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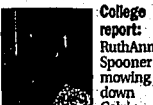
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Moussaoui pleads guilty

Self-avowed al-Qaida member says bin Laden chose him to fly plane into the White House

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Zacarias Moussaoui pleaded guilty Friday to taking part in a broad al-Qaida conspiracy that resulted in the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks, admitting that Osama bin Laden personally instructed him to fly an airplane into the White House.

In a hushed federal courtroom in Alexandria, Va., the French citizen launched into

the kind of heated monologue that has often marked his court appearances. He vehemently denied that he was planning to be one of the Sept. 11 hijackers and said his attack on the White House was to come later.

The balding, bearded Moussaoui, 36, dressed in a green Alexandria jail jumpsuit, blasted off his attorneys, calling one of them a "Judas," and said he expects "no leniency from the American" when his case

comes to the sentencing phase. As he was being led from the courtroom by a team of security officers, he shouted in a thick French accent, "Long! God curse America!"

The guilty plea, while marking the first conviction in a U.S. case stemming from the attacks on the World Trade Center and Pentagon that killed nearly 3,000 people, did little to bring the nation closer to understanding the worst terrorist



Zacarias Moussaoui

approved Moussaoui's planned attack on the White House. Yet Moussaoui's plea did much to resolve a case that has

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strike on American soil. A court document signed only that he had participated in a general al-Qaida plot to fly airplanes into U.S. buildings and that bin Laden

Idaho gets closer to reactor

Energy bill calls for \$1.3 billion for development

By Christopher Smith
Associated Press writer

BOISE — The energy-policy bill just approved by the U.S. House includes \$1.3 billion to develop a new generation of nuclear reactor at the Idaho National Laboratory, resurfacing a project that advocates say will define the future of nuclear power.

"With the passage of this bill, I believe we can step closer to landing a new research reactor at the INEL and bringing some long-term stability to our nation's energy prices and supplies," Rep. Mike Simpson, R-Idaho, a member of the House Appropriations subcommittee that holds the pursestrings for the Energy Department, said Friday.

The proposal faces an uncertain future in the Senate, and has come under fire from environmental groups.

Plans to construct an advanced nuclear reactor — one that would generate hydrogen as well as electricity — at the DOE site in eastern Idaho were part of a Senate energy bill that died in 2003. Many of the provisions that doomed that bill are in the version passed Thursday by the House on a 249-183 vote.

One, for example, shields pro-methanol ethanol-fuel additive methyl tertiary butyl ether (MTBE) from lawsuits related to contaminated drinking water.

"Now we need the political will to follow through," said Idaho Republican Rep. C.L. "Butch" Otter, a member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, who helped get the INEL language inserted into the bill.

Senate GOP leaders, including nuclear power advocate Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., say they want to get a final energy-policy bill through the Senate and ready for President Bush's signature by August.

If the INEL program survives a Senate vote, it would help cement the Idaho lab's position as the nation's leading nuclear research institution. Although former Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham declared INEL the government's proving ground for new generations of safer, cleaner and more efficient nuclear reactors in 2002, federal funding has not yet been provided to make that happen.

PROM TAKES FLIGHT



After taking in Friday's sunset from a helicopter, Jerome High School seniors Conrad Lee and Anasida Ingraham exit the aircraft and make their way to the school prom. Jerome High School is the first area high school to have its prom this year.

Special night starts early in the day for some students

By Kevin Kowalski
Times-News writer

JEROME — Themes for prom decorations suggest romance, but many high schoolers in the Magic Valley prefer to keep the big dance light and fun.

Woody Roberts, a senior at Jerome High School, planned to join a group of friends who were going boating Friday at Niagara Springs before the dance.

With 60-degree temperatures and wind, hanging out and trying their skills on the College of Southern Idaho's ropes course sounded like a better idea, he said.

"Everyone's plans are changing," Roberts said. He did the

Various upcoming proms

Burley	Today
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Oakley	Today
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Buhl	April 30
Twin Falls	April 30
Filer	May 7
Minico	May 7

ropes course before prom last year and said it was a good bonding experience.

Prom is an all-day event for a lot of Magic Valley students.

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Angela Barnes, left; Alana Martin and Kimberly Dunsbergen joke with their dates, not pictured, after taking their photo before prom.

NEW BREED OF AG STUDENT

Schools look to the city for recruits

The Baltimore Sun

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — As an agriculture student at the University of Maryland, Mike Sheer learned anatomy by looking at livestock. He studied business by figuring out how to make a goat farm profitable. He even proposed to his college sweetheart by surprising her with an engraved horseshoe.

"Let us have never driven a tractor or baled hay. And he trails not from a rural enclave in western Maryland but the well-groomed suburb of Columbia, where he played soccer and will return in May to begin a white-collar job at an environmental firm."

Two decades ago, Sheer, 22, might have stood out among the farm boys at the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources. Today, suburban honors students such as him are

Historically focused on the fundamentals of farming and



Jennifer O'Keefe, 22, and Mike Sheer, 22, stand in the doorway of the horse barn at the University of Maryland, College Park.

nicknamed "cows and plows," the University of Maryland program is quietly reinventing itself in an attempt to attract new undergraduates at a time when the rural land remains in the densely populated state.

"Nowadays, college recruiters make the friends of suburban parents. It's instead of a 4-H club. And in a program long dominated by men, three-quarters

of the students in some agriculture classes are women. The campus still boasts a barn and stable, but Comcast Arena stands on the site of a former cornfield. Students spend more time in lecture halls than granddaddy's deep in mud examining sheep. Majors include equine science, nutrition, landscape architecture and environ-

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Police conclude Wendy's incident was a hoax

The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Police investigating how a human finger ended up in a woman's bowl of Wendy's chili declared the claim a hoax Friday after she was arrested on charges of attempted grand larceny.

The arrest of Anna Ayala at her home outside Las Vegas was the latest twist in a case that has taken a bite out of Wendy's sales and forced the fast-food chain to check its employees for missing fingers.

She was accused of attempted grand larceny because of the financial losses Wendy's restaurants have suffered since Ayala made the claim. The loss to Wendy's in the Bay area is \$2.5 million, according to the felony complaint against her.

Ayala, 39, claimed she bit down on the well-manicured, 1.5-inch finger in a mouthful of her steaming chili on March 22 in San Jose. She had hired a lawyer and filed a claim against the Wendy's franchise owner, but dropped the lawsuit threat soon

after suspicion fell on her.

When asked whether police considered Ayala's claim a hoax, David Kenel, a spokesman for the San Jose police department's investigations bureau, said yes.

"Our evidence suggests the truest victims in this case are indeed the Wendy's owner, operators and employees here in San Jose," Police Chief Rob Davis said. At a news conference, police refused to say where the finger originated and exactly how the hoax was carried out.

According to a person knowledgeable about the case who spoke on condition of anonymity, the charge stemmed from Ayala's claim that she bit down on the well-manicured, 1.5-inch finger in a mouthful of her steaming chili on March 22 in San Jose. She had hired a lawyer and filed a claim against the Wendy's franchise owner, but dropped the lawsuit threat soon

TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Breezy with temperatures climbing upward. Highs near 70.
Tonight: Bright clouds and a chance of showers moving in late.
Tomorrow: Cloudy with rain showers developing. Highs upper 50s.

BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Warm, partly cloudy and breezy at times. Highs upper 50s.
Tonight: Increasingly cloudy with a slight chance of late night rain falling.
Tomorrow: Cooler and cloudy with rain showers developing. Highs upper 50s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY, SURROUNDING MTS. A nice milder with clouds easing around us.
BOISE Warm and dry weather will prevail through Monday with cooler conditions still expected.

NORTHERN UTAH Breezy, warm and mostly dry today. A renewed chance of rain will surface on Sunday with clouds and cooling temperatures.

Weather's Best Estimate: 72 in Lew. 20 at Burley.
Weather's Worst Estimate: 62 in Lew. 10 at Burley.

There are two primary choices in life: to accept conditions as they exist, or accept the responsibility for changing them.

Don't Wainer, Author and Speaker

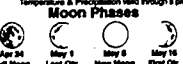
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moral policy. The curriculum is broad, ranging from traditional poultry management to never classes in toxicology and urban forestry.

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alternately fascinated and perplexed Americans since he became known as the man who destroyed the major book who sought flying lessons before Sept. 11 and did nothing while in custody to stop the attacks.

room outbursts.

"Moussaoui and his coconspirators were responsible for the deaths of thousands of innocent people on Sept. 11th, each one a son or daughter, father or mother, husband or wife," Attorney General Alberto Gonzales said.

U.S. grows more worried over possible N. Korea nuke test

The Washington Post

U.S. officials are increasingly concerned that North Korea may be preparing its first test of a nuclear weapon, though they warn that the information is sketchy and not definitive.

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Filibuster fight escalates in D.C.

Cheney vows end to blocked votes on judgeships

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — The partisan battle over President Bush's judicial nominations escalated Friday with Vice President Dick Cheney vowing to help end the Democrats' ability to block Senate votes on those judgeships. Meanwhile, some Republican and Jewish leaders called Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., to disassociate himself from a major conservative Christian event this weekend called "Justice Sunday," meant to rally support for Republican efforts to win Senate approval for the judges.

Speaking before the Republican National Lawyers Association, Cheney accused Senate Democrats of speaking tradition, saying no group of senators in U.S. history had used a filibuster, a parliamentary maneuver, to block a judicial nomination supported by a majority of the Senate. He promised to use his constitutional role as the Senate's presiding officer to keep the Democrats from preventing a full Senate vote on the judicial nominees. "I believe there is an important principle at stake," he said. "When senators filibuster a

nominee who has a clear majority support, they are in effect trying to establish a 60-vote requirement for confirmation. A filibuster in this case would allow the minority party to use extended debate to stall a nomination because it takes the votes of 60 of the 100 senators to end debate. There are currently 55 Republican senators. Frustrated that Democrats have blocked 10 of Bush's nominees from receiving an up-or-down vote by the Senate, Frist and other Republicans have threatened to change Senate rules so that it would require just a simple 51-vote majority to

end a filibuster. "A simple majority is what has been required for confirmation throughout our history," Cheney said. "A filibuster of judicial nominees is, as a practical matter, an attempt to limit a president's ability to appoint judges who have majority support in the United States Senate." Democrats have called this threatened GOP maneuver the "nuclear option" because they say it would destroy a Senate tradition of filibusters. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., the minority leader, blasted Bush as Cheney's comments, saying the president had broken a promise to stay out of the Senate fight.

Bush pushes 'clear skies' legislation on Earth Day

ALCOA, Tenn. (AP) — Heavy Smokies and high winds blocked President Bush's Earth Day plan to get his hands dirty fixing trails. He missed Great Smoky Mountains National Park but still delivered his plea for better stewardship of the environment. Bush plugged his "Clear Skies" air pollution plan, bogged down in Congress because of Democrats' insistence that it must address global warming. He also praised the popular but polluted national park's thriving program of more than 2,000 volunteers.



President Bush

"Had I been there, I would have reminded people today is a day when we recommit ourselves to being good stewards of our land," he said, flanked by members of Congress and his Cabinet. "We didn't create this Earth, but we have an obligation to protect and preserve it for our children and grandchildren." Bad weather in the Southeast led Bush to make his comments during a quick stop by Air Force One at McGhee Tyson Air National Guard Base. A threat of hail and thunderstorms kept him from helping with trail restoration in the Smokies' picturesque Cades Cove area. Rather than mope at the more than half-million acres of woodland that comprises one of the world's oldest mountain ranges, he competed with a steady electronic hum while speaking to a small group of dignitaries and reporters.

for environmental safeguards. "My point is, it's possible to have economic growth and jobs and opportunity and, at the same time, wise stewardship of the land," Bush said. The Smokies is one of the most polluted parks in the nation, due mainly to industrial soot and smog that collects in the mountains, creating visible haze, stunting plants and threatening the health of asthmatic visitors. Rewriting the Clean Air Act has been Bush's top environmental priority, and his plan would give power plants and factories and refineries more time to reduce their air pollution. It would cut nitrogen oxides, a big factor in smog; sulfur dioxide, blamed for acid rain; and mercury, a toxic chemical that contaminates water. Smokestack industries would trade pollution rights within government cap-and-trade, reducing the three pollutants by 70 percent by 2018.

He also met with families of two U.S. soldiers killed overseas. The president pressed his viewpoint that to manage air and water quality properly and protect the land, the economy must keep growing to help pay

Last month, a Senate committee rejected the bill. Opponents worry about carbon dioxide, the chief "greenhouse" gas scientists blame for global warming but one Bush opposes regulating. The president touted regulatory changes meant to accomplish much of what his bill would do, though he argues changes in law would do more faster than regulations contested in court.

Boston witnesses balk at testifying

Intimidation a growing problem in drug-plagued city



Patricia Jessamy, state's attorney for Baltimore City, discusses the city's chronic witness intimidation problem on Monday. Baltimore prosecutors say about 90 percent of the city's homicide cases involve some manner of witness intimidation.

BALTIMORE (AP) — Crime witnesses in this drug-plagued city are going into hiding — not only from the criminals, but from the police and the courts. Afraid that drug dealers will kill them if they take the stand, an alarming number of witnesses in Baltimore are dropping out of sight, forcing authorities to find them, haul them into court and fall them in some cases to get them to testify. Some witnesses lose their nerve after receiving threatening notes, phone calls, visits or dirty looks. Others get the message from seeing what has happened to other people who testified.

resources to guard anyone for more than 48 hours. The state legislature recently tried to address the problem by passing a law that allows out-of-court statements to be used in court if they are in writing, if they are given under oath and if in-court testimony is not available because of threats by the defendant. Meanwhile, Rep. Elijah Cummings, D-Md., is pushing legislation in Congress for \$90 million to set up a witness protection program to help state and local prosecutors across the country. Mostly because of the drug trade, Baltimore has seen a rise in homicides over the past two years after several years of declines. The number of killings went from 253 in 2002 to 271 in 2003 and 278 last year. As of Wednesday, a little more than a quarter of the way through the year, there had been 72 homicides. Baltimore has had some dramatic examples of witness intimidation and retaliation. In January, a community activist became a witness after she helped police fight drug dealers. She was not hurt. A federal grand jury indicted five men. In 2002, a Baltimore couple and their five children were killed by a drug dealer who set

their home on fire after the husband and wife repeatedly called police to report drug dealing. The dealer pleaded guilty in federal court.

