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 Cloudy to mostly cloudy.
 High 29, low 8.
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In America, Christian symbols aren't off-limits for parody.
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Shut OUT Burley, Shoshone and Richfield all lost Friday in the state semifinals.
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Governor celebrates Jayco's first anniversary

By Karl Matthews
 Times-News Correspondent

Twin Falls — Governor Dirk Kempthorne visited the Jayco, Inc. trailer manufacturing facility Friday as part of the company's first anniversary in the Magic Valley. The governor was joined by several distinguished state and local officials — as well as Jayco's president — to announce the company's expansion plans for the Twin Falls facility.

Jayco president and CEO Donald Bontrager announced plans to "deepen [Jayco's] roots" in Idaho. The Indiana-based company has "entered active negotiations to acquire a large parcel of land in the Magic Valley," said Bontrager. Jayco is headquartered in northern Indiana where they have 34 facto-

ries housed on approximately 395 acres. The Twin Falls facility is the sixth manufacturing factory outside of that complex.

The facility has been met by tremendous growth since its opening here last year. Starting with only 35 employees and one assembly line, the factory now employs 160 Magic Valley residents and produces an average eight to 10 trailers per day on its two assembly lines. The aim is to reach 15 trailers per day, said Bontrager.

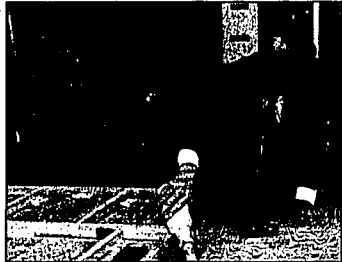
As well as the large number of employees, Jayco also has a wide diversity of people working on the assembly lines. Many are women, says General Manager Dave Koder. He and his wife, Deb, moved to Twin Falls from Indiana to manage the new facility. He noted

that women are employed in almost every department.

For Jayco employees, Gov. Kempthorne's visit was a surprise. Sheri Dunne and her husband, Pat, had no idea the governor was going to speak. Only Bontrager's visit, they said, had been announced. Other distinguished guests included former governor and owner of D.L. Evans Bank, John Evans, CSI President John Beck, and Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce President and CEO Shawn Barique.

During his speech, the governor honored all the employees, telling them that they are the "160 reasons why the success is taking place." He also praised Jayco, calling the company a "wonderful corporate citizen," and "one of the

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Gov. Dirk Kempthorne, right, applauds glue Friday afternoon to a trailer structure while David Yoder, Jayco general manager of the Twin Falls manufacturing facility, looks on.
 BOB HASKELL, The Times-News

\$365,000,000 AND COUNTING



Jim Stanford of Kansas City, Kan., buys \$5 worth of Powerball tickets Friday at the Red X in Riverside, Mo.

Millionaire Powerball winner sets his sights on largest jackpot ever

The Associated Press

BOISE — An Idaho Powerball player who won \$220 million last May is trying for a repeat, buying \$400 in tickets a month and now playing for what has turned into North America's largest jackpot ever.

"I think I am going to win again," Brad Duke, who received \$84 million after taxes the last time he won big, told KTVB television. "I like to play number games. I like to watch patterns, and I have come close a couple of times."

Nobody won Wednesday when the jackpot was \$308 million. It has since moved past the \$340 million Powerball record of last October, causing a Powerball rule to kick in that limits increases above the record to \$25 million per draw.

That puts Saturday's top prize at \$365 million for whoever matches all five numbers plus the powerball. And that makes it a North American record, eclipsing the \$363 million Mega Millions jackpot from May 2000.

"Sales are going well," Roger Simmons, Idaho Lottery director, told The Associated Press on Friday. "Keybrink."

Simmons said he expected more than half a million tickets to be sold in Idaho on Friday. He said money generated by ticket sales beyond the \$365 million limit is being put into a pool for distribution to players who match five numbers but not the powerball.

Those players normally win \$200,000 when Powerball has a winner. In October's record Powerball drawing, 49 tickets that matched five numbers received an additional \$653,492 each, Simmons said, from money accumulated in such a pool.

Still, he cautioned against spending too much on lottery tickets. He said his office has been putting out public service announcements to that effect.

"It's a long shot," Simmons said. "We encourage you to have fun but play responsibly. Don't spend more than you can afford."

According to Mike Hitchman, a math professor at Albertson College in

Caldwell, the odds of winning for someone who buys 10 tickets are one in 14 million. A person who bought a thousand tickets would see the odds improve to one in 146,000.

"You are better getting just one ticket because you can still dream the same amount and you are spending less money, and you are going to walk away with more money in your pocket on average," Hitchman said.

Simmons said the person who won in October did so with a \$1 quick pick, and that Duke cashed in with a \$4 ticket.

"It doesn't take a huge investment," he said.

Duke said he usually wins back about \$200 of the \$400 he spends on lottery tickets each month. He could improve his return by hitting the winning numbers Saturday.

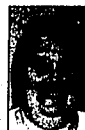
"I wouldn't even start to calculate the odds of him winning a big jackpot like that again," Simmons said. "He said he wanted to be a billionaire, so I guess this is one way to try it."

What would you do if you won?

The multi-million dollar question: What would you do with \$365 million if you had just 365 days to spend it, and could not donate any of it to charity?



Steven Nelson, 39, Twin Falls
 Single, no children, full-time student
 "I'd hire an escort. If they're going to date you for money, you might as well know ahead of time."



Sandy Salas, 33, Twin Falls
 Married, two boys; ages 4 and 2.5, works part time
 "I'd buy a plane so I could see all my family whenever I wanted instead of just when I can afford it — I haven't seen my sister in seven years."



Kathy Elwell, 36, Twin Falls
 Married, three children, paramedic
 "I'd find a way to force people to tell the truth — not a lie detector — but some kind of technology so they cannot lie. There would be no more lawyers."

Locals reveal what they would do

By Candace Baltz-Smylie
 Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Six numbers, \$65 million rears.
 Tonight's Powerball jackpot is worth a record \$365 million — two million more than the previous North American record holding jackpot in 2000 that belonged to Big Game.

The chances of winning aren't as good as the benefits of it. A complicated formula using punctuation symbols to represent its complexity is available on the Idaho Lottery Web site, but it basically comes down to this: You're probably not going to win. By a long shot, you're not going to win.

Players pick five numbers from 55 options. According to

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It all depends

Recharge efforts on hold — for now

By Karma Metzler Fitzgerald
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Rumors of a legislative proposal to deal with aquifer recharge are untrue, the chairman of the House Resources and Conservation Committee said Friday.

Rep. Bert Stevenson (R-Rupert) said he's heard the rumors, but not seen the bill. He said a "routing slip" — the preliminary step before legislation is introduced — came through midweek with "recharge" in the title, but the sponsor of the bill pulled it before it ever came to the committee.

Stevenson said there is talk of recharge and other water issues around Idaho's Statehouse, but since a lawsuit over the rights of water users is being negotiated, he and other lawmakers are in a wait-and-see mode.

"We don't have any idea what's coming up," he said Friday.

Anytime there is potential of a good water year, there is talk of recharge — a process that dumps water into specific recharge sites where it can filter down to the state's underground water supply.

It's an issue that causes heated debate and not one that

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House votes to boost property-tax exemptions

Senate on deck

By John Miller
 Associated Press writer

BOISE — The House approved eight bills Friday in what some lawmakers consider the most sweeping property-tax reform effort in Idaho history — if the measure survives debate in the Senate.

Lawmakers voted 69-1 to boost the amount homeowner can exempt from taxes on the assessed value of their property to \$75,000, from \$50,000.

The bill was wider on a plan to make half of school maintenance and operations funding — about \$125 million annually — an obligation of the state general fund, rather than property tax revenue. A half-penny sales-tax increase was approved to increase general-fund revenues.

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TWIN FALLS FORECAST

Today: Cloudy to mostly cloudy skies and maybe a low light snow shower or flurries. Highs upper 20s.

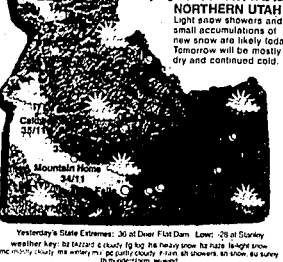
BURLEY/RUPERT FORECAST

Today: Cloudy and cold with scattered snow showers or flurries. Highs upper 20s.

IDAHO'S FORECAST

SUN VALLEY SURROUNDING MTS. Very cold overnight lows will continue and highs will only be warming into the teens and 20s through the weekend.

NORTHERN UTAH Light snow showers and small accumulations of snow are likely today.



Yesterday's State Extremes: 30 at Deer Flat Dam. Low: 28 at Stanley weather key.

TWIN FALLS FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Table with columns for Today, Tonight, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Yesterday's Weather. Includes icons for weather conditions and temperature ranges.

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Table with columns for City, Today, Tomorrow, High/Low. Lists various regional cities and their forecasts.

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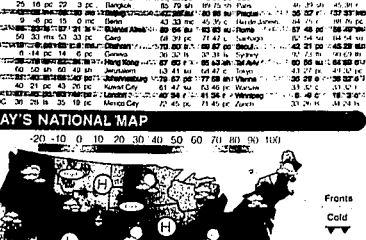
MOON PHASES

Table showing Moon Phases for Feb 28, Mar 1, Mar 2, Mar 3.

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Table showing U.V. Index for Today, Tomorrow, and Friday.

TODAY'S NATIONAL MAP



GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY: "All our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."

Lottery

Continued from A1. The Idaho Lottery your chances of selecting the first lucky five numbers are 3,478,761 to one.

"I sold \$200 worth of tickets to one man," said Casey Jones, a clerk at the Twin Stop Chevron an Addison Avenue in Twin Falls.

"We never buy, but my husband bought it was a big jackpot and we had to play," the mother of two said.

"I'd hire a Soyuz rocket to go to space," said Nelson, a 39-year-old college student.

Steven Nelson, by contrast, knows how hell's spend each cent within 365 days.

Director Roger Madsen echoed that thought, calling the growth a "dream come true" for the area.

Idaho Commerce and Labor continued, great companies of the state are being recruited.

Did you know?

Because tickets are randomly distributed and not assigned, it is always possible that there will be a winner, and also possible for all tickets sold to be winners.

Can't wait to find out if you're a winner?

Players can sign up for instant notification from the Idaho Lottery website, www.idaholottery.com.

ing in Evans' old house; having Betty Miller and Barbara Streisand over for dinner to watch them fight; and hiring Keannu Reeves to show up at the front door of each of his exes.

"I'd pay a visit to them and say, 'You dumped the wrong guy, do you know what he's worth now?'" said Nelson.

"Nelson is buying \$10 worth of tickets, but Kathy Ellwell is only buying one for each hand."

"The Magic Valley paramedic wants to buy the freedom of Middle Eastern and Asian women with her fantasy winnings."

"With that much money I'd free the women in the Midwest and Asia and educate those women that they have rights," she said.

"I'd make sure to teach them to use the money to help other people," she said.

Correspondent Candace Balke-Smylie covers the Magic Valley. She can be reached by e-mail at Candacebalke@outmail.com.

Recharge

Continued from A1. seems to come with easy answers.

Early run-off has allowed spectacular flows over the Magic Valley's predominant lower Snake River Basin.

"When they see that water run over the falls, they're looking at their lifeblood going to the Snake River Basin."

McFadden knows water. He is the vice president of the Idaho Water Alliance, sits on the Lower Snake River Aquifer Recharge Authority and has been very involved in a myriad of other water issues.

While it may be a good water year, Idaho Power's Vice President of Public Affairs Greg Pantner says there may not be enough to warrant a recharge.

"From our perspective, the facts are it's a good year, but by no means a record," Pantner said.

Water running down the river and through Idaho Power's hydroelectric plants is producing electricity the company can sell.

"We didn't get where we are with our water problems across the Snake Plain before irrigation starts."

On the long term, state officials are working on the problem. According to Department of Water Resources spokesman Mike Kecker, the legislature appropriated \$300,000 to set up a recharge system that is expected to be in place in 2007.

But that will be too late to take advantage of any excess water this area may see this year.

McFadden wants something done now, and he's not alone. "We need to act quickly," said Larry Cope, president and CEO of Clear Springs Foods, a trout producer in Bluff, in a press release last week.

"The problem is, according to McFadden, no one is stepping forward to enter into those negotiations with the utility company."

Increasing the homeowner's exemption, which by itself would save \$1 million annually.

overnight and quick fixes are just the answer," Kecker said in a written statement delivered to The Times-News Friday.

"No one is suggesting subversion of the priority doctrine, first in time is first in right. What is being said is that to continue to do nothing to improve our system of water governance and management is an unacceptable alternative that will ultimately dampen progress and new economic development in Idaho."

Kecker said his department does have people in place to make that decision, but it's too early in the season to make that call. Besides, the Department can only use the water it has rights to.

In the past, area canal companies have opted to do recharge within their systems. The Big Wood Canal Company has plans to recharge within its system if it can this year.

"Nobody seems to want to work together for long-term solutions," he said. "It's a huge issue and very complex. I'm not sure you can get enough agencies and users together to ever make it work."

The bottom line is, before any decisions get made, Mother Nature will have to take her course. If it warms up and rains seven inches in May like it did last year, there won't be enough water to put the water, if it stays cold and melts off slowly, there won't be enough water to worry about recharge.

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makers said. They pay 63 percent of the state property-tax bill now, up from about 45 percent seven years ago.

"Homeowners are bearing a larger percent of the tax burden than they should be," said Rep. Dennis Lake, R-Blackfoot, the bill's sponsor.

Supporters said the three measures bring Idahoans' substantive property-tax relief.

Homeowners, who now bear nearly two-thirds of Idaho's \$1.1 billion property-tax burden, will see the greatest decrease in their tax payments through other types of property owners, including commercial, agriculture, mining and timber, will see reductions as well.

House leaders expect significant changes to the legislation in the Senate.

"This has just begun," said House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley. "I think we came out with a good package."

Jayco

continued from A1. great, great companies of the state are being recruited.

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Governor Kempthorne also thanked the company for its support of the Experience Idaho Program, in which Idaho state parks will be provided.

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Landslide kills estimated 1,800

Hope fades for rescue workers

GUINSAIGON, Philippines (AP) — Rescue workers held little hope Saturday of finding more survivors from a devastating landslide that killed an estimated 1,800 people, saying this farming village in the eastern Philippines was swallowed whole by a wall of mud and boulders.

The search was focusing on an elementary school amid unconfirmed reports that relatives of the 250 children and teachers had received mobile phone text messages from survivors. Only one girl and a woman had been rescued alive nearby.

Many blamed persistent rains and illegal logging for Friday's disaster.

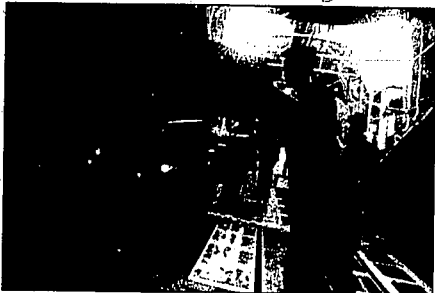
The logging "stopped around 10 years ago," Roger Mercado, a member of Congress who represents the area, told Manila radio station DZRH. "But this is the effect of the logging in the past."

Soldiers were being shunted to the disaster zone in the shovels of bulldozers that carried them across a shallow stream. With the mud-estimated at 30 feet deep at some points, they were given sketches of the village so they could figure out approximately where the houses once stood.

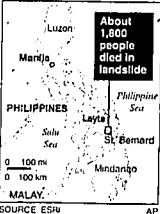
Col. Paul Farnacio, the highest-ranking military officer at the scene, estimated the death toll at about 1,800 — not very far from a child and child who lived in Guinisaigon, about 400 miles east of the capital, Manila.

"We presume that more or less 200 are feared dead," a grim Farnacio said. Search efforts resumed Saturday in a drizzling rain and high winds.

Only 57 survivors have been found — none so far Saturday — in a population of 1,877. At least 24 bodies have been pulled from the mud, and a child who was rescued died



Philippine Air Force personnel load boxes of relief goods and medical supplies on a military C-130 plane in suburban Manila early today as they prepare to go with rescuers to help landslide victims in Leyte Island, eastern Philippines.



PHILIPPINES About 1,800 people died in landslide. SOURCE: ESW AP

overnight from head injuries.

Farnacio said the troops were digging only where they saw clear evidence of bodies because of the danger that the soft, unstable mud could shift and claim new victims.

"We can only focus on the surface," he said. "We cannot go too deep."

Low clouds hung over the area, obscuring the mountain that disintegrated Friday morning after two weeks of heavy rains, covering the village's 375 homes and elementary school.

Rescue workers trudged slowly through the sludge, stretchers and ambulances waiting for survivors or the bodies of victims.

Joining them was Dionisio Ilmosora, a 42-year-old farmer who was looking for his wife and two sons.

"What's important is for me to find them even if they're dead," said Ilmosora, his eyes, bloodshot and his face grief-stricken. "I've not eaten since this thing happened."

The landslide left Guinisaigon, which is on the southern part of Leyte island, looking like a giant patch of newly plowed land. Only a few jumbles of corrugated steel sheeting indicate the town ever existed.

"Our village is gone, everything was buried in mud," Eugene Pilo, a survivor who lost his family, told local media on Friday. "All the people are gone."

Aerial TV footage showed a wide swath of mud alongside stretches of green rice paddies at the foothills of the scarred mountain.

Pat Vendetti, of the Greenpeace environmental action group, said that although logging is illegal in the Philippines, a combination of poor governance and corruption has hampered enforcement of the law.

"There were similar landslides at the end of 2003 and the end of 2003, both directly linked to illegal logging on land above villages, and both in the Philippines," said Vendetti.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies blamed a combination of the weather and the type of trees prevalent in the area.

"The remote coastal area of southern Leyte ... is heavily forested with coconut trees, the Red Cross said from Geneva. "They have shallow roots, which can be easily dislodged after heavy rains, causing the land to become unstable."

Southern Leyte province Gov. Rosette Lerias said many residents evacuated the area last week because of the threat of landslides or flooding, but had started returning home during increasingly sunny days.

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Cheney's gunshot victim: 'Accidents happen'

Lawyer gets out of hospital

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — His face marked with tiny birdshot wounds, the man shot by Vice President Dick Cheney while quail hunting "accidents do and will happen" and apologizing for the trouble the incident had caused the vice president.

"My family and I are deeply sorry for everything Vice President Cheney and his family have had to deal with," Harry Whittington of his victim's lawyer said but strong in his first comments since being shot on a South Texas ranch six days earlier.

The Austin attorney spoke less than 20 minutes before Cheney made his first public appearance since the shooting, receiving a rousing ovation from legislators in his home state of Wyoming.

"It's a wonderful experience to be greeted by such a warm by the leaders of our great state. It's especially true when you've had a very long week," Cheney told lawmakers in Cheyenne.

"Thankfully, Harry Whittington is on the mend and doing very well."

Whittington, 78, was hit in the face, neck and chest with birdshot Feb. 11. After a shougun pellet traveled to his heart, he had suffered a mild heart attack Tuesday while being treated at Christus Spohn Hospital, Corpus Christi-Meritum.

Whittington, who did not answer questions after giving his brief statement, had what appeared to be a line of cuts on his upper right eyelid and scrapes on his neck.

"We all assume certain risks in what we do, in what activities we pursue," Whittington said. "Accidents do and will happen."

He said the past weekend involved "a cloud of misfortune and sadness that is not easy to explain, especially with those who are not familiar with the great sport of quail hunting."

Dr. David Blanchard, the hospital's chief of emergency care, said the attorney was lucky to have survived the shooting.

Whittington was being released Friday because of "his



Austin attorney Harry Whittington, left, shows the damage to the side of his face as he talks with members of the media on Friday. Next to him is Peter Banko, a hospital administrator.

excellent 'health,' Blanchard said, but he added that Whittington wasn't answering questions because "he is not 100 percent."

Whittington did feel well enough to crack a joke.

"I also thank all of you for understanding its best you can that medical attention is very important to someone my age — and you haven't failed to give my age," he said, drawing laughs from reporters.

He also sent his love and respect to Cheney and his family. "We hope that he will continue to come to Texas and seek the relaxation that he deserves," Whittington said.

Hospital spokeswoman Yvonne Wheeler wouldn't say actively when Whittington left the hospital Friday or where he was going, only that he left in a car.

prondly answered to the title: the gentleman from Wyoming," Cheney said.

He also recalled the late Gov. Sam Hallaway who gave Cheney his first job in politics as an intern in the Wyoming Legislature in 1965, when Cheney was paid \$300 for 40 days work. Hallaway would go on to become governor of Wyoming, and established the mineral severance taxes that are responsible for the state's current \$1.8 billion budget surplus.

About a dozen people waited outside the Capitol for subzero temperatures to protest Cheney's appearance. "We're a little embarrassed that he's from our state," said Tony Hansen, of Cheyenne.

But Cheney also had his supporters, including Dan Voksh, of Cheyenne, who watched Cheney's speech on television at the Cheyenne Regional Airport.

"I think the media has blown things out of proportion," Voksh said of the accident. "If you go duck hunting out here, you're bound to get shot sometime."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

What's closed for Monday's holiday

- TWIN FALLS — Many offices and facilities will be closed Monday for Presidents Day. Here's a rundown of what will be closed and open:
 - City and county offices will be closed.
 - State and federal offices will be closed.
 - The Social Security Administration office will be closed.
 - Post offices will be closed.
 - Local banks will be closed.
 - Twin Falls Public Library will be closed.
 - The College of Southern Idaho will be closed.
 - YMCA/Twin Falls City Pool will be open regular hours for lap swim, classes and open swim.
 - Magic Valley Mall will be open from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 - Trash collection will follow the regular schedule.

Artist Saul Williams to appear at CSI

TWIN FALLS — Saul Williams, regarded as one of today's leading spoken-word artists, will appear at the College of Southern Idaho at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22.

Described by one reviewer as the Bob Marley of American poets, Williams debuted in a movie he co-wrote and starred in called "Slam." It won the Grand Jury Prize at the 1998 Sundance Film Festival, the Cannes d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival, and the Audience Award for Best Picture among independent movies. The movie's theme was to expose universal truths one must grasp in order to escape imprisoned mind states.

Williams' style is rooted in his love of hip-hop. Songwriting has become his latest endeavor as he collaborates with six band members to compose a soundscape for his poetry. His work has been featured in many major magazines, he has performed on HBO's Def Poetry Jam, and has a recurring role in the UPN show, "Girlfriends."

Williams' appearance is being sponsored by the CSI Diversity Council, Program Board, and Eagle View Lecture Series and is free and open to the public. His performance will be at 7 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 22, in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium.

Chinese music and art show coming to CSI

TWIN FALLS — Tickets are now available for "Hogochun Zhao," Arts on Tour's fourth performance of the season, set for 7:30 p.m. March 11 in the CSI Fine Arts Auditorium.

Hogochun Zhao has been called a Chinese Izhak Perlman. He is master of the erhu, an exotic two-stringed instrument that is a mirror of culture and a metaphor of ancient tradition in China.

