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Idaho struggles to improve education

By Anne Wallace Allen, Associated Press Writer

BOISE — Twenty-two 5- and 6-year-olds in the class, all of them just learning how to read and write — except for one little boy who recently dashed off a legible note on his own volition and taped it to a table.

What's his secret?
"He just moved here from Fairbanks, Alaska," said his teacher with some resignation. "They have full-day kinder-

garten. They sit at desks and learn."

They don't have full-day kindergarten in most of Idaho. What they do have, in spades, is concern that the state's educational system is failing to produce graduates who can compete. Lawmakers, education and business leaders and just about everyone else are talking about the raising school standards.

But it's been tough conversational going so far.

This past year, the state Board of Education proposed that students be required to take four years of math in high school and three of science, instead of the two years of each now needed to graduate.

Parents and educators protested, saying the requirements would cut into activities such as music, art, and religious instruction. Some said there already aren't enough math and science teachers to go around in Idaho, and rural

schools wouldn't have the money to make the changes.

Parents said they feared the proposal would take control away from families, and educators that it would take control from the schools and districts. A principal from the Nez Perce reservation told the committee that increasing graduation requirements would prompt more of his students to drop out of high school.

Lawmakers did not give the plan the go-ahead. It didn't go

far enough, some said; it was based on faulty research; educational requirements shouldn't be imposed by the state.

It's clear education hasn't been a top priority in Idaho for a while. It's one of the only states that doesn't provide any payment for preschool programs. The state doesn't require kindergarten — though every district provides at least a half-day program — and it's high-school graduation

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Man who rescued boy steps forward

By Chip Thompson For The Times-News

BURLEY — The unidentified man who jumped into the Snake River on Wednesday to rescue a 12-year-old boy has stepped forward to tell the story.

Mike Thompson, 27, of Rupert, didn't wait around to talk with emergency responders after he rescued the boy on Wednesday afternoon.

But on Friday after news reports of the rescue, he talked about what he did when he saw the boy fall off an improvised raft in the chilly water near Lex Kuniak Park in north Burley a little before 5 p.m. Wednesday.

Thompson, who works at Burley Care Center and part time as a bartender at Cheers, said he picked up his sister's children from school and stopped off for supplies before setting in at the park for a picnic.

"That's when he spotted the boy and a girl floating on what he described as a piece of bread dock that had broken free. The girl jumped off close to shore and swam to safety, but the boy stayed on the raft."

"I told my nephew Zakari (Paul), 'Man, don't you ever do something like that,'" Thompson said. "If he falls off, he's going to die."

"Two minutes later, the kid started screaming. Cursing is what he was doing," he said. "I'm thinking, 'If he comes off that now, there's no way he's making it in.'"

"By now the raft was far from shore and moving quickly."

"When he jumped off, he swam about 10 feet and his head went under," Thompson said. "He came up and screamed 'Help!'"

At first Thompson didn't know whether to take the crisis seriously.



Thompson

Latinos Unidos celebrate Cinco de Mayo at CSI

By Blair Koch Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — A spirit full of vibrancy and pride was flowing through the Student Union Building Friday evening during the Cinco de Mayo festivities held on the campus of the College of Southern Idaho.

"We are here to unite the community with the opportunity to learn about our culture," said Kristina Tapia, advisor of the Latinos Unidos Club and project manager of the Leadership and Access grant at CSI.

She said that many people mark the anniversary of Mexico's victory over France during the Battle of Puebla, on May 5, 1862, with drinking, however, more importantly the holiday symbolizes unity and Mexican patriotism.

Sharing the culture with others is also important and the club wanted to create a family-friendly, yet festive environment to achieve that, said Tapia.

As a student she had been involved in Cinco de Mayo.

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Above: A line forms through doors adorned with Mexican dancers at the entrance for a fiesta and dinner Friday night in honor of Cinco de Mayo at the Student Union on the campus of CSI.

Top: Orlando Zinzambora of the Mariachi Michoacan plays the trumpet Friday during the Cinco de Mayo fiesta on the campus of CSI.

Fiesta!



Photo by MELANIE THOMPSON/Times-News

Kemphorne's portfolio has land, silver rather than stocks

By Christopher Smith Associated Press writer

BOISE — Perhaps befitting someone poised to become landlord of the nation's natural resources, Interior secretary nominee Gov. Dirk Kemphorne's personal financial portfolio focuses on land and silver rather than stocks and bonds.

According to a new financial disclosure report filed with the federal government, the only investments the Idaho Republican governor holds in the securities markets are through state employee retirement plans. That should mean Kemphorne will not have to divest assets or create a blind trust to avoid potential conflicts of interest, as many presidential cabinet members must



Kemphorne

upon confirmation.

The Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee is expected to vote Wednesday whether to forward Kemphorne's nomination to the Senate floor for a full confirmation vote.

Idaho does not require statewide elected officials to disclose personal finances, but executive-level presidential appointees must submit a report detailing assets, liabilities and positions held outside the federal government as part of the confirmation process. Similar

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Study finds some people will pick pain over dread

By Jamie Talan Newday

Root canal, anyone? Every day, people are faced with pain, but until now no one had studied how the brain actually copes with the prospect.

Scientists at Emory University in Atlanta recruited volunteers willing to have their brains scanned while awaiting electrical shocks to their feet. The aim was to pinpoint the neurobiology of dread in the brain.

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ANTICIPATION

So, what ails you?

Tiffini Graham — Aching for the ouch

"I'm getting a tattoo right now," she said, waiting her turn at Warm Art tattooing studio. "I have much faith in people here."

Even though she expects some pain, she said, "I know it will be worth it in the end because they just don't do bad work here."

On the contrary, Graham exudes a patient excitement. In minutes, Graham exudes a tattoo artist, will insert a needle into her skin. "I would say I'm hooked. Oh, I can't wait. This is going to be the coolest one yet," she said.

Ed Crowe — Guys out-faint gals

"If you can find a reason to look forward to the sensation, it'll be much more acceptable to you," Crowe said. "I use my pain to my advantage. People come in over-anticipating, pre-anticipating, biting their tongues to get it ready to deal with a tongue piercing," he said.

In roughly 16 years in the business, no more than three women have fainted. "But, guys, they come in all tight and constricted — all the blood's in their head because they want to keep it together. I've had around 200 faint."

But usually, customers say, "I thought it was

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COMING TOMORROW

GOAL

TIME

Twin Falls lands its first statewide soccer tournament.

