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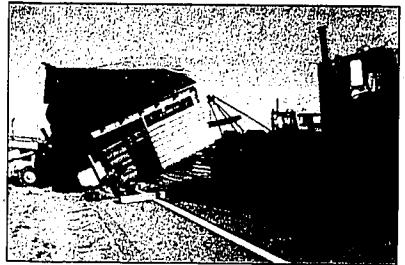
Historic building slips off its transport just miles from new home

By Sandra Wisecaver
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN—A piece of history almost slipped away Friday. As the truck carrying the front section of the Bald Mountain Lodge from Ketchum to Hagerman came around a curve on Highway 30 just north of its new home, the log frame began

sliding sideways off the truck. "Once it started sliding off we couldn't stop it," said Bill Lehman, a member of the club that purchased the lodge. "It put a tremendous torque on the whole structure. We were just trying to keep it together because it was in danger of splitting in two and disintegrating. "There just wasn't much hold-

ing it together." When the lodge left Ketchum it also left behind a cement floor, making it top-heavy. Fortunately, it didn't completely slide off the trailer. But it took most of the day before movers could raise the lodge off the ground. By 9 p.m. it



Brad Streng, of Associated Pacific Movers, works on half of the historic Bald Mountain Lodge after it slid onto the ground near Hagerman Friday.

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READY TO HIT THE SLOPES



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Three-month-old Jonas Davidson smiles at his parents, Jason and Mary Davidson, while trying on helmets at the College of Southern Idaho Ski Swap Friday at the Eldon Evans Expo Center. The sale continues today and Sunday.

CSI's big Ski Swap offers variety of bargains

If you go...

- What: The College of Southern Idaho Ski Club's 34th annual Ski Swap.
- When: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday.
- Where: Eldon Evans Expo Center.
- How much: Admission is \$1, which also buys a raffle ticket for prizes to be given away near the end of the show.

By Sandy Miller
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—For skiers and snowboarders, one of the closest things to heaven is a fresh blanket of white powder. That's one of the biggest advantages of living at Bear Lake, said Rhonda Stoker and her college-age daughter, Heather.

Snow? - A4

"Every day, we look out the window to see if there's snow," Rhonda Stoker said. "And there's lots of snow in Bear Lake." Now that the snow is finally falling, Rhonda and Heather decided to catch some of the good deals on gear Friday at the

College of Southern Idaho Ski Club's 34th annual Ski Swap. The sale, which continues through Sunday, features new after row of new and used skis, snowboards, poles, boots, jackets and other items.

Rhonda, who snowblades, was shopping for a coat, gloves and goggles. Heather, a snowboarder, Please see SKI, Page A2

Flu largely spares valley so far, but it's coming

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN—Most of the 413 students in the Hagerman schools were back at their desks on Friday, but Superintendent Lee Mitchell is pretty sure that won't last.

"We've been hit pretty hard by absenteeism already," Mitchell said. "The last week in October we had a lot of students

Where to get vaccinated; but is it flu? - A2

home sick. It seems to come in waves this year, and it seems like it's started early." Flu season in the Magic Valley is six weeks away. Or it may have begun already, depending on whom you ask.

It's already cut a swath through the Treasure Valley, idling 14 percent of the students and more than 100 teachers in a single day earlier this week in Nampa.

"We could be next," said Cheryl Becker, nurse epidemiologist with the South Central District Health Department. The culprit in the Boise area is 'Type A influenza, a garden-variety virus that is wily enough to transform itself into a more viru-

lent microbe over time.

"The current flu vaccine covers Type A, but these viruses can mutate," said Dr. David Spritzer, a Twin Falls family physician. "So you can never be completely sure."

Spritzer and his colleagues have had a quiet autumn so far for upper respiratory infections—with not a hint of flu.

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Privatization takes hold; employees start losing their jobs

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—Dozens of Forest Service employees—in Utah and Montana are spending their last days on the job after becoming some of the first victims of the Bush administration's program to cut costs by privatizing government work.

In March, the 41 members of the Content Analysis Team—which analyzes public comments on proposed policy changes for several agencies—were told their jobs were going to be put out for bid.

The decision came despite a cost esti-

Federal workers say administration's program treats them unfairly

mate showing that government employees could do the work for \$425,000 a year less than private contractors. "I think we can make a pretty strong case for keeping us on board, but nobody gave us an opportunity to do that," said Karl Vester, whose last day on the job was Friday. "The Forest Service should be ashamed for what

they've done to us." It was all part of a Bush administration initiative to determine if agency functions could be done more efficiently by the private sector.

The Forest Service spent \$24 million on outsourcing studies in the past year, 93 percent of which showed it was cheaper for government employees to continue the work. Fewer than 250 jobs are being sent to the private sector.

Now a skeptical Congress is voicing concerns that money is being diverted

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—Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D., after finding out that the Forest Service spent \$24 million on studies, which showed it was cheaper for federal workers to keep doing the work

U.S.: Iraqis take over in '04

Another soldier dies

The Washington Post

BAGHDAD, Iraq—The Bush administration told leaders of Iraq's Governing Council on Friday that it intends to transfer sovereignty of Iraq by next summer to a provisional government selected by delegates chosen in town hall meetings across the country, officials of the U.S.-appointed council said.

Driven to revise its blueprint for Iraq's political transition because of intensifying attacks by Iraqi insurgents, the administration's new plan abandons a time-consuming process that would have required Iraqis to write and approve a constitution and hold national elections for a permanent government before the handover of power. Under the new strategy, sovereignty would first be given to a provisional government, which then would oversee the writing of a constitution and the convening of elections for new government.

But some council officials said the plan, which does not envisage any sort of national election until late 2004 or early 2005, could prove controversial among Iraqis. While there appears to be broad public support for a fast handover of sovereignty, there also is a strong desire among many Iraqis to choose their new leaders—even interim ones—through an election. It remains unclear whether town meetings, where participation likely would be restricted to people deemed to be community leaders, will be regarded as legitimate.

The new plan would enable President Bush to end the formal occupation of Iraq before the 2004 election, a key goal of the White House. But it would not end the American presence in Iraq. U.S. officials expect the provisional government to permit tens of thousands of American soldiers to remain in the country, along with hundreds of civilian reconstruction specialists.

The administration's plan was outlined by the U.S. administrator of Iraq, L. Paul Bremer, to the nine presidents of the Governing Council in a meeting on Friday night in Baghdad, the council officials said. The officials said the plan was received warmly by the presidents, who have been calling on the administration to hand

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"We had to slap them around for that a bit."

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

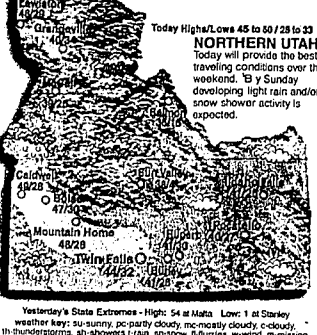
Today: Increasing clouds to mostly cloudy with developing showers. Highs in the mid 40s.
Tonight: Rain and/or snow showers possible. Lows in the lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Mixed precipitation early, continued mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 40s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Becoming partly to mostly cloudy with developing showers. Highs in the lower to the mid 50s.
Tonight: A few possible rain and/or snow showers, otherwise mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s to the lower 30s.
Tomorrow: Chance for showers, especially early, then mostly cloudy. Highs in the 40s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS.
 A weak weather system moving in from the west will bring in off and on snow showers to the High Country over the weekend. Late Sunday the winds will likely also increase causing blowing and drifting snow.
BOISE
 It may be a soggy weekend as an incoming weather system brings a few passing off and on showers to the region.



Yesterday's State Extremes: High: 54 at Malta. Low: 1 at Starkey. Weather keys: S=sunny, P=partly cloudy, M=mostly cloudy, C=clearly, TH=thunderstorms, SH=showers, R=rain, SN=snow, F=furries, W=wind, M=missing

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tonight	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
High 44	Low 32	46 / 33	48 / 35	55 / 32	57 / 28

ALMANAC - TWIN FALLS

Temperature	Precipitation	Humidity	Barometric Pressure	Sunrise and Sunset
Yesterday's High: 47 Yesterday's Low: 32 Normal High/Low: 48/28 Record High: 73 in 1899 Record Low: 8 in 1888	Yesterday's Precip: 0.08" Month to Date: 0.44" Water Year to Date: 0.35" Avg. Winter Year to Date: 1.13"	Yesterday's High: 100% Yesterday's Low: 50% Today's Forecast High: 54% Today's Forecast Low: 50% A winter year (from Oct. 1 to Sept. 30)	5:00 PM Yesterday: 50.02" Today: 50.02"	Sunrise: 7:29 AM Sunset: 5:13 PM Monday: 7:31 AM Tuesday: 7:33 AM Wednesday: 7:35 AM

REGIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow	Monday
Boise	47 30 sh	45 29 sh	45 30 sh
Burley	40 34 sh	42 31 sh	38 33 sh
Chico	31 15	32 17 sh	38 23 sh
Coeur d'Alene	41 24	41 27	46 21 sh
Elko, NV	42 24	41 27	47 21 sh
Grangeville	39 42	35 45	38 44
Idaho Falls	37 22	40 25	42 27 sh
Kalispell, MT	42 27	40 25	42 23 sh
Jerome	41 27	37 28	39 31 sh
Lewiston	44 23	45 20	46 28 sh
Malta	38 25	40 28	45 24 sh
Meridian	40 25	45 24	40 24 sh
Moscow, MT	37 29	38 28	37 31 sh
Post Falls	41 27	40 25	42 23 sh
Portland, OR	51 44	52 46	57 49 sh
Rupert	41 30	40 33	48 29 sh
Shoshone	44 33	45 30	40 24 sh
Timber Lake	44 37	46 38	52 42
Trinidad	44 33	44 30	48 30 sh
Walla Walla	41 32	42 39	40 25 sh
Blainey	34 2 8	32 3 1	27 10 11 sh
Blackfoot	41 30	41 30	31 12 sh
Yellowstone, MT	30 18	30 18	21 9 sh

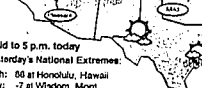
NATIONAL FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Alaska	63 49	66 58 sh
Albany, NY	53 35	50 38 sh
Baltimore	53 37	65 38 sh
Birmingham	49 28	46 39 sh
Boston	40 28	40 32 sh
Charlotte, NC	65 48	67 53 sh
Chattanooga, TN	47 31	55 41 sh
Chicago	40 24	40 34 sh
Cincinnati	48 30	50 40 sh
Des Moines	51 38	55 42 sh
Denver	58 40	61 42 sh
El Paso	65 41	64 43 sh
Fort Worth	41 21	40 20 sh
Houston	65 38	68 44 sh
Indianapolis	50 47	58 62 sh
Jacksonville	71 43	77 55 sh
Kansas City	59 38	60 44 sh
Las Vegas	59 43	60 42 sh
Los Angeles	61 51	60 53 sh
Memphis	68 52	70 68 sh
Minneapolis	47 32	48 34 sh
Miami	81 67	80 67 sh
Mobile	68 48	68 52 sh
New Orleans	80 65	81 62 sh
New York	52 43	53 43 sh
Omaha	54 33	57 40 sh

WORLD FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Akron	59 52	61 52 sh
Atlanta	64 48	72 56 sh
Bangkok	87 79	88 79 sh
Berlin	50 38	45 38 sh
Buenos Aires	77 52	74 57 sh
Caracas	75 61	75 61 sh
Chicago	40 24	40 34 sh
Denver	58 40	61 42 sh
Honolulu	72 48	72 48 sh
London	59 43	59 43 sh
Los Angeles	61 51	60 53 sh
Madrid	64 48	64 48 sh
Manila	81 67	80 67 sh
Moscow	50 38	50 38 sh
New York	52 43	53 43 sh
Paris	59 43	60 42 sh
San Francisco	61 51	60 53 sh
Seattle	48 30	48 30 sh
Shanghai	68 52	70 68 sh
Singapore	81 67	80 67 sh
Sydney	68 48	68 52 sh
Tokyo	61 51	60 53 sh
Washington DC	42 30	42 30 sh
Yokohama	68 52	70 68 sh

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



Valid to 5 p.m. today. High: 80 at Honolulu, Hawaii. Low: -7 at Wisdom, Mont.

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CANADIAN FORECAST

City	Today	Tomorrow
Calgary	41 18	37 10 sh
Edmonton	39 14	36 12 sh
Halifax	43 10	43 10 sh
Regina	28 7	23 9 sh

Where to get vaccinated

The South Central District Health Department and most private physicians can provide flu shots, at a cost ranging from \$12 to \$20 locally. For more information, call the district health department offices in Burley (878-8221), Rupert (835-7385), Gooding (934-4777), Jerome (324-8838), Hailley (788-4335), Shoshone (886-7663) and Twin Falls (734-5900). People considered high-risk - those

age 65 and over, residents of long-term care facilities, folks with chronic lung disease, diabetes and women who will be at least three months pregnant during flu season - should get flu shots. The Federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention also recommends that children between the ages of 6 months and 8 years get flu shots. The first time children receive the vaccine they need two shots, given one month apart.

But is it the flu?

Symptoms	Cold	Flu
Fever	Rare	Common (102-104 degrees)
Headache	Rare	Prominent
Aches	Slight	Common, often severe
Fatigue	Mild	Can last up to 2-3 weeks
Stuffy nose	Never	Early and prominent
Sneezing	Common	Common/Sometimes
Sore throat	Common	Sometimes
Cough	Mild to moderate	Common, sometimes severe

Flu

"We've seen colds, but they seem to be a little late this year," he said - probably because of the dry, relatively warm fall weather. There's still plenty of time to get a flu shot, Spritzer and Becker say. It takes a few weeks for the vaccine to take effect, but even if you contract the flu before the vaccine kicks in, there are now antiviral drugs to blunt the severity of the infection. "Type A flu is strictly a respiratory infection," Becker said. "If you have gastrointestinal symp-

Defense probes in California trial

MODESTO, Calif. (AP) - A defense lawyer for Scott Peterson suggested Friday that an investigator failed to follow the lead which could have implicated other suspects in the death of his pregnant wife. In the ninth day of the preliminary hearing, prosecutors called Detective Philip Owen to testify about Peterson's medical records and the condition of her remains. Defense lawyer Mark Geragos suggested police should give evidence to a list theory rather than letting clues lead to a conclusion.

Sniper jury begins deliberations

VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. (AP) - Jurors in the murder trial of sniper suspect John Allen Muhammad began deliberations Friday before heading home for the weekend after meeting for about four hours. The jury sent one question to Prince William Circuit Judge LeRoy F. Millette Jr., asking if they could have a tape recorder to review evidence on a 911 tape. Millette granted the request, but a tape player could not be found by the time the jury went home at 1 p.m. Several 911 phone calls were played during four weeks of testimony, including panicked calls made by victims, their relatives and witnesses just minutes after shootings.

Ski

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 "It was really excited yesterday when the snow came down," said Shields, who has been hitting five slopes for 13 of his 28 years. "Friend and co-worker, Erin Jackson joined him at the sale. She was looking for a whole new skiing wardrobe after taking off 40 pounds. Angie Perry had all four children in tow, fitting them with skis and boots. "I love skiing," 6-year-old Jared said. Emily, 12, proved to be a fast learner. "I learned in just three times," she said proudly. Susan Cox plans to take down the mountain for the first time this winter. "My husband and my boys said I just have to learn," she said.

Lodge

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 had been raised up and was slowly being pushed back onto the trailer. Movers benefited from some unexpected help as several Hagerman-area residents quickly came to their assistance with equipment in hand. The lodge spent Thursday night parked in Bliss as Guy Jackson, manager of the Old Curran Ranch Hunt Club, which will use the 1920s-era structure as a clubhouse, stood watch through the night. The lodge began its final march to the club property south of Hagerman at 10:30 a.m. Friday morning. Then the mishap occurred. "We really need to thank the neighbors," said Jackson, who named Ed and Doug Wickham, Ron Leach and Nick Znanakakis as instrumental helpers. "They have been great trying to help get it back up with their backhoes and loaders," he said. "Everybody has offered to help." Earlier delays on the 90-mile journey, including flat tires and an hour-long wait at railroad tracks near Gooding, seemed minor inconveniences in comparison to Friday's near catastrophe. The entry way that hung over the side of the trailer was jacked up and cribbed using railroad ties until it was high enough to be pushed back on the trailer. But as the process began, the rest of the structure started to slide. Four backhoes and a loader provided by volunteers were used to put pressure on the structure, keeping it from pulling apart and sliding. Movers and helpers were able to lighten the mood. Lehman bought pop and ordered pizza for all those who lent a hand.

Iraq

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 over power more quickly. Meanwhile, U.S. troops carried out aerial raids Friday, including a helicopter strike that killed seven suspected guerrillas as part of an expanded offensive against the elusive Iraqi resistance, which continued to inflict casualties on U.S. forces. On Friday, a soldier was killed and two were wounded in an attack on a convoy of troops from the 1st Infantry Division near central Baghdad, the Reuters news agency reported. Two U.S. soldiers were killed Thursday when a roadside bomb blew up their vehicle near the town of Samarra. Also, three more U.S. troops were wounded Friday by a rocket near the town of Fallujah, and three soldiers were wounded trying to defuse a roadside bomb in northwest Iraq. The fatalities brought to 159 the number of Americans to die from guerrilla activities since May 1 when President Bush declared major combat operations over. On Friday, gunmen fired on three jeeps carrying Portuguese journalists traveling into Iraq from Kuwait, wounding a reporter in the leg, according to reports from Portugal. One reporter, Carlos Raleiras from the radio station TSF, was apparently abducted and pleaded for help by cell phone to Portuguese colleagues. "I've been kidnapped. It's a very confused situation. I can't talk now," he told the Portuguese news agency Lusa, which contacted him by satellite phone. U.S. and British troops along with Portuguese police were searching for Raleiras.

Seeking work or a career change?

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CORRECTION
 Article confused entitles adding animal shelter
 A Friday article about the planned new Twin Falls Animal Shelter contained several inaccuracies. People for Pets raised \$175,000 for the project. The city of Twin Falls will seek bids, not the Animal Shelter Advisory Commission. The total construction cost is estimated at \$599,000. The city will own the building, and it will be built on city property. The City Council sat aside \$400,000 in this year's budget. It was up to People for Pets to raise the remainder of the money needed. The Times-News regrets the errors.

House, Senate negotiators reach energy deal

Bill includes funds for INEEL research

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional Republicans on Friday finished a draft of a broad energy bill that would double Americans' use of ethanol, improve reliability of the nation's power lines and aim billions of dollars in tax breaks to energy industries.

GOP lawmakers called it a path to "restructuring energy in this country" and said it would provide hundreds of thousands of jobs and bring greater stability into an energy sector stung by sharp price volatility, impending shortages and power blackouts.

But even as details of the massive draft bill, which is said to cover 1,700 pages, were being printed, Democrats complained about the Republican priorities. And they groused about the bill being crafted behind closed doors in negotiations among only Republican lawmakers.

"I think we're being asked to take it or leave it," said Sen. Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M., who led the Senate Democrats on the energy conference. He predicted some parts of the bill "will give heart-

The key provisions:

- Authorize construction of a \$1-billion reactor in Idaho, to produce hydrogen, and tax breaks to spur development of six next-generation commercial power reactors.
- A doubling of ethanol production for gasoline to 5 billion gallons a year by 2012.
- Billions of dollars in tax incentives for producers of oil, natural gas, clean coal and nuclear power. The size of the tax package has yet to be made public, but discussions have ranged from \$16 billion to \$20 billion, the majority going to traditional energy industries.

burn" to many Democrats in the Senate.

While approval of the bill is virtually assured by the House, probably next week, it is likely to provoke a dustup in the Senate.

Democrats — as well as some moderate Republicans — have strongly objected to a provision in the bill that would protect makers of MTBE, a gasoline additive that is contaminating water supplies, from product liability lawsuits.

Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., chairman of the energy confer-

ence, said he hoped "there will be a strong surge" to get the bill through and avoid delays in the Senate.

Domenici and Rep. Billy Tauzin, R-La., head of the House conferees, provided only a broad outline of the bill at a news conference Friday. They said the details would be made public Saturday when the text of the bill is provided to Democrats.

Calling the bill comprehensive and balanced, Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham said it "reflects

the president's energy priorities" and Congress should move swiftly to pass it.

Still, the measure does not include one of Bush's top energy goals: opening the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil development. The provision was dropped after it became clear that Democrats and Republican moderates in the Senate would scuttle the whole bill over Arctic refuge drilling.

"Everything we worked on would be dead," said Domenici, when asked why the Arctic refuge provision was not included.

Energy legislation has been a top priority of the White House. President Bush said he wanted a bill this year, calling it both an economic and national security issue. Pressure on lawmakers to push through a bill increased in August when a power blackout hit all or parts of eight states in the Midwest and Northeast.