Prosecutor Tony Garcia was trying a murder case when he walked outside the courtroom to bring in his next witness, a 19-year-old woman who had seen the defendant take a man into an alley with a gun to his head. The witness had vanished. When we finally found her, the family told us she wasn't there, and she was in the house hiding under a table," Garcia said. A judge called her for about five months. The defendant pleaded guilty after the prosecutor secured a video deposition from the woman.

In July, an 11-year-old girl and her mother took the stand against a man on trial on charges of killing the girl's father during an argument over a drug deal. Both testified to seeing Deandre Whitehead, 20, kill the father. Despite their testimony, Whitehead was acquitted on the murder charge. However, Whitehead was accused of conspiring with a colleague to kill the girl and her mother to prevent them from testifying. Whitehead got nearly six years in prison last week.

It's a sad state of affairs," said Baltimore State's Attorney Patricia Jessamy. Intimidation is a problem across the country, but Jessamy said it has become a "public safety crisis" in Baltimore, where murderous drug dealers have taken over neighborhoods in fear have carried out spectacular acts of retaliation, including killings, shootings, beatings and fire-bombings.

Prosecutors in Baltimore estimate that 35 percent to 50 percent of nonfatal shooting cases in the city cannot proceed because of reluctant witnesses and about 90 percent of all homicide cases involve some manner of witness intimidation. Criminals have been employing intimidation more often in the past three years than one might reason, according to Jessamy. "It works." The problem has drug dealers and police battling on television and street corners for the public's loyalty. Both criminals and police have bought DVDs to pass around bighted neighborhoods. The drug dealers' vice-grip vice president, Salatch, warns people they could "get a hole in their head" for cooperating with police. The police DVD, which runs about two minutes, is titled "Keep Talking."

Army clears top officers in abuse scandal

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Army has cleared four top officers — including the three-star general who commanded all U.S. forces in Iraq — of allegations of wrongdoing in connection with prisoner abuse at Abu Ghraib and will not be punished, officials said Friday. Gen. Ricardo Sanchez, who became the senior commander in Iraq in June 2003, two months after the fall of Baghdad, had been faulted in an investigation for leadership lapses that may have contributed to prisoner abuse. He is the highest ranking officer to face official allegations of prisoner mistreatment. He has not been accused of criminal violations. After assessing the allegations against Sanchez, and taking evidence from 37 people involved in Iraq, the Army's inspector general, Lt. Gen. Stanley H. Green, concluded that the allegations were unsubstantiated, said the officials who were familiar with the details of Green's probe. Green reached the same conclusion in the case of two other top officers who were cleared last week for Sanchez.

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YOUR WEEKEND



Van Zant's boys

- What: 36 Special will do two shows tonight in Jackpot.
- Where: Cactus Pete's Resort Casino.
- When: 8 and 10 p.m.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$25, \$30 and \$35, can be reserved by phoning (800) 821-1163.



Gotta have 'Art'

- What: The Mad Hat Theater Company will present Yasmine Rezay's comedy 'Art.'
- Where: The old Rogerson restaurant building, 157 Main Ave. E., Twin Falls.
- When: 7:30 p.m. today.
- How much: Tickets, which are \$15, are available at the door.

'Fired' up

- What: Celtic Fire, a duo featuring Stephanie Jeffs on Irish whistle, fiddle, concertina, Irish bagpipes and vocals and Jon Jacobson on guitar, bouzouki, bodhran and vocals will perform in Twin Falls.
- Where: Danken's Draught House, 102 Main Ave. N.
- When: 7:30 p.m. today.
- How much: There's no cover charge.

Looking up

- What: The Faulkner Planetarium will present "Greatest Wonders of the Universe," "Mystery of the Missing Seasons," "Hubble Vision" and "Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume 1."
- Where: Herrett Center for Arts and Science on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls.
- When: Today, "Greatest Wonders of the Universe" at 2 p.m., "Mystery of the Missing Seasons" at 4 p.m., "Hubble Vision" at 7 p.m. and "Led Zeppelin: Maximum Volume 1" at 8:15 p.m.
- How much: Tickets are \$4 for adults, \$3 for senior citizens, \$2 for students and \$9 for families. Children under 4 are not admitted.

WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Karie Daniel Hutsell
 Age: 28
 Description: 5 feet 10 inches tall, 150 pounds, brown hair, brown eyes.
 Wanted for: Probation violations.
 Original charge: Two counts of aiding and abetting burglary; one count of felony possession of a stolen vehicle.
 The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Department asks anyone with information about Hutsell's whereabouts to call 735-4241 or Crime Stoppers at 732-5387, where you can remain anonymous and might be eligible for a cash reward.

EPA fines cities of Burley, Buhl

The cities get slapped for violation of wastewater treatment regulations

By Michelle Dunlop
 Times-News writer

BOISE — The cities of Buhl, Burley and Emmet agreed to pay fines to the Environmental Protection Agency for municipal wastewater treatment plant violations, according to a statement released by the agency on Friday.

"Small communities have a responsibility to manage their wastewater treatment systems so that rivers and streams are

protected from pollution," said Jim Wernitz, director of the EPA's Idaho operations office, in the release.

The EPA has focused its attention on watersheds where facilities discharge wastewater into rivers and streams already receiving the limit of certain pollutants. All three cities received several warnings, both written and verbal, during the past several years.

"This is especially important when the plants discharge into

rivers that are already degraded by pollution caused by upstream users," Wernitz said.

The agency levied these violations under the Clean Water Act. Violations at the plants routinely exceeded limits for total suspended solids, fecal coliform bacteria, chlorine, biological oxygen demand, total suspended solids, ammonia and pH. High levels of these pollutants can harm or kill aquatic life, and make people ill if polluted water is ingested.

Emmet city officials consented to pay a fine of \$62,000 for their wastewater facility, which discharges into Payette River. Burley broke ground on a

wastewater treatment facility in February. However, that didn't get the city off the hook for \$45,000 in fines for its existing plant.

The city of Buhl agreed to a fine of \$30,000. However, Buhl Mayor Barbara Getzen said the penalty could have been much higher.

Over the past seven years, the city has wracked up 700 violations, she said. If the treatment plant is not in compliance for even one day, Getzen said, the city can receive up to 30 separate violations or fines of up to \$27,500 per day.

Getzen and other city officials are moving forward on plans to

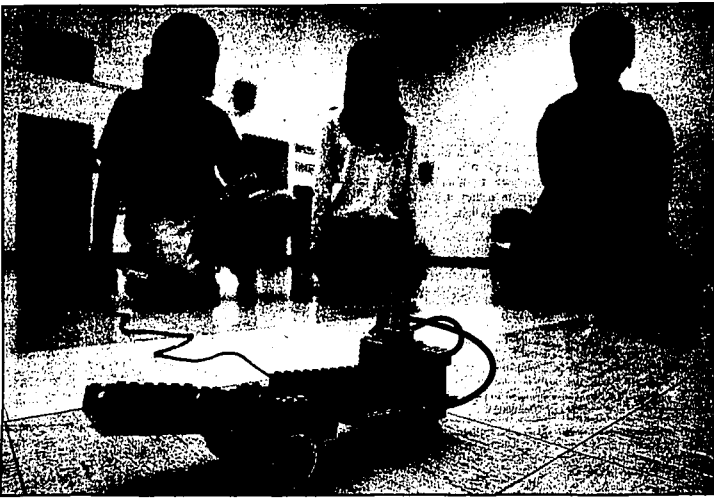
update the city's existing treatment plant, which discharges into Mud Creek, a tributary of the Snake River.

"We're in the middle of our wastewater treatment plant study," Getzen said.

In the coming months, Buhl residents will have the opportunity to learn about why the city needs to update its facility. Getzen said the city will issue a bond by year's end for the treatment plant. If the bond fails, the city could ask a judge to approve a loan for the renovations.

"We would rather have the people say that it's OK," Getzen said. "At this time, we don't know what the costs are going to be."

LEGO MY ROVER



Sawtooth Elementary School sixth-graders Peter Ebner, left, Ian Roemer, center, and Matthew Keeth are part of a team that built a Lego version of the Mars rovers for the Idaho TECH Mars Rover Challenge today in Boise. The school has two teams participating in the competition.

Sawtooth students build Mars rovers out of Legos

By Jill Michaels
 Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Last year the Mars rovers Spirit and Opportunity made headlines rolling across the Red Planet. This year Rovenlicious and Chains are the hot wheels — er, Legos — spinning around town.

Two teams of fifth- and sixth-graders from Sawtooth Elementary School have constructed two planetary buggies from little colorful blocks for the Idaho TECH Mars Rover Challenge.

The contest, part of the Teaching Engineering to Children program, is sponsored by the NASA Idaho Space Grant Consortium. The organization promotes student interest in higher education and engineering in order to develop a work force for NASA.

Chains and Rovenlicious will travel with their student engineers Saturday to Lowell Middle School in Boise.

Rover teams from schools in the Treasure Valley area will be competing there at the Boise regional level of the statewide contest.

Leah Andrews of the Idaho Space Grant Consortium said more than 1,000 students will participate in the competition this year. Of that number, more than 200 will appear in Boise today.

The consortium provides the students with rover workbooks and kits at the beginning of the school year.

The workbook gives basic suggestions on designing and constructing a rover and addresses of the challenges involved. Thereafter, each team of students is free to conceptualize and assemble its own vehicle by drawing from the kit's Legos,

motor, wire, wheels, axles and robotic arm.

"The students have to use their own ingenuity and creativity to design something," Andrews said.

"They have to make trade-offs" during design — and construction, balancing rover size and speed with maneuverability.

The Chains engineering team consists of Johnny Rebollozo, Clayton Wells, Shayla Shaner and Phaug Wong-mankithan. All are fifth-graders.

Rovenlicious is the brainchild of Peter Ebner, Chris Butler, Matthew Keeth and Ian Roemer. Butler is in fifth grade; the others in sixth.

Peter said his team began the design process in early January. Construction followed.

"We've had a lot of mess-ups," he said. Rovenlicious even broke

down, Matthew said. The team had to think up a different method in order to repair it.

He joked in passing that their vehicle nearly got named Apollo-Gow.

The rovers will be put through different courses at the competition today. Each rover will be expected to climb a hill, pick up rocks and see how fast it can go around a course.

"We don't really know exactly what to expect," Peter confessed.

"The rover's had its ups and downs. That's what you get for working with Legos."

The top three teams in the Boise, Idaho Falls and Moscow divisions will advance to the finals at the University of Idaho on April 29.

The rovers placing first, second and third in the state will be displayed in the Space Journey exhibit at the Museum of Idaho in Idaho Falls.

Councilman's trial moved to June 2

BURLEY — City Councilman David Ringle now faces a June 2 jury trial in connection with driving under the influence incident and reckless driving charges.

A pretrial conference has been set for May 27. The case stems from a February incident in which Ringle ran over a stop sign, hit a fence and into his garage door, according to a Cassia County Sheriff's Department report. Deputies found him asleep in his vehicle, which was still running, the report said.

Ringle told officers he had taken muscle relaxers and cold medicine, the report said.

The Burley councilman originally was scheduled for a court trial on May 9, but he has now asked for a jury trial, which was set for June 2.

Ringle might request that a sample of his blood taken the night of the incident be tested by an independent lab, according to court documents. Because of that request, the

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original May 9 trial date was postponed. Court records also indicate Ringle might seek to obtain an expert witness depending on the result of the state lab's blood test.

Suspect smuggles meth inside county jail

TWIN FALLS — An inmate in the Twin Falls County Jail has been charged with possession of a controlled substance (methamphetamine) inside the jail.

Todd Daniel Dechun, 23, in custody on unrelated charges, is accused of sharing 17/16 ounces of methamphetamine with three other inmates on April 12.

According to court documents, the other inmates said Dechun told them he had the meth dropped off for him. After recovering the bag, he

slipped it into the lining of his coat and smuggled it into the bunkroom.

Buhl has been set at \$25,000.

Richfield school board holds planning forum

RICHFIELD — The Richfield School Board will hold a special meeting tonight to take public input on long-range planning.

District Clerk and Business Manager Charlene Fenelon said the district is working on a five-year plan to give its input to the county's overall plan.

She said the school's big issues are likely to be growth and budgeting. Those who attend the meeting will be allowed to help prioritize the most important issues.

Buhl considers closing high school campus

Voters will decide issue on May 17

By Blah Koch
 Times-News correspondent

BUHL — Students at Buhl High School may be looking forward to returning in the fall to a new, state-of-the-art facility.

However, a proposal to close campus may temper their anticipation.

High school students are now free to leave campus during lunch, paralyze downtown businesses and even head home to see parents.

But the Buhl School Board is placing a question before voters on May 17 about whether the new high school should be a closed campus.

The same ballot as the school board elections.

With the realm of emotions sure to surround the issue, board members decided on Tuesday to send the decision to voters rather than make it themselves.

The idea of closing campus has been thrown around by the board for some time.

With the new high school planned, a full-fledged cafeteria, the school for the first time has an opportunity to feed all of its students.

If the campus were to close, many changes would have to be made, including the firing of additional employees for the lunch program.

However, if the school goes to a closed campus, it may not be a complete lockdown of students, said Principal Gary Moon.

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Water use frustrates Wendell residents

By Heather Pilkinton Times-News correspondent
WENDELL — Several Wendell residents used a special City Council meeting to vent their frustrations over water management practices.

ther up the line," he said.
Davis explained that if the water user wasn't home or chose not to water that day, the water would come down the line sooner.

repeat violators.
Davis also said that the residents were responsible for managing their water.

plained to residents that they were allowed one and one half hours of water for each 50-by-125-foot city lot.

CSI Symphonic Band will present concert

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho Symphonic Band will present a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday at the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium.

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"The Place Where the Reeds Were Destroyed," a five-movement work by Quincy Hilliard, and "Symphonic Concert March" by Beethoven.

Judge says jurors can be quizzed about bias

MOSCOW (AP) — A 2nd District Court judge has ruled that members of a grand jury may be questioned about any racial bias they may have had toward defendants in a perjury case connected to a murder investigation.

charged with first-degree murder and conspiracy, accused of shooting McMillan.
The 23-year-old Thomas Higgins of Kent, Wash., is charged with being a principal to murder and with conspiracy.

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Commission accepts Idaho Power growth plan

The Times-News
BOISE — The state utilities commission accepted an Idaho Power plan to meet increased electrical demand over the next decade.

far, we find that Idaho Power could and should do more to improve conservation."
Every two years, all regulated electric and gas utilities are charged with submitting an integrated resource plan that generally sets forth how the utility intends to serve the requirements of customers over the next 10 years.

