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Bush, Kerry clash on Iraq



President Bush



Sen. John Kerry

Senator accuses president of 'colossal error'

The Associated Press

CORAL GABLES, Fla. — Sen. John Kerry accused President Bush Thursday night of a "colossal error in judgment" in ordering the invasion of Iraq. "The world is better off without Saddam Hussein," the president shot back in campaign debate, adding his rival once said so himself.

"I agree with him," Bush jabbed sarcastically at a rival he depicts as prone to flip-flops.

In a 90-minute debate dominated by a war that has claimed more than

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1,000 American lives, Kerry called the conflict a diversion in the broader struggle against terror and the hunt for Osama bin Laden.

The four-term Massachusetts senator said he could do a better job than Bush of protecting the nation against another Sept. 11-style attack.

Kerry pledged to be strong and resolute in fighting terrorism. "But we also have to be

smart ... and smart means not diverting our attention from the war on terror and taking it off to Iraq," Kerry said.

"This president, I don't know if he really sees what's happening over there," Kerry said of Bush, standing 10 feet away on a University of Miami debate stage.

Kerry swiftly returned to his theme of Kerry as a man who changes his mind too often to be president.

"He voted to authorize the use of force and now says it's the wrong war. It says DEBATE, Page A3

CELEBRATING HERITAGE



Lorraine Willis talks with her escort, Pastor Al Fry, left, and Roger Vincent, her brother-in-law, after winning the Ms. Alterra Pageant at Alterra Wynwood assisted living center in Twin Falls on Thursday night.

Pageant at retirement home crowns first Ms. Alterra

By Virginia S. Mutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The dance orchestra crowned old-time band favorites in the first cool of evening, while five ladies in formal gowns received congratulations from more than a hundred people.

Well-dressed guests sipped wine and selected pretty morsels from the trays of tiny hors d'oeuvres. Balloons and a three-tiered punch fountain, festive in the last moments of daylight, took on a glow of glamour under the lights as darkness settled.

Add a full moon to the night sky, and the patio behind the Alterra Wynwood assisted liv-

ing center on Thursday night might have been a Hollywood movie set.

Star of the evening was 83-year-old Lorraine Willis, crowned Ms. Alterra 2004 for a lifetime of giving to those in need. Willis has helped wherever a bad situation could be bettered — for instance, by sewing clothing and cooking meals for families hit by death or illness.

Alterra staged Thursday night's pageant, the first of its kind, as a way of joining in the city's 100th birthday, said residents director Anita Burdick, who organized the event. Employees asked residents' families for information about the residents' lives of community

service. Alterra's regional office chose five finalists, based on those accomplishments.

All five were treated Thursday to hairstyle and makeup services, gowns loaned by a downtown dress shop, red-and-silver corsages and a limousine ride to the Snake River Canyon for pictures. Then at the evening pageant, three judges weighed the records and pronounced Willis first wearer of the Alterra tiara.

Growing up on a South Dakota cattle farm, Willis endured the hardships of tornadoes, dust storms, cattle anthrax in the herd and the Great Depression. Those experiences, her family says, shaped a character of hard work, dedication and kindness. Willis and her husband, Lowell, in 1940

moved west to Gooding, where she helped raise money to replace a condemned elementary school, raised a younger sister and brother-in-law and cooked up legendary butter-fried chicken.

In 1958, the family moved to Twin Falls, where Willis worked in retail stores, at the city water office and in real estate before retiring to care for aging parents.

Willis donned the tiara and the Ms. Alterra sash on the fourth anniversary of the deaths of both her husband and one son.

"She's a strong little lady," said daughter Jocelyn Shew of Boise, among the relatives who attended.

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Recall sparks questions

Pharmacists field inquiries about Vioxx

By Sandy Miller Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — People who went to get their Vioxx prescriptions filled Thursday were in for a big surprise.

It's been taken off the market. Pharmaceutical giant Merck & Co. is pulling its arthritis drug Vioxx from the market world-wide because of new data from a clinical trial showing an increased risk of heart attack and stroke. Merck

said Thursday that data from the trial showed the increased risk of heart attack and other cardiovascular complications began 18 months after patients started taking Vioxx. The Associated Press reported.

The phone has been ringing down at Kurt's Pharmacy in Twin Falls.

"We've had a lot of questions," said pharmacist Anthony Vaughn. "People are calling in and asking if it's dangerous and what they should do."

Vaughn has been advising his customers to talk with their doctors. "We haven't received a lot of information from the drug company which is unusual," Vaughn says. "It's one of those things where we need to get more information."

Vaughn, who also works for a large chain pharmacy, said corporate headquarters sent out a memo informing pharmacists that Vioxx had been taken off the market. But many of the smaller pharmacies in town first heard about it from their customers.

"The public will hear it before we do," Vaughn said.

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Looking for a place to call home Children bear brunt of suicide bombings

Group gives single mother a house for her children

By Loretta Burkhiert Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — For five years, Theresa Hadley and her two children lived in a mobile home near Hollister, but after a lot of work and community help, they have a new home.

The recently completed structure built by Habitat for Humanity of Magic Valley Inc. was given to Hadley and her two children, Taylor and Jason, in a ceremony Thursday morning.

With scissors that measured about his height, 4-year-old Jason helped his mother cut a symbolic red ribbon in the living room of their beautifully carpeted three-bedroom home



Theresa Hadley, right, hugs her friend and former co-worker Sandee Goley, after a Habitat for Humanity ceremony where Hadley received the keys to her new home in Twin Falls on Thursday.

on DeLong Avenue in Twin Falls. "I'm grateful and very appreciative," Hadley told a crowd of well-wishers, including family

and friends; members of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce and members of Habitat.

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Los Angeles Times

BAGHDAD, Iraq — For many Iraqi children, a car bombing or mortar strike isn't a tragedy. It's the biggest excitement of the week.

They are drawn by billowing smoke, police sirens and the certainty that journalists will swoop arrive to interview witnesses. The children flood to the scene, pick through debris, wave to television cameras and interact with the U.S. troops who show up to clear the wreckage.

So it was Thursday when scores of children rushed to the site of a suicide car bombing in the working-class Ashraf district of Baghdad. They marveled at the crater left by the bomb, practiced their English on

troops and rode bicycles around the American tanks. They accepted candy from a soldier.

Then a second suicide bomber barreled down the street toward the U.S. and Iraqi forces — and the children who surrounded them. And then a third. The children were no longer observers of the attack, but its victims.

"I saw dead bodies scattered like sheep," said Rashid Salih, 67—describing the scene where his grandson was killed. Children's shoes, clothing and crumpled red bicycles decorated with feathers littered the street.

Iraqi health officials said 35 of the 42 fatalities from Thurs-

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TODAY'S FEATURED AMOUNT: \$40,000

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Sunny, clear, and mild temperatures. Highs in the 70s.
Tonight: Cloudy then clear. Lows in the middle 40s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and mild. Highs in the middle 70s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Sunny, clear, and mild temperatures. Highs near 70.
Tonight: Mostly clear skies and light winds. Lows in the lower 40s.
Tomorrow: Mostly sunny and mild. Highs in the lower 70s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. Partly cloudy to mostly clear skies and seasonably mild temperatures are expected over the next several days.
BOISE: Periods of sunshine and pleasant temperatures will continue for several days. No rain is in the forecast.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with 5 columns: Today, Tonight, Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday. Includes weather icons and temperature forecasts.

Yesterday's Weather

Table with 2 columns: City, High/Low. Lists weather for Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

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Table with 4 columns: Temperature, Precipitation, Humidity, Barometric Pressure. Shows current and historical data.

Sunrise and Sunset

Table with 2 columns: Sunrise, Sunset. Lists times for Twin Falls and other locations.

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Low Moderate High

Moons Phases

Today: Waxing Crescent. Tomorrow: First Quarter.

Moonrise and Moonset

Today: Moonrise: 8:32 PM, Moonset: 1:09 AM.



Yesterday's State Extremes: High at 78, Low at 44.
Weather: Partly cloudy to mostly clear with seasonably mild temperatures.

REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists forecasts for Boise, Idaho Falls, etc.

NATIONAL FORECAST

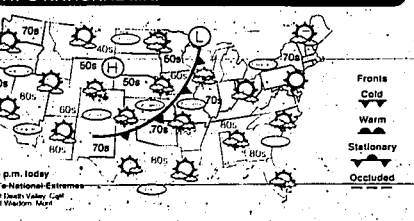
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WORLD FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists forecasts for international cities.

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TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



CANADIAN FORECAST

Table with 4 columns: City, Today, Tomorrow, Sunday. Lists forecasts for Canadian cities.

Habitat

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It marks the second time this year that Habitat has provided housing for a local, deserving family.
"Even so, having a new home is a two-year dream fulfilled."
"Her husband will house a white canyon bird with pink flowers, and a bunch of still-just-like Cinderella."

To learn more...

If you're interested in learning more about Habitat for Humanity, please contact Carol Robertson at 734-8349.

"She rescued us when we ran out of money," Robertson said.

To qualify as a Habitat partnership family, a household must be living in substandard housing, and must have a sufficient employment/income record to be able to make the monthly, no-interest, payments. Also, 500 hours of sweat equity work is required.

Congress can't settle highway, welfare bill disputes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Lawmakers fighting among themselves and with the White House, have given up trying to pass highway and welfare bills this year that held the promise of tens of thousands of jobs.

With no deal in place, the House voted on Thursday to extend the old, less-generous, six-year program for eight more months, through May. Minutes later, the House approved a six-month extension of the 1996 welfare law through March after prolonged efforts to write a new bill had failed.

The extension was the sixth for the highway program, which was to have expired Sept. 30, 2003. It was the eighth extension for the welfare law, which was intended to run through September 2002.

Other lawmakers said \$299 billion was not enough to recoup what they say is the unfair loss of highway money among the states.

Pegant

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The evening's other honors went to four other accomplished women. Here are a few examples from their varied paths.

Vioxx

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Such was the case at Saw-Mor Drug Store in Twin Falls. "We have not found out about it yet in our official channels," said owner and pharmacist Dave Nelson.

Church camp in the South Hills

The master of ceremonies, radio personality Brandon Rathder of Mix 103, read highlights from the five women's histories to the crowd, which included Alterra employees, residents, their families and friends, local doctors and city officials.

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hoping to find their children. At the morgue, stigmatized mothers and fathers left with only body parts to take home and bury.

Correction

Idaho Power Co. reaches settlement. An article printed in Wednesday's paper contained misleading information about the settlement reached between Idaho Power Co. and the Idaho Public Utilities Commission.

Two U.S. tanks attempted to seal off the area.

Two children frequently sneak past police lines in Iraq. Young boys know the back-alley and appear less threatening to police and troops.

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NATION

House defeats amendment banning gay marriage

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House emphatically rejected a constitutional amendment banning gay marriage Thursday, the latest in a string of conservative pet causes advanced by Republican leaders in the run-up to Election Day.

The vote was 227-186, 49 votes shy of the two-thirds needed for approval of an amendment that President Bush backed but the Senate had previously scuttled.

"God created Adam and Eve. He didn't create Adam and Steve," said Rep. Roscoe Bartlett, R-MD, on behalf of a measure that supporters said was designed to protect an institution as old as civilization itself.

Democrats countered that Republicans were motivated by election-year politics as much as anything, particularly since a Senate vote this year ended any immediate chance the amendment could be sent to the states for ratification.

Rep. Steny Hoyer of Maryland, the Democratic whip, accused GOP leaders of "raw political cynicism" and said they hoped to "create the fodder for a demagogic political ad."

The measure drew the support of 191 Republicans and 36 Democrats. Voting against it were 158 Democrats, 27 Republicans and one independent.

The debate on the gay marriage amendment came a day

after the House voted 250-171 to overturn a 28-year municipal ban on handgun ownership in the District of Columbia. And last week, Republicans forced a vote on legislation to protect the words "under God" in the Pledge of Allegiance from court challenge. It passed, 247-173.

While both of those measures face uncertain prospects in the Senate, they — along with the gay marriage proposal — appeal to voting groups whose support Republicans are counting on in the Nov. 2 elections. Recent surveys in battleground states in the presidential race indicate roughly one-quarter of Bush's supporters say moral or family values are uppermost in their minds.

Debate

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the wrong time. ... I don't think you can lead if you say wrong war, wrong time, wrong place. What message does that send to our troops?" said the Republican incumbent.

With less than four weeks until the election, the polls show Bush with a small lead in the race for the White House, and several battleground states exceedingly close. Even some Democrats said the debate, with a national television audience in the tens of millions, represented Kerry's best chance to gain late-campaign momentum.

Both men used well-rehearsed lines during their face-to-face encounter, but this was the first time each had to listen to the criticism at close quarters.

Bush appeared, perturbed when Kerry leveled some of his charges, scowling at times and looking away in apparent disgust at others. Kerry often took notes when the president spoke. Some networks offered a split screen to viewers so they could see both men at the same time and watch their reactions.

Bush and Kerry differed over North Korea, Iran and Russia as

well as Iraq in a debate limited to foreign policy and terrorism.

Kerry charged that North Korea and Iran both have advanced their nuclear weapons programs during the Bush administration. "As president I'll never take my eye off that ball," the senator said.

Bush said he believed that a diplomatic initiative currently under way could solve the crisis with North Korea. "On Iran, I hope we can do the same," the president said.

Bush said that with North Korea, he would continue to pursue a strategy that involves the United States, China, Japan, Russia and South Korea in talks with North Korea to defuse the crisis. Kerry advocated bilateral talks between the United States and North Korea to find a solution.

Kerry voiced concerns about conditions in Russia, saying that crackdowns "initiated" by Vladimir Putin go beyond what's necessary to combat terrorism.

Bush said he had a good personal relationship with Putin that "enables me to better comment to him and the better to discuss with him some of the decisions he makes." Bush said Russia was a country in transition and that would remain

Patrol "of the great benefits of democracy."

Not long before Bush and Kerry strode on stage, U.S. and Iraqi forces launched a major attack — against insurgents in Samarra. The U.S. command said government and police buildings had been secured in the city.

The two men clashed time and again over Iraq and the broad war on terrorism.

Kerry said he had a four-part plan to battle terrorists, and said Bush's could be summed up in four words — "More of the same."

"You cannot lead the war on terror if you keep changing positions on the war on terror," retorted the president.

Kerry appeared to taunt the commander in chief at one point during the debate when he said his father, former President George H.W. Bush, had stopped troops from advancing on Baghdad after they had liberated Kuwait during the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

Now, he said, the son ordered an invasion of Iraq anyway, without an exit strategy, and under conditions that meant the United States has incurred "90 percent of the casualties and 90 percent of the cost."

Aftershocks pester California

SALINAS, Calif. (AP) — A powerful aftershock rattled central California on Thursday, two days after a magnitude-6.0 quake struck one of the state's most seismically active areas.

There were no immediate reports of damages or injuries in the latest tremor.

The aftershock, which had a preliminary magnitude of 5.0, hit at 9:54 a.m. MDT about 11 miles northwest of Parkfield, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. More than 650 aftershocks — most so small

they are not felt — have struck the area since Tuesday.

The latest quake was felt as far south as Santa Barbara and north to San Jose.

In Salinas, about 90 miles from the epicenter, the quake produced a slow rolling sensation that lasted for several seconds and caused bookshelves to sway.

Aftershocks are a common occurrence after a strong quake as the pressure relieved by the original shock causes minor earthquakes in the surrounding area.