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Man who jumped over Niagara joins circus

HIDALGO, Texas (AP) — The only person to survive a plunge over Niagara Falls without a safety device has run off and joined the circus.

Kirk Jones, 40, planned to make his debut as the "world's greatest stunt man" during a Friday night gig with the Toby Tyler Circus, now touring Texas' Mexican border towns.

Last month, the former auto parts salesman from Canton, Mich., jumped over the Canadian side of the falls and somehow

emerged from the rushing foam with only a few broken ribs.

Jones said circus promoters called him a few days ago and promised him something "spectacular." He would not say what his act would involve.

With only a few days left on the circus's 2003 season, Jones will

limit his performances to public appearances and autograph signings. The circus resumes touring in Beaumont in January.

In the meantime, circus promoter Phil Dofel said Jones will have to work like everyone else in the troupe, washing elephants and taking down tents.

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1:30 - Pharmaxim - Check your body defense index.
2:15 - Isagenix - Cleaning, Detox & Weightloss.
3:00 - Tastefully Simple - Great Gift Giving Ideas.
3:45 - Healthy Way - LISANA - Lowering Blood Sugar & Cholesterol.
4:30 - TI Institute of Holistic Studies - Accidents - The Silent Killer.

5:15 - Xango - The health breakthrough you should know about.
6:00 - Dr. Crane - Natural Hormone Balancing.
6:20 - Jewell's Home Care.

SATURDAY:
11:00 - Sprint TCS - How to Use a Vision Phone.
11:45 - Miracle Touch - Healing Power of Stones.
12:30 - Jewell's Home Care.
1:15 - Isagenix - Cleaning, Detox & Weightloss.
2:00 - Kitchen Tune-Up - Secrets of Successful Wood Care.
2:45 - Tastefully Simple - 15-minute Recipes.
3:30 - Healthy Essentials - Balance Acid/Alkali in your body using Supreme Green with MSM.
4:15 - Nelson Realty - Hints for selling your home.

5:00 - Parks Funeral Home - Preplanning for the future.
5:45 - TI Institute of Holistic Studies - Message Therapy and the role it plays in Health Care.

SUNDAY:
12:15 - Senior Benefits of Idaho - Everything a Senior Should Know.
1:00 - Healthy Way - Energy & Massage.
1:45 - Arbonne International - Estrogen Dominance & Hormone Imbalance.
2:30 - Dr. Crane - Your Nervous System - The Day to Health.
3:15 - Pharmaxim - Check your body defense index.
4:00 - Nelson Realty - Hints for buying a home.

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YOUR WEEKEND

Holiday Tree

What: The 2003 U.S. Capitol Holiday Tree will travel through Twin Falls before it heads to Washington, D.C. Twin Falls will celebrate with a parade and a patriotic program.

Where: The parade will be held on Main Avenue, with the program in City Park.

When: The parade will begin at 5:30 p.m. today, with City Park events starting at 6 p.m.

How much: Admission is free.

Tree celebration

What: Jerome will celebrate the arrival of the 2003 U.S. Capitol Holiday Tree. Activities will include a parade, food, entertainment, visit from Santa Claus and a tree-lighting ceremony.

Where: Jerome City Park.

When: 3 p.m. today.

How much: Admission is free.

'Retro Steel'

What: "Retro Steel," a retrospective of the work of Twin Falls artist LaVar Steel, will be on display.

Where: The Jean B. King Gallery at the Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

When: 1-9 p.m. on Saturdays.

How much: Admission is free.

Magic Valley Improv

What: Magic Valley Improv, featuring the troupe Brick Wall Comedy, will perform.

Where: The Schubert Theater, 402 Main St., Gooding.

When: 8 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets are \$5 at the door.

'You Can't Take It With You'

What: Oakley Valley Arts Council will present George Kaufman and Moss Hart's production, "You Can't Take It With You."

Where: The Howell Opera House in Oakley.

When: 8 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning 677-ARTS between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. today. Tickets are also on sale for season pass holders.

'The Little Shop of Horrors'

What: Giant Productions and Laughing Stock Theater Company will perform Howard Ashman and Alan Menken's "The Little Shop of Horrors."

Where: nexStage Theater, Ketchum.

When: 8 p.m. today and 5 p.m. Sunday.

How much: Tickets, which are \$25, are available at Icenock's Books, nexStage Theater and at the door.

Faulkner Planetarium

What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present "Rusty Rocket's Last Blast."

Where: Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.

When: 2 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets are \$1 for afternoon shows. Children 4 and under are not admitted.

Taj Mahal

What: Taj Mahal will play.

Where: The Wood River High School auditorium in Hailley.

When: 7 p.m. Sunday.

How much: Tickets, which are \$30, are available at Big Bad Bill's CDs in Hailley and Twist & Trout Music in Ketchum at <http://www.ticketswest.com>, or by phoning (800) 325-SEAT.

Christmas bazaar

What: The Deaf Community Christmas Bazaar will be held. A variety of holiday and gift items will be available for sale.

Where: The Round Building at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind, 202 14th Ave. E., Gooding.

When: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today.

How much: Admission is free.

Live comedy

What: Comedy Live, featuring comedians Derrick Cameron and Kermit Holaday, will perform.

Where: The Mint, 116 S. Main, Hailley.

When: 8 p.m. today.

How much: Tickets, which are \$20, are available at The Mint, Twist and Trout Music in Ketchum and Big Bad Bill's in Hailley, or can be reserved by phoning 735-5007.

Karaoke

What: A D.J. will be featured.

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Judge takes oath, gets roasted

By Rebecca Mearns
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The first thing an attorney sworn in as a judge might do is let fly some lawyer jokes.

"To forgive would put a lot of attorneys out of work," G. Richard Bevan quipped Friday during his swearing-in ceremony as a 5th Judicial District judge.

In an event that was part honorary, part roast, friends and colleagues took to the stand to tell tales about Bevan.

His skills were endorsed, partly in jest, by his former law partner, William Hollifield.

"I spent years training him," Hollifield said. "I want to tell you, Rich, this is it. I'm not going to

train you anymore.

"And I provided a lot of training to your predecessor. Look where he is now," he said, nodding to Roger Burdick, who was appointed to the Idaho Supreme Court in June and whose seat Bevan is taking.

Burdick himself attended, bringing "greetings from the great state of Ada," he said, alluding to his new home in the state capitol. "Rich is like Lady Liberty," Burdick said. "He stands in one place, he's blind and he calls it like he sees it."

He regained seriousness, and endorsed his replacement by saying, "Rich Bevan has everything it takes (to be a judge). He lives the moral lifestyle, he's an inde-

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New 5th Judicial District Judge G. Richard Bevan, center, laughs with friends, family and well-wishers at a ceremony in Twin Falls Friday.

Snow skirts ski areas

Recent storms miss Sun Valley, Pomerelle

By Karen Bossick
Times-News writer

SUN VALLEY — While ski resorts across the West are breathing easier after a series of storms created a warm spell, operators of south-central Idaho ski areas are wondering where the snow is.

Sun Valley has yet to receive a storm dumping more than an inch of snow, and perennial early bird Pomerelle Mountain Resort received only a few inches from Thursday's storm.

"I like to say we got the frosting but we haven't got the cake yet," said Pomerelle co-owner Sandy Anderson, who reported 6 inches at the top of Pomerelle and a couple inches at the base on Friday. "The storm just clipped the bottom of the Snake River Plain and missed Pomerelle on its way to Utah."

In Utah, Park City opened Friday, a week early, with 13 inches of new snow and 5 feet in the past two weeks.

"Two and a half weeks ago it was 65, 70 degrees here," said Krista Rowles, a resort spokeswoman.

Wolf Creek, in southwestern Colorado, boasted 63 inches of snow and the entire mountain was open Friday. Jackson Hole in Wyoming has received 45 inches of snow in recent weeks, helping build a base for a Dec. 6 opening. In New Mexico, Taos picked up a foot of snow overnight Thursday. It opens Nov. 22.

Squaw Valley, on the California-Nevada line, is offering a few runs this weekend before a scheduled opening Nov. 22. Mount Rose also offered a sneak preview, with selected runs open Friday and Saturday. Alpine Meadows, another Lake Tahoe resort, opened Friday.

Boreal and Sierra-at-Tahoe also were open, as are the Colorado resorts of Breckenridge, Loveland, Winter Park, Arapahoe Basin and Copper Mountain.

Mammoth Mountain in California began offering top-to-bottom runs Friday. And Big Sky in Montana, with selected runs open Friday and Saturday, Alpine Meadows, another Lake Tahoe resort, opened Friday.

In Idaho, Brundage Mountain in McCall boasts 18 inches of snow, thanks to a couple of snowstorms from the north. Schweitzer Basin near Sandpoint has 14 inches and Silver Mountain near Kellogg has turned white, thanks to 2 feet of snow that fell there earlier this week.

Meanwhile, Sun Valley-area residents vent as their business on Friday as if it were mid-September.

Six members of Great Old Broads for Wilderness, in town for their annual board meeting, hiked near Sun Valley's early

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Officials tour dispatch center



Twin Falls City Councilman Trip Craig, right, shows what will be the city's new 911 dispatch center to elected officials from around the Magic Valley Friday.

Guests get chance to see new Twin Falls setup

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The city of Twin Falls showcased its new city service and emergency dispatch center Friday to leaders from other communities.

Most of the tour guests were newly elected city council members from around the Magic Valley. They attended an Idaho Association of Cities governance training seminar held at City Hall. Magic Valley legislators also were there to meet the region's newest city council members.

Equipment is being installed this month in the 24-hour service center at the Twin Falls Police Department. The center will field

all 911 emergency and 311 non-emergency calls within Twin Falls city limits.

Twin Falls officials see the combined service-emergency dispatch hub as a model for other communities. It will allow the city to improve its services to city residents, Twin Falls City Councilman Trip Craig said.

Most policing calls are non-emergency, Police Chief Lee DeVore said. With all emergency and non-emergency calls coming through the city, dispatchers can easily direct callers to the appropriate services. That frees up police officers to do police work, rather than be dispatched to calls for, say, a backed-up sewer.

The new center marks Twin

Falls' departure from the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center, a change welcomed by the Twin Falls Police Department. Since 1996, SIRCOMM has handled calls for more than 50 emergency agencies in Twin Falls, Jerome, Lincoln and Gooding counties.

"It was much more difficult to solve things quickly," Capt. Jim Munn said.

The city plans to begin routing emergency 911 calls to the center Jan. 1. Emergency calls within Twin Falls city limits will continue to be fielded by SIRCOMM until then.

City residents with non-emergency police calls or city service calls can reach the dispatch center

by calling 311.

"We offer 24-hour answering services," said Lt. Bryan Krear, manager of the new dispatch center.

That means residents seeking any kind of city information — from what hours the parks are open to who to talk with about a zoning issue — no longer must maneuver an automated messaging system. The 311 service has been available for about a year.

All calls, whether emergency 911 or service 311, are routed to dispatch center. The roughly \$575,000 expanded dispatch center will be staffed by nine full-time and three part-time dispatchers, all trained to handle emergency and non-emergency calls.

Lawsuit gets new wrinkle

AG's office admits it filed case in wrong court

By Pat Murphy
Times-News correspondent

HAILLEY — An allegorical Idaho deputy attorney general admitted Friday he goofed by filing a lawsuit against Blaine County Coroner Russ Mikel in magistrate court rather than district court, prompting Magistrate Robert Elgee to bounce the case to District Judge James J. May with effusive thanks to the attorneys.

"Gentlemen, I love you," Magistrate Elgee said appreciatively to deputy attorney general Corey Cartwright and defense attorney E. Lee Schlender after they agreed the case should be in district court.

The reason for Elgee's joy was that "this case isn't a simple one-pipe judgment," he said. "It's complicated (and) takes a long time."

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One more fish farm calls for water

HAGERMAN — Another Hagerman Valley fish producer has made a call for water against junior groundwater users on the north side of the Snake River in the Magic Valley.

Aquarius Aquaculture Inc., operated by company vice president David Huff and his family has water rights for 2.64 cubic feet of water per second with priority dates of 1969 and 1971.

The company says it has been operating with less than half of its water right, said Dick Larsen, spokesman for the Idaho Department of Water Resources.

Aquarius joins Rangen Co. of Bull and Clear Lakes Trout Co. of Bull in making calls for water against junior water users.

Clear Lakes' water call has been denied, and the company has filed a lawsuit against the Idaho Department of Water Resources. "The water calls by Rangen Inc. and Aquarius are under consideration."

Clear Lakes' lawsuit also challenges state water policies used by the department to deal with water calls against groundwater users.

The fish farms' water calls could affect dairies, irrigators, industries and cities on the north side of the Snake River.

Forest Service proposes to relocate trails

KETCHUM — The Ketchum Ranger District is proposing to relocate portions of the Greenhorn Trail No. 107 and Imperial Gulch Trail No. 155 from private land to ensure continued public access to the forest.

The new, relocated trail would be about 1.1 miles long and be open to horse, mountain bike and motorbike and walking enthusiasts.

Relocation of these sections of trail is necessary to mitigate private landowner concerns where the trails cross over private land, the Forest Service said. The landowner has closed the trails, denying public access to the forest through his property.

The Ketchum Ranger District plans to apply for a grant from the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation's off-road motor vehicle fund. If this project is funded, trail construction is anticipated to begin in the summer of 2004.

Information including a map of the proposal is available at the Ketchum Ranger District on Sun Valley Road. Written comments on the proposal can be sent by Dec. 12 to the Ketchum Ranger District, P.O. Box 2356, Ketchum, 83340. Call 208-622-5371 for more information.

T.F. man faces felony charge in assault case

TWIN FALLS — Jeffrey Shell, 22, was arraigned Friday in district court on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, a felony.

On the evening of Nov. 13, words were exchanged between two parties in the parking lot of a 7-Eleven convenience store in Twin Falls, according to an affidavit filed at the Twin Falls County courthouse. The groups encountered each other again that night while in their cars. One of the occupants, Jeffrey Shell, of Twin Falls, pointed a pistol at the occupants of the other car, the affidavit said.

The suspect followed the victims to a bar and a fight ensued, according to the affidavit.

Police were alerted to the incident and stopped the car that Shell and his companions were traveling in. Officers found a loaded semi-automatic 9 mm Smith & Wesson pistol under the driver's seat, according to the affidavit. Police performed a records check on the gun and found that it was stolen.

Shell has not entered a plea. His preliminary hearing is scheduled for Nov. 21.

— compiled from staff reports

WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Ricardo Gedeze Gutierrez.
Age: 23.
Description: 5-foot 14-inch tall, dark hair, brown eyes.



Tattoo on chest: "Brown pride."
Tattoo on right hand: "3 dots."
Tattoo on left arm: "Susana."
Wanted for: Probation violation. Original charge: possession of a controlled substance.
The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Gutierrez's whereabouts to call 736-4100 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.

Funds fall short for Fairfield sewer project

By Amy Ballard
Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD — The City Council voted Thursday to allow grant writer Carl Rey to pursue a minimum of \$25,000 to continue with the city's stalled sewer lift station project.

The project took a setback this fall when all contractor bids came in higher than predicted, the lowest being \$17,000 too high.

"Rey estimated that the city would need to raise \$22,000 in additional funds to match the \$24,000 business enterprise grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the \$10,770 grant

from the U.S. Department of Commerce in order to continue with the project.

Originally scheduled for completion this fall, the sewer lift station will provide Fairfield's still emergent Mill Park industrial subdivision with sewer drainage.

"This industrial park is the future lifeblood of this city," Mayor David Hanks said at the council meeting. "We're foolish if we don't pass this motion."

Rey said that over the next few years he would also like the city to seek grant money — probably \$300,000 — for a new well.

In other business from Thursday's meeting:

• **Greenhouse hearing** — No action was taken by the City Council following a public hearing that was held to determine citizens' feelings regarding a proposal to build a community greenhouse. It would be erected somewhere on city property in the spring.

Gayle Bachtel of the Camas County Fair Board read a letter stating that placing the greenhouse in the City Park, as had been suggested at a previous council meeting, would inhibit the use of the park for the fair, the Fourth-of-July fireworks display, and other community activities.

Other citizens said they were not against the greenhouse, but were opposed to putting it in the park.

• **School says thanks** — A letter from the Camas County School District thanking the city for donating labor and a backhoe for its building project was read. Hanks estimated the savings to the school to be \$3,075.

• **Snow removal** — The council passed a snow removal policy after discussing what to do about people parking in the street during plowing time. An ordinance specifying the citizens' responsibility will be presented at the next regular meeting.

Crosswalk alarms Jackpot residents

By Sam Feltman
Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. — Jerry Tucker and other concerned citizens told the Advisory Board that they would like to see something done about a dangerous crosswalk in Jackpot.

The crosswalk is located on Highway 93 and Casino Way by the Chevron gas station.

Tucker said a yellow flashing light would help the situation. The crosswalk is not very well identified or lit, Tucker said.

"There has been one fatality and a whole bunch of close calls," Tucker told the Jackpot Advisory Board Thursday.

Ed Youngman, owner of the West Star Resort, agreed. He said he had a close call there himself.

"We are going to start bugging NDOT to get a yellow light," he told the board, referring to the Nevada Department of Transportation.

On the subject of parks, the board announced receiving a \$30,000 grant.

Jackpot's parks master plan called for new soccer and baseball fields along with a new kid-friendly park, restrooms, and a trail system through and around Jackpot.

The \$50,000 falls short of the \$126,000 the town asked for from the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, but Gene Frank, Advisory Board chairman, said it was reported to him that none of the applicants received the full amount they asked for. Many received nothing.

Frank said there are other grants out there to help with the trails, and the town can start on phase

one next summer with the money they have.

Other Advisory Board business included:

• **Transfer station** — Ed Ellis, Jackpot Public Works supervisor, reported that construction on the new transfer station is under way.

Ellis said that the footings have been poured and they will continue to work on the building. Once the facility is built there will be restrictions on the time and use.

A card reader will be placed at the gate for access, Ellis said. He said this will be necessary to prevent misuse and vandalism.

• **Gurley Drive** — Ellis reported that Gurley Drive is complete except for the seal coating, which will be done in the spring when the temperatures are right.

Ellis said he wanted to publicly thank the community of Jackpot for cooperating with construction crews throughout the ordeal. He said not only the people who live on Gurley but the whole town was affected as everyone goes to the post office on Gurley Drive.

• **Lights** — The public works department will put up the Christmas lights right after Thanksgiving, Ellis told the Advisory Board.

• **Fire Training** — Verl Jarvis, Jackpot Fire Chief, said his volunteers want action.

"They want live fire training," he said.

Jackpot does not have the facilities so Jarvis told the board he will consider including a used metal building in his upcoming budget that the fire department can use for training.

He said he also plans on sending his fire crew for training at a fire academy in Carlin, Nev.

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from on-the-ground programs without congressional approval.

"We had to slap them around for that a bit," said Sen. Byron Dorgan, D-N.D. "They were out wasting the taxpayer money doing these studies they shouldn't have been doing."

After President Bush said he would veto an effort to cut off all funding for outsourcing studies, Congress put strict caps on the privatization effort next year: \$5 million for the Forest Service, \$2.5 million for the Interior Department and \$500,000 at the Energy Department.

Thomas Mills, deputy chief for business operations at the Forest Service, defends the value of the studies and the decision to privatize the CAT team.

While the cost estimate said government workers are paid \$5 an hour less, Mills said contractors will work fewer hours. He said the Forest Service will save \$6.1 million a year, meaning the initiative will pay for itself within four years.

So far, the Forest Service has decided to computerize the CAT team, a computer to manage contracts and a handful of maintenance positions.

Critics of privatization effort say the way the contract team was handled points to serious flaws in the entire process.

"This is just a prime example of the mismanagement of this whole competitive sourcing process from the get-go," said Bill Dougan, president of the Forest Service Council, the union for the service's employees. "It's unfortunate that the agency didn't know what they were doing when they started this whole program and the CAT team results are a result of that."

Before the decision was made to close the Missoula office and hire contractors, the Forest Service had not prepared a mandatory cost analysis or studied the civil rights impact. When the cost analysis was produced three months later it estimated that it would cost \$425,000 more per year to have



Forest Service employees, from left, Anne Jensen, Angela Concepcion, Holly Schneider, Ted Hughes and Karl Vester, stand in front of the Forest Service's regional headquarters Thursday in Missoula, Mont. Dozens of Forest Service employees in Utah and Montana, including the ones shown here, are spending their last days on the job after becoming some of the first victims of the Bush administration's program seeking to cut costs by privatizing government work.

the 85,000 hours of work done by the private sector.

Mills said closing the Missoula office and hiring contractors was the right decision. Despite the lower hourly cost of government employees, the study also showed that there was significant down time, where employees were paid while not working on projects.

