made courtesy of Scooter Gardiner of Silver Creek Outfitters in Ketchum, and Doug Cherry of Blue Lakes Sporting Goods in Twin Falls.

- Malad River:** POOR. Great midge hatches but just little fish activity. Zebra midge, serendipity, mercury midges and clausers with bait are recommended.
- Big Wood River:** EXCELLENT. The winter season has been good. The warmer weather has really brought midges out. Use serendipity, jumbo midge patterns, general nymphs and buggers with gold and red clausers. The Big Wood will remain open through March.
- Little Wood River:** GOOD. Fishing has been excellent on warmer overcast days directly below the dam. Try general small nymphs #12s and #18s, midge pupae, clausers, red/gold chart/white.
- Silver Creek:** Downstream of Hwy 20 Bridge - Silver Creek remains open through Feb. 28.
- Big Lost River:** The Big Lost's cfs is 61 percent of normal (below
- Mackay Reservoir:** Magic Reservoir: EXCELLENT. The perch bit is on and some nice trout are coming through the ice as well. Use ice flies, jigs, crockdillies, spinners, all tipped with meal worms.
- Miner Dams FAIR:** Water is 42 degrees, low and clear. Fish bait, night crawlers minnows and crawdads work well in deeper water.
- C.J. Strike Reservoir:** FAIR. Jigging with night crawlers and minnows has worked well. Use bait on 1/8- to 1/4- ounce jigs and midges.
- Clear Lake:** FAIR. No report.
- Little Wood Reservoir:** FAIR. Ice has been spotty but there are fish to be caught. Bait off of jigs.
- Camas Reservoir:** POOR.
- Salmon Falls Creek Reservoir:** GOOD. No ice, walleye are there but most have been catching some good sizes. Try to use jumbo midge pupae off dropoff, shallow flats, mohair leeches
- Clear Lake:** EXCELLENT. The tournament went well and there are many big fish left to be caught. Use jumbo midge pupae patterns off of indicators, San Juan worms, and Clear Lake specials.
- Billingsley Creek:** EXCELLENT. Has the best local midge hatches right now. Use midge pupae #14s and #18s, midge larvae #14s and #18s.
- Lake Walcott:** POOR. No ice, water temperatures from 38 to 40 degrees. String indicator fishing with jumbo midges has produced results. Use zebra midge #14 and #18 or minnow nymph #12s and #15s.
- Salmon/Steelhead report:** GOOD. Salmon River is starting to produce. This year's run is looking to be 80 to 90 percent of last year's. But they will be on their nests two weeks early. Use skunks, greenbutt skunk, popples, December golds.

For additional updates call Scooter Gardiner at 1-800-732-5687 or (208) 726-5282, or Doug Cherry at (208) 733-6446.

Fish

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trout and perch through the ice. "It gives us a chance to get out and do something in the winter," Jones said.

Magic Reservoir east of Fairfield offers a great winter-time escape for anglers. It is known for its reliable ice, even during a topsy-turvy winter like this one.

But ice is only half the equation. Magic also has reliable fishing. Anglers from throughout the state visit Magic in hopes of bringing home a limit of trout and a bucket of perch.

And they rarely leave empty-handed, according to Cloyde Edwards of the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

"They are catching lots of trout, and the trout they are catching are averaging about a foot," he said.

Perch fishing has been a little less predictable. Perch run in schools, which concentrates them in certain areas.

"If you don't get in a school, you won't catch them," Edwards said. "If you get in a school, you do real well."

Ice fishing on Magic Reservoir usually lasts until April, according to Ken Moore, owner of Burren West Resort.

"This year has been warmer, so it could vary," he said.

But he expects fishing will continue at least into March, and this month offers a great time to get out on the ice.

They are catching lots of trout, and the trout they are catching are averaging about a foot.