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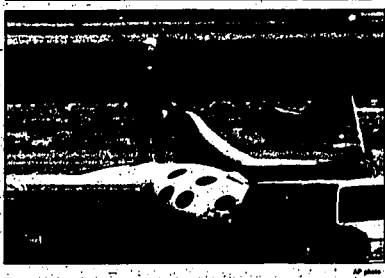
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NATION



Astronaut Mike Melvill celebrates on top of SpaceShipOne Wednesday after landing in Mojave, Calif.

Pilot of rocket plane sets sights on prize

MOJAVE, Calif. (AP) — The pilot and designer of a private rocket plane say they are confident it could return to the sky next week in a quest to claim a multimillion-dollar prize, despite a harrowing flight in which the spacecraft rolled dramatically while hurtling toward the edge of the atmosphere. As spectators and controllers nervously watched from the ground, SpaceShipOne corkscrewed dozens of times Wednesday at nearly three times the speed of sound. Test pilot Michael Melvill ignored a warning to abort Wednesday's flight to complete the first stage of a quest to win a \$10 million prize. The problem was being analyzed by the spacecraft's builders, who must decide whether to proceed with another flight Monday, well ahead of the two-week deadline to qualify for the Ansari X Prize. Melvill and spacecraft designer Burt Rutan said Wednesday that they were confident the Monday flight would go on. Rutan said rolling occurred during flight simulations, and it was not a complete surprise when it happened. "We don't know exactly what went wrong, it's likely that it was something silly I did," Melvill

Vulnerability comes with size, study says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Being the biggest dog may pay off at feeding time, but species that grow too large may be more vulnerable to extinction, new research suggests. Over 50 million years a succession of large carnivores roamed in North America, diversified, and then died out. Researchers studying canids — the family that includes dogs and wolves — report in Thursday's issue of the journal Science that as these predators grew larger they tended to become more specialized, making them more vulnerable to extinction. "What happens is, for a variety of reasons, predators tend to get large," explained Blaine Van Valkenburgh of the University of California at Los Angeles. Being large is advantageous, being the dominant animal at feeding time, she explained. But, she went on, as meat-eating animals become larger they are forced to prey on animals larger than themselves — catching little animals like mice and rabbits requires more energy than it's worth. Once they cross that line and start to prey on larger animals, the predators develop larger jaws and teeth and generally become more specialized. In addition, they need bigger ranges. Van Valkenburgh explained in a telephone interview. Needing larger ranges and eating only limited prey in the long run makes them vulnerable when conditions change, resulting in periodic disappearance of these large carnivores.

General Mills decides to make all cereals whole grain

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — General Mills is converting all of its breakfast cereals to whole grain, making it the latest food company to undergo a nutritional makeover amid calls by government and consumer groups for healthier eating. The new recipes and packaging will be launched in October. Several of the company's brands, including Cheerios, Wheaties, Total and Wheat Chex, are already whole grain. General Mills officials said the switch is designed to make it easier for consumers to eat healthy food and it had extensively tested the new recipes on panels of consumers. Just over 40 percent of the company's cereal line is being changed, so it's a huge undertaking, company spokesman Tom Johnson said.

Israeli troops strike refugee camp, killing 26

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israeli troops struck deep inside the largest Palestinian refugee camp Thursday, battling masked gunmen in an unprecedented campaign to stop deadly rocket fire on Israeli towns. Twenty-six Palestinians were killed and 131 wounded, the bloodiest single-day toll in fighting in 30 months. Three Israelis — two soldiers and an Israeli woman logger — were killed in two Palestinian shooting attacks in northern Gaza. Prime Minister Ariel Sharon approved a large-scale military operation in the northern Gaza Strip after meeting with advisers late Thursday, an Israeli official said. The plan, a response to the killing of two Israeli children, ages 2 and 4, by a Hamas rocket attack on an Israeli border town Wednesday. However, he stopped short of ordering a call-up of reserves.

Russian Cabinet OKs air quality standards

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's Cabinet approved the Kyoto Protocol on Thursday in a crucial step toward putting the long-delayed climate change treaty into effect, although without participation by the United States. Final approval by the Russian parliament, which would push the treaty past its required majority threshold, was not guaranteed, however. While the State Duma generally approves legislation backed by President Vladimir Putin, many Russian officials remain opposed to the pact, fearing its restrictions on greenhouse gas emissions could hinder economic growth. Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov, on a trip to the Netherlands, said he expected "difficult debates" when the Duma meets to vote on ratification, possibly before the end of the year. Putin's economic adviser, Andrei Iллarionov, lamented the Cabinet's approval was a political decision that will damage national interests in many areas, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported. The treaty, drafted in 1997 at the U.N. conference in Kyoto, seeks to reduce emissions of carbon dioxide and other gases that are widely seen as a key factor behind global warming. "Without Russia's support, the pact — which has been rejected by the United States and

World in brief

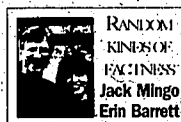
Australia — cannot come into effect. It needs ratification by 55 industrialized nations accounting for at least 55 percent of global emissions in 1990.

Blair emerges from convention intact

"BRIGHTON," England — Prime Minister Tony Blair won on Thursday to keep British troops in Iraq, avoiding a humiliating defeat that would have undermined his premiership. Although resentment over the war still simmers among delegates, Blair emerged from his party's five-day convention scratched but intact, and looking ahead to national elections expected next year. Still, the event did not go exactly as scripted for Blair, who shifted in his seat on the conference podium as Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott launched a thinly veiled attack on President Bush, Blair's closest overseas ally. "Whatever option it is, the people of the right are never concerned about the majority. They are only ever concerned about the few," Prescott said in his closing address. "That's true on this side of the Atlantic or on the other side." He did not mention Bush by name. — compiled from wire reports

First World Series game started on this date in 1903

This day in history: Oct. 1, 1903, saw the first game of the modern World Series when the National League champion Pittsburgh Pirates squared off against the American League counterpart, the Boston Americans (their name before they became the Red Sox). The Pirates won the day's battle 7-3, but lost the nine-game series 5-3.



"Storhouse" Periodicals got to be known as magazines because they were likewise full of useful articles. — Erin Barrett and Jack Mingo

The word "gnarled" was originally spelled "knarled." Doesn't matter much, anyway — the "g" and the "k" are silent in both cases. Tin can phones really work if you keep the string tight. Paper-cup phones work even better. You may know that sun flares are magnetic, which is why they can disrupt phones, radio and TV transmissions. You may not know that the jolt of magnetism is also enough to throw off the navigational abilities of some birds and sea animals. The total distance of the "groove" on a CD is three miles. It's not really a groove, though — it's a spiral path of binary-encoded bumps. Alexander Graham Bell is known for the telephone, but his other inventions include the hydrofoil boat, a land-mining detector, and the airtron and landing gear for airplanes. He was also co-founder of the National Geographic Society. Tiger stripe patterns are as individually different as fingerprints are on people. "Magazine" originated from the Arabic word that means

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EDITORIAL

Death of two bull elk points to a larger fight

Two sparring bull elk tangle on a Western prairie and become permanently locked together. After days of tug-of-war...

Our view: The outrage over two dead elk on a rancher's property is rooted in longstanding political feuds.

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

previous conflicts with fish and game agencies on elk management issues. When a timberman rancher most wants a PR battle with a modern wildlife agency...

showdown. Putting elk have rammed and tangled antlers for centuries — or at least long before man was there to witness it. We're sure it happens all the time north of Ketchikan, and yet that act of nature doesn't seem to raise a furor.

Witnesses spotted the elk hooked together on Monday and called Nevada-Department of Wildlife in to try and separate them. But Bedke refused to give officials access to his property...



Honesty erases need for ethnic months

MARY SANCHEZ

So what month do European-Americans get to celebrate their heritage? And why doesn't anyone call them "white people"?

The special heritage months are attempting to correct the oversights. Recall, Black History Month began as Negro History Week in 1926...

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LETTERS

Show the results of T.F. water conservation. Summer is over. We have just been through city-mandated controlled watering.

America deserves better leadership in Oval Office. More than 35 years ago, this young man joined the U.S. Marine Corps to serve our country as JFK asked us to do in his inaugural address.

President Lyndon B. Johnson escalated the war in Vietnam into a brutal war of the Gulf of Tonkin Incident. President Bush originally escalated the war in Iraq over "weapons of mass destruction."

Do not get me wrong, I support our troops in Iraq. I just do not support the reason why they are there. We have a president, that by the good fortune of family, was able to avoid the war of his generation.

I spent 30 months in Vietnam because I believed our president. What do I have to show for it? I had numerous superficial wounds (the same as Kerry states he received — but I have no Purple Hearts).

Our other candidate for president, John Kerry, spent a total of four months in Vietnam and received the Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts.

CORRECTION

The voter registration date in the letter from James Glandon Sr. on Thursday was incorrect. Mail-in registration must be postmarked by Oct. 8.

Loud stereo systems create residential havoc

I am writing in regard to your biased article, "Snake Battle and Bull." Most of the article consisted of comments from Steve Edens, co-owner of Noyz Trax, who sells sound systems.

since for a few years. During these years, we had two or three drug houses (seen on a high-class one with a video camera in front of his mobile home park) at a time in the mobile home park.

have inner ear problems? The noise from the loud sound system causes excruciating pain. Also in regard to the comment from Councilman Dennis Curtis made regarding loud exhaust pipes in cars 50 years ago.

Heyburn adds to citizens' economic burden

This is an open letter to the Heyburn City Council. As one of your residents, I am putting the question to you that most of us feel — Just how rich do you think we are?

living expenses, our income remains the same. This translates into more of our income going to paying out bills and less left over to spend on the things in your fiscal category alive.

Wells Fargo Financial closed its Burley office — not because it is suffering but because our area does not have enough customers who can afford to take out loans anymore.

Mallard Fillmore

The citizens of Heyburn cannot make up for the hundreds of thousands of dollars lost from the closing of the Simpliplant and its being handed to the city of Burley.

Wake up and help the citizens like you originally promised to when you ran for office. DANIEL M. ROSE, Heyburn

Doonesbury



By Bruce Tinsley

By Garry Trudeau

War on terror, Iraq are now one and same

After months of mud-slinging and hundreds of millions of dollars spent on ads, the presidential election has come down to a single question: How you and I and our neighbors and friends answer that question will decide who wins the White House.

Here's the question: Do you believe the Iraq war is a diversion from the war on terror, or do you believe it's a vital front? If you are sure it's a diversion, we'll count you as a John Kerry voter.

If you believe Iraq is a necessary part of the larger war on terror, you're electing President Bush's column.

To those who haven't decided yet, we offer membership in the fence-sitters' club and some fortune-cookie wisdom: He who sits on fence gets splinters.

But don't despair, for this is one of the toughest decisions American voters have ever had to make. Indeed, this is only the seventh time in our history that a presidential election has come during a war.

By the way, disaster looms if the man we elect turns out to be wrong.

So the single question before us is hardly simple. Here's how I have arrived at my answer: Like Kerry, I reserve the right to change my mind.

Start with Bush's position, which is that the war is necessary and he would invade Iraq all over again. He says that even though there were no weapons of mass destruction and no evidence of operational

MICHAEL GOODWIN

ties between Saddam Hussein and Osama Bin Laden, America is safer with Saddam in prison and the war is worth the blood and treasure.

Kerry mocks the president on this, saying last week, "Can he possibly be serious?"

Give Kerry points. Bush would not have gotten congressional and public support for the war if everyone had known then what we know now. Certainly, Britain wouldn't have signed on.

Without the fear of Iraq's weapons, how would Bush have sold a pre-emptive war? "Iraq might become a threat" doesn't ring the same alarm bells as the insistent claim, backed by the CIA, that Saddam had nuclear, chemical and biological weapons and was likely to give them to bin Laden.

In fact, Bush has to say he'd do it all again because to admit otherwise would be a calamity for the troops and for him. But even he couldn't sell an invasion knowing what he knows now.

So then Kerry is right, right? Not so fast. It's a costly mistake that has taken our eyes off the real terrorists, and we must look for ways to get out.

Whooa, Nellie. This is where it gets tricky. It's tricky because Iraq, in key ways, has become the very place Bush said it was — even though it wasn't that way when he said it was. Got that? Try this:

Iraq has become a haven for terrorists. Many are foreigners with ties to al-Qaeda. That makes Iraq a direct threat to the United States that must be confronted.

For example, Prime Minister Iyad Allawi said last week that 30 percent of the insurgents are foreign jihadists who see Iraq as the battleground against the West.

While the true percentage may be lower, Islamic fanatics from around the world are in Iraq. Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the Jordanian behind the hostage beatings, is linked to bin Laden. Muslim fundamentalists in northern Iraq, like bin Laden, have declared war on all Christians and Jews — anywhere in the world.

Now imagine the damage to the war on terror if America suddenly quit Iraq, as many Democrats urge. Iraq would become a Taliban-like theocracy, and terrorists everywhere would view us as soft — and be emboldened to strike. Weaker countries would cut deals with them, tripping a chain reaction of appeasement that would turn back civilization's clock.

That's my answer. Iraq was a mistake to start with, but it isn't now. For military and psychological reasons, it has become a vital front in the war on terror. And we must prevail there — or fight them here.

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LETTER

Aroma near Thousand Springs is not so inviting

Most of us have, at some point, considered the etiquette of whether or not to alert a friend to his bad breath. We tell him not to embarrass but to make him aware so that he can correct the problem. My wife and I have attended the Thousand Springs art show for several years and feel we should comment on the worsening halitosis of this beautiful area.

Years of thousands of cows have been moved here from California, Washington and Oregon because of Idaho's laxity in environmental monitoring and enforcement of clean air and clean water laws. This and naive or tardy confined animal feeding operation siting ordinances in our rural counties have made us easy prey for these mega polluters. The Idaho dairy industry

now enjoys powerful political clout extending to the highest levels of state government. Mega dairies that have moved into the Magic Valley in the past few years are an economic asset to some, but there is a tremendous cost of this milk production that is being paid by everyone whose air, water

and health is impacted by these operations. Driving away from the Wendell area with stuffed noses and a car full of flies, we wondered if it is too late to reverse Magic Valley's dairy pollution problems. I hope not. WAYNE FERRELL, Weiser

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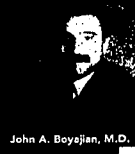
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LETTERS

Bush tax cuts benefit the few and rich

The Bush administration just published a \$2.36 trillion budget with the deficit now at \$422 billion and ongoing expenses for war in Iraq. Included in this budget is \$13 billion in tax credits to the top 5 percent of richest corporations that pay no taxes and take businesses to other countries depriving our people of jobs. This is the fourth large corporation tax credit since Bush took office. Tax cuts for middle-income people that were left out of the previous three tax cuts were included. This tax cut extends the marriage credit and the child credit, but if you make less than \$11,000, you're not eligible for the child credit.

The Democrats tried to get them to drop the tax credit for the large corporations and extend the child credit to the lower-income people, but the Republicans would not budge. To fund these tax cuts, they plan to take \$146 billion from Social Security and borrow the rest from China and Japan. Since Bush has been in, they have cut education, firefighters, police forces, housing, Medicaid, child health care and

veterans' benefits. They have passed a drug benefit with no ceiling on the drugs and no negotiation with Canada for cheaper drugs and then paid the drug company's huge amount of money. This ends up as a benefit only for the drug companies. They have privatized Social Security and given huge checks to the health management organizations of their choice every month starting last May, and the bill goes into effect in 2008.

If the large corporations would give back the gifts they have received from our taxpayers' money and they left Medicare and Social Security alone, we and our children and grandchildren would not be in hawk to China and Japan.