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Map of Idaho with weather forecasts for various regions: SUN VALLEY, BOISE, NORTHERN UTAH, SOUTHERN UTAH, etc.

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REGIONAL FORECAST

Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for Boise, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Falls, etc.

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Table with 2 columns: Today, Tomorrow. Lists forecasts for various international cities.

GREGG MIDDLEKAUFF'S QUOTE OF THE DAY: "Remember, Red, he is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ever dies."

Fiesta

Continued from A1. Celebrations at Boise State University and wanted to start the festivities at CSI. After getting an enthusiastic approval from the administration...

Pain

Continued from A1. Mexican folkloric group, the Burley Junior High Spanish Club Dancers is a way to continue celebrating Latin culture in a real way, said participant Maria Aguire, 11. "I am able to show that I still care about Mexico and being able to represent my state of San Luis is important, Maria said..."

Pain

Continued from A1. Gave me a lot more than I did," said Crove. In fact, aware customers at Wren Art have fainted before their tattoo than during, said Skam, a tattoo artist employed by Crove. Gary Tostenson - Pain a constant companion. "What are you going to do about it," said the lifelong crove construction worker. "My wife tells me I have an even disposition; it's just bad all the time."

Jerry Wheeler - Dental dread runs in family

"They used to have to strap me down when I was young," Wheeler said. His mother had lost her teeth by the time she turned 21 - his grandmother. "My family has no enamel," Wheeler said. His traumatic memories quickly developed into chronic anxiety, abetted by cigarettes and caffeine. "The needles, the grinding, it almost makes your mouth say 'get up, nauseous,'" he said, his hands shaking slightly. "I hated going to the dentist."



Jerry Wheeler - at the dentist's - nervous but not scared - having his teeth bridged. Any excuse I could not go," he said. But stalling the inevitable. "That made me worse," he said. His current dentist is more attentive to his anxiety than any of the 18 others he has gone to. "He hides the needle," he said. - compiled by Cassidy Friedman

Dread

Continued from A1. He also found that some people were willing to withstand a more severe return to the brain scans to find differences between the one-third of volunteers who chose the more severe shock later or a harsher one sooner. A third of the volunteers chose the greater shock: more pain, but sooner. "There are obviously costs to waiting," said Berns, who has written a book called "Satisfaction" that details his work on motivation and reward. "We wanted to understand what happens when people have to wait for outcomes that they don't like."

Correction

Leutenant governor candidate Dan Romero is running for lieutenant governor. The wrong photo was used in a story in Thursday's edition. The Times-News regrets the error.

Portfolio

Continued from A1. Financial disclosures filed by members of Congress, the executive branch reports list values of assets and liabilities in broad ranges. Based on Kermphorne's April 24 disclosure to the Office of Government Ethics, he owns assets valued between \$166,000 and \$415,000 and has liabilities between \$70,000 and \$130,000 for a net worth between \$366,000 and \$345,000. Kermphorne has periodically drawn attention to his personal financial situation. In 2003, he was criticized for using campaign funds to pay for a haircut. He subsequently bounced two personal checks to his hairdresser, one for \$78 in October 2004, another for \$35 in May last year.

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Autopsy finds boy died of suffocation by boot camp guards

By Mitchell Stacey
Associated Press writer

TAMPA, Fla. — A 14-year-old boy kicked and punched by guards at a juvenile boot camp died because the sheriff's officials suffocated him, a medical examiner said Friday, contradicting a colleague who blamed the death on a usually benign blood disorder.

Martin Anderson's death was caused by suffocation due to actions of the guards at the boot camp, said Dr. Vernard Adams, who conducted the second autopsy.

Adams said the suffocation was caused by hands blocking the boy's mouth, as well as the "forced inhalation of ammonia fumes" that caused his vocal cords to spasm, blocking his upper airway. The guards had said in an incident report that they used ammonia capsules to keep Anderson conscious.

The autopsy report draws no conclusions about whether Anderson's death was a homicide or an accident.

Anderson had been sent to the boot camp for violating probation by trespassing at a school after he and his cousins

were charged with stealing their grandmother's car from a church parking lot.

He collapsed while doing push-ups, sit-ups, run-ups and other exercises that were part of his admission process at the camp. The sheriff's office said force was used on Anderson because he was uncooperative.

Anderson's body was exhumed after a camp surveillance videotape surfaced showing the guards roughing him up Jan. 5, a day before he died. His family had questioned the initial finding by Dr. Charles

Siebert, the Bay County Medical Examiner, that the boy died of complications of sickle cell trait.

Anderson's parents, Gina Jones and Robert Anderson, said the new autopsy findings vindicated their campaign for a thorough investigation of the boy's death.

"All you do bad, the good will come out. And so the truth is out now," Jones said.

No one has been arrested in connection with the death, which sparked protests at the state Capitol, forced lawmakers to scrap the military-style

camp and led to the resignation of the state's top law-enforcement officer.

"I am disturbed by Dr. Adams' findings, and consider the actions of the Bay County boot camp guards deplorable," said Gov. Jeb Bush, who ordered the investigation that led to the second autopsy.

He later said he didn't think he could suspend Siebert because he wasn't sure if the fire autopsy report was finished. But Attorney General Charlie Crist said that Siebert "should probably be suspended pending further review" and that there "probably will be arrests."

CIA chief Goss resigns from troubled agency

By Jonathan S. Landay
Knight Ridder Newspapers

PROFILE

Staff change at the White House

Peter Goss, 67, retires after serving nearly two years as the CIA director. His successor may be named as early as Monday.

Education — Bachelor's degree, Yale University, 1960.

Career — Director, Central Intelligence Agency, 2004-2006; Republican member of U.S. House of Representatives, Florida, 1988-2004; mayor, Sanibel, Fla., 1975-77; CIA's clandestine service, 1962-71.



changes that it might have been able to foil the Sept. 11 attacks and over its erroneous assessments that former Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein had chemical, biological and nuclear weapons, the intelligence community.

The resignations and retirements of veteran CIA officials turned into a flood, according to current and former CIA officials and members of Congress.

Rep. Jane Harman of California, the senior Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, recently said that the CIA was in "freefall" after losing veteran officers with a combined experience of 300 years.

"There was a lot of discontent," said one U.S. official. "Morale was dangerously low."

in analytical, intelligence-gathering and technological capabilities.

Acting on a recommendation of the independent Sept. 11 commission, Bush had reduced the CIA director's power by creating Negroponte's post and transferring to him what had been Goss' job of managing the 16 agencies of the U.S. intelligence community. Negroponte also took over other duties that had belonged to the CIA director, including Bush's morning intelligence briefing.