"We are pleased to see that the company's preferred portfolio includes large acquisitions of renewable resources, namely wind and geothermal resources," the commission said.
However, commissioners noted that Idaho Power continues to rely too heavily on gas-fired generation to meet summer peak demand.

forced a greater dependency on other sources.
The commission also urged Idaho Power to study the possibility of increasing supply and produce revenue through enhanced transmission capability.

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Officials say crash may not ground air tankers

SACRAMENTO, Calif. (AP) — National forest officials were optimistic Friday that early Friday the fatal crash of an air tanker in Northern California would not ground the federal firefighting air fleet this summer, a spokesman said.

Interior terminated contracts for 33 large air tankers, citing concerns with public safety.
The plane, a P-3 Orion built by the Navy in 1966 and flown by an experienced crew, was one of 10 air tankers approved for federal firefighting contracts Monday.

er fleet of helicopters, which can be more effective, Mathes said.
Helicopters can accurately drop water or fire retardant directly on targets, they don't have to land to refill and their focused drop can penetrate deeper into forests with greater force.

some that can carry 3,000 gallons of water and fire retardant — the same payload as the largest tankers.
"Whatever's lost in all this is that air tankers don't put fires out," Mathes said.

Campus

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"We have several examples of policies to look through and we are developing one that will work best for our students," he said.

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Advertisement for Century Cinema 5 & Burley Theatre. Lists showtimes and titles for 'The Interpreter', 'SAHARA', 'LOT LIKE LOVE', and 'MAN OF THE HOUSE'.

EDITORIAL

Nevada says no thanks to bordello 'party' taxes

CHEERS: To the Nevada Legislature for giving the cold shoulder to the idea of a "brothel tax."

Lawmakers in the nation's fastest-growing state did everyone a big favor by rejecting taxes on legal prostitution this month. One bill in the Nevada Assembly would have put a 10-percent tax on food and drink served in the state's 28 bordellos, as well as a \$2 tax per "party."

(Insert your own joke here.)

And wouldn't you know it? The brothel industry was more than willing to pay the tax. In fact, the industry asked for it, with hopes that legalized prostitution would gain credibility among legislators as an untapped revenue stream.

"Look, if we contribute and do nice things for the state, maybe the state will like us better," said brothel lobbyist George Flint, who takes the notion of "you scratch my back, and I'll scratch yours" to a whole new level.

We know that Nevada tax solutions are really none of Idaho's bees-wax. But we're glad our southern neighbors aren't giving any more legislation — at least fiscally — to one of the oldest trades in the book.

JEERS: To a bond agent suing Twin Falls County for the right to conduct business in the county jail.

Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey refused to grant permission to Shanti Jones, the owner of Shanti's Ball Bonds of Burley, since Jones is accused of unlawfully entering a Heyburn home last winter.

Jones pleaded innocent to the charge in Minidoka County Court. The charge alleges that Jones and another employee walked into a home and searched for an individual, but it was the wrong address.

Tousey's policy is to not allow people charged with a crime to work in the jail. The sheriff will allow someone else from Jones' company to do its business. Should the charges be settled, Jones can be reinstated. But as long as the charges are valid, it's a no-go in the hoosegow.

Give points to Tousey for sticking to his guns on a wise policy, while still giving Jones a fair opportunity for her business to continue working in the jail.

CHEERS: To the Jerome High School advanced speech team, for winning a seventh consecutive state title.

The fine art of retold stories, dramatic interpretation, impromptu speech, after-dinner speech, and other speech wasn't mastered by the big schools in Boise, Pocatello or Coeur d'Alene, this month, but by the wizards of words at Jerome High. The Tigers had 27 students

qualify for 39 entries at the advanced speech tournament at the state tournament in Pocatello, and in the end, instructor Scott Burton's squad had enough to win a seventh crown, topping Eagle High in the final tally.

Congrats to Burton and his students who continue their impressive run among all larger Idaho schools.

JEERS: To the University of Idaho's newly approved contract for David Chichester, the interim vice president of financial affairs.

The State Board of Education approved Chichester's contract this week, which includes \$20,000 a month in pay with another \$5,000 monthly going to the head-hunting firm that found him.

Chichester is a former Starbucks Corp. executive hired to find efficiencies in UI of its sagging budget. The contract is expected to last until the position is filled. By comparison, Jay Kenton, the last vice president of financial affairs at UI, earned \$155,000 a year.

Kenton left the Moscow after only a few months on the job to become vice chancellor of the Oregon University System. In addition to his salary, UI university plunked down a chunk of change to relocate him in 2004.

The new move for Chichester is probably an improvement, though. On top of his monthly salary, Chichester will also be paid to for three flights monthly to his home in Western Washington, and he'll have a rental car and housing at the university.

And by the way UI students, the State Board also raised your fees a 2.5 percent for next fall, to \$3,968 a year. Which just proves the Starbucks coffee craze on campus is more costly than you think.

CHEERS: To the spring-time departure of Twin Falls downtown.

Attention all downtown shoppers, it's now safe to eat a bowl of soup at your favorite, sidewalk cafe, and make a deposit at the bank without being dropped upon.

The menacing crows of Twin Falls fame have taken flight to the country for seedlings, insects and other spring rituals — mating of course, being at the top of the list.

Which serves as a reminder that come fall, it won't just be adult birds coming back to most downtown, but the baby birds as well.

"We haven't got a plan yet, and we want to get the word out that we will have one," said Kana Williams, executive director for the downtown business district.

The crows must be frightened already.



Let cooler heads prevail on Senate's filibuster vote

One remarkable feature of the pending Senate showdown over the Democrats' use of threatened filibusters to block the confirmation of some of President Bush's judicial appointments is the virtual invisibility of those at the center of the controversy.

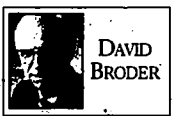
According to the Administrative Office of the U.S. Courts, there are 163 sitting active appeals court judges, and 16 vacancies. Those judges have to be among the least known of all significant federal officials.

It is doubtful that one American in 100 can name a single such judge. They are scattered through 13 circuits and they sit, not individually, but in panels of three or more, rendering collective judgments on cases appealed from the district courts.

President Bush has had 35 circuit judges confirmed but the Democrats' use of the filibuster threat to block 10 others has brought the White House and the Republican Senate leadership to consider seriously changing the rules and ending unlimited debate on judicial nominees. That would reduce the number required for approval from 60 votes to 51.

How, one must ask, could figures so anonymous become the leverage points for such a historic and radical institutional change? The whole concept of the Senate — as distinguished from the House — was a place where minority interests and views would be heard against those of the prevailing majority. One would think it would take a monumentally important issue — something larger than the identity of 10 among 179 largely anonymous officials — to occasion such a revolutionary change.

One theory is that the fight over the 10 blocked circuit judges is a sham battle, just an excuse the Republicans are using so they can later confirm a Bush Supreme Court nominee by that simple majority. I am not that cynical, and hav-



DAVID BRODER

Fighting over judges has become a highly profitable cottage industry in Washington. It goes back at least to President Reagan's failed appointment of Judge Robert Bork to the Supreme Court — opposed by a huge liberal coalition and supported ardently by conservatives.

Interviewed antagonists on both sides of the circuit fights, I think their anger and frustration are real. Two other factors are more plausible. It is a historical fact that the circuit courts have produced many Supreme Court justices, and all six of the appointments in the past 20 years have come by that route. So if one of the nominees is seen as a potential justice, you could understand the fervor to advance or block him or her.

But the more important reason, I suspect, is that the interest groups that have mobilized over the judiciary find it very useful to broaden the battleground beyond the Supreme Court.

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Almost every subsequent Supreme Court vacancy has seen an increase in interest group lobbying — first of the White House and then of the Senate.

But Supreme Court vacancies are sporadic none has occurred since 1994. To maintain their supporters' interest — and the flow of contributions that finance their staffs — the interest groups need more fights. And that is what the regular turnover in the ranks of the circuit courts provides. It matters not to these groups how much or how little the broad public knows of the records and personalities of these appointees. As long as activists can be convinced they are threats to the system — or martyrs — that will suffice.

But it is remarkable that the United States Senate is considering reducing itself to a smaller version of the House of Representatives by curtailing its long tradition of unlimited debate, merely to satisfy the imperatives of rival interest groups.

And it is not too late for cool reason to prevent this from happening.

My column of April 7 quoted authors Dean Baker and David Rosnick as saying that the Congressional Budget Office calculated that an increase of 0.7 percentage points in Social Security taxes would make the system solvent for the next 75 years. That estimate, they now acknowledge, was, in fact, one Baker and Rosnick developed themselves, using CBO estimates for 50 and 100 years. CBO says the correct figure for 75 years is 1.04 percent.

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LETTER

Jerome school bond plan needs some trimming

In the Saturday, April 16, edition of *The Times-News* was an article headlined "Group plans to mobilize voters."

This group plans to mobilize the "yes" voters on a \$25.9 million school bond this fall, which would increase our taxes between \$231 and \$276 for every \$100,000 of value on real property. I would oppose this proposed school bond at the present time for the following reasons:

- The timing of this idea is poor, considering we don't know the impact of this drought that we are facing.
- The pinch of high gas prices with the probability of uncontrolled prices in the future leads to uncertainty.
- Increasing bankruptcies at an all-time high has motivated the government to recently pass legislation restricting bankruptcies.
- Jerome County is already one of the most heavily taxed counties in Idaho.

Jim Cobble, the district superintendent, was quoted as saying, "The benefits of Jerome voters is pathetic." I say, Jim, this is not a contest between you and us. Certainly, we know school improvements are needed.

Come on, you people, broaden your thinking to something more palatable to the citizens. GLEN CAPPS Jerome

Hard times are coming for our Uncle Sam

My "Uncle Sam"; I'm devoted to you.

He has provided the right program for the average American. Yes, Social Security, but they are trying to take it away from us.

Yes, an umbrella of security that has provided a feeling of safety and comfort for 50 years. Yes, that was my uncle, President John F. Kennedy, of Wall Street and the rich.

Now Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac are the safety umbrella that my Uncle provided to give me a home and a way to keep it secure.

Now Congress is trying to privatize them for the benefit of Wall Street, giving capitalism to the benefit of Wall Street and the rich.

Now they want bankruptcy to be the final humiliation for the United States of America for the benefit of the financial world.

I admit there are many of us who cannot compete; we cannot compete against the labor rates, and my poor billion has lost more than \$200 billion in trade with them. We gave away our manufacturing and production edge that we have enjoyed since the beginning of the Industrial Revolution.

This situation exists because someone said the North American Free Trade Agreement would be good for Uncle Sam. The same people have alienated Uncle Sam throughout the world until we have generated a series of booms and busts. "Why Does the World Hate my Uncle?"

I know not what course others may take, but for me, Uncle Sam, give my children and my wife a pension or give me death. (Sorry, Patrick, I couldn't think of anything else to say.)

While he says the meek shall inherit the earth, I say it's time to get started. JOSEPH ANDREASEN Shoshone

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Information on windmills would be helpful

My name is Nathan Garner. I am writing this letter for my communications merit badge because I am a member of the Boy Scouts of America.

I am trying to learn more about the windmills that are going to be put up on the Cot-

terrell Mountain. I understand that this is a very big local issue because some of the local residents don't like the idea of this project.

I live in Rafi River where we have prevailing west winds. Our community would love to see the wind turned into power, rather than viewing it as a negative

part of nature.

Just so you know where I stand, I am very supportive of the issue of alternative power, specifically wind generation. Please contact me with information or your editorial opinions.

Thank you,
MATTHEW M. GARNER
Dillon

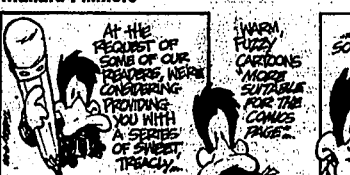
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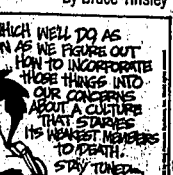
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I AM A LEMMING, A BRIDGELESS CLIFF DWER.
AH! THEN SURELY YOU MUST SUBSCRIBE TO REINCARNATION!
NOT ANIMATE.
WHY NOT?
THE RENEWAL FEES WERE KILLING ME.

Baby Blues By Rick Kirkman and Jerry Scott

WHAT ARE YOU BASHING, ZOE?
PROFESSIONAL BULL BOMB.
NOW, THOSE ARE SOME PRATTY ORNATE SOUNDS (LETTERS)!
I KNOW.
I FEEL SORRY FOR THAT BULL.

Baldo By Hector D. Cantu and Carlos Castellanos

NEW FOR SPRING! THE LATEST TEEN TRENDS!

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

I'M TALKING UP MY LIFE'S TRIUMPHS AND MY DEFEATS.
FIRST COME THE TRIUMPHS.
WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO START?
I STARTED AN HOUR AGO!

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

IF YOU'RE THINKING OF MAKING YOURSELF A NICE FRIED EGG SANDWICH WITH SOME CHEDDAR, BACON AND MAYO, TO LOVE ONE TOO.
IS A MATTER OF FACT THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'M THINKING.
OH GOODIES!
IT'S SCARY HOW SHE CAN READ MY MIND LIKE THAT.

The Born Loser By Art Sansoni & Chip

YOU KNOW, BRUTUS, YOU LOOK A LITTLE BIT LIKE VIN DIESEL!
GEE, MOTHER GARGLE, DO YOU REALLY THINK SO?
YES... HOWEVER, YOU LOOK A WHOLE LOT LIKE ALFRED HITCHCOCK!

Dilbert By Scott Adams

WHILE YOU'RE HERE, BE A DEAR AND RUN SOME CAT-S TO MY WALK-IN CLOSET SO I CAN LATCH MY SHOES WHEN I'M IN THERE.
I'VE NOTICED THAT YOU ONLY INVITE ME OVER WHEN YOU NEED A CABLE PULLED.
I DON'T WANT TO PUT A BUG IN YOUR SALAD, BUT I WILL.
I'M GLAD WE HAD THIS TALK.

The Elderberries By Phil Frank and Joe Trieste

Attention, Elderparkers!! We're going today on our next exciting field trip...
All in favor of going to Wozni World next Sunday.
SPLAT!
Any opposed? No? Good! Next!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

GOOD NIGHT VEGETY!! WHEN I STARTED OUT I NIGHT SOON BE YOU ON MONDAY!
NOW... IT'S A MATTER OF TIME THAT I'M CONSIDERING RETURNING FROM.
WHAT CAN I DO THAT WILL MAKE ME UP IN THE MORNING AND BE ABOUT GOING TO MONDAY?
HELLO GOODBYE!