LOIS JOBE
Burley

Schools must address issues with head lice

A health issue: I am directing this letter to the whole community and board of health, doctors, commissioners, Legislators and the schools.

Question: Why is lice in the schools? Why are even the children even exposed to lice?
Answer: Parents don't want

anyone to know their child contracted lice, or is it they just don't care?

Question: The health code states that a first standard. Any and all employees should be tested for contagious disease before they can work with food or with medical facilities.

I am concerned with this problem: hepatitis, tuberculosis, AIDS — why aren't health cards issued? I realize restaurants are checked for cleanliness, but the employees are not.


Why isn't the district dealing with these issues? The whole state is fast on doing its work on community disease. Because believe me, people that are around you have these diseases.

Some of the doctors, or maybe most, are stuffing these issues under the carpet. These are definitely real issues.

Myself, I don't want the plague. Anyone out there concerned about lice in the schools? Anyone worried of contact of TB, hepatitis, AIDS or any community disease? I certainly am. What can we do? Face up to it and have something done about this issue.

LORI WHITE
Heyburn

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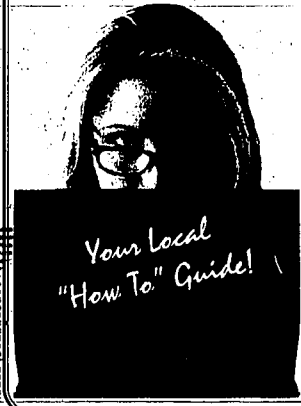
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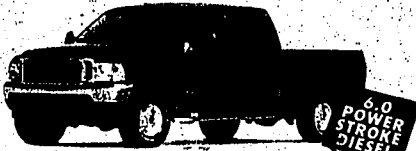


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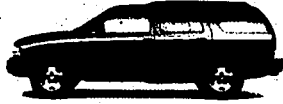
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Road work begins on Kimberly Road

TWIN FALLS — The second stage of a widening and resurfacing project on the Kimberly Road and Eastland Avenue intersection in Twin Falls will begin Saturday. The Idaho Transportation Department has announced. This phase will require a detour for both directions of traffic on Eastland Avenue while the westbound lanes on Kimberly Road are built. The south side of Eastland Avenue was closed when the eastbound lanes on Kimberly Road were constructed during the first phase. The intersection is deteriorated and safer. The project will create a rater. The surface will be smoother and include installation of new curbs, gutters, sidewalks and storm sewer drains. A traffic signal modification will improve traffic flow at the intersection. Kimberly Road will be resurfaced from Eastland Avenue to its south end using the current asphalt base. The asphalt base stabilization process, where the existing roadway is pulverized, cement is added and the mixture is compacted to form a base for new pavement. The \$2.2 million project by Kleopfer Inc. of Paul should be complete by late November.

Another police officer resigns in Rupert

RUPERT — Reserve Cmdr. Lauren Jackson resigned from the Rupert Police Department Sept. 28, according to a press release issued Thursday afternoon by City Attorney Kelley Anthon. The resignation is the third since the city suspended four city employees July 23. Former Chief Ken Fedders announced his retirement Aug. 5 and Detective Cpl. Juan Martinez submitted his resignation Sept. 9. Since the initial suspensions, two additional city employees have also been suspended. Anthon has declined to confirm whether Fedders' and Martinez were among those suspended citing the need to protect ongoing investigations and due process. An independent investigation being conducted by an outside law enforcement agency concluded recently, but no report has yet been released by the city. Attorney General Lawrence Wasden's office is also conducting an investigation into criminal charges against city employees but has refused to comment on the matter. The release offered no explanation for the resignation.

Tire Amnesty Day will be on Saturday

TWIN FALLS — Old, worn-out tires may be disposed of free of charge on Saturday at the Southern Idaho Solid Waste's Tire Amnesty Day. Up to four used car or pickup tires may be disposed of at no charge during the special event. Savings of \$2 per tire. Tires should be removed from their wheels, and regular disposal fees will apply for large truck, tractor and implement tires. All tires collected at the Tire Amnesty Day will be recycled into fill material for civil engineering projects and/or industrial furnace fuels by Tire Disposal and Recycling of Chickamao Ore. The tires can be taken to any Southern Idaho solid waste transfer station or the Milner Butte Landfill. For more information, please contact Southern Idaho Solid Waste at 432-9082 or visit its Web site at www.siw.org.

CSI corn maze opens for autumn season

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Horticulture Club's corn maze will be open tonight from 5 to 9 p.m. The maze will be open Friday, Saturday and Monday nights through Halloween. It is located across from the Eldon Evans Expo Center on North College Road. Warm drinks and hot dogs will be on sale at the maze. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children or CSI students with activity cards. Monday is family night when families of any size can get in for free. Groups can reserve the maze for other days. Call 732-6431 for more information.

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Book party fetes police chief

By Rebecca Meany Times-News writer

FILER — One by one they stopped what they were doing and sat down to listen. He smiled as he spoke, even though his words described childhood poverty, emotional abuse and abandonment. After a big domestic fight, Grandma packs up two suitcases, gives me \$20 and says, 'Soft this is where we part company. You go your way, I'll go mine.' Activity at the Roseland Crystal Ballroom came to a momentary halt Wednesday as family and friends, setting up for Thursday's book release party, listened to Filer Police Chief Cliff Johnson recount heart-breaking tales from his autobiography. Johnson recalled that day 48 years ago when, as a 9-year-old boy growing up in the South, he

was left alone by the only caregiver he had. Several family members were alcoholics, his mother was "not locatable, being in prison or who knows where," and he didn't know where, or who, his father was, Johnson explained. Now, the chief is far enough from his past to be able to talk openly about it. "For years I kept it quiet," he said. "Family secrets. You don't want people to know. Even when I joined law enforcement I didn't want my fellow officers to know." With a loving family, a successful career and respect from the community, Johnson revisited his childhood in "Wrong Side of the River," a self-published memoir. He began documenting his upbringing for the benefit of family members, but expanded the story in hopes that others

might be touched by it. "I never thought of myself as being able to inspire people, but maybe the book can," he said. At the party Thursday night, a line of people stretched out the door to the parking lot. "We sent out 250 invitations, but we're expecting 500 people," said Johnson's wife, Elaine. "It's just spread by word of mouth." Peers, neighbors and friends came to show their support. "We're celebrating his new book," said Naida Billiar of Filer. "I think it will make a difference. He is a very outstanding person — a very fair and kind person. He's one of the most stable persons I know." Although Johnson's tenant and friend, Harry Brown, of Filer, said he came for the food, his comments quickly showed. Please see CHIEF, Page B3



Filer Police Chief Cliff Johnson gets a hug from friend Gerry Hadley after signing a copy of his new book about his troubled childhood, 'Wrong Side of the River,' at a book-release party at the Roseland Crystal Ballroom in Filer on Thursday.

Students take stab at Bush



College of Southern Idaho student Delicia Jernigan, left, laughs with Rodney Busbee of Twin Falls during an anti-President Bush protest on the campus Thursday. The demonstrators handed out voter registration forms.

Administrator says it's the only protest he's seen in 20 years

By Karin Kowalski Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho students got a little taste of Berkeley on Thursday when about seven students and community members staged a protest against President Bush for several hours. The protest doubled as a voter registration drive next to an entrance to the Student Union Building. Many students looked over them walked by, while about 20 milled around when the crowd was at its height. "I'm a student and I felt like somebody needed to say something," said Heather English, a computer graphic design major from Twin Falls who organized

the protest. "The other side's rarely heard." Political discourse was on the minds of a lot of people Thursday because of the first presidential candidate debate that evening. Protesters had a sign encouraging people to watch the debates. The protesters' main message was displayed on a large sign that read "HEY BUSH, SO FAR YOU'VE WASTED THE U.S. \$137,685,038,647. INSTEAD WE COULD HAVE GIVEN 6718,179 STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS TO COLLEGE." Protesters also carried signs that read, "Voting for Bush causes war, recession and unemployment." "The media lies, and if you're not outraged, you're not paying attention," Cathie Nowotny, a Twin Falls

resident, stopped by to see the demonstration. "It's an outrage that nobody's here," Nowotny said, noting the sparse crowd. She said this is a very significant time in the country's history with the state of the economy and the war in Iraq. Democrat Bill Chisholm, a candidate for state Senate in District 23, joined the protesters for part of the day. Chisholm said he remembers anti-Vietnam protests were originally small. "Everything has to start somewhere," Chisholm said. "This is the seed that's been planted." He said a few students protesting can show others that it's safe to think and express their opinions.

Protests are a rarity on CSI's pastoral campus. Dean of Students Graydon Stanley said this was the first protest he'd seen in 20 years of working at the college. English started organizing the protest about three weeks ago and she called it a success. At least 15 people registered to vote. Alicia Palmer, a political science major from Twin Falls who watched the protest, said she didn't agree with Americans still being in Iraq. For this election, she said people need to consider the candidates, not the parties. "I don't really understand this 'little Democratic outburst,'" Palmer said. Please see RALLY, Page B3

Two centennial art exhibits debut tonight

By Virginia S. Hutchins Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Artists and woodworkers brought new life to a dead tree cut down near City Hall, and buying art crafted from the tree's branches will help the city plant a replacement. With the blessing of the Twin Falls Tree Commission, the Magic Valley Arts Council last spring invited anyone to turn a chunk of the Kimberly blue ash into a work of art. In celebration of Twin Falls' 100th birthday, seven artists completed 11 pieces of legacy artwork — such as scenic oil paintings on slabs of the trunk, which will be introduced to the public at an arts council reception tonight. Priced between \$55 and \$200, the 11 pieces will be available for purchase beginning at tonight's reception. The artists

all donated their handwork, and proceeds from the sale will be donated to the city of Twin Falls to help pay for planting a new tree. Dubbed "Our Tree," the project produced such stuff as jewelry — decorated walking sticks, a carved slab depicting an elk in the wild; and a curvaceous box with drawer and handle. Holes in the wood, left by the boring insects that infest local ash trees, add character to several of the pieces. On her side, Neva Edwards of Twin Falls painted the burning of a historical hotel that once stood at Shoshone Falls. "All of our slabs split a little bit — but I'm working that into mine, like it's the canyon," Edwards said earlier this year. The hard wood was well suited for the turning wheel, said Art Hoang of Twin Falls, who produced a pair of footed vessels. Please see ART, Page B3



A polished wood and silver pendant, made by Dick Morris for the "Our Tree" project, is one of 11 pieces of art crafted from a tree removed from Twin Falls City Hall property and now on display at the Magic Valley Arts Council in Twin Falls. At an opening reception tonight, "Our Tree" shares the spotlight with a separate exhibit of 18 pieces of centennial artwork by high school students. ART BY JAMES/Photo Times-News

Police nab suspect in Minico bomb hoax

By Chlo Thompson Times-News writer

RUPERT — It took police less than 24 hours to arrest a suspect in Wednesday's phony bomb threat — that shut down Minico High School. A 15-year-old Minico student was arrested at the school at 11 a.m. Thursday by Minidoka County sheriff's deputies. Detective Dan Kindig said. The suspect, whose name was not released Thursday, is being charged with making the prank call and three other students, ranging from 14 to 16, are expected to be charged as accomplices, Sheriff Paul Fries said. Kindig said he received an anonymous tip from the parent of a student and conducted interviews with those in the area of the Stokes Market in Burley, where the call was placed from a pay phone. Kindig said he worked late into the night following these leads and by 9:30 a.m. Thursday he felt he had enough evidence to make an arrest.

The caller told me he was testing our system to see how well it works," Kindig said of the youth's motive. "Apparently it works pretty well." The three alleged accomplices have all been interviewed but only the youth charged with making the call is in custody. Kindig said the other three may not be taken into custody but petitions will be filed against them. "Fries, who praised his officers for their excellent work, said the three accomplices will be charged because they witnessed the call and didn't come forward. "If they encouraged or abetted the caller, they could be charged as principals," said Minidoka County Prosecutor Jason Walker. The maximum fine for false report of a bomb is five years, but Walker said the sentencing guidelines for juveniles vary. The youth could also be ordered to pay restitution to the school district and emergency services who responded to the hoax. "The thing those kids don't understand is the amount of money that it costs the taxpayers to play a prank like that," Kindig said. Minidoka School District Superintendent Nick Hallett said it costs about \$2 million per month to operate the district and Minico constitutes about a quarter of that figure. Divided by 20 work days, he estimates economic "damages" to the school to be \$12,500 for the half day it was shut down. Costs for emergency services could put the total damages closer to \$15,000. A similar hoax in 2001 yielded no restitution to the district, Hallett said, but he said he hopes this case will be prosecuted more vigorously. Walker, who also serves as the attorney for the district,

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Matt Joast, 38, of Evansville, Ind., talks with U.S. Army Sgt. Craig J. Kelly on Sept. 24 about what he should expect when he enters the Army.

Army gets creative in meeting recruiting goals

EVANSVILLE, Ind. (AP) — Meet Spiff Sgt. Chad Cloutier, part counselor, part personal trainer, part teacher's aide.

He is an Army recruiter with an arsenal that includes offers of more than \$70,000 in college aid and \$20,000 in bonus money, a black "Army of One" motorcycle parked outside his office, and a laptop that plays hip recruiting footage in potential recruits' homes.

With his troops stretched thin in Iraq, the Army is rolling out the heavy artillery to sign up recruits.

It has increased the financial incentives to join. It is putting more recruiters on the streets.

He is spending \$100 million on promotions that include sponsorship of a rodeo cowboy, ads on ESPN, and a website that allows users to chat with recruiters at scheduled times 24 hours a day.

Military observers say the efforts might not be enough.

It's just not easy to sell more recruits in the idea of going off to war when it's on their television every day and they hear criticism of how the war is going.

said Loren Thompson, chief operating officer of the Lexington Institute, a Washington think tank.

The active Army recruited 77,587 soldiers in fiscal year 2004, surpassing its goal of 77,000.

Douglas Smith, spokesman for the Army Recruiting Command based at Fort Knox, Ky., said Wednesday. The Army Deserves brought in 21,278, just over the goal of 21,200.

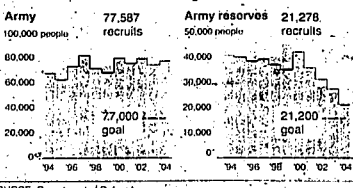
However, Lt. Gen. H. Steven Blum, chief of the National Guard Bureau, has said the U.S. National Guard will fill 56,000 soldiers short of its year-end goal of 56,000 recruits. Observers predict the active Army and reserves could meet a similar fate next year when their goals rise to 80,000 and 22,775, respectively.

Recruiters and those in the Army Recruiting Command are reaching out to potential recruits any way they can.

Cloutier, 31, of Boston has

Army better at meeting recruiting goals

As the Iraq war rages the Army is pulling out the heavy artillery to sign up new troops and with success. Since 1991 the Army has met and surpassed its recruitment goals.



*SOURCE: Department of Defense

helped administer standardized tests at an area high school, exercised with potential and new recruits, and made follow-up calls to struggling college students.

Cloutier's office is like many of the Army's approximately 1,700 recruiting stations: new, strategically placed near a shopping mall, and outfitted with modern furniture. Some potential recruits stop by just to bang out, and the recruiters work to create a welcoming atmosphere.

A bulletin board on the wall showcases the new recruits from the past year — including some who have e-mailed greetings from Iraq.

The efforts drew in Josh Smith, 20, who joined the regular Army recently and hopes to go to Iraq and fly helicopters.

"I can't really picture myself doing anything around here," said Smith, a sophomore at the University of Southern Indiana. "I want some excitement and some direction."