Goss sat next to President Bush as Bush announced the resignation in the Oval Office. Director of National Security Security in Negroponte, Goss' immediate superior, was also present. Neither the White House nor the CIA gave a reason for Goss' resignation.

"He's led ably," said Bush, describing Goss' tenure as "one of transition."

Bush praised Goss for helping "make this country a safer place" by overseeing a plan to hire more CIA analysts and field officers and guiding the agency through an overhaul of the U.S. intelligence community.

Goss said he believed that the CIA "is on a very even keel, sailing well. I have no doubts that we have improved dramatically your goals for our nation's intelligence capabilities."

Goss is a former Republican congressman who was a covert CIA officer from 1962 until 1971. He later made millions in the property business.

Some CIA employees welcomed Goss' announcement, said several U.S. intelligence officers and knowledgeable U.S. officials, all of whom declined to be identified because they weren't authorized to speak publicly. They said that the employees see it as a chance for Bush to tap someone with stronger leadership abilities who could replace former Republican congressional staffers whom Goss brought in as senior managers.

Goss' appointments of Republican congressional staffers damaged morale at an agency that already was hurt by

Rep. Patrick Kennedy to enter drug rehab after auto crash

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Rep. Patrick Kennedy said Friday he was entering treatment for addiction to prescription pain drugs after a middle-of-the-night car crash near the Capitol that he said he had no memory of. "That's not how I want to live my life," he declared.

Kennedy, D-R.I., the son of Massachusetts Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, said he would seek immediate treatment at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

His one-car accident about 3 a.m. Thursday was the talk of the capital, with police saying it appeared to be intoxicated but Kennedy saying later that he had had nothing to drink.

For Kennedy, who said he has suffered from depression and pain-medication addiction for years, the trip to the Mayo Clinic was his second in less than five months. He went there over Christmas and said he returned to Congress "reinvigorated and healthy."

"I've been fighting this chronic disease since I was a young man, and have aggressively and medically sought treatment so that I can live a full and productive life," he said at a Capitol Hill news conference.

Of course, in every recovery, each day has its ups and downs, but I have been strong, focused and productive since my return," Kennedy said.

Kennedy said he realized he needed to seek treatment again after he crashed his car. Capitol Police cited him with three traffic violations and said Friday his investigation was continuing. Kennedy promised to cooperate with police.

The accident sparked allegations that Kennedy was drunk and had received special treatment by police. He said he could not recall the accident.

"I simply do not remember getting out of bed, being pulled over by the police, or being cited

for three driving infractions," Kennedy said. "That's not how I want to live my life. And that's not how I want to represent the people of Rhode Island."

Kennedy, 38, a nephew of President Kennedy, was elected to Congress in 1994. As he left the lectern Friday, he shook his head no when asked if he might resign. "I need to stay in the fight," he said. He did not take other questions.

As a high school senior, Kennedy was treated at a drug rehabilitation clinic. He has said he wants to end the stigma of mental health problems, and he has been praised by mental health professionals for being open about his struggles with depression, alcoholism and substance abuse.

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Wilda Mae Fischer

KIMBERLY — Wilda Mae Fischer, 77, of Kimberly, passed away Tuesday, May 2, 2006, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.



Wilda was born Dec. 16, 1928, in Aurora, Neb., the daughter of Homer and Mary Matthews. She moved with her family to Twin Falls between the ages of 7 and 8.

fact that she is home with her survivor.

Wilda was preceded in death by her parents, Homer and Mary Matthews; sisters, Eloise Conaway and Marion Case; husband, Reinhold Fischer; and longtime friend, Marty Bowers.

She is survived by a sister, Opal Edwards; a brother, Charles Matthews; children, Jerry (Linda) Fischer, Gloria (Mike) McIntyre and Tom Fischer; grandchildren, Katie McIntyre, Kimberly (Adam) McIntyre-Flynn; and great-granddaughter, Sundel Flynn.



The funeral will be held at 2:30 p.m. Monday, May 8, 2006, at the Kimberly Church of the Nazarene, with Pastor Mike Seaward officiating. Burial will follow the services at Sunset Memorial Park.

A viewing for family and friends will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Sunday, May 7, at White Mortuary, Chapel by the Park. The family suggests memorials be given to the East End Providers or the Kimberly Church of the Nazarene. We love you and will miss you!

Margaret Billon Weaver

TWIN FALLS — Margaret made her transition into the loving arms of her spiritual family on May 2, 2006. She was born in Hyder, N.D., on March 19, 1911, to John Henry Billon and Margaret Ellen Pfifer Billon. She graduated from Raymond High School in Raymond, Wash., in 1929. Furthering her education, she graduated from St. Peter's School of Nursing in Olympia, Wash., in 1931. On May 18, 1934, she married Robert Cicero Weaver in McMinnville, Ore. Their daughter, Barbara, was born March 31, 1935, in McMinnville, and when she was a year old, Bob and Margaret moved to Buhl, Idaho.

Bob's father needed him to work on the family farm. The farming life was very different than life in the city and Margaret wasn't too certain she would like it. Her nursing profession was on hold, and a son, Robert Charles, was born on April 6, 1937, and a second son, James Freeman, was born Aug. 15, 1940.

Margaret adjusted to farming life and she and Bob made many friends in Buhl. Planting, golfing and traveling became part of an interesting and fun life.

She is survived by her daughter, Barbara Weaver Perkins, and son-in-law, David Perkins of Meridian; also a daughter-in-law, Neola Weaver of Buhl; grandchildren, Vicki Love Malone (Dennis), Jeffrey Lowe (Michael O'Brien), Scot Lowe (Danielle), Lewis Weaver (Vickie) and Brock Weaver; three step-grandchildren, Tracie VanNess, Kelly Perkins and Stefanie Delgado; great-grandchildren, Kimberly Malone Blackburn, Madison Lowe,

Jenna Weaver, Karen Weaver, Robert Carey Weaver and Zara Weaver; three step-grandchildren, Allison Kalange Galumdez (Tehmo), and Kara and Jan VanNess; also a recent great-grandchild, Alexandra Gabriela Blackburn; and many special nieces and nephews. The wonderful ladies at her Beehive Home in Meridian who made our lives so meaningful in her last year. To Hearts for Hospice, thank you for the last two months of your special presence.