Garfield By Jim Davis

CUPCAKES
MADE YOU SMILE

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

HOW DO YOU AND HAGAR MEET?
HAGAR STORMED MY FATHER'S CASTLE... AND CARRIED ME OFF!
AND IT'S BEEN STORMY AROUND HERE EVER SINCE!

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

DAD, CAN I USE THE LEAF BLOWER?
SURE ARE YOU GOING TO HELP ME?
I'M GOING TO CLEAN MY ROOM.

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

YOU KNOW WHY YOU'LL NEVER BE A GREAT ARTIST? BECAUSE YOU DON'T TAKE SUGGESTIONS!
A GOOD ARTIST IS ALWAYS WILLING TO TAKE SUGGESTIONS.
I PROBABLY WOULD HAVE SUGGESTED COBALT BLUE.

Pearls Before Swine By Stephan Pastis

Dear Tiger Woods, Ever since that hot Swedish model invaded your life and got you to marry her, you have not been winning as many golf tournaments. This raises an obvious question...
Could all this be the work of Phil Mickelson?
P.S. Please tell Phil he can destroy my golf game any time he wants.

Pickles By Brian Crane

HAVE YOU NOTICED WALKING DOWN THE STREET THAT HALF THE PEOPLE ARE TALKING ON CELL PHONES THESE DAYS?
YEAH.
EARL AND I FIGURED WE MIGHT AS WELL JOIN THE CROWD SO WE BOUGHT US A CELL PHONE.
ARE YOU ENJOYING IT?
NOT REALLY. WE CAN'T EVER THINK OF ANYONE WE NEED TO TALK TO WHILE WE'RE WALKING DOWN THE STREET.

Zits By Jim Borgman and Jerry Scott

EW!!!
PEOPLE WITH BIGGER HEADS SHOULD WALKING AROUND AFTER A GALAD.

Donna the Menace By Hank Ketchum

I NEED ANOTHER PIECE OF CAKE, MOM. SOMEBODY MUST BE SITTING ON MINE.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bill Keane

"Instead of cleaning our rooms, couldn't we have a decorator give them a makeover?"

Non Sequitur By Wiley
Strange Brew By John Deering

WAKE UP LARRY. THE MEAL TICKET IS HOME.
SEND IN THE CLOWNS.
POLICE LINE
FELINE DEVOTION

BRIEFLY IN MONEY

OSHA teams up for safety training

TWIN FALLS — The U.S. Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration is co-sponsoring two local sessions on "Safety and Health Training in the Residential Construction Industry" with the Idaho Associated General Contractors and Idaho Building Contractors Association.

The training will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in: — Thursday, Community Campus, 1050 Fox Acres Road, Room 301.

• Twin Falls — May 10, College of Southern Idaho, 315 Falls Ave., Desert Building, Room 102.

OSHA's area office in Boise initiated the training, aimed at reducing job hazards in residential construction. Company owners, managers, supervisors and foremen will learn about OSHA standards for residential construction, criteria for fall protection systems and equipment, and how to prepare for safety inspections.

Cost for each training session is \$10 for AGC and IBAC members and \$15 for others. To register or for information, contact Lisa Liveness, Idaho AGC safety program manager, at 344-2531 or liveness@idahogac.org.

Costco says earnings won't meet goals

TWIN FALLS — Washington-based wholesale club operator Costco Wholesale Corp., which has a Twin Falls store, said Friday it expects third-quarter and full-year earnings will be below Wall Street expectations, citing lower gross margins than expected due to gasoline sales.

Costco now expects earnings per share for the third quarter in the range of 41 cents to 43 cents for the fourth quarter of 53 cents to 57 cents and for the year of \$1.98 to \$2.04, excluding two one-time items that had a net positive effect of 8 cents per share in the second quarter.

The company will report actual results for the third quarter May 26.

MCI will consider a bid from Qwest today

DENVER — MCI Inc. faces a deadline today to decide whether to accept a freshly sweetened \$9.75 billion takeover bid from Qwest Communications International Inc. or stick with Verizon Communications Inc.'s \$7.5 billion deal to acquire the long-distance phone company.

MCI shareholders agreed to help finance the latest Qwest bid, a move that intensified pressure on MCI's board of directors to sweeten its offer.

But MCI declined to say Friday whether its board would act by 5 p.m. EDT today, the time at which Qwest says its offer expires.

The new offer submitted Thursday by Qwest marked the third time the Denver-based local phone company which provides service to much of Magic Valley — has raised its bid for MCI.

Outback's chief financial officer quits

TAMPA, Fla. — Scratch another name from the organizational chart at Outback Steakhouse.

Boj Merritt, who joined the Tampa company as chief financial officer in 1990, announced his retirement during a conference call with restaurant industry analysts.

He blamed the decision on frustration with corporate regulators, accounting rules that border on "humay" and a "growing bubble" perception that all business people are disenchanted with the economy.

A Northwest franchisee of Outback operates a Twin Falls store.

Ag industry leaders discuss agro-terrorism

By Megan Hinds
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — What could happen to Idaho's agriculture industry if an agro-terrorism attack occurred here?

Those possibilities were on the table at an all-day meeting of government officials and industry leaders Friday.

The group met to practice the ways federal, state, county and city governments and industry

people such as cattle owners and veterinarians would respond to an agricultural disaster, said Terry Bingham, regional exercise coordinator for the Bureau of Homeland Security. That could include the possible intentional contamination of livestock to attempt to devastate the agricultural economy.

"These same faces would get together for any type of disaster, from flooding to earthquakes to

hazardous materials spills," said Lt. Col. Tim Marsano, public affairs officer for the Idaho National Guard, who served as a spokesman for the event.

The tasks at hand for the practice exercise were "agricultural scenarios," Marsano said. Due to the sensitivity of the material being discussed, media were not allowed to attend the exercise.

"We're using a nondestructive disease to practice on today —

call it "bogus cow disease," Marsano said.

One objective of the exercise was to "review disposal operation procedures for 50,000 head of cattle," according to material distributed to participants.

"We're not trying to alarm anyone — we just want to be prepared in case an agro-terrorism event ever takes place," Marsano said.

Before the exercise began, Twin Falls County Commission-

Job programs face budget cuts



St. Benedict's Family Medical Center registered nurse Courtney Wolf received training assistance through Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services while in college. The programs that helped her overhaul her life might become less accessible to Magic Valley residents, local leaders say.

Training opportunities could be at risk, officials say

By Julie Pence
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Only two years ago single mom Courtney Wolf was making \$6.50 an hour as a preschool teacher.

These days she's a registered nurse, earning in the \$17.50 to \$22 per-hour range. That's the going rate for nurses in Magic Valley.

Life is good for Wolf, 26, who works three consecutive 12-hour night shifts each week. "I'm building a house now," Wolf said. "Things are a lot nicer now."

The programs that helped Wolf overhaul her life might become less accessible to Magic Valley residents, local leaders say, as federal funding for workforce training shrinks. State officials, however, argue that they've figured out how to sustain training at the same levels.

Wolf said she started nurse's training at the College of South-

ern Idaho because she wanted to provide a better life for her young daughter.

The first day at college Wolf met Kent Mallory from Magic Valley Youth and Adult Services, a nonprofit group that contracts with another local nonprofit that gets federal job-training money. Mallory told Wolf how Youth and Adult Services could increase her chances for success during her training.

She took him up on it. So instead of Wolf trying to keep gas in her car and buy diapers on only \$50 a month, Mallory made it possible for her to get her car fixed when it broke down and to buy books and uniforms. She was even able to afford glasses after hours of study took a toll on her eyes.

"He made life a lot easier," Wolf said.

After she graduated and took a job at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome, Wolf made a \$2.50 return in taxes for

each dollar that taxpayers once gave her when she was on welfare — if the average holds true in her case — local training leader Candy McElfresh said.

But programs like the ones at Youth and Adult Services that gave Wolf her best shot at entering the middle class could be at risk, say the people who oversee the training.

This week Gov. Dirk Kempthorne announced that a local board that determines what kind of training is most needed in south-central Idaho is about to be disbanded.

The South Central Idaho Works! Board, with 29 members, makes job-training decisions based on grassroots observations. Money from the federal Workforce Investment Act is allocated to train people like Wolf, based on the local board's assessment of what kinds of worker skills are most needed locally.

But because of ongoing fed-

eral cutbacks, Kempthorne said those decisions will have to be made in Boise from now on. The \$1.4 million appropriation for Idaho in 2004 is being cut by \$1.8 million for the coming year. Since 2002, money from the federal Workforce Investment Act to the state has been cut by \$5.6 million, or 37 percent.

Kempthorne said moving most administration to Boise and centralizing the program will allow the training to be maintained at the same level, while reducing the amount of money going to administration. More than \$700,000 is to be shifted from overhead to training and services.

"President Bush and Congress expect the states to increase the efficiency of Workforce Investment programs," Kempthorne said in a press release.

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New law will protect equipment dealers

By Carol Ryan Dumas
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Farm equipment dealers can breathe a little easier with a new state law to update existing statutes concerning buy-back issues and dealer protection.

Sponsored by Rep. Sharon Block, the legislation reflects dealers' concerns over mergers in the equipment industry that trimmed the business to only three major equipment manufacturers.

"They have the power to pretty much tell the dealers what they have to do with their contracts — and then say 'take it or leave it,'" Block said. "They (dealers) have no place else to go, sign it or get cancelled."

The mergers have led to dealer cancellations and terminations, creating instability in the farm machinery business and causing hardship for Idaho farmers, she said. That is hurting local businesses and economies and forcing farmers to go longer distances for parts and repairs.

The new law is aimed at keeping dealers in business and protecting those who are canceling, mirroring similar legislation in neighboring states.

The updated law offers protection from cancellation and from being denied the ability to transfer dealership and equipment. In addition, if the dealer is canceled, the major manufacturer and parts purchased within 36 months that have never been used "at a sum equal to one hundred percent" of the purchase price will be shifted from overhead to training and services.

The measure also has provisions for repair equipment, tools and manuals.

"It affords some protection for Idaho dealers from the manufacturers that supply them and keeps the manufacturers from unreasonably canceling a dealer and/or withholding its contract for a dealer to transfer ownership," said John Adams, president of Coeur d'Alene Tractor Co. in Coeur d'Alene.

The original legislation on Please see DEALERS, Page B9

Diesel costs impact beet farmers

By Scott Kraus
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Higher diesel prices will have a double impact on Idaho sugar beet farmers by hiking costs for them and for their grower-owned Amalgamated Sugar Co., officials said.

"We started to see it last year," said Vic Jaro, agricultural manager for Amalgamated Sugar Co., which is based in Boise and has two Magic Valley sugar plants, in Twin Falls and Paul.

Amalgamated had to pay a fuel surcharge during harvest last year to Transystems LLC, which delivers the company's beets from piles to the plants.

"That has a noticeable impact to both the co-op and all the growers," Jaro said in a story in today's edition of *Ag Weekly*.

And prices have only gone up since then.

"Fuel prices today are higher than they were a few days during our harvest, so it's headed toward another impact this year," he said.

Prices are so volatile that the company can't get contracts to

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— Vic Jaro, Amalgamated Sugar Co. agricultural manager

buy fuel at a fixed price for an extended period to help stabilize the cost, Jaro said.

On-the-road diesel in Idaho averages \$2.53 a gallon, said Dave Carlson, spokesman for AAA Idaho.

That is up from \$1.87 a year ago. And during harvest in September, it was at about \$2.05 a gallon.

Off-the-road diesel, which farmers can use tax-free in the

field, is at just more than \$2 a gallon, said Dennis Campo, of Campo Oil in Fruitland. Since Jan. 19, diesel prices are up by 59 cents a gallon, he said.

Campo said only a handful of larger farmers can store enough fuel to see them through much of the growing season and stabilize their expenses.

And it's guesswork to know when to buy at the lowest price. Other producers have to purchase fuel more often.

Meanwhile, the high cost of diesel points out the value of allowing larger trucks in Idaho, said Dan Rice, vice president of Transystems LLC.

The company is using semi-trailers of 129,000 pounds, rather than the prior limit of 105,500 pounds. In a 10-year state test on some routes.

But the state allows the larger vehicles' use at only 18 of Amalgamated's 75 piling grounds, Rice said.

He said the biggest trucks consume 25 percent fewer gallons of diesel overall — even though they burn more fuel per mile.

"They're just making fewer trips," he said.

Gap names new store catering to boomers

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gap Inc.'s new store concept catering to the over-25 woman now has a name and a launch date, company officials say.

Forth & Towne, announced last September, will start this fall with four stores in the Chicago area and one in New York, company officials said.

Forth & Towne — Gap's first new chain in a decade — aims to appeal to boomers women, who grew up with Gap, but with whom the store "lost touch," said Paul Pressler, president and chief executive.

With the over-35 group accounting for 39 percent of women's total apparel expenditure, this market represents a "stable opportunity" for Gap, whose sales have been wavering, although profits have improved, boosted in part by cost-cutting.

Pressler told investors that the company — which operates stores under its namesake brand, Old Navy and Banana Republic, including an Old Navy store in Twin Falls — will unveil

more details about the clothing this summer. But he said the new store will offer a broad range of sizes, with a focus on fit, and assure fast service for a variety of occasions. The clothing will be priced between Gap and Banana Republic, he said.

Pressler told investors that the group has been shopping more at department stores, though they didn't necessarily prefer that channel. The test stores will range from 8,000 square feet to 10,000 square feet. Pressler noted the company created an address with the name "Forth" and wanted to evoke a sense of place with "and Towne."

Fitting rooms will be at the center of the store, with "neighbored" merchandise around them, he said. The retailers to add to the President's 50 additional stores in the United Kingdom, France and Japan through 2007, and begin opening the Chinese market in 2008.

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Stocks fall as worries mount

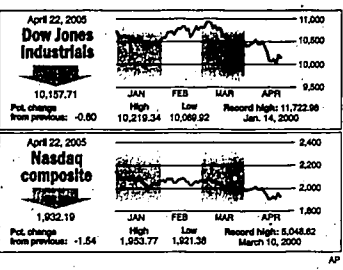
NEW YORK (AP) — A fresh wave of worries pushed stocks lower Friday as investors dealt with disappointing earnings in the consumer sector, rising oil prices and the possibility of a nuclear weapon test by North Korea.