He will get that plus a \$4,000 signing bonus and \$36,000 to pay for college.

The bonuses and entitlements applied to some parents who cannot afford to pay for their children's education, Cloutier said.

"Back in the Vietnam era, you didn't join the Army, the Army joined you," he said. "They have a bad taste in the mouth about

that time. When I talk to parents and explain the options available, a lot of parents wish they could join."

In August, the Army increased the money offered for education from \$50,000 to \$70,344 by combining the Montgomery GI Bill and the Army College Fund. In 1985, when the Army College Fund started, the maximum offered was \$25,200.

"The Army also started offering bonuses of up to \$10,000 to those with prior military service, along with other cash bonuses up to \$20,000. And it initiated a "Blue to Green" campaign that allows the 8,000 Army sailors and 20,000 Air Force airmen being downsized to switch to the Army without losing rank or having to attend full basic training."

Thompson, the defense analyst, said it will take bigger financial incentives in the future to get recruits in the door.

"The Army offers a career and good benefits, under which people have to take considerable hardships, and maybe even risk their lives," Thompson said.

Despite that, Cloutier believes recruits will continue to come forward.

"They're joining now at a time of war, knowing technically they could go there," he said. "They want to do it. They're joining something bigger than themselves."

brightly when "The Greatest Show on Earth" visits Van Andel Arena this week.

The circus' city fireworks permit will allow performer Tina Miser to show her husband out of a cannon. But it won't let her douse him with lighter fluid before she sends him sailing across the arena.

Brian Miser, whom the circus promotes as a "human fireball," wears two fireproof suits and is doused with fire extinguishers when he lands, so the act probably would pass a city safety inspection. Fire safety inspector Ted Jensen said, Jensen said he was concerned about the children who see the act.

Fire prevention officials extinguish circus act

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich. (AP) — Worried that a flaming man fired from a cannon might send the wrong message to children on the eve of Fire Prevention Week, the city commission has studied out the act of a headliner with the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus.

"Bailey's Corner" will not soar

Tourists flock to volcano

Some visitors hope to see eruption

MOUNT ST. HELENS, Wash. (AP) — Camcorder in hand, AP's Harty stood on Johnston Ridge named for a man killed when Mount St. Helens erupted in 1980 — and waited impatiently for the volcano to blow again.

"I thought I was going to feel earthquakes," she said, frowning. "I'm mad."

Intensifying rumbblings from the nation's most cantankerous mountain had geologists saying Thursday it could erupt any minute, but hundreds of tourists, excited and apprehensive, visitors to the Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument couldn't feel a thing.

Ray, a 28-year-old bartender from Vancouver, Wash., and her husband, Dustin, called in sick to work to spend the day hoping for an eruption — just not a big one.

"If it's anything like it was last time, I don't want to be here," Dustin Harty said. "It makes you wonder how safe it is to be here."

The 1980 eruption killed 57 people and blanketed much of the Northwest with ash. The most recent surge in activity on the mountain is now a week old.

Jeff Wynn, chief scientist at the U.S. Geological Survey's Cascade Volcano Observatory in Vancouver, said tiny quakes were occurring at the rate of three or four a minute on Thursday. Larger quakes, with magnitudes of 3 to 3.3, were occurring every three or four minutes.

New measurements show the



Park ranger Pamela McCray gestures as she leads a tour group Thursday at Johnston Ridge, as Mount St. Helens stands behind it, at Mount St. Helens National Volcanic Monument, Wash.

975-foot lava dome in the volcano's crater had moved 2.5 inches to the north since Monday, Wynn said.

"Six centimeters may not sound like a lot, but imagine taking a 1,000-foot-high pile of rocks and moving it 2.5 inches. For a geologist, that's a lot of energy," Wynn said.

Wynn estimated there was a 20 percent chance the activity will result in an eruption, although nothing like the 1980 blast. Scientists warn that a small or moderate blast from the southwest Washington mountain could spew ash and rock as far as three miles from the crater at the 8,364-foot peak.

Hundreds of visitors came Thursday to the Johnston Ridge Observatory, the closest building to the yawning, mile-wide crater left by the 1980 blast. The observatory, about five miles from the crater, is close enough to see, but too far away to be damaged by the minor or mod-

erate eruptions scientists expect.

It was near here that 30-year-old U.S. Geological Survey volcanologist David Johnston was blown away by the furnace-hot blast of the mountain exploding. Before he died, Johnston spent long hours studying the volcano and is credited with urging officials to keep people out of the area. His body was never found.

Jan and Kerby Kee live in nearby Longview, but were in Texas during the 1980 eruption. Jan recalled making trips to a lake near the volcano with her young children in the 1960s and remembered meeting Harry Truman, a lodge owner who perished along with his building after he refused to leave before the eruption.

"I saw the news and I wanted to come up and see what was going on," Jan Kee said. "There's not much more interesting than this."

Genesis spacecraft salvage job nears end

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Three weeks after the Genesis space capsule smashed into the Utah desert, NASA scientists remain hopeful they can salvage the mission and reveal clues about the origin of the solar system.

The scientists are nearly finished picking apart the capsule's mangled inner canister, which housed discs of exotic materials used to capture solar atoms for

2.5 years outside the Earth's magnetic shield.

A few of the disk fragments have been sent to California researchers, but NASA scientists are still working in Utah to preserve the bulk of the cargo.

They plan to ship the samples to Johnson Space Center in Houston for decontamination — the disks were splattered with mud, salts and splintered capsule parts

in the crash.

There is nothing that is a total loss. We've been able to recover every different collector type" unfolded in the solar wind, astronautals curator Eileen Stansbury said Thursday.

Stansbury, who works for the Johnson Space Center, was at Utah's Dugway Proving Grounds as part of the team conducting the tedious salvage operation.

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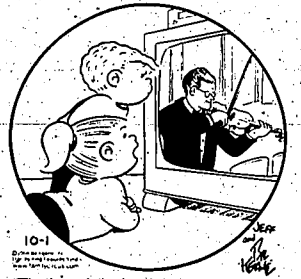
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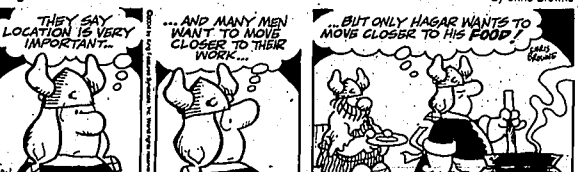
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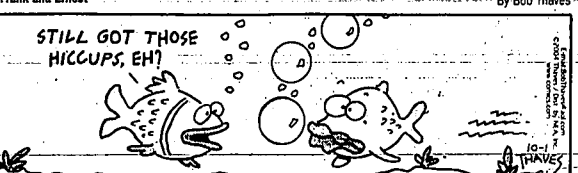
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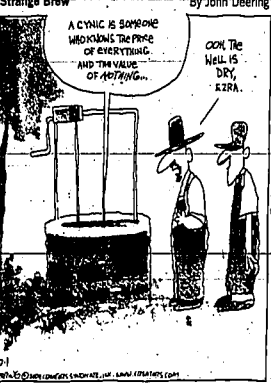
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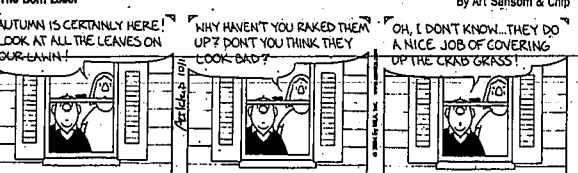
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Online Auction Boom Has Many Making \$150,000+

By D. Angula Cruz
Independent Staff Writer

In the last few years the job market and the average worker have suffered significant economic blows, which is why more people than ever are becoming self-employed. Nationwide 1.64 million jobs were lost after Sept. 11, leaving a record number of people signing up to sell on eBay. One of those people was Michael Syme. As a single parent, Syme found he had to make money fast and turned to online auctions. It was not long before he replaced his income and made as much as \$10,000 a month.

Syme is not the only one to see such phenomenal results. In 2003 many others left their 9-to-5 jobs to become their own boss, according to USA Today.

"People shouldn't wait until they find themselves out of a job before they start out; they are not financially secure, they should start ensuring their own and their family's financial future immediately," said Syme, online auction expert and author of the book *Keys to Making Money with Online Auctions*.

Online auctions are becoming one of the easiest and most profitable ways to earn financial free-

dom and security. There were more than \$9 billion in sales in 2003 alone, and this number is expected to be much greater in 2004, demonstrating the high demand for products on eBay and other online auction sites as well as the significant opportunity for sellers to make money. This can also be seen in the more than 180,000 people making a full-time living selling on eBay.

In addition to income, eBay has more to offer. By selling just \$1,000 a month, people can qualify for health, dental, vision and pharmacy benefits. There are already 145,000 who already qualify according to the Associated Press. Many power sellers are making \$150,000 a month.

Syme and others have found they not only make money, but the only work commute they worry about is driving to the bank. It is not unusual for them to deposit hundreds or thousands of dollars daily.

Many people are finding the growing demand consumers have for online auction products has allowed them to make an income equivalent to a traditional job, in half the time. Often, auctioned items are not expensive or hard to find, online sellers to buy and sell at a profit. Some sellers don't even

spend a single cent to make money. Items from a garage, closets or attics are money-makers waiting to be discovered.

"One man's trash is another man's treasure," may be a cliché, but only because it has been proven true time and again. That online auction shoppers are looking for doesn't need to have substantial value. Everything—from clothes and tools, to toys, electronics and collectibles are in demand.

One seller found out firsthand how easy it was to bring in big cash. Larry Rutschhoff was surprised after finding an old camera for \$8 and watching it sell for \$1,120. That mount Rutschhoff made \$1,112 with a single sale on eBay.

Other sellers found specializing in specific items successful. An example of this is Jim Wilson, who decided watches and software were areas he wanted to focus on.

"I happened upon a nice little [software] program," Wilson said. "I bought 200 for only \$8 each including shipping from a buyer's club. They sold in less than 2 months for an average of \$70 plus shipping." This meant his \$1,600 investment turned into \$14,000, nearly a 1,000 percent return, in 60 days. This was a feat no stock investment could earn in today's



Center: Mr. Michael Syme and daughters; single parent, has become an eBay expert and works from home making up to \$10,000 a month.

market. This is why many are turning to online auctions.

"Anybody can do it if they know the right technique," Syme said. "With the right techniques it's easy to make extra income." People quickly learn how to market items to attract a higher bid: front photo quality to product listing. Sellers eventually become the experts in online auctions.

Although online auctions are simple to use, experts such as Syme warn first-time sellers to be

careful of pitfalls. Simple yet costly mistakes occur when people don't take time to learn about selling online first.

"It's like driving a car," Syme said. "It's easy to do but, if no one shows you how to drive, you could end up in an accident that costs you time and money to fix."

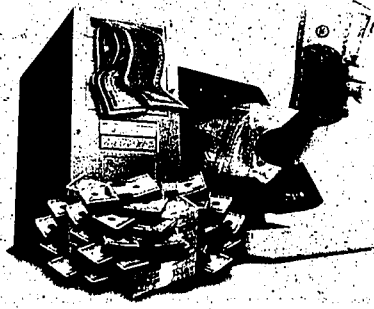
This doesn't mean people should avoid online auctions, it actually means the opposite. It's easy to get started. With a computer, Internet access, and some

basic computer know-how, you too, can be on your way to doing business over the Internet.

"Why wait to win the lottery when selling on eBay is like winning the lotto, every day," Syme said.

With so much money being made for so little investment and effort, the online auction world and doing business over the Internet is becoming a dream come true for those seeking a full or part-time income from home.

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Party of the century

The Twin Falls Centennial Commission will present its Second Century Kickoff party Saturday afternoon in City Park, featuring food, music and lots of games. It's free.



The Medley lingers on

A year after his partner's death, Bill Medley — the smokey baritone of the Righteous Brothers — keeps the flame alive with two concerts tonight and two Saturday night at Cactus Petes Resort Casino in Jackpot.



La vie boehme

The touring production of the off-Broadway musical "Rent," Jonathon Larsen's re-imagining of Puccini's "La Boheme" set in New York City, will visit the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University Tuesday and Wednesday nights.

Funny ladies

All Women's Comedy will host C.R. Larsen will be on stage at the Schubert Theater in Gooding tonight, featuring comedienne Susanna Redskir, Killoren O'Neil, Robin Bach, Susan Rice and Debbie Wooten.

For times, dates and details, see Events Spotlight on Pages C2-3, 6-7.

Dead poets' society



College of Southern Idaho sophomore Corrie Winterholler rehearses her part as Mrs. Williams in the CSI Theater Department's upcoming production of 'Spoon River Anthology.' The play opens Wednesday.

CSI Theater Department conjures up 'Spoon River Anthology'

"Because I could not stop for Death,
He kindly stopped for me.
The Carriage held but just
ourselves
— And Immortality!"
— Emily Dickinson

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Epitaphs are the living talking about the dead behind their backs. Edgar Lee Masters thought it should be the other way around.

So in a mythical graveyard in western Illinois in 1915, he conjured up 244 ghosts to discuss how they got that way.

"The stories they tell aren't just sad; they're caustic, sardonic and deeply ironic."

"There are lots of social issues in this story; it's a lot different from 'Our Town,'" said Laine Steel, College of Southern Idaho drama professor who's directing the Theater Department's production of "Spoon River Anthology," which opens Wednesday.

"Our Town" is kind of idealized; "Spoon River" definitely isn't.

Masters wrote "Spoon River" in verse, structured as monologues that cover everything from sex to existentialism. "Immortality is not a gift; immortality is an achievement," proclaims the town's atheist. "Take note, ye prudent and plous souls," says the town drunk. "Of the cross-currents of life, which honor to the dead who lived in shame."

A socialist who once practiced law with Clarence Darrow, Masters deals harshly with the mighty and more kindly with the misbegotten, but there are no happy endings in "Spoon River."

"It's characters talking about the mistakes they made," Steel said.

Steel has acted in a previous production of "Spoon River," but

If you go ...

- What: The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present Edgar Lee Masters' "Spoon River Anthology."
- Where: Room 119, College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center.
- When: Wednesday and Thursday and Oct. 8-9 and 13-16, 8 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$6 for general admission and \$4 for students and senior citizens, are available at the CSI Bookstore from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and at the CSI Fine Arts box office from 1-4 p.m. on weekdays, or by phoning 732-6788.

this is the first time he's directed the story. Often performed on stage, the long poem is unique in American literature; only "Under Milk Wood," a play for voices by



Welsh poet Dylan Thomas, comes close.

"Spoon River" was a little wild for its time," Steel said. "The cast include Kyle Anderson, Jean Paul Archandreaud, Anna Fernandez, Jake Polson, Jessica Geiger, Cyd Higginbotham, Dustin Hobday, David Ketchum, Stephanie Park, Sarah Pratt, Chelsea Itchell, Lauren Short, Amanda

Miller, Stephanie Steel and Corrie Winterholler. Bethany Branton is the stage manager, Alex Craig handles lights, Jasmine Smith is the sound control and Kayla Sorenson is the costumer.

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Downtown expects a good crowd for Oktoberfest

19th annual event will take place this weekend

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's time again for beer and bratwurst, only more so.

Historic Old Towne will host its 19th annual Oktoberfest today and Saturday, coinciding with the Twin Falls Centennial Commission's big outdoor party, Second Century Kickoff, in City Park.

"We get about 7,000 people for Oktoberfest, and we're hoping for more than that this year," said Karla Williams, executive director of Historic Old Towne. "We'll have free horse-drawn wagons to take people back and forth to the park on Saturday."