His performance features traditional Chinese songs, transcriptions of virtuoso violin solos, American ballads and original works.

In collaboration with the performance, the Magic Valley Arts Council present "The Vanishing," re-presenting the Chinese in the American West," an art exhibition by visual artist Hung Liu.

Liu's work incorporates historical photos of Chinese in Idaho in traditional Chinese paintings.

Cost is \$12 for adults and \$8 for students and children. No senior discount is available on individual Arts on Tour events. For more information, call 732-6280.

— compiled from staff reports

Snowpack levels

Watershed	100%	100%	100%
Salmon	119%	85%	102%
Big Wood	122%	98%	102%
Little Wood	121%	87%	102%
Big Lost	118%	81%	102%
Little Lost	123%	69%	102%
Henry's Fork/Teton	121%	88%	102%
Upper Snake Basin	118%	65%	102%
Oakley	155%	117%	102%
Salmon Falls	102%	102%	102%

*A comparison of basin snowpack on this day, with a 30-year average. **An indicator of basin snowpack for the entire snow season, which peaks in spring.

State agencies reject Gooding allegations

They ask for specifics about lax policing of livestock operations

By Carol Ryan Dumas
Ag Weekly editor

GOODING, Idaho — Following a heated public hearing last week on a Gooding County proposal for confined animal feeding operations, commissioners said the stringent proposal was the result of frustration over lack of enforcement by state agencies.

State officials, however, are confused, contending they are doing their job and wanting to know the specifics of commissioners' allegations.

"We are going to have an internal discussion about that," said John Chubburn, department administrator for the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, Animal Industries Division. "We'll probably end

up asking them for a clarification of exactly which laws and regulations aren't being enforced. We hope they'll reply in pretty short order."

ISDA Dairy Bureau Chief Matt Patten said the department does not want him to comment at this time, but added, "We're hopeful the state is going to sit down with county commissioners about their concerns and help with the confusion."

Commissioners named the Ag Department and the Department of Environmental Quality as contributing to their

frustration, saying in addition to lack of enforcement, they get the run-around as to who is responsible for enforcement.

"From our agency's standpoint, we've laid out how it is to work and who is responsible for regulating CAFOs," DEQ Director Tom Hardesty said.

A memorandum of understanding between agencies and industry establishes the chain of authority where CAFOs are concerned, she said.

"It states what agencies are responsible for the delegation of authority; ISDA is the lead agency. It instructs us to report

and direct all complaints to ISDA," she said. "We conduct inspections only when requested by ISDA."

"That's not to say DEQ has no authority in CAFO-related environmental matters, but it can only supersede the Ag Department if there is an imminent and substantial danger to human health or the environment," she said.

To add to the confusion, DEQ retains authority over other livestock operations, such as swine and fowl.

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BUDDING OLYMPIANS



Isabella Baurer, 6, of Ketchum and other young skaters and their relatives Friday afternoon at skating practice taught by professional skater and coach Ola Guddat at the Sun Valley Ice Arena.



Wood

Judge Wood of Gooding wins state award for excellence

The Times-News

BOISE — Fifth District Judge Barry Wood of Gooding has been recognized by the Idaho Judiciary for his skill and innovation in judicial administration.

Wood, administrative district judge for the 5th Judicial District, is this year's recipient of the Kramer Award for Excellence, which is presented annually to recognize exemplary work in the administration of Idaho's judicial system.

In his distinguished career as both a magistrate and district judge, Wood has presided over complex water-rights cases as the presiding judge of the Snake River Basin Adjudication.

He has also handled a high-profile murder case, applied his administrative skills to the management of the 5th Judicial District, and served on various Supreme Court committees, including the court's prestigious Administrative Conference.

Judge Wood currently serves as the administrative district judge of the 5th Judicial District.

The prestigious award is named after former Blaine County District Court Judge Douglas C. Kramer, and honors a judge or judicial employee who has, over an extended period of time, contributed to improvements in the administration of justice in Idaho.

Wood is an Idaho native and a graduate of the University of Idaho College of Law. He was in private practice in Homedale and Caldwell for 10 years before becoming a magistrate judge in Lincoln County in 1987.

He has been a district court judge since 1995.

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Tech center students win car in Ogden contest

By Laurie Welch
For The Times-News

BURLEY — Two Cassia Regional Technical Center students took second place in the 20th annual Weber State University Automotive Contest bringing home a car for the tech center and a one-year tuition waiver and tools for themselves.

Burley High School senior

Nate Gilley and Murtaugh High School senior, Gerald Dillman competed in the hands-on portion of the event Feb. 2, in Ogden, Utah, against 46 other students from 24 schools in six states.

Gilley is the son of Phil and Karen Gilley. His instructor at CRTC is Scott Street. Dillman is the son of Carter and Laurel Dillman and his instructor is Randy Daniel.

The students qualified for the event with high scores on the written portion of the contest.

"The technical center director, Gaylen Smyer, said he is proud of the students.

"We haven't got the car yet," he said. "They are giving away two vehicles and first place gets to choose which one they want, but even that is not all that bad."

The school will receive a late-model vehicle, which will be

used in the automotive department as a teaching tool.

Gilley said the car will give the automotive tech students a chance to work on a late-model vehicle.

Both students also won between \$500 and \$1000 in tools and a one-year tuition waiver to Weber State University.

Gilley competed in the event

MY OTHER CAR'S A LAMBORGHINI



Minico High School Future Farmers of America students Zane Walker, right, and Shawn Walker make their way to class Thursday morning after driving their Case MX255 tractor to school. FFA students at Minico and Burley high schools drive their tractors to school once a year to bring attention to the importance of agriculture.

Laurie Welch/Sarah Baker Photo

Jerome residents asked for input on development regulations

Development proposals are on hold till June 27

By Rusty Tews
Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Jerome County commissioners are seeking suggestions on how to change the ordinances to better regulate major commercial or industrial developments in rural areas.

"We want suggestions for ordinances to protect public

health and safety on these heavy industrial issues," said Commission Chairman Veronica Liernan.

Liernan emphasized that commissioners weren't trying to determine support or opposition, but rather to develop a fair method of considering commercial and industrial siting in rural areas.

Jerome County enacted on Dec. 27 a six-month moratorium on requests for special-use permits within zones A-1 and A-2. Confined livestock operations were excluded from the moratorium. The ban on applications did pertain to proposals

Get Involved

Jerome County Commissioners are accepting proposals on siting commercial and industrial in rural areas. Submit written comments by March 15 to Jerome County Board of Commissioners, 300 Lincoln St., Room 300, Jerome, ID 83338.

Read the text

The text of Jerome County's moratorium, request for public input and ordinances, can be found at the Jerome County Web site: www.jerome-county.org. Planning and Zoning Administrator Art Brown can be reached at 644-2758.

for construction of large industrial buildings, uses that would employ more than 50 people, would encompass at least 40

acres, or where construction traffic would exceed 100 trips per day.

The ban on applications for

major commercial or industrial proposals is to expire June 27, according to Art Brown, Jerome County planning and zoning administrator.

Written comments and suggestions from county residents on revising these regulations will be accepted until March 15. The county is required to have two hearings on any proposed changes of the ordinances to allow for additional testimony on proposed changes.

Rusty Tews lives in the north Shoshone area. He can be reached at rtewsranch26@yahoo.com.

OBITUARIES

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Dorothy H. Parish

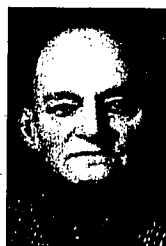
TWIN FALLS — Dorothy H. Parish passed away on Feb. 16, 2006, at Bridgeview Estates in Twin Falls, Idaho, from a long-term illness. She was born Dec. 17, 1923, to Henrietta Zimmar and Seth Halgen in Wilfredo, N.D., at the family home. Dorothy was the last surviving sibling of her four brothers and one sister. She completed her education in Wilfredo, N.D. When she was 17, she moved to Long Beach, Calif., and worked for Douglas Aircraft as a riveter during World War II. The highlight of these years was dancing to the music. There was there she met Theral E. Parish, and they were married in Elba, Idaho. They were later divorced. She was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. She had many callings in the church, which brought many blessings to her life. She enjoyed watching Lawrence Welk. The music was reminiscent of her younger years. She was a wonderful cook and baker and always made lots of homemade bread and goodies. The most popular was her special recipe for her carrot pudding. She was an avid reader and



kept reading books until the end. Even in the end, she remained positive and strong. We will miss you Mom, Grandmother. She is survived by Pamela D. (Gerald) Rubby of Burley, Idaho, Wendy (Jason) Jackson of Kimberly, Idaho, Kevan T. (Janet) Rich of Boise, Idaho, and Cindy H. (Brock) Wilmarth of Twin Falls, Idaho. She is also survived by a daughter-in-law, Nancy Parish of Salt Lake City, Utah; 15 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her parents; four brothers; one sister; and one son, Lonny Seth Parish. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 18, 2006, at the Burley LDS West Stake Center, 2420 Park Ave. in Burley, Idaho, with President G. Chad Jones officiating. Burial will follow at Germ Memorial Park. Friends and family are invited to a visitation one hour prior to the service at the church. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary Chapel by the Park of Twin Falls, Idaho.

LaVern Roe

BURLEY — Our loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather, LaVern Edward Roe, returned to the arms of his Lord on Friday, Feb. 17, 2006. Vern fought a short but valiant battle with cancer.



great-grandchildren, which he loved and enjoyed very much. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ed and Irene; one sister, Ruth; and two sons, Tony and Edward Roe. We will always love you and miss you until we meet again. The family expresses their appreciation to Idaho Home Health and Hospice, especially Pauline and Melissa; our pastor, Carey Gritzmacher of our church family and all of our dear friends. A special thanks to our loving friends, Kenny and Elma Arnes. The funeral will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, at the Burley United Methodist Church, 450 E. 27th St., with the Rev. Darin Gritzmacher officiating. Military rites will be provided by the Minn-Cass Veterans. A viewing for family and friends will be held from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 18th St. in Burley, and from 1 until 1:45 p.m. Monday at the church.

He was born June 21, 1933, in Cozad, Neb., to Ed and Irene Roe. Vern joined the U.S. Army for his senior year in high school and shortly after married Twila Heine. They had two children, Cindy and Tony Roe. On June 16, 1955, he married the love of his life, Margaret Adams, with which two more loving children were born, Vicki and Edward. Vern was employed by Kodak North-west until just prior to his death. He was a member of the United Methodist Church in Burley. He is survived by his loving wife, Marge Roe of Burley; his children, Vicki (Walter) Drury of Jackson, Neb., and Cindy (Edward) of Cozad, Neb., and their families; which

include four grandsons, Robert (Tammy) Adams of Abilene, Texas; Troy (Jean) Ackerman of Nebraska City, Neb.; Greg (Coral) Roe and Ryan (Sherronda) Roe of Las Vegas, Nev.; two granddaughters, Shawna (Tyson) Garden of Nampa, and Lacey (Tony) Hueros of Cozad, Neb.; his sister, Jewel (Butch) Schulz of Gothenburg, Neb.; and 11

Carolyn Fern Brown

HEYBURN — Carolyn Fern Brown, a 57-year-old resident of Heyburn, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, surrounded by her family.



er, Twila Babbitt of Heyburn; her siblings, Verla (Arby) Babbitt of Nampa, Milton (LeAnn) Babbitt of St. George, Utah, Arla (Leland) Hannah of Great Falls, Mont., Dale (Diana) Babbitt of Springdale, Utah, Randy (Darlene) Babbitt of Idaho Falls, Ellen Baldwin of Twin Falls, Gene (Shirley) Babbitt of Boise, Alan (Lori) Babbitt of Chubbuck and Wendy (Bill) Babbitt of Heyburn; one sister-in-law, Diane Babbitt of Boise; and eight grandchildren, with one on the way. She was preceded in death by her father, Arthur LeRoy Babbitt; her grandparents; and one brother, Lonnie Babbitt. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, Feb. 20, 2006, at the Park 3rd and 4th Ward Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 300 S. 500 W. in Heyburn, with President Ferni Kirk officiating. Burial will be in the Park Cemetery. Friends may call from 6 until 8 p.m. Sunday at Rasmussen Funeral Home, 1350 E. 16th St. in Burley and from 1 until 1:45 a.m. Monday at the church.

She was born Sept. 15, 1948, in Puyette, Idaho, the daughter of Arthur LeRoy and Twila Pearson Babbitt. She graduated from Minico High School in 1967 and from the Beauty Arts Academy in 1969, receiving her beautician's license. Carolyn married James A. Brown on Aug. 14, 1970, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple. She worked several years as a beautician. She was a floral arranger and recently retired from Mindok County schools after serving many years as a school bus driver.

children. She was most happy when her children and grandchildren were in her home. She knew the importance of keeping a family together and was instrumental in planning and organizing all the Babbitt family reunions. She is survived by her husband, James A. Brown of Heyburn; her children, Steven (Melissa) Brown and Carrie (Shawn) Jones, both of Burley; Rachel (Chad) Grimm of Jerome, Arnie (Katherine) Brown of Idaho Falls and Ryan Brown of Heyburn; her mol-

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SERVICES

Flossie May Nofflinger Nicker of Coeur d'Alene, a resident of 10 a.m. today at the Marthaugh LDS Chapel; friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

the corner of Carriage Lane and Whispering Pine Drive (Parks Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls). Horace K. Morton of Jerome, memorial service at 5 p.m. Sunday at the Kingdom Hall of

Jehovah's Witnesses, 101 Bills St. in Wendell (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome). Susie Irene Umphenour of Greensboro, N.C., funeral at 2 p.m. Monday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Alexander Pierce Luff of Rexburg, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rexburg LDS South Stake Center, 945 W. Seventh St.; friends may call from 10 to 10:45 today at the church (Eckersell Funeral Home in Rigby).

DEATH NOTICES

James Michael "Mumbles the Clown" Norder of Rupert, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert LDS 7th Ward Church, 324 E. 18th St.; friends and family may call one hour before the funeral today at the church (Hansen Mortuary in Rupert).

Ida Mae Ball Burley — Ida Mae Ball, 83, of Burley, died Wednesday, Feb. 15, 2006, at her home. The funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 24, 2006, at the Burley LDS 3rd and 7th Ward Chapel, 2700 Oakley Ave., with Bishop Mark Field more officiating. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Payne Mortuary, 221 W. Main St. in Burley, and from 1 to 3:45 p.m. before the funeral Friday at the church. Burial will be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 25, 2006, at the Lewisville Cemetery. A complete obituary will appear in a later edition.

Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

James Porter Lynch Sr. of Wendell, funeral at 11 a.m. today at the LDS Church on Fair Street in Burley before the funeral one hour before the funeral today at the church (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Burley).

Larry Ben Heidemann KIMBERLY — Larry Ben Heidemann, 58, of Kimberly, died Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, in Twin Falls.

Walter Baltzer — Walter "Walt" Baltzer, 64, of Twin Falls, died Friday, Feb. 17, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by

A celebration of life will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2006, at our Savior Lutheran Church, 464 Carriage Lane N. in Twin Falls, with Pastor Dan Rieke officiating. Burial will follow at the Reflection of History Mausoleum at Sunset Memorial Park. Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E. in Twin Falls. The family suggests memorials be given in Ben's name to Our Savior Lutheran Church Building. Full contributions may be given to funeral charges if mailed to Reynolds Funeral Chapel, P.O. Box 1142, Twin Falls, ID 83403. A full obituary will appear in Sunday's newspaper.

Richard Lorin Kunz of Twin Falls, funeral at 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary. Friends and family may call from noon to 1 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Marie Frances Windsor of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. today at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses on

DOE says suspect Yucca work is sound, but will be redone anyway

WASHINGTON (AP) — Work on the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste dump, though performed by federal employees, who apparently made up facts, was scientifically sound, an Energy Department report said Friday. But the work will be redone anyway because it didn't comply with quality assurance rules. That will take months and could cost as much as several million dollars, said Paul Golan, acting director of the department's Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management. "We need to move forward based on work that meets our quality standards. If that means redeveloping this work, taking the time and incurring the cost to do that, we just need to do that," Golan told reporters on a conference call. The Energy Department released the 144-page report nearly a year after disclosing the existence of e-mails written by U.S. Geological Survey hydrogeologists. The e-mails, which included fabricated facts, deleted inconvenient data and kept one set of documents for themselves and another for quality assurance officials. The e-mails were written from 1998 through 2004 by scientists using computer models to determine how quickly precipitation could make its way through the

On the Net U.S. Geological Survey: http://www.usgs.gov Department of Energy: http://www.doe.gov Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management: http://www.ocrwmm.doe.gov/

problem with the basis for the Energy Department's 2002 recommendation of Yucca Mountain as the site for a nuclear waste dump. However, Sandia National Laboratories in New Mexico will redo the computer models because quality assurance rules weren't complied with, Golan said. The lab started the work in September and will finish this spring or summer. The Energy Department is trying to recover from a series of problems with the project, including a federal court's ruling that overturned the government's original radiation protection standards for the dump. Project managers no longer offer estimates as to when the dump might open; as of a year ago, the most optimistic estimate was 2012. Golan said he couldn't say when the Energy Department might be prepared to submit an application to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission for a license to operate the dump. But he also couldn't say whether the USGS controversy has itself delayed the project. Separately, a redesign has been required by the Energy Department's decision to use a different kind of packaging to hold nuclear waste buried in the dump.

University of Utah student accused of hacking into professor's computer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A University of Utah student has been indicted on federal charges of hacking into one of his professor's computers in an attempt of causing a failing grade, the U.S. attorney's office said. "You Li, a 21-year-old student from China, was charged in a federal indictment Friday with accessing a protected computer in an attempt at fraud and obtaining information from a protected computer. Each count carries a maximum penalty of five years in prison

and a \$250,000 fine. Li surrendered his passport in U.S. District Court and was released pending trial. Li is accused of using a software hacking program around October 2004 to learn the professor's password in the math department's computer system, court papers said. Li is accused of accessing the professor's account from home, reading the professor's e-mail and obtaining other personal information. Li also allegedly wrote and installed a program in the

professor's math department computer that would run whenever the professor logged in, the indictment said. That program would then instruct the professor to enter his user ID and password for the university's administrative computer system, court papers said. Prosecutors don't believe Li succeeded in altering his grade. They said the file was actually a backup the professor used to keep track of student grades. Attempts to reach Li Friday were unsuccessful.

House committee discusses bill that would make school threats a crime

BOISE (AP) — When there's a real threat of violence at a school, police should get involved, a House committee heard Friday. House Judiciary, Rules and Administration committee discussed a bill that would make it a misdemeanor to use a weapon in or around a school. It also allows a person to be charged with a crime if they threaten to use a weapon. Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchikan, said she was prompted to sponsor the bill after a case in her district three years ago where two freshmen told other students they were going to shoot people they didn't like. "They were basically going to do a Columbine," said Jaquet, referring to a 1999 shooting spree at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., that left 15 dead. Authorities learned

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"It may be the case that commissioners are not clear which agency is responsible for which things," Hardesty said. "I have not had a direct complaint from county commissioners, but I am aware of the frustration" as to agencies' roles. "Clearly, it is something we need to continue to work on."

IDEO Regional Administrator Doug Howard in Twin Falls said, "I'd certainly like to know specifically where they think IDEO isn't enforcing something. Would you like to ask commissioners?"

"We typically don't get involved with any dairy stuff unless it (run-off) leaves the dairy and starts running into a stream," he said.

If odor is the issue behind commissioners' allegations, Howard said it's a gray area, addressed to some degree in an ordinance. "I'm not sure that's the best management plan with ISDA."

"We've responded when county commissioners have contacted us on dairy odors, and we've gone over there and tried to qualify the odor level," he said.

Howard, like Hardesty, said it might be a matter of confusion as to what agency is responsible for what but that it's clearly laid out in the MOU, and it's not a complicated document.

Judy Davis, Coaling County planning and zoning administrator, doesn't seem to have a beef with ISDA or IDEO.

"Each county has its own ordinance — and it's not their state agencies' job to uphold it," she said.

As for cooperation, she said, "Most state agencies have guidelines — and those guidelines can change at any time — but it's not a matter of them not wanting to work with us, that I see. When I've called the Department of Ag and requested information, they would give me what they could give me," she said.

O'Brien, parts of the requested information were blacked out, but he said that in accordance with proprietary laws or with agency guidelines.

"As for working with us, I feel the departments have worked for us," Davis said.

Where she does see a problem might be what is really

behind commissioners' complaints.

"I do feel Water Resources needs to step up to the plate," she said of the Idaho Department of Water Resources. "Everyone knows we've over-allocated water; they (IDWR) need to come out and say it."

And stop permitting water transfers — that would make PRZ's job easier, she added.

"PRZ feels we don't have enough water" in regard to permitting CAFOs, she said. "If they (producers) have all the criteria required in our ordinance and a letter from Water Resources that they have water ... our hands are pretty well tied to approving a CAFO permit."

Michael Keckler, IDWR public information officer, said IDWR follows Idaho law when issuing permits and transfers.

"We do have statutes in place. If it meets our criteria and doesn't harm other water users," permits are approved, he said, adding there is an appeal process in place.

"The Department is also responsible for fulfilling existing water rights. If a water-rights holder wants to sell or transfer

his rights, IDWR must facilitate that."

IDWR Director Karl Dreher has publicly stated "there are more water rights out there than we have water to fill them," Keckler said. "There are efforts under way to bring this more in line. We also need to keep in mind, under law, the right to appropriate unappropriated water shall never be denied."

While Idaho operates under a prior appropriations law — first in time, first in right — it also states any reasonable application of that law will not block full economic development of groundwater resources, he said.

All said, "There are laws on the books that cause some gray areas," Keckler said. "We as a department do our best to meet our constitutional mandates and follow the laws and rules we are required to do."

As for transfers, he said, "A water right is real property, just like real estate. Unless there is a compelling reason prohibiting a transfer as such, we have to be careful about that because it could be viewed as a takings."

School district refuses to ban gay-straight club

SANDPOINT (AP) — Lake County Middle School District officials have refused to disband the Gay Straight Alliance Club at Sandpoint High School, drawing the ire of some members of this northern Idaho community.

"Your message is loud and clear," Sandpoint attorney Edgar Steele told district officials at a board meeting earlier this week. "It's about up and out your porridge." But I'm speaking out against this because approving it sends the wrong message to our kids. It's another crack in the armor."

The Bonner County Daily Bee reported that the majority of people who attended the meeting supported the club, known as GSA. Many wore "Friends of GSA" stickers.

One man said that if a GSA club had existed when he was a

teenager, it might have stopped him from making a suicide attempt while confronting his homosexuality.

The club, formed three weeks ago, is one of 23 student clubs at Sandpoint High School. Unlike the others, it was approved after an extensive review by Principal Jim Soper.

"GSA has gone through a more extraordinary procedure because I saw it as being a very emotional issue," Soper said at the meeting.

He said he could have disbanded GSA and all the other clubs, but decided it would be better to keep them.

"I felt it was in the best interests for the kids and the school to let them stand and that GSA was a good place for kids to discuss various gender-related issues," Soper said.

Contest

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last year but this was Dillman's first crack at the contest.

The event pairs the students and they work to trouble-hunt and make repairs in several categories — like steering and suspension, brakes, electrical and engine performance.

"It was intense," Gilley said. "They really made you think. We had to compete as a team. That was a really big thing, cooperation."

The sections were tallied and the winners were notified that night at the Bee Events Center during a half-time event. The WSD/Montana basketball game.

Gilley said they were confident before the winners were announced and felt they had done well in the competition.

"But you never know how good the other teams are," he said.

Dillman said waiting for the results that night was difficult.

"That was the longest basketball game I've ever watched," he said.

Gilley attributes the second place performance to great advice from instructors, and

Bonanza Motors, which allowed the students to use one of its brand new diagnostic scanners that turned out to be the very one used in the competition. "That really paid off," Gilley said.

Snyder said the students worked hard and earned the good showing, putting in many extra hours in preparation for the contest.

He said several factors help the students do well in the program, including excellent instructors who have maintained connections with the industry and can pass that information along to their students.

Snyder said another factor is the support through the Albertson Foundation that has allowed the tech center to provide excellent, up-to-date equipment for the students to train on.

"The industry is changing rapidly and having access to the newer diagnostic tools is vital," Snyder said.

Laurie Welch can be reached at 677-8767 or by e-mail at lucelch@southidahopress.com.

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GOP cool to Kempthorne rebate plan

By John Miller
Associated Press writer

BOISE (AP) — Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's plan to return \$63 million of Idaho's budget surplus in the form of 500-percent energy-relief checks is winning little support from Republican leaders, who say the cash would be better spent elsewhere.

Kempthorne aides say the Republican governor remains loyal to the approach he introduced in his Jan. 9 State of the State address, potentially setting up a clash with his own party — and Democrats — unless a compromise is struck. Specifics of the plan have not been introduced in legislation. "We're still in discussions with leadership," said Brian Whitlock, Kempthorne's chief of



staff. On Friday, legislative budget writers voted to give \$3.75 million to help low-income residents pay their power bills, something the governor asked for in his last year plan. "We're making good progress," Whitlock said.

Still, House Speaker Bruce Newcomb, R-Burley, said he'd prefer that the bulk of the remaining \$59 million be dedicated to such programs as extending broadband Internet to rural areas and expanding economic development programs. "I've not met anybody yet who was really adamant

about" the \$50 plan, Newcomb told The Associated Press. "There are better ways to use that money."

Instead of returning a third of Idaho's \$214 million budget surplus — collected in part from a one-penny tax increase that expired in July — the state should wait until the end of 2007 to make certain the surplus is more than just a fleeting phenomenon, Newcomb said.

If state coffers remain flush, that could be the right time to slash tax rates, a move that would have longer-lasting benefits for state residents, he said. Sen. Joe Stegner, R-Lewiston, the assistant majority leader, said a number of issues have arisen in recent months — including the sale of Albertson's Inc., one of the state's largest employers — that could cloud

the economic picture and make depleting Idaho's surplus this year unwise.

In addition, an Idaho Supreme Court ruling Dec. 21 directed the Legislature to address school safety issues, a Republican plan, introduced Wednesday, would contribute \$25 million from the budget surplus to a school construction account.

"I've heard people say, 'We need a more targeted approach versus a shotgun approach,'" Stegner said of the \$50-check plan. "Giving one-third of the total surplus to one program restricts what else might get done."

Eight Republican and Democratic lawmakers who spoke with the AP said they hadn't heard a surge of public support for Kempthorne's relief package.

"We've just seen little to no interest," said David Carlson, Boise spokesman for AAA, which monitors gasoline prices. "Most likely those asking for the rebate are in a lower economic profile" than our members.

Still, the governor's aides say state residents have made clear their opinions of the plan: "They love it," said Mike Journee, Kempthorne's press secretary.

High energy bills — the average power and gas bill has risen \$21 as Intermountain Gas boosted rates by 27.6 percent and Idaho Power rates went up 7.8 percent, while gasoline prices rose as high as \$3 a gallon last fall — have forced many families to cut back. The governor's plan is the most efficient, equitable way to provide relief, Journee said.

Yellowstone official apologizes over joke

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — A Yellowstone National Park official has apologized to three snowmobile industry executives for forwarding a joke by e-mail that suggested a hunting season on snowmobiles in the park.

At least one snowmobile advocate doesn't think the apology is enough, and has said the Park Service should remove John Sacklin from his current duties.

"I would say it's pretty poor taste to be circulating something like that from a government official," said Kim Raap, former manager of the Wyoming State Trails Program and now a consultant in Sioux Falls, S.D. "I believe that John should not be involved in this process, absolutely. This is a misbehavior that taints the process."

In a statement Thursday, Yellowstone Superintendent Suzanne Lewis called Sacklin a "dedicated, even-handed public servant" and said the park stands behind him. Sacklin is Yellowstone's lead planner on the winter-use environmental study that examines the effects of snowmobiles in the park.

Snowmobile use in Yellowstone, Grand Teton National Park and the parkway connecting them has been a contentious issue for a number of years. The current snowmobile rules, expected to be in place through the winter of 2006-07, allow for up to 720 snowmobiles to enter Yellowstone every day, but most riders must be accompanied by guides and the park requires the use of cleaner, quieter machines.

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9th Circuit nominee creates turf battle

BOISE (AP) — Members of Idaho's congressional delegation say they'll fight California's two U.S. senators over their claim to a vacancy on the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals after President Bush picked an Idaho judge for the spot.

In December, Bush nominated Idaho 6th District Judge J. Randy Smith of Pocatello to the court, which covers nine western states with a combined population of 58 million people. The court has 29 full-time judges and its retired judges often consider cases as well.

Smith was nominated to replace Judge Stephen Trott, who moved to Idaho from California after his appointment. Trott declared senior status in December 2004 — the equivalent of retirement for federal judges — and since then, Idaho has not had an active judge on the court.

Another Idaho resident also has been nominated to the court. Boise attorney William G. Myers was tapped by Bush three years ago to succeed Tom Nelson, who took senior status in 2003. Myers' confirmation has been held up by threat of


filibuster. Two seats on the 9th Circuit bench is too many for a state as small as Idaho, say California Democratic Sens. Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer.

"The bottom line is that Idaho, with two judges, will be vastly over-represented compared to its caseload or population," Feinstein said in a letter to Idaho Republican Sens. Mike Crapo and Larry Craig, both Republicans.

Feinstein and Boxer also asked Bush to nominate a Californian for the seat previously held by Trott.

"For more than 30 years, this judgeship has been occupied by a Californian," they said in a Dec. 15 letter to Bush.

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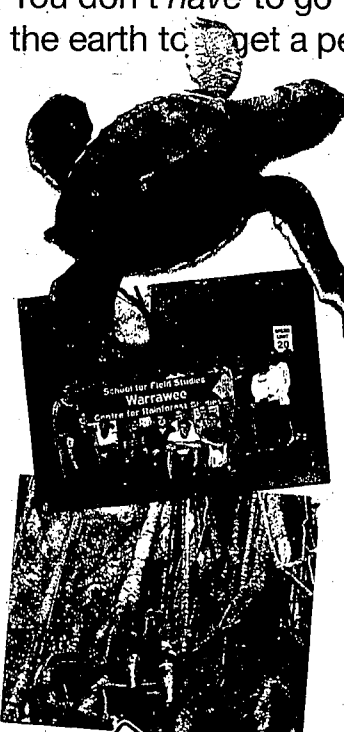

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MVS operator earns his own checkered flag

CHEERS: To Steve York, owner and operator of the Magic Valley Speedway.

York was recognized at a motorsport meeting in Dayton Beach, Fla. as the Racing Promotion Monthly (RPM) Promoter of the Year. Now in its 20th year, the Magic Valley Speedway is as popular as ever, and fellow promoters took notice of the changes made this year by York and his team.

The RPM award was based on the West Region, which includes multi-million dollar facilities at Irwindale, Calif., and Rocky Mountain Raceway in Salt Lake City. To enhance the racing atmosphere at MVS, York added a \$40,000 scoreboard with electronic scoring devices, called transponders, hooked to each car.

Over 20 years, the racing crowd has grown more di-

verse and family-friendly thanks to York. And of course, keeping the Trailer Race of Destruction is always a good move, too.

JEERS: All around in the quick-shoot controversy.

Vice President Dick Cheney didn't do himself any favors in the aftermath of Saturday's shooting. Cheney, accidentally shot his lawyer buddy Harry Whittington when he tried to get down a flying quail.

Waiting until Sunday morning to notify the White House was unwise, and waiting until Wednesday to conduct an interview was probably worse. The Veep is just feeding the perception that he controls all information secretly, when in fact, his genuine contention on TV could have done him good.

But the media have gone hog wild in a way that is almost as ridiculous as the late-night TV puns. Suddenly when the questioner experienced a minor heart attack, the jokes were off — and the hard questions began. It's at that point they determined the vice president's shooting of a personal friend was a matter of national security.

CHEERS: To Graham Watanabe of Hanley, who rose to the occasion for the Turin Olympics.

Watanabe did not qualify for the snowboardcross competition in the 2006 games in previous years. So his trip to Italy was as a so technician

for his American teammates.

But that all changed when a teammate went down with a knee injury in practice runs. Just like that, Watanabe, 23, went from alternate to official Olympic participant.

Graham didn't disappoint either with a qualifying solo run landing him in the round of 32 boarders Thursday. But he failed to make the quarterfinals after a collision with Italian Tommaso Tagliaterra.

Not bad for an impromptu appearance in the Olympics, especially for a lugger who has two major injuries to continue his career.

JEERS: To construction developer Footbill Proper-

ties, which needs some refresher courses in construction safety.

One of the firm's partners, George McDaniel, was blasting earth and rock at a construction site in Ammon a week ago, when one of the boulders flew 175 feet away. It landed in the bedroom of Tyson Taylor, a 16-year-old who was recovering at home from the flu.

"It just passed through the roof," Taylor told the Post Register. "It was pretty intense."

The Bonneville County Sheriff's Department investigated the accident. But you may be intrigued to know Idaho, unlike neighboring states, doesn't require licenses from blasting companies.

CHEERS: To the new president of Idaho State University, Arthur Vallias.

Idaho's State Board of Education named Vallias as the newest president, replacing Richard Brown who left ISU last fall after two decades in Pocatello.

Vallias is the vice president for research and intellectual property management for the University of Houston. He will start his new job on July 1.

Vallias' most important is his background in health sciences, with his service on the National Institute of Health. That experience will be needed to help ISU stake some ground for more medical school services in the future.

Cheers and jeers is a mix of captions and quibbles from the week's news. Send your ideas and suggestions to Opinion Editor David Cooper, at dcooper@magicvalley.com

The alliance on environmentalism

"And on the eighth day God said, Let there be a thermostat for the heavens and the earth, and behold, God saw that it was good. And God said, Let no man adjust more than 2 degrees Fahrenheit, or 1 degree Celsius, until the end of time."

Now that evangelical Christians have joined the battle against global warming, we may as well acknowledge that America has one truly national religion: environmentalism.

Its tenets, already taken for granted in the blue states, were embraced this week by the Christian leaders who formed the Evangelical Climate Initiative. They haven't yet rewritten Genesis, but their advertising campaign — a series of "millions of years" from biblical scourges — floods, droughts, pestilence — unless humans make a "sacred commitment" to stop global warming.

It may look odd for evangelicals to be taking up Hollywood's most fashionable cause, but the alliance makes perfect sense. Environmentalism has always fundamentally been a religion — "Let's imitate the Lord," in the words of Robert Nelson, a professor of environmental policy at the University of Maryland. He calls the global warming debate the latest example of environmentalist creationism.

The Puritans and other Calvinists believed that God was revealed not just in Scripture but also in the "Book of Nature." To them, the wilderness was an unchanging record of God's handiwork at "the Creation," offering a glimpse of the world before man's pride and sinfulness alienated him from nature and caused him to be expelled from Eden.

Environmentalists have had similar notions, starting with John Muir, who considered nature "a mirror" of "the direct reflector of 'divinity,'" and he warned Americans not to "recklessly destroy the patterns of creation."

There is one large problem with this version of creationism: The world we see was not created in a week, and it has looked a lot different in the past.

The forests that seemed divine to the Puritans and to Muir and Rabbit are not present at the Creation. They were merely the latest adaptation to changing climatic conditions and competition with other species, including humans — Indians had been managing the forests by cutting trees and setting fires. There is no such thing as a



JOHN TIERNEY

"natural" forest in America. Nelson writes, unless you reject creationism and define nature as "the Darwinian vision of unrelenting struggle for survival."

Darwin's Book of Nature isn't as morally satisfying as Calvin's, at least not for those who enjoy herding Americans for their sinful desires to cut down trees and burn fossil fuels. But it does make for a clearer way to think about global warming. Instead of assuming that humans will be punished for tinkering with God's handiwork, you can consider the best strategy for our species' survival.

That means rejecting the assumption that we must immediately start punishing our excesses. Solutions like the Kyoto treaty amount to expensive hair shirts that appeal to penitents but not necessarily to economists. Even economists who support the Kyoto treaty acknowledge that it will make only a small difference far in the future while imposing serious costs today.

And those costs seem too high for other economists, like the four Nobel laureates and their colleagues who met in Copenhagen in 2004 to study proposals to help the world's poor. The Copenhagen Consensus, as they called it, was that programs to slow global warming are one of the worst investments — far less worthwhile than programs to immediately combat disease and improve drinking water and sanitation.

Saving lives now makes more sense than spending money to avert biblical punishments that may never come. Scientists agree that the planet seems to be warming, but their models are still so crude that they're unsure about how much it will heat up or how much damage will be done. There's a chance the warming could be mild enough to produce net benefits.

For now, the best strategy is to refine the forecasts and look for the cheapest and least painful ways to counteract global warming, including heretical ideas like geo-engineering schemes to cool the planet by blocking sunlight. It's hard today to imagine how that would be done — or how environmentalists would ever allow something so "unnatural."

But maybe they could be convinced that we're just rejecting God's thermostat back to the eighth day of Creation.

John Tierney's e-mail is tierney@nymtimes.com.

District schools need to act now for class space

The upcoming Twin Falls School District bond levy is not an issue this community can overlook.

Twin Falls residents see the amount of growth our community is experiencing. Parents with children in Twin Falls schools can attest to how this growth has led to the classroom to larger class sizes every year, inadequate space to accommodate required state and federal mandated programs, growing special education needs, testing and helping students under stress, and in various makeshift spaces, numerous eating shifts in school cafeterias and gyms, and safety and access concerns at several schools.

Overcrowding translates into greater demands on our teachers as they struggle to meet the educational needs of so many students in diminishing spaces. It goes without saying how overcrowding is affecting students.

Twin Falls' growth is impacting our schools and its infrastructure. By 2009, most every school will be "over capacity." Community volunteers that make up Concerned Citizens for Quality Education have tackled this issue by developing a plan that addresses what must be done now to alleviate classroom sizes of 30-plus students in just the next few years. Our teachers and students deserve better.

The \$49.7 million bond levy is a pretty hefty number, but it is not our district's problem. Bond money will go toward building a second high school, reconfiguring elementary and junior high schools, and updating our schools. The current high school was built to accommodate a student body of 1,500 and will be over capacity next year.

As a very conservative pact, student population is expected to grow to 6,014 by 2009. Without change to current buildings or building a new high school, classes will be bursting at the seams. Passing the bond will increase your taxes \$82.80 a month — that's \$6,300 a month — on a \$180,000 residence. Even with this new levy rate, Twin Falls will be well behind other smaller southern Idaho communities and their facility levy rates.

Voting yes on March 14 on the bond levy is not a vote of luxury for our schools, teachers and students. It is a vote of necessity.

Please help provide a better educational future for our teachers and students. Vote yes on March 14. Thank You.

LISA BUDDECKE
TERESA MCCOY
KATIE MCNELEY
(Editors note: Lisa Buddecke, Teresa McCoy and Katie McNeley are members of Concerned Citizens for Quality Education's Long Range Planning Committee.)

LETTERS



What I would like to know is what he does for a living and who feeds his family.

Knowing today's financial hardship, it is hard to support a family of four — dad, mom and two kids; how does he support a family of 10?

In the great country we live in, everyone is entitled to their choice of lifestyle. I am having his family and now putting his nose where it does not belong, the choice of other people. It is un-American.

My dad had 16 kids, and he was not only the greatest dad on earth but he supported us all the way until he passed away in 1996. I had to sponsor the entire family to the United States, one by one. Now being married for 19 years, some people ask my wife and I why do you just want kids? My answer: I learned my lesson by raising my brothers and sisters, being a kid, raising kids. I do not want to do this with it again.

So, Mr. Bayes and any Legislature or any government representative who would like to tell other people how to live and how many kids to have should mind their own business and remember that this is a free country and everyone can choose for themselves.

God bless America.
DARRI A. EDWARDS
Twin Falls

Bond proposal frees up space for schools

I encourage each one of you to find out more about the upcoming school facilities bond.

When you look at the dollar amount it seems very overwhelming, but when you look at the growth of Twin Falls and the number of students attending each of the Twin Falls schools, it is a small amount.

I work in the computer lab at Perrine Elementary. Over the last seven years, I have watched our building go from 400 students to more than 650. Every empty space is being used for something. Children are working in the hallways, under stair openings and in storage areas. Classrooms have gone from 18 to 24.

If you think about teaching your child to tie his shoe or helping him learn his spelling words, you think what it would be like to teach 25 of your children to do something they have never done before. Our staff does an outstanding job teaching your children to read, write and become part of our community. However, it has become more difficult because of the classroom sizes and the special needs of so many of our students.

Aspartame poses a dietary risk to health

Aspartame, an artificial sweetener developed by Searle and marketed as NutraSweet, Equal, etc. is an approved sweetener because of a few "green" and dishonest people who place profits above human life and well-being, it causes many health problems and is addictive.

Aspartame was not approved until 1981 in dry foods. For more than eight prior years, the Food and Drug Administration refused to approve it because it caused seizures and brain tumors in lab animals. Dr. Arthur Hull Hayes was appointed FDA commissioner when his predecessor refused to approve aspartame. Hayes approved it by overruling his own board of inquiry that said, "Do not approve Aspartame." After it was approved for use in carbonated beverages, it has been used for sweetening baby food.

There are 92 FDA recognized, aspartame symptoms (that require a doctor's attention) from FDA) on how aspartame adversely affects human health. A link to a printable

Have you ever walked into Twin Falls High School? I have and my experience there is not one of great comfort. I have a child at the high school and one in junior high. When you visit either of these schools, there are so many students moving about the halls that you can hardly get from one class to the other. The students sign up in the spring for their fall classes. When they arrive in the fall, they get their schedules and many of the classes they choose, whether it's required or elective classes, the classes are full and the students aren't interested in or taking release.

There is just not enough room for the 1,200-plus students receive the classes they request each year.

If the bond passes, the high school will be divided with the ninth grades being moved to the high school the sixth grades being moved to the middle schools and the elementary schools would have kindergarten through fifth grade. This would free up classrooms at Twin Falls and allow a much better teaching environment for our kids.

Please take time to hear the proposal from the district before you vote on March 14.

SANDIE BEANIS
Twin Falls

Trucks are just fine traveling at 65 mph

On Feb. 4 in the Magic Valley section of *The Times-News* appeared an article titled, "Lawmaker seeks faster speed limit," wherein it was said that Republican Sen. Tim Cordier of Mountain Home proposed a speed limit of 75 mph for Interstate 84, instead of the current 65 mph. That is today's trucks are more efficient with their high-powered engines.

Sen. Cordier also states that "by the way, only one of my trucks has been cited, not one, and I can tell you not one of 'em is driving at 65."

Well, Sen. Cordier, how can you condemn your trucks speed on your 65 mph when the law clearly states 65 mph for trucks? Are you above the law? And if this miles per hour is changed to 75, then are we to believe that your trucks will not drive at 75 but 80 or 85 or more? Also, Senator, there are many trucks on the interstate that are not newer and more fuel efficient than about the wheel of a 1940s truck.

I believe the speed limit of 65 for trucks is safe and in the best interest of all motorists at the present time. If you can just slow down your trucks to comply with the law, this would be even better.

JOHN C. ANDERSON
Twin Falls

NATION

Rumsfeld: U.N. chief 'flat wrong' over Gitmo

NEW YORK (AP) — The Pentagon will not close its Guantanamo Bay prison for terrorist suspects, despite U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's call to shut it down, Defense Secretary Donald H. Rumsfeld said Friday.

"He's just flat wrong," Rumsfeld said in response to a question about the controversial prison during an appearance at the Council on Foreign Relations. "We shouldn't close Guantanamo. We have several hundred terrorists — and the people, people that if let back out on the field would try to kill Americans. That's just a fact."

He said closing it would allow the terrorists there to be no problem with a terrorist threat to U.S. interests.

Rumsfeld also took a swipe at Annan, saying, "He's never been to Guantanamo Bay," whereas representatives of the Interna-



Rumsfeld

tional Committee of the Red Cross "stayed there, lived there 24 hours a day" to "observe conditions." "That place is being run as well as any detention facility can be run," he added, his voice rising. "It's absolutely beyond comprehension," he said, that calls for closing Guantanamo Bay can be based on allegations of mistreatment and torture by the prisoners, whom Rumsfeld said are trained to lie.

A U.N. report issued earlier this week said some of the treatment of prisoners amounted to torture.

There are about 500 prisoners at Guantanamo Bay. Many have been held for nearly four years.

Most were captured on the battlefield of Afghanistan in late 2001 after U.S. forces invaded in response to the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001.

Rumsfeld also asserted that U.S. forces in Iraq are making progress on the security front, but he said there inevitably will be setbacks as the Iraqis struggle to assume control of their country. "Our goal has to be to reduce our forces down, and to do it at a pace where we recognize that we're going to — I almost said 'make a mistake.' It will look like a mistake. It's a judgment call. We're going to have to pull out of some pieces of real estate and turn over things to Iraqis, and they're going to drop the ball. Let's face it."

"And we're going to have to step in, go back in and fix it and then turn it back over again, and it's going to be three steps for-

ward and one step back. It isn't going to be perfect. It isn't going to be pretty," he said.

Rumsfeld said U.S. forces already have closed or turned over to the Iraqis 30 military bases. He offered no projections of future U.S. troop withdrawals. Last December the Pentagon said the number of U.S. troops in Iraq would drop from about 136,000 to about 130,000 by March.

Rumsfeld also said al-Qaida and other Islamic extremist groups have poisoned the Muslim public's view of the United States through deft use of the Internet and other modern communications methods that the American government has failed to master.

"Our enemies have skillfully adapted to fighting wars in today's media age, but for the most part, we — our country, our government — has not adapted," he said.

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Iranian official calls for troops to leave

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Iran's foreign minister demanded the immediate withdrawal of British forces in Basra, saying Friday they had destabilized the southern Iraqi city near the Iranian border.

Wrapping up a three-day visit to Lebanon, Iranian Foreign Minister Manusheh Mottaki said Iran supported the "current political process in Iraq," but he urged the incoming government to control the "escalating terrorism" targeting Iraqi civilians and to push for an immediate pullout of U.S.-led multinational forces.

"We believe that the presence of the British forces in Basra has destabilized security in this city and has had some negative effects in the form of threats against southern Iran recently," Mottaki said.

Basra is about 22 miles from a southern Iranian province that witnessed riots and bombings last year allegedly connected to Iran's Arab minority. Iran has blamed British intelligence for some of the bombings, a charge which Britain denies.

"The Islamic Republic of Iran demands an immediate withdrawal of British forces from Basra," Mottaki told reporters after talks with his Lebanese counterpart. British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who was visiting Germany, told reporters in Berlin: "What I would say to the Iranians is that there is no point in trying to divert attention from the issues to do with Iran by calling into question the British presence in Iraq, which is there with a U.N. mandate and Iraqi support."

U.S. helicopters crash; 10 missing

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Two U.S. Marine Corps helicopters crashed off the coast of northwestern Djibouti Friday, and rescuers were searching for 10 missing crew members Friday night, according to U.S. military officials in the Horn of Africa. Investigators were looking into the cause of the crash, which officials said happened during a training mission over the Gulf of Aden near Ras Sayun. A spokeswoman for the military's task force in the Horn of Africa said it was unclear whether the helicopters collided, and she did not have further details of the crash or weather conditions at the time.

Djiboutian military near where the helicopters hit were able to respond immediately and rescue two crew members from the water, according to a U.S. Central Command news release. Those two crew members sustained injuries and were in stable condition at Camp Lemonnier, a U.S. base in Djibouti.

Military officials in Washington said two CH-53 helicopters had crashed with 12 crew members aboard between them. Djibouti, U.S. and French officials were searching for possible survivors in the area, but the fates of the other crew members were unknown as of Friday night. The military was withholding the names of the crews pending notification of their families.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

You guys never report the good stuff that I do.

— Former baseball star Albert Belle, 39, after he was arrested in Scottsdale, Ariz., on Thursday and charged with stalking

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

Who was the first alpine skier to win three gold medals in one Olympics?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

College
BASEBALL
Salt Lake CC at CSI, 6H, noon
MEN'S BASKETBALL
Salt Lake CC at CSI, 7:30 p.m.
WOMEN'S BASKETBALL
Salt Lake CC at CSI, 5:30 p.m.

High School
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GIRLS BASKETBALL
See related stories.

IN BRIEF

Kramer entertains at banquet tonight

TWIN FALLS — Jerry Kramer, a former University of Idaho Vandal football player who went on to star with the Green Bay Packers, will entertain the attendees at the Southern Idaho Learning Center's Men Only Wild Game Feed on Saturday, Feb. 18.
Special sauces will be offered with alligator, bison, venison and kangaroo wild game options, all served Brazilian style.
Entertainer Danny Marona will serve as master of ceremonies and auctioneer for the items, which include an ATV, a six-day trip down the Middle Fork, a plasma television, hunting rifles, a pedigree Labrador puppy and more.
The event starts at 6 p.m. with cocktails. Each man will receive a khaki cap with the logo of the event with each ticket.
Tickets are \$50 each and can be purchased at Rudy's Sportsman's Warehouse, Elftown Sports or The Southern Idaho Learning Center. Men are asked to consider putting together a table. Proceeds will go to support programs of the Southern Idaho Learning Center.
For more information or reservations, call 734-3914.

Pomerelle offers kids event today

ALBION — Pomerelle Mountain Resort will hold its annual kids competition starting at noon Saturday with the magic carpet event for newcomers and the giant slalom spud run.
The event is for skiers and snowboarders ages 14 and under.
There are prizes for the top three finishers.
Registration is from 9-11 a.m. There is a \$5 entry fee and a \$5 bill deposit.
A signed release waiver is required.
They are available at the ski area (673-5599) or at www.pomerelle-mtn.com.

CSI continues teacher appointment night

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho employees and all Magic Valley public school teachers and families will be offered free admission to this Friday and Saturday men's and women's basketball games against Salt Lake Community College at the CSI gymnasium. The women's game starts at 5:30 p.m. both nights, with the men's game to follow at 7:30 p.m.

Compiled from staff reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:
Jean-Claude Killy of France in 1936.

T.F. boys advance to championship

By Diane Philbin
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Top-seeded Twin Falls and No. 2 Highland had met twice in regular season Region Four-Five-Six Conference play and had split with each team winning on their home court. The rubber game just happened to be the second round game in the 5A Region Four-Five-Six Tournament at Ilwaco Gymnasium.
The trend continued as the host Bruins defeated the visiting Rams 50-42 Friday.
"This is a good rivalry," said Twin Falls coach Matt Har. "I

couldn't be much prouder. We really worked hard. There are just a few little things we still need to touch up on and do a better job on."
Neither defense allowed the opposition to get much offense going in the first quarter. Twin Falls led 10-4 after the first period but outscored Highland 16-11 in the second quarter giving the Bruins a comfortable 26-15 halftime lead.
Senior Brandon Stokes scored 11 of his 17 points in the first half and registered a double-double for the game with 11 rebounds. He also had three steals.
The closest Highland would

get in the third quarter was with a minute remaining. Senior guard Griffin McNabb scored, pulling the Rams to within nine points at 39-30. The Bruins scored the next time down the court on a put-back by senior Brady Jardine, giving Twin Falls a 41-30 lead going into the fourth quarter.
Twin Falls outscored Highland 17-12 in the final quarter. The Bruins out-rebounded the Rams, 47-29. Twin Falls had 21 offensive boards and 26 on the defensive end compared to 13 and 16 for the Rams.
Jardine also had a double-double for the Bruins. He pumped in 10 of his 17 points in

the third quarter and pulled down a game-high 13 rebounds. Nine of those were defensive boards. Blake Nielsen added 10 points and tied Kenny Steelman with two assists.
Highland was led by senior Travis Martin with 11 points followed by Anthony Martin and McNabb's seven.
The Rams shot only 20 percent for the game and Twin Falls was at 40 percent.
"We were just very lethargic," said Highland coach Chris Frost. "We didn't do anything on defense we had worked on. We went back to our old habits. We just seemed to have lost energy"

Highland hosts Skyline in a home game at 7 p.m. Tuesday. The winner of that game plays at Twin Falls at 7 p.m. Thursday for the region title.
"I wouldn't surprise me to see Highland again. This is not to take anything away from Skyline or Idaho Falls," said Har.

Twin Falls 58, Highland 42
Highland
41 18 30 — G
51 — F
14 — S
15 — J
235, Team MVP: 24.1, W: 20.0, S: 2.6, J: 1.2, F: 1.5, FT: 75.0, Rebound: 21, 22, 19, 17, 20
Twin Falls
50 — G
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18 — S
15 — J
200 — R
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15 — S
15 — J
200 — R
200 — B
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End of an era Bruins bounce Eagles men



Shoshone senior wing Kyll Astle (11) stretches for a pass, but misses, while under pressure from Wallace defenders Friday during the second quarter of their Class 4A state semifinal loss at Skyview High School in Nampa.

By John Derr
Times-News writer

NAMPA — There will be no repeat.
Shoshone's quest to go back-to-back as state champions ended as the Indians fell to the Wallace Miners 54-46 in the semifinals of the Girls 1A State Basketball Tournament Friday night at Skyview High School in Nampa.
Northside conference foe Richfield wound up on the short end of a 41-34 semifinal battle against Garden Valley.
The Tigers and Indians will meet for the third place trophy

today at 12:30 p.m. It will be the fourth meeting of the season between the two teams. Shoshone has won two of three this season.
Wallace 54, Shoshone 46
It was a costly three minutes. With the score tied near the end of the half, Wallace went on a 10-0 run and Shoshone never recovered.
Shoshone coach Tim Chapman said it was the key to the game.
"It takes so much energy to come back from that. Give the girls credit though, they never

gave up. Their shots fell and ours didn't," said Chapman.
It was fast start by both teams, but it was the Miners who got the better of it early.
Lisa Carver hit two from beyond the arc for the 16-10 lead. Shoshone got a 3-pointer by Kallie Axelsson at the buzzer and trailed 18-17 after one.
Wallace kept trying to pull away in the second, but each time the Indians answered. Karl Bingham and Katie Strunk each connected from beyond the arc as the score was tied at 27 midway through the period.
"The final minutes was the one that

By Eric Larson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The College of Southern Idaho men's basketball team tried its best to prove that it's possible to mount a comeback without actually making a defensive stop.
The No. 10 Golden Eagles scored 49 second-half points during Friday's 98-86 home game at Skyview High School. The victory at the CSI gym, but allowed the visiting Salt Lake Community College Bruins to shoot 70.8 percent from the field in the second half. Despite the Bruins' hot shooting, were able to trim a 19-point deficit down to nine points with eight minutes left, but were never able to mount the type of comeback they scored against the Bruins earlier this season in Salt Lake City.
"We got exactly what we deserved," CSI head coach Barrett Peery said. "We came out pumped from North Idaho and I begged the guys to be more humble and work for Salt Lake, and we got absolutely dominated on the glass. We got exactly what we deserved."
The Bruins out-rebounded the Eagles 41-25, grabbing 13 offensive rebounds in the

process.
Physical forward Viktor Dubovitsky led the Bruins on the glass with 10 points and 12 rebounds, while freshman post Gary Wilkinson added 20 points and six boards.
"We were lucky that Salt Lake allowed us to be in the game," Peery said. "They could have beaten us by 30. I think."
Sophomore guard Steve Neal finished with a game-high 21 points for the Eagles while starting in the place of injured point guard Lermaine Calvinn. Durrell Jenkins finished with 14, while Travis Gabbidon added 12. Derek Longman 11, and Zaryn on Faret 10 in the loss that dropped CSI to 20-5 (11-2 SWAC) on the season.
The Eagles may be without Calvin until postseason play, as the sophomore point guard suffered a broken hand in preparation for the Bruins.
"I don't think that was on our minds," Peery said. "I think we're a good enough team that we can still come out and play well, but we can't just show up and go through the motions."
Please see **EAGLES**, Page B2

CSI splits SWAC double dip

By Eric Larson
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The long-standing mandate on close games between the College of Southern Idaho and Salt Lake Community College basketball teams was upheld Friday afternoon at Jim "Skip" Walker Field.
The host Golden Eagles and Bruins split a Scenic West Athletic Conference doubleheader. CSI rebounded from a 4-1 Game 1 loss with a 3-1 victory in Game 2 to improve to 7-3 (1-1 SWAC) on the season.
After plucking six shutout innings in Game 2, CSI hurler Troy Grindly allowed three singles and a Bruins run off shortstop Joey Siddons' base knock in the first seven.
With two out and runners on first and second, reliever Jordan Latham picked up the save after getting Bruins third baseman Mike Nelson to fly out to second baseman Nik Guneson to end the game.
"The second game, Troy threw great," CSI head coach Boone Walker said. "But Brad little tired at the end, and I real

Back at the Skip

Salt Lake CC at CSI, DH, noon

ly wanted him to finish the inning, but we know Jordan is tough, so we brought him in."
The Eagles scored in the bottom of the first, third, and sixth innings to take the Game 2 lead. Sophomore shortstop Jordan Daley's sacrifice fly scored third baseman Grant Kveder in the first, while first baseman Mike Griffin snatched out of his early-season slump with an RBI-double in the third to plate Kveder. Griffin finished the game 2-for-3 at the plate with the RBI and the Eagles' run in the sixth, crossing the plate on Ken Fugler's successful steal attempt at second.
"The first game, Mike was hitting the ball right at people, then in the second, he gets this kind of top-spin shot that rolls on by," Walker said. "But Brad

Please see **DIP**, Page B2

Moscow stops Bobcats in 4A state semifinals

By Nathaniel Garabrant
Times-News writer

BOISE — With the score knotted 19-18 at the half, Friday night's 4A state tournament semifinal between the Kurley Bobcats and Moscow was going to come down to who slipped up first.
Burley junior guard Jessica Brice drained a long pull-up three to open the second half, lifting the Bobcats to a 22-19 lead and an apparent grip on the momentum, which had seemed to be drifting into Burley's hands for the better half of the second quarter.
Then the wheels came off.
The Bruins erupted for an 11-2 run to go up 30-22 and the Bobcats were unable to recover, falling 43-33.
"We got outplayed," said Burley head coach Gordon Kerbs. "I thought their kids came out the second half to win. I think we had the starry-eyed look the second half and I think that was the difference in the game."
Moscow 6 foot, 3-inch senior post

Class 4A

at Timberline High School
Friday's results
Skyview 49, Bonneville 35, loser-out
Valhalla 47, Lakeland 37, semifinal
CSI 43, Burley 33, semifinal
Saturday's games
at Timberline High School
Hillcrest vs. Skyview, 9 a.m., consolation championship
Lakeland vs. Burley, 11 a.m., third place
at Idaho Center, Nampa
Valhalla vs. Moscow, 6 p.m., championship
Kelsey Taylor began proving problematic for the 20-4 Bobcats in the third quarter, contributing six points to the run.
Taylor went on to record a game-high 13 points, sitting out much of the final quarter with four fouls.
She was the only Bear to experience foul trouble, whereas it was a game-long problem for Burley.

The Bobcats finally made it a game again late in the final frame with a 7-0 run capped off with a long three from Brice to cut the Bears' lead to 35-33 with 1:52 remaining.
But Moscow (13-13) responded with a bucket on the ensuing possession and sealed the game with a pair of free throws after Burley turned the ball over with 1:05 left.
Junior Mekel Baker and sophomore Nicole Tolman led the Bobcats with eight points each.
Burley will wrap up its first state tournament berth since 1999 in the third place game against Lakeland at 11 a.m. today at Timberline High School in Boise.
Moscow 43, Burley 33
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Burley's Nicole Tolman tries to maintain control of the ball during the second quarter of the Bobcats' semifinal loss Friday.

SPORTS

Rory roars to lead, Woods just makes cut

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Tiger Woods got caught in the rain without an umbrella. And with sloppy boogies on the final two holes Friday, he left Riviera wondering if he would get a tee time on the weekend.

Soaked to the bone, his cap on backward to keep rain from dripping off the brim, Woods

missed an 8-foot par putt on his final hole for a 3-over 74 that put him below the cut line and left him desperate for help from the four dozen players trying to finish in shivering conditions.

When the second round finally ended, he got enough help to make it on the number.

Rory Sabbatini couldn't feel his toes when he teed off Friday morning in temperatures in the 40s, but warmed up with a 5-under 66 that tied into a four-shot lead at 10 under at the end of a bizarre day off Sunset Boulevard.

Sunshine gave way to clouds in a matter of minutes, and then came the first drops of rain that soon turned steady. Several players — Woods included — reached for rain gear and umbrellas only to realize they left them in their lockers or their cars.

Woods, already battling the flu, showed his hands in his pockets and ducked his head as he walked toward the sixth green, and a couple of fans offered him their pop-up umbrellas. Woods smiled and declined.

Thomas Levett (68) and Craig Barlow (69) were tied for second at 6 under.

Kim's record round forges tie in Hawaii

KAHUKU, Hawaii — South Korea's loo Mi Kim tied the tournament record with a 7-under 65 to take a share of the lead midway through the second round of the LPGA Tour's season-opening SBS Open.

Becky Iverson (69) and South Korea's Sung Ah Yim (66)



Rory Sabbatini, of South Africa, tees off on the 18th hole during the second round of the Nissan Open golf tournament, Friday, in Los Angeles.

matched Kim at 9-under 135 after the morning session. Stacy Drummansmith (67) was 8 under and rookie Kyong Lee, coming off a two-win season on the Futures Tour, shot a 71 to reach 6 under.

Lorena Ochoa also tied the tournament record with a 65 and was at 5 under along with Natalie Gulbis (67), Hee-Won Han (67) and 17-year-old rookie Morgan Pressel (69), the U.S. Amateur champion and U.S. Women's Open runner-up.

Grace Park, who was shared the first-round lead with Iverson, struggled early with a double bogey and bogey through her first six holes. Ai Miyazato shot a 75 and was at 1 over, just a stroke below the projected cut.

Roberts two behind at ACE Group Classic

NAPLES, Fla. — Loren Roberts opened his bid for a third straight Champions Tour victory with a 5-under 67, leaving him two strokes behind leader RVV Eaks after the first round of the ACE Group Classic.

Roberts, coming off season-opening wins in Hawaii, is attempting to become the first player to win the first three events of the season. Don January (1981), Bruce Fleisher (1999) and Larry Nelson (2001) also opened with two victories.

Tom Watson, Brad Bryant, Don Poodley and Mick Karhowski shot 66s, and Roberts joined Fuzzy Zoeller, Gil Morgan and Dan Pohl at 67.

Kornet vies for final prize — state title

By Brad Gulie
Times-News writer

RUPERT — Minico wrestler Kirt Anderson may have won the 145-pound title at districts in Jerome, but it's just another building block to the ultimate goal — a state championship.

For that to happen, all he needs to do is keep up the work ethic that has gotten him this far, the same ethic that has netted him a 38-5 record this season and 124-37 for his career.

For Anderson, a championship will be the masterpiece of a lifelong career.

"I've had him since he was 5 in freestyles," Minico head coach Brad Cooper said. "He's put a lot of time in on the mat."

Since he was a kid, wrestling has been Anderson's life, from the early freestyle experience to watching his big brother, Josh Anderson, compete for Minico not too long ago (Anderson took second at state his senior year in 2002.)

Though he wasn't born a state qualifier, Kirt has honed his skills.

"I've improved on my mental state (before a match)," Anderson said. "I'm not as nervous, I

Editor's note

Due to space constraints in Friday's Times-News, the Athlete of the Week feature was bumped to Saturday's paper.

Kirt Anderson



Athlete of the Week

get calm and concentrate."

Like many wrestlers, he thinks out possible situations, possible moves, counters to those moves and what to do if an opponent can counter him.

Anderson also cites the Minico team as a greatly needed aid, citing the value of good coaches to teach and good teammates to work out moves during practice, whether it's the prep season or summer tournaments.

Cooper called the senior a good leader who never complains and lives wrestling year-round.

As of this week, idahowrestlingnews.com ranks him as the No. 6 guy in the state across all classes. He's the top guy in 4A District IV. He's No. 2 in 4A.

With all these credentials, the final course could be a state title.

Anderson said he's mostly looking forward to wrestling No. 1 seed Kyle Meschko from Sandpoint (also ranked No. 2 across all classes).

With no shared opponents, Anderson isn't sure how they'll stack up on the mat, but his confidence is strong.

But when all is said and done, only one thing will propel him to glory.

"It's gonna take hard work," he said.

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New Mexico State holds off Boise State

LAS CRUCES, N.M. (AP) — Tyrone Nelson had 24 points and 10 rebounds, and his two big free throws in the closing seconds helped New Mexico State to a 73-68 win over Boise State on Thursday night.

Elijah Ingram scored 15 points and Shaun Davis added 12 for the Aggies (11-12, 7-5 Western Athletic Conference).

Coby Karl led Boise State (12-12, 6-6) with 23 points, making 5-of-7 from 3-point range. Eric Lane scored 16 and Kenny Wilson had 12 for the Broncos, who shot 21 percent in the first half and finished at 37.5 percent.

New Mexico State led 67-58 with 1:51 to play, but Wilson made a 3-pointer and Karl added two free throws to trim the deficit to 67-63 with 1:21 to go. But Nelson and Ingram each hit two free throws in the final 30 seconds to help the Aggies hold on.

Nelson shot 7-of-12 from the field and 10-of-12 from the free throw line. The swingman had a big second half after being limited to six points while playing only 10 minutes in the first half

because of foul trouble.

Portland St. 80, Idaho St. 73

POCATELLO — Senior guard Jake Schroeder scored 18 points and sophomore forward Scott Morrison added 13 points and 11 rebounds as the Portland

State Vikings beat Idaho State 80-73 Thursday night.

Idaho State (11-13, 3-9 Big Sky) had the upper hand throughout the first half, shooting 50 percent from the field, including 6 of 10 from 3-point range. The Bengals used a late 7-0 run to take a 42-33 lead at the half.

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Dow Jones Industrials	-6.36	11,115.32
Nasdaq composite	-12.27	2,262.36
Standard & Poor's 500	-2.14	1,287.24
Russell 2000	-0.98	730.94

Stocks of local interest

Albertsons	\$25.44	▲ .10
Con Agra	\$20.61	▲ .01
Dell Inc.	\$30.38	▼ 1.58
Idacorp	\$32.50	▲ .42
Micron	\$16.65	▼ .34

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FEELING THE HEAT



Tim Kisan wonders about his nonstick pots and pans 'because you can see when the coating chips off.'

Safety concerns may finally stick to Teflon

Los Angeles Times

For home cooks and professional chefs, Teflon might be the best kitchen innovation since sliced bread became a cliché. A pan with the nonstick coating makes easy-to-kill omelets and cleans up like a dream. The concept of a cooking surface so smooth that nothing sticks has even leapt into the political lexicon. An American leader who weathered scandals became known as the Teflon president.

New, something seems to be sticking to Teflon—a nasty environmental tangle that has Teflon maker DuPont Co. and cookware companies worried that garage sales in the coming weeks will be stuffed with discarded nonstick pots and pans.

Home chefs have questioned the safety of nonstick cookware since an Environmental Protection Agency advisory board asked regulators in late January to examine whether a chemical that gets slippery Teflon and similar coatings to bond to a pan can cause cancer. About 70 percent of the cookware sold in the

U.S. has a nonstick coating, according to the Cookware Manufacturers Association.

"I stopped using those pans because of what I have heard about Teflon and carcinogen properties over the past few months," said Janene Cunningham of Seal Beach, Calif., who recently tossed four nonstick pans into her garage. "I am not sure what to do with them now."

Cunningham now cooks with older stainless-steel pots, using a thin coating of olive oil to prevent food from sticking.

Valley Village, Calif., resident Tim Kisan shares her concern.

"I worry about it because you can see when the coating chips off," said Kisan, who estimates that half of his 15 pots and pans have nonstick surfaces. "Maybe something is getting into the food."

Kisan said he limited the use of nonstick pans to cooking eggs and sauces—low-temperature endeavors—and saved hotter cooking for copper and steel pans.

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Merrill Lynch to pay \$164 million

NEW YORK—Merrill Lynch & Co. said Friday that it will pay \$164 million to settle 23 class-action lawsuits alleging that investors suffered massive losses by following its dishonest stock recommendations, including those from its former star technology analyst Henry Blodget.

The settlement represents a fraction of the money investors lost when the Internet bubble burst in 2000 and the stocks collapsed, and will barely dent Merrill's bottom line. The Wall Street powerhouse reported \$5.2 billion in profit last year.

But prospects that investors would get any restitution had since in jeopardy ever since a federal judge in New York had dismissed 11 of the cases in 2003.

"Perhaps this is not as much money as I would have liked to have gotten," said Herbert Weinstein, the lead investor attorney on 20 cases. "But under the circumstances it's a very good settlement."

Merrill Lynch said in a statement that it made the deal to "avoid the significant distraction and expense of further litigation and provide our shareholders with the certainty that these cases are finally resolved."

Senate approves Fed, adviser nominations

WASHINGTON—President Bush's nominations of Randall Kuzma and Kevin Walsh to terms on the Federal Reserve board of governors won Senate approval on Friday.

Both men were approved by voice vote as was Edward Lazar, nominated by Bush to be the new chairman of the three-member White House Council of Economic Advisers.

Other selections of Kuzma, an economics professor at the University of Chicago, and Walsh, an economic assistant to Bush at the White House, will bring the Fed's seven-member board up to full strength.

The two join Ben Bernanke, who took over on Feb. 1 as the new Fed chairman, succeeding Alan Greenspan.

Briefly

The Board of Directors of Hecla Mining Company this week appointed Phillip C. Wolf as vice president and general counsel, effective immediately... Federated Department Stores, a Chicago-based retailer, is in the Magic Valley Mall, said Friday it has agreed to sell 15 department stores located in Maryland, Ohio, Connecticut and California to Australian real estate conglomerate Westfield Group.

Calendar

TUESDAY
Mini-Casita Ag Committee, 7 a.m., Mini-Casita Chamber of Commerce, Heyburn
Buhl Chamber lunch, noon, Grandstands
Economic Development Forum, noon, Idaho Jo's, Twin Falls
Twin Falls Area Chamber board meeting, 2 p.m., chamber office, Twin Falls

Compiled from wire and staff reports

Some automakers may try to push smaller cars in U.S.

Analyst: Trend will be driven by 'Generation Y'

Newspay

It might be time to dust off the old jokes about rubber bands and windup keys that tormented early Volkswagen Beetle owners. Some auto industry forecasters and carmakers are betting that Americans are ready once again to embrace

tiny cars in big numbers.

At the Geneva auto show on Feb. 28, DaimlerChrysler plans to unveil an experimental small car, the Dodge Hemi, that's about 15.14 inches long—or nearly two feet shorter than a Dodge Neon or the Neon's replacement, the Dodge Caliber, that is just going on sale.

The carmaker is noncommittal about plans to market the Hemi, but it has said it is looking for an offshore partner to build a subcompact car sold in the United States. And analysts say Dodge needs such a car, here and abroad, to entice first-

time buyers and the newly fuel-conscious and to counter inexpensive models expected in coming years from China.

"I hope they do it," said Eric Merkle, senior auto analyst at the industry forecasting firm IRI Inc. in Grand Rapids, Mich. Merkle thinks the growth in small cars will be driven most by "Generation Y"—the 65 million Americans born between 1979 and 1994. "This is definitely a youth car," he said of the boxy Hemi.

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Report: Misunderstanding led to shipment of banned veal

U.S. officials tell Japan it will not happen again

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON—The Bush administration said Friday a New York meat packer and a government inspector misunderstood new trade rules when they al-

lowed prohibited veal to be shipped to Japan.

The Japanese government replied there was no rush to resume imports of American beef, which was halted when the shipment was discovered last month.

U.S. officials on Friday delivered a 475-page report to Tokyo explaining why Brooklyn-based Atlantic Veal & Lamb sent the shipment of prohibited veal cuts. They also laid out several steps the U.S. has taken to prevent future mistakes.

"I believe this is a very robust response to a single incident that did not present a danger to the public," Agriculture Secretary Mike Johanns told reporters on a conference call. "My hope is that it will not be long before beef trade resumes."

However, Japanese Agriculture Minister Shochi Nakagawa said, "I have no intention to rush to a conclusion."

After a briefing in Tokyo by U.S. Ambassador Thomas Schiffer, Nakagawa told reporters:



Jordan Blanchett, above, hands a hammer to America Letaw, below, as the two Loyola students work on a new home last month in New Orleans.

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"I'm not trying to prolong the process, but it takes time to explain the report to the Parliament and the public. Nothing has been decided as to what steps we will take next."

The mistake jeopardized a trading relationship worth millions of dollars to U.S. producers. Japan's market was worth \$1.4 billion annually when its government banned American beef in response to the first U.S. case of mad cow disease in 2003. Only recently had the ban been lifted.

"Not only do we have to lift this ban, we have to win back Japanese consumers," said Schiffer. "We hope this investigation will assure all our Japanese consumers that we take their concerns seriously." At issue is a shipment that arrived in Japan Jan. 19. The cuts of veal—hotel rack and trimmed loin—contained backhone, which Asian countries consider a risk for mad cow disease.

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Economy is getting hot with this year's winter warm-up

But experts are unsure economy is truly booming

By Neil Irwin
The Washington Post

Usually at this time of year in the mid-Atlantic, the dirt can be frozen a foot down, and when the ice melts, it threatens to turn any construction site into a muddy mess. That's why Tom Bozatto usually waits until early March to start building houses.

Not this year. In January, the builder began construction on 28 townhouses in Baltimore County, Md. "The weather has been so good, it just made sense to move forward," said the chief executive of Greenbelt, Md.-based Bozatto Group.

Builders across the nation had the same idea, resulting in the strongest month for housing starts since Richard Nixon was president, according to government data released this week. Warm weather also helped cause a sharp rise in retail sales in January and contributed to strong job growth, all of which creates a conundrum for economists.

They're not entirely sure to what degree the U.S. economy is truly booming after a disappointing end to 2005 and to what degree the sunny economic numbers just reflect the fact that January was, well, sunny.

"The data is really murky" due to the weather, said Scott Anderson, a senior economist at Wells Fargo & Co.

The average temperature throughout the United States was 39.5 degrees in January, ac-

ording to the National Climatic Data Center. It was the warmest January on record; the average since such data were first collected in 1865 is 31 degrees.

That helps explain why the number of new homes began in January rose 14.5 percent from December to 2.3 million homes at an annual, seasonally adjusted rate, the most since 1973. That comes despite signs of slowing in the residential real estate market, including from the National Association of Home Builders index of builders' confidence, which has fallen sharply since the summer. Economists note that the strongest gains occurred in cold-weather regions like the Northeast and Midwest, supplying evidence that the increase in housing starts results from good weather.

Sales at the nation's retailers rose 2.3 percent last month, compared with a 0.4 percent rise in December.

Economists note results were particularly strong at building material stores, which typically do best when the weather is nice. Consulting firm Global Insight Inc. believes that two-thirds of the strong retail sales resulted from good weather—which lures shoppers out of their homes and into stores—and one-third from the increasingly prevalent use of gift cards that push some holiday purchases from December into January.

The warm winter also means people have used less fuel to heat their homes. That change dragged output by utilities down 10.1 percent in January, which resulted in industrial production over a three-month period up 0.2 percent for the month. Factory production, according to the same report, rose at a healthy clip.

speed of testimony following a full week on the stand for former Enron executives chief Mark Koehn. "I think the story's being told."

Prosecutors' next witnesses will be Paula Hucker, who in May 2004 pleaded guilty to charges of insider trading. Wes Colwell, the former top trading-division accountant who paid the Securities and Exchange Commission \$500,000 to settle allegations of manipulating earnings; and Wanda Curry, a former accountant who found contracts overvalued by hundreds of millions of dollars.

thousands jobs and wiped out billions in investors' wealth. Jurors will return for the fourth week of the trial on Tuesday. Court is closed Monday because of the Presidents Day holiday.

Flanked by his attorney Daniel Petreocci, Skilling said Thursday he was ready to testify when the defense teams begin presenting their cases in a trial expected to last four months or more.

"Absolutely, ready to go," he said.

The government has presented just three witnesses in an as

Chief Executive Skilling touted publicly as a robust business that would bring in billions.

Lay and Skilling are accused of repeatedly lying to investors and employees about Enron's health when they eagerly knew their optimistic hid weak business ventures and accounting tricks.

The defendants contend there was no fraud, and negotiate publicly that siphoned market confidence fueled the company's spiral into bankruptcy proceedings in December 2001. The implosion of what was once the nation's seventh-largest company left

By Kristen Hays
Associated Press writer

HOUSTON—The next three government witnesses in the fraud and conspiracy trial of former Enron Corp. chiefs Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling are hardly household names but may still deliver testimony that is devastating to the defendants.

They include two government cooperators—one who pleaded guilty to insider trading—and a former in-house accountant who found financial chaos at a retail energy unit that Enron founder Lay and former

MONEY

Wall Street stocks fell as rate worries persist

By Christopher Wang Associated Press writer

NEW YORK — A late-day swoon in stocks modestly moved Friday as weakening consumer confidence and a rise in wholesale prices prompted investors to take profits and pause from Wall Street's recent advance. Major indexes gained for the week. The market's losses were also led by soaring energy prices and a major profit forecast from Dell Inc. Also, the swing in the producer price index — seen as a precursor to consumer-level inflation — once again sparked concerns about more interest rate increases, a day after one Federal Reserve member said the central bank was nearing an end to its string of rate hikes.

point that suggests the Fed is going to go further," said Russ Kuesterich, senior portfolio manager at Barclays Global Investors. He added that with six weeks before the next Fed policy meeting, "the market is going to pay increasing attention to the implications of economic data for inflation." Investors digested a 0.3 percent rise in January's PPI, which grew faster than economist 0.2 percent target. Core PPI — excluding volatile energy and food prices — added 0.4 percent, the Labor Department said. At the close, the Dow fell 5.0 points, 0.05 percent, to 11,115.32, after losing as much as 42 points earlier. The broader stock indices also declined. The Standard & Poor's 500 index lost 2.14, or 0.17 percent, to 1,287.24.

the Nasdaq composite index slid 12.27, or 0.53 percent, to 2,282.36. Bonds rose, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note falling to 4.54 percent from 4.59 percent late Thursday. The dollar was mostly lower against most major currencies, while gold prices advanced. The crude futures rallied on threats of political unrest in the oil-rich nation of Nigeria, sending a barrel of light crude up \$1.42 to settle at \$59.88 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Friday's decline was a respite from this week's runup, which carried the Dow Jones industrials about 200 points higher to close at a fresh 1 1/2-year high on Thursday. The Dow rose 1.8 percent, the S&P 500 added 1.6 percent and the Nasdaq was higher by 0.91 percent.

moving up is largely pegged on the Fed's opinion of the economy and inflation, Koeslerich said, adding that he's monitoring Wall Street's reaction to lower oil prices and the effect of last month's unseasonable weather. Next week brings data on consumer price inflation and unemployment claims. "Things have been very distorted by how warm the weather was in January," Koeslerich said. "We're trying to get a handle on how it impacted the economy. It helped retail spending and housing starts, but has hurt energy prices." More dampening economic news came from the University of Michigan, which said its consumer-sentiment index for February tumbled 3.8 points to 67.4, well below the consensus estimate of 91.

profit surged 52 percent on computer sales to businesses and overseas customers, but a weak first-quarter outlook prompted Bank of America to lower its rating to "neutral" and sell shares sliding \$1.58 to \$30.38. Sirius Satellite Radio Inc. posted a threefold jump in quarterly revenue on strong subscriber growth, but its deficit widened as customer-acquisition spending more than doubled. Sirius lost 39 cents to \$5.26. Rival XM Satellite Radio Holdings Inc. also said increased marketing costs further depressed its quarterly loss. XM's stock was also rattled by the sudden departure of a board member, who warned about the company's future. XM dropped \$2.41 to \$21.57. Electronics retailer RadioShack Corp. saw its

quarterly earnings plunge 62 percent and said it will close between 400 and 700 underperforming stores and two distribution centers in an effort to stop a turnaround. RadioShack dropped \$1.67 to \$19.08. "Time Warner Inc. fell 19 cents to \$37.78 following The Wall Street Journal's report that billionaire financier Carl Icahn has shelled plans to split up the media conglomerate after failing to garner shareholder support. KeySpan Corp. confirmed a New York Times report that it has put itself up for sale. The natural gas utility is seeking bids for more than \$6.5 billion, and interest from Consolidated Edison Inc. and London's National Grid could start a bidding war, according to the Times. KeySpan jumped \$4.23 to \$40.41.

Cars

Continued from B5 The four-door, front-wheel drive Iornet has a 170-horsepower, supercharged four-cylinder engine. Mercedes expects sales of all subcompact to double in the next five years, to 450,000 vehicles a year in 2010. Although larger vehicles are more profitable, DaimlerChrysler's 2007 model line will feature an automaker paying more attention to entry-level cars. Toyota's Yaris, a replacement for the post-selling Iornet, goes on sale next week starting at about \$11,000 with a 106-horsepower, four-cylinder engine. The five-door Honda Fit, a four-cylinder car smaller than the Civic, is due in U.S. showrooms in April at prices not yet

announced. Nissan's Versa, a four-cylinder car smaller than the Sentra, is scheduled to go on sale later in the year, starting at about \$12,000. The Honda Accord is redesigned for 2006, as is the mechanically related Kia Rio. The Chevrolet Aveo, whose sales increased by 20 percent in 2005, is redesigned for 2006, with sales to begin in summer. Not everyone, though, is convinced that significant numbers of Americans are ready for a major shift in their transportation. Even 450,000 vehicles would be less than 3 percent of a U.S. new vehicle market that Merkle expects to remain at about 17 million vehicles in April at prices not yet

Teflon

Continued from B5 Both DuPont and the EPA said cooks had little to worry about. The EPA issued a statement about the chemical, perfluorooctanoic acid, or PFOA, after studies found it in low levels in the blood of 90 percent of Americans. EPA Acting Assistant Administrator Susan Huzenbach said, "Although the source of the PFOA in the blood of the study cooks was an unlikely culprit, PFOA is in the nonstick substance sprayed onto cookware. The PFOA is not in the cooking process in which virtually all of the PFOA is destroyed, according to DuPont. "The Food and Drug Administration has been able to detect traces of the chemical in its tests

which it has ground up the surface of cookware, which is far beyond the abuse pots take in home cooking, DuPont said. Still, mindful that sales could fall, DuPont updated the safety of Teflon in full-page advertisements this month in eight daily newspapers, including the Los Angeles Times, The New York Times and USA Today. The ad shows actual test results of Teflon with the words, "Teflon Non-Stick Coating is Safe." "We stand behind the safety of our products, and we wanted to get that out to our customers," said Dan Himer, a spokesman for Wilmington, Del.-based DuPont. But some question whether such ads reassure cooks or increase the public's anxiety.

Christine Bruhn, director of the Center for Consumer Research at the University of California, Davis, recalled that apple sales plummeted in the 1990s, and grocery stores put up signs that said "No apples" in stations announcing that their fruit was free of the chemical. Apple to improve the ripening and look of apples. "I'm not sure if it's created concerns," she said. A DuPont rival worried how the controversy would affect sales. "Obviously it is a concern for us even though there is no proof of PFOA present in nonstick pans," said Scott Meyer, president of T-Fal, the West Orange, N.J.-based subsidiary of French cookware maker Groupe SEB.

T-Fal has launched a line of uncoated pans as a diversification move, though Meyer insisted that wasn't a direct response to the PFOA issue. The company has fledged hundreds of non-stick cookware items, but hasn't seen sales of its goods fall, Meyer said. Some retailers, including Target Corp., which carries T-Fal, have opted for non-stick merchandise, declined to discuss the matter. At Wal-Mart Stores Inc., "we are monitoring the issue," said Karen Burke, spokeswoman for the Bentonville, Ark., retail chain. "We are working with our suppliers and the regulatory agencies to reduce the presence of PFOA in products in our stores."

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

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Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

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California home sales hit four-year low in January

A decline of 27.5 percent from 52,800 in December and down 9.5 percent from 42,300 in January 2005, the real estate search firm DataQuick Information Systems reported Thursday.

The trends are another sign that the state's once-sizzling real estate market is cooling, leading some home-sellers in a bind.

Meat

The cuts are eaten in the United States and are allowed under international trade rules, but Japan rules are stricter.

BEANS

Prices are not too far from 100 pounds, U.S. No. 1 hard red winter wheat.

GRAINS

Prices for wheat, corn and soybeans are mixed, with wheat and corn showing some weakness.

CHEESE

Cheddar cheese prices on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange are mixed.

POTATOES

Prices for Idaho potatoes are mixed, with some weakness in the market.

SUGAR

Prices for sugar are mixed, with some weakness in the market.

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Public has 72 hours to get rolls of the new Jeffersons for face value

By DANIEL CORRELL
Universal Media Syndicate

"They're practically clawing each other's eyes out to get these Jefferson Nickels."

So says Timothy Miltonhall, Chief of Coin Operations.

The 6 week advance release of the U.S. Mint's new Jefferson Nickel came as a complete surprise. That's why we are going ahead with shipments of the full unbroken bankrolls of these brilliant Uncirculated coins to those who call the National Hotline within 72 hours," confirmed Miltonhall of the non-government agency World Reserve Monetary Exchange.

And here's why everyone is scrambling to get them.

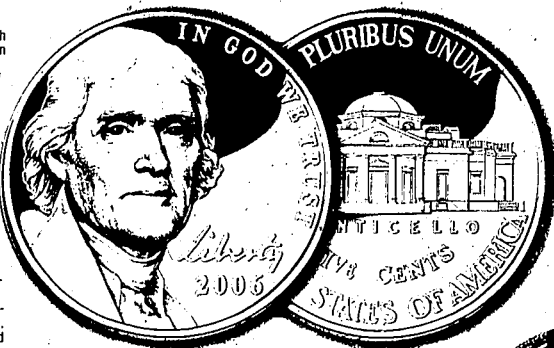
It is the first ever face-on depiction of a president on a U.S. Coin. Ever since coins have been minted in the U.S., the presidents have been shown only in profile. But now, these newly designed 2006 Nickels show a fresh image of Jefferson in which he is looking forward.

"First issue" coins like these have been highly sought after by collectors in the past, and their values fluctuate dramatically. For example, a full bankroll of Uncirculated Buffalo nickels from the first year they were issued are now worth up to \$26,000.00.

Even more impressive is another very recent Jefferson Nickel, a "First Issue" coin minted in 2004. In only 2 years, these uncirculated coins have already increased in value by an astonishing 1,098%.

Mint Officials predict the new Jefferson Nickels will not start showing up in pocket change for months.

"No one has to wait that long. But when they finally do show up in change, those coins will be of no use to savvy collectors anyway because the coins used for change get damaged every time they are



■ OFFICIAL "FIRST" - The Mint has released its newest coin design. This is the first ever depiction of a president on a U.S. Coin.

handled or thrown into a cash drawer," Miltonhall warned.

"But the new coins we are releasing right now are Uncirculated and in unbroken bankrolls. There is no wait. They have never been in the hands of the public. They are in the same excellent quality as when they left the U.S. Mint. Uncirculated coins are the only ones likely to increase the most in value. They cannot be found in pocket change," said Miltonhall.

These Full Unbroken Bank Rolls also make wonderful gifts to hand out to friends, family members or anyone special that you want to impress.

Full bankrolls in the rich royal blue vault bags are so impressive that you just won't believe the expression on peoples faces when you hand them their. It's like you gave them the Eiffel Tower

or a Million Dollars.

"Everybody seems to be taking at least 10 full Bankrolls while they can still get them," Miltonhall said.

"Just think if you had saved 10 rolls of the 2004 Jefferson Nickels. Right now you'd be trying to decide whether to let it ride or cash in for one big jackpot. So for heaven sake, do not get left out again by making a mistake like that," urged Miltonhall.

The National Hotline is open for the next 72 hours to handle the large number of calls. Readers should call 1-800-601-3433 right now and ask for Dept. JF380.

"We had to put limits on dealers. But everyone else who calls within the next 72 hours will get all they need," Miltonhall said.

on the web: www.vaultbags.com

HOW TO GET THEM NOW FOR FACE VALUE

Full Unbroken Bankrolls of the new 2006 Jefferson Nickels are now being released in Brilliant, Uncirculated condition by the World Reserve Monetary Exchange. Readers can get immediate service by calling the National Order Hotline now at 1-800-601-3433 Toll-Free ask for Dept. JF380. The standard \$9 processing fee plus shipping gets you a rich gold embroidered vault bag containing a full roll of the New Jefferson Nickels for face value.



■ PRECIOUS - A full roll of Uncirculated Buffalo nickels from the first year of issue are now worth up to \$26,000.00. Values fluctuate and there are never any guarantees, but even more impressive is another very recent Jefferson Nickel, a "First Issue" coin minted in 2004. In just 2 years these uncirculated coins have already increased in value by an astonishing 1,098%. Full unbroken bankrolls of the new Jeffersons are now being released and the first 10,000 callers are getting these rich gold embroidered, royal blue Vault Bags with each roll. Satisfaction is Guaranteed.

New medicine delivers rapid pain relief without pills or dangerous side effects

Shipment delays to pharmacies triggers immediate 5 day release to local readers

By LAURA FISHER
Universal Media Syndicate

Pain sufferers are calling it a godsend. Doctors are calling it safe and effective.

But, the best news is that local readers can get it for the next 5 days while others may have to wait for drug store deliveries.

This remarkable new product is called FLUIDjoint DispersaCream.

Everyone can expect it to hit the major drugstore shelves by year end, until then shortages are expected," said Matthew J. Woods, Director of Health Services.

"Rite Aid and Walgreens have already snapped up the first production runs," he said.

"That's why for the next 5 days, a National Hotline is being provided for people who want it now."

This remarkable new pain reliever gives swift temporary pain relief targeted directly where the pain starts. When used as directed there are no negative side effects to worry about like those associated with many oral pain pills.

FLUIDjoint DispersaCream treats a broad range of painful conditions in adults. It is so potent that it should never be used for children.

FLUIDjoint's advanced technology enables the combination of powerful ingredients to be delivered quickly and safely, directly to the site of the pain. Within a matter of minutes

minor pain is relieved. Dr. Peter G. Kunze, a biochemical engineer and medical doctor was part of the team of scientists who developed new FLUIDjoint DispersaCream so it could be gotten by all without the expense or inconvenience of getting a prescription.

"FLUIDjoint DispersaCream is a highly effective and safe new medicine formulation for the relief of arthritis pain."

- Dr. Peter G. Kunze, M.D.
Internal Medicine Physician
and Biochemical Engineer

"FLUIDjoint DispersaCream is a highly effective and safe new medicine formulation for the relief of minor arthritis pain. It provides penetrating relief directly to the joints that bother you the most," said Dr. Kunze. The result is a fast acting, super penetrating, long lasting, pain reliever.

By relieving the pain in walking, climbing stairs, or simply bending, FLUIDjoint DispersaCream can help everyone live a full life.

FLUIDjoint DispersaCream is notably effective in lessening arthritis pain.

FLUIDjoint DispersaCream is also extremely effective in helping people who have trouble falling asleep due to nagging pain and discomfort.

Applied topically at home,

FLUIDjoint DispersaCream can help seniors and athletes reduce aches to provide temporary freedom from arthritis pain.

Scientists have developed FLUIDjoint DispersaCream to be a special trans-dermal preparation designed to penetrate the skin and reduce pain in the tissue beneath the skin's surface.

FLUIDjoint DispersaCream contains two of the most promising ingredients discovered this century for safely and effectively treating minor muscular and joint pain.

Special hydrating substances increase the water content of the skin's outer layer. They make it easier for FLUIDjoint DispersaCream to penetrate the superficial layers of the skin. These substances allow FLUIDjoint DispersaCream to quickly penetrate muscles and joints in localized areas. The overall pain relief effects are cumulative and are usually felt within minutes of being applied.

Individuals with arthritic diseases that cause pain, muscle and joint aches are likely to get remarkable relief using FLUIDjoint DispersaCream.

This new pain reliever is also well suited for people who don't want to add to all the pills they are taking. FLUIDjoint DispersaCream is cost-effective for treating targeted pain.

Beginning today, readers will have just 5 days to call the Regional Hotline at 1-800-310-7731 to get what they need right now. Otherwise the wait for drugstores to be fully stocked is expected to be up to a full year.

What is it

BRAND NAME:
FLUIDjoint DispersaCream
FDA REGISTRATION NUMBER:
N08414-51-02
DISPENSED:
Topical Analgesic OTC (over-the-counter) drug.
Prescription is not required.

STRENGTH RATING:
Highest Adult Strength (Not for children)
SYSTEMIC SIDE EFFECTS:
None when used or directed. Can even be used while still taking most oral drugs.

RAPID PAIN RELIEF FOR:

- Arthritis
- Backache
- Strains
- Neck Joints
- Elbow Joints
- Hands, Wrist
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Unclaimed Cash: \$1Mill handover of rare money sheets now underway to public

By MARK BETH ANDREWS
Universal Media Syndicate

(UMS) One Million Dollars in unclaimed rare currency sheets is now up for grabs.

And those who are getting it say it feels like winning the Lottery.

Here's how it's being tendered to the public.

Thousands of crisp new full uncut sheets of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 dollar bills were recently left unclaimed, not with the government, but at the central vaults of the World Reserve Monetary Exchange.

Just before Christmas hundreds of thousands of people beat the National 48 hour deadline to get the

money. But some were left out in the cold because of incomplete billing and shipping information. As a result, those rare currency sheets could not be shipped and were left sitting in our vault. Amazingly, it adds up to over a million dollars," confirmed D. Michael Newman, National Director of Currency Commerce.

The unclaimed full uncut sheets of real money are now being given up, not to banks, not to dealers and not just to the rich and famous, but directly to the general public.

But the only way to claim these leftover currency sheets now is through a special worldwide web connection set up to distribute the unclaimed money. The deadline for calls has passed. We can not accept anymore calls. Now the

unclaimed money is only being offered through the special website, on a first come first served basis. But when it is gone, they will have to be turned away," Newman confirmed.

"Just think what these currency sheets could be worth years from now. Values always fluctuate. It's difficult when you are comparing apples to oranges, but according to the Official Standard Guide to U.S. Paper Money which provides valuations, some uncirculated 1928 one dollar bills have increased in value by over 6,400%. In fact, a full uncut dozen of 1928 dollar bills sold for \$18,400.00," Newman said.

"You would expect to see these uncut money sheets on display in the Oval Office or under guard at

the Smithsonian," he said. Until now, only those lucky enough to be "in the know" could get their hands on uncut sheets of real money.

In fact, banks don't even have them. But now you can get them direct by logging on to the special website. "You can actually spend it. It's real money. But anyone would be an absolute fool to cash them in because they're worth so much more," Newman confirmed.

There's going to be a lot of excited people when they get their hands on these valuable unclaimed sheets of money. It's a ton of money when you see all four sheets of \$1, \$5, \$10 and \$20 dollar bills in the full Banker's Stack. But readers better be sure to

get plenty now because if they try to get more later, they may be out of luck. When they're gone, they're gone.

That's why it is important that the general public now log on to the special website that is listed below to beat the rush.

So, on your mark, get set, go. Hopefully, you'll be the first to get your share of the unclaimed money. W

Here's how to get the Unclaimed Money

Log onto the web at: www.money sheets.com

Jury clears Merck in first federal Vioxx case

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A federal jury on Friday handed Merck & Co. a major victory when it cleared the drug maker of any responsibility in the death of a 35-year-old Florida man who had a heart attack after taking its once popular painkiller Vioxx for less than a month.

This was the second court victory for Merck, and the first in a federal court. The company had argued in this case that plaintiff lawyers never proved any link between Vioxx and the heart attack. "Dicker," Irvin suffered in 2001, Merck's lawyers contended Irvin's age, gender and diet all put him at risk for heart attacks.

It was also the second time jurors heard the case brought by Irvin's family. In Houston, where the case was heard in November and December because of damage from Hurricane Katrina, jurors were unable to reach a verdict. Merck won a state case in New Jersey last year while it lost one in Texas.

Irvin's widow, Evelyn, Irvin Plunkett the youngest of the three daughters, Ashley Irvin and their only son, Richard Irvin III, all testified that Irvin's health had been excellent up to his heart attack.

Plunkett left the courtroom in tears without taking to reporters.

"Obviously the family is very upset," said her attorney, Andy Hirschfeld. He said the family had been involved in the case for three years.

Phil Beck, a lawyer for Merck said he believes the verdict indicates the jury found "that the Merck scientists lived up to their legal and ethical responsibilities when manufacturing and marketing Vioxx and making the decision to take Vioxx off the market."

Shares of Merck rose 90 cents, or 2.5 percent, in after-hours trading. They closed Thursday up 7 cents at \$36.05 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Man who killed one on campus gets life sentence

CLEVELAND (AP) — A man who went on a shooting spree at Case Western Reserve University was sentenced to life in prison without parole Friday and hesitantly apologized to the family of the graduate student who died.

For 30 minutes in court, Biswanath Halder blamed the university he once attended for forcing him to resort to violence and said the victims were innocent bystanders.

Judge Peggy Foley Jones then prodded him to apologize, noting that the family of victim Norman Wallace was in the courtroom.

His attorney, John Luskin, physically helped turn him toward the audience and Halder said to Wallace's siblings, "It's a terrible tragedy and I'm exceptionally sorry."

One of Wallace's brothers forgave Halder but another called him worthless, saying "You're the portrait of what hate can do to a person's life."

Halder, 65, who did not testify at his trial, was convicted in December of aggravated murder and numerous other charges for the shootings of three people during a 7 1/2-hour siege in May 2003.

In a jail interview with The Associated Press, Halder blamed the university for a hacker who had wrecked his Web site meant to help business entrepreneurs from his native country, India.

Prosecutors have said they are considering whether to file charges against whoever hacked into Halder's Web site.

A university spokeswoman issued a statement Friday saying she hopes the sentencing will help the school and the Wallace family heal.

Birth-control patch manufacturer warns of increased risk

WASHINGTON (AP) — Risks of blood clots in legs and lungs are twice as high for women using the birth-control patch instead of the pill, says a study reported by the drug maker and the Food and Drug Administration.

Dr. Daniel Shames of the FDA said Friday the new findings don't require immediate action by the government, but he urged concerned women to discuss the risk with their physicians.

One new study found users of the Ortho Evra patch had twice the risk of clots compared with women taking birth-control pills, although a second analysis found no difference in risk between the two forms of birth control.

"For some people the patch may be better because some people don't reliably take the pill, or don't want to take the pill or forget the pill," Shames said. "So the patch does offer them some alternative for contraception."

"On the other hand, we need to interpret what these results mean," he said. "But these results are preliminary so we can't make hard comments about it."

The results of the two studies were made public Thursday by the patch's manufacturer, Ortho Women's Health & Urology, The Raritan, N.J.-based company is owned by Johnson & Johnson.

Last year an investigation by The Associated Press, citing federal deaths and injury reports,

found higher rates of blood clots in women using the patch.

While one of the newly reported studies found no increased risk of clots, the interim results from the second suggested a twofold increase in the risk of venous thromboembolic events, or clots in the legs and lungs, in women using the patch, Ortho said.

However, because the confidence intervals of the results for the two forms of contraceptive

overlap, there actually may be no increased risk from the patch or it may be more than double, said Shames, FDA's director for reproductive and urologic drug products.

He said the risk of a nonfatal blood clot is about one per year in 10,000 women not using a contraceptive. For those using a hormonal contraceptive such as the patch or pill the risk rises to between three and five, he said.

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Cleric announces \$1M reward for killing cartoonist

PESHAWAR, Pakistan (AP) — A Pakistani cleric announced a \$1 million bounty for killing a cartoonist who drew the Prophet Muhammad in Libya, a demonstration against the caricatures led the Italian consulate on fire and at least nine people dead, according to an Italian diplomat.

The cleric, whose name was not disclosed in the newspaper first published the cartoons, temporarily closed its embassy in Pakistan and advised its citizens to leave the country.

An Italian consular official, Antonio

Simoes-Conceves, said nine protesters had been killed in the demonstration in the Libyan city of Benghazi as armed police fired bullets and tear gas on a crowd of more than 1,000 demonstrators.

Libyan security officials said 11 people had been killed or wounded, but gave no breakdown.

"They are still continually firing," Simoes-Conceves said late Friday, speaking by telephone from inside the consulate where he was holed up.

"They haven't managed to block them."

The Italian Foreign Ministry confirmed that the first floor of the consulate had been set on fire after the crowd charged into the grounds late Friday.

Libyan state television showed fire-fighters trying to put out the fire, ambulances taking casualties away from the scene and five cars that were severely damaged in the riot.

Security officials said the demon-

strators hurled stones and bottles at the consulate, and later entered the grounds and set fire to the building and a consular car.

Police fired shots to try to disperse the crowd, the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity as they were not authorized to speak to the press.

No Italians were injured, the Italian Foreign Ministry said.

In Pakistan, Mohammed Yousaf Qureshi announced the bounty for

killing a cartoonist to about 1,000 people outside the historic Mohabat Khan mosque in the northwestern city of Peshawar.

He said the mosque and the religious school he leads would give a \$25,000 reward and a car for killing the cartoonist who drew the caricatures — considered blasphemous by Muslims.

He said a local jewellers' association would also give \$1 million, but no representative of the association was available to confirm the offer.

Digging heard before escape

SAN A YEMEN (AP) — Sheikh Bricard al-Ghelli heard the sound of digging 10 days before authorities discovered 23 convicted al-Qaida prisoners had popped through the floor of the women's restroom at this mosque and escaped.

But police, when informed of the strange noises, discounted the Muslim cleric's warning.

When I informed the prison guards of the sounds I was hearing at night, they told me I'm imagining things," al-Ghelli told 'The Associated Press on Friday, giving the first independent account of an escape that has raised concern in Washington about Yemen's commitment to fighting terrorism.

The prison break was discovered Feb. 3, when a few days after reporting the noise to authorities, al-Ghelli again walked the few steps separating Al-Awqaf Mosque from the Political Security Department prison — this time to tell them of a hole discovered in the floor of the women's restroom.

Until then, officials at the maximum-security facility had not been aware the men were missing, al-Ghelli said.

The prison break has raised questions about official involvement and whether Yemen — a small but strategic ancestral home — is a serious ally in hunting down terrorists.

The Bush administration has expressed concern about the threat posed by the fugitives, as well as the security of the prison and the wisdom of housing the prisoners together in one cell.

"There's definite collusion from inside the jail," said Muhammad Ali al-Sagoff, a lawyer. "The story that the men used shovels to dig their way out doesn't make sense. Yemenis eat with their fingers. Plus, they needed much stronger instruments to make that tunnel."

Chinese official calls for more birth control

SHANGHAI, China (AP) — A Chinese official has called for tighter birth control in the western region home to a Muslim ethnic group, saying population growth is hindering the area's economic development.

The proposal by Nur Bakri, a deputy Communist Party secretary in the Ningxia region, was criticized by an activist who said it could lead to further human rights violations against the Muslim Uighur ethnic group.

Bakri said in a speech that population control efforts focused on Uighur-majority farming and herding areas would redouble over the next five years.

"The results of economic development will be canceled out by increases in population unless population size can be controlled," Bakri was quoted by the official website xinhuanet.com Web site as saying at a Monday conference on population planning.

Exiled Uighur activist Rehiza Kader said birth control policies already are strictly enforced in Xinjiang and questioned why rules would be further singled out for special attention.

Since 1988, Uighurs have largely been limited to two or three children under an exception to China's strict policy allowing most families to have just one child. Human rights groups say the policy has led to coercive birth control and forced abortions, sterilizations, often under poor medical conditions.

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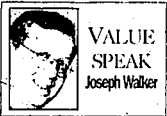
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A word from the heart ...

You are a mystery to me. I don't know who you are, where you are or if you'll ever read this. But this is the only way I can think of to reach out to you and say "Thank you" for Taylor's new heart.

I know that the joy our family is feeling at the new life you have given to Taylor is matched only by the sadness your family must be experiencing because someone you love has died. I am sorry for your loss — I truly am. My greatest hope is that you can somehow extract meaning and meaning from the knowledge that your loved one's heart is beating in the chest of an outstanding young man and that his family is profoundly grateful.



VALUE SPEAK
Joseph Walker

You should know that the heart arrived, safe and secure, and in the very nick of time. Taylor was on the operating table, being prepared for the transplant, but as they were getting ready to hook him up to the machine that would keep him alive during the operation, his heart stopped beating. It was a miracle that he had even been born with such a poorly formed heart, let alone that he had survived for 13 years of life. And finally, just as it was about to be replaced, it gave out. It stopped working. If your loved one's heart had not arrived when it did ...

But it did. Thank God. And that's what it did.

The doctors were pleased with such a good, strong heart. I guess we have you to thank for that. The surgery was long and delicate and incredibly successful. Taylor's body responded immediately to his new heart — positively. He is recovering beautifully from the surgery. He is home now, and while his parents are taking every precaution and continually reminding us that we have a long way to go before we're completely out of the cardiovascular woods, for the first time in his life, Taylor has a heart to match his — well — his heart.

Last Sunday, Taylor's Uncle Dick and Aunt Judy dropped in for a visit. Taylor's mother kindly asked them to put on surgical masks as they are doing anything they can to avoid possible infection during the healing process. When Taylor came out the looked — amazing.

"I don't see anything look so good," Dick said. "He was smiling. He moved energetically. His cheeks had that healthy, rosy glow I missed him how he was feeling, and he looked like the life in the eye and said, 'Uncle Dick, I feel lighter than I ever felt in my life.'"

Taylor, ill health has been a way of life. His parents have helped him to live normally — or as normally as you can live when you don't have a complete heart. He laughed and played and studied and did most of the things that kids do. But it was harder for him than most. Even so simple a task as taking a long, deep breath has been a challenge for him.

On Sunday, however, he stood there with his aunt and uncle and showed them how he could breathe and how he could breathe to capacity. He smiled at them as he exhaled.

"That feels good!" he said.

I'm sure you can imagine what a wonderful thing it is for those of us who know and love Taylor to see him smiling, with rosy cheeks and limbs filled with air and the future bright and promising before him. It is nothing short of a miracle, for which we thank God, medical science and you — whoever you are.

I don't pretend to know why or how miracles happen the way they do. I know there are other wonderful families out there who have prayed and worked and agonized for the exact same miracle that we received — with different results. As the poet observed, "God moves in a mysterious way. His wonders to perform."

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And part of His mystery.

In America, Christian symbols aren't off-limits for parody

The Washington Post

Blasphemy? Wow. You want blasphemy, try Christianity in America. Here's the latest cover of Rolling Stone, featuring rapper Kanye West wearing Christ's crown of thorns. Go to the bookstore for "The Da Vinci Code," a thriller that posits Christ had sex!

Television's "South Parks" notorious "The Spirit of Christmas" short, featuring an obscenity-filled fistfight between Christ and Santa Claus. Simple dialogue: "Holy (expletive), it's Jesus!"

Radiol! The Tom Joyner "Morning Show" which features comedian L. Anthony Brown and his "biblical sayings" from the Last Supper, in which disciples make outrageous quips.

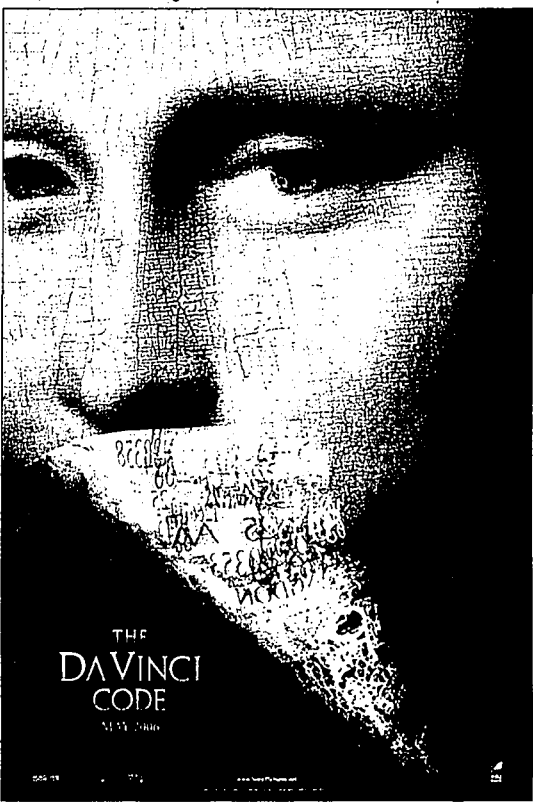
Big hits, one and all. America's fascinations with comedy, narrative drama, religious fervor and free speech routinely produce the edge and the heretical in culture both high and low. Sometimes it's protested, sometimes it's boycotted, but the right to be religiously offended is the right to be a modern American and particularly for Christians, as we will see.

"Before World War I, all the interesting 'free speech' cases were about blasphemy," says Sarah Horvath Gordon, professor of law and history at the University of Pennsylvania, who has written often on the subject. "There were all sorts of bloody laws on the books. In 17th-century Maryland, you could have your tongue nailed to a tree for it."

Blasphemy — "denying the being or providence of God ... profane scoffing at the holy scriptures" according to Blackstone's Commentaries — had been an offense in Western society since the Greeks, and it was no joke in Colonial America. There were the Salem witch trials, of course, and it was a capital offense in Connecticut.

Even if such penalties were rarely if ever carried out, the law was still stern. In 1911 a New Yorker named John Ruggles was convicted of blasphemy for shouting "Jesus Christ was a bastard and his mother must be a whore!" An appellate judge upheld the verdict, seconding the jury's reasoning that Ruggles had "openly and wantonly" reviled Jesus and Mary, with no purpose.

Such convictions came to an end in the 20th century. Civil libertarians in this country began to regard blasphemy as a strictly religious issue, and the courts agreed. The new American way was a sharp cultural break from the underlying bodies of legal thought in Europe and the United Kingdom, which had state-sanctioned churches. The position was cemented by a U.S. Supreme Court in 1952, in the case called *Bursyn vs. Wilson*. New York had banned Italian filmmaker Roberto Rossellini's film, "The Miracle," about a peasant woman who believed she was the Virgin Mary. It was illegal to blaspheme the country, but the Catholic Church lambasted it as sacrilegious. It



Dan Brown's mega-bestseller "The Da Vinci Code," which is about to be released as a movie, has several sacrilegious things to say about Jesus.

as banned, a decision upheld by the state appellate court. But the Supreme Court overturned the case, ruling "It is not the business of government to lay a nation to suppress real or imagined attacks upon a particular religious doctrine."

Since then, the image and top of Christ has been subject to almost every indignity imaginable. John Lennon notoriously opined in 1966 that the Beatles were "more popular than Jesus." There was Monty Python's "Life of Brian," the "P... Christ" photo exhibit (with an image of a crucified Jesus, soaking in urine), Martin Scorsese's "The Last Temptation of Christ," and Kevin Smith's "Dogma."

Attempts to ban these things simply didn't work, or backfired. In 1959, record crooners showed when New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani tried to shut down a museum for featuring a painting

of the Virgin Mary besmirched with elephant dung. "But to see a movie about this summer? Try to get into 'The Da Vinci Code' on opening day."

To Mark Galli, managing editor of Christianity Today, the American willingness to offend Christianity, but extend deference to Islam regarding the current batch of Muhammad cartoons, can be understood through a series of cultural and political differences. First, he notes, Christians worship a man who was persecuted, beaten and killed. The sense that people might persecute Christ's followers is an inherent part of the Christian ethos. He says, so Christians are inherently likely to tolerate offense. Muhammad, a prophet who died after an illness, did not leave behind a religion with that mindset, he says.

"The second factor, he theo-

rizes, is that American society assigns different rules of social conduct for majority and minority cultures, in which the dominant culture isn't supposed to ridicule smaller ones. It's done, of course, but it's seen as bad form.

"Christianity is fair game for mocking because it's an established presence here. It's always been a majority, and there's no sense of followers being a persecuted minority," he says. "When people can be publicly mocked in this country, it means you're a player, and you're going to take your lumps with everyone else. There's not that sense with Muslims. People are more cautious."

Cautious, yes, but not unwilling to offend religious minorities.

Last year, Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" drew protests that it was anti-Semitic — and yet was a blockbuster.

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— Mark Galli, Christianity Today

When Ayatollah Khomeini issued a 1989 fatwa calling for the murder of Indian-born British novelist Salman Rushdie for alleged blasphemies in "The Satanic Verses," the book became an American bestseller and Rushdie an icon of free speech.

Defiance of a Muslim edict was behind the publication of Muhammad cartoons in the Denmark newspaper and subsequent reprisals in newspapers across Europe, says Sayyid Saeed, secretary general of the Islamic Society of North America.

Saeed, who was born in Kashmir and immigrated to the United States as an adult, says that while millions of Muslims may think of America as a proscribed invader of Iraq, it is still true that much of that knowledge is not based on personal experience. European affronts, through a long history of colonialism and exploitation, are more visceral. They're left scars. They've created a different psychological relationship.

"European countries were colonial masters of several Muslim lands, and the psychological aspects of that relationship have lived on and on," Saeed says. "It's difficult for the Belgians, the Danes, the French — it's difficult for them to believe that these former colonies have a religion that is of consequence. They get a kick out of insulting them."

Yvonne Haddad, professor of the history of Islam and of Christian-Muslim relations at Georgetown University, continues the theme.

"Of the 57 nations that belong to the Organization of the Islamic Conference, 54 have been colonized by Europe," she says. "That history is well known in Islamic countries, you've got the current war in Iraq ... Those forms form the context for this sort of response. Devout Muslims are offended by the cartoons, but this is not just a religious affront. It's also political."

For local Unitarians, a metaphysical approach to weight loss

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondents

KIMBERLY — Deprivation and delayed gratification — part and parcel of many weight-loss strategies — can often doom them to failure.

Julie Merrick, a part-time minister at the Magic Valley Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, came to that conclusion while studying metaphysics for a sermon she was preparing. It occurred to her that there was negative energy in her life regarding food.

"In our culture the focus is more on not liking to be overweight, and so we're often resisting food," she said. "But according to metaphysics, whatever we resist is really an invitation to have more of that."

Merrick lost weight with diets in the past, but the pounds always came back. It was about a year ago that she decided to stop feeling guilty about food.

"That was a huge shift of energy for me, and I don't still have more I would like to re-

To learn more ...
... about metaphysical weight management:

- Where: White's Chapel in Kimbely, 742 Center St. W.
- When: Wednesday evenings; first class, 5:30-6:45 p.m.; second class, 7-8:15 p.m.
- Cost: \$5 per class, all class materials provided.
- For more information, Julie at 986-7558 or via the Web at adm@magicvalleyuu.org.

lease," she said. "We try not to say 'lose weight,' but release it, because when you lose something it might come back to you."

Merrick shed 20 pounds using this concept, and has kept it off. To help other folks do the same, she's conducting classes on metaphysical weight management.

Merrick outlined three basic principles at a recent class:

- Create joy through eating — Listen to what you really want,

Prepare a homemade meal-choice foods that satisfy and bring joy to your life.

• Create joy through the body by listening to it — What would your body like to you eat? Pay attention to how food serves the body and makes it feel good.

"I really think that what trips most of us up is that we create joy through things tasting good," Merrick said. "But then our physical body is taking in a lot more calories than what supports us and makes us healthy."

• Feel good through your thoughts. Don't condemn yourself and don't see food as good or bad. Release harsh judgments, and trying to focus on appreciation.

Phyllis Mascari, 66, of Twin Falls, a UU Fellowship board member who is participating in the weight-management class, thinks the concept is exciting. She's lost five pounds in four weeks.

"It's a mind-set of enjoying what you eat, rather than concentrating on what you don't."

About Unitarian Universalism

The Unitarian Universalist Association formed in May 1961 by merger of the Unitarist Church of America and the American Unitarian Association. The American Unitarian Association was founded in 1825 as the result of a gradual development of Unitarianism (the denial of the Trinity) within New England Congregationalism in the late 18th and early 19th centuries. The Unitarist Church of America developed from an 18th-century movement in the eastern United States among those who believed in universal salvation. The first Unitarist church was formed in 1779, and in 1790 the Unitarists adopted a central statement and principles for church government at a convention in Philadelphia. The Unitarian Universalist Association has no creed, and individual congregations vary widely in their worship service, religious beliefs and religious practices. National headquarters, in Boston, consists of departments dealing with the ministry, extension, religious education, adult education, world service, world churches, and publications. District organizations cover the continental area, with boards and executives responsible to district churches and fellowships. The General Assembly of delegates from churches and fellowships meets annually. — Source: Encyclopaedia Britannica

"I guess what works the most is the quantity of food, because it's like 'OK, am I really enjoying this next bite of food? No, I'm just eating it because it's in front of me,'" she said. "And so I don't go to the refrigerator. It's like 'What would I really enjoy now?'"

It's nice not to have to beat Please see FITNESS, Page C3

RELIGION

Alice Long will speak on logotherapy

KIMBERLY — Alice Long will be the guest speaker when the Magic Valley Unitarian Universalists Fellowship meets at 10 a.m. Sunday at White's Mortuary...

Church news

meets at 8 a.m. Saturdays at the Hooping Log Restaurant on Kimberly Road. Today's speaker is Twin Falls Mayor Lance Clow.

Magic Valley Christian School choir will sing

JEROME — The choir from the Magic Valley Christian School will provide special music during worship at 10:30 a.m. Sunday at the First Presbyterian Church, 292 East Ave. A.

Elder Charles Upton will speak for congregation

HOLLISTER — Elder Charles Upton of Twin Falls will speak on "The Way of the Minister" for worship at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hollister Community Presbyterian Church, 2461 Central Ave.

Scripture reading is Matthew 7:7-10 and John 6:1-13

The Rev. D. Robert Van Nest of Meridian and formerly of Twin Falls, will lead a service to receive new members.

Held Alley will perform organ concert Sunday

JEROME — Heidi J. Alley will present an organ concert at 7 p.m. Sunday at the Jerome United Methodist Church, 412 S. State Center, 26 N. Tiger Drive.

Presbyterian churches gather for meeting, lunch

TWIN FALLS — The Kendall Presbytery, which consists of all the Presbyterian churches in southern Idaho, will meet at 10 a.m. Sunday in the Fireside Room at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N.

Workshop at BYU. She and her husband, Lynn, and their four children live in Bountiful, Utah. Everyone is welcome.

Presidential Prayer Sunday observed in Hagerman

HAGERMAN — Presidential Prayer Sunday will be held at 11 a.m. Sunday at the Hagerman Christian Center, 2750 S. 300 E.

'Land Stewardship' class will be held on Monday

JEROME — The JustFaith Group at St. Jerome's Catholic Church is sponsoring a series of "Land Stewardship" workshops.

Presentations in March, April and May will be about the inter-relationships between caring for God's creation and its resources. His information is drawn from the Bible, the "International Pastoral Letter: The Columbia River Watershed — Caring for Creation and the Common Good" and the teachings of Pope John Paul II.

Aglow International holds meeting Tuesday

TWIN FALLS — Aglow International of Twin Falls will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Red Lion Hotel Canyon Springs, 1357 Five Lakes Blvd. N.

Church plans to present programs during Lent

TWIN FALLS — Several programs will be presented during Lent at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N.

"A Journey into Prayer" will be presented at 1 p.m. Thursdays and an evening is needed.

"The Story of the Other Wise Man" will be considered by three of the church's small groups and will be featured at 8:30 a.m. Sunday, 7 a.m. Wednesday and 10 a.m. Friday.

United Methodist church offers modern worship

GOODING — The Gooding United Methodist Church is offering a new, contemporary worship, "Friday Family Fellowship" for families seeking programs that may not be available during traditional church services.

Methodist church offers spaghetti dinner Friday

HAGERMAN — The Hagerman Methodist Church, located on the corner of South Fourth and East Salmon streets, will host a spaghetti dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday.

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Everyone is welcome; bring family and friends. For more information, call 837-4780.

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MISSIONARIES

HURLEY — Elder Andrew J. (A.J.) Wilson IV has been called to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Indiana Indiana a population of 200,000.



Wilson is the son of Joe and Amy Wilson of Meridian and formerly of Burley and the grandson of Jane and Andy Wilson and Bobbie and Walter Fox, all of Burley. He will enter the Mission Training Center on Wednesday.

College of Southern Idaho in 2003 with an associate degree in bilingual elementary education and Boise State University in 2005 with a bachelor's degree in bilingual elementary education. She will enter the MTI on March 1. Her parents are Earl and Rhonda Casper of Twin Falls.



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HURLEY — Elder Shad Eric Nebeker has been called to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Connecticut Hartford Mission.



Nebeker is the son of Eric and Joan Nebeker of Burley and is in the Hurley 8th Ward. He graduated from high school in 2003 and attended Boise State University for one semester before his mission. He plans to work and continue his education.

TWIN FALLS — Elder Christopher Herzinger is returning from serving a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Guatemala Guatemala City South Mission.



Herzinger is the son of Kim and Tamara Herzinger of Twin Falls. He graduated from high school in 2003 and attended Boise State University for one semester before his mission. He plans to work and continue his education.

The Times-News welcomes news of church missionaries. Send information to Ellen Thomason, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or Trina Fagan, South Idaho Press office, 230 E. Main St., Burley, ID 83318. Deadline is 5 p.m. Wednesday for publication on the Saturday religion page.

TWIN FALLS — Sister Amy Casper has been called to serve a mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in the Pennsylvania Harrisburg Mission.

Casper graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2000, the

RELIGION LETTER

Watch for the signs and seals of Christ's return

The disciples ask Jesus, what shall be the sign of your returning and the end of this world? His first warning words — let no man deceive you.

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Heard Mark 13 to complete these seals. Many shall come saying I am Christ, there will be wars and rumors of wars, yet no peace, families and kingdom against kingdom, the elect shall be delivered before councils for in his name sake the holy spirit will speak through you, the gospel shall be published world over. I have long, Lord? We shall see the abolition of desolation standing while he ought not with afflictions such as have never been, showing signs and wonders causing a falling away. After these sorrows and tribulations,

with the son of man returns with glory and rewards every man according to his works.

Christ tells us these things beforehand. It will come to pass exactly to his testimony. Take heed of yourself to be a watchman. Any other teachings of Christ returning look upon it closely. Some say what God said, but maybe he didn't? Understand Christ's teachings, having his sign in your forehead, avoiding Satan's temptations and tribulations.

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Bishop's alcohol problem sounds familiar to other clergy dealing with stress, scrutiny

The Associated Press.

Episcopal Bishop Clinton Knudsen can sympathize with her church's first openly gay bishop, who is being treated for alcoholism. Knudsen herself needed alcohol treatment 21 years ago after becoming the first openly gay member of an Episcopal congregation in Illinois.

"There is a particular kind of stress people are under when they are the first," she said. "Being a clergy person is a stressful job — and any disease process latent in our bodies is going to be exacerbated" when an extra level of scrutiny is added.

Bishop Gene Robinson of New Hampshire announced Monday that he had sought treatment.

While Knudsen, who now lives in Maine, believes other high-pressure vocations — doctors, for instance — face similar problems, the Rev. Dale Wolery of the Clergy Recovery Network says religious denunciations that aren't socially acceptable cover up the problem, say avoiding appointments before 10 a.m. because they're hung over, or after 4 p.m. so they can restime drinking.

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more profound," so seeking treatment and managing recovery is more difficult, he added.

Religious professionals often have high expectations of themselves and are viewed with high expectations by others, said Wolery, an independent Baptist minister based in Joplin, Moit. When they can't live up to those ideals, that can lead alcohol abuse, he said.

"The core of the addictive process is shame," said Wolery, who has aided between 200 and 300 clerics with alcohol problems.

Gail Gleason Milgram, education director at Rutgers University's Center of Alcohol Studies, says that all professions, including bishops, have a special problem because "the higher up one becomes in an organization, the more difficult to confront the behavior" and tell the boss that help is needed.

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Robinson's sexual orientation has meant he's dealt with the most intense sort of scrutiny. Becoming a sign of hope for some in the gay community and a flash point for debate in

both the Episcopal Church and the international Anglican Communion of which it's a part.

Still, Platt said, Robinson has two advantages — full support from the region's bishops and the church's excellent media coverage. In the wake of Robln's announcement, she says, "I would hope the entire church,

would take a look at its alcohol use, and abuse."

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Jewish mysticism calls for gathering 'scattered sparks'

The Dallas Morning News

The world was perfect once. It is a simple but radical suggestion with a catalytic that is even more startling — the world can be made perfect, whole, again.

There is a term for this idea in Judaism: *tikkun olam*, or "repair of the world." The recent Fox Searchlight film "The Seder," which tells the story of one family's struggle to repair itself within the framework of Jewish mysticism, is the latest emergence of this ancient idea into mainstream culture.

Jewish mystical theology holds that soon after God created the world, it experienced a "cataclysm" that sent sparks of goodness and goodness flying all over the earth. *Tikkun olam* calls upon Jews to gather those sparks back together, re-forming them into a unified whole and, ultimately, bringing about the coming of the messiah.

"This extraordinary idea that we can restore what has been shattered — in fact, it's our responsibility to try each of us, to make our world whole again," says Saul Nauman, the Jewish cantor played by Richard Gere in "The Seder," which is based on a novel of the same name.

But as with many points of Jewish theology, there are multiple ways of interpreting it — and living by — the idea of *tikkun olam*. From the mystical, or kabbalistic, to the political, the idea is as complex as the religion it comes from.

Lawrence Fine, a professor of religion and Jewish studies at

Tikkun Olam for everybody

Here are 10 ways that Jews (and others) might embrace the concept of *tikkun olam* in their daily lives:

1. Volunteer at a soup kitchen or homeless shelter.
2. Register to vote — and vote in every election.
3. Write to elected officials on issues of social justice.
4. Donate to charitable causes.
5. Take steps to preserve and protect the earth.
6. Support companies that have ethical business practices.
7. Refrain from lying or deceitful behavior.
8. Mend damaged relationships with loved ones.
9. Carry out one's duties to family and friends.
10. Study traditional Jewish texts.

— Source: The Dallas Morning News

Mount Holyoke College in South Hadley, Mass., said *tikkun olam* status as a "mantra or slogan," a widely used rallying cry for everything from personal moral behavior to social justice advocacy, is a relatively recent phenomenon.

"For most of Jewish history," he said, "Jews were concerned about their own well-being, their own welfare."

It wasn't until the late 18th century that a more "universalistic or humanistic" view of repairing the moral world — rather than just protecting and perfecting the Jewish people — came into Jewish thought.

Faith-based groups pick up Gulf Coast slack

WAVELAND, Miss. (AP) — In a city reduced to rubble by Hurricane Katrina, John King and Chris Johnson have forged an unlikely friendship at the uneasy intersection of church and state.



Noah Weber, left, from Ontario, and David Bookin of Mountain Lake, Minn., work on a gutted house in Pass Christian, Miss., as part of a Mennonite volunteer group helping to rebuild hurricane-damaged homes in the area.

King led a caravan of Amish volunteers from Pennsylvania to Mississippi just days after the storm hit to help clear debris. Johnson was one of the first people he met in Waveland, the city's hometown parks and recreation director.

Now, with the parks in ruins and little time for recreation, Johnson spends his days working alongside King and his fellow Amish, who are gutting and rebuilding hundreds of homes. "It has changed our lives," said Johnson, 47. "If it weren't for the faith-based groups helping out, the city of Waveland would be half the size it is now."

Katrina leveled Mississippi's Gulf Coast, leaving roughly \$2.25 billion in damage. In its weeks and nearly wiping some cities off the map, Waveland is still littered with massive amounts of debris, and police estimate fewer than 1,500 of its 4,600 residents have returned since the storm hit Aug. 29.

With government agencies stretched thin by the massive scope of the Gulf Coast recovery effort, groups from every conceivable religion are shouldering a heavy share of the workload.

Amish and Mennonites are mucking out and rebuilding homes across the coast, with dozens living together at a religious-affiliated summer camp in Pass Christian.

Lutheran and Islamic groups are providing free medical care to thousands in Biloxi.

Southern Baptists have cooked an estimated 14 million meals in New Orleans and other

hard-hit communities.

The Salvation Army has had roughly 52,000 people working in Louisiana and Mississippi since the storm.

"We feel it's our duty to do it because it's God's work," said King, whose Amish volunteers have gutted more than 300 homes in Waveland alone.

Johnson, who's not a regular churchgoer and had never met an Amish person before the hurricane, has come to admire their dogged work ethic and respect their way of life, which shuns modern technology.

"They're probably some of the hardest workers I've met in my life," the lifelong Waveland resident said. "You don't have to teach them anything. You just show them where the house is."

Tens of thousands of volunteers from hundreds of faith-based groups have poured into the region. That virtually bottomless well of labor makes, then, a valuable resource for the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which helps

coordinate their efforts to avoid duplication.

Volunteer groups have been the "only show in town" as the work shifted from emergency relief to long-term recovery and rebuilding, said Ken Skaltzky, FEMA's voluntary agency liaison for Mississippi, Alabama and six other states.

"FEMA is limited in the amount of assistance it can provide a family," he said. "There's been an incredible reliance on faith-based and other volunteer agencies."

Indeed, some religious groups are using federal money to expand their Gulf Coast operations — an arrangement that's stirred a bit of debate within the faith-based community.

In December, FEMA doled out \$66 million in Katrina-related grants for 10 social service and volunteer groups, including Catholic Charities, Episcopal Relief and Development, Lutheran Disaster Response and the United Methodist Foundation of Louisiana.

Those grants, administered by the United Methodist Committee on Relief, pay for crewmembers to help around 100,000 displaced families find housing and other necessities.

Jim Towey, director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, said faith-based volunteers must be treated like "front soldiers," not "candy strippers." They can "love" and support Katrina victims in a way the government cannot, he added.

"It's very difficult for government to express mercy and compassion," Towey said. "Some want to secularize the public square and banish them from it, but the president realizes we're enriched by their contributions."

Some argue government funding of faith-based initiatives undermines church groups' independence and violates the separation of church and state.

"I've never seen a government program that does not have strings attached," said the Rev. J. Brent Walker, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty. "It's an ironclad rule: What government funds, government regulates. There's just no way around that."

Others say groups are forging ahead on their own, free from bureaucratic red tape and government restrictions.

Correna Robinson didn't need to wait for help from FEMA after Katrina destroyed her uninsured home of 50 years in Gulfport. Her church rounded up volunteers to build her a new house from scratch.

"I was too blessed to be distressed," the 69-year-old Robinson said recently as she relaxed on her new front porch. "This is a godsend."

Fitness

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herself up about food, Mascari says.

Mary McGlinch, 56, of Itapet, also a UU Fellowship board member in the class, hasn't stepped on her bathroom scales, but the looseness of her clothing attests to her success so far. She says overeating can come from attitude.

"When you feel bad about yourself and you put restrictions on yourself that just doesn't seem to work very well," she said, "so you eat something and you feel bad about it."

"When you say the word 'diet,' you automatically think of what you can't eat," McGlinch says. "You're reducing something, you're taking away something."

When you think of dining healthy — eating with joy and blessing your food — you're thinking of enhancing your whole eating experience and choosing foods that enhance your health, she says.

"So it's like a blessing to yourself, it's like a treat to your body — not a deprivation of any kind," Merrick thinks people tend to

binge. If instead they would give themselves what they want to start with, they would be satisfied and then quit eating. Otherwise, they go through several healthy foods, then finally eat the one thing they thought was unhealthy because that's what they really wanted in the first place.

"The class has a positive focus to it. Merrick says success is measured in how much joy is felt. It's about changing behaviors and patterns in a way that feels good."

"One of the things we talk about is if you could never gain weight, wouldn't you be such a pleasure, such a blessing, and who would voluntarily give it up if it could never have any ill effects on your health? Merrick said, "We'd all just enjoy it and probably wouldn't overeat, because you wouldn't see this energy dynamic of feeling like you have to manipulate yourself, because I think that causes us to overeat."

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

Islam powers series of comic book superheroes

The Washington Post

Naif Al-Mutawa was a businessman looking for financing. His idea was to create a line of comic books, nonreligious in theme, starring superheroes endowed with Islamic traits. But he needed a selling point.

To shock investors into action, Al-Mutawa would pour from his pocket an article about a Hamas supporter in the Palestinian territories who was making millions selling a children's album with stick-on pictures of suicide bombers and other bloody scenes from the intifada. Something more positive was needed, Al-Mutawa argued in his sales pitch, to save the children from embracing a culture of violence and death.

"That's what is happening in a vacuum," he told potential

financers. "Don't sit back and complain or say we are getting gobbled up by globalism. Do something. We need to offer content that kids will gravitate to."

His plan was to create an alternative pop-culture product that would sell all over the Muslim world, in Arabic and English, from Morocco to Bangladesh.

In just one year, he had 54 investors from Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, the United States, Egypt, Mexico and China. He even collected \$1 million from his classmates at Columbia Business School. "I am the only Kuwaiti who went to Beirut and came out with money," chuckled Al-Mutawa, 35. "My idea was to mine Islamic culture for appropriate concepts for children for that part of the world," he said. The result is "The 99," a comic series with stories woven around 99 characters who each personify one of Islam's attributes of God. One is wise: Hakim. Another is forgiving: Basir. Yet another is powerful: Jabbar. None of the characters carries weapons, and they are divided evenly between men and women, only a handful of whom cover their hair, he said. The characters come from all over the world: South Africa, Saudi Arabia, France, the United States and elsewhere.

"We are creating a pop culture that has an Islamic underpinning or archetype. It is really global, or universal, an amalgam of everything that's out there," said Al-Mutawa, chief executive of Teskeek Comics and distributor of Marvel Comics in the Arab world.

Al-Mutawa, who grew up on Nancy Drew and Hardy Boys adventure novels in the absence of appealing Arab alternatives, has written stories and plays since he was 10. His parents told him he could write only as a hobby, but he obtained a doctorate in clinical psychology from Tufts University, specializing in trauma and torture victims. He studied for two more master's degrees at Columbia's business school and Teachers College.

Larry Durocher, a longtime mentor and the father of a student who once roomed with Al-Mutawa, is now involved in his comics project.

"Naif has a desire to preserve his culture for his kids," he said. "Even if he did not intend it, it is also a way to export it to other kids in the world, just like the Japanese-invented Pokémon captured the attention of children everywhere."

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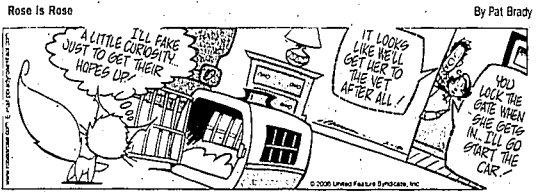
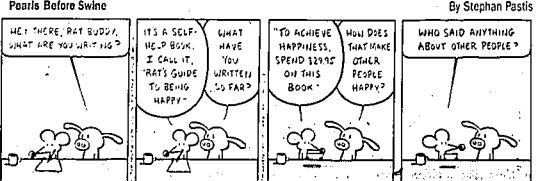
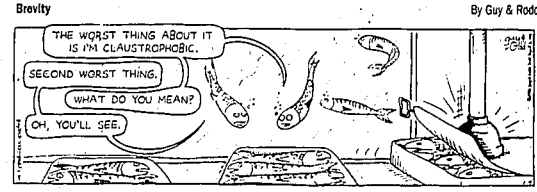
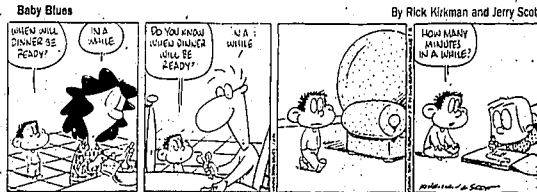
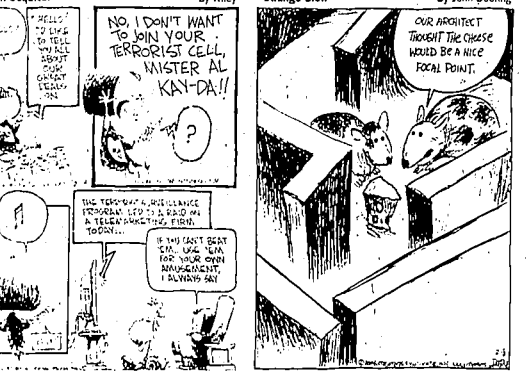
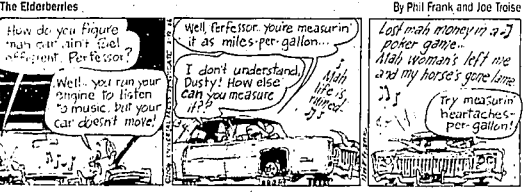
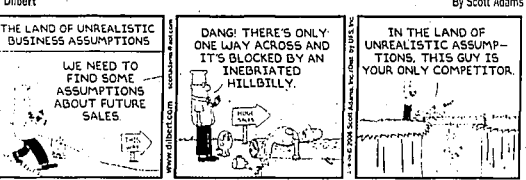
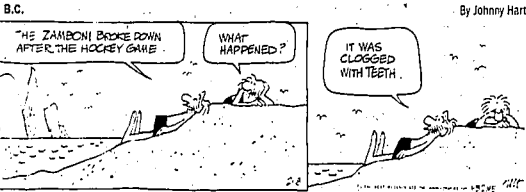
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COMICS



Testy temper leads to regrets, Taurus

IF FEB. 18 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are ideally situated to cash in on your popularity or rest on your laurels in the year ahead. With extra recognition for your business efforts, look for a new job in July and August, and if you are single you might hook up with "the one." Avoid starting anything of significance during the last four days of August. In November you may be offered an opportunity that will boost your overall prosperity permanently, receive unexpected help or realize long-awaited dreams.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Remain cool and collected. For the next few days you must refrain from taking a one-first stance. It is conventionally healthy to assert your rights, but be careful not to take this to extremes.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Testy tempers can lead to regrets. Under these stars, don't give in to the impulse to slam a door as it might remain shut. Remain rational and talk things over calmly for the best results.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be as polite and even-tempered as possible. With the sun and Mars at odds this weekend, you can watch boxing on TV or start a fight in your own

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back yard. Do the right thing.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Focus on constructive activities. Build up others rather than tearing them down. Relationships that aren't built on strong mutual foundations risk being eroded by minor spats or arguments.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Let the peace sign be your mantra. The chip on someone's shoulder can be rather large and heavy. Avoid confrontations and disputes. Relationships that aren't on solid footing can founder.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be a cheerleader. Remain upbeat and set a good example for others. It might be a good weekend to take your duds to the dry cleaners, straighten out drawers or rearrange your closets.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Touch base with friends. Replenish the lines of communications open and don't neglect buddies. Avoid getting involved in a new love affair or accepting a blind date under these celest-

stial conditions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Don't tempt fate by tossing out a final straw that can break the proverbial camel's back. It is a poor time to make credit card purchases, make irrevocable decisions or sign contracts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can't win with brittle strength. Even on the football field, a little strategy is necessary. Avoid going out on blind dates or making major purchases as satisfaction is unlikely.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be a wise old owl. Keep your money in your pocket and hide the key to the safe deposit box. The aching wants and needs that seem imperative today can cause heartache later.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Let bygones be bygones. It's not wise to stir up controversy or expect instant gratification. Your expectations may not be met but perhaps others are not on the same wavelength.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Talk it over. Get advice from those wiser and more experienced. Expert guidance can prevent mistakes and gathering helpful information will make it easier to wait for better timing.

Sister-in-law resents being nameless in family newsletter

DEAR ABBY: My sister-in-law writes family newsletters that she sends to all her siblings and their spouses. All of the names of the sisters-in-law are listed at the top of the letters except for my name — which is conspicuously absent.

If my husband and I were newlyweds, I'd assume that this lack of courtesy was an 25th-anniversary oversight. However, we've recently approached our 25th wedding anniversary, and we have been married longer than any of the other siblings.

When I complained to my husband, he says I'm making too much out of it. Should he say something to his sister on my behalf, or should we both continue pretending not to notice? For the record, my sister-in-law and I have always been friendly to each other.

Please, Abby, don't reveal my name or location. I don't want to create any friction in the family or be embarrassed any further.

—HURT IN THE U.S.A.
DEAR HURTI: I can't help but wonder why it has taken you nearly a quarter of a century to ask this question. Your husband should have dealt with this matter years ago. However, because he has not, my advice to you is to pick up the phone and humorously ask your sister-in-law if she's finally ready to "accept you into the family." And when she asks why you're asking that question — point



DEAR ABBY
Jeanne Phillips

out her omission.

DEAR ABBY: My father-in-law in another state insists on sending inappropriate gifts to our daughters. For example, he sent our oldest daughter an expensive doll on her first birthday. The doll was designed for children ages 3 and up. We thanked him for the gift and stored it away for later use, since we were unable to return it without incurring significant shipping charges.

For Christmas, my father-in-law sent our 10-day-old baby a similar gift from the same store. I hate to see him continue this pattern and waste money on dolls that a newborn won't be able to enjoy for three years. I feel my husband should speak to his father about choosing age-appropriate gifts. However, I don't want him to think that my husband and I are ungrateful, so we are hesitant to mention the issue to him. Please advise what, if anything, we should do about these gifts.

—NOT UNGRATEFUL
INTAMPA
DEAR NOT UNGRATEFUL

Use the personal approach. Call your father-in-law and thank him for his thoughtfulness and generosity. Then explain that the beautiful dolls he has been sending cannot be given to your daughters yet. Tell him that not only could the children hurt the dolls, the dolls could come apart and hurt the children. Your father-in-law may be clueless, but very young children need special cuddly toys that can't hurt or choke them if they should come apart. You'll be doing both him and your daughters a favor.

DEAR ABBY: Some close friends, "Mary" and "Bob," are in the midst of a bitter divorce. I like both of them and would like to remain friendly with them — but how can I comfort and support one of them without seeming like a traitor to the other one, and vice versa? Mary has already checked me out. However, she is one caveat to the latter: If you refuse to side with Mary, she may interpret your "neutrality" as betrayal and dump you.

—IN THE MIDDLE:
DEAR IN THE MIDDLE: As I see it, you have two choices — speak to neither one, or tell Mary that you are not community property and you have chosen to remain neutral because you care about them both. However, there is one caveat to the latter: If you refuse to side with Mary, she may interpret your "neutrality" as betrayal and dump you.

Arctic got its name in a roundabout way

"Arctic" got its name from arctos, Greek for bear, by a roundabout way. It's named for the constellation called Ursa Minor ("Little Bear"), which is where the North Star is.

This day in history: Feb. 18, 1911, saw the first official air mail flight. The postal service of India hired French aviator Henri Pequet to carry mail a 13-minute flight between the towns of Allahabad and Naini.

Antarctica doesn't exactly translate to "South Pole." It literally means "opposite of North Pole."

Governments around the world have set off 2,051 publicly-known nuclear explosions since 1945. Most took place underground, but 511 were exploded in open air. Of the radioactivity released, 80 percent is still circulating in the atmosphere — causing, some scientists believe, about 1.5 million extra deaths from cancer each year.

The copper sheets that cover those long, sideways-pointing tail spikes located at the end of the Stegosaurus' tail are now called "thagomizers." The name was adopted by paleontologists



RANDOM KINDS OF FACTINESS
Jack Mingo
Erin Barrett

from a Far Side cartoon by Gary Larson in which a caveman lecturer explains that they were "named for the late Thug Slimmons."

The United States is the world's No. 1 importer of foreign oil. Scientists goofing around: The element ununium got its name from un (one) un (one) un (one), because its atomic number is 111. Its official abbreviation, by the way, is UUU.

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Doorknob obsession leads man to jail time

PORT WASHINGTON, Wis. — A man who claims he is obsessed with doorknobs faces three years in prison for a burglary spree in which dozens of them were taken from construction sites.

A criminal complaint said Thor Jeffrey Steven Lauer told police he took a variety of items from the construction sites in the Milwaukee suburb of Mequon to disguise his obsession, "so that it would look like a typical burglar rather than someone just stealing doorknobs."

Lauer, 43, of Racine, was sen-

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tenced this week by Ozaukee County Circuit Judge Joseph McCormack to the three-year prison term, plus five years of extended supervision, and ordered to pay restitution. He had pleaded no contest to felony counts of burglary.

Thief steals hole liners at Malaysian golf course

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia — A golf course in Malaysia has a bigger problem than players

cheating on their handicaps — someone stole the aluminum liners from 12 of its holes.


The cylindrical liners, imported from the United States, were apparently stolen to be sold as scrap metal, the Royal Jubor Country Club acting manager Majid Manji Abdulah was quoted as saying by The Star newspaper Tuesday.

"The thief or thieves must really be desperate," Majid said, adding this was the first time he had heard of such a theft. Majid said the theft was discovered Monday.


— compiled from wire reports

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HOW DID YOU EVER GET THAT SHARP-SHOOTER BADGE?

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

I'M GOING TO TEACH HERB WOODLEY A LESSON AND BORROW SOME OF HIS TOOLS FOR A CHANGE.

YOU WANT TO BORROW SOME OF MY TOOLS? SURE, COME IN.

WHICH DO YOU WANT, THE HAMMER OR THE SCREWDRIVER?

The Barn Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

I DON'T WANT YOU TO SPEND THAT CASH GRANDMA GAVE YOU FOR YOUR BIRTHDAY!

I LIKE TO SAY, MONEY SAVED IS MONEY EARNED!

YEAH? WELL, I SAY, MONEY SAVED IS MONEY I COULD HAVE BOUGHT SOMETHIN' GOOD WITH!

Garfield By Jim Davis

I HAVE WASTED ALMOST THIS ENTIRE DAY.

QUIET, PLEASE. I'M IN THE HOME STRETCH.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

WHEN'S DINNER?

YOU'LL GET DINNER SOMETIME BETWEEN NOW AND THE TIME YOU GO TO BED!

WHEN SHE'S FINISHING, HELGA HATES FOR ME TO ASK 'WHEN'S DINNER?'

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

YOU TWO HAVE BEEN SITTING IN FRONT OF THE TV ALL DAY!

YOU NEED TO GO OUTSIDE AND GET SOME FRESH AIR.

IT'S FREEZING.

MAYBE IF WE START FIGHTING, SHE'LL MAKE US GO BACK INSIDE.

Classic Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

HERE'S THE LONELY SHEPHERD STANDING OUT UNDER THE STARS.

ALL HIS SHEEP HAVE GONE ASTRAY... IT'S SO SAD.

YOU'RE NOT CRYING.

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart

THAT'S A PORTRAIT OF MY FAVORITE UNCLE.

WHAT MADE HIM YOUR FAVORITE?

HE INVENTED THE THUMBSCREW.

Peeps the Monaco By Hank Ketchum

I JUST LOVE BOOKS. THEY TAKE ME TO FARAWAY PLACES!

AT LEAST UNTIL YOU'RE OLD ENOUGH TO GET A CREDIT CARD!

THE FAMILY CIRCUS By Bil Keane

"Is this a cut or just a boo-boo?"

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Women educators honored

Helping Hands meets Tuesday in Rupert

RUPERT — Helping Hands Freedom Trails will meet at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at Wayside Cafe on Highway 24 in Rupert. For more information, call Dave Cooper at 436-9010 or Patricia Hunter at 679-8061.

Diabetes Support Group discusses Medicare Part D

TWIN FALLS — The Diabetes Support Group will have two representatives from Senior Health Insurance Benefit Advisors speak on Medicare Prescription Drug Coverage at 7 p.m. Tuesday at South Central District Health located on the College of Southern Idaho campus, 315 Falls Ave. Attendees will use the north entrance of the district health building. The free meeting is open to the public. For more information, call Susie Beem at 737-5946.

Gooding Duplicate Bridge Results

GOODING — The Gooding Duplicate Bridge Club has announced its Feb. 10 results. First, Riley Burton and Ruben Tschackoske; second, Louise Smith and Jodi Faulkner; and third, Tracy and Ivan Gustafson. The club plays bridge 1 p.m. Fridays at the Gooding City Hall, 308 Fifth Ave. W. Refreshments are served. For more information or a partner, call Kathy Rooney at 934-9532.

Parkinson's Support group discusses drug benefits

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley Parkinson's Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the KMVT Community Room, 1100 Blue Lakes Blvd. Tina Fields, director of the Office on Aging will speak. Prescription drug benefits will be discussed. For more information, call Don Arrington at 733-8858 or

Ray Clark at 324-5013.

M.V. Singles Square Dance Club to meet

JEROME — The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the American Legion Hall. Dancers are asked to bring a potluck dish to share. Share the pot will be included. For more information, call Vicki at 733-8838 or Betty at 736-2243.

Cheess championships take place in Boise

BOISE — The Idaho Cheess Association is holding championships in Boise. A girls championship, open only to girls attending Idaho schools in kindergarten through 12th grades will be held Feb. 25 at the First United Methodist Church on 11th and Hays streets. There will be no USCF memberships necessary for the event. The entry fee is \$10 if received by 6 p.m. Thursday or postmarked by Tuesday. The cost is \$15 if received later or at the door. An all-Idaho students game for those in kindergarten through 12th grades at the Roosevelt Junior High School, 6903 G. Lane. USCF memberships are available onsite for \$25 or less depending on age. Entry fees are \$10 if registration and payment is received by 9 p.m. March 9 or postmarked by March 10. The charge is \$20 if received later or paid at the door. For both events, free entry will be given to players traveling more than 90 miles to the tournament. Registration check in will be from 8 to 8:35 a.m. Games will begin at 9 a.m. For tournament flyer, more information or submission of entries and checks, call Dick Vandenburg at 2316 Regan Ave., Boise, ID 83702, call 342-2056 or e-mail to rsvandenburg@comcast.com.

Members hear program on quilting

TWIN FALLS — The Xi Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma Society International met Jan. 14 at the College of Southern Idaho. Delta Kappa Gamma Society International is a society of women educators. The members pictured at right were honored by President Sue Remalay for their 11 to 20 years of membership. These members were presented with a special apple-themed bowl and encouraged to continue to work for and support Delta Kappa Gamma.

A program on "Simple Quilting" was presented by members Nancy Tucker, Patsy Slammun, Berdona Schalck, Carolyn Lancaster and Sue Pack. All the members chose squares of materials to create a mug cozy or a pot holder. From left, back, Kathleen Noh, Linda Dennis, Jo Bauman, Molly Arrossa, Susan Huddleston and Berdona Schalck; front, Chris Shannon, Renoa Remalay, Carol Hofffield and Nancy Tucker; missing are Judy Snider, Joan Fay, Karen Goodrich, Virginia Linnell and Aron Patrick.



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FOR THE BOYS AND GIRLS

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

BABEL'S CLEANERS

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STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS



Healthcare students from left, front, Jeannine Klasinger, Michelo McClain and Shori Watson, were awarded scholarships from the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation clinical student scholarship program. Back, Joyce Hill, HVRMC human resources manager; Margaret Sincir, HVRMC human resources recruiter; Bill Southwick, HVRMC-CV administration/director; and Anne Erickson, HVRMC Intensive nursing officer.

FOCUS ON PEOPLE

CSI Forensics Team places at tournament

The College of Southern Idaho Speech and Debate Team placed second among community colleges at the Western Washington University Forensics Tournament held recently in Hellingham, Wash. The outcome locked up CSI's first place finish in Division III of the Northwest Forensics Conference, placing the Golden Eagles ahead of Mt. Hood Community College of Gresham, Ore., and Lane Community College of Eugene, Ore.

Individually, CSI was led by Jerome freshman Kevin Otzenberger and Buhl sophomore Vance Spencer who placed third in the novice division of parliamentary debate and sixth in the open division of duo interpretation. Fehr sophomore Jill VanLeuren placed fourth in the junior division of persuasive speaking.

Jerome sophomore Lettya Sandford, and Twin Falls freshman Jonathan Carson also competed for CSI at the tournament.

CSI returns to competition on March 4 when they travel to Tacoma, Wash., and Pacific Lutheran University for the Pi Kappa Delta Regional Tournament.

For more information, call Tibby Seeley-Cass, director of forensics, at 732-6729 or Chris Bragg, assistant director of forensics, at 732-6725.

T.F. graduate named to Carroll College dean's list

Connor McComas of Twin Falls has been named to the Carroll College dean's list in Helena, Mont. McComas received a 3.5 grade point average.

Carroll is nationally ranked for academic quality as a regional liberal arts college that reaches out to Montana and other communities, the Northwest and other regions in both the U.S. and foreign nations with opportunities for personal, pro-

fessional, intellectual and spiritual growth.

McComas is the son of Bruce McComas and Cathleen Carrie, both of Twin Falls. He is on a four-year academic scholarship as a freshman at Carroll College and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 2005 where he lettered in wrestling.

Local teen named Youth of the Year

Sonia Garcia, 14, has been selected as the Youth of the Year for the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley. The Youth of the Year program, nationally sponsored by the Reader's Digest Foundation since 1947, recognizes outstanding contributions to a member's family, school, community and Boy & Girls Club, personal challenges and obstacles overcome.

Sonia attends Robert Stuart Junior High School and is in the eighth grade. She has attended the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley for six years and has participated in many of its activities. She has been a staff member for three years, completing over 200 hours of volunteer service to the club. Her brothers, Eddie and Ivan Garcia, also attend.

"Sonia is a very polite, nice young lady that is one of our club members look up to. She is a 'very good' model," said Heilyn Love, branch director of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Magic Valley. She will compete with other Boys & Girls Club members for the Youth of the Year title for the state of Idaho and a \$1,000 scholarship. If she wins at the state level, then she will compete for the title of Pacific Region Youth of the Year and a \$1,000 scholarship. The five regional winners will travel to Washington D.C., to compete for the BGCNA National Youth of the Year. The National Youth of the Year receives an additional \$15,000 college scholarship and is installed by the president in an Oval Office ceremony.



Sonia Garcia



Connor McComas

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FARM
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Kitchen Help wanted. Dish wash and prep. Apply in person. Montana Steak House 1836 Canyon Crest Dr. 252 Blue Lakes N.</p> <p>TRADES
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Warehouse Manager Automated Daily. Systems is looking for the right person to join our team of dairy professionals in offering the finest products and services to our customers. A minimum of one year of warehouse management experience with excellent computer skills required. Applicant must be Detail Oriented, self-starter, good with people and a team player. Salary DOE & benefits available. Call for an application or present a resume at 1731 South Lincoln Jerome, Idaho 208-324-3213</p> | <p>200 Employment
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DRIVERS
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Farm Assistant University of Idaho Kimberly Research & Extension Center. Some requirements include: thorough knowledge of methods used in performing farm labor; experience operating and maintaining farm equipment; keeping records, and following all safety regulations & procedures. PG. E 159 17 to 513 (Hr) Closing date 2/22/06. For complete requirements and application, contact Anna Cranter, U of I, Extension, 2790 N 3600 E, Kimberly, Idaho 83341-5076. 208-822-1691; or contact HR Services, 415 W. 8th St., Moscow, ID 83844; 208-885-3609; or apply online at www.iu.edu/ioda/AEOE</p> | <p>200 Employment
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Webb Landscape Inc is currently seeking applicants for the position of Fertilizer Technician. Qualified candidates will be loan-oriented and have a strong work ethic. This position is full-time seasonal beginning with spring clean up and ending with Fall maintenance. Webb Landscape, Inc. is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Owed progressive and dynamic company that offers a complete benefit package with health insurance, 401k, and employee stock option program. Apply in person at Webb Landscape or send your resume to 162 Belvedere Rd, Bellevue, ID 83313
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RT. 162: Paul
South Idaho Press
East of Main Street within city limits

RT. 188: Rupert
South Idaho Press
A Street to H Street & Pashema Key to 20th St.

RT. 228: Burley
South Idaho Press
McBride Circle to Almo Ave. & East 27th to Diana Dr.

RT. 231: Burley
South Idaho Press
Burton to Fairmont & Teton Dr. to Pratt Place

RT. 1812: Rupert
South Idaho Press
G Street to K Street & 1st Street to 4th Street

RT. 403: Burley
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Overland to Almo Ave. & East 16th to East 19th

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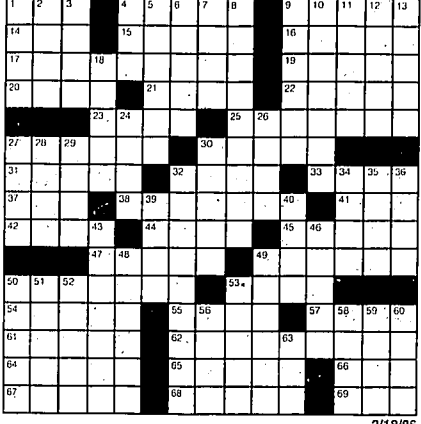
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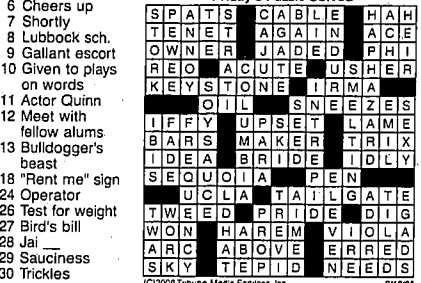
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There are many experts who claim never to have read a textbook. Those are the players who can survive on pure ability...

If I had not read Terence Reese's "Master Play" on trying to retain trump control, the following deal would have been far harder.

I was defending against four hearts. East overlooked my spade-10 lead and cashed two more top spades. South did her best when she ruffed low...

However, at trick three I discarded a club, hoping I had a natural trump trick whether I overruled or not...

Moral: Do not overrule just because you can. Look at the wider picture.

WEST EAST
10 7 3 2
10 6 4 3 2
K J 7
J 8 7

SOUTH NORTH
5 2
A Q J 8 7
K J 7
A K 10 6 4

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: East

The bidding: South West North East
3 Pass 3 NT Pass
4 Pass 4 All pass

Opening lead: Spade 10 BID WITH THE ACES

South holds: 10 7 10 6 4 3 2 K J 7

South West North East 3 Pass 3 NT Pass 4 Pass 4 All pass

ANSWER: Raise to four diamonds. Your objective is to take away a little spade from your opponents. You hope your LHO will simply bid game, and your RHO will then not risk exploring any higher...

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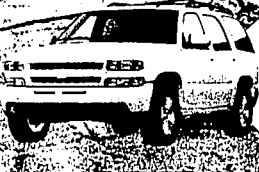
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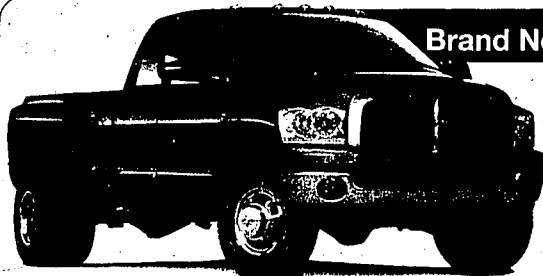
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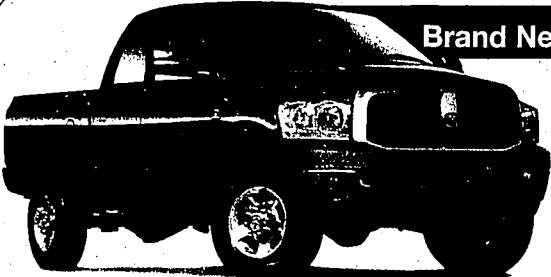
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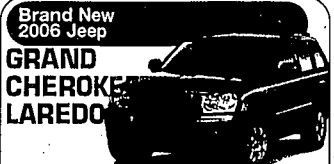
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