Private contractors have the flexibility to adapt to the workload, saving money in the long run, he said.

"I think we made the right decision for the taxpayer," Mills said. "Are there some employees who would rather we made a different decision? I'm sure they would. ... But our mission is something other than just keeping people employed."

Vester said the time CAT workers

do not spend on projects is devoted to developing software to make their jobs more efficient and writing technical standards for their work. And closing the Missoula office will be a \$1 million hit to the town's economy, he said.

Despite the reduction in funding, Mills said the Forest Service will have enough to finish the studies in progress and those planned for the coming year, including a review of fleet management and forest inventory programs — the workers who gather statistics about the numbers and health of trees in forests.

The content analysis employees have unionized and lodged a grievance against the Forest Service. They are committed to seeing their challenge through,

even if it means litigation, said Vester.

"I don't think I've ever been treated so disrespectfully in my life," said Holly Schneider, a dismissed CAT member now working in her previous job as a temporary employee with a lower salary and no benefits.

"We were just a part of meeting those targets and we were an easy group to eliminate."

SERVICES

Leona Irene Myers of Bellevue, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at St. Charles Catholic Church (Wood River Chapel, Hailey).

Esther Tress Barrett of Burley, service at 11 a.m. today at the Burley West Stake Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2420 Parke Ave.; burial will be in Pleasant Hill Cemetery in Albion; family will receive friends from 10:10-45 a.m. today at the church (Rasmussen Funeral Home, Burley).

Ethel Lewis of Kimberly, service at 9 a.m. today at Lighthouse Christian Fellowship, 259 Main Ave. E. in Twin Falls; burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Park (White Mortuary, Twin Falls).

Mary Lou Depew Robison of Boise, service at 1 p.m. today at Calvary Baptist Church, 911 S. Cole Road, Boise; viewing at 11 a.m. today at the church (Cloverdale Funeral Home).

Russell S. 'Rusty' Faris of Jerome and formerly of Sun Lakes, Ariz., memorial service at 2 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road, Twin Falls.

Frances Gayle Smith of Jerome, memorial service at 1 p.m. Monday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 229 Park Ave., Twin Falls.

Orvil C. Sears of Elba, service at 11 a.m. Monday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Elba Ward Chapel; burial will be in the Grandview Cemetery in Elba; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Sunday at Payne Mortuary,

221 W. Main St., Burley and from 10:10-45 a.m. Monday at the church.

Mary Lena Moore of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. Monday at Twin Falls Reformed Church.

DEATH NOTICES

Marian Llewellyn
BURLEY — Marian Llewellyn, 84, formerly of Burley, died Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003, in Canoga Park, Calif.
Arrangements will be announced by Hansen Mortuary-Burley Chapel.

Arthur M. Scott
TWIN FALLS — Arthur M. Scott, 93, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Nov. 14, 2003, at SunBridge Care and Rehabilitation Center.
At his request, no services are planned.
Cremation was under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Dominga Z. Avila
HANSEN — Dominga Z. Avila, 80, of Hansen, died Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Ruth Ridley
TWIN FALLS — Ruth Ridley, 94, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Nov. 14, 2003, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.
Arrangements will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

Grandview Drive and Pole Line Road; entombment will follow in the Reflections of History Mausoleum at Sunset Memorial Park; friends may call from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday at White Mortuary.

DEATH NOTICES

Alfred Newton Idle
RUPERT — Alfred Newton Idle, 78, formerly of Rupert, died Oct. 30, 2003, at Hi-Desert Continuing Care in San Bernardino, Calif.
Burial was held Nov. 14, 2003 at the Rupert Cemetery.

Clara Audrey Chattero
SHOSHONE — Clara Audrey Chattero, 79, of Shoshone, died Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003, at Shoshone Rehabilitation and Living Center.
At the family's request, there will be no funeral service.
Cremation is under the direction of Demaray's Shoshone Chapel.

Thelma Simpson
HEYBURN — Thelma Simpson, 90, of Heyburn, died Thursday, Nov. 13, 2003, at Parke View Care & Rehabilitation Center.
Arrangements will be announced by Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St., Burley.

Spencer O. Moore
JEROME — Spencer O. Moore, 94, of Jerome, died Friday, Nov. 14, 2003, at home.
Arrangements are under the direction of Farnsworth Mortuary of Jerome.

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Conservancy hunting trip garners complaints Convicted murderer gets new attorneys

LEWISTON (AP) - Federal land managers have expressed concern about what appears to be preferential treatment on west-central Idaho's Craig Mountain for supporters of the Nature Conservancy.

drive contributors in so they could hunt birds. Yunevich said the reason Cove Gulch was not officially closed to motorized vehicles when the BLM bought it from the conservancy in 1995 was because access to the road was blocked by a gate on the adjacent conservancy preserve in Hells Canyon. The road is restricted to administrative use only.

may have to be initiated because of the questionable use of the road by conservancy state director Geoff Pamphus. "I need to treat the public as an all inclusive public," Yunevich said. "We need to treat everybody the same."

conservancy's weed treatment projects and hunt chukars, an upland game bird. Pamphus justified using the road to combine the hunt with the weed tour as a way to get donors interested in managing weeds like yellow star thistle because without their contributions, the conservancy cannot wage the fight against the infestations.

Convicted murderer gets new attorneys

The Associated Press

PROVO, Utah - A new defense team has been appointed for death-row inmate Ronald Watson Lafferty.

Dan Lafferty was convicted and sentenced to serve life in prison without parole. In a separate trial, Ron Lafferty was convicted and sentenced to die.

The conviction was overturned. He was tried again in 1996 and was again convicted and sentenced to death.

Lafferty's former attorney, Ron Yengich, withdrew from the case in August because of a conflict of interest.

Yengich said a member of Lafferty's original defense team, who has since died, had worked for his law firm. Yengich said that as a conflict of interest because Lafferty had claimed that his original legal team provided him ineffective counsel.

Blind vendor pursues new career in music

Idaho man may study music in Nashville

BOISE (AP) - Ray Santisteven is cashing out for a new career. The blind man who sells muffins and coffee under the Statehouse staircase is trying his hand at a new musical career.



Ray Santisteven

cup of joe. He carries two kinds, regular and a fancy brand, often Sumatra. Ask for a cup of coffee and he'll cheerily ask, "Cadiillac or Ford?"

Winter is his busy season. Springtime is slower, but there are always kids on field trips hungry for a candy bar or soda. Summer brings a few tourists who buy Idaho postcards or Gem State souvenirs.

For eight years, it was a pretty good business; until September 11, 2001.

Shortly after the terrorist attacks on the east coast, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne clamped down hard on security around the Capitol. Armed National Guard soldiers patrolled inside and out,

state police shut down the nearby streets and jersey barriers blocked all vehicle approaches.

Around the same time, budget cuts axed funding for Capitol tours and the Historical Society closed its office in the Rounda.

"My tourist business dropped tremendously, and it never really returned," he said.

He doesn't blame Kempthorne, who stopped by Friday to show his appreciation for Santisteven's service.

"He must have told his people to start helping me out, because all they started showing up," he said.

Santisteven was blinded by an industrial accident in 1970. He had to learn how to live all over again - walking with a cane in the city, cooking and other domestic chores. He even made a cherry wood bookshelf for his wife in a special wood shop class for the blind.

Yes, some people did take

cruel advantage of his blindness. Usually it was youths, stealing candy or giving him a \$1 bill and asking for change for a \$20. Eventually, he got a small scanner that would read the bills for him.

Santisteven isn't quitting, but Santisteven can't go to sit in his rocking chair. He's an accomplished performance musician and intends to play more, perhaps travel to Nashville to study his new passion - steel guitars.

He played bass and lead guitar for years, but his most recent acquisition is a steel guitar with two banks of 10 strings, plus nine foot pedals and five knee levers. It set him back \$7,000, but he loves it.

"I want to be able to play jazz a little better," he said at the close of business on Friday. "I've got a new Yamaha with 16 tracks, so I want to do some recording and burn some CDs."

Department of Correction asks judge for more beds

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho Department of Correction is asking a judge to withdraw a 15-year-old order capping inmate population so it can add 159 more beds to the state's largest prison.

The department filed the motion in U.S. District Court on Thursday. Then-U.S. District Judge Howard Ryan ordered the cap in 1987 in response to a lawsuit by Walter "Bud" Balla, an inmate at Idaho State Correctional Institution in Boise. Balla claimed - and the judge agreed - that the overcrowded prison promoted violence among inmates and violated

the constitutional prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment.

Combined with tough-on-crime sentencing laws that increased inmate populations, Balla's decision put the state on a prison construction campaign that has exceeded \$150 million.

But the campaign slowed with the recession in 2001, and Correction Director Tom Beauclair announced in 2002 that 83 jobs and \$4 million were being cut from his budget.

In the most recent legislative session, lawmakers passed a temporary \$190-million tax increase

package that halted further major cuts.

Correction Department leaders claim that conditions at the prison have improved so dramatically since the ruling that the cap is no longer needed, and that additional beds would save taxpayers money.

Open microphone sessions run from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. A "tall tales" contest is set for 4 p.m. and an impromptu jam session might occur around noon. There's no charge to attend the

adding a new building. And we decided for the least amount of problems, this is the most cost-effective way."

Prison population growth has slowed dramatically in the past year, due partly to judges' increased use of creative sentencing options such as boot-camp programs and drug courts.

Idaho's prison population has remained flat for the last four months with 5,830 inmates. But forecasts predict another 187 inmates will enter the system by next June, said David Hahn, budget analyst for the Correction Department.

Account will help Rupert police officer pay medical expenses

RUPERT - A bank account has been established to help Rupert Police Officer Travis Wages pay for medical expenses incurred from accidental gunshot wounds.

Salt Lake City, where he is listed in stable condition. People may donate to help pay his medical expenses by visiting any D.L. Evans Bank and contributing to the Travis Wages benefit account.

Cowboy poetry wraps up today in Rupert

RUPERT - Cowboy poetry and music performances continue

Magie Valley in brief

today in the annual Cowboy Poetry Festival at the Wilson Theatre.

Open microphone sessions run from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. A "tall tales" contest is set for 4 p.m. and an impromptu jam session might occur around noon. There's no charge to attend the

day shows. The final evening performance begins at 7 p.m. Featured performers are Gene and Sandy Jones, Carol Findlay, Linda Merrill, Vern Woodbury, Howard Norskog, Dave Tingey, Bill Ramsey, Barbara Hall, Garde Bowman, Bill Childs and Sam Mattise.

The cost for the night show is \$5 a person.

- compiled from staff reports

Judge

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pendent man, he's impartial and he's credentialed."

Burdick also noted that Bevan will have a good perspective from being both a defense attorney and a prosecuting attorney.

Bevan grew up in Twin Falls and earned his undergraduate and law degrees from Brigham Young University. He was partner in the Hollifield & Bevan law firm in Twin Falls for five years and was the Twin Falls County prosecuting attorney from 1993 to 1997.

Teas came to the eyes of nearly every presenter. His former partner relayed how he will miss Bevan.

"Today I lose a partner," Hollifield said, "but this district will gain a partner that will serve it well."

R. Cleve Buttrass spoke admiringly of his friend: "I think I speak

for everyone in this room when I say that if I wanted to be judged, I'd want to be judged by Rich Bevan."

In a reference to judges adorning the courtroom wall, Burdick voiced approval for Bevan's place among the men.

"He's a white, middle-aged guy so he doesn't bring much diversity to the bench," Burdick joked. But he expressed confidence that Bevan's fairness will serve all demographics well. People can be sure they will be

treated exactly the same way as the people before them, no matter their race, gender or religion, he said.

Burdick took a final bow before he resumed the solemn swearing-in.

"He has very little ego - with good reason," he said. After the oath, with Bevan flanked by his wife, Pam, and some of their children, Burdick concluded the ceremony by saying, "You may kiss the

bride."

His son, Jason, couldn't attend because he was back East awaiting a visa to go abroad on a mis-

sion. Bevan captured his essence in a life-sized cardboard cutout that stood watch over the ceremony.

"Thanks to my family for their love and support," Bevan said. The new judge took the goofy gauntlet during his speech.

"Usually you have to wait until you're dead to hear the kinds of things I heard today," he said. But his gratitude to his supporters took center stage.

"I know my net worth is significant because of all of you," he said, looking at the standing-room-only crowd.

In the spirit of Socrates, the goals Bevan has are to be true to himself and to follow the philosopher's principals: hear courteously, answer wisely, counsel soberly and decide impartially.

Coroner

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"You've made my day," Elgee commented as he prepared to transfer the files to Judge May.

But Judge May has a surprise awaiting him when the case reaches his desk: attorney Schlender will ask May to excuse himself from presiding over the case, and appoint a new judge, one probably from Twin Falls. Trial of the case might be delayed by 30 to 60 days.

Schlender said he has his reasons, which he declined to cite, for asking the judge to remove himself. He said he expects May to agree with the request for a new judge.

The lawsuit involves more than \$18,000 in fines levied against coroner Mikel for allegedly not complying with a state Bureau of Vital Statistics rule to complete supplemental information on death certificates within 15 days. Magistrate court handles cases up to \$10,000, district court handles all others over that amount.

The coroner's attorney told reporters after the 13-minute hearing on Monday that he not only will ask for dismissal of the fines, but also will argue the penalty for tardy completion of supplemental death certificate information is an ad hoc rule not supported by law and should be declared unconstitutional.

Schlender said that coroner Mikel is the target of an impatient state Bureau of Vital Statistics, which he said is under pressure from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Resources to

provide information on deaths for periodic statistical reports.

Schlender says Mikel completed death certificates in five disputed cases as required, but then advised the state bureau that he would provide supplemental information later after completing investigations into five deaths.

The attorney hinted at other possible motives for the lawsuit. However, he declined to express them on the record with news reporters. But he did say that he suspects that relatives of the deceased in the five disputed cases were anxious to recover insurance payments and began putting pressure on public officials to speed up completion of final paperwork.

"I've never heard of such a lawsuit" against a public official, Schlender said. "This is like firing a judge because he hasn't completed writing an opinion" quickly.

In his written brief, deputy attorney general Cartwright argues that Mikel did not appeal the fines after being notified as a judge because he did not seek administrative relief.

Cartwright cited several paragraphs in the Bureau of Vital Statistics rules as authority for the fines, the same sources that Schlender insists are unconstitutional.

Idaho's system of elected coroners was created in 1880 and does not require them to be physicians. Blaine County's coroner operates Wood River Chapel, a mortuary.

Snow

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chairlifts on Proctor Mountain, marveling that there wasn't any snow on the path.

Hailley's new Chamber of Commerce director, Tom Smith, climbed to the top of Rotarian Ski Hill just west of Hailley to pray for snow.

And racers on Sun Valley's Nordic Ski Team double-poled up the bike path past St. Luke's Wood River Medical Center on rollerskis.

"I'm kind of a bummer not getting any snow," admitted 15-year-old Robbie Hamlin. "I'd much rather be on skis - you can go faster."

however, Formula Sports has two weeks' worth of skis to use, said store employee Laura Stackpole.

"We're good. We know the snow will come," she said.

The lack of anxiety is fueled in strong part by the fact that Sun Valley has the world's largest automated snowmaking system. Sun Valley's arsenal of 640 computerized snow guns has been running around the clock since temperatures dipped on Oct. 29, zipping Baldy the appearance of a handful of snow, including dipping down it even as surrounding hills remain brown.

It would take a major heat wave to prevent the resort from opening on Thanksgiving Day as

planned, given the amount of artificial snow snowcat operators have been packing on the Ridge and other key runs.

"I believe we've been able to make a record amount of snow since we turned the guns on," sales and marketing director Jack Sibbach said.

The snow cover has been good enough that some telemark skiers have skied the mountain from top to bottom. Sibbach said the mountain operations crew have even been able to make snow for a number of areas it normally doesn't get to until later.

"It's pretty good," said Hailley student Melissa Fischman, one of

dozens of youngsters who took turns sledging, skiing and snowboarding Lower River Run. "At least it gives us something to do."

"Things aren't quite as upbeat at Pomerelle, which has opened as early as Halloween in the past. Normally the ski area opens in mid-November and the resort is naturally at the mercy of Mother Nature."

"Today is the 14th, so we're just on the verge of when we normally open," Anderson said. "I just go with the flow. But everybody else's attitude adjustment will be a lot better once it snows."

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

Weekend

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Singers can bring their own CDs for karaoke.

Where: The Sagebrush Landmark, 325 Main St., Hazelton.

When: 8 p.m. to midnight today. How much: No cover charge.

Marsh Creek dance

What: The Bronsons will play for a dance.

Where: The Marsh Creek Event

Centre, 899 S. Highway 77, Albion.

When: 8:30 p.m. today.

How much: The cover charge is \$5, and dancers must be 21 to attend.

To have an event appear in "Your Weekend," send your information to: Melissa Morgan, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83403; email to nmorgan@magicvalley.com; or fax to 734-3538

Organizers hope plan will help Idaho prevent suicides

Working-age men make up unusually large percentage of suicides

BOISE (AP) — With a little information, many people in the community can recognize suicidal tendencies in those they know and help avert a tragedy, said the authors of Idaho's first statewide suicide prevention plan.

"It's not just the doctor's job. It's the parents' job, the friends' job, the bartender's job," said Dr. John Hanks, a Boise pediatrician and board president for the Suicide Prevention Advocacy Network of Idaho. "It doesn't mean a lot until a person down the street or in school becomes a statistic."

The organization spent a year developing the plan it released Friday. First lady Patricia Kempthorne and her Generation of the Child initiative were involved with representatives from the state, health districts, Idaho State University and others in creating the plan.

Idaho ranked seventh nationally in the rate of suicide among all population groups in 2001, the most recent year figures were available. Last year, 203 people in Idaho committed suicide and 87 percent of those were men.

Suicide is the leading cause of death between the ages of 15 and 34 and is consistently among the top 10 causes of death for every population group.

The highest rate by region in 2002 was in north-central Idaho at 24 suicides per 100,000 people. The lowest was Idaho Falls with six per 100,000.

"Everybody has been touched personally by suicide or a mental illness issue," Kempthorne said.

But several groups face the greatest risk.

“Everybody has been touched personally by suicide or mental illness issues.”

— Gov. Dirk Kempthorne

Working-age men make up just 31 percent of the population but they accounted for 55 percent of the suicides from 1999 through 2001. Experts blame that on unemployment and financial problems.

Men over 74 have a suicide rate six times that of the general population, prompted mainly by loss of a spouse or illness.

Teenage boys 15 to 17 killed themselves at a rate five times higher than teenage girls the same age.

While factors such as age and substance abuse may put a person more at risk, community support and family cultural and religious beliefs that discourage suicide can help them, said state Rep. Margaret Henbest, D-Boise, who secured funding to complete the plan.

The key elements of the plan involve creating a central coordinating group, identifying allies on the local level such as physicians or educators, and boosting awareness of suicide risks among the public.

Kempthorne said another responsibility is helping the sur-

vivors of suicide victims, who often blame themselves for the deaths.

Some efforts to teach people to recognize suicidal behavior and intervene have been in place for some time, said Steve Button, a Lewiston School District social worker and network board member. Lewiston students in eighth grade and high school receive such training.

The local chapter of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and Red Flags Idaho already have done such work.

Idaho Department of Health and Welfare budget constraints have limited the number of counselors in rural Idaho, and few, if any, psychiatrists live in the state's small towns.

But those small communities are much closer knit and residents may spot suicidal behavior more readily, Henbest said. The medical professionals in the towns generally know how to help or refer people.

"People may not think of themselves as a resource," Hanks said. "But everybody doesn't need a psychiatrist. They may just need a friend or a colleague."

Feds: Griz delisting proposal could come in '04

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — A proposal to remove grizzly bears from the endangered species list could be released as early as next year, federal officials said.

Chris Servheen, grizzly bear recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, said he feels all the demographic goals for grizzly bear recovery in the Yellowstone Ecosystem have been met.

Servheen made the comments

last week at a Yellowstone Ecosystem Grizzly Bear Subcommittee meeting in Bozeman, Mont., where officials discussed progress in delisting and recovery efforts.

Servheen said delisting could be proposed as early as late 2004 or early 2005, once a grizzly conservation strategy is signed and management plans in the forests surrounding Yellowstone National Park are updated.

At its meeting, the subcommittee also discussed the rising number of conflicts between humans and grizzly bears, although just 12 bears were killed by people this year — which is the historical average.

Subcommittee members also appointed a special task force of biologists, bear conflict managers and others to meet this winter and explore human-caused bear deaths over the years.

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Should 'under God' be removed from Pledge of Allegiance?