Historic Old Towne will toss its own birthday celebration on Saturday, marking the centennial of downtown Twin Falls at 1:30 p.m. with a party in front of Magic Valley Bank. A street dance is today's principal order of business.

From 5-11 p.m. at the fountain on Main Avenue, with music by Cross Fire and U-Turn. But musical acts will start playing at 11 this morning. Saturday's proceedings include:

• A classic car show, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in front of D.L.

Evans Bank on Main Avenue.

• Rudy's — A Cook's Parade's 12th annual Dutch-oven cookoff, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with judging at 1 and sample-tasting at 2. Plates for the tasting are \$3 each, with the proceeds going to fund a culinary scholarship at the College of Southern Idaho. This year's cook-off will also feature a demonstration of slow-cooked and smoked barbecue beef briskets and pork butts by the "Smoking Cowboys." Call 733-5477 to enter the cook-off.

• A quilt contest, sponsored by Sitchin' Time, judging will be Saturday at 10 a.m.; entry deadline is today at 5 p.m.

• A homemade pickles, jams and jellies contest. Judging begins at 1 p.m. on Saturday; entry deadline is today at 5 p.m. at The Cookie Basket.

• A homemade pie contest. Entry deadline is 10 a.m. Saturday in front of Magic Valley Bank; judging starts at noon.

In addition to the events, there will be 78 food, craft and merchandise vendors, and a variety of children's activities, including a climbing wall, slide and Don's Mini-Train.

The free horse-drawn wagon rides run from 2-6 p.m. on Sat-

Entertainment schedule

Live music on the Budweiser Stage on Main Avenue:

- Today
- 11 a.m. — Rachel Williams, country/gospel singer
 - Noon — Alpine Spielers, local German band
 - 2 p.m. — Take Note, Idaho Falls German band
 - 5 p.m. — Cross Fire
 - 8 p.m. — U-Turn
- Saturday
- 10 a.m. — Alpine Spielers
 - 11 a.m. — Battle of the Bands, featuring CocoPele and Uptown in Boise, the Bob Nora Band, Renegade, Anonymous and Wade's Place from Twin Falls, Exit 211 and Frency from Rupert and Untouchable from Jerome.
 - 2 p.m. — Take Note
 - 5 p.m. — Cross Fire

urday. Pickup and drop-off points are at the side of City Park nearest the library and at the Main Avenue fountain.

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Video watch

Super Size Me

Filmmaker Morgan Spurlock's funny, smart and important — OK, gross, too — documentary about the health effects of a 30-day, all-McDonald's diet. And it ain't pretty. "Super Size Me," however, is utterly engrossing, with its mix of statistics, cartoons featuring egg-breasted chickens, man-on-the-street interviews,

Michael Moore-style muck-raking and diastolic gazing by the filmmaker at his own navel — even as his midsection expands with all the fat and sugar he's putting away.

Contains obscenity, vomiting, a glimpse of a rectal exam, discussion of sex and sexual dysfunction, shots of gastric bypass surgery and other unappealing things.

NR

Eternal Sunshine of the Spotless Mind

Charlie Kaufman's most intelligent, thought-provoking and touching script yet is brought-to-into-life-by-director Michel Gondry, who unfolds like a slowly opening flower the tale of two lovers (Jim Carrey and Kate Winslet) who have elected to erase each other from their memories. By turns intoxicating and perplexing, Gondry and Kaufman's film is a philosophical love story about — the nature — of memory and emotion.

Serious and silly at the same time, it's a film with both mainstream appeal and an abundance of grown-up ideas. Contains obscenity, drug use and sexual content.

R

Walking Tall

Wrestler-turned-actor-the-Rock makes a suitable substitute for Joe Don Baker's Buford Pusser in this remake of the 1973 fact-based revenge drama about a man who takes justice into his own big hands when thugs take over his hometown. Here, rural Tennessee becomes bucolic Washington state and Pusser becomes the more euphonious-sounding

deputy Johnny Knoxville and a very big stick. It's all as fun — and as dumb — as any "Smackdown" match. Contains obscenity, violence, drug use and sensuality.

— Source: Washington Post

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Events

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Lounge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

Karaoke/Burley
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to midnight at the 610 Club. The 610 Club is located at 1054 Overland Ave.

Karaoke/Burley
Krokers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Riverside. No cover charge. The Riverside is located at 197 1/2 Highway 30 W.

Karaoke/Declo
Krokers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Big Kahuna. No cover charge. The Big Kahuna is located at 9 E. Main.

Karaoke/Rupert
Moonlight Madness Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Blue Room. No cover charge. The Blue Room is located at 613 Fremont Ave.

SUNDAY

Rock/Boise
The Casualties will play The Venue at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 955-4827, online at http://www.ticketweb.com, or at Adkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Venue is located at 523 Broad St.

Dance/Utah
Ballet West will perform "Fall Festival," including Dvorak's "The Leaves Are Falling," Ernest Chausson's "L'Incendie" and Offenbach's "Offenbach in the Underworld" at 2 and 7:30 p.m. in the Capitol Theater in Salt Lake City. Tickets, which are \$17, \$25, \$40 and \$55, can be reserved by phoning (801) 355-2787. Capitol Theater is located at 50 West 200 South.

Rock/Utah
Voodoo Glow Skulls will perform at the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$6, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

Karaoke/Twin Falls
Karaoke will be featured from 8 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Klover Klub Lounge. The Klover Klub is located at 402 Main N.

Dance/Twin Falls
Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will hold a dance from 2-5 p.m. at the senior center. Music

will be provided by the Melody Masters. The cost is \$4. The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center is located at 530 Shoshone St. W.

MONDAY

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Karaoke/Burley
Krokers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Rendezvous Lounge. No cover charge. The Rendezvous Lounge is located at 108 E. Main St.

TUESDAY

Theater/Boise
The touring production of the off-Broadway musical "Rent," by Jonathon Larsen, will play the Morrison Center on the campus of Boise State University at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$30, \$40 and \$47.50, can be reserved by phoning Select A Seat at (208) 426-1494 or online at http://www.idahotickets.com.

Rock/Utah
Breaking Benjamin and Thornley will play in the Venue in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. In the Venue is located at 219 South 600 West.

Planetarium/Twin Falls
"The Greatest Wonders of the Universe" will be shown at Faulkner Planetarium at the Herrett Center for Arts and Sciences at the College of Southern Idaho at 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families, are available at the door. Children under 4 are not admitted.

Karaoke/Twin Falls
P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Honker's Place. No cover charge. Honker's Place is located at 121 Fourth Ave. S.

Karaoke/Burley
Krokers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at "George K's East Restaurant. George K's is located at 325 E. Third N.

WEDNESDAY

Theater/Twin Falls
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Rock/Utah
Taking Back Sunday and Matchbook Romance will perform at the Utah State Fairpark in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. Tickets, which are \$16.50, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. The Utah State Fairpark is located at 155 North 1000 West.

Rock/Utah
Dios Malos will play Liquid Joe's in Salt Lake City at 9 p.m. Tickets, which are \$6, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TIXX or online at http://www.smithstix.com. Liq-

uid Joe's is located at 1249 East 3300 South.

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Variety/Twin Falls
Bob Nora Band will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Karaoke/Twin Falls
Karaoke will be featured from 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Chasers Sports Bar and Nightclub. No cover charge. Chasers is located at 1539 Fillmore St. N.

Karaoke/Twin Falls
P & D Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at Montana Steakhouse. No cover charge. Montana Steakhouse is located at 1626 Canyon Crest Drive.

Karaoke/Paul
Karaoke/Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. at the Office Lounge. The Office Lounge is located at 118 E. 1d the St.

THURSDAY

Theater/Twin Falls
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Blues/Twin Falls
Swamp Cats will play from 8 p.m. to midnight at The Oasis. No cover charge. The Oasis is located at 1007 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

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Karaoke/Burley
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WEEKEND

Travolta fights fires in new movie

New to the valley

'Ladder 49'
Baltimore firefighters work to save a trapped comrade. With Joaquin Phoenix, John Travolta, Morris Chestnut, Robert Patrick, Baltazar Getty, Jay Hernandez, Jacinda Barrett and Billy Burke. Written by Lewis Colick. Directed by Jay Russell.



Oscar (Will Smith, left) tries to explain to Angie (Renee Zellweger) why he is hiding a shark named Lenny (Jack Black) in DreamWorks' comedy 'Shark Tale.'

'Shark Tale'

A whale of a tale gets a little fish into hot water with his fellow reef-dwellers in this computer-animated film with the voices of Will Smith, Robert De Niro, Renee Zellweger, Angelina Jolie, Jack Black and Martin Scorsese. Directed by Vicky Jensen, Eric Bibb, Bergeron and Rob Letterman.

Continuing

'Allien vs. Predator'

It's like a cinematic Wrestlemania. Two film heavies, the slimy Alliens and the dreadlocked Predators, face off in Antarctica. The human characters and your interest get lost in the crossfire. PG-13 (violence, gore, profanity, horror)

'Anacondas'

A lower-budget, no-star (save Morris Chestnut) sequel to the 1997 giant snake scare pic, this one takes place in the jungles of Borneo, where an expedition in search of a rare flower meets up with many large and fabled reptiles. PG-13 (violence, profanity, giant snakes)

'Before Sunset'

Richard Linklater finds Ethan Hawke's and Julie Delpy's "Before Sunrise" characters nine years on, and lets them walk and talk through Paris, the clock ticking, as they catch up on each other's lives and wonder whether they've just been given a second chance. Full of talk - it's all talk - that's funny and real, dumb and sweet, the picture is, quite simply, wonderful. R (profanity, adult themes)

'The Bourne Supremacy'

The thrill-ride sequel picks up its amnesiac hero (Matt Damon) two years later, when he eludes the crossfire of double-crossing CIA and KGB agents and remains one car

chase ahead of formidable intelligence on Pamela Landry (Joan Allen). PG-13 (intense violence)

'Cellular'

An action thriller with much energy but way too much implausibility, which undermines its valid premise of a kidnapped woman (Kim Basinger) managing to connect with a cell phone of a slick dude of about 20 (Chris Evans) who swiftly matures when he finally realizes her life is at stake. With William H. Macy, Jason Statham, Noah Emmerich. (128). PG-13 for violence, terror situations and sexual references.)

'Dodgeball: A True Underdog's Story'

Vince Vaughn and Ben Stiller are rival gym owners who fight it out on the Dodgeball court. This strenuously uncouth comedy doesn't have much on the ball. PG-13 (crude language and mock violence)

'First Daughter'

The president's daughter, a college freshman, yearns for independence - and privacy - in this comedy starring Katie Holmes. With Marc Blucas, Margaret Colin, Lela Rochon Fouca and Michel Keaton. Written by Jessica Bendinger and Kate Kondell, story by Jessica Bendinger and Jerry O'Connell. Directed by Forest Whitaker.

'The Forgotten'

Julianne Moore stars as a woman who is told by her psychiatrist that she invented eight years of memories about a son she never had. Dominic West, Gary Sinise, Alfie Woodard, Linus Roache and Anthony Edwards. Written by Gerald DiPego. Directed by Joseph Ruben.

'Garden State'

The lyrical directorial debut of actor Zach Braff, who also wrote and stars, is an evocative serio-comedy of Baby Bust angst. Braff plays a struggling actor in Lithium limbo. Once he stops taking his meds, he has feelings and insights that he's long suppressed. With Natalie Portman as a cockeyed pidge and fount of fun. R (drugs, profanity, mature themes).

'Hero'

Zhang Ziyi's extraordinarily beautiful martial-arts epic is a sweeping, flashback-within-flashback yarn, set in the ancient kingdom of Qin, as assassins and sheriffs and kings vie and spy, and swords are crossed in treachery and on lakes, a virtual ballet of fight and flight. PG-13 (violence, adult themes)

'Mr. 3000'

Bernie Mac is as funny as ever but is also newly serious as a literally egotistical baseball legend forced to attempt a

comeback at age 47 when a close reading of the records, in anticipation of a Hall of Fame nod, uncovers errors that reveal he's actually three-hits short of that magical 3,000 hits. Life lessons as well as much humor and even the possibility of a rekindled romance (with Angela Bassett's deliciously sleek and witty ESPN sports reporter) loom in this thoughtful, heart-warming, yet admirably unpredictable movie. With Paul Sorvino, Chris Noth, Michael Rispoli, Brian White. (126). PG-13 for sexual content and language.)

'Napoleon Dynamite'

The feature-directing debut of Idaho native Jared Hess is a cartoonish paean to its ber-nerd author. It's a simple collection of eight gags and pratfalls that mines the overly familiar turf of awkward adolescence without bringing anything truly original to the experience. Napoleon. Please see MOVIES, Page C5

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Movies

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played with admirable commitment by newcomer Jon Heder, is a high school student enduring the "vicissitude" of growing up in a small town where he lives with his grand-mother and older brother. The movie feels self-satisfied in its attempt to create a portrait of a lovable loser - infusing him with quirky qualities meant to be endearing - but in reality plays like a revisionist goof, lumping together broad archetypes for cheap laughs while pretending to be the ultimate underdog movie. With Jon Cries, Eileen Ramirez and Tina Majorino. (1:28. PG for thematic elements and language.)

'Paparazzi'
Shrewdly made for maximum impact upon the susceptible, this is a classic exploitation picture - topical, punchy and morally dubious in the extreme. It's "Death Wish" style revenge fantasy in which a paparazzi-battered new movie star (Cole Hauser) takes vengeance upon a psychopathic photog (Tom Sizemore) and his pals. With Robin Tunney, Dennis Farina, Daniel Baldwin. (1:28. R for intense violent sequences, sexual content and language.)

'The Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement'
The pleasant sequel to the 2001 hit stars gallant Julie Andrews as Clarisse, queen of Genovia, and fetching Anne Hathaway as her granddaughter Mia. Whenever Andrews incarnates the sensible and the sensitive - glides on screen, "PD2" sparkles. G

'Resident Evil: Apocalypse'
A survivalist horror flick based on the Game Cube diversion and featuring Milla Jovovich and Sienna Guillory as butt-kicking babes battling a Movie Virus infecting Raccoon City. R (nonstop violence, gore, nudity)

'Riding Giants'
OK, they look like they're riding the Himalayas on ironing boards. But Stacy Peralta's history of the surf explorers who braved big waves is a fascinating history of the evolution and revolution of a sport. With Gregg Noll, Jeff Clark and Laird Hamilton. PG-13 (strong language, big waves)

'Shrek 2'
During the course of its 93 galloping minutes, "Shrek 2" carries the standard for self-esteem while spoofing showbiz, fairy tales, self-help books, and every other cultural phenom from animal-testing to the Oscars. The movie is a dream, a sequel as exhilarating and riotously funny as 2001's top-grossing original. PG (brief drug reference, crude humor, discreet sexual humor).

'Saints and Soldiers'
Director Ryan Little's saga about a group of Allied soldiers trapped behind German lines during the Battle of the Bulge, in 1944. Rated PG-13.

'Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow'
Writer-director Kerry Conran's retro-futuristic adventure film stars Gwyneth Paltrow as a pert and plucky reporter and Jude Law as her former flame Joe "Sky Captain" Sullivan trying to find the source of giant, sky-high robots menacing the world. The plot is more yesterday than tomorrow, a hothouse homage to the pulp and serial material of decades past, but it is sluggish at best, something that lingers across the screen with the leaden feet of those iron giants. It's the visuals - an alternate universe animated by a powerful nostalgia for 1939, where the same hands are as likely to use ray guns as fountain pens - that have the capacity to surprise. (1:47. PG for sequences of stylized sci-fi violence and brief mild language.)