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DEATH NOTICES

Pauline Reeder

TWIN FALLS — Pauline Reeder, 78, of Twin Falls, died Thursday, May 4, 2006, at SunBridge.

A celebration of life will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 10, 2006, at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1301 N. Davis in Jerome, with Pastor Baldwin Camin officiating. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

Forest Weaver

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Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Farmer Funeral Chapel.

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Geraldine Searle

BURLEY — Geraldine Fay Larson Searle, 85, of Burley, died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at her home.

The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 8, 2006, at the View LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel, 550 S. 500 E. in Burley, with Bishop LaVel D. Stoker officiating.

Mary Leona Rogers

JEROME — On May 2, 2006, Mary Leona Rogers passed away peacefully at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center after a short illness.



Leona was born on March 4, 1927, the third of seven children (Russell, Vern, Leona, Dick, Shirley, Bill and Jerry) to Wilbur and Lageta Vee Berkenmeier in Russell, Kan. They moved to the Eden-Hazelton area, where in a small young village was written by the pretty girl riding a horse. They soon got married, and that union had lasted more than 60 years. In her later years, passed away only a few weeks ago.

who still remember "the duck" for the influence she had on their spiritual lives. Above all things, she and Claude built a home where others could feel safe. She would give to anyone whom she saw in need, and if her kids were hurt, no matter how many hundreds of miles it may have been, she was there. She was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ.



Olson and Grag (Peggy) Rogers. She was predeceased by her husband, Claude; her parents; one son, James Rogers; three brothers, Russell, Dick and Bill; and two sisters, Vera and Shirley. Her sole surviving brother is Jerry Berkenmeier from Longview, Wash.

Her memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, May 8, 2006, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," with her son, Greg, presiding. The family suggests memorials be given to the American Cancer Society, in care of Hazel Wilder, 359 Oriahara Ave., Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Find a list of funeral services on page A6 today.



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Dorothy May Perkins

PUYALLUP, Wash. — Dorothy May Perkins, 92, formerly of Twin Falls, Idaho, passed away at Puyallup, Wash., on Tuesday, May 2, 2006.



Dorothy was born Aug. 22, 1913, north of East Lynn, Mo., the middle daughter of Daniel and Lillie French. Her childhood was spent in Bates County, Mo., graduating from Rich Hill High School. She attended Southwest Baptist College in Hollvick, Mo., and completed her elementary education degree at Idaho State University in Pocatello, Idaho. Dorothy's teaching career began in one-room school houses in Missouri, where she taught from 1934-1942. During World War II, she worked in Kansas City, Mo., as a card designer for Halstead Cards and later in defense plants supporting America's war efforts.

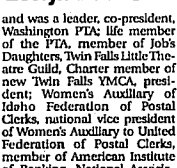
Twin Falls School District. She began teaching at Lincoln School, moved to Washington School and finished her teaching career at Morningstar School in 1975. She continued to substitute teach until 1978. Dorothy loved teaching and was dedicated to all the children who passed through her classroom.

were displayed in her beautiful sewing and creative scrapbooks. Dorothy was a devoted wife, mother, sister, grandmother and will be greatly missed by all who knew her. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, M.M. her parents; and two beloved sisters, Florence McGuire and Sarah Roberts. She is survived by her twin daughters, Sharon (Rich) Miller of Puyallup, Wash., and Karon (Roger) Maxfield of Loudon, N.H.; five grandchildren, Jeff (Tammy) Miller, Doug Miller, Dyrace Maxfield, Mark (Marjorie) Madfield and Melanie Madfield; five great-grandchildren, Kimberly, Deron and Cody Miller, and Lucas and Noah Maxfield; two nephews, Dan (Linda) Robertson of Bucyrus, Kan., and Larry Robertson of Hermitage, Mo.

A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, May 9, 2006, at the Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park," on Monday, May 8, 2006, from 4-8 p.m. The family suggests memorials be given to the charity of your choice.

Evelyn D. Foster

TWIN FALLS — Evelyn D. Foster, 75, of Twin Falls, died Friday, May 5, 2006, at SunBridge Care Center.



She was born June 17, 1930, in Twin Falls, the daughter of Charles and Thelma Dean. Evelyn attended schools in Twin Falls and graduated from Twin Falls High School in 1948, later attending Northwest Baptist University at Evanston, Ill., where she was a member of the Delta Zeta Society.

Dorothy was a member of the Cornerstone Baptist Church in Twin Falls. She was devoted to her family and her faith in Jesus Christ was evident in her daily life. Dorothy's artistic talents

of Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, and Marsha (John) Brekke of Eric, Colo.; a brother, Dr. G. Adrian (Judie) Dean of Twin Falls, Idaho; three grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. She is preceded in death by her husband, Bill Foster; father in her; mother in 1991; and sister, Afon (Gabra) Foster.

A graveside service will be conducted at 10:30 a.m. Monday, May 8, 2006, at Sunset Memorial Park. Family will greet friends from 4 until 6 p.m. Sun. May 7, 2006, at White Mortuary, "Chapel by the Park." Should friends desire, contributions may be given in memory of Evelyn Foster to CSI Child Care Center Playground Equipment, Box 1238, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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SERVICES

Corrine Swager of Twin Falls, memorial service today; call (209) 421-0175 for details.

Ada "Jane" McGehee of Buhl, memorial Mass at 9 a.m. today at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, 1631 Poplar St. in Buhl (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Jacquelin "Jackie" Eldora Ferrenburg of Anchorage, Alaska, and formerly of Wendell, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at the Hagerman Christian Center, 2750 S. 900 E.

Ona B. Tibbett Eddy of Twin Falls, celebration of life at 10 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral

Chapel, 2466 Addison Ave. E.; friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Friday at the mortuary.

Patrick Dean Lindsey of Bellevue, memorial service at 11 a.m. today at the Bellevue Community Church (Wood River Chapel of Halley).

Lyle A. Merritt of Vancouver, Wash., and formerly of Jerome, graveside service at noon today at the Jerome Cemetery on West Avenue 1 (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).

Gladys Tripple Compton of Buhl, graveside service at 1 p.m. today at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may

call from 10 a.m. to noon today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Robert Lee Clayton of Jerome and formerly of Buhl, memorial service at 3 p.m. today at the Buhl First Christian Church at Broadway and Poplar (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Isabel Dorothy Fierman of Jerome, celebration of life at 10 a.m. Sunday at the Temple Beth El in Aliso Viejo, Calif. (Serenity Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Floyd Donald Schwab of Eden, family memorial service at 9 a.m. today at Sunset

Memorial Park in Twin Falls; memorial service for friends and family at 1 p.m. today at the American Legion facility, 447 Seastron St. (off South Eastland).