Yes

Americans can express allegiance without invoking God

No

JAY SEKULOW

I am a Christian minister, and I love my country. I have no problem affirming either of those beliefs in a public manner. So why do I think the Supreme Court should rule against "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance when it is recited in public schools? I believe that government sponsorship of religion violates the separation of church and state. While I have no problem expressing love of God and love of country in the same breath, I acknowledge that others do. Those in our society who do not believe in a higher power are first-class citizens, too. They should be able to express their patriotism without being expected to make a religious affirmation at the same time.

BARRY W. LYNN

There was a time when generic references to God in public life were relatively non-controversial. But times have changed. American society is more religiously diverse than ever. This may threaten some, but I believe we are a better, stronger nation for it.

Some people object to "under God" in the Pledge because they don't believe in God. Others worship more than one god. Still others worship a single god but object to the Pledge because it implies that the public policy goals of the United States and God's will are one and the same. Pledge defenders argue that the case now before the Supreme Court is an effort to strip religion from public life.

In fact, government doesn't need to promote religion to keep it alive in the public sphere.



Believers know - or ought to know - that as long as a faith is kept alive in the hearts and minds of its followers and is spread through voluntary channels, it will not only survive but often prosper.

Promotion of religion belongs to houses of worship, not government. There is a simple answer to the Pledge dispute: It's important to remember that the Pledge as originally written was secular.

"Under God" was inserted into the Pledge by Congress in 1954 - ostensibly to distinguish Americans from "godless Communists." Our public schools should go back to the pre-1954 version and allow those students who want to recite it each morning to do so.

The Supreme Court already has ruled, in 1943, that public school students cannot be forced

to recite the Pledge since some religious groups object to swearing allegiance to anything other than God.

It's time for the Pledge to become a truly voluntary exercise left to each individual student's conscience. Like prayer in school, it would become a matter left to the home and church, not the public school system. No child should ever feel pressured to participate.

The Pledge promises "liberty and justice for all." Mandatory patriotism, mandatory belief in God and mandatory, rote recitation of quasi-religious loyalty oaths in public schools violate the spirit of that very promise. It's time to sever the relationship between love of country and belief in God and, in the true spirit of America, respect the inviolable right of conscience.

It's time for the Pledge to become a truly voluntary exercise left to each individual student's conscience. Like prayer in school, it would become a matter left to the home and church.

The Rev. Barry W. Lynn is executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, www.ahu.org. Readers may write to him at Americans United, 518 C Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20002.

'Under God' phrase echoes Supreme Court's own ceremony

When the Supreme Court hears arguments in the case concerning the constitutionality of the Pledge of Allegiance, the justices will also hear the words that have been used to open each session of the high court for hundreds of years - "God save the United States and this Honorable Court."

In fact, scholars believe the first Supreme Court chief - Richard Weyman - used those words to open the court's inaugural session in 1790.

That opening declaration is part of the 213-year history and tradition of the court. It is not an affirmation of any particular religious faith. It is not an establishment of religion.

The same holds true for the words - "under God" - contained in the Pledge of Allegiance, which have been declared unconstitutional by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the 9th Circuit.

The Supreme Court has carved out two specific questions it will consider in the Pledge case.

It can reverse the appeals court decision by determining that Michael Newdow, the California atheist who filed suit in the case, had no legal standing to bring the case. There are questions as to whether Newdow had custody of his daughter who he claims was offended by the voluntary recitation of the Pledge in school. So, the court could decide this case without even getting to the merits of the constitutionality of the Pledge.

The second issue before court involves the voluntary recitation of the Pledge by students in one California school district.

The ramifications, of course, will echo through the corridors of every school in America. If the justices reach this issue, there is ample reason for the court to reverse the appeals court and preserve the constitutionality of the Pledge and the phrase "under God."

The Pledge began as a patriotic exercise expressing loyalty to our nation. It first appeared in print in 1892. Congress added the phrase "under God" in 1954. President Lincoln used the phrase "under God" in the Gettysburg Address, which concludes with "this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom - and the government of the people, by the people, shall not perish from the earth."

The Pledge is part of an American tapestry of time-honored and historically significant traditions that have come under attack in this country.

"One nation, under God" is more the establishment or endorsement of religion than our national motto. "In God, We Trust" or the phrase "God Bless America" - the closing words used by the president when making public comments or speeches.

The Supreme Court ruled in the 1940s that school students can opt out of reciting the Pledge if they object. That safety valve is already in place. There's no reason - legal or otherwise - to strike the phrase "under God" from the Pledge.

The First Amendment is the cornerstone of our Constitution. And, the price of freedom means that sometimes you hear or see things you don't agree with. That doesn't mean the Supreme Court should censor the Pledge and remove the words "under God."

Jay Sekulow is chief counsel of the American Center for Law and Justice, www.aclu.org. Readers may write to him at ACLJ, P.O. Box 64429, Virginia Beach, Va. 23467.

LETTERS

Election officials appreciate Harrison Elementary's help

We would like to thank the faculty, students and especially the staff of Harrison Elementary School for their support and assistance on Election Day. Thanks from Precincts 7, 8 and 9.

CLAIRE MORRISON
JOY BARNES
JEAN MUELLER
Twin Falls

(Editor's note: Jean Mueller, Claire Morrison and Joy Barnes served as precinct judges for Precincts 7, 8 and 9, respectively, on Election Day. They submitted this letter on behalf of 10 other poll workers.)

ISDB deserves action

A travesty is occurring at the Idaho School for the Deaf and the Blind in Gooding.

Dr. Angel Ramos, the school's superintendent, was suspended months ago and the school is slowly crumbling while the State Board of Education sits dormant. Several communities protested the suspension in August. The school's deaf students held a three-day protest to show support for Ramos' programs and leadership. Their civil disobedience is justified. Unfortunately, the only forum where their voices, hearts and hands can be heard is through protest.

A school in political turmoil and educational limbo hurts its students. The damage may be irreparable as programs and educators devoted to serving the needs of the deaf students are

being destroyed.

If the board has evidence to fire Dr. Ramos, it should present that evidence and take action. If it does not have evidence, it should reinstate him. The current leaderless situation is unacceptable. Give us Ramos, or give us a superintendent who can heal the school. The board's actions are extending a punishment intended for Ramos to the school's staff and student body.

The students are stuck in a political shroud of power. We demand immediate action to ensure "no student is left behind."

JUNE FLANNERY
Boise
(Editor's note: June Flannery is the president of the Idaho Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf.)

New council member is already learning

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of those who voted for me in the Twin Falls City Council election. I look forward to the challenges that face me and our city and to working with the other members of the council.

In particular, thank you to my wife, Camille, and our sons, Brock and Xander. Your support meant the world to me through this election process. I look forward to your continued support of this endeavor.

Also, to those who donated their time and other resources to my campaign - thank you. To Howard Allen: I appreciate the encouragement you gave me. I have no intention of trying to fill

your shoes. Your years of dedicated service to Twin Falls are appreciated by each of us who lives here. I hope I can do a fraction of what you've done to make Twin Falls the place it is today.

Finally, to the other candidates who ran for this seat, I enjoyed getting to know each of you through this election process. I learned bits and pieces from each of you and look forward to working with you in your continued involvement in our community. I'm already beginning to learn more about what it will mean to serve you as a member of the Twin Falls City Council. Rest assured that I intend to listen to your concerns and use all the information I can gather to make the best decisions for the good of our community.

SHAWN BARIGAR
Twin Falls

Methamphetamine affects everyone

Is there anyone in our community who is not affected by methamphetamine? All of us are paying the cost of this drug that both destroys its users and damages the lives of those around them. Certainly, no one decides to become addicted to meth, but who can resist feeling like Superman. One high becomes two, then three without anyone realizing it. Meth becomes a necessary part of life because brain chemistry demands it.

At the risk of sounding judgmental, my personal experiences and observations, ratified by my conversations with police, drug

rehabilitation professionals and recovering addicts, are that tweakers - those who use meth frequently - invariably embark on a path of dysfunctional and dangerous behavior.

Tweakers steal from their family and friends and are themselves victims of theft by their using friends. Tweakers ultimately alienate themselves from their families because their families reach a point where they can no longer endure the tweaker's disruptive behavior.

Tweakers go from job to job. They write bad checks and work for people who cheat them out of pay. Tweakers eventually get more police contact in a year than functional people get in a lifetime.

The children of tweakers steal mommy and daddy's cigarettes and pot to share with their children. Tweakers eventually become adults of 18 and 30 and 40 who provide your teens with drugs and cigarettes.

The public dollars spent in drug enforcement, incarceration, rehabilitation, meth lab cleanup and social programs to fix the societal ills tweakers create probably run into billions of dollars a year. Those are your tax dollars, so even if there is no tweaker bringing havoc directly into your life, you are still paying the price. If you think methamphetamine use is a "victimless crime," that it's only the private choice of the tweaker; you are part of America's drug problem. And you turn away from its most innocent victims - the children who are learning from tweakers to be

drug users.

And that is the real tragedy, that illicit drugs like methamphetamine eventually filter down to our youth who lack maturity to fully comprehend the long-term effects of drug use. We as a community are working together to

get this drug off the street. If you are suspicious of someone living close to you, like traffic in and out all hours of night and day, please notify the police department. We can all help.

KAREN BACH
Kimberly

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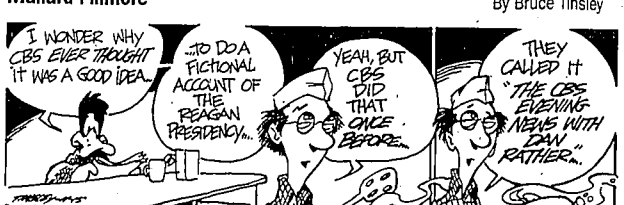
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NATION/WORLD

Large hepatitis outbreak claims third victim

PITTSBURGH — A third person died Friday and nearly 500 others who ate at a Chi-Chi's Mexican restaurant have fallen ill in the biggest known outbreak of hepatitis A in U.S. history, making people so scared they are lining up by the thousands for vaccinations and no longer eating out.

Health investigators are focusing on whether contaminated produce — perhaps scallions — caused the outbreak at the restaurant in the Beaver Valley Mall, about 25 miles northwest of Pittsburgh.

"We're very concerned. It's very serious and we've sent a team of people out there to assist," said David Daigle, a spokesman for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Between 125,000 to 200,000 people each year contract hepatitis A, an infection that attacks the liver. It can be spread by an infected person who does not wash his hands before handling food or utensils. It can also be spread on uncooked foods, such as salad.

Symptoms include fever, nausea, diarrhea, jaundice, fatigue, abdominal pain and loss of appetite. Hepatitis A usually clears up in about two months, but patients can get antibody shots that greatly reduce the chances of contracting the disease if given within 14 days after exposure.

Senate Democrats sustain filibuster on nominations

WASHINGTON — Senate Democrats got the last word after nearly 40 hours of nonstop debate over President Bush's judicial nominations Friday as they brushed aside Republican charges of "obstructionism" and blocked two more appeals court nominees.

But both parties agreed that the fight is far from over, vowing to continue the struggle over judgeships that Republicans said could wind up with both legal and legislative efforts to bar filibusters aimed at blocking confirmation of judicial nominees.

Democrats will "continue to resist any Neanderthal that is nominated by this president" for the federal courts, said Sen. Edward Kennedy, D-Mass.

Angry, condemning Kennedy for use of the word "Neanderthal" in reference to Bush's nominees, Republicans said they will continue pushing for confirmation of Bush's choices. "We simply can't tolerate" continued filibusters, said Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn.

Friday's votes bring to six the

Nation/World in brief

number of nominees that Democrats have blocked out of a total of 172 Bush nominations to the federal judiciary that have been acted on by the Senate so far. Democrats contend the six are ideologically rigid in their conservatism, while Republicans argue they're mainstream lawyers who fail Democratic liberal tests on issues such as abortion.

U.S. special ops soldier dies in Afghan operation

JALALABAD, Afghanistan — A U.S. special operations soldier was killed Friday when his vehicle struck an explosive device in eastern Afghanistan, U.S. Central Command said.

The soldier died in the incident near Asadabad, in Kunar province, where U.S.-led coalition forces launched a large operation a week ago.

The name of the soldier was withheld pending notification of his family.

The special anti-terror operation involves ground forces supported by helicopter gunships scouring steep, snow-covered mountains.

There have been several skirmishes, during which coalition troops have killed or captured enemy fighters. Insurgents believed linked to the Taliban, who were ousted from power two years ago by U.S.-led coalition, as well as suspected al-Qaida members have stepped up attacks against coalition forces, supporters of Afghanistan's central government and aid agencies.

Kerry follows Dean's lead, skips public financing

WASHINGTON — Democratic presidential hopeful John Kerry has decided to opt out of the post-2002 public financing system and will spend his own money on the race, taking out a personal loan to help fund his struggling White House bid.

Kerry becomes the second Democratic presidential candidate to abandon the system for the primaries, joining rival and more prolific fund-raiser Howard Dean. The decision allows the two to bypass state-by-state limits in such critical early voting states as Iowa and New Hampshire, the latter a must-win for the two New Englanders.

Unlike Dean, Kerry has promised to limit his overall primary spending to the \$45 million cap the public financing program imposes. He can raise that much, Kerry's decision to skip the \$18.7 million in public money comes despite a slowdown in his fund raising after a promising start, and the acknowledgment by his campaign that, based on campaign finance laws, he cannot top wife Teresa Heinz Kerry's multi-million-dollar Heinz food fortune for the race.

Clinton calls for pact with North Korea

SEOUL, South Korea — Former President Bill Clinton urged the Bush administration Friday to sign a nonaggression pact with North Korea to help end a year-long standoff over the communist state's nuclear weapons program.

Addressing a crowd of South Korean politicians and celebrities, Clinton expressed hope that six-nation talks on the nuclear crisis — which began in 1994 in an attempt to try to put together, possibly for December — would produce a "verifiable" agreement in which impoverished North Korea would give up its nuclear and missile ambitions in return for food, energy and other economic aid.

President Bush has ruled out a nonaggression treaty with Pyongyang, but he has offered to provide North Korea with written security assurances in return for the dismantling of its nuclear program.

While Clinton was in office, the United States and North Korea signed an agreement in which Pyongyang promised to freeze its nuclear activities in exchange for better ties and economic aid. The 1994 accord collapsed last year when U.S. officials said Pyongyang admitted running a secret weapons program.

U.S. to reopen diplomatic missions in Saudi Arabia

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — The United States will reopen its three diplomatic missions, including its embassy in Riyadh, on Saturday, an embassy spokesperson said.

The U.S. Embassy in Riyadh and America's consulates in Jeddah and Dhahran were closed last Saturday following terror warnings, hours before suicide car bombers attacked a Riyadh residential compound housing mainly Arabs and Muslims. The attack killed at least 17 people and wounding scores more.

The spokesperson, speaking on condition of anonymity, urged American citizens to remain vigilant but said the diplomatic missions will resume "normal operations, including consular services to the public" on Saturday.

Russian president reaches out to business leaders

MOSCOW — President Vladimir Putin reached out to Russian business leaders Friday in an effort to ease tension over the arrest of oil tycoon Mikhail Khodorkovsky, saying there will be no return to Soviet-style authoritarianism and pledging closer cooperation between the state and the private sector.

The businessmen applauded Putin several times during his unusually lengthy appearance at the gathering, held in an ornate building near the Kremlin.

"In our circumstances ... any criminal case involving business prompts concern and alarm, because the question always arises: will there be a return to the past? There will not. It is impossible," Putin told the country's biggest business lobby, the Russian Union of Industrialists and Entrepreneurs.

He said that while the state must prosecute criminals, it must also protect everybody, including and not last of all business, because that means protecting the economy of the state.

Khodorkovsky is one of several so-called oligarchs who made vast fortunes in a wave of highly controversial state selloffs in the 1990s.

Some say his Oct. 25 arrest on fraud and tax evasion charges was motivated by Putin's desire to remove a potential rival. Khodorkovsky had recently turned his attention to politics, challenging Kremlin policy and funding opposition parties.

— compiled from wire reports



Bill Clinton

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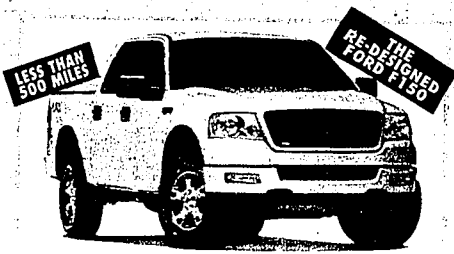
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SPORTS

Coming Sunday

• Results from Raft River and Wendell's bids for the 2A and 1A state football title games.

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SPORTSQUOTE

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It might be time to put CART before the hearse.

— Dwight Perry of the Seattle Times, on CART's financial difficulties

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College volleyball
 - Region 18A Tournament, at CSI Championship, 5 p.m.
- College basketball
 - Women, CSI at Snow College, 5:30 p.m.
 - Men, CSI at Snow College, 7:30 p.m.
- High school football playoffs
 - Raft River at Council, 1 p.m.
 - Wendell vs. West Side, 1 p.m.
 - Holt-Arona
- High school girls basketball
 - Mountain View at Twin Falls, 1 p.m.
 - Meridian at Minico, 1 p.m.
 - Declo at Glens Ferry, 4:15 p.m.
 - Valley at Oakley, 6 p.m.
 - Raft River at Dietrich, 6 p.m.
 - Buhl at Wendell, 6 p.m.
 - Burley at Blackfoot, 7:30 p.m.
 - Wood River at Vallivue, 7:30 p.m.
 - Mackay at Richfield, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

CSI Ski Swap continues today

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Ski Club will continue its 34th annual Ski Swap today and Sunday at the Eldon Evans Expo Center.

Buyers and sellers of good, used skis and winter equipment are invited to participate in what has become one of the largest events of its kind in southern Idaho.

The show will be open to the public from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. today and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$1, which also buys a raffle ticket for prizes to be given away near the end of the show.

Unsold items can be picked up from 2 to 3 p.m. Sunday. Unclaimed items will be donated to the Idaho Youth Ranch.

T.F. ladies golf group names annual winners

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Ladies Golf Association held its end of the season Fall Awards Banquet recently.

Cecilia Sharp was awarded a plaque to commemorate her hole-in-one on hole No. 12 in September at Jerome Country Club.

Golfers of the Year, Virginia Udjhjem (low gross) and Jackie Gasser (low net) received trophies. NaJean Dury was presented the service award for her dedication to the association over the years.

Jan Beeks, statistics keeper, announced the following winners: Virginia Udjhjem, most eagles and birdies; Charlotte Brunelli, most gobblies; Joan Tugaw, most improved on the ringer board; and Grace Bennett, most pars.

Christy Stephens was the most improved player of the year.

Barbara Frith, departing president, installed the following officers for the 2004 season: President Mary Ferrell, Vice President Kathleen Thompson, Secretary NaJean Dury, and Treasurer Joan Tugaw.

YMCA tennis is open to non-members this winter

TWIN FALLS - The YMCA holds a tennis ladder for members and non-members in singles and doubles this winter. Call 733-4244 for more information. Also, all-junior classes have started. Call to sign up.

Candleridge lowers golf rates for winter

TWIN FALLS - The winter golf rates have been reduced at Candleridge Golf Course in Twin Falls. Starting Saturday through Feb. 29, the cost is \$5 for nine holes and \$10 all day.

Compiled from staff reports

CSI reaches regional championship match

Eagles dump CEU to set up showdown with Salt Lake

By Joe Paisley
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho volleyball team, led by Eliane Santos and Taryana Meshikova, responded to the College of Eastern Utah's challenge.

CSI blew past CEU 30-14 in a critical Game 2 as Santos and Meshikova took over the Region 18A Tournament semifinal match to lead the third-ranked Golden Eagles (46-3) into the regional championship match against Salt Lake Community College at 5 o'clock.

A win tonight would send CSI or Salt Lake to the national junior college volleyball tournament in West Plains, Mo. Nov. 24-26.

"Salt Lake is playing good right now," said CSI head coach Ben Stroud. "We'll

have to play better than we did tonight to beat them."

The host Eagles beat the Golden Eagles from Price, Utah 32-30, 30-14, 30-25 to advance. No. 2 seed Salt Lake CC defeated No. 3 seed North Idaho 30-17, 30-25, 28-30, 30-19 earlier Friday.

Andrea Santos had 17 kills while Eliane Santos had 14 kills and 10 blocks. But it was the Russian hitter who stepped up with her best match of the season so far.

She recorded 12 kills, a team-high seven digs and five blocks to help spark the Eagles.

"I'll tell who was impressive - Taryana," Stroud said. "I was glad to see her step up. Big Time."

They needed her too after CEU struggled in Game 1.

CEU served CSI tough and stayed with

CSI throughout.

A rules violation, wearing an earring, was called against CSI at a critical point and made it 28-all.

That sparked CEU, who took the lead 29-28 on a kill by Jordan Fox, prompting a CSI timeout. The Eagles needed to settle down or risk losing Game 1.