'Suspect Zero'
Aaron Eckhart and Ben Kingsley star in this oddly suspenseless serial-killer thriller, a mish and mash of "Seven," "The Silence of the Lambs" and "The X-Files." Carrie-Anne Moss shows up now and again, but even "The Matrix" babe can't shake up this murky movie's inertia. R (violence, profanity, adult themes)

'Vanity Fair'
In William Makepeace Thackeray's sly and sprawling satire of greed, pretension and social aspiration in Regency England, a penniless young orphan claws her way out of bohemia into the center of aristocratic society, gets tossed out on her ear and climbs back up again. It's a part Reese Witherspoon was born to

play. As a kitchy underdog with a will of reinforced titanium in Mira Nair's plush adaptation of Thackeray's novel, Witherspoon is not as altogether callous as the original, nor are those closest to her quite as rakish or lamebrained. Nair makes the most of the extravagant splendor of the period while poking fun at its excesses, but overall she somewhat underplays its silliness. Witherspoon and her costars seem game, but they never get quite as down-and-dirty as they could. (PG-13 for some sensuality/partial nudity and a brief violent image.)

'Wimbledon'
The Bjorn Borg of romantic comedies: precise, good-looking, dependable - and serviceable. If predictable, Kristin Dunst plays hot-headed American tennis star Lizzie Bradbury, whose feelings for mild-mannered British long-shot Peter Colt (Paul Bettany) are musing with her game. Like "Four Weddings" and "Notting Hill," the love story is predicated on the enduring appeal of trans-Atlantic lovers trying to bridge the ever-amusing to-


mo-tomato gap. Split along familiar passive/aggressive, shy/confident, verbal/physical, tea/gun lines, Lizzie and Peter nonetheless share one big interest: Which is why the romance feels so unconvincing. The film

only really shines on the court, beautifully capturing the symmetry and time-stopping suspense of the game. Directed by Richard Loncraine. (1:38. PG-13 for language, sexuality and partial nudity)

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"Ladder 49"
"Mr. 3000"
"Paparazzi"
"Princess Diaries 2: Royal Engagement"
"Shark Tale"
"Shrek 2"
"Sky Captain and the World of Tomorrow"
"Without a Paddle"
Odyssey Theater
"The Bourne Supremacy"
"The Fogotten"
"Saints and Soldiers"
"Spider-Man 2"
"Wimbledon"
"Vanity Fair"
LampHouse Theater
"Before Sunset"
"Napoleon Dynamite"
The Orpheum
"Resident Evil: Apocalypse"

Burley
Century Cinema
"First Daughter"
"The Fogotten"
"Ladder 49"
"Saints and Soldiers"
"Shark Tale"
Burley Theater
"Dodgeball: A True Underdog's Story"

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Karaoke/Burley

Krakers Karaoke will be featured from 9 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. at the Riverside. The Riverside is located at 197 W. Highway 30.

NEXT WEEKEND

Art auction/Twin Falls

"Red, White and Blues" art show and art auction to benefit the Magic Valley Arts Council will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 8 in the Shoshone Room at the Ballroom. The evening will include a trout dinner, fine art auction and raffish and music by Deadline Ridge. Tickets, which are \$25, are available at the arts council office or by phoning 734-AFNS.

Rock/Utah

Bleeding Through and Walls of Jericho will play the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 8. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

Theater/Twin Falls

The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present Edgar Lee Masters' "Spoon River Anthology" 8 p.m. on Oct. 8 in Room 119 of the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center. Tickets, which are \$6 for general admission and \$4 for students and senior citizens, are available at the CSI Bookstore from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and at the CSI Fine Arts Center box office from 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday or they may be reserved by phoning 732-6784.

Magic/Utah

David Copperfield will perform at Kingsbury Hall on the campus of the University of Utah in Salt Lake City at 6 and 9 p.m. on Oct. 8 and at 1, 4 and 8 p.m. on Oct. 9. Tickets, which are \$29.75, \$39.75 and \$49.75, can be reserved by phoning ArtTix at (801) 355-2787.

Classical/Utah

Utah Symphony will perform the music of Dan Welcher, Prokofiev and Tchaikovsky at 8 p.m. on Oct. 8-9 in Salt Lake City's Abravanel Hall. For ticket information, call (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 South West Temple.

Heritage/Ketchum

The eighth annual Trailing of the Sheep festival will be held at Ketchum and Bailey on Oct. 10-11. Highlights include the Trailing of the Sheep parade down Main St. in Ketchum at noon on Oct. 10 and the Sheep Folklore Fair in Bailey's Roberts-McKeeher Gateway Park on Oct. 9 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Rock/Boise

Orgy will play the Big Easy Concert House at 8 p.m. on Oct. 9. Tickets, which are \$19.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Country/Utah

Old 97's will perform at the Venue in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 7. Tickets, which are \$15,

can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Venue is located at 219 South 200 West.

Classical/Twin Falls

Magic Valley Symphony will present its season-opening concert, featuring youth soloists winners, at 8 p.m. on Oct. 10 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium. Tickets, which are \$2 for general admission, \$5 for seniors and \$4 for students, are available at Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Crowley's Old-Time Soda Fountain, The Magic Valley Arts Council office and the CSI Community Education Center in Twin Falls, Saw-Mor Drug in Burley, Atkinson's Market in Ketchum, and the CSI Outreach Centers in Burley, Bailey and Gooding, or at the door.

Rock/Boise

Queensryche will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 10. Tickets, which are \$29.50, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Rock/Utah

Orgy and Motograter will play the Ritz Club in Salt Lake City at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 10. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Ritz Club is located at 2265 S. State St.

Jazz/Utah

Soullive will perform at the Velvet Room in Salt Lake City at 7 p.m. on Oct. 10. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Velvet Room is located at 155 West 200 South.

NEXT WEEK

Rock/Utah

Mason Jennings will play Club Sound in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 10. Tickets, which are \$12, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Club Sound is located at 155 West 200 South.

Rock/Boise

Hopeshill will perform at The Venue at 7 p.m. on Oct. 12. Tickets, which are \$8, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Venue is located at 521 Broad St.

Rock/Utah

UK Subs will perform at the Lo-Fi Cafe in Salt Lake City at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 12. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Lo-Fi Cafe is located at 165 South West Temple.

Christian rock/Boise

Switchfoot will play the Big Easy Concert House at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 13. Tickets, which are \$15, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, or online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>. The

Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Rock/Utah

Ruchel Yamagata will perform at Liquid Rock in Salt Lake City at 8 p.m. on Oct. 13. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. Liquid Rock is located at 1249 East 3300 South.

Rock/Utah

Adema and Dope will perform at the Ritz Club in Salt Lake City at 6 p.m. on Oct. 13. Tickets, which are \$13, can be reserved by phoning Smith's Tix at (800) 888-TDXX or online at <http://www.smithstix.com>. The Ritz Club is located at 2265 S. State St.

Film festival/Twin Falls

The 17th annual Magic Valley Arts Council Foreign Film Festival will open with Andrei Zvyagintsev's "The Return," 7 p.m. on Oct. 13 at the Lamp-

house Theater. The film will be preceded by an opening-night gala at 6 p.m. Gala tickets are \$20, and include live music, a dessert bar and a ticket to the movie. Individual film tickets are \$7.50. Tickets are available at the Magic Valley Arts Council office or at the door. "The Return" will be shown again on Oct. 15 and 20 at 7 p.m. and Oct. 17 at 1:30 p.m. The Lamphouse Theater is located at 223 Fifth Ave. S.

Theater/Utah

The College of Southern Idaho Theater Department will present Edgar Lee Masters' "Spoon River Anthology" 8 p.m. on Oct. 13-16 in Room 119 of the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center. Tickets, which are \$6 for general admission and \$4 for students and senior citizens, are available at the CSI Bookstore from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on weekdays and at the CSI Fine Arts Center box office from 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday, or they may be reserved by phoning 732-6788.

Jazz/Sun Valley

The 15th annual Sun Valley Swing 'n' Dixie Jazz Jambooree will be held on Oct. 13-17 with bands from the United States, Canada, Germany, and The Netherlands. Music begins at 11 a.m. Oct. 13 with the formal opening at 8 p.m. in the Ice Arena, and the finale ends at 5 p.m. Oct. 17. Tickets are \$35 for five-day all events lodges, \$25 for opening day only, \$30 for one day (Oct. 14-16), \$25 for closing day only and \$10 for students 13-17 for five-day jambooree. Children 12 and under are admitted free when accompanied by a parent. For general information, call Tom Hazzard at (208) 344-3768. For badge information, call Betty Black toll-free at (877) 478-5277. Deadlines for phone orders is 9 p.m. Oct. 7.

Classical/Utah

Utah Symphony will perform chamber music by Mozart, Haydn and Johann Strauss at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 14 in Salt Lake


City's Abravanel Hall. For ticket information, call (801) 355-2787. Abravanel Hall is located at 123 South West Temple.

Rock/Boise


Dope and Twisted Method will play the Big Easy Concert House at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 14. Tickets, which are \$10, can be reserved by phoning (800) 965-4827, online at <http://www.ticketweb.com>, or at Atkinson's Market in Ketchum. The Big Easy Concert House is located at 416 S. Ninth St.

Theater/Twin Falls


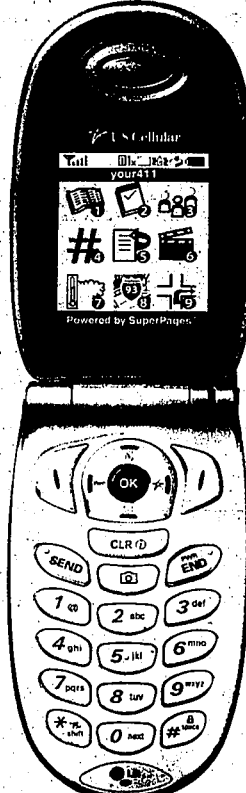
"Forbidden Hollywood," Arts on Tour's first performance of the season, will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 15 in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$15 for students/children. Ticket outlets include Everybody's Business, Kurt's Pharmacy and Hallmark, Crowley's Old-Time Soda Fountain, Magic Valley. Please see SPOTLIGHT, Page C7



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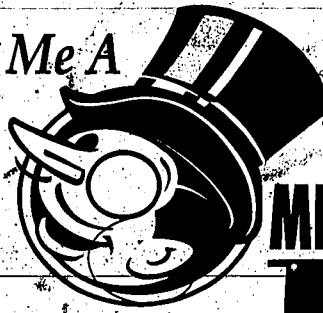
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SPORTSQUOTE

At least that is one Bonds I have a record over.

Cincinnati Reds slugger Adam Durin, who set the major league record for strikeouts in one season with 190, when he fanned in his first two at-bats Thursday against the Chicago Cubs, breaking the previous mark for whiffs of 189 set by Bobby Bonds in 1970.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

HS Football
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HS Volleyball
Magic Valley Christian at Bliss, 6 p.m.
Wood River at Borah Tournament

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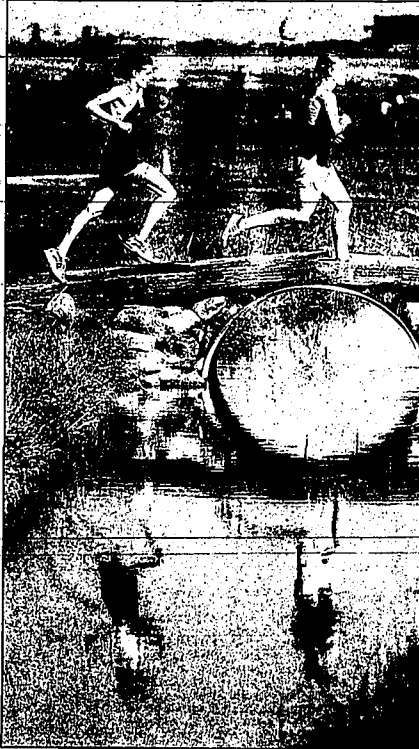
ISU Hall-of-Fame inducts alum

POCAHELLO - Joseph "Joe" Paris was inducted into the 2004 Idaho State University Sports Hall of Fame on Sept. 11. Jay was a multi-position athlete in football from 1947-1949, playing the quarterback, halfback, fullback, safety and kicker positions.

Johnson fights off challenger

By Joe Paisley Times-News writer

HERNIMÉ - Burley cross-country runner Stephanie Johnson is always the first to congratulate her fellow competitors after a race. She's a sincere girl, says it to a lot of people and means it each time. On Thursday at the Jerome Invitational at the 93 Golf Ranch, she really meant it.



Burley's Stephanie Johnson and Century's Bothany McInturf battle for the lead at the Jerome Cross Country Invitational Thursday on the 93 Golf Ranch course.

"It's a tough course and the heat got to me," Lee said. The flat course was a benefit to some runners. "Since we live in Twin Falls, yeah, the flat course is nice," said Twin Falls junior Britany Ward, who took 15th in 22:24. "It seemed faster today."

For Johnson, it was her second win head-to-head with McInturf. "She's a very strong runner and only a freshman," Johnson said. There she goes again with the compliments, it may sound familiar. It was said about Johnson by other two-year-olds.

Another runner who garnered compliments was Century's Jason McKee, who won the boys individual race in 17:21. He must like Jerome meets. Of his three wins this season, two have been Jerome invitations, including the season opener at the College of Southern Idaho.

"There were a lot more boys than last weekend," the first-year runner and junior said. "If I'd started out faster I might have done better." Mountain View won both the boys and

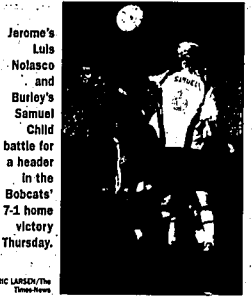
girls team titles while Jerome took second in both. Gooding took fourth in the boys competition while Twin Falls took fifth in both the boys and girls. Please see CHALLENGER, Page D5

Bobcats blast rival Jerome

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

BURLEY - Down a conference rival 7-1 and what do you get? A day off. "Now they're real happy," Burley Bobcats' head coach Wes Nyblade said of his team. "They've got tomorrow off." The Bobcats earned a little rest after notching another Great Basin Conference West victory over the Jerome Tigers at Burley High School Thursday afternoon. Five first-half goals allowed the 7-2-2 Bobcats to coast to their third conference victory of the season against one conference loss.

"We've been a second-half team most of the year, but we caught some breaks early," Nyblade said. "We put the game out of reach in the first half." "There was no slow start by the Bobcats Thursday, as sophomore left wing Eduarado Anguiano pounded in a far-post goal in the game's third minute to give Burley a 1-0 advantage. Minutes later, Burley's Eric Lianos caught the Tigers' defense sleeping on a direct kick to give Burley a 2-0 edge 12 minutes in.



ERIC LARSEN/The Times-News

Jerome's Luis Nolasco and Burley's Samuel Child battle for a header in the Bobcats' 7-1 home victory Thursday.

Bruins will take on dangerous opponent

By Kevin Colbert Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The Mountain View football team is nothing like a box of chocolates. The Twin Falls Bruins know exactly what they're going to get.

Twin Falls won't be able to take the 1-3 Mavericks lightly when the two teams square off at 7:30 p.m. at Bruin Field for homecoming. For as strong as the Bruins (4-0) have been offensively this season, that's how good Mountain View has been on the other side of the ball. They're the best 1-3 team in the state no question. Twin Falls coach Tombe Smith said, "They probably have one of the best defenses in the state."