Investors worried that disappointing news from consumer retailers and manufacturers, including Maytag Corp. and General Household Corp., signaled a cutback in consumer spending that could derail a steady flow of profits for corporate America.

But stocks held to modest losses for most of the session, until the Wall Street Journal reported that the United States believed North Korea was preparing for a nuclear weapons test.

"It's like we keep getting another monkey thrown down and we're just not used to it off on any bit of bad news," said Bill Greenwell, head trader at Vantage Investments.

Broader stock indicators also held substantially. The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell down 7.83, or 0.68 percent. The Nasdaq composite index lost 30.22, or 1.54 percent.



The market fell widely over the last eight sessions, with the Dow losing 374 points last week. Much of the selling was attributed to fears about inflation, which were exacerbated by the Labor Department's report on consumer prices last week, and underscored by the Federal Reserve's "Beige Book" survey.

"It's a really strange period of market action. There's no conviction," John Caldwell, chief investment strategist for McDonald Financial Group in Cleveland, said.

But Thursday's strong rally notwithstanding, the Wall Street's second winning week in the last three. For the week, the Dow rose 0.7, and the S&P gained 0.83 percent.

Adding to the concern over consumer spending, oil prices continued their rise, with a barrel of light crude settling at \$55.39, up \$1.19, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The bond market rallied after Thursday's sell-off, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.25 percent from 4.30 percent late Thursday.

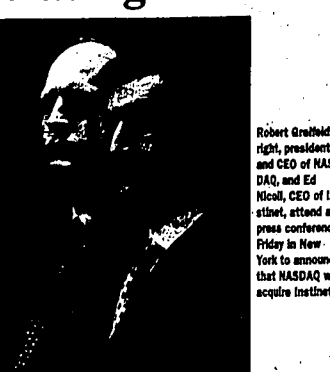
Nasdaq says it plans to buy Instinet's trading network

The Washington Post

NEW YORK — The brewing stock exchange war heated up Friday as the Nasdaq Stock Market announced it would buy Instinet Group Inc.'s electronic trading network for \$5.3 billion.

The announcement, which had been widely anticipated, came two days after the New York Stock Exchange, Nasdaq's biggest rival, announced it would merge with electronic trading firm Archipelago and become a for-profit, publicly traded company.

The pair of high-profile deals sets up what could be a long and bitter battle for dominance in stock trading. And it reduces what had been a highly splintered marketplace to two dominant competitors.



Robert Greifeld, CEO of Instinet, at a press conference Friday in New York to announce that NASDAQ will acquire Instinet.

listed on other markets and it will also provide increased liquidity and time priority for stocks listed on Nasdaq. As stock trading commission has been in the works for months, was not a response to the NYSE's deal with Archipelago.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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Dealers

equipment, parts and warranties was written in 1966 and reflects 1966 reimbursement... These statements need updating to include items that did not exist on farm equipment...

Ed Schlofman, president of Schlofman Tractor & Implement Co. in Boise, agreed... The bottom line is "dealers will have to be treated fairly," Block said.

Some people might lack the literacy to go to Job Service, which is one of the contractors... With a centralized approach, that kind of focus could disappear, McElfresh said.

"The thing that is difficult with the state board is what, what is the planning she said, 'I've seen that in other programs that became centralized. With the loss of the board's input, McElfresh explained.

For example, Herring is concerned about following through with a board commitment to the College of Southern Idaho to expand the registered nursing program over the next five years.

McElfresh, who is the Workforce Development Division manager for the Southern Development Board, said the board's ability to target various groups...

McElfresh said, "It may be we simply don't know how all this is going to happen." McElfresh said, "Nonetheless, we've done ourselves in for a position to get much advice on what would be good for our region."

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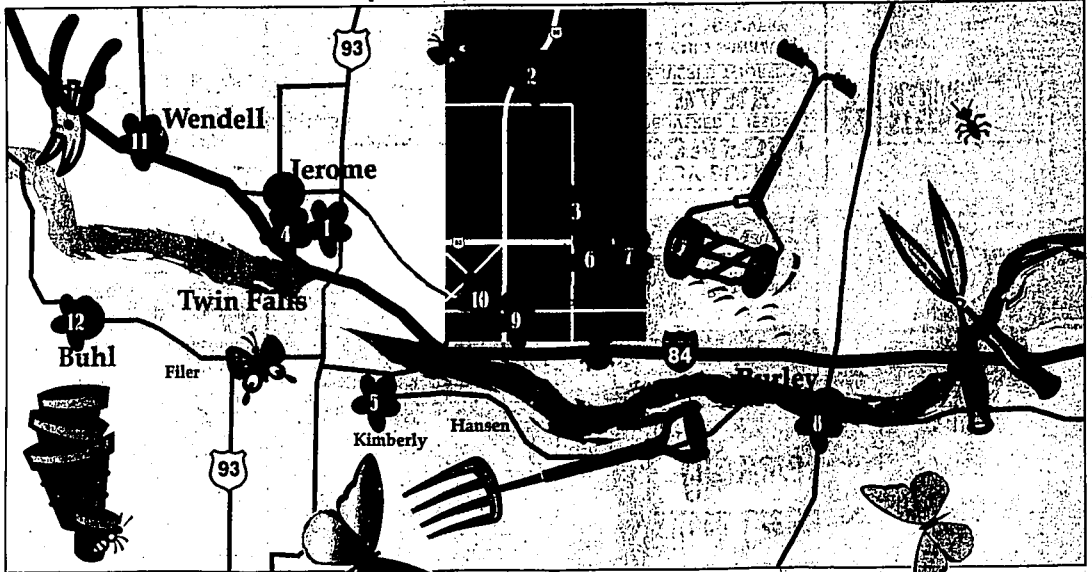
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Non-Catholics should watch how new pope leads

It was as if the world inhaled and held its breath. What would the new pope do first? How would he be greeted by the masses? Would his first act set a course clear to all, or would he straddle the fence trying to appease opposing points of view?



TOM SCHAEFER

But there is another question for those of us who are not Catholic: Why should we care? With the election of Pope Benedict XVI, the stage is clearly set for a new era in the Roman Catholic Church.

The pope, according to Catholic teaching, is the Vicar of Christ. He takes on the role that has been passed down from Jesus to Peter and his successors.

But those of us who are children of the Reformation don't honor him in the same way. Yet, his election will likely affect us because he represents nearly one billion Catholics.

Catholics aren't united on what they expect from their new leader, the former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger of Germany. E-mails and news releases have come fast to newsmen contending that the new pontiff should allow press to pry details out immediately on the priestly sex abuse scandal in this country, permit women to be priests, revise church teaching on birth control, any or all of the above.

And those demands are coming from Catholic groups. To be fair, countless Catholics are praying that the new pope will continue the course that John Paul II set.

What will stir the Protestant pot is how this new pontiff reaches out to a world in which religious diversity is more likely to be extolled than excoriated.

No longer are those who live in "faraway lands" seen by a significant number of Christians as souls to be saved from hell. If that admitted, their religious practices are at least treated with respect — though often tinged with condescension.

Nowadays among the politically correct and religiously open-minded, conversion is a bad word, especially when it's paired with that mother-of-all insults, proselytism.

Pope John Paul II set the tone of conciliation while not giving ground to the supremacy of the Catholic faith.

What many non-Catholics fall for is the perception that in this global age — with Catholic believers the main constituency within the Christian family — the pope has the primary right of standing in the most prestigious ship. His every word, even supposed mistakes or omissions, are broadcast to the world to be dissected, examined and interpreted by believers and non-believers alike.

John Paul II blazed a new trail, reaching out to non-Catholics. He visited a synagogue and a mosque, the first papal visits of that sort, to end the centuries-old condemnations between Catholics and Lutherans, and met with religious leaders of various faiths to find common ground.

John Paul established the template that Pope Benedict XVI, rightly or wrongly, will be judged by.

Pope power lies in the judicious use of weakness, wrote Paul Griffiths, professor of Catholic Studies at the University of Illinois in Chicago. "It grows not from the barrel of a gun but from the renunciation of coercion and its replacement with witness. That is how the papacy started with a Galilean carpenter named Jesus, the imperial power of Rome.

In a world increasingly divided by and attuned to religious differences, Pope Benedict XVI will affect to a large extent how Christianity is perceived.

That's a significant power of the papacy that non-Catholics should care about, too.

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Greg and Mary Lou Panatopoulos stand in St. Ignace of Antioch Orthodox Church in Twin Falls.

By Loretta Burkhardt Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Like other Orthodox Christians, Mary Lou Panatopoulos is already preparing for the observance of Holy and Great Week — the Orthodox world counterpart to Western Christendom's Holy Week. It officially begins this Sunday — Palm Sunday — with prayer and fasting.

Throughout the seven-day period, she'll join other members of the local St. Ignace of Antioch Orthodox Church in special worship services to commemorate the passion, death, burial and resurrection of Jesus.

And on May 1, annual Orthodox memorial of Pascha — a Greek term more commonly known as Easter — will be observed. ("The observance of Pascha) is at the very root of Christianity — and (the celebration) is very profound," Panatopoulos said.

In the lunar-based church calendar used by Western Christians, Easter follows Lent — a period of 40 days (excluding Sundays) before Easter. But in the Orthodox Church, the celebration of the resurrection is observed on the first Sunday following the Jewish celebration of Passover.

And it's almost always later than the West's Easter. "We never precede the Jewish Passover," said the Rev. Patrick B. O'Grady, who is the pastor of both the local parish at 1830 Addison Ave. E. and of the Holy Transfiguration Mission at 800 N. 25th St. in Boise.

According to Britannica Online, the earliest controversy concerning the correct date for observing the resurrection was over the question of whether Easter should always be celebrated on a Sunday or on the actual day of the Jewish lunar month (the 14th of Nisan) on which the Paschal lamb was slaughtered.

The latter practice, followed by early Christians

who lived in the Roman province of Asia, was generally condemned at the end of the second century because it meant celebrating when the Jews were "observing Passover."

The issue wasn't resolved until 1963, when the Eastern Council decided there was no objection in principle to observing Easter on a fixed Sunday — probably early in April.

Nevertheless, in the Eastern Orthodox Church, fellow-believers observe the day on a later Sunday because the church continues to adhere to the Julian calendar.

For Magic Valley Orthodox Christians, the 2,000 celebration is "timeless."

And worldwide, "to spiritually enter into the full meaning of Pascha — widow which all of church faith collapses" the annual observance is held by ritually "renouncing and raising" a central dogma, O'Grady said.

So in 250 languages around the world, the greeting: "He is Risen" will be answered aloud with: "Truly, he is risen."

With those words, Orthodox Christians end their fast and worshippers dine from baskets of hard-boiled eggs that have been dyed crimson.

"Divine Liturgy is the central act of Christian worship, (and through that) we call down the Holy Spirit to bless the eggs and the feast — and we break the fast with wine," O'Grady said.

"Everything that happened Please see EASTER, Page C2

'Truly, he is risen'

Orthodox Christians celebrate Easter in their own time

The world of Eastern Orthodoxy

Eastern Orthodoxy is the large body of Christians who follow the faith and practices that were defined by the first seven ecumenical councils. The word orthodox ("right-believing") has traditionally been used, in the Greek-speaking Christian world, to designate communities who preserved the true faith (as defined by these councils), as opposed to those who were declared heretical.

The official designation of the church in Eastern Orthodox liturgical or canonical texts is "the Orthodox Catholic Church." Because of the historical links of Eastern Orthodoxy with the Eastern Roman Empire and Byzantium (Constantinople, which is the modern city of Istanbul), in English usage it is referred to as the "Eastern" or "Greek Orthodox" Church.

The schism between the churches of the East and the West (1054) was the culmination of a gradual process of estrangement that began in the first centuries of the Christian era and continued through the Middle Ages. Linguistic and cultural differences, as well as political events, contributed to the rift. From the



The Fathers of the Greek Orthodox Church. Left to right, Basilios of Caesarea, Gregorios of Nazianzus, and Gregorios of Nyssa. Eleventh century mosaic, Church of Salt Sophia, Kiev, Ukraine, fourth century to the 13th century, Constantinople, the center of Eastern Christianity, was also the capital of the Eastern Roman Empire, while Rome, after the barbarian invasions, fell under the influence of the Holy Roman Empire of the West — a political rift, in the West theology remained under the influence of St. Augustine (354-430), while in the East doctrinal thought was shaped by the Greek Fathers. Theological

differences could have been settled if the two areas had not simultaneously developed different concepts of church authority. The growth of Roman primacy, based on the concept of the apostolic origin of the Church of Rome, was incompatible with the Eastern idea that the importance of certain local churches could be determined only by their numerical and political significance. For the East, the highest authority in settling doctrinal disputes was the ecumenical council. Since the Russian Revolution there has been much turmoil within the Orthodox Church, in western Europe and in the Americas. In particular, overlapping jurisdictions have been set up and political passions have led to the formation of ecclesiastical organizations without clear canonical status. Though it has provoked controversy, the establishment (1970) of the new autocephalous Orthodox Church in America by the patriarch of Moscow has as its stated goal the resumption of normal territorial unity in the Western Hemisphere.

Source: Britannica Online

Polygamists move into Idaho

The Associated Press

BONNERS FERRY — Mayor Darrell Kerby never thought much about polygamy until he learned that a splinter faction of Mormon fundamentalists lived in Canada, just 30 miles north of this Idaho Panhandle town.

Then he was shocked to learn that polygamists were moving into his own community, driven north by a leadership rift from their stronghold in Utah.

For Kerby and other Idaho officials, the news was upsetting because it raised concerns about possible child abuse,

welfare fraud, trafficking in child brides and other crimes. "It so convulsed in its potential for abuse," Kerby said last week. "It will not be allowed. We are not going to fall prey to what other communities have."

Idaho's Department of Health and Welfare is investigating possible welfare fraud and child brides in Boundary County, which has about 10,000 residents, but has found no evidence that is occurring, spokesman Tom Shanahan said. Idaho law enforcement off-

cers likewise say they have no reports of laws being broken, and are not even sure how many polygamists have moved into the county.

"There's lots of talk about underage brides, but no one seems to be able to produce one," said Boundary County Sheriff Greg Sprung.

The root of the issue appears to be a split in the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a polygamist group chronicled by Jon Krakauer in his 2003 book, "Under the Banner of Heaven."

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A view of Main Street in Bonners Ferry. The mayor and other Idaho officials are concerned about polygamists from a Mormon splinter group moving into Boundary County, driven north by a leadership rift from their stronghold in Utah.