"I told them they needed to suck it up," Stroud said. "Let's just sidestep and win the game. We haven't lost the game yet."

Eliane Santos hit a kill off the CEU block to tie it and CSI took a 30-29 lead when Andrea Santos' tip went off a CEU's players leg while the player was out of bounds.

CEU (11-15) came back to tie it, but CSI went to Andrea Santos again and again as she eventually pounded down two kills to end the game.

That set up Game 2 when Eliane Santos and the CSI frontline stuffed the Golden Eagles from Price, Utah.

Eliane Santos recorded two blocks in a

Region 18 Volleyball Tournament

- Friday's results
- Eastern Utah def. Colorado NW 30-24, 30-26, 30-18
 - Salt Lake CC def. North Idaho 30-17, 30-25, 28-30, 30-19
 - CSI def. Eastern Utah 32-30, 30-14, 30-25
- Today's championship
Salt Lake CC vs. CSI, 5 p.m.

row to make it 15-5 early. She finished with 10 blocks for the match.

But the most memorable moment came on hard kill that she blasted into the CEU libero's face, nearly knocking the girl down.

"That was one of the hardest balls I've ever seen hit someone in the face," Stroud said, shaking his head in amazement.

That set the tone for the rest of the game.

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Not quite enough

Minico's rally falls short against Mountain View

By Eric Larsen
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A 12-point first-quarter deficit proved to be the difference in the Spartans' 64-48 loss to Mountain View in a non-conference girls basketball game at Minico High School.

Mountain View took a 19-7 lead going into the second quarter and never looked back.

Breana Olson, a 5-foot-8 junior guard led all scorers with 27 points. Senior post Erica Thompson chipped in 16 for coach Connie Skogrand's Wolverines.

"We came out and executed pretty good," Skogrand said. "But we lost momentum in the third quarter, gave up too many easy shots."

Minico was led by 10-point performances from junior posts Amber Warth, Meghan Boettcher and guard Chayla Neibaur. Warth was a force on the boards for the Spartans, keeping coach Clint Straatman's team in the game with her low-post hustle.

"What a rebounder huh? She's a warrior" said Straatman.

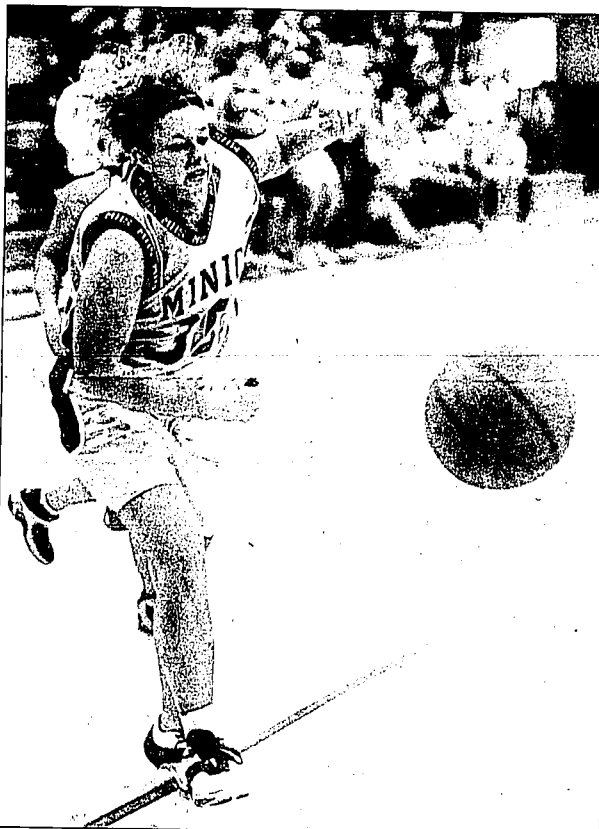
To their credit, the Spartans ended the game firing, trimming the Wolverine lead to 10 points with 1:43 left in the fourth quarter. While the loss will sting, Straatman knows there are worse things than an early-season loss.

"A loss is not the important thing," Straatman said. "At the beginning of the season, we're just trying to figure out who can play. I'm kind of excited actually."

While the Mountain View's pressure defense bothered the Spartans all game, uncontested shots on lapses in Minico's defense were a problem.

"We've got to do a better job of closing out on the shooters and we'll do a lot better," Straatman said. "It was a good learning experience."

Late in the game, Minico's Meghan Boettcher went down with a knee injury that will put her out for tomorrow's 1



Minico junior Amber Warth can't control a loose ball during the first quarter of the Lady Spartans' 64-48 loss to Mountain View on Friday.

p.m. game against Meridian. While Straatman doesn't think it's serious, he isn't willing to risk the health of his junior post.

While the Spartans won't take home a check in the win column, they will enter today's

game knowing that they can hang with a competitive team. Even Mountain View's coach had praise for Minico's tough play.

"I've got to give them credit, they were hustling all over the place," Skogrand said.

Officials slam baseball's drug rules

Anti-Doping Agency members call policy a 'joke' and an 'insult'

The Associated Press

LONDON - Baseball's policy on steroids is a "complete joke" and an "insult" to the fight against performance-enhancing drugs, the head of the World Anti-Doping Agency said Friday.

WADA chairman Dick Pound criticized the testing system and scale of penalties for steroid use that will start in baseball next March.

He wasn't the only one who thought baseball's rules aren't tough enough.

A New York-based physician

who is a member of WADA, Dr. Gary Wadler, called Thursday's announcement that between 5 and 7 percent of anonymous steroid tests among major leagues came back positive could be "probably the blackest day in the history of sports."

Baseball officials took a wait-and-see attitude following the announcement of the test results, which triggered a provision in the sport's labor contract that calls for testing with penalties starting next year.

A first positive test for steroid use would result in treatment and a second in a 15-day suspension or fine of up to \$10,000.

The punishment would increase to a 25-day suspension or fine of up to \$25,000 for a third positive test, a 50-day suspension or fine of up to \$50,000 for a

fourth and a one-year suspension or fine of up to \$100,000 for a fifth.

"I think it's an insult to the fight against doping in sport, an insult to the intelligence of the American public and an insult to the game itself," Pound told The Associated Press in a telephone interview.

"I think it's a complete and utter joke. You can test positive for steroids five times, then they think of booting you out for a year? Give me a break. The first time someone has knowingly cheated and they give you counseling? It's a complete and utter joke."

Under the anti-doping agency's code, which has been adopted by most Olympic sports, an athlete

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First major battles loom in Bryant case

The Associated Press

DENVER - The paper war began: The judge in the Kobe Bryant rape case has given attorneys a month to lay out their positions on such things as whether the jury should be allowed to hear about the accuser's sex life and mental health.

Such fights over evidence and testimony could prove crucial later at the NBA star's trial.

"Team Kobe's biggest worry now is a hung jury," said Denver attorney Craig Silverman, a former prosecutor. "After the preliminary hearing, it doesn't look like 12 people would convict him. At

the same time, it's very hard to convince all 12 people to vote guilty. If he wins these motions hearings, it could reduce the likelihood of a hung jury."

Stan Goldman, a professor at Loyola Law School-Los Angeles, said the defense will want to argue that Bryant's 19-year-old accuser was mentally and emotionally unstable, that she was promiscuous and that she expected Bryant to make sexual advances. Prosecutors have indicated they will try to keep such evidence away from the jury.

Bryant is accused of raping the woman at the hotel where she

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SPORTS

MLB tests prove players are juiced

Bigger is better. But not necessarily smarter. What else should we conclude about all those baseball players who are still stubborn, desperate or plain dumb enough to get caught using steroids even though they knew at least six months in advance that testing was on the way?

On Thursday, major league baseball said of 1,438 anonymous tests conducted this season, between 5 and 7 percent were positive. Exactly how many players that translated into is difficult to say, especially after the players' union and management got into a disagreement (what a surprise) over how to interpret the results.



JIM LITKE

But this much is known: In addition to testing every one on the 40-man roster for each of the game's 30 teams when the season began — about 1,200 players — the labor contract signed in September 2002 gave the commissioner's office the right to test up to 240 players randomly. That means the number of players who got caught could be as low as three dozen or as high as 100.

Either way, it makes what Minnesota outfielder Dustan Mohr said on hearing the news even more interesting: "I'm kind of surprised it's not higher."

Frankly, he's not the only one. Since there were no penalties and none of the players who tested positive this time around were identified, there was only so much incentive to get off the juice right away.

But let's assume that some players did anyway, if only to try and keep the number of positive tests below the 5 percent threshold mandating that testing with steroids would go into effect next season. Then keep in mind that nearly half of those 40-roster spots were filled by pitchers, who stand to benefit less from steroids and so presumably use them less than position players.

That, remember, is what just discovered "designer" steroid TIG, which will be on the banned list next year, was not tested for, and baseball cannot retest the samples because they weren't saved.

What those factors suggest is that the number of sluggers using steroids at some time in this supersized era of baseball could be higher, though how much higher nobody really knows. But some of the statistics in the unprecedented, unending offensive orgy that began almost a decade ago are just as suggestive.

Before the strike-shortened 1994 campaign, there was only one season in baseball history where the average number of home runs per game was two or higher. Every season since 1994 averaged two or more, and the one that just ended was no exception.

While some people argued steroid use was already down because players knew they would be tested, beginning in spring training, or because no one hit even 50 home runs last season, Alex Rodriguez and Jim Thome did for the lead with 47 each — there was no shortage of power at every other plateau.

"I had no expectation one way or the other," said Gene Orza, the No. 2 official at the union. "I did know the claims that put the pressure on the players to address this problem the way they did were wildly inflated."

Now there's a comforting thought, considering that former MVPs Jose Canseco and Ken Caminiti, both admitted users, were throwing around estimates of 50 percent and even higher just last year.

Ever the optimist, commissioner Bud Selig said, "Hopefully, this will, over time, allow us to completely eradicate these performance enhancement substances in baseball."

But steroids are only part of the problem. There are still way too many loopholes in the drug policy handed out by the commissioner's team to mind to do what's right and a union that's always been more interested in projecting strength than protecting the players it's supposed to lead.

That's why the results of MLB's test proved is that some of them are so lazy, they haven't even bothered to start looking for alternatives.

Delasin, Han lead ladies' event



Dorothy Delasin watches her drive on the 18th hole during the second round of the LPGA Tournament of Champions Friday in Mobile, Ala. Delasin shares the lead with Hee-Won Han.

South Africans pace field at World Cup; Americans sit two back

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Hee-Won Han and Dorothy Delasin shot 1-under-par 71s to share the lead Friday after the second round of the LPGA Tournament of Champions.

The high winds of a day earlier subsided, but conditions remained difficult because the greens were firmer and faster, leaving only the co-leaders under par after 36 holes at Magnolia Grove's Crossings.

Han and Delasin have 36-hole totals of 143, a stroke better than Leslie Kane and Mi Hyun Kim. Kane shot a 74 after an opening round of 70. Kim, battling a sore neck and back, came in with a 68 — the low score of the tournament by two shots.

"The greens are just really firm and fast, so it's just kind of hard to judge if the club in your hand is going to bite or release," Delasin said. "You have a lot of downhill putts that you can't be aggressive with so you just tap it to the hole, two-putt and get out of there."

"The wind wasn't blowing, but it was playing just as tough as it

Golf

did yesterday. It's good because you have to bring your best golf out there."

Delasin is trying to play her way into the top 30 on the money list and qualify for next week's season-ending Tour Championship in West Palm Beach, Fla. She is No. 33 on the money list and needs to finish fourth or better make the top 30.

Delasin moved into a share of the lead by making birdies on three of the last five holes. She hit an 8-iron five feet from the pin at the par-4 14th, then two-putted for another birdie on the par-5 16th.

She followed that with a 7-iron to five feet on the par-3-17th to join Han under par. Han also birdied the 17th to go under par, hitting a 5-iron five feet from the flag.

Karrie Webb, second to start the round, bogeyed the first six holes and looked to be out of contention until she holed a 98-yard shot for eagle on the par-4 18th to salvage

a 75. That left her at 146.

South Africans Sabbatini, Immelman lead World Cup

KIAWAHI ISLAND, S.C. — South Africa's Trevor Immelman and Rory Sabbatini combined to shoot a 3-under-par 69 Friday to take a two-stroke lead after the second round of the World Cup.

Immelman and Sabbatini were at 5 under, two strokes ahead of Americans Jim Furyk and Justin Leonard and the French team of Thomas Levet and Raphael Jacquelin.

Furyk and Leonard shot a 70 on The Ocean Course for a 3 under total, while Levet and Jacquelin carded a par 72.

There were only three sub-par rounds in the alternate stroke round of the World Golf Championships event on a clear, cool day. The breeze was light, unlike Thursday when strong gusts buffeted the 7,296-foot, oceanfront Pete Dye layout.

Furyk and Leonard missed sev-

eral short putts, including a 2-footer at No. 8 and a 4-footer at the 11th, but finished with three birdies and a bogey.

Sluman, Kuehne pace pack at Shark Shootout

NAPLES, Fla. — Jeff Sluman and Hank Kuehne made the most of it Friday, shooting a 7-under-par 65 to take the lead after the first round of the Franklin Templeton Shootout.

This is the 15th year for the tournament, started and hosted by Greg Norman. It's the oldest off-season event besides The Skins Game.

Kuehne set a record with his driving distance average of 321.4 yards, snapping John Daly's eight-year run.

Kenny Perry and Scott Hoch are one shot back. Hoch made a 90-footer for eagle on No. 6 to get their round going.

The teams will play better ball on Saturday and a scramble on Sunday. The winners split \$550,000 from the \$2.4 million purse.

McMurray wins first pole on new race track

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — Jamie McMurray won a historic pole Friday — the first on the reconfigured Homestead-Miami Speedway and the last in NASCAR's Winston Cup era.

McMurray, leading Greg Biffle in the battle for rookie of the year, led the way in qualifying for Sunday's season-ending Ford 400 with a lap of 181.111 mph on the 1.5-mile oval, drastically changed since last year from just 6 degrees of banking to 20-degrees all around.

Each of the 48 drivers who made a qualifying attempt Friday easily surpassed the record of 159.964, set in 1999 by Rusty Wallace on the first of two previous track configurations.

"It's exciting to come to a brand new race track and run it well," McMurray said. "This place has so much grip that we didn't have to do a lot for qualifying."

Donnie Wingo, the crew chief on McMurray's Chip Ganassi Racing Dodge, told the driver his first lap was a fast one and asked if he wanted to abort the second qualifying lap.

"I thought the second lap was going to be better," said McMurray, who kept his foot on the gas. "Then I started thinking about what Donnie said and I got so excited I messed up (turns) three and four."

The first lap was still good enough to give McMurray his first Cup pole in 41 tries.

"I'm really excited because I've qualified so bad this year," he said. "If you look at it, I think I'm about an 18th-place qualifier on average."

The best previous start for McMurray, who ran six Cup races in 2002, was second at Rockingham last November. The pole is his 12th top-10 start in 36 races this season.

Sunday will mark the end of a 33-year association between NASCAR and R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. and its Winston brand and, beginning with the season-opening Daytona 500 in February, the series will be known as the Nextel Cup.

Pole winners automatically earn a starting spot in the following year's Bud Shootout, a made-for-TV race during Daytona's Speed Weeks in February. McMurray is the 14th different pole winner of 2003.

Bobby Labonte and 20-year-old phenom Brian Vickers followed McMurray with laps of 180.729. Labonte, a former series champion, got the second spot on the 43-car grid based on being higher in the season points.

Newman, who leads the series with 11 poles this season, had his string of three straight broken, qualifying fourth at 180.717.

Boise State hits field with national ranking on the line

The Times-News

BOISE — The Boise State Broncos make their first appearance since moving back into the national rankings Saturday when they host Texas-El Paso in a 1:05 p.m. Western Athletic Conference football game.

Boise State (8-1, 4-0 WAC) is ranked 23rd in this week's ESPNUSA Today Coaches poll, and 24th in this week's Associated Press poll.

UTEP (2-8, 1-4 WAC) has lost 18 of its last 19 road games. The Miners are 0-3 against the Broncos, losing by an average of 31.7 points.

Boise State leads the WAC in a whopping eight statistical categories — scoring offense (42.8 points per game), scoring defense (15.4 ppg), total offense (502.7 yds per game), total defense (338.8 ypg), rushing defense (80.7 ypg), passing efficiency (160.9), passing efficiency defense (100.6) and punt returns (13.7 average).

Senior quarterback Ryan Dinwiddie rates first in the league and eighth nationally in passing efficiency (160.7). He has thrown for 2,850 yards this season, with 20 touchdowns and only two interceptions in 303 pass attempts.

Tim Gilligan is his favorite target with 918 yards on 54 catches while TJ Acres has 30 grabs for 421 yards. Jerry Smith is 42 on 22 catches and Lawrence Body 490 on 19 grabs.

Idaho at Louisiana-Monroe

MONROE, La. — This is a matchup of two teams trying to end their season on a high note. Both are 1-9 and 1-4 in the Sun Belt Conference.

Both are coming off tough losses.

Regional football

Idaho fell on the road to Arkansas State 24-23 while Louisiana-Monroe lost at home to league-leading North Texas 28-16.

Indians to listen for on the radio include tailback Kevin Payne, who averages 86 ypg rushing, second in the Sun Belt.

Quarterback Steve Jyles is averaging 187.4 ypg through the air while throwing 12 touchdowns and nine interceptions. His favorite target is Vincent Mack, 51 receptions for 575 yards.

Idaho tailback Zach Gertsner has run for 829 yards on 181 attempts this season. Orlando Winston leads IU receivers with 50 receptions for 691 yards.

Today's game time is 5 p.m. MST and will be broadcast locally on 1270AM KTFI.

Idaho State at

No. 20 Cal Poly

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Calif. — Idaho State will try to fight its way back into the Division I-AA Top 25 when it travels to No. 20 Cal Poly for a 2:05 p.m. kickoff at Mustang Stadium.

A key in this non-conference, NCAA Division I-AA football game could be ISU's poor punt coverage. The team has given up 459 yards on punt returns this season, on pace to surpass the all-time record of 512 allowed in 1986.

With priorities to his top two quarterbacks, third-stringer Caleb Eastman is the new starter. Defensively, ISU's Jared Allen broke the school record of 16.5 sacks with 17.5 entering this weekend's contest. The NCAA Division I-AA record is 20.

Doping

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faces a minimum two-year ban for a first steroid positive and a lifetime ban for a second.

Track and field's world governing body is considering increasing its first-time steroid ban from two years to four.

Wadler said the percentage of positive tests should be unacceptable to baseball.

Rob Manfred, baseball's executive vice president for labor relations, declined comment when told of Pundt's remarks. On Thursday, Manfred said "a posi-

tive rate of 5 percent is hardly the sign that you have rampant use of anything."

Gene Orza, the union's No. 2 official, was traveling Friday and could not be contacted. He said Thursday that the results showed claims of widespread steroid use in baseball "were wildly inflated."

Pundt said WADA would probably make an official complaint to the baseball commissioner's office about the sport's drug policy, which was negotiated last year with the players' association.

Pundt, a Canadian lawyer, has

been a frequent critic of drug testing in the United States and its professional leagues.

"They're not generally seen to be active in the fight against doping in sport," he said. "There's a lot of PR. They have turned it into a management-labor issue, which almost guarantees that no progress will be made."

Wadler said that having drug-testing rules determined by collective bargaining in the United States was a difficult concept for sports officials in other countries.

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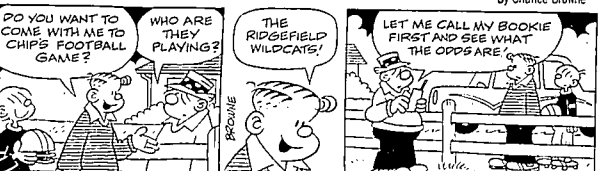
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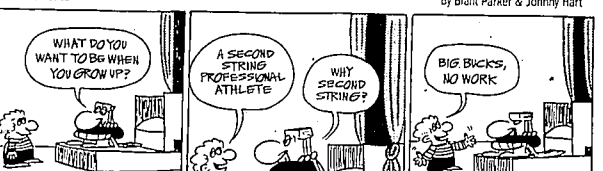
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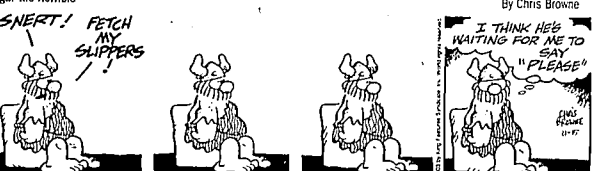
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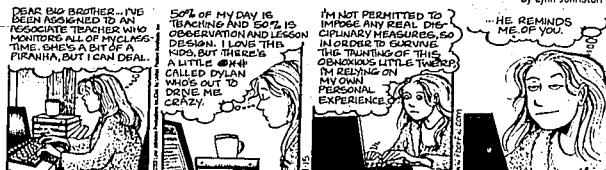
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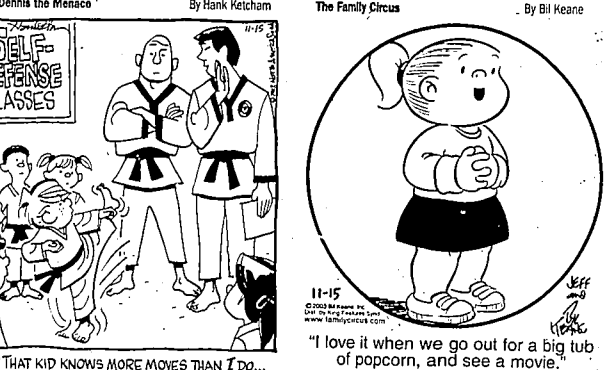


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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Ketchup will host business seminar

KETCHUM - US Bank, the Ketchum Police Department and the Sun Valley-Ketchum Chamber of Commerce will co-sponsor a free "Business Fraud/Security" seminar Wednesday in the conference room at Ketchum City Hall.