Mountain View has played a brutal schedule, losing to Centennial (3-1), Meridian (3-1) and Timberline (2-2) while beating Capital (3-1). But the team's record is no fault of the defense. The Mavericks' defense is led by their line, one that's probably licking its chops at getting a crack at Twin Falls standout running back Brody Miller.

Advertisement for 'Bites' featuring a photo of a person eating and a list of menu items with prices. Tonight: 7:30, Bruin Field Mountain View (1-3, 3-3 in SA East) at Twin Falls (4-0, 0-0 in SA East). Special: First meeting. Last week: Twin Falls beat Mountain View 21-7. Leading rusher, game: Brody Miller, 20-205 yds., 5 TD. Leading passer, game: Mike Green, 10-112 yds., 1 TD. ENT. Passing, season: Mike Green, 54-72-630 yds., 8 TD, 1 NT. Leading receiver, game: Mitch Smith, 3-57 yds., 1 TD. Receiving, season: Mitch Smith, 22-403 yds., 1 TD. Leading tackler, game: Colby Pausler, 9 tackles (5 solo). Mottin Pottler, 9 tackles (3 solo). Pottler, 41 tackles (27 solo).

that roars around," Smith said. "And they're a handful. They'll be the best defensive line we play." Key matchup The Mavericks' strong defensive line should make the battle in the trenches one of the most entertaining aspects of the game to watch. "Without question, it's their defensive line against our offensive line," Smith said. "They fly



Cleveland Indians rookie pitcher Kyle Denney, dressed as a USC cheerleader, signs autographs outside Kaufman Stadium before boarding the team bus for the airport following the Indians' game against the Kansas City Royals in Kansas City, Mo., on Wednesday.

Pitcher's go-go boot prevents injury

MINNEAPOLIS - Cleveland Indians pitcher Kyle Denney won't complain about having to dress like a cheerleader again. The white go-go boots that went with the outfit might have prevented a bulleye from seriously injuring his leg. The rookie was hit in the right calf by a shot that came through the side of the Indians' bus in Kansas City late Wednesday as the team traveled to the airport after a victory over the Royals. The bullet caused only a flesh wound, probably because of the tough leather of the knee-high boot. Denney and his uniformers said, "All of Cleveland's rookies were

checked out in outrageous outfits on the bus, part of a hazing rite. An Oklahoma native, Denney said his teammates told him to dress as a USC cheerleader because the Sooners are ranked second behind Southern California in The Associated Press college football poll. Police in Kansas City had no suspects in the shooting, which happened as the bus traveled along a highway ramp. Team trainers removed the bullet from Denney's leg while he was still on the bus, and he stayed overnight at a Kansas City hospital before rejoining his team. "The way he handled the situation was pretty awesome," said outfielder Ryan Ludwick.

Baseball throws a spitter past Washington

The deal that brought major league baseball back to Washington is so one-sided there's no need to hold a contest to come up with a name for the franchise.

"Stickers" is a perfect fit. "The Merriam-Webster online dictionary defines the word as 'a person easily cheated or deceived,' and apparently the nation's capital has its share of them. How else to explain why any municipality would rush out and promise to build a \$400 million stadium for a handful of its richest businessmen, two dozen wealthy entertainers and a few thousand well-heeled fans.



JIM LAKE

"It's the team owners, business owners, the stadium users who are paying for this - and not one dime of a D.C. resident is covering this important investment in our city," Mayor Anthony Williams said.

Right. But only if the 2,000 or so businesses hit by increased taxes don't pass the costs along to their customers. And so long as the team sells enough tickets, most nights to meet the pie-in-the-sky revenue projections Williams and his council used make the deal feasible. And never mind that the recent history of new stadiums and nearly every scrap of independent research suggest that such publicly financed projects rarely deliver the benefits they promise.

Can you say "welfare program for the rich"? Because that's how Stanford economist Roger Noll laid out the deal in the Washington Post. "Every ordinary people for a stadium attended by upper income people, and then the income generated goes to even higher income people, namely players and owners. Businessmen don't want to tax people who make \$30,000 a year to generate a toy for people who make \$200,000 a year, and income for people who make millions of dollars a year."

Noll said the D.C. city council might be coming to its senses.

But there's a reason baseball commissioner Bud Selig promotes "every fan-friendly recommendation" that his fellow owners approve the move to D.C. at their November meeting. Selig knows firsthand what a sweetheart deal it is. So good, in fact that he'd push up the date of the owners' meeting at the first sign that the D.C. city council might be coming to its senses.

After all, Selig just unburied his share of the Milwaukee Brewers for a tidy sum - he hasn't said how much - and that is no small feat. The franchise hasn't been in a World Series in 22 years, its last winning season was a dozen years ago, and those slumping fortunes are reflected every night at the gate. Yet people in the know say it's safe to assume the value of even a last year's ticket. The Brewers were doubted because it includes a long-term lease on 3-year-old Miller Park, which also happened to be built largely with public funds. "I always tell owners, 'If you can get public money go for it,'" said Robert Tillick, CEO and managing partner of Iner Circle Sports, a Stamford, Conn.-based firm that consults with owners from all four major sports leagues on stadiums and financing packages. "If you poll enough economists, you'll get enough answers to buy into any argument about whether it's good or bad for the economy of any area as a whole. But there's no arguing that the bigger a city is, the better its chances are of making it as a major league city."

What Washington has going for it is a metropolitan population of 5 million and a business class that is the latest darling of major league baseball ticket Please see SPITTER, Page D2

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NFL Injury Report

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PGA Southern Farm Bureau Classic

Table listing PGA Southern Farm Bureau Classic scores for various players.

Sharapova advances at Korea Open

SEoul, South Korea - Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova advanced to the quarterfinals of the Korea Open on Thursday, beating Miho Saeki 6-3, 6-1.

MSU football held 'hostage by network'

CITY OF FAAS - The fledgling cable network Altitude Sports and Entertainment is trying to get cable providers to carry its station, and is using at least two Montana State football games as leverage.

Roddick, Federer, Safin reach quarterfinals

BANGKOK, Thailand - Andy Roddick needed seven match points before finally routing Mats Wilander 2-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4 Thursday to reach the Thailand Open quarterfinals.

PGA Southern Farm Bureau Classic

Table listing PGA Southern Farm Bureau Classic scores for various players including Tiger Woods and Phil Mickel.

Rodman's comeback quest continues

DENVER - The point guard thought he was great. The general manager thought he was a junkyard dog.

Mets make Minaya the final word on moves

NEW YORK - Omar Minaya grew up a few blocks from Shea Stadium and realizes the task ahead of him.

Dunn sets major league record for strikeouts

CHICAGO - Cincinnati Reds slugger Adam Dunn set the major league record for strikeouts in one season with 190, when he fanned 19 batters in his final game Thursday against the Chicago Cubs.

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Shoshone and Raft River battle for MVSC dominance

Football Standings Week 6

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Class 2A Canyon Conference table.

Class 1A Magic Valley Northside Conference table.

This week's Magic Valley grid listing Friday's games with times and locations.

Castleford hosts tailgate party

CASTLEFORD - Band students will host the Friday, Oct. 1, night tailgate party at Castleford High School.

Varsity in brief

hamburgers, baked beans, salads, dessert and a beverage. Donations will be accepted for the meal.

Spartan boosters host homecoming dinner

RUBENIT - The Minico High School Booster Club will be hosting a homecoming pre-game dinner on Friday, Oct. 1, from 5:30-7 p.m.

Brain boosters plan tailgate gathering

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls High School Booster Club will hold a tailgate party at 5:30 p.m. prior to the homecoming game against Mountain View.

Game of the week

SHOSHONE - Measuring sticks don't usually fit this kind. But that's just what Mark Sant and the Shoshone Indians see in Friday's opponent, the Raft River Trojans.

"They're the toughest competition we'll probably see during the year," Sant said. "We've enjoyed our year, but we haven't played any team with a winning record other than Oakley. It's definitely a huge test to see where we are."

The 4-0 Trojans have been the standard all Magic Valley Southside Conference teams have been compared to since Raft River moved to the eight-man ranks in 2003.

Game of the week

"The ground game is where they want to go through," Spaeth said. "They don't want to pass a lot. They'll look to establish the run early then beat you over the top with a few play-action passes."

"We want to get to the quarterback early and make him throw the ball. Put the game in his hands."

"The Trojans have their own big-play attack with quarterback Landon Hanser and a wealth of speedy targets. "Balance has really been our strength this year," Spaeth said.



A Castleford defender drags down a Raft River end last season.

can pass, but the run will kill you. "The Trojans' multi-faceted attack will present the Indians

defense with a stiff challenge. Standout defensive back Luis Tarango and the Shoshone secondary will have to tackle well

Are you ready for some football?

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Wait, parent-teacher conferences mean we get football four out of the next eight nights? Hooray PTA.

While area high school students are not making the most of the sweat it out for parent-teacher conferences. Wednesday through Friday, football players will be sweating it out on the gridiron.

As the week moves on, the competing schools get getting bigger. Friday's headline is the much-anticipated clash between Twin Falls and Highland in the Bruins' first Region Four-Five-Six game of the year.

Magic Valley SportsWeek logo and graphic.

This week's sports picks

- Monday - Filer at Gooding volleyball, 6 p.m. The Senators look like the only favorite to dominate the Sawtooth Central Idaho Conference.

Tarango is a terror in Shoshone's defense

By Eric Larsen Times-News writer

SHOSHONE - If the old adage that offense wins games, defense wins championships is true, every team needs a player like Shoshone's Luis Tarango.

changing the course of more than one game by taking the ball away from opposing offenses. During Shoshone's 5-0 start to the 2004 season, Tarango is second on his team with 29.5 tackles and has snuffed five interceptions and two fumble recoveries.

"It was the difference in that game," Shoshone coach Mark Sant said. "The put us up by a ways and gave us a margin before we let Oakley back in the game."

"He's an intelligent kid and looking at him, you wouldn't think he's much of an athlete," Sant said. "But he's a hard hitter, our best tackler, and one of the bestest guys on our team."

"It's not a big talker. He's actually pretty quiet," Sant said. "But he leads by example. He's a three-year fanger, so he's seen both the bad and the good here."

"He's an intelligent kid and looking at him, you wouldn't think he's much of an athlete," Sant said. "But he's a hard hitter, our best tackler, and one of the bestest guys on our team."

Athlete of the week Luis Tarango photo and bio.

Volleyball

Abramowski, Goding. Can you dig it? Abramowski, a Senators senior sure could in Tuesday's 3-1 home win over Shoshone.

Boys soccer

Emilio Banuelos, Jerome. The Tigers' sophomore helped Jerome to a 5-1 victory over Minico last Thursday with a two-goal, one-assist performance.

Girls soccer

Keshia Lloyd, Minico. The Spartans' attacker drove in two goals in a five-minute span in the Spartans' 4-1 defeat of Declo Tuesday.

Cross country

Cory Kniep, Shoshone. The Spartans' linebacker drove in two goals in a five-minute span in the Spartans' 4-1 defeat of Declo Tuesday.

Parry's Power Guide Idaho Power Rankings

Idaho Power Rankings table with columns for Class 5A, 4A, 3A, 2A, 1A and various team names and rankings.

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BRIEFLY IN MONEY

Investigation of Fannie Mae begins

WASHINGTON — The Justice Department has begun a criminal investigation into mortgage giant Fannie Mae, which has been accused of earnings manipulation and ordered to re-audit its accounting, it was learned Thursday.

An accounting crisis emerged last week at the government-sponsored company, which finances and guarantees the most home mortgages in the country.

A federal agency that oversees Fannie Mae and its sibling company, Freddie Mac, cited sections accounting problems after eight months of investigating.

Also, the Securities and Exchange Commission is conducting a preliminary inquiry.

The Justice Department's investigation was confirmed by a person with knowledge of that probe first reported in Thursday's Wall Street Journal. The person spoke on condition of anonymity.

Department spokesman Bryan Sierra declined comment, as did Brian Faith, a spokesman for Washington-based Fannie Mae.

Regulators from the Office of Federal Housing Enterprise Oversight have provided their findings about Fannie Mae to the Justice Department and the SEC.

The agency cited in a report an instance in 1998 in which accounting for \$200 million in expenses was put off to a future reporting period so executives could receive full bonuses.

Dollar stores' fourth quarter income falls

RUPEE — North Carolina-based Family Dollar Stores Inc. a discount chain which opened its first Idaho store in Rupert last summer, on Thursday said its fourth-quarter net income fell 9.9 percent from the year earlier \$17.7 million to \$16.0 million.

Sales for the quarter, which ended Aug. 29, were up 9.6 percent to \$1.3 billion as the chain added stores. Net income per diluted share decreased to 26 cents from 28 cents.

Family Dollar's annual sales rose 11.2 percent to \$5.1 billion. Net income for the year was \$262.7 million, or 61 cent above net income of \$247.5 million for fiscal 2003.

Annual net income per diluted share increased to \$1.53 from \$1.43.

"The 61 percent increase in net income in fiscal 2004 was achieved in a difficult economic environment for the company's low to low-middle income customer base," said Howard E. Levine, chairman and chief executive. "While we did not achieve our targeted net income growth, we did continue to be successful in the business. In fiscal 2004, 500 new stores were opened."

Study: 60 percent of managers OK with pay

There have been ample reports in recent years of the huge gap between salaries of highly paid CEOs and the rest of its lower in the corporate hierarchy.

But there's evidence of a broader, less prominent gap: the pay disparities between managers and family workers. In a survey of how satisfied people are with their income, 60 percent of managers were OK with it, compared with only 44 percent of non-managers.

In the previous such survey, covering 1997 to 2000, the gap was 60 percent.

"While pay is just one component of employee satisfaction, there is a link between greater employees' satisfaction with their pay and overall satisfaction, as well as trust in management, and the feeling that management treats workers fairly," said Jeffrey Salzman, chief executive of Sierra Consulting, a Purchase, N.Y.-based firm that specializes in attitude research.

The survey, begun in 1972, tracks employee attitudes about pay, job security, and employment issues at 346 companies.

— compiled from staff and wire reports

Development group OKs budget

By Megan Hinds Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — As the efforts of the Southern Idaho Economic Development Organization increase, so must the organization's budget, SIEDO leaders said Thursday.

The regional economic development group, which is in its fourth fiscal year, approved a budget of just more than \$250,000 at its meeting Thursday.

The budget the group presents each year is created through dozens of contributions aimed at attracting new employers to southern Idaho, building support within the community for economic development and promoting the retention and expansion of existing employers.

SIEDO was started more than

three years ago with Jerome and Twin Falls investments from both businesses and public entities, but now smaller Magic Valley communities and Mini-Cassia's private sector kick in money too.

On Thursday, SIEDO's executive board members presented a proposed budget of \$250,200. That includes \$236,350 in new contributions, \$15,000 in-kind (non-cash) contributions from the College of Southern Idaho, and \$8,850 in unspent carry-over from previous fiscal years.

The \$250,200 in budgeted expenditures for 2004-05 is up by \$20,745, or 13.5 percent, from the 2003-04 budgeted expenses of \$230,535. The new budget is up by \$23,676, or 10.4 percent, from the \$226,864 in actual spending for 2003-04.

In calculating the budget, the board took the organization's

estimated costs for the next three years and divided by three. Therefore, the budget likely will remain the same for the next three years, said Jerry Beck, SIEDO chairman and executive vice president of the College of Southern Idaho.

SIEDO plans to spend more money within the next three years to bring more potential employers to southern Idaho to visit potential business sites, Beck said.

The new budget provides \$12,000 for business recruitment costs.