RELIGION

David Bolster performs at opra

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Gospel Opry will present "The Many Faces of David Bolster" at 7 p.m. today at the First Assembly of God, 189 Locust St. N.

Bolster is a singer, teacher, preacher, evangelist, songwriter, drummer, cancer survivor, and author. He was raised in Twin Falls and got his first drum set at age 10. During high school, he got involved in drama and became a regular with the Magic Valley Dramatics and continued acting through graduation from the College of Southern Idaho.

While in Las Vegas, he saw Jerry Maguire and was so taken with the donkey and has since "borrowed" the routine and now performs it in many locations. He has traveled extensively playing his drums but is now living in Twin Falls again. Opry team regulars also will perform. The public is invited. Admission is free, but a freewill offering will be taken. For more information, call 733-5349.

Humanitarian Day will be held today in Jerome

Jerome — A Humanitarian Day event will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Jerome LDS 1st and 3rd Ward building, 825 E. Ave. B. Participants will be tying quilts, sewing school bags, stuffing toys, and making newborn gowns, T-shirts, etc. Those who want to do sewing projects should call the sewing machines or servers. To work on the quilts, bring scissors and big needles if possible. Quilting frames and stands also are needed.

Anyone staying through the day should bring their own sack lunch or snacks. Child care will not be available. The event provides an opportunity for service for the needy and less fortunate.

Idaho

Continued from C1. The group has been centered for decades in the twin border cities of Hildale, Utah, and Colorado City, Ariz., and has maintained an affiliated group of about 1,000 people in a community called Boundifall, just outside the border town of Warren, British Columbia. Warren Jeffs is the overall leader. The longtime leader of the Boundifall group, Joseph Blackmore, has been deposed by Jeffs. Jeffs has since evicted men who were loyal to Blackmore, and reassigned their children to men who were loyal to him. But Blackmore, long known as the Bishop of Boundifall, has refused to leave the community. It is his supporters from Hildale and Colorado City who Idaho officials believe are moving into Boundary County, to be closer to their spiritual leader. The legislature has formed a special committee to examine persistent claims that child brides are being transported through the state, as part of exchanges between Boundifall and Utah. "We are just starting to look into it," said state Rep. Donna

Church news

Rock Creek welcomes vocalist on Sunday

TWIN FALLS — Shey Pateron will be the vocalist during worship at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Rock Creek Community Church, meeting at the shared facility of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, 131 Grandview Drive. Fred Cogburn will lead congregational singing, and Pastor Dale Metzger will speak on "Looking for Love." For more information, call Metzger at 734-5268.

Church announces addition of minister

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Reformed Church announced the addition of the Rev. Tim Rotman as minister of worship at the church. Rotman is a graduate of Hope College and Western Seminary in Holland, Mich. He and his wife, Maria, have three sons, Calv, Zeke and Sawyer.

Wendell church holds program, potluck supper

WENDELL — The "Last Sunday of the Month" program will be held Sunday at the Wendell United Methodist Church. Phyllis and Glenn Barker of Boise will speak on "Elder Hosts." A potluck supper starts at 6 p.m., and the program will follow. Everyone is welcome. The Wendell United Methodist Church is hosting an American Association of Retired Persons "55 & Alive" class from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Anyone who takes the class will be able to reduce their insurance cost. The fee is \$10 for a notebook and certificate. For more information or to register, call 536-2121.

Bob D-Pocattello, who co-sponsored the study proposal. Dave Kramer, police chief for Bonners Ferry, has met with residents of the Creston area to collect information on the polygamists. "We don't want to play catch up down the road," Kramer said. "We are trying to educate ourselves and be aware of what potential crimes might be committed." The problem for Idaho officials is that polygamists keep a low profile and finding evidence of wrongdoing usually requires inside information. Ezra Draper, an FLDS member who lives in Bonners Ferry, contends he is the only member of the group that he knows of living in the county. Blackmore has said that 40 to 50 FLDS members from Boundary County attend church services in Boundifall. Debbie Palmer, a former polygamist wife in Boundifall who now is an advocate against the practice, estimated that 200 to 300 people involved in that lifestyle have moved into the Bonners Ferry area in the past several years. Palmer, who lives in Sakschichewan and writes and

Interfaith luncheon will take place on Tuesday

GOODING — The Agape Interfaith Luncheon will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Basque Center on University Avenue. Karen Perry will present a program, "A Daughter's Story," and the Bowler family will provide music. Cost for the luncheon is \$6. Reservations can be made by contacting Carolyn Herzinger at 934-5700 by Sunday. Anyone who wants to attend the program only may come at noon at no cost and without reservations. All are welcome.

Fellowship sponsors women's seminar

TWIN FALLS — Lighthouse Christian Fellowship will host a one-day women's seminar from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 30 at the church, 259 Main Ave. E. The theme, "You are a Giant Slayer," equips women to battle the "giants" in their lives. Maurcen Schmitt of California will be the speaker. Cost is \$20, which includes a continental breakfast and lunch. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call 737-4667.

Church plans bake goods and rummage sale

KIMBERLY — The Crossroads United Methodist Women will hold their annual Rummage and Baked Goods Sale from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. April 30 at the church, 205 Madison E. For more information, call 423-4311.

Montana Singles Advance slated for May

HUNGRY HORSE, MONT. — The 17th Annual Montana Singles Advance will be held May 27 through 30 (Memorial Day weekend) at Glacier Bible Camp. "New Rain — Letting Go of the Reins" is for singles and their families of all denomina-

Called to serve

Joseph and Linda Newbury will continue their faith in the fall. Elder Joseph Newbury and Sister Linda Newbury have been called to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Tennessee Knoxville Mission.

The Newburys are in the Twin Falls 11th Ward. They will serve for 18 months. He is a retired school principal and served as a branch president and bishop's counselor in the church. She served in the Relief Society and as stake and ward organist and is a retired school teacher.

Returned from serving

Sister Cain Pocock recently returned from serving a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Tennessee Knoxville Mission.

Johnny Carlin's Restaurant will donate half of one day's sales on June 15. A Daddy-Daughter Gala will be held from 7 to 10 p.m. June 18 at the Radio Rendezvous. It will feature live music, decorative pictures, etc. Jubilee House is a discipline recovery program for women and children. Anyone who 4 to call a board member: Vicki at 734-5514, Bev at 733-5501, Jan at 733-1036 or Sherri at 539-9228.

Large Kansas congregation leaves the Episcopal Church

OVERLAND PARK, Kan. — The 220-member Christ Episcopal Church in Overland Park has decided to leave the Episcopal Church and its Kansas Diocese and join another body in the Anglican Communion. The congregation, which voted 873-211 on Sunday last, longstanding differences with its denomination over theology and interpretation of the Bible. Matters culminated with the 2003 consecration of the first openly gay bishop, after which Christ Church withdrew most financial support from the diocese. Bishop Dean E. Wolfe said of Turkey who came to the United States in 1939, "an immigrant in a city of immigrants." He said the archbishop "challenged us to honor what Abraham Lincoln called the better angels of our nature. ... He truly walked the walk, talked the talk." The service was led by Archbishop Demetrius, current head of the New York-based archdiocese. Also attending were Archbishop Christodoulos of Athens, Greece; Archbishop Gregory of Great Britain and former New York City Mayor David Dinkins, Rudolph Giuliani and Ed Koch. — compiled from wire reports

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Religion in brief

Thousands attend funeral for church leader. NEW YORK — Thousands of worshippers packed the Cathedral of the Holy Trinity on Manhattan's Upper East Side for the funeral of Archbishop Iakovos, who for nearly four decades led the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America. Mayor Michael Bloomberg called Iakovos, a native of Turkey who came to the United States in 1939, "an immigrant in a city of immigrants." He said the archbishop "challenged us to honor what Abraham Lincoln called the better angels of our nature. ... He truly walked the walk, talked the talk." The service was led by Archbishop Demetrius, current head of the New York-based archdiocese. Also attending were Archbishop Christodoulos of Athens, Greece; Archbishop Gregory of Great Britain and former New York City Mayor David Dinkins, Rudolph Giuliani and Ed Koch. — compiled from wire reports

Easter

Continued from C1. in the service is everything about being human — and about being new, again," he said. Although the rituals are the same, year after year, "It's not just Easter drama," he added. His wife agrees. "It's new every time," said Christina O'Grady, whose title of respect — as wife of the priest — is "Presvytera," or "Khouria." Orthodox churches still use forms of worship that were practiced by early Christians. Based on a great emphasis on messages from the Bible, they stand and sing most of the service, "joining our voices" in simple ancient melodies. Panatouipos said. "The services, she said, "are beautiful." An encouragement for which includes not eating meat and dairy products — O'Grady asks his parishioners to preserve the spiritual treasures they have "stored up in heaven" through rigorous self-denial

and active self-restraint, and warns that they not trade their treasure for the "leshtops of Egypt." In a newsletter for Pascha 2005 he writes: "As we enter the festal season, preserve your self-control, your forgiveness, your love."

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Mormonism is booming in U.S.

Faith sees increase in members worldwide

The Dallas Morning News

When Clifford Latham, a lifelong Baptist, attended a Mormon Christmas program in San Antonio, Texas, he'd been reading about the faith for several years.

Latham had long been dissatisfied with his spiritual life, and he said, something changed for him that day. Five weeks later, on Super Bowl Sunday 1988, he and his wife were baptized into The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints.

As an African-American, Clifford Latham would not have even been permitted into the Mormon priesthood — a term for nearly all male church members — before 1978. Today he is a bishop, a type of lay leader, in charge of a 500-person congregation.

"There is an inner peace, a joy with what I am doing now," he said.

Tom Kimball isn't quite so joyful. The marketing director of Signature Books, a Mormon press in Salt Lake City, he traces his heritage to some of the earliest Mormons, who migrated west in covered wagons. He's become an outspoken critic of the church's direction.

Kimball recalls a time when the church was open to external inquiry were integral to Mormon life — when it was OK for Mormons to raise questions about their religion. Today, however, he's discouraged by the church's hierarchy from doing so, he said. And as a result, "I see a lot of my generation sliding out of the church."

In a sense, Latham and Kimball represent the many contradictions and challenges facing the Mormon church, which this year celebrates the bicentennial of the birth of its founder, Joseph Smith. Latham says that, according to observers, is by far the more common one: Mormonism is America's fastest growing denomination — and its spreading overseas quickly.

"The church has migrated from a provincial faith to a faith that can make itself at home in any space and every culture," said Jan Suppiss professor emeritus at Indiana University-Purdue University in Indianapolis and one of the foremost non-Mormon scholars of the church.

But during these boom times, there's also a Kimball, the chagrin of some church leaders — are raising thorny questions about issues including the historical veracity of Smith's teachings. "As it grows and becomes more established, we have to wrestle with what other religions wrestle with — people with different temperaments under the same church culture," said Ron Lundberg, editor of Sunstone, an independent Mormon journal.

With 5 1/2 million members in the United States, the LDS Church is becoming the fourth-largest denomination in the country (up from fifth a year ago), according to the National Council of Churches.

Much of that growth has occurred in the South, previously a weak region for recruitment, said Armand Mauss, professor emeritus of sociology and religion at Washington State.

New, conservative pope may mean fewer U.S. Catholics

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — In his new role as spiritual leader of the Catholic Church in America, Pope Benedict XVI takes on a divided flock, with some believers fervently clinging to fundamental church teachings and others yearning for change on social issues.

Pressing concerns for the nearly 65 million Catholics in the United States include a severe shortage of priests, the church's opposition to contraception, ordination of women and married men, and the still problematic sexual abuse crisis.

Theologians and religious leaders say Benedict's worst bet is a leader who is unlikely to bend church traditions to address those questions — one who will remain true to church doctrine even if it means losing some followers.

Many expressed concern that the new pope will not provide the unity needed to hold the American church together at this critical point, and said the selection has the potential to cut current divisions even deeper.

"I'm guessing that he is going

to be something of a polarizing personality and the American Catholic Church is already polarized," said Dean Hoge, a sociology professor at the Catholic University of America. "He is a hero of one faction, but not the other."

The selection of former Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger, one of John Paul II's closest advisers, signals a vote by the cardinals for continuity, and his doctrine is likely to be almost identical to that of his predecessor, Hoge said.

Choosing a more moderate leader, he said, might have done more to ease tension in the U.S. "A pope has to be a pastor and still have a reputation for not helping in the pastoral role right now," Hoge said.

Jon Nilsson, associate professor of theology at Loyola University Chicago, expressed similar reservations.

"The choice of Cardinal Ratzinger seems to suggest that the cardinals were perhaps not aware of the depth of the polarization or were not particularly concerned with electing someone who might try to build bridges," said Nilsson.



Joseph Smith
Founder of Mormon church

University, about half of the church's domestic growth comes from comparatively high birth rates among members, he added.

Outside the U.S. and Canada, the church has grown more than fivefold, to more than 6 million members, since 1980. And nearly 10 percent of that growth has come in the past five years, according to Mormon officials.

The church's founder was born in Sharon, Vt., on Dec. 23, 1805, the fourth of 10 children. When he was 11, his parents, frontier drifters, moved to a hamlet near Palmyra, N.Y. It was there, in 1830, that the church got its start. Initially, it had six members.

That same year, the Book of Mormon, an essential scripture of the faith, was published. Smith claimed to have translated the book from ancient golden tablets he was shown to him by the angel Moroni. The book, and the religion, take their name from Mormon, said to have been an Abraham prophet who abridged the ancient scriptures and wrote them onto the golden tablets some 1,400 years earlier.

The book describes God's interactions between 600 B.C. and 420 A.D. with a tribe of Israelites who came to America and gave rise to two tribes, Nephites and Lamanites.

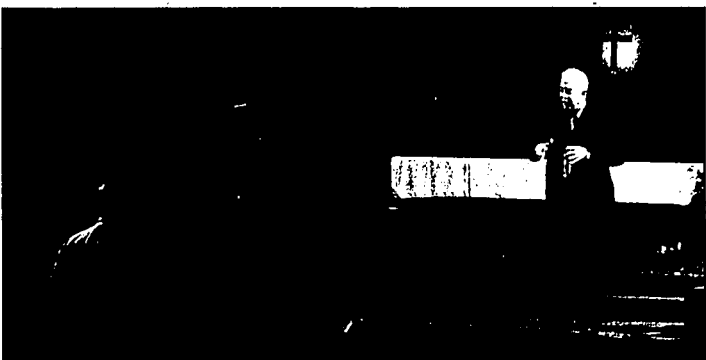
From his humble beginnings, the church grew quickly. Adherents preached that God communicated directly with Smith and chose him to restore Christ's true church.