Topics include common business fraud, internal fraud, currency fraud, credit card fraud and fraud-prevention strategies. The seminar is for any business that handles cash.

Speakers include Rob Burton, US Bank senior corporate security investigator; Kristi Funk, US Bank regional merchant card services executive; and a bank employee in treasury management.

Two sessions of the seminar will be held - from 3 to 5:30 p.m. and again from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Admission is free and the public is invited.

For information call Brian North at 726-8049, Lisa Guinn at 726-1170 or Sam Yost at 726-9710.

DISH Network offers local channels by satellite

FAIRFIELD - EchoStar Communications Corp. said its DISH Network now offers local television channels by satellite to Camas County and the rest of its Boise-area market.

EchoStar offers these Boise-area channels: KIVI, KBCI, KTVB, KTRV, KNIN and KALD.

"This is the first time local TV channels are available by satellite TV in the Boise area, providing an alternative to local cable TV service," EchoStar said in a statement.

"Local channels will be offered at \$5.99 per month for DISH Network customers in Boise."

DISH offers the channels via satellite to customers in 11 Idaho counties including Camas, Elmore and Owyhee. Two counties in Oregon will also receive Boise local channels.

Hecla opts to defer

Jan. 1 preferred dividend

COEUR D'ALENE - Hecla Mining Co. on Friday said that, to conserve cash for exploration, development and acquisition, Hecla's directors elected to defer the Jan. 1 quarterly payment of preferred dividends.

The dividend would have applied to holders of Hecla Series B Cumulative Convertible Preferred Stock.

Target posts strong jump in quarterly earnings

MINNEAPOLIS - Powered by strong sales from its namesake discount division, Target Corp. reported an 8.7 percent increase in third-quarter earnings.

But while the Target Stores division - which includes a Twin Falls store - is expecting a robust holiday season, company executives warned that "weak performance" at Target's Mervyn's and Marshall Field's divisions could cause the entire company to fall short of analysts' consensus estimate of 30 cents per share for the fourth quarter.

Although he is "cautiously optimistic" that Mervyn's and Field's can post fourth-quarter pre-tax profits similar to those of a year ago, Target Corp. chief financial officer Doug Scovanner said that their weak performance makes it unlikely the entire corporation will meet or exceed analysts' expectations.

The retailer's net income of \$302 million or 33 cents per diluted share for the quarter ended Nov. 1 was on target with Wall Street's consensus earnings estimate. For the same period a year ago, Target net income was \$277 million, or 30 cents per diluted share.

Target's total revenue for the quarter, including money from its credit card operations, rose 10.7 percent to \$11.28 billion. That gain was fueled by a 14 percent increase in sales at Target Stores, which benefited from new store openings and the growth in its Target Visa card operations.

Target's discount division, which accounts for nearly 90 percent of the corporation's annual sales and now numbers 1,200 stores, is the retailer's growth engine. The division's sales rose 6.7 percent for the quarter while its pre-tax profit was \$604 million, a \$67 million or 12.5 percent gain compared with the same period a year ago.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Earning national attention

Web site highlights Billingsley Creek Lodge and Retreat

By Virginia S. Hutchins
Times-News writer

HAGERMAN - A Hagerman lodge this week was the first Magic Valley company to snag a spot as the small-business success story of the week featured by the national Association of Small Business Development Centers.

The main page of the association's Web site, at www.sbdc.us.org, temporarily highlights Billingsley Creek Lodge and Retreat.

"This is the first time for our region. It may not be for the state, but it is for our region," said Sherry Rust, training coordinator for the Idaho Small Business Development Center on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

The Twin Falls center is a member of the national association's network. Its counterparts throughout the country - and their small-business clients - visit the Web page regularly, Rust said.

Because it's in the hospitality business, Billingsley Creek Lodge might attract more travelers because of that exposure, she said. Its reputation in Magic Valley could benefit, too.

"Whenever you get national recognition like that ... that will make a difference to local people," Rust said.

The Twin Falls small-business center each year tells the U.S. Small Business Administration about one or more small ventures that made strides with ISBDC's help. In June 2002 it named the Hagerman lodge as one of Magic Valley's three success stories for 2001. That put the lodge in the pool for possible national recognition.

For the owners of many a fledgling small business, success is measured in small steps: perhaps a debt paid off early, or a loan not drawn. And leaps in revenue might not mean paychecks for the owners. Instead, some reinvest in new equipment and the like, hoping for a bigger payoff later.

Billingsley Creek Lodge's new owners by summer 2002 had rung up enough revenue to invest heavily in remodeling, hire employees and get started on paying themselves for their own labor.

But co-owner Patsy Keeney said Friday that she and her business partner still aren't writing



Patsy Keeney, center, and Joan Dalton-Boyd, right, say Billingsley Creek, which maintains a constant temperature year-round, is a major reason for the success of their lodge. Their former business partner Claudia Vincent, who died in April, is pictured at left in this 2002 photo.

themselves regular paychecks, opting instead to invest in improvements such as repairs, new fireplaces in each room, cable television and VCRs.

"We've put every cent back into the lodge," she said. Well, almost. Co-owner Joan Dalton-Boyd's compensation is on-site housing, and Keeney's is a

small monthly stipend. Their former business partner, Claudia Vincent, died in April. The trio bought the lodge in May 2001. Region IV Development and the ISBDC helped the three assemble a business plan and project cash flow.

"There's just two partners now, and we're going to continue that way," Keeney said.

Billingsley Creek Lodge boasts six motel rooms, two cottages, a 10-space mini-storage facility and 10 spaces for recreational vehicles. A free-standing building also houses a conference room - also used as a lounge - and a hot tub. Dalton-Boyd, a counselor, holds

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Consultant sees irony in firing of company

Knight Ridder News Service

MILWAUKEE - The Idaho Endowment Fund Investment Board's firing of Strong Capital Management Inc. as one of its investment managers has some irony, an investment consultant says.

In announcing the decision this week, a board official said he was concerned that mutual fund investors may pull large amounts of money from Strong's funds and hurt the remaining shareholders.

Strong had lost about \$750 million through October - less than 2 percent of its nearly \$43 billion of assets - since New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer in early September accused Strong and three other companies of giving special trading opportunities to a hedge fund.

"We remain focused on delivering value-added investment performance to our clients," Strong spokeswoman Stephanie Truog said.

But Idaho's move to yank \$32 million out of Strong is a chilling reminder of the damage investors acting out of psychological, rather than fundamental, motives could inflict on the Menomonee Falls, Wis.-based company.

Strong has found itself in the center of an ever-widening probe in the \$7 trillion mutual fund industry since Spitzer's office on Oct. 30 singled out founder and Chairman Richard S. Strong. Spitzer's office said it plans to take action - it didn't rule out criminal charges - against Richard Strong over accusations of profiting by about \$600,000 for himself, family and friends from making improper trades in and out of funds managed by his company.

"The real irony here is that the same thought process Dick Strong was allegedly applying to his own funds in trying to get an incremental edge has the potential to cause real disruption to his funds as investors attempt to get an incremental edge over one another by trying to get out before anyone else, without

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Women work to gain role in construction

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. - It has been a longstanding if troubling tradition in the male-dominated construction industry that any woman who dared venture near a building site risked rude stares, whistles and catcalls.

That is beginning to change, thanks in part to a growing group of female-owned construction companies. But the numbers of these female-run firms remains small. Only about one out of every 12 construction enterprises nationwide belongs to a woman.

And while men have become far more accepting of the opposite sex in recent years, some women who have broken into the business contend it remains an unwelcome and at times downright hostile environment for those of their gender.

"You do still run into obstacles; it's a very closed network of contractors," said Liane Garcia, national vice president of Women Construction Owners & Executives and co-owner of Core Concrete in San Francisco. "A lot of women go out and get into the field and feel like they've been treated unfairly."

Some women, say male workers have stolen their tools and pointedly refused to help them learn basic job skills. Others say male company owners frequently funnel subcontracts to their male pals.

Nationally, women hold only about \$97,000 - or 9.2 percent - of the \$7.7 billion construction-related jobs, mostly in clerical or administrative positions, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Similarly, women own about 8

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National group beefs up meat exports

By Carol Ryan Dumas
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - U.S. beef is experiencing some meaty opportunities with meat exports covering new territory around the globe.

Lynn Heinze, vice president of information for U.S. Meat Export Federation, delivered the good news to Gem State cattlemen gathered in Boise this week for the Idaho Cattle Association's annual convention.

Here in the states, beef consumption is just holding steady, but in the world market it is showing a healthy increase and a bright future, Heinze said.

"The bottom line is beef trade will continue to increase," said Heinze, quoted in today's edition of *Ag Weekly*.

U.S. beef export sales in 2002 were 1.27 billion metric tons at a value of \$3.77 billion. That's 12.8 percent of domestic production, Heinze said, adding that that percentage is expected to increase.

The growing export market also includes product not normally marketed in the United States, such as tongue, intestine and head, Heinze said. Those sales add \$1.2 billion to the value of U.S. beef.

So where lies the opportunity? "Korea, Japan and Mexico still make up the biggest part of (beef export) growth," Heinze said.

But the meat export federation is trying to get beef into other markets while expanding its presence in the top-growth markets.

A federation study on consumer trends in targeted countries found that Mexican consumers purchase beef frequently



Dave Nelson, Mackay rancher and immediate past president of the Idaho Cattle Association, left, discusses industry issues with Nate Helm, natural resource field coordinator for Sen. Larry Craig, during a break at an ICA convention in Boise.

and Korean consumers like a variety of proteins and purchase beef fairly frequently, with 56 percent buying beef. In Taiwan, however, one out of two consumers hadn't and wouldn't try beef.

Heinze said his organization has its work cut out for it. In addition to battling trade and access barriers and securing market infrastructure, the meat export federation also has to educate foreign buyers on the quality of U.S. meat - that means importers, distributors, retailers and consumers.

"Fresh is a big consumer factor," Heinze said. "And they buy parts, not cuts."

Most meat products in foreign countries are domestically produced, slaughtered and delivered the same day in a "wet mar-

ket" setting, he said.

"Most (foreign) consumers know little about imports," Heinze added. "About half are aware that meat is imported, and they aren't aware where to buy it."

Common misperceptions about imported meat are that it is inferior product, dumped on the market and can't be fresh if it is imported, he said.

But things are changing. "They are going from wet mar- ket to brand overnight," Heinze said.

The move to supermarkets is growing, with the clientele likely to be urban buyers with higher incomes, Heinze said. They are better informed and more desirous of convenience and variety.

Marketing meat

U.S. Meat Export Federation is a worldwide organization based in Denver and with 15 other locations throughout the world. The organization's mission is to develop and protect U.S. markets by "putting U.S. meat on the world's table."

Funding for the organization's beef project in 2003 was \$11.5 million. That money came from producers, the U.S. Department of Agriculture and soybean and corn organizations.

By meeting foreign consumers' wants, U.S. meat exports continue to increase. A federation study identified those wants as safety, cleanliness and traceability; better industry ethics; accessible information; choice and variety; convenience; quality; and localized marketing, among others.

"But, they are more sensitive to safety and expect a safe, clean environment for their product."

In addition, the hotel and restaurant industry is growing, with 30 to 40 percent of U.S. imported beef now going to that venue - except in Taiwan and Singapore. International travel is aiding U.S. meat exports as the industry caters to those travelers, and more foreign consumers are dining out. U.S. beef is very popular with those restaurant customers, Heinze said.

While popularity and consumption in foreign markets are growing, there are many challenges yet to be met.

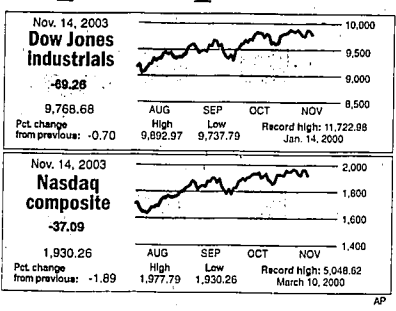
The objective, he said, "is giving international consumers what they want."

MONEY

Negative reports push stocks down

Exxon must pay Alabama \$11.9B over gas royalties

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street sank Friday as investors sifted through a series of doleful economic reports, but drug makers including Johnson & Johnson and Merck & Co. got a boost as Congress neared an agreement on Medicare prescription legislation.



a 0.5 percent gain in September. October's increase was half the size of the 0.4 percent increase economists expected.

Some positive news came from a survey by the University of Michigan, which found consumers have become more optimistic about the economy so far this month. The university's consumer sentiment index increased to 93.5 for the first time since November, according to Dow Jones Newswires.

Although stocks ended the day with declines, investors were not altogether discouraged. The major indexes managed gains for part of the session, and analysts were pleased that the drop wasn't more severe.

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This was the market's first drop week in three. It saw moderate declines four days out of five amid concerns about the economy, but a solid advance on Wednesday during a brief burst of optimism about high-tech sales.

A Commerce Department report Friday showed that Americans cut their spending in October, depressing retail sales for a second month in a row. The news exacerbated investor concern about Wal-Mart, the world's largest retailer, said Thursday it was cautious about the outlook for the fourth quarter.

Williams said investors also were concerned that interest rates could go up faster than expected after a government report suggested inflation was on the rise. The Labor Department said wholesale prices were up 0.8 percent in October, the largest increase in seven months. Economists forecast a rise of just 0.2 percent.

A turnaround in inflation could motivate the Federal Reserve to raise rates. Also Friday, the Fed reported that industrial production rose by 0.2 percent in October, down from

The economic reports included a drop in consumer spending, which followed a glum holiday season forecast from Wal-Mart Stores Inc. on Thursday, and an uptick in inflation at the wholesale level during October.

"Advance retail sales weren't so good," said Brian Williams, an equity trader at The BNY Mellon Company Asset Management.

"Retailers are a little worried about holiday shopping, they're worried about their profits, so this number confirmed what we saw yesterday."

The Dow Jones industrial average ended the day down 69.26, or 0.7 percent, at 9,768.68, losing 0.4 percent for the week.

The broader gauges also fell. The Nasdaq composite index closed down 37.09, or 1.9 percent, at 1,930.26, for a weekly loss of 2.1 percent. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 8.06, or 0.8 percent, at 1,050.35, for a weekly decline of 0.3 percent.

Success

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women's and other retreats at Billingsley Creek Lodge, and a host of individual clients come from around Oregon, Washington and Idaho to stay at the lodge for two or three days of "counseling."

The six motel rooms and two cottages have a combined capacity of 22 occupants. Nearly all have a view of Billingsley Creek, which runs along 150 feet of the property's back side.

The two owners both work at the lodge, doing the bulk of the work themselves. They employ one part-time maintenance worker

and four part-time housekeepers. Keeney said the venture's second-year revenue rose about 45 percent from the first year in business. In the first 12 months, revenue had risen in 18 percent above the previous owner's six-year average.

Summer is the popular time for travel, but the business partners

have succeeded in promoting Billingsley Creek Lodge as a winter retreat, too.

"Our winter months have been great," Keeney said Friday.

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Exxon must pay Alabama \$11.9B over gas royalties

Exxon Mobil must pay Alabama \$11.9 billion over gas royalties and lease payments, a state Supreme Court decision has ruled.

The large award, more than twice the damages assessed from lawsuits from the 1989 Exxon Valdez oil spill, could collide with recent U.S. Supreme Court decisions that have sharply limited the size of punitive damages.

The dispute involved how Exxon Mobil calculated the royalties it paid on about 13 natural-gas wells located along the Gulf of Mexico coast and what expenses the Irving, Texas-based company could deduct.

The judgment is more than twice the larger of the \$3.5 billion award originally granted the state in a 2000 trial. That decision was reversed by the Alabama Supreme Court, which sent the case back for a new trial.

But the Exxon thought they were going to get away with it, "jury foreman Joe King Montgomery teacher, told the Associated Press. "We wanted to send a message that they were not, and that this corporation can't get away with doing wrong."

Exxon Mobil officials said the company did nothing wrong, and that the case would be appealed.

"The company did not engage in fraud, no evidence of fraud was established at trial, and fraud should never have been considered by the jury," Exxon Mobil lead counsel Sam Franklin said in a statement. "The punitive award in this case defies

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The latest award gives the state \$63.6 million in compensatory damages and \$11.8 billion in punitive damages. Exxon Mobil said that ratio of \$11 in actual damages to \$185 in punitive damages was "excessive," a conclusion that appears consistent with recent signals from the nation's highest court.

"We intend to appeal this decision to the Alabama Supreme Court in light of the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision in Campbell v. State Farm that limits the size of punitive awards," said attorney Jay Brandt, who has handled similar cases for another energy company, said the large damages likely won't stand up to appeal.

"I think Exxon has got some really excellent arguments to reduce the award significantly, if not, on appeal," said Brandt, with Davis Munck PC. He said he sees two problems with the Alabama decision.

"On its face, the punitive award looks out of whack, and the award is not permitted under Supreme Court precedent for that type of attack on appeal," he said.

In addition, "even if the state has a valid dispute over some of these deductions from royalties, that really amounts to a breach-of-contract claim, and in most jurisdictions, you can't get punitive damages for a breach-of-contract claim," Brandt said.

The award dwarfs the \$5 billion in punitive damages that Exxon Mobil, then known as Exxon Corp., was ordered to pay in the wake of the Exxon Valdez spill off the coast of Alaska.

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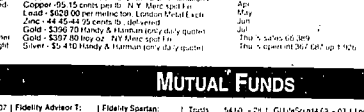


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Friday's Puzzle Solved
11/15/03

Cancer: Keep your cool today

IF NOVEMBER 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY — you're perceptive and sensitive, enjoying art, fashion, cuisine and music. Thought of hard work doesn't intimidate, and you're usually game for any challenge. You could be in the architectural or building field. Major opportunities will be knocking on your door soon. Are you ready? This is a year with many ups and downs, unusual challenges and fortuitous events.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 19): The work atmosphere is friendly, and someone has an eye on you. You believe you can be lucky in love when an affectionate look hits your eyes.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): As the sun crosses your marriage chart, it's time to make a decision and tell someone what's on your mind. A family member reminds you of a promise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): People don't always say what they mean. It's those crucial words that make the point. Don't dismiss the input of a friend who is helpful for everything and knows what the story really is.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You're apprehensive and worried for good reasons. A situation out of your control has someone you care about uncommunicated. Keeping your cool would be the right thing to do.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You have reason to smile as the moon has entered your sign today. Making comparisons, however, could leave you disappointed as you may misread the small print.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): The latest venture embarked on carries certain risks. When cautioned, don't be too proud to take a warning on board. It's not the time to be careless where cash is concerned.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Discussing petty financial problems with others is proving difficult, but making excuses is potentially embarrassing. Saturn is making things hard, and you may fare best with a change of attitude.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Your sixth sense is warning you to proceed carefully on an issue that has to be taken in hand. Things are better handled with a relaxed state of mind than by adopting an intense attitude.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Adopting a pragmatic and careful attitude will result in leaving the right impression. Otherwise, you could come over shovely in your behavior, which would look wrong and out of place.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your deepest hopes for a place to live or a relationship are making some progress. A Pisces is on standby and could be in line, promising passion.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Upgrading your love life by replacing petty routine with excitement is utmost in your mind. Using soothing, clever words has a partner's ears pinned up. A Leo wants to know you better.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Talking about your favorite music can bring a new love into your life. A friend or relative needs your input. Getting in touch becomes an adventure.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 34 years old, married for three years. My husband doesn't work. He gets a disability check but doesn't help with the bills or anything around the house. He claims he's looking for a job.

I recently told him about a job opportunity, and he asked me if I would forward his resume. I did. The next day, he told me he wasn't interested in the job because it was a graveyard shift.

I thought a graveyard shift was better than my shift at all. I am struggling to make ends meet, and he is still making no effort to help. I told him almost a year ago that he would have to move out. Well, he is still here.

I want to move on with my life, but I'm afraid to take the next step. Please give me some advice. I am very confused.

- STRUGGLING IN MARYLAND

DEAR STRUGGLING: It appears your husband is shiftless in more ways than one. If the present situation continues, you will crack under the stress. If he were looking for employment but unable to find it, I'd advise you to be patient and have your husband screened for depression. However, since he has you carrying the entire load and shows no signs of assuming his share of the responsibilities, my advice is to contact a lawyer. That may be the wake-up call your husband needs.

College grad flunks transition to real life

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- DOWN ON MY LIFE IN EDMONTON, ALBERTA

DEAR DOWN: A logical first step would be for you to go back to the college from which you graduated and consult its career counseling services. You will be tested to see where your talents and training lie. Somewhere along the line, you lost your direction and self-confidence. You should also be evaluated by your doctor for ADHD and depression.

Jamaicans like warm cola

Among the Wodaabe of Niger, this rule is strict: A nursing mother may not be touched by any man, including her husband.

Q. In the Revolutionary War, wasn't George Washington shot?

A. He was shot through the hat, shot through the coat, but never shot through him.

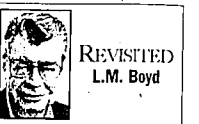
Shots have a way of following.

Q. You said the lightning bolt we see is traveling up, not down. Why?

A. It goes back up its original downward path. Think of it as the returnary bolt in basketball, the only one the referee sees.

Shey people are more prone to that ailment called hay fever, evidently. University of Arizona researchers say their studies so suggest.

When the temperature outside hits 39 degrees-F, remember: That's how cold the deep ocean water is. By deep, I mean the abyssal zone. By abyssal zone, I



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mean from 6,600 to 19,800 feet down.

Jamaicans prefer their cola at room temperature.

"There's a word for the "slaughter of many victims" - it's "hecatomb."

Doctors say they now know that 94.6 percent of the human fetuses in the womb are right-handed.

One thing you can say about the California mouse, it mates for life. True, it only lives a year. But it's the principle.

Q. How come there's no lightning in the deep tropics?

A. Clouds are too warm.

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Religions face major changes

What do the consecration of a gay bishop, the pope's 25th anniversary and the war with Iraq have in common? Each signals the potential for major change in one of three religious groups, possibly before the end of the decade.

It'd like to know: Which of the following groups will undergo the most significant change?

Briefly, here is what each is facing:

Mainline Protestantism
More than Episcopal Church members will be watching to see what fallout results from the recent consecration of V. Gene Robinson, an openly gay bishop. Other mainline Protestant churches will face their own moment of truth on sexuality issues in the coming years.



TOM SHAEFFER

United Methodist, Presbyterian and Lutheran churches continue to wrestle with the question of whether to fully accept gays. The split over this issue within Protestant denominations is severe and unlikely to be easily mended. Meanwhile, these and other mainline Protestant churches face a stark reality: They have one-third fewer members today than they did 30 years ago, according to Princeton Religion Research Center. While the hemorrhaging has stopped for now, according to one church analyst, the decline could resume if hot-button social issues dominate these churches' agendas. Consider: In the coming years, will mainline churches turn the tide of declining memberships, or will they become so sidelined that their influence in society becomes peripheral at best?

The Roman Catholic Church

Sometime soon - measured in weeks, months or a few years - the Roman Catholic Church will likely be choosing a new pope. Granted, no one can predict how long Pope John Paul II, who celebrated his 25th year as pope last month, will live. But few deny that he is in the twilight of his pontificate. He has shaped the church in ways that have been lauded by some and decried by others. Whoever replaces him will be dealing with issues that are far from settled in the minds of many members.

Consider: Will a new pontiff re-examine some of the more contentious teachings, or will he continue on the same path that the church has followed?

Islam

The religion of 1.3 billion people worldwide has received more attention in the West in the past 25 years than it has in more than a millennium. In 1979, Islam woke up the West when the Shah of Iran was overthrown and Islamic rule was established in that country. Many Muslims cheered the Iranian theocracy, while non-Muslims watched with increasing unease as its rule became more repressive. Today, thoughtful Muslims are re-examining the direction their religion is heading and considering how it should react to the political changes in the world. The war with Iraq only heightens the tension of those Muslims who fear Western domination of their lands.

Consider: Will Islam find accommodation with Western values, or will it succumb to those Muslims who believe that their religion must control the culture in which it lives? Those are the three religious groups that face a kairos - a critical moment of decision. How each reacts could have important ramifications throughout the world.

By the end of the decade, which of the three groups do you think will have had the greatest impact - for good or ill - on its followers and possibly on others?

Volunteers offer spiritual care

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Barbara Sabala had been looking for a way to help other people when she saw a TV spot about the Pastoral Care program at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

"And I said, 'Hey, I can do that,' so I checked into it immediately and started immediately," she recalled, "and I've just very much enjoyed it."

Sabala spends one day a week doing the work. She wanders around the hospital and lets the Lord lead her to whoever she needs to talk to, she said.

"We're there to pray with people, to offer compassion and caring to anyone in the hospital," she explained. "Sometimes that involves sitting and talking with and praying with people that work there, and sometimes it's family members of patients in the hospital."

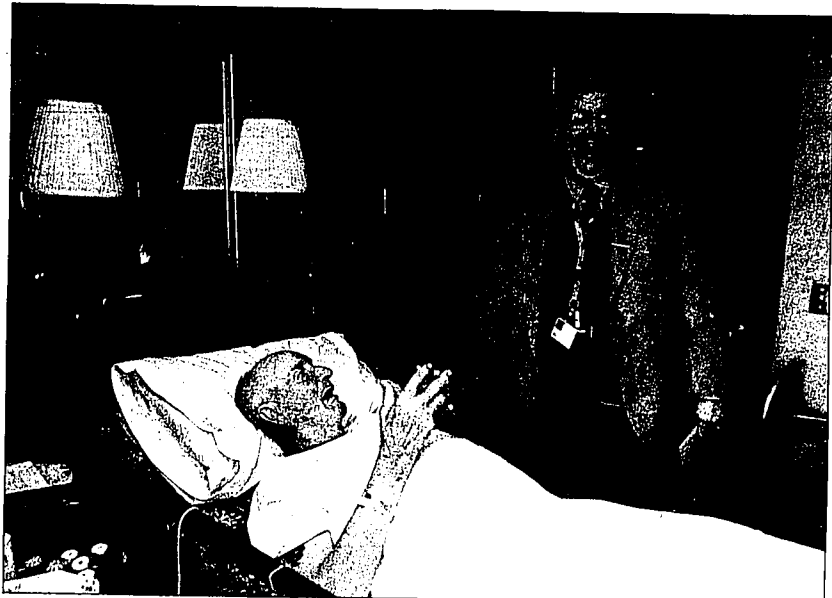
The mission of the MVRMC Pastoral Care Chaplains Program, directed by Sue Carver, is to offer spiritual support, compassion and empathy to all within the hospital community.

"I think our spiritual care has more to do with being there than with doing," Carver said. "It's being fully present and hearing another, rather than offering answers."

She said right now there are three teams of individuals who take a month at a time to work as chaplains. Their team captains call and make arrangements with each of them about which days they can cover.

"So even the busiest person, hopefully, can find a time that will work for them," she said. "So the program is very, very flexible."

Along with many people, there are several ministers in the program, Carver noted.



Pastor Dale Metzger, right, of Rock Creek Community Church, talks with Cecil R. Taylor while he recovers from knee surgery in the Transitional Care Unit at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Metzger is involved in the chaplain program at the hospital, which is looking for new chaplains. A pastoral care training session is scheduled for next week.

The Rev. Dale Metzger, pastor of Rock Creek Community Church, has served as a hospital chaplain for 15 years.

"I really got interested in it because I enjoy pastoral care and it was one area of ministry I felt very good about and comfortable and thought it was part of the ministry," he said. "That's part of what we're all about, and so I got involved and escalated from there."

Keith Miller, a retired minister, has been involved in pastoral care for three months and is equally enthusiastic about it.

"You just visit with them and

pray with them and comfort them, and it's been a real blessing to me," he said. "I say I'm supposed to go over there to bless them, and I come away more blessed than they are."

Carver described the program as non-denominational. In the hospital population, there are people with various beliefs, she said, so the program is a challenge and an opportunity at the same time.

"I think everyone has a spiritual dimension," she said, "and sometimes the time that you find that is during a health care crisis when you need support."

Hospital chaplains are given training at monthly meetings to keep them informed about the hospital. New volunteers are teamed up with people who have been involved for some time. They can go together for a while, or all the time, if they wish.

Sabala said so many of the people the chaplains visit are grateful to have someone who cares about them.

"A total stranger walks in there and just asks how they're feeling or how can I help you, what can I do for you? Can I pray with you," she said. "Sometimes I adjust the pillow or make a phone call for

them. It's just many things."

Howard Aggeler, a hospital chaplain who is an Episcopal deacon, said he goes through the hospital looking for needs. He said he might find a family-in-Intensive Care with someone who is dying. Or a victim of a bad accident who needs help contacting family members or ministers. Other times, he said, a nurse or doctor may need counsel.

"They are very compassionate people, loving people," he said. "It really does get to them when somebody dies. Usually I just pray with them silently for their peace and comfort."

Program promotes peace and calm through dance

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

They are sacred dances from spiritual traditions, these Dances of Universal Peace, and they are designed to encourage everyone to give peace - and dance - a try.

Today in Buhl, certified dance leaders and musicians from Boise and Pocatello will be on hand to teach their craft to people of all ages. Local organizers hope to interest Magic Valley residents in planning future dances, hopefully one a month by January.

Where, when?

When: 7 to 9 p.m. today

Where: Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St., Buhl

Admission: \$5 suggested minimum donation

More information: Visit www.dancesofuniversalpeace.org

The origins of the group date back to the late 1960s and the work of Samuel L. Lewis, a Sufi Mershad (teacher), and Rinzi Zen Master, who studied the mystical traditions of Hinduism, Judaism and Christianity. Then in 1982, author Neil Douglas-Klotz ("Prayer of the Cosmos") founded the international network for the Dances of Universal Peace in Seattle as a multicultural resource center for peace-making.

Mascari said the dances are now being held worldwide, even at Lava Hot Springs right here in Idaho. People who get interested in the dances might find themselves traveling to international dance retreats in places like Scotland, Russia or Argentina.

The dances are attractive because they are fun, easy to learn and because the people involved have done a lot of inner work on their spirituality and serve as good role models for others exploring their spiritual paths, Mascari explained. No music or dance experience is necessary for success.

Participants join hands, forming a circle with the dance leader and other musicians in the center. Most wear loose-fitting clothing.

"It's calming and peaceful, although some of the Jewish dances are high-energy," Mascari said. "There are dances to the Lord's Prayer, too." But the message behind the music is a message of unity.

Or, as Mascari put it, "We are bringing people together to concentrate on what we have more in common."



Michelle Curay-Cramer was fired from her teaching position at Ursuline Academy, an all-girls Catholic school in Wilmington, Del., after expressing her pro-choice views in an abortion-rights ad in the local newspaper.

Fired Catholic teacher sues diocese

By Randall Chase
The Associated Press

WILMINGTON, Del. - Michelle Curay-Cramer knew that when she let her name appear in an abortion-rights advertisement in a local newspaper she might get fired from her teaching job at an all-girls Roman Catholic high school. Now she's suing the school, the Diocese of Wilmington and Bishop Michael Salvatore.

Curay-Cramer, who was fired from Ursuline Academy in January, claims she was let go on Salvatore's orders after she refused to recant her views supporting abortion rights. She contends her actions qualify as protected speech under the Constitution and the Civil Rights Act of 1964, as amended by the Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1979.

The church, which has been sued by other former employees on civil rights grounds, is contesting her claims.

Curay-Cramer's lawyer,

Thomas Neuburger, said even private-sector religious employers are not exempt from the federal laws: "We are all equal under the law. You can't get rid of people because they've spoken out about the rights of women. That's sex discrimination."

A church statement reads, "However, the Constitution guarantees every religious institution the right to practice and uphold the teachings of its faith, and the diocese and the bishop strongly support the right of every Catholic school to ensure that its faculty members teach and uphold the doctrine of the Catholic faith."

Under state and federal law, religious institutions can be exempt from prohibitions against religious discrimination that apply to other employers. But Curay-Cramer contends the independently owned school is not directly controlled by the Diocese of Wilmington and cannot hide behind its claims.

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The details differ among beliefs in heaven

By Jeffrey Weiss
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS - What's heaven really like? Linda Lopez has an idea. Heaven, she figures, is a lot like the sun-dappled cloudscape she's seen from airplane windows. "The only thing we are missing on the clouds are the angels jumping from cloud to cloud - and flowers."

Since her childhood in Mexico, Lopez has set up an altar every year to honor her loved ones in heaven. Every Nov. 2, on the Day of the Dead, she is

sure that her grandmother pays her a visit.

Just as there's no consensus on what God is, does or looks like, there is no single model of heaven. While most Americans say they believe in some sort of afterlife, those beliefs don't necessarily tie in with the teachings of any particular religion. Judaism, Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Baha'i - the list of traditional visions of the world to come is as long as the list of faith traditions. Often, in best-selling books, in popular songs, on movie screens, we reveal

what we know - or hope we know - about the world to come.

A Harris Poll conducted in February found that about 90 percent of those questioned said they believed in God. About 84 percent said they believed in the survival of the soul or something like it, but only 69 percent said they believed in hell. Close to a third said they believed in reincarnation. The vast majority who believe in heaven figure they're going there; only half of 1 percent told Harris pollsters that they'd go to hell.

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RELIGION

Arena slates Gaither Homecoming concert

NAMPA - Tickets are on sale for "Celebration Tour 2004," a Gaither Homecoming concert set for 7 p.m. May 18, 2004, at the Idaho Center in Nampa.

Reserved seats are \$19.75 or \$34.75 per person; group rates are available. For tickets or more information, call (208) 442-3232 or visit www.tickets.com.

Burley Methodists plan annual harvest dinner

BURLEY - The Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., will hold its annual Harvest Dinner and Bazaar from 5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. today.

The menu: Roast beef and ham, chesley potatoes, green beans, rolls, Jell-O salad, dessert bar. The bazaar will include a baked goods sale and white elephant table. The dinner is \$7 for adults, \$4 for children ages 5-12 and free for children under 5. Proceeds will go to United Methodist Women missions.

Minister schedules talk at chapel in Kimberly

BUIH - The Rev. Roger Kuhrt, will speak on "Tipping Points for Change and Pooch" - turning points in our personal lives - at 10 a.m. Sunday at White Mountain Kimberly Chapel, 712 Center St. W. in Kimberly.

A film discussion group will begin with "American Splendor" at 4:30 p.m. Sunday at the Lamphouse Theater, 223 Fifth Ave. S. Julie Fanslow is coordinating the group, which will meet the third Sunday of each month. UU also will help sponsor the Dances of Universal Peace set for 7 to 9 p.m. today at the Eighth Street Center in Butte. All are welcome. For more information, see www.magicvalleynews.org.

Singers perform at Gospel Opry today and Sunday

TWIN FALLS - Guests who will perform at the Magic Valley Gospel Opry at 7 p.m. today at the First Assembly of God, 189 Locust St. N., include Hall of Fame member Judy DeRamus; 2002 Christian Country Female Artist of the Year Sheila Lewis; Molly Hawkins; Chuck Day, Pastor Dan Duncan; Lawnie Kay Bolster; Rachel Williams; and Dave Bennett. Admission is free; offerings will be received.

The Rev. Wayne Crownover of Boise will speak at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the church, which will be decorated with camouflage and mounts of big horn sheep, deer

Church news



Judy DeRamus



Sheila Lewis



Molly Hawkins

and an illustrated sermon titled "Arrows." All are invited.

Rock Creek church plans concert, annual bazaar

TWIN FALLS - A praise duet, "Maria and Angie" will perform at 10 a.m. Sunday at Rock Creek Community Church. Pastor Dale Metzger will speak on "When Life Tumbles In." The annual all-church bazaar and Thanksgiving dinner is set for noon in the school gym south of the worship center.

Rock Creek and the Twin Falls Seventh-day Adventist Church will host the Liberty Quartet at 7 p.m. Nov. 22 at their shared facility, 131 Grandview Drive. The public is invited. Admission is free, but offerings will be taken.

Kimberly Methodists plan spud bar, silent auction

KIMBERLY - A potato bar will be served from noon to 1:30 p.m. Sunday at Crossroads United Methodist Church, 205 Madison St. E. Cost is \$3 per person.

A silent auction will be held before and during dinner, and a live auction will start at 1 p.m. Funds will go to the new building fund and church camp scholarships.

Missionaries to Africa schedule talk in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - David and Marquita Mosher will speak at 6 p.m. Sunday at the Twin Falls First Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N.

The Moshers train leaders and plant churches in Sao Tome and



Marquita and David Mosher

Principe. They previously ministered in Mozambique and have been ministering in Africa for nine years.

Admission is free; child care is provided. Call 733-6610.

Singer Day performs Sunday in Rupert church

RUPERT - Nashville recording artist Chuck Day will perform at 6 p.m. Sunday at New Life Assembly, 254 S. Highway 24.



Chuck Day

Day, the author of "The Midnight Cry" has many top 10 songs. He has appeared on TBN's "Praise the Lord" and on INSP, Gospel Music Television, Daystar and the Lamb Broadcasting Network.

The public is invited.

Jaime Thletten sings Sunday at Rupert church

RUPERT - Contemporary Christian recording artist Jaime Thletten will perform songs from her album, "Anywhere," and her new release, "Once Again," at 6 p.m. Sunday at the First Assembly of God, 402 H St.



Jaime Thletten

Admission is free, and the public is invited. An offering will be taken.

Hagerman plans special free music on Sunday

HAGERMAN - "We Will Worship" featuring music by Dennis Jernigan, is set for 6:30 p.m. Sunday at Hagerman Christian Center, 2750 S. 900 E. Admission is free.

Jernigan also will present the program at 7 p.m. Friday and Nov. 22 and at 9 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.

Nov. 23 at the Twin Falls Church of the Nazarene, 1231 Washington St. N. Admission is free, and child care will be provided through age 5.

Twin Falls women's Bible group meets Thursdays

TWIN FALLS - A Coffee Break Women's Bible Study group will meet at 9:30 a.m. Thursdays at the Mustard Seed Thrift Store, 455 Main Ave. E. Call Tillie at 734-8768 or Dianna at 537-9910.

Mormons slate religion lectures this month

The Know Your Religion lecture series sponsored by the The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints will be held at area churches. All programs start at 7 p.m. Ages 14 and up are invited and encouraged to bring their scriptures. No tape recorders, please. Admission is \$5 per person or by previously purchased season ticket.

Richard Neitzel Holzapfel, a church history and doctrine instructor at Brigham Young University, will speak Friday at the Burley West Stake Center, 2420 Park Ave. on "Paul: An Apostle of Jesus Christ."

Philip Alred, a religion instructor at BYU-Idaho, will speak Friday at the Twin Falls Stake Center, 421 Maurice St. N. and Nov. 22 at the Hailley Chapel on Broadford Road and Cedar Street on "Alma to Corianton - True Doctrine Changes Lives."

Emmett Smith, member of the Special CES Continuing Education faculty, will speak Nov. 22 at the Jerome Stake Center, 26 N. 100 E., on "Dare to Try... Dare to Be."

Richard Openshaw, a religion instructor at BYU-Idaho, will speak Nov. 22 at the Rupert West Stake Center, 26 S. 100 W., on "Building Faith in Christ."

The Times-News welcomes news of church events. Send to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Arena Team, The Times-News, Burley Bureau, 1263 Overland Ave., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is noon Thursday for publication on Saturday.

Baptist group breaks ties with college

ST. LOUIS (AP) - The Missouri Baptist Convention, long at odds with William Jewell College over sexual issues, has broken 150-year-old financial ties to the school.

Conservatives have hinted at ending support since 1999. Among issues raised were giving an award to a homosexual student and a campus production of "The Vagina Monologues," a play about

women's sexuality. The state convention's annual meeting struck William Jewell from the 2004 budget. Last year, the convention gave \$900,000, about 3 percent of the school's annual budget.

Anticipating the paring of ways, William Jewell cut 35 faculty and staff positions over the past three years while focusing on steps to improve revenue such as recruiting more students.

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MISSIONARIES

KIMBERLY - Elder Blake Allen Higley has been called to serve a mission for The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Russia and Eastern Europe Area.



Blake Higley

He graduated from Kimberly High School in 2003, where he was in track, wrestling and honor society. He is in the Kimberly 2nd Ward.



Bret Benap

will attend Brigham Young

University-Idaho to study landscaping. He is in the Rupert 4th Ward. His parents are Roy and Norma Benap of Rupert.

The Times-News welcomes news of church missionaries, published free.

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Mennonite women unite, spread message

By Ira J. Hadnot
The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — In a plain building on a quiet corner in Oak Cliff, Texas, a church is growing. There are no traffic jams. There's only one Sunday service. The fellowship is spirited, but attendance is sparse — from 12 to 20 people at some services. They represent a small but committed group of worshippers who believe racism is a sin. The Church of Many Peoples rests on a mission of healing the world of racism.

Off-quoted conventional wisdom says church services are the most segregated hour of the week. Studies have shown that the majority of Americans attend houses of worship that lack racial diversity. But at Many Peoples, a Mennonite congregation, the past few years have challenged that conventional wisdom. Esther Martinez, 47, is Mexican American, Tammerie Spires, 41, is Anglo. Alfie Wines, 54, is African American.

Dr. George Yancey, a sociologist at the University of North Texas, said he knew of no other multiracial church that has as its primary objective fighting racism. Many Peoples has been open for two years. In addition to the three pastors, several members of Peace

Mennonite Church in northwest Dallas are involved. They helped the women apply for a grant from the Mennonites, through a program that holds "plant" churches throughout the country.

The Mennonite tradition has long valued tolerance, peace, social justice and volunteerism. The Christian denomination developed from followers of Menno Simons, a 16th-century Dutch Catholic priest and radical reformer who joined a group called the Anabaptists. (Anabaptism means to be baptized again; adherents believe that a relationship with Christ is an adult choice, and that baptism must come out of that.) Because of persecution suffered by Russian Mennonites, who fled to the United States and Canada, there has long been a debate in the church about whether to "remain silent in this land" or "take more active positions," Spires said. The debate tilted toward those favoring activism when Mennonites in Atlanta became involved with the civil rights movement, she said.

The Mennonite Church has more than 1 million members in 60 countries. The Mennonites share historical roots with the Amish. They believe in simple living.

Mom appeals judge's ban on 'homophobic' education

DENVER (AP) — A woman who shares custody of her 8-year-old adopted daughter with her former lesbian partner has been ordered by a judge not to allow anything homophobic into her daughter's religious upbringing. The woman is appealing the decision.

The order from state District Judge John Coughlin governs a joint custody agreement between Dr. Cheryl Clark and Elsey McLeod. Clark ended the relationship after converting to Christianity, court documents say. Clark is appealing the

judge's order, which made Clark responsible for the child's religious education, but said she must ensure "there is nothing in the religious upbringing or teaching that the minor child is exposed to that can be considered homophobic."

Clark, who believes Christianity condemns homosexuality, fears the order will strip her ability to teach her child, said Matthew Staver of the Florida-based Liberty Counsel. "We believe it sets a dangerous trend to undermine the rights of parents and religious freedom."

Heaven

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Pollster George Barna found widely varying views of heaven. In a survey released last month, he reported that among those who believe in heaven, 46 percent describe it as "a state of eternal existence in God's presence," while 30 percent said it's "an actual place of rest and reward where souls go after death." And 14 percent said that heaven is just "symbolic."

Mitch Albom's "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" tells the story of a man who dies and meets five people who died before. Each was connected to his life, some in ways he could not have imagined while alive. At the end of the five

meetings, the man's seemingly mundane life makes sense to him as something important.

Anthony DeStefano, who wrote "A Travel Guide to Heaven," says heaven is a physical place where there will be recognizable people and colors and sounds and cities and animals. It will be lots of fun for those who get there — and the party will build toward a big finish. The full payoff of heaven, DeStefano says, won't happen until after the resurrection of the dead.

The point of his book: If people really understood the Christian promise of heaven, they'd be more excited about it and more inclined to try to get there.

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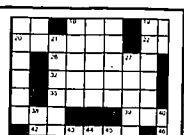
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religious affiliation.

Rita Schwartz, president of the National Association of Catholic School Teachers in Philadelphia, said most negotiated work contracts have "faith and morals" clauses. "I don't know of many that don't have some type of acknowledgment that the people working for the Catholic school must abide by the morals of the church. When you go to work at a Catholic school, you kind of know that certain things go with the territory."

"My husband and I talked about it extensively," said Curry-Cramer, a practicing Catholic who described herself as both "pro-life" and "pro-choice" and had begun volunteering for Planned Parenthood, whose services include abortion.

On Jan. 22, the 30th anniversary of the U.S. Supreme Court decision in *Roe v. Wade*, Curry-Cramer's name appeared along with more than 600 others in an abortion rights ad published in *The News Journal* of Wilmington.

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Rock opera sends Christian message

By Mark I. Pinsky
The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Artistically, Jesus has appeared in many guises, during the past 2000 years. Still, there has been nothing quite like "Hero," a new multimedia, rock opera that imagines an African-American Messiah born in Bethlehem, Pa., into a chaotic, modern world.

The oppressed, downtrodden people are not the Jews of the Bible, but African-Americans and other urban outcasts. In the show, which producers call the "Jesus Christ Superstar for the MTV generation," Jesus' parents flee with their infant to a Jewish section of the Bronx to escape persecution. The New Testament's Roman magistrates are called "power politicians." Centurions are referred to as "dirty cops."

The big-budget production stars some of the most popular names in contemporary Christian music.

“ Drama and music have long been part of the church.”

— Quentin Schultze, Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich.

In addition to Michael Tait, of dc Talk, in the title role — complete with dreadlocks — the cast includes Rebecca St. James as Mary Magdalene, Mark Stuart of Audio Adrenaline as Peter and John Cooper of Skillet.

"Drama and music have long been part of the church, so it doesn't surprise me to see the emergence of a more evangelically oriented type of Jesus Christ

Superstar rock drama," said Quentin Schultze, a professor at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Mich. He contends that the show follows a trend of increasing commercialization of Christian faith: "What would Jesus watch? What would he drive to the venue? Would he buy the Hero comic?"

The Rev. Clark Whitten, pastor of Calvary Assembly of God, a Winter Park, Fla., megachurch, first became aware of the production through a friend, from Nashville. "There's no compromise in the message as far as Christianity, but it's very contemporary in its application," he says. "The music is young and there is an inspirational message to young Christians. There is also a message that young people who are not Christians can receive."

The show's inaugural 19-city tour mixes large churches with medium-size, commercial entertainment venues. If the tour is successful, producers are hoping for a

limited run on Broadway. The show is the dream and brainchild of Eddie DeGarmo, president of EMI Christian Music Publishing.

"He pretty much discovered me," says St. James, who plays Mary Magdalene as "Maggie." DeGarmo signed the popular Australian to her first U.S. recording contract. Maggie is "pretty Gothic, a prostitute, who grows into this lovely woman who is following Jesus," St. James says. "She's the character girls will most identify with because of her youth." In real life, St. James is a longtime supporter of sexual abstinence and backer of the group that advocates the cause, True Love Waits.

DeGarmo has released the 33-song soundtrack on a double CD, featuring rap, rock, hip-hop and ska performed by other popular Christian groups such as Sanctus Real, Grits, Nerva, T-Bone and Matt Hammit.

Satirical Mormon Web page goes to home delivery

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — It's one thing for Mormons to laugh about their religion when they read about it from the safety of their computer — but will they do it when the spoof newspaper The Sugar Beet is delivered to their homes, where a hard-copy edition could be spotted by a spouse, parent, child, neighbor or church elder?

"We're going to mail it in plain, brown envelopes," said Associate Editor Chris Bigelow, joking. "And people can keep it under their mattresses if they want."

The spoof newspaper is a "guilty pleasure" for many Mormons,

Bigelow said. It was started as a way to coax button-down Mormons into laughing at themselves, editors of The Sugar Beet say it now attracts about 11,000 people monthly to <http://www.thesugarbeet.com>.

Recent Web editions carried "spoofs" about the Mormon religion, with such headlines as "Seagulls attack Main Street Plaza protesters," "Deseret Book schedules book burning" and "Gold plates discovered on Titanic wreckage." There's even stories about Elvis' posthumous baptism, Walt Disney's honorary sainthood, an elderly couple's mission to

Crossroads Plaza, and word that The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has patented "Holy Ghost."

The Beet's first print edition comes out in January, and readers can subscribe at \$19.95 for six editions a year. Editor Todd Petersen, an English professor at Southern Utah University, said the magazine is just the first step of what could become a line of Sugar Beet products. The next project is The Sugar Beet Guide to Mormons, a Mormonism for Dummies-type book.

LDS Church officials declined to comment on the Beet, but editors

say no one associated with the site has been called on the carpet. "Only a couple people have told us they're blithering idiots," Petersen said.

Even though it's tongue-in-cheek, some topics remain taboo. Editors don't do anything LDS leaders or about deeply rooted Mormon doctrine, they say, because the Beet is not about cynicism. "It's about the sometimes-cynical LDS culture."

"There's only one thing you can do if you live in Utah: You can be funny or you can be a nerd," Petersen says. "We're funny nerds."

Jars of Clay tones down on new CD

By Brent Castillo
The Wichita Eagle

Jars of Clay, "Who We Are Instead" (Essential).

Before making this album, the four guys from Jars of Clay had been listening to a lot of Johnny Cash. "The way he could get up with just an acoustic guitar and sing a simple

song — it was captivating and made sense and gave credibility all at the same time," said Dan Haseltine, lead singer. In Cash-style, Jars let the acoustic guitars and lyrics take the lead on this mostly toned-down release. The album opens with a mid-tempo pop song, "Sunny Day." Next is a Cash-inspired song called "Amazing Grace." It's a mellow

acoustic guitar-driven song that deals with failed aspirations, a wandering soul and redemption, accompanied by soulful background vocals. The third song is a remake of America's "Lonely People." Jars does the song justice with a tasteful remake that doesn't try to update the song by changing the melody or instrumentation much.

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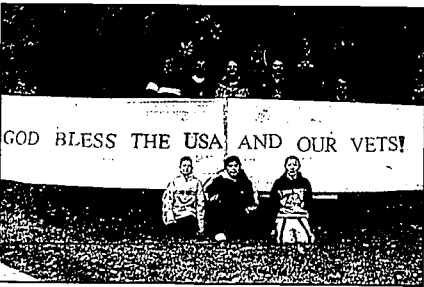
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HONORING VETERANS

Students of the Mini-Casala Opportunity Center Junior High School made a banner to honor local veterans for Veterans Day and display at the Rupert Square.

From left are, front: Jordan DeFillippa, Sandy Martinez and Kyle Montoya; center: adviser Alpha Frank, Jonathan Bill, Jessamy Fouat, Mandi Smith, Zack Kaene and principal John Kontos; back: Zack Webster and Amber Fairchild.



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SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Christmas Items - The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs Christmas items such as gifts and toys. Items may be dropped off from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and 1-4:30 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

Bed railings - An older couple needs two bed railings. The railings can be full or partial. Call Geri at 410-0340.

Transportation - Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers/Faith in Action needs volunteers to transport a woman to and from her physical therapy appointment and to take another woman to cancer treatments. Call Nora at 733-6333.

Puzzles, games - Hospice Visions is in need of puzzles, games, books and videos for patients, and 2 inch and 3 inch binders. Call Flo Slater at 735-0121.

Library volunteers - The Twin Falls Public Library needs volunteers for its technical services

This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help.

If you need a volunteer, call the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) at 736-2122, Ext. 320. RSVP is a United Way-sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

Please submit your request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Call weekly to return request.

Department 4-10 hours per week. Volunteers perform various clerical tasks and prepare materials for circulation. They must have good typing skills, dexterity of the hands and the ability to perform with significant speed, accuracy and neatness. Orientation and training is available. Call Mareda at 733-2964, ext. 1-5.

Walking companion - Interfaith Volunteer Caregivers/Faith in Action needs a walking companion for a disabled woman once a week in the after-

noon or early evening at Magic Valley Mall. Call Nora at 733-6333.

Volunteer drivers - The Twin Falls Senior Citizen Center needs volunteer drivers for its home-delivered meals program. Volunteers don't need to be a senior and will work one or two days a week. Call Karen at 734-5084.

Senior volunteers - The America Reads program needs volunteers ages 55 and older to work with children in grades kindergarten through third. Call Shirley Basham at 736-2122, ext. 325.

Fund-raiser volunteers - Hospice Visions Inc. needs volunteers to hold fund-raisers. Call Flo Slater at 735-0121.

Respite - Volunteers are needed to give respite to elderly home-bound clients so their main caregivers can take a break. Volunteers are needed in the Gooding, Wendell, Buhl, Twin Falls, Jerome and Eden areas. Call Edith at 736-2122 or Kitty at 436-0727.

Groups announce weekly bridge results

B.J. Duplicate Bridge Club
RUPERT - Results for Nov. 11 were, north/south, first, Nanette Woodland and Vera Mai; second, Howard and Mary Tucker; third, Trudy Carver and Nancy Gibson; and fourth, Pat Stephenson and Mildred Wolf. East/west winners were, first, Dee and Jane Keicher; second, Marlene Temple and Pat Adams; third, Suzie Evans and Marie Price; and fourth, David and Gwen Stoker.

Play continues at 1 p.m. each Tuesday at the Rupert Elks. The public is invited.

Wood River Bridge
HAILEY - The recent Wood River Bridge winners were announced.

Oct. 30 at the Harker Center for north/south: first, Sandra Flattery and Warren Nesbit; and second, Ken Anderson and Dee Swartz. East/west: first, Marilyn Nesbit and Connie McGowan and second, Maggie Traylor and Monique Nelson.

Nov. 5 at the Harker Center: first, Janette Johnson and Marilyn Walker; and second, Gillian Mursell and Marilyn Nesbit.

Nov. 6 at the Harker Center: first, Elizabeth Bosted and David

Selgren; and second, Deanne and Jerry Drake.

Nov. 10 at the Blaine County Senior Center in Halley: first, Marilyn Nesbit and Larry Kelley; second, Sue Blinz and David Meyers; and tied for third and fourth, Julie Stevens and Mary Louise McGonigal with Yoland Bennett and Joy Mory.

Nov. 12 at the Harker Center: first, Larry Kelley and Marilyn Nesbit; and second, Bill Cassell and David Meyers.

The gala Christmas party will be held Dec. 15 at the Blaine County Senior Center. For ticket reservation, call Mary Louise at 789-4732.

M.V. Duplicate Bridge Club
TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Duplicate Bridge Club announced its weekly winners.

Nov. 6: first, Don and Ruth Rahey; and tied for second and third, Renee Bulcher and Polly Mulliner; and third, Beverly Burns and Mary Kientlen. East/west: tied for first and second, Peggy Hackley and Evelyn Meyer with Lonnie Burns and Jessie Lingnaw; and third, Harold Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll.

The club meets at 7 p.m. every Monday and Thursday and at 1 p.m. every Tuesday, Wednesday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Bridge Center, 246 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls. Refreshments are served.

For a partner, call 324-2000.

Burton and Bobette Plankey (first overall); second, Steve Hale and Leona Watson (fourth overall); third, Harold Bulcher and Jessie Lingnaw (fifth overall); East/west: first, Beverly Reed and Maxine Watkins (second overall); second, Mike Noss and Max Thompson (third overall); and third, Lonnie and Beverly Burns.

Nov. 10: first, Ise Hylton and Doris Watts and second, Siondia DiCostanzo and Hazel Yates.

Nov. 11: first, Patti Cooper and Polly Mulliner; second, Dottie Miller and Mary Lee Pfeiffer; third, Betty Grant and Sam Smutny; and fourth, Dick and Carmen Kevan.

Nov. 12 for north/south: first, Renee Bulcher and Polly Mulliner; second, Herb Burgess and Riley Burton; and third, Beverly Burns and Mary Kientlen. East/west: tied for first and second, Peggy Hackley and Evelyn Meyer with Lonnie Burns and Jessie Lingnaw; and third, Harold Bulcher and Wilma Driscoll.

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HEALTHY LESSONS



Sue Ormond, diabetes educator for Gooding County Memorial Hospital, taught a free class on diabetes management Oct. 18. About 42 people attended. Each participant received a free home blood sugar monitor. For more information, call the hospital at 934-4433.

Photo courtesy of Gooding County Memorial Hospital

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Wendell HS reschedules craft fair to Dec. 5

WENDELL - The Wendell High School Honor Society and student council will hold its second annual craft, yard and bake sales from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Dec. 5 at the school, 750 E. Main St.

Donations for the yard sale will be accepted from 3-7 p.m. in the school office.

The sale had been previously scheduled Nov. 15, but was moved to Dec. 5. For information, call Jennifer Goodbody or Jon Gos at 536-2100.

Cassia Regional sponsors 'Lights for Life' Ceremony

BURLEY - Intermountain Health Care Hospice of Cassia Regional Medical Center is holding its eighth annual "Lights for Life" Ceremony at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Cassia Regional Medical Center, 1501 Hilland Ave., Burley.

The tree lights and ornaments can signify the remembrance of loved ones who have died or to honor someone. Donations will help fund patients in need of assistance and volunteer training. The public is invited to attend.

Anyone interested in making a donation or would like more information, call Dana at 678-8844.

Jerome High School Band Boosters meet Monday

JEROME - The Jerome High School Band Boosters will meet at 8 p.m. Monday in the band room at the high school, 104 N. Tiger Drive.

The group will discuss fund-raising and a possible trip for the band. Parents who have band students are encouraged to attend. Community members also are welcome.

For more information, call Julie VandenBosch at 324-4709 or Diane Wiersma at 324-5582.

South Central Idaho Stamp Club meets Monday

TWIN FALLS - The South Central Idaho Stamp Club will meet at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Office of Referral and Information Services, 451 Second Ave. W. in Twin Falls.

Anyone interested in stamp collecting is welcome to attend.

For more information, call 326-5696.

Jerome Public Library sponsors book festival

JEROME - The Jerome Public Library will hold a harvest book festival in celebration of Idaho Family Reading Week from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday at the library, 100 First Ave. E.

Jill Crozier will speak on the art of making books.

The event will include a play satirizing nursery rhymes, crafts, door prizes, books, walk and a book exchange where people can bring a book and take one home. Refreshments will be served.

The public is invited. For more information, call 324-5427.

Twin Falls woman celebrates 80th birthday

TWIN FALLS - Lyla M. Werner of Twin Falls will celebrate her 80th birthday with an open house from 1-3 p.m. Sunday at the Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 2055 Filer Ave. in Twin Falls.

Lyla Mollie Werner was born Nov. 14, 1923, in Balaton, Minn. She married Leonard H. Werner on Dec. 31, 1942, in Twin Falls. He died in 1977.

Werner worked for 13 years as a blood lab, EKG and EEG technician and 10 years as a personal home care provider with Magic Valley Staffing and Jules Home Care. She is a volunteer at Immanuel Lutheran School and active member of Immanuel Lutheran Church.

She has two children, Robert Werner and Richard Werner, both of Twin Falls and four grandchildren.

Twin Falls scout receives Eagle Scout award

TWIN FALLS - Rusty Lowe, son of Andy and Debi Lowe of Twin Falls, will receive his Eagle Scout award in a court of honor at 7:30 p.m. today at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints 2nd

Ward Chapel, 229 Park Ave.

Lowe, 15, has completed 31 merit badges and qualified for a bronze and gold palm. For his Eagle Scout award, Lowe gathered athletic equipment, sanitized it and shipped it to needy children in Mexico.

Lowe is a sophomore at Twin Falls High School where he is a member of the band. He is a member of the College of Southern Idaho Pep Band and a Camp Rainbow camper.

Lowe is a member of Troop 71.

Buhl HS choirs hold spaghetti dinner, concert

BUHL - The Buhl High School jazz choir and select choir will hold its second annual spaghetti dinner and concert at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the Popplewell Elementary gym, 200 N. Sixth Ave.

The food will be donated by WinCo Foods of Twin Falls. The meal will include green salad, Italian bread, spaghetti and sherbet. Admission is \$10. Money raised will go toward the choirs' travel expenses. The jazz choir will compete in the Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival in February, and the select choir will compete in the Music in the Parks festival in May.

Limited tickets will be available at the door.

For more information or tickets, call Jennifer Schoth at 543-8262.

Sons of Norway hears about the fjords of Norway

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Viking Lodge of the Sons of Norway will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at Our Savior's Lutheran Church, 1708 Heyburn Ave. E. in Twin Falls.

Roger and Joanne Hultstrand will speak. Roger will present "The Fjords of Norway," and Joanne will display Norwegian remodeling.

A potluck dinner will be served. Those attending should bring their own place settings.

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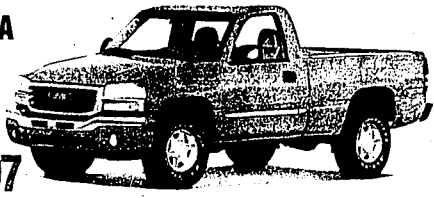
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