Those costs include airplane rental fees, dinners for business people and the like, said Jan Rogers, SIEDO's executive director. In previous years, recruitment costs were billed as part of Rogers' travel budget and therefore harder to track, she said.

"The biggest change is the number of site visits," Beck said. "In previous years, we planned for three or four per year. Now it's more like 10."

If the current level of activity slows, the business recruitment money will be diverted to advertising and marketing, Beck said.

Another expense increase in the new budget will go to salaries for Rogers and her full-time assistant, Anna Dovenmuehler. Under the new budget, Rogers will earn \$68,500, which is \$3,532 more than last year. Dovenmuehler will make \$21,600, which is \$4,933 more than last year.

Rogers had not had a salary increase since SIEDO's inception, Beck said. In Dovenmuehler's case, 20 to 25 percent of her salary previously had been funded through CSIs

Work Key program. Now SIEDO will pay 100 percent of her wages, Beck said.

To help pay for the budget increases, Beck said SIEDO has asked its contributors to increase their investments by 20 percent over the next three years, starting with this year's budget. The contributions had remained steady for the organization's first three years.

"The entities have been given several choices in how to pay the increased amount, he said, including paying the entire increased amount in one year or dividing the amount up among the three years.

In other SIEDO business:

• Again, SIEDO did not approve its budget by a 20-20 vote. At the organization's July meeting, it was 19-20. Please see SIEDO, Page D8

Company recalls arthritis drug



President of Merck Research Laboratories, Dr. Peter S. Kim, left, listens as Merck Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer Raymond V. Gilmarini, answers questions during a press conference announcing Merck's voluntary withdrawal of Vioxx (rofecoxib), its arthritis and acute pain medication. In a hastily called news conference Thursday in New York.

Study: Medication raises risk of heart attack

The Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — The makers of the blockbuster arthritis drug Vioxx, taken by millions for pain, and seen as a potential cancer prevention medicine, pulled it from the market Thursday after a study found it doubled the risk of heart attacks and strokes.

Medical experts advised patients to stop taking Vioxx and consult their doctors about alternatives. Merck & Co., the drug's maker, said about 2 million people worldwide use Vioxx, and a total of \$4 billion have taken it since it came on the market with great fanfare in 1999.

News of the drug's dangers came from a three-year study aimed at showing that Vioxx could prevent the recurrence of polyps, which can turn cancerous, in the colon and rectum. Merck stopped the study after discovering study participants had double the risk of a heart attack, compared to others taking dummy pills.

The company said the heart risks and other cardiovascular complications appeared 18

Local pharmacists field questions.

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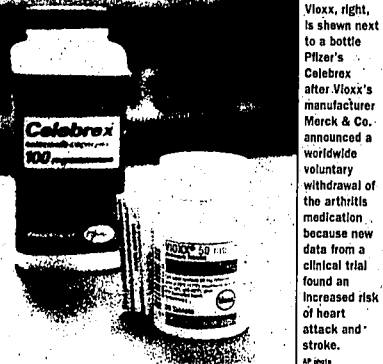
What's wrong with arthritis drug Vioxx?

• Why Vioxx is being pulled: The popular arthritis drug doubled the risk of heart attack and stroke compared to people taking a dummy pill, according to a study.

• What it means: People should stop taking it and ask their doctors for alternatives.

• Failure: Could boost sales of other similar prescription drugs and over the counter pain relievers.

• Big picture: A blow to high hopes that Vioxx, in addition to fighting arthritis pain, might also prevent certain cancers.



A bottle of Vioxx, right, is shown next to a bottle of Pfizer's Celebrex after Vioxx's manufacturer Merck & Co. announced a worldwide voluntary withdrawal of the arthritis medication, because new data from a clinical trial found an increased risk of heart attack and stroke.

"We're taking this action because we believe it best serves the interest of patients," Ray V. Gilmarini, Merck's chairman, president and chief executive, said in a statement.

The Food and Drug Administration said there were early signs of potential problems with Vioxx. A Merck study led to

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Federal watchdog worries about credit card promises

Knight Ridder News Service

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Many consumers have long believed that credit card come-ons are borderline deceptive.

Now, a federal banking watchdog is expressing similar concerns that credit card solicitations promise more than they deliver.

The office of the comptroller of the currency, which oversees national banks, issued an advisory letter in September alerting banks to concerns that some techniques may "entail unfair or deceptive acts" and "expose a bank to compliance and repu-

ration risks." The alert referred specifically to three credit card practices that have drawn consumer complaints:

• Soliciting for credit cards by advertising credit limits "up to" a maximum dollar amount, when that credit limit is seldom extended to a consumer.

• Using promotional rates in solicitations without clearly disclosing the significant restriction that may nullify the value of these rates.

• Increasing a cardholder's annual percentage rate or cost of credit without first informing

the consumer of the circumstances that might trigger such an increase.

The comptroller noted that some banks were using tactics that focused on consumers with limited or poor credit histories.

The banks hype the value of their cards by advertising credit limits usually higher than most of these applicants are likely to receive.

The applicants get a card but with a line of credit that "is likely to be so limited that the advertised possible uses are substantially illusory."

The comptroller also drew attention to card tricks some banks play with annual percentage rates.

The rates may seem promising until a consumer learns about stiff restrictions or big fees for such things as transferring balances.

The comptroller said some banks employed tactics that lured consumers into paying higher rates, such as when banks shorten the due dates for payments, making it more likely the consumer will miss a payment, resulting in the bank assessing penalties.

The comptroller said that any of these actions may be deceptive and violate federal rules.

Target bans donation

kettles for holidays

Knight Ridder News Service

CHARLESTON, W.Va. — Shoppers seeking to plunk their spare change into a red Salvation Army kettle this holiday season will have one less chain store to choose.

The Target Corp. is cracking down on its longstanding no solicitation policy, and has said the Salvation Army can no longer set up its kettles outside its stores. The chain includes a store in Twin Falls.

"We receive an increasing number of solicitation inquiries from nonprofit organizations each year and determined if we continue to allow the Salvation Army to solicit, then it opens the door to other groups," Target officials said in a statement.

"Target is traditionally one of our stores that does very well with kettles," said Capt. Lewis Heckline, who heads the Charleston, W.Va., Salvation Army.

He's hoping people will donate to kettles outside other stores and that other businesses will allow bull rings to stand outside their locations.

The Salvation Army uses much of the money it raises during its kettle campaign to buy holiday toys for children and food for families. Money remaining after those expenses help families pay winter utility bills in emergency situations, and stock the organization's food pantries.

Target says its decision, which it took in January, doesn't diminish its philanthropic commitment to the communities in which it does business. According to the company's written statement, it donates more than \$2 million per week and hundreds of thousands of volunteer hours each year to the communities.

Other stores also have a no solicitation policy but make exceptions for nonprofit organizations. Wal-Mart only allows its corporate sponsored charity, the Children's Miracle Network, to solicit inside its stores.

But other nonprofits can fill out paperwork with the local store manager to solicit outside. Wal-Mart — whose Magic Valley stores are in Jerome and Burley — allows these groups to solicit for a maximum of three days in a row for 14 days a year, said a company spokesman Dan Engleman.

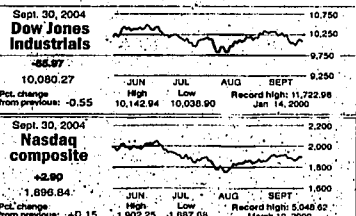
This policy allows the Salvation Army to set up kettles on the weekends between Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Retail research:

Market study gets inside the brains of local shoppers.

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Drug woes weigh on stocks

NEW YORK (AP) — Wall Street closed out a dismal third quarter with a mixed performance Thursday after Merck & Co. said it would be forced to remove its best-selling Vioxx arthritis drug from the market...

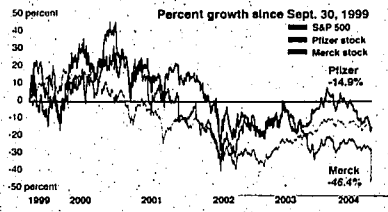
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warnings about heart risks being placed on the drug's label in 2001, and the FDA has been monitoring problems reported to its Center for Drug Evaluation and Research...

How to get a refund for Vioxx
Patients can get a refund on unused Vioxx by mailing back the remaining drug in the original container, along with a pharmacy receipt...

A tale of two drugs

Merck's recall of its arthritis drug Vioxx ends a closely contested competition with Pfizer's Celebrex.
Top drugs by U.S. sales in 2003 in billions of dollars: 1. Lipitor \$6.8, 2. Zocor 4.4, 3. Prevacid 4.0, 4. Procrit 3.3, 5. Xyprom 3.1, 6. Lipitor 3.1, 7. Zolmit 2.9, 8. Celebrex 2.6, 9. Plavix 2.6, 10. Neurontin 2.4.



Merck's announcement stands to benefit rival Pfizer Inc., the world's biggest drug maker. The two companies have been battling for market shares with Pfizer's Celebrex dominating the market with about \$5 billion in U.S. sales last year.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

Table listing stock prices for various companies including ACELV, ASD, and others, with columns for Name, Div, Last, and Chg.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary of market activity including NYSE, AMEX, and NASDAQ indices, with columns for Name, Last, and Chg.

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Table of closing futures prices for various commodities including oil, grain, and metals. Columns include contract name, price, and change.

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Lawmakers work on corporate tax overhaul

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congress is working brighter for passage of a major corporate tax bill that would replace an outdated export subsidy program with alternative tax breaks.

Both the House and Senate versions of the bill would pick-up a \$12 billion buyout to tobacco farmers to give up a federal price-support system, but the Senate version of the bill would give the FDA regulatory powers over tobacco, something House Republicans are firmly against.

House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, R-Texas, who is on the conference committee, called the FDA regulation proposal an effort to "ban tobacco in America."

Sen. Ben Rayburn, D-Miss., another member of the conference committee, said that if the FDA regulation is jettisoned, passage of the bill is more likely.

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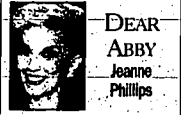
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Fire safety at home begins with alarms

DEAR ABBY: Smoke from a fire is sneaky, a silent killer. If a house fire breaks out while we are sleeping, we will not hear smoke as it creeps into our bedrooms, banking up the walls, curling across the ceiling. We will snuggle deeper into the blankets, unaware of the poisons enveloping us. It will grow and spread, becoming hotter and hotter, until it reaches our beds. Then our lungs will be filled with scorching poisonous gases, silently extinguishing our lives.

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DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

personal safety and the safety of loved-ones, we must hope for the best but prepare for the worst. A safe home is within our hands.

—MERRI-K APPY, PRESIDENT

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As "Step One" during Fire Safety Month, please make time this week to ensure you have enough smoke alarms. Replace batteries in existing alarms and test them once a month. For more information on smoke alarms, escape plans and home fire sprinkler systems, visit www.HomeSafetyCouncil.org.

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Give others room to roam, Leo; Virgo must wait

IF OCTOBER 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... you could have the opportunity for some fun this birthday, and may be enchanted with significant others who have exciting outlooks and whimsical ideas. That sense of adventure that others demonstrate can be contagious, and it is entirely possible that you follow where others lead this coming year — and end up changing your life. An important phase begins next March, and you will be able to put changes into motion that are only dreams right now. However, keep alert for opportunities the first two weeks of November when generous Jupiter passes your sector of the zodiac and could drop some special gifts in your lap.

ARIES (Mar 21-Apr. 19): You are anxious to make some changes, but partners or mates may resist your desires. You could then choose to act independently to avoid turmoil, hold off on important initiatives until tomorrow.

TAURUS (Apr. 20-May 20): Keep your money safely in the bank, and back away from romantic overtures. Starting something important today could prove trying to your emotional or financial health.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Don't give others any reason to doubt your loyalty or take teasing to extremes. Romance is likely to go badly if you give in to unhealthy cravings. Communications and deals will run more smoothly tomorrow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Nurturing and caring for someone close may be in the cards for this evening. Those in long-term relationships may find this an especially fine evening for affection, but singles should avoid being tempted by passionate glances.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Others are in the mood to exert their independence, so give them plenty of room to roam. This lust for wild times will soon be over. Be patient and understanding.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Big money could take center stage, but today is a poor time to make investments or take risks. Wait until tomorrow when you can get wise counsel and investigate things more thoroughly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Enticing invitations from the opposite-sex should be declined, as you could end up in a turbulent relationship. Wait to make major purchases or investments.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): What seems alluring could end up disappointing. Stressful crosscurrents and minor jealousies could spoil the harmony between you and a loved one. Be patient.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You are filled with excess

energy, and need plenty of exercise or sports. Your enthusiastic friendliness and exuberance may be misunderstood, however, so don't be overly aggressive with the wrong person.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Being ambitious and desirous of making big bucks could tempt you into risking an unsavory situation. Hold off on important decisions until tomorrow, when trouble is less likely to erupt.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): It is hard to hold you back when you get involved in a new passion, as you might leap first and look later. Don't risk your money or your heart, too.

PISCES (Feb. 19-Mar. 20): Passions could run hot and heavy in the career sector, and it will take a wise person to avoid being caught up in the turmoil. Be skeptical of financial opportunities, and resist being pushed into quick decisions. Sleep on it.

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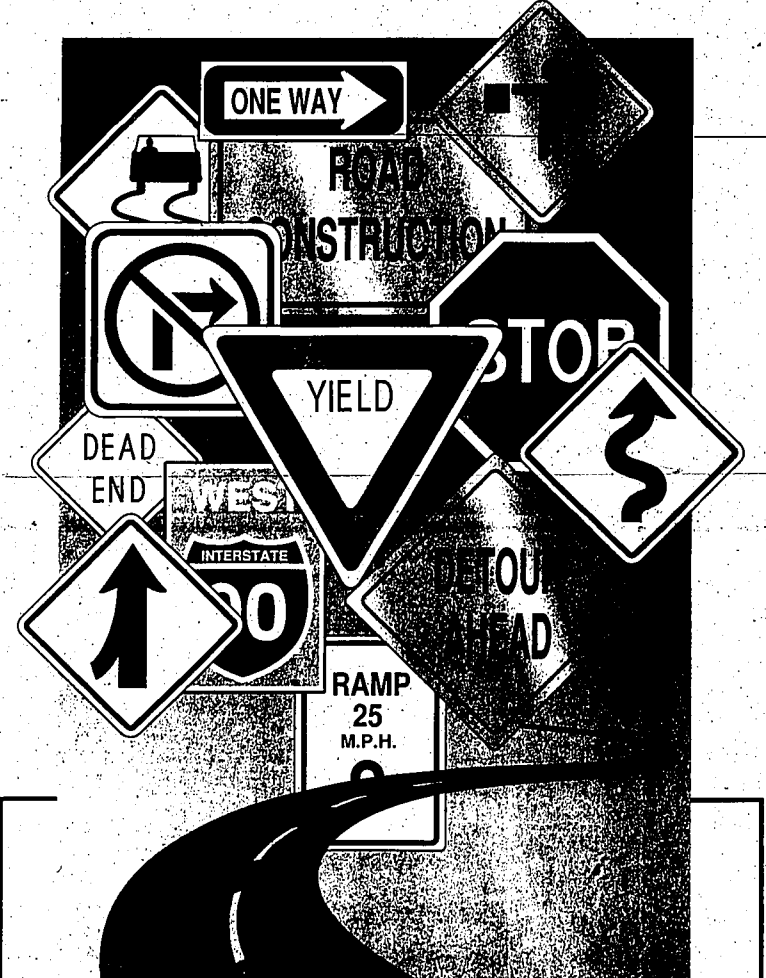
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