But Mormons faced violent persecution, driving Smith and his followers steadily westward. In 1844, in Carthage, Ill., the founder was jailed then killed by a mob, along with his brother.

After that, most of his followers continued westward under the leadership of Brigham Young, settling — and eventually coming to dominate civic life in Salt Lake City. Utah was admitted as a state in 1896 only after the Mormons agreed to abolish the practice of polygamy. Smith had at least 53 wives.

But in 1903, the centennial of Smith's birth, Americans still treated Mormons as a threat to society, said Kathleen Flake, a professor at Vanderbilt University who wrote "The Politics of Religious Identity: The Sealing of Sen. Reid Smoot, Mormon Apostle."

"A hundred years ago, the Latter-day Saints were so reviled and hated that their missionaries were still being tied to trees and horsewhipped in the American South, and some were being shot," Flake said.



"The nation is hungry for a deeper conversation on faith," the Rev. Jim Wallis recently told a crowd at the First Congregational Church in Pasadena, Calif.

FINDING MIDDLE GROUND

Preacher builds a bridge between left and right

Los Angeles Times

On a recent rainy night, an evangelical Christian preacher held 900 people spellbound at a Pasadena, Calif., church. He roared about evil and sexual morality. He quoted Jesus and the Hebrew prophets. He shared his story of conversion, recalling the fire-and-brimstone minister who first drew him to Christ.

But the Rev. Jim Wallis, 56, saved most of his thunder for matters not typically found in evangelical Christian sermons: poverty, environmental protection and peacemaking. To Wallis, such issues are dominant biblical mandates that deserve as much attention as abortion, gay marriage and other hot-button issues.

"What's at stake is the meaning of being evangelical," Wallis told the crowd at First Congregational Church. "The monologue of the religious right is over, and a new dialogue has begun."

Stout and silver-haired, Wallis is a longtime social activist, author and executive director of Sojourners, a Washington-

based Christian ministry best known for its monthly magazine on faith, politics and culture. He confounds stereotypes of evangelical Christians by arguing for conservative social morality but a dovish foreign policy and an economic agenda focused on helping the poor.

Urging common ground, he has chided the right for views that promote "pro-rich, pro-war and pro-American" policies and the left for bowing to "secular fundamentalists" who dismiss the public import of faith. In the past, his views had gained a loyal but limited following, along with criticism. But intensified national debate over faith and politics since the November election has propelled Wallis to the forefront as a possible bridge between left and right.

His new book, "God's Politics: Why the Right Gets It Wrong and the Left Doesn't Get It," has become a national best seller since its Jan. 18 release. His book tour speeches are drawing large and diverse crowds. Senate Democrats invited him to their issues conference in Jan-

uary, and Senate Republican staff members consulted with him on the party caucus' anti-poverty agenda unveiled March 2 by Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Pa., and others. The package includes tax incentives for charitable giving, welfare reform, low-income housing assistance and prisoner mentoring programs.

"He has a bridging capacity as a convener because he has credibility in both camps," Mark Rodgers, staff director of the Senate Republican Conference, said of Wallis. Although some Republicans are suspicious of Wallis, a registered Democrat, Rodgers says that the preacher supports some of the same faith-based efforts that the GOP does and that Wallis would continue to be consulted.

Sen. Byron L. Dorgan, D-N.D., called Wallis a "breath of fresh air" for arguing for progressive policies with the language of morality. Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., and Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., credit Wallis with helping them shape ideas about how to talk about values,

aides say. In a March 11 Senate floor speech, Reid said the president's budget was ignoring the Gospel story of the rich man who suffered in hell for failing to help the diseased beggar Lazarus. Using one of Wallis' trademark ideas, Reid vowed to "turn this budget into a moral document."

Martin Yuson, a 35-year-old Pasadena political independent and physical therapist, explained Wallis' appeal. "A lot of evangelicals and Catholic Christians are tired of the right-left dichotomy," Yuson said. "I myself can't seem to fit in either side. I'm anti-war but pro-life. Jim Wallis bridges that divide."

Phyllis Tickle, retired religion editor for Publishers Weekly, said the best-selling success of a book on Christian ethics is highly unusual, reflecting deepening public unease over the nation's polarization.

"There is great concern about the differences between red and blue," she said, referring to Republican and Democratic states. "Jim Wallis, in a way, speaks purple."

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Area delegates head to Girls State

NAMPA — The 59th session of the Idaho Springs Girls State will be held at Northwest Nazarene University June 12-18 in Nampa, and the event will be attended by Magic Valley students.

The event is for girls in their junior or third year of high school.

American Legion Auxiliary representatives say the purpose is to teach young people about government to properly prepare them to assume the duties of citizenship.

The American Legion Auxiliary Unit 7 announced its selection of delegates from Magic Valley's east end high schools.

Representing Murtaugh High School:

Kristen Egbert, the daughter of Susan and Gordon Egbert, is a member of Business Professionals of America (BPA) and the FFA, works on the family farm and participates in athletics.

Druse Tolman, the daughter of Nancy and Stuart Tolman, qualified for state competition in FFA and drama and participates in drama and sports.

They are sponsored by the Murtaugh High School Student Fund.

Hansen High School delegate **Chelsea M. Rahr** is daughter of Margie Wilson, president of National Helpers and the junior class, has danced for 11 years, played in the high school band, and been a cheerleader. Her financial contributor is the Hansen High School Student Body Fund.

Kimberly High School delegates are: **Jaysa Crist**, daughter of Melanie and David Crist of Twin Falls, is a member of BPA, 4-H, the Ski and Snowboard Club and FFA.

Morgan Price, daughter of Paul and Vashelle Price, is a member of Spanish Club, Boys and Girls Club volunteer, works in the Kimberly Elementary Summer Program and plays the piano.

Kara Lundy, daughter of Joseph and Kathleen Lundy, works at the Magic Valley School of Performing Arts, earned bronze and silver Congressional Awards and is working on gold, helped in building houses in Mexico; and is a singer in a rock band that provides Christian outreach.

The financial contributors for Kimberly High School delegates is the Grace Smith Keveren Foundation.



Kristen Egbert



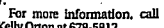
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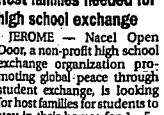
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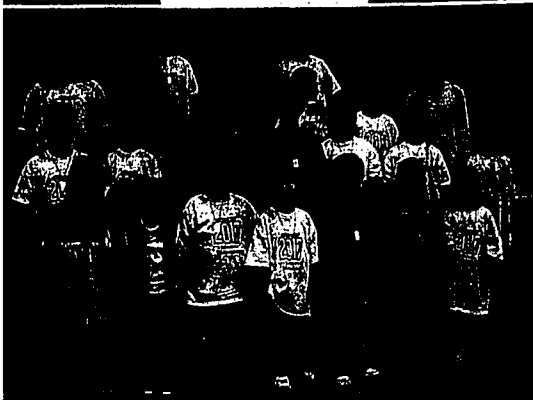


Photo courtesy of Lincoln Elementary School

Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls has announced its March Einsteins. They are, from left, top row: Olivia Humberger, Colton Whitmore and Carisa Schwenson; middle row: Kylie Kolster, Julie Aguayo, Savannah Nison, Jessica Moreno, Olivia Brower and Alexis Spence; bottom row, Maximillo Salinas, Bailey Hiebert-Simsa, Matthew Brooks, Cristian Muniz, Jaka Pennington, Davia Gutierrez and Kaitlyn Morris; floor: Kelsey Crossland, Maci Diamond, Casey Miller, Tanner Schroeder, Beau Coats, McKaden Tighe and Maddison Maxa.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Yard sale, raffle raises money for Relay For Life
PALU — C-S Cantis's Relay For Life team will hold a yard sale, raffle and yard sale from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. today and Sunday at 7 E. Clark St.

In case of inclement weather the sale will be held at 1051 Oakley Ave. in Burley.

The event is an eight-family sale with all proceeds going to benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

Tickets for a raffle for a half beef and the other for a one-day rental of a Cat machine, with a choice of a steel steer loader, mini-excavator or backhoe loader will be sold.

Winner of the beef will need to pay cutting and wrapping expenses, which will be about 30 cents per pound. Tickets are \$1 each and six for \$5.

The drawing will be held at the Mini-Cassia Relay For Life event, June 10-11 on the Rupert Square.

For more information, to purchase tickets or to donate, call Colleen at 438-3070 or Tony at 438-0609 or 300-0918.

Tips at Steve's benefit cancer research

HEYBURN — The D.L. Evans Bank Relay For Life team will walk tables from 4 to 10 p.m. today at Steve's Restaurant, 290 S. 600 W., Heyburn.

Tips will go to American Cancer Society's Relay For Life.

BJ Duplicate Bridge Club announces winners

RUPERT — The BJ Duplicate Bridge Club has announced the results of American Contract Bridge League-sanctioned open tournaments play for Tuesday, April 19.

North/south winners were: first, Howard and Mary Tucker; second, Jackie Brown and Lios Stephenson; third, Harry Warkne and Bill Nowman; and fourth, Lola Moorman and Ella Annett.

In east/west play, winners were: first, Nancy Gibson and Trudi Carver; second, Eunice

Merrigan and Barbara Carney; third, Steve Sams and Margaret Manning; and fourth, Shirley Harris and Martee Temple.

The club plays bridge every Tuesday afternoon, beginning at 1 p.m. at the Rupert Elks. Refreshments are served during play.

The club extends an open invitation to all area duplicate players.

Additional information regarding duplicate play or learning to play bridge may be obtained by calling 878-3997.

Miss Mini-Cassia gets ready for orientation.

BURLEY — Miss Mini-Cassia 2004, Felicia Horsley, is currently preparing for Miss Idaho Orientation, to be held today and Sunday in Boise.

Miss Idaho Orientation will include workshops on platform development and interview, as well as a fashion show featuring Elizabeth Barchas, Miss Idaho 2004, the 18 2005 Miss Idaho contestants and the Miss Idaho Little Sisters.

Horsley is a junior at Utah State University, majoring in political science and anthropology.

Her platform of advocacy for her local service and for Miss Idaho is "Civic Responsibility." She lives what she teaches and believes, as she has traveled home to Burley nearly every weekend this fall to help to serve or perform somewhere in our community. She is the daughter of Scott and Chris Horsley of Burley.

The Miss Mini-Cassia Scholarship Pageant for 2005 will be held June 23 at the King Fine Arts Center.

For young women ages 17-24 interested in competing for Miss Mini-Cassia, there will be an informational meeting held

at 7 p.m. Thursday, April 28, at the Cameo Special Events Center, 465 E. 5th N., Alfreed Road, Burley.

Weekly preparation workshops will begin Saturday, May 7.

For more information, call Kelly Onton at 678-5812.

Host families needed for high school exchange

JEROME — Nacel Open Door, a non-profit high school exchange organization promoting global peace through student exchange, is looking for host families for students to stay in their homes for 1-, 5-, 10- or 12-month stays.

These students are seeking an opportunity to live and learn from an American host family. Students bring their own spending money and insurance.

For more information, call Terri at 324-7353

Letter carriers collect for annual food drive

TWIN FALLS — The National Association of Letter Carriers is holding its annual food drive on May 14.

Letter carriers will pick up food on their regular routes and distribute it to local food banks.

For more information, call 733-6255.

Swimming schedule announced for pool

TWIN FALLS — The local YMCA of Twin Falls City Pool has announced its summer schedule and swimming lessons.

Public swim hours are from 1 to 5 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 1 to 6 p.m. on Sunday.

Lap swim is from 5:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. Monday through Friday and from 1 to 5 p.m. and 6 to 9 p.m. on Saturday.

Aerobics will be from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Monday through Friday and from 5 to 7 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Swimming lessons will be offered in six sessions.

The first is from May 31 to June 9, second from June 13 to June 23, third from June 27 to July 7, fourth from July 11 to July 21, fifth from July 25 to Aug. 4 and sixth from Aug. 8 to Aug. 18.

Lessons are held Monday through Thursday.

Morning preschool and school-age lessons run every 40 minutes beginning at 9 a.m. to 12:55 p.m. at the Y/City Pool, 756 Locust St. N.

Evening preschool and school-age lessons run every 40 minutes from 5:20 to 7:20 p.m. at the Y/City Pool.

The cost for Stroke School or skill based is \$40; Progressives, ages 6 to 14, \$40; and parents with children, ages 6 months to 3 years are \$37.

There is a 25 percent discount for Y members and annual pass holders.

Registration and fees must be handled in person at least one week before the first lesson at the pool.

Early registration is encouraged.

For more information, call 734-2336 or 733-4384.

Time to register for resources workshop

KEITHUM — The Natural Resources Workshop is scheduled for June 27 through July 27 at the Central Idaho 4-H Camp north of Keithum.

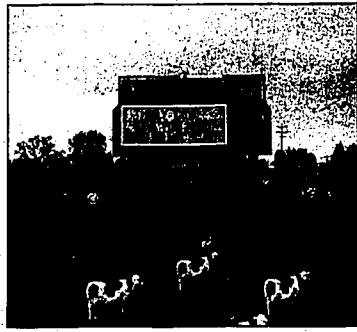
Young people ages 12 to 14 will have the opportunity to explore wildlife, range land water, soil, forestry and environmental issues at the hands-on workshop.

There will also be hiking, rappelling, fishing, volleyball, firearm safety, target shooting and freestyle sing-alongs.

The cost is \$150, due by May 13 to the Blaine County Extension Office, 117 N. River St. After May 13, registration is \$170. Scholarships are available.

For more information, call the Extension office at 788-5585.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



By TERRY TRAMER for The Times-News

Students at West Minico Middle School in Paul dressed in black in observance of Principal Sandra Miller's 40th birthday. There was also a birthday greeting on the school's reader board and black balloons throughout the school.

JUNIOR MISS



Photo courtesy of MISS IDAHO FOUNDATION

Winners of the Mini-Cassia Junior Miss competition were, from left, Kaeli Goodfellow, Junior Miss; Erin Webster, first runner-up; Brianna Hansen, second runner-up; and Stephanie Johnson, third runner-up. The contest was held April 20 at the King Fine Arts Center in Burley. Thirty-three girls competed for the title and scholarships offered through the program. Goodfellow will compete at the state level this fall.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

Local graduate elected student body president

Kevin Jussel, a 2003 valedictorian graduate of Twin Falls High School, has been elected the 2005-2006 student body president at California Lutheran University in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Jussel is majoring in finance and economics. He is an honors program student. He is the son of Brent and Sandra Jussel of Twin Falls.