— Cloyde Edwards, Idaho Department of Fish and Game

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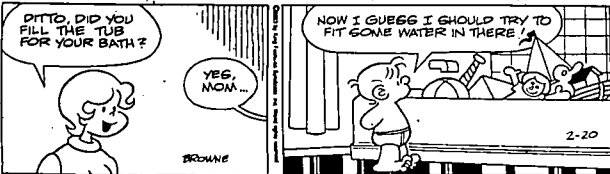
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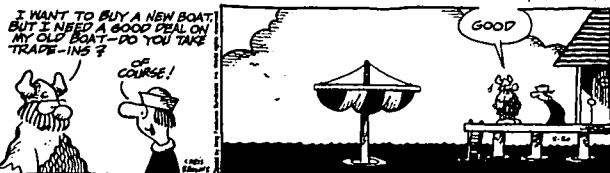
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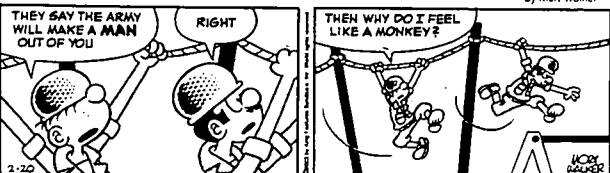
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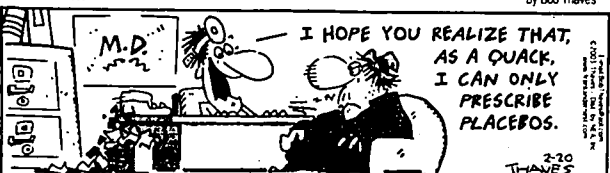
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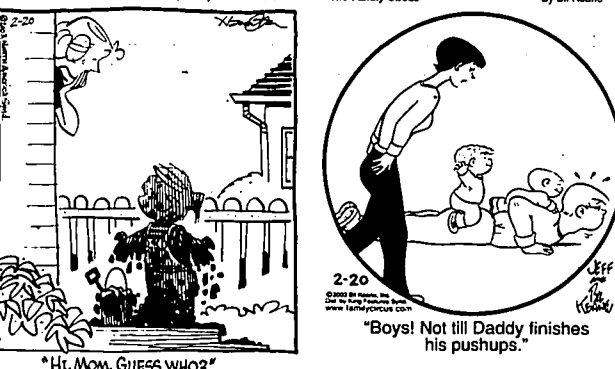


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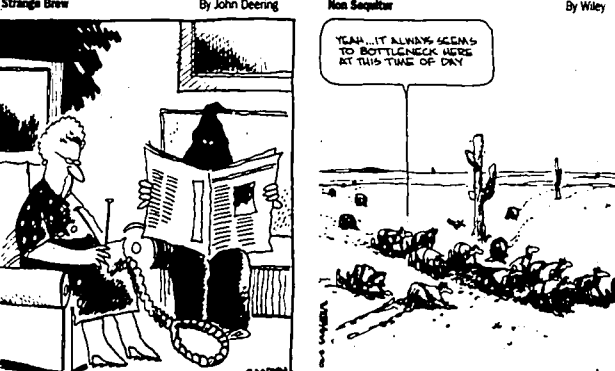