Louise B. Johnson of Twin Falls, celebration to honor her life and her birthday at 2:30 p.m. Sunday at the Heritage Retirement Center in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Della Harmon of Richfield, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Jerome LDS Stake Center on North Tiger Drive; friends may call to sign the register book from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral

Home in Jerome.

Ashley Hill of Jerome, funeral at 11 a.m. Monday at the Jerome LDS Stake Center on North Tiger Drive; friends may call to sign the register book from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the Howe-Robertson Funeral Home.

Richard Marvin Hawkins of Boise and formerly of Twin Falls, gathering for friends and family at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Relyea Funeral Chapel, 318 N. Latah in Boise.

Ruby Bohrn of Twin Falls, graveside service at 1 p.m. Monday at Sunset Memorial

Park; friends may call from 11 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary.

Norma Jean Bradshaw Thomas of Kimberly, memorial service at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Loren "Bud" Town of Jerome, celebration of life at 4 p.m. Tuesday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls.

Thelma Esther Thompson of Prineville, Ore., and formerly of the Magic Valley area, funeral at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the Prineville Funeral Home in Prineville, Ore.

Biologists puzzled over low spring chinook run

The Associated Press

BOISE — Fishery managers in the Northwest predicted that 80,000 spring chinook would swim upstream past Bonneville Dam on the Columbia River this year, but fewer than 20 percent of that number have done so late in the season.

The spawning run "is very late, and we really don't have a good explanation why," said John LaFleur, policy coordinator for the Columbia River Compact with the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife. "It could be less than we predicted."

As of Friday, only about 15,500 spring chinook had gone past the dam. The 10-year average is about 112,000 past the dam for this time of year.

A new prediction on this year's run will be made Monday when managers meet to look at fish counts. Managers say they need to see the peak of the run going past the dam before they can make a good prediction about its size.

In the meantime, a multimillion-dollar sport fishing industry is on hold in many areas while anglers wait for the fish to arrive.

Some fishing seasons might not open at all this year.

"Every day that goes by that we don't see a significant increase of fish passage at Bonneville puts us further away from seeing a season," said Sharon Kiefer, anadromous fishery manager for the Idaho Department of Fish and Game. "But we haven't closed the door yet."

By Friday, only 18 spring chinook had gone past Lower Granite Dam — the uppermost of the eight dams between the Pacific Ocean and Idaho by way of the Columbia and Snake rivers. The 10-year average for this time of year is about 18,000 fish.

The last time Idaho didn't have a sport fishing season for spring chinook was 1999.

Idaho, Oregon and Washington, put about 14.2 million hatchery spring chinook into the Columbia river system each year above Bonneville Dam. About 1 percent or less survive the journey to the ocean and back, fishery managers say.

Most wild and hatchery spring chinook spend two years in the ocean, averaging 8 to 15 pounds when they head back up the Columbia. But some individual fish return earlier and some later; fish that remain an extra year or two in the ocean grow larger. The record in Idaho is 56 pounds.

Other factors that influence how many fish return include whether young fish heading to the ocean had favorable migration conditions, fewer predators, and good conditions to get past the dams. Ocean conditions also determine how many of the fish find enough food to survive.

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Senate shoots down aid for West Coast salmon fishing

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate rejected emergency assistance for West Coast salmon fishermen as part of a giant spending bill approved this week, but the senator who pressed the issue says he will continue the effort.

Sen. Gordon Smith, R-Ore., tried to add \$81 million in disaster assistance for the fishermen to the \$109 billion emergency spending bill, but the effort was shot down under Senate rules that limited assistance to natural disasters.

The Bush administration last week approved a sharply reduced commercial salmon fishing season in a 700-mile stretch of Oregon and Northern California coastal waters to protect struggling returns of chinook salmon in the Klamath River, which runs between the two states.

The National Marine Fisheries Service said the reduced seasons will produce about 40 percent of the normal catch, but salmon fishermen say they expect only 10 percent of normal.

A spokesman for Smith said his boss will continue the effort to find relief, whether by redirecting unspent money from the Commerce Department or some other emergency step. Smith also is seeking additional aid in the next federal budget, which takes effect Oct. 1, said spokesman R.C. Hammond.

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NATION

Many nations harsher than U.S. on illegal immigrants, study says

By Suzanne Gamboa
Associated Press writer

WASHINGTON — Defending his House-passed immigration bill that sparked street protest by millions of immigrants, the chairman of the House Judiciary Committee issued a report Friday showing that several countries are harsher than the United States in their treatment of illegal immigrants and their employers.

The Law Library of Congress study of immigration laws in six countries found that all but Brazil have criminal penalties for illegal entry and presence within their borders.

In four of the countries — Japan, Switzerland, Sweden and Egypt — employers can be

jailed for up to three months to up to three years for hiring illegal immigrants.

"With all the blustery rhetoric coming from opponents about a 'harsh' and 'draconian' House bill... I note that five out of the six countries studied — including Mexico — make illegal entry and unlawful presence a criminal offense," said Rep. James Sensenbrenner, R-Wis.

The House bill, written largely by Sensenbrenner, would make being in the country illegally a felony. It already is a misdemeanor to enter the country illegally, and re-entering the country after being deported also is a crime.

Illegal presence in the U.S. is now a civil offense.

After street protests and demonstrations last month, House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., and Majority Leader Bill Frist, R-Tenn., pledged that illegal immigrants would not be prosecuted as felons in a final House-Senate version of the bill if it goes that far.

A bill considered by the Senate last month did not include criminalizing being in the United States illegally. Instead, it would have allowed many of the estimated 12 million illegal immigrants to remain, work and eventually become legal residents after paying fines and back taxes and learning English.

The Senate bill faltered just before Easter but leaders in both parties have said they

would bring it up again this month.

The Law Library study found that prison sentences for being in the country illegally ranged from up to three months in Egypt to up to three years in Japan. Employers were most severely punished in Japan, facing up to three years in prison for hiring undocumented workers.

Sensenbrenner said the six countries studied were chosen to provide racial and geographic diversity.

Muzaffar Chishti, director of the Migration Policy Institute at the New York University School of Law, complained that Sensenbrenner's study didn't look at the resources the six countries devoted to enforcing their immigration laws.

Hero

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"I thought, 'Man, let this kid be just being a smart aleck,'" he said.

"But he went under and came up again and screamed 'Help!' so I took my glasses off and handed them to my niece, Alexandra (Pohl)."

When Thompson hit the water, he said he wasn't prepared for how cold it was.

"I went off the dock and dove in," he said. "When I came up it felt like somebody had hit me in the chest with a two-by-four."

The severity of the situation became clear to Thompson once he was in the water.

"Halfway to him he went under again, so I screamed, 'Call 911!'"

Zakari made the call on Thompson's cell phone at 4:44 p.m. Emergency responders were dispatched while Thompson swam frantically toward the boy.

"So I got out to him, he'd come back up but just his eyes were above the waterline," he said. "Just seeing that that kid's eyes, God, he was terrified."

The water temperature was taking its toll on Thompson

and he began to wonder about his own safety.

"When I pulled him up I went down, and I thought I was going to die," he said.

Thompson said he turned over to his back and told the boy to grab his foot.

"I was paddling back toward the shore," he said. "I got seven or eight feet and he let go of my foot."

That's when Thompson said he thought it was all over.

"I thought, 'Oh man, I don't have the strength to go back out there and get him.'"

But when he looked back, he saw the boy had turned over onto his back and was paddling toward shore.

"So he pretty much saved himself."

By the time the two reached the dock, a half-dozen people had gathered on the bank.

"One guy helped me out of the water," and another jumped in to make sure (the boy) got to the cement barrier," he said.

Thompson insists the rescue was a group effort.

Exhausted, Thompson said it took some time for him to realize what had just hap-

pened.

"I laid on the dock for two or three minutes trying to catch my breath," he said. "My legs just felt like lead. I moved to the picnic table and sat there for a minute."

At the same time, his thoughts didn't stray from the boy's condition.

"I asked (Cassia County Sheriff's Deputy) Norma Jalimantes if the kid was going to be all right," he said.

"She said they were just going to make sure he didn't swallow any water, but he was going to be OK."

Satisfied the boy wasn't harmed, Thompson left before talking further with officers. He drove to his parents' house to take a shower and get cleaned up.

"My Mom got home and I was putting my clothes in the washing machine and that's when I hit me," he said.

"I just started bawling. I said 'Mom, I couldn't let this kid just die.'"

Chip Thompson is the managing editor of the South Idaho Press in Burley. He can be reached at 678-2201.

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Education

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requirements in math and science are among the lowest in the nation.

As might be expected, the result is not a report card to make Idaho proud.

"Our freshmen who are direct from high school — 42 percent of them need remedial math," said Dene Thomas, president of Lewis-Clark State College in Lewiston. "They're not prepared. We would like to see students who are better prepared."

Only 34 percent of Idaho high-schoolers go on to higher education — putting Idaho in the bottom five states in the country, according to the state Board of Education. Only 23 percent of the population has graduated from college, making it 45th in the nation.

Forty-three percent of Idaho's schools and 62 percent of its districts missed one or more of the goals required under the federal No Child Left Behind law, according to the state Department of Education. Of the 261 Idaho schools that failed to reach that goal last year, 88 had missed for more than one year — and could face sanctions as a result.

According to the U.S. Census Bureau, Idaho has one of the lowest per-pupil spending rates in the country, only \$6,028 per student, compared to a national average of \$8,287.

One reason Idaho hasn't emphasized higher education is that for a long time, Idahoans could make a good living at menial jobs like mining or logging, said Senate Education Committee Chairman John Goettsde. But those jobs are going away.

"There's been a mindset in

Idaho that our natural resource base jobs were there for the taking without advanced education," said Goettsde, a Coeur d'Alene Republican. "Really, you didn't even have to finish high school, and you made a pile of money."

Another Idaho mainstay — thrift — remains. Lowering taxes is a perennial goal of business and private property owners. School budgets are so tight that some districts have gone to four-day school weeks to save money on transportation and staffing.

Still, teachers and parents have collected 70,000 signatures to put a penny increase to the state's 5 percent sales tax on the ballot in November.

The money would go to teachers' salaries and school supplies.

And within the state's culture, many policymakers, parents and even educators just don't view college as an option.

"I live in Eagle, where there's a lot of upper-middle-class families, and one would think more of those kids would be intending to go to college," said Keith Allred, who in 1982 was the first person in recent memory at Twin Falls High School to apply to an Ivy League school. He got into Brown University, and went.

And, once in college, they don't tend to stay.

"I think that colleges are a place in Idaho where young people go to find their mates as well," Goettsde said. "You may have someone that will be there for a year, get married, drop out, and start having a family — I think maybe more than in other states."

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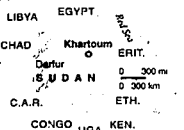
Sudan's struggles to find peace

Beginning with its independence from Britain, Sudan has endured decades of civil war and fragile peace agreements. Since 2003, Darfur's conflict has displaced 2 million people.

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Peace agreement signed between U.N. and Sudan



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Robels in Darfur rose up against government; some 160,000 people killed

Peace treaty gave southern rebels autonomy, but excluded Darfur

SOURCES: AP Research; ESRF, Nations of the World; A Political, Economic and Business Handbook



Ahmed Asamani, head of the Sudanese Fulani tribe, attends the peace talks meeting in Abuja, Nigeria, Friday.

Government, main rebels sign peace accord for Darfur

By Michelle Faul Associated Press writer

ABUJA, Nigeria — Thanks in part to last-minute U.S. diplomacy, two years of Darfur peace talks beset by setbacks and frustration ended with a signing ceremony between the government and the largest rebel faction Friday.

Now the hard part: ensuring pledges to stop the fighting and begin rebuilding translate to an end to Darfur's suffering. The key may be a robust U.N. peacekeeping force, which Sudan's government has indicated it is willing to accept.

While the main Darfur rebel group signed the accord, two others rejected it, saying it did not go far enough to meet their demands for security and power-sharing guarantees and compensation for war victims. Optimism was muted by the two groups' absence and by a history of failure to live up to agreements.

Members of the fractious rebel camp are united in accusing Sudan's central government of neglecting their impoverished western region, but divided because of leadership rivalries and differing approaches.

The peace deal was backed

by the African Union, the United States, Britain, the European Union and the Arab League. It calls for a cease-fire, disarmament of militias linked to the government and accused of some of the war's worst atrocities, the integration of thousands of rebel fighters into Sudan's armed forces and a protection force for civilians in the immediate aftermath of the war.

Political provisions include guarantees that rebel factions will have the majority in Darfur's three state legislatures, though the rebels did not get the national vice presidency they had sought.

U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Robert Zoellick indicated the two rebel groups that did not sign the accord could be bypassed, an assessment bolstered when one of the groups split Friday, with dissenters criticizing their leader for not embracing the treaty.

President Bush intervened during the difficult negotiations, sending a letter to the largest rebel group, Mirmi Minnawi, with assurances that the U.S. would strongly support implementation of the peace accord, assist monitoring compliance, hold those not cooper-

ating accountable and support a donors conference for Darfur. Zoellick told Washington reporters by telephone.

Zoellick said he read the letter to the assembled parties during the night. The Sudanese government initially rejected calls for U.N. peacekeepers to replace the thousands of African Union peacekeepers now in Darfur, but indicated Friday it would yield once the peace treaty was signed.

Both the United States and the United Nations welcomed the accord and called for the dissenting rebel groups to join the peace process.

"The United States and the international community were united in pressing the parties to accept this peace agreement," White House press secretary Scott McClellan said in a statement. "We will remain united in ensuring that it is fully implemented."

U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said: "I urge the other two parties to seize this historic moment and sign the agreement that will bring this tragic chapter in the history of Sudan to an end."

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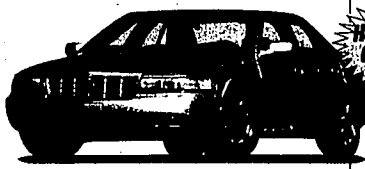
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COMMUNITY

SOMEBODY NEEDS YOU

Cloggers perform at T.E. City Park

Clothing - The College of Southern Idaho Housing Center is in need of men's and women's clothing...

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

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Lift chair - Elderly lady in Gooding is in need of a lift chair. Call Wynne at 736-0900 or 878-8600.

Drivers - Volunteer drivers, age 55 and older, are needed to transport seniors to doctors and grocery shopping.

Respite - Volunteers are needed to give respite to elderly homebound clients so their main caregivers can take a break.

TWIN FALLS - The Rocky Top Cloggers, directed by Shannon Edwards, will present a 10th anniversary performance at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the bandshell in the Twin Falls City Park.

Admission to the show is free. Everyone is invited to come and enjoy a county fair dinner of hot dogs, chili dogs, nachos, chili, cotton candy and drinks.

The show will include the team's first dance ever performed, "Dude Flyer," as well as the original costume. Dancers will perform traditional clogging, Canadian step dance, Irish step dance and



Rocky Top Cloggers are shown with some of their Idaho State Championship trophies. Pictured from left in the front row are Carson Howerton, Abby Blitzenberg, Halley Everton and Katie Ormond...

power tap, Scottish piper Brian Thomsen will provide pre-show and intermission performances. For more information, call Edwards at 734-5863.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Baby Quilt Workshop will be today in Jerome

Jerome - A Jerome Centennial Baby Quilt Workshop will be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. today at the Judicial Annex building on Main Avenue West (at Ridley's store).

Volunteers are encouraged to come help the baby quilts for a centennial project. Please bring fabric, batting, scissors, needles and thread.

Quilts will be given to St. Benedict's Family Medical Center for all babies born at the hospital during 2007 - Jerome's centennial year.

For more information about donations, call Ann Egbert at 324-4658.

Groups assemble kits for humanitarian project

TWIN FALLS - Modern Woodmen's youth service club will partner with the Twin Falls LDS 7th Ward Relief Society in John Hands Day 2006 beginning at 10 a.m. today at the LDS Church, 447 Eastland Drive N.

The groups will donate materials and assemble hygiene kits for a humanitarian service project.

John Hands Day is a national day of service sponsored by fraternal benefit societies like Modern Woodmen of America.

Shows will be held at 9 a.m. today and on May 20 and June 10 at the Minidoka County Fairgrounds.

Categories include showmanship, horsemanship, fencing, poles, western riding, pleasure and barrels. Contestants will be divided by age.

Cost is \$2 per class. Proceeds will go to the Donna McGuire Horse Sportsmanship Memorial Award, which is given annually to a deserving boy and girl who display outstanding showmanship during the Minidoka County Fair and Rodeo and to the Lorensen' Around Camp held annually in January.

Ageless Senior Center holds dinner on Sunday

KIMBERLY - The Ageless Senior Center, 310 N. Main, will hold a Sunday dinner from noon to 2 p.m. Sunday.

The menu features meatloaf, potatoes, gravy, salad, vegetables, hot rolls and dessert. Beverages are coffee, tea, juice and milk.

Cost is \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. Everyone is welcome.

CSI holds annual Spring Sing on Sunday afternoon

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho Chamber Choir will hold its annual Spring Sing at 3 p.m. Sunday in

the CSI Fine Arts auditorium. Professor Carson Wong and instructor Sylvia Jenkins Clark will direct the Chamber Choir and Madrigal Ensemble.

Selections will include "Queen of Heaven" by Mozart, "Blessed is the Name of the Lord" by Dale Grottenbuhl, "All Ye that Pass By" by Victoria, "Chorus of the Hebrew Slaves" by Verdi, "The Still of the Night" by Brahms, "A Medley from 'Incessant and the Technicolor Dream Coat'" by Andrew Lloyd Webber.

Admission is a suggested \$5 donation to the CSI Music Scholarship Fund.

Group holds monthly meeting on Monday

TWIN FALLS - The National Association of Retired and Federal Employees Chapter 1959 will have its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. Monday at the Loong Hing Restaurant, 1719 Kimberly Road.

Ian Mittelder from the College of Southern Idaho will discuss the importance of exercising.

Local representatives of NARFE will report on the state convention.

The group's annual picnic will be held at 11:30 a.m. July 10

at Rock Creek Park. Anyone who is retired or currently employed as a federal employee is encouraged to attend.

Information regarding income, benefits changes, etc., and time to socialize with peers is available.

For more information, call 733-9477.

Buhl center will show crop circles documentary

Buhl - "Star Dreams," an award-winning feature documentary film explores the mystery of crop circles, which are presented at 2 and 8 p.m. today at the Eighth Street Center, 200 N. Eighth St.

Producer Robert Nichol of Genesis Communications is reaching the public with grass-

roots "face-to-face" presentations. He travels across the country renting theater space and providing staff with no advertising budget.

Genesis Communications is based in British Columbia, Canada.

Tickets are \$10 per person.

Glass fusing classes will be Thursdays at Hands On

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department is offering classes in "glass fusing."

Students will learn about different types of glass, how to cut the glass and how to create functional glass pieces.

Classes will be from 7 to 9 p.m. Thursdays at Hands On, 147 Shoshone St. N.

Glass Coasters will be held on May 11. Cost is \$20.

Glass Plates/Trivets will be on June 8. Cost is \$32.

The Glass Jewelry section will be held July 13. The fee is \$16.

A session for making a Glass Candle and/or Soap Dish will be held Aug. 10. The fee is \$16.

Registration for any class may be done at the Parks and Recreation office, 136 Maxwell Ave., or by calling 736-2265.

Hemstitching Etc. holds summer quilting classes

Buhlley - Hemstitching Etc. will hold several quilting classes this summer at the store, 1238 Overland Ave. July 7-8/78-8236.

Mudersbach and Judy Salvador are the instructors.

Quilts for each class will be on display at the store. Following is the schedule:

Thimble Berries Club, 6 p.m. Thursday and June 13.

Jacob's Ladder, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. May 20; cost is \$20 plus supplies.

Port Luck Social, 6 p.m. May 26 and July 7.

Bargello Quilt, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. June 3; cost is \$20 plus supplies.

Autumn Splendor Quilt, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Part 1 on June 24 and Part 2 on July 15; cost is \$40 plus supplies.

Buggie Barn Quilt, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. July 29; cost is \$20 plus supplies. Sign up by June 30 so books can be ordered.

For more information, call Edwards at 734-5863.

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MONEY

Court denies Philip Morris rehearing

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. (AP) — The Illinois Supreme Court will not reconsider its decision to throw out a \$10 billion verdict against a cigarette manufacturer...

The court did not comment on why it refused to reconsider the case, but two justices strongly disagreed. Justices Charles Freeman and Thomas Kilgus said the rest of the court overlooked or misunderstood significant questions raised by plaintiffs seeking reconsideration.

The tobacco company, a unit of Altria Group Inc., argues the case should never have been declared a class-action on behalf of smokers. It claims people who bought light cigarettes in Illinois. The smokers did not accuse the company of harming their health.

Philip Morris misled customers into believing they were buying a less harmful cigarette. In March 2003, he ordered the company to pay \$10.1 billion in punitive damages and \$2.1 billion in interest.

SEC will likely end DreamWorks probe

Los Angeles Times Securities and Exchange Commission officials have recommended dropping a probe into trading on DreamWorks Animation SKG Inc. stock...

Drop the probe would go a long way toward helping studio as it seeks to improve its standing on Wall Street. Agency officials had launched an informal investigation last month...

Mexico, with IT work force, seeks new business

By Ann Balleja Knight Radtke News Service Mexico is training about 60,000 new IT engineers a year, or seven per hour, according to a local analyst...

My so Mexicans won't feel the need to immigrate to another country. We want our people in our country. We want the effect of our people in our country, Alba said.

He added that when Mexican President Vicente Fox began his presidency in 2000, there were only four technology incubators for developing new businesses in Mexico. Now there is a network of 220 incubators throughout Mexico.

Alba said he envisioned foreign companies in certain niche markets making use of Mexico's tech workers. As a possible contractor, he mentioned industries in the United States that have hired a large number of Hispanic workers, such as the restaurant industry.

Dropping the probe would go a long way toward helping DreamWorks move beyond a painful episode in its brief history as a public company.

The earnings surprises and stock slide last summer also prompted a wave of shareholder lawsuits from some investors who accused DreamWorks executives of misleading them about the company's finances.

The company has said the suits are without merit, and so far is winning in court. Three shareholder suits have been dismissed with a fourth pending.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE MARKET SUMMARY

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 100 most active on American Stock Exchange.

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Lawsuit: Google profits from child pornography

Lawback said a lawsuit was filed by Nassau County, N.Y., legislator Jeffrey Toback... enforcement officials will fully cooperate with the law enforcement community to combat child pornography.

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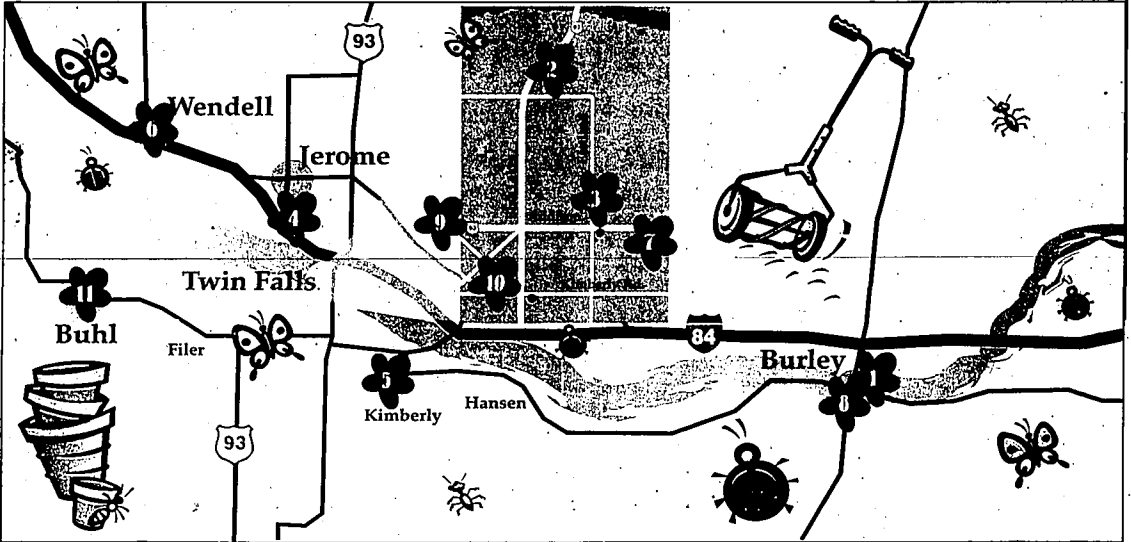
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A small statue of clay hands rests at the edge of the Circuit Seven labyrinth outside of the Eighth Street Center in Buhl. LuAnn Stiles, the building manager and chef at the Eighth Street Center, says that the labyrinth is 'really what our base is.'

Photo by M. ACAY
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Today's kids: You gotta believe

Odd to think that some young people have better insight to faith than their parents do.

Think that's too generalized? There are plenty of specifics to back it up. Let's skip across the ocean first.

The Sunday Times reported last week that baby boomer parents in Great Britain are seeing more and more of their children converting to a faith, especially Islam