Achievement Academy honors Rupert student

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Matthew Schenk of Rupert has been named a United States National Award Winner

in honor roll. The academy reports that it recognizes fewer than 10 percent of all American high school students.

Matthew's name will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

The Academy selects winners upon the recommendation of teachers, coaches, counselors and other qualified sponsors. The criteria for selection are a student's academic performance, interest and aptitude, leadership qualities, responsibility, enthusiasm, motivation to learn and improve, citizenship, attitude and cooperative spirit and dependability.

Matthew is a senior at Minico High School. He is the son of

Wayne and Alice Schenk of Rupert.

His grandparents are Richard Schenk of Rupert and Irene Myers of Heyburn.

Local student named to university dean's list

Jordan R. Rayborn of Twin Falls has been named to the dean's list for winter 2004 at Pacific Lutheran University in Tacoma, Wash.

To be eligible, students must have a grade point average of at least 3.5.

T.F. students named to university dean's list

Twin Falls residents have been named to the dean's list of California Lutheran University

in Thousand Oaks, Calif.

The students are Valerie Ash, a senior majoring in biology; Adam Jussel, a senior majoring in business; and Kevin Jussel, a junior majoring in business.

Johnson & Wales names student to dean's list

Johnson & Wales University in Denver, Colo., has named James Hutchinson of Twin Falls, who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in sports entertainment event management from the Hospitality College, to the dean's list for the 2004-2005 winter term ending in February.

To receive a commendation, students must earn a cumulative grade point average of 3.40 or above.

Community: A page for you and your neighbors.

SOMEONE NEEDS YOU

Donations — The College of Southern Idaho Refugee Center needs clothing for men, women and children refugees and toys.

Donate items between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., the center is closed from noon to 1 p.m., Monday through Friday at 1525 Addison Ave., E. Call Aleksandra at 736-2166.

Auction — Habitat for Humanity for the Magic Valley is in need of artwork, collectibles and antique donations for the dean's list for the 2004-2005 winter term ending in February.

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This public service column is designed to match needs in the communities of the eight counties in the Magic Valley with volunteer help.

If you need a volunteer, call the Retired Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP), at 736-2122, Ext. 320. RSVP is a United Way sponsored agency at the College of Southern Idaho.

Please submit your request before 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday for Saturday publication. Call weekly to retain request.

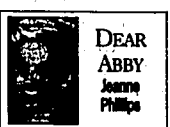
Linda Fleming at 734-1057 or Rosemary Formahel at 734-4050.

Man on road looks to take an exit

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Now Chad says that because of my mistakes he wants to be free to be with other girls while still dating me. This includes making out, sex, and anything that a steady couple would do. He told me I can do the same, and he only wants his freedom to ensure that I am the one for him. I don't want to do it because I already know that he's the one for me.

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about this. She says there is nothing wrong with it: "There will be like yours also." My mum and grandmum like buying me clothes, but I am ashamed to wear them — not because of their style, but because they make my chest seem as big as it is.

Please answer this. I have asked everyone I thought I could ask, but none answered helpfully. Don't get me wrong: I am healthy and everything — I'm just fed up.

—BIG PROBLEM, HAIFA, ISRAEL

DEAR BIG PROBLEM: Talk to your mother and grandmother again. Although they are proud of the fact that you are developing a womanly figure, they need to understand that you will need some "transition time" to accept the changes that are happening to you. With that in mind, they should accommodate you by helping you to find looser-fitting, less-revealing clothing that you feel comfortable wearing, until your classmates catch up with you.

DEAR ABBY: What should I do about a dysfunctional family — my dear brother and his three-ring circus? His wife never cleans their house; my mother does it when she can. The children, all under 16, are unsupervised and misbehave terribly. The 7-year-old has breathing problems and surgery is pending. She's being home-schooled by my sister-in-law, who has only a sixth- or seventh-grade education. The child is also grossly overweight.

My brother is unwilling to stand up to his wife, who threatens suicide. He refuses to talk to his clergyman or to a counselor. What can I do to intervene? I'm worried about those children.

—WORRIED IN TENNESSEE

DEAR WORRIED: I'm concerned, too. Pick up the phone and call Childhelp USA. The toll-free phone number is (800) 422-4433. Childhelp USA believes it is important to create hope for all children who suffer abuse and neglect, and they can put you in touch with services in your own state that can look into this matter.

Bush picks Pace for Joint Chiefs of Staff

WASHINGTON (AP) — On the day Gen. Richard M. Pace is a photograph of the first Marine who died following Parris Island orders: Lance Cpl. Guido Farina, killed in combat in Vietnam in 1968 when the general was a lieutenant.

That photo is a sign of his devotion to the troops. President Bush said Friday, naming Pace to serve as the nation's top military officer and the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

"I've come to rely on Peter Pace's wisdom, judgment and sense of humor," said Bush, noting Pace's role as the vice chairman. "We'll need his wisdom and determination as we continue to transform our armed forces so we can defeat the war on terrorism and preparing ourselves for military challenges we will face as this new century unfolds."

humble charisma and sense of humor. In command, he drives home a point by putting it in terms of the common soldier, describing things "from Parris' point of view."

The combat operations Pace has played a direct role in — Vietnam, Somalia, and the current war in Afghanistan — and is not regarded as among America's clearest military victories.

In Vietnam, as an officer fresh out of the Naval Academy in 1968, he commanded a rifle platoon and saw action in Hue City.

In a speech last year, he described the experience: "I received orders to be secured. I promise you there were times when I tried and wished I could climb up inside my helmet and have my mother come find me and take me home."

But a greater fear — of letting down the Marines under his command and those who served before him — kept him in the fight, he said.

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But a greater fear — of letting down the Marines under his command and those who served before him — kept him in the fight, he said.

During the speech, he recalled his soldiers who were killed in combat.

"Those men took my orders in combat and as a result, died. I received orders to be secured. I promise you there were times when I tried and wished I could climb up inside my helmet and have my mother come find me and take me home."

From December 1992 to February 1993, he was deputy commander of the Marine Forces West, a defense unit in Somalia; from October 1993 to March 1994, he returned to assist in supervising the withdrawal of U.S. forces from the "Black Hawk Down" firefight.

Doctors left details to da Vinci

The very first detailed and accurate anatomical drawings were not done by a doctor or scientist but by an artist, Leonardo da Vinci, who used cadavers to detail the functions of the human body and its organs.

This day in history: Happy birthday to William Shakespeare, who was born on April 23, 1564. But no happy returns — he also died on this day. It was his 52nd birthday. April 23, 1616.

According to wildlife experts, there are as many as 10,000 tigers being kept as pets in the United States. Whatever the number, it's probably higher than the 5,000 to 7,000 tigers that live in the wild.

The word "family" came from the Latin word "familia," which meant servants. Sometime in the mid-17th century, the word came to a Native American name meaning "place of bad smells." It came from the Potawatomi word for an odoriferous wild onion that flourished in swamps around Indian settlements.

Between 1968 and 2001, firearms killed more than a million Americans.

A giraffe baby grows about half an inch every hour.

Not all the Winnie the Pooh characters were based on the stuffed animals of Christopher Robin Milne. Owl and Rabbit were based on live animals often seen in the woods behind the author's house. Also, the first Kangaroo and Roo belonged to his childhood friend, Anne Darlington. (Christopher eventually got his own.)

GAGGING GOOD TIME



Jeff Peterson and his daughter Rachel, both from Albany, N.Y., react to the flavor of a "Fear Factor Smoothie," Thursday at the Universal Orlando Resort in Orlando, Fla. The Petersons donated a concoction of blended mealworms, mole crickets, octopus, processed meat, sauerkraut, anchovies, oyster juice and sour milk as part of a special taste test held to pick the unusual ingredients which will be eaten during one of the stunts in Fear Factor Live, a new attraction opening in June at the Universal Studios theme park.

RANDOM KINDS OF FACTNESS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

B-day today? Ride wave of popularity

IF APRIL 23 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You could be riding high on a wave of popularity in the year ahead, but reversals are possible because of the date.

HOROSCOPE
Jeraldine Saunders

could put career ambitions in a tailspin. Don't push your luck and ignore commitments. In August and October past transgressions could catch up with you or regulations might place a stranglehold on your dreams. November and December are the best months to attract good luck, helpful new contacts, and straighten out problems permanently. From that point on, you will be back at the top of your game and likely to attract honors and recognition for your efforts in early 2006.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Impulsiveness can cause lasting strife. A relationship that last working out might end. Just remember you may be committed to putting money where your mouth is, which could be costly.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): One bad apple can spoil the bunch. Small suspicions can put a negative spin on reputations and romances. Sincerity and honesty can keep good relationships afloat in trying circumstances.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20):

bound to interfere with the course of true love. Edging relationships could suffer minor injuries. You are up to every challenge.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Convincing others of honesty could be an aggravating uphill battle, so wait out any temporary mool. You are up to every challenge.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep the faith, baby. Amorous intrigues should be ended at all costs lest you get more than you bargained for. Aim for long-term goals and avoid acting rashly if troubles erupt.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Take a cue from "Gone With the Wind" when Scarlett declared, "Tomorrow is another day." Ignore minor frustrations. Avoid being ensnared by tantalizing new hookups.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Key relationships could experience a short teasing phase. If it really is time to say goodbye to a difficult relationship, it could finally fall apart now.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): When crises arise, be a philosopher. If doubt plague your love life, remain true blue. Minor disruptions can be safely ignored, so don't let others stir up trouble or cause distrust.

Officials suspect ex-con

PORT ARTHUR, TEXAS (AP) — An ex-convict was arrested Friday and identified as the prime suspect in the slayings of three elderly women whose bodies were found stuffed in their closets this week at their homes in this industrial city.

A four woman fought off her attacker and later picked Gary Singel, 40, out of a police lineup.

Authorities would not comment on a motive but said that nothing of significant value was missing from the homes.

"I'm sure he was picking a soft point on someone who was extremely vulnerable," said Deputy Police Chief Raymond Clark.

Singel was charged with burglary in the fourth case. Clark said. He was not immediately charged in the slayings, and police say any involvement, police said.

All three women died from blunt force injuries, said Bob Morgan, Jefferson County Justice of the Peace. There was no evidence of sexual assault.

One of the victims, 76-year-old Ruby Barre, was found dead on Monday. The two other victims, 81-year-old Louise Tomlin and 86-year-old

Margie Gafford, were found on Thursday in another area of town.

The two women lived within several streets of one another and in the same neighborhood as Singel.

The fourth victim, Brenda Choate, 59, had been working in the yard Thursday and went inside to find that her pants had been disturbed. She manhandled her down and kicked her, and she fought him off, according to her husband, Robert Choate, who tearfully described seeing his wife covered in blood.

Brenda Choate told police her attacker fled on a bicycle, and police said investigators seized a bike they believe the suspect was riding.

Police said they were already questioning Singel when they got a call from a repairman who discovered Gafford's body.

Singel was convicted in 1981 of choking and strangling \$3 from a 77-year-old woman whose yard he had offered to rake. He was sentenced to prison in 1994 for an armed robbery and served 20 years before being paroled in 1995.

Port Arthur is a city of 56,000 people about 90 miles east of Houston, on the Gulf of Mexico.

Burglary suspect gets caught in chimney, yells for help

RENO, Nev. — An alleged burglar was busted when he got stuck in a chimney and began yelling for help.

A neighbor on Kings Ranch, Calif., called authorities Wednesday night when he heard screams coming from the house next door. The home's neighbors were away on vacation.

Sheriff's deputies and a fire rescue team found Jose Francisco Martinez, 19, wedged halfway down the chimney. He apparently had been trying to break about two hours, said Sheriff's Sgt. Brian Whigham on Thursday.

Martinez suffered minor scrapes and did not require medical attention, Whigham said. "The yelp we took is funny," Whigham said.

Authorities were forced to dismantle half the chimney brick

Odds and ends

by brick to free Martinez, doing about \$20,000 damage in the process, Whigham said.

Martinez was charged with burglary and held on \$25,000 bail.

Wisconsin couple hands over money they found

TWO RIVERS, Wis. — Honesty prevailed when a couple turned in \$42,000 they found in a folder on the road and turned it over to police.

Christopher Dondlinger and his wife, Cheryl, were driving to Cheryl's 815 a.m. appointment at a local business Thursday when they discovered a folder in the road.

"I thought maybe some child dropped it in the street and maybe we would find some chil-

dren's drawings," he said. "I opened it up and found a substantial amount of money." A total of \$42,240 in cash and checks to be exact.

"They never considered keeping the money," Christopher Dondlinger said. "We were not brought up that way."

As an officer counted the folder's contents, authorities received a call from the woman who lost it — an accountant for a local food company.

Police speculate she had set it on the roof of her car and drove off.

Candidate uses twin to participate in parade

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Mayoral hopeful Julian Castro went to his twin brother's wedding in a parade this week, waving to a crowd of thousands.

Castro told The Associated Press on Wednesday that he had a conflicting event and didn't intend to devote any time to it.

"He can't help, that we look like each other," said Castro, a City Council member and leading contender in next month's election.

Retired state appeals court judge Phil Hardberger, one of Castro's opponents, said he believes the parade appearance was dishonest and deceptive.

"If you're 18 years old and having a date, it might be a youthful prank when you swap out your brother. But when you're running for mayor of a city with 1.3 million people and sending in your brother as an impersonator... I do see a problem with it," Hardberger said.

— compiled from wire reports

N.H. man who shot hunting partner: banned from hunting

CONCORD, N.H. (AP) — A man acquitted of negligent homicide after fatally shooting a fellow hunter has been banned from hunting in the state for 10 years.

The Fish and Game Commission voted unanimously Thursday to revoke Steven Laro lifetime hunting license. Commission member Robert Barre, a former police officer and FBI-trained firearms instructor, did not properly identify his target before shooting.

"I didn't hear anything in Mr. Laro's testimony indicating that I was harmed or lessened," Commissioner Sharon Guaraldi said.

Laro, 50, was acquitted in December in the January 2004 death of Robert Proulx, 58, at a private game preserve. He said he mistook the man for a wild boar.

The state questioned Laro's competency to handle the rifle, pointing out he acknowledged being unprepared the morning of the shooting. Laro had recently purchased the firearm from Proulx, who ran a sport and takedown shop.

Laro's lawyer argued that the fatal accident was not solely his client's fault and said it was not clear whether the victim was walking an agreed-upon path.

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