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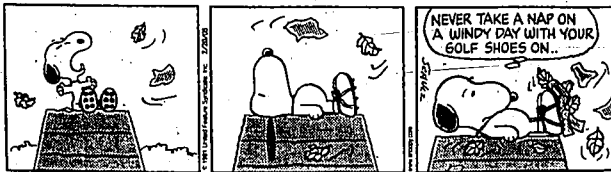
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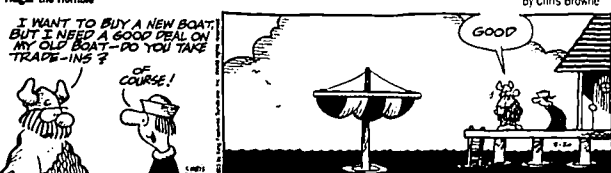
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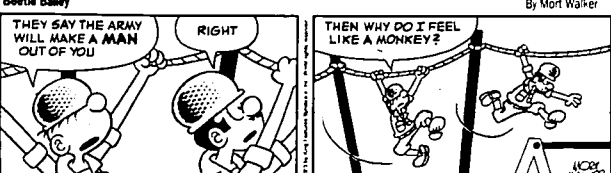
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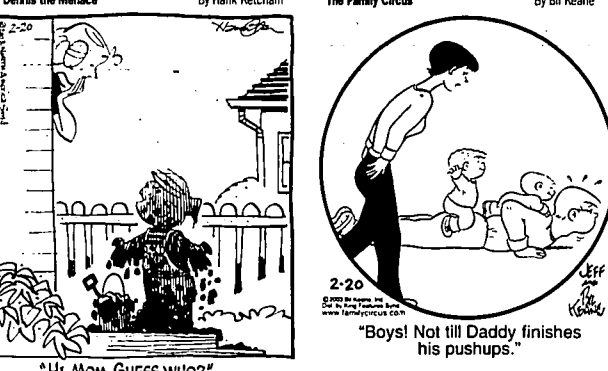


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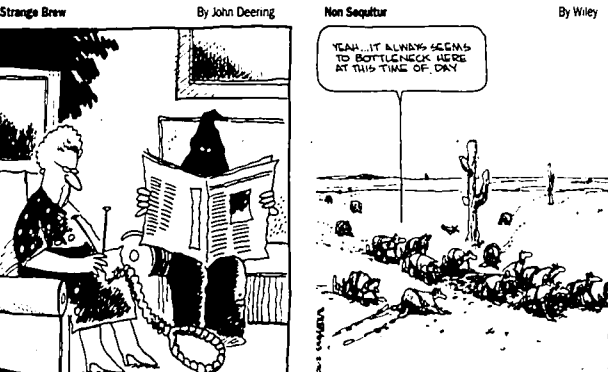


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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
FA-12283
On the 28th day of May, 2003, at the hour of 10:15 A.M., of said day, (suzanne) (last name), in the Office of First American Title Company, 260 3rd Avenue North, Twin Falls, in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, First American Title Company of Idaho, Inc., an Idaho Corporation, as successor trustee, will sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash or cashiers check (cash equivalent), in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale in compliance with Section 45-1508(b) Idaho Code, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows: Lot 22 Block 1 of PARADISE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, recorded in Book 14 of Plats, Page 48.
The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above referenced real property, but for purposes of compliance with Section 45-1508(b) Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that according to the County Assessor's office, the address of 621 Sparks Street, Twin Falls, Idaho, is sometimes associated with said real property.
Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by and pursuant to the power of sale conferred in the deed of trust executed by JAMES R. MARION, a married man as his sole and separate property, as grantor, to FIRST AMERICAN TITLE COMPANY OF IDAHO, INC., as grantee, as successor trustee, for the benefit and security of North American Mortgage Company, as beneficiary, recorded November 22, 2000, as to said property (No. 2000015861, and assigned to STATE STREET BANK AND TRUST COMPANY as Custodian/Trustee, as beneficiary, by assignment recorded April 5, 2001, as instrument No. 2001005950, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho).
THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 45-1508(b)(1), IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.
The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under Deed of Trust Note, the monthly payments for Principal, Interest and Impounds of \$1,118.05 due per month for the months of March through December, 2001 and January through December, 2002 and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or reinstatement, with a monthly late charge accruing at \$3.14, collected late charges are due in the amount of \$270.94, with interest accruing at 9.875% per annum, and continuing to accrue from February 1, 2001. Also due are escrow advances in the amount of \$202.10 and NSF fees for \$100.00. The principal balance owing as of this date on the obligation secured by said Deed of Trust is \$122,289.25, plus accruing interest, costs and advances. All delinquent amounts are now due, together with accruing late charges and interest, unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, and any amounts advanced to protect the security associated with this foreclosure and that the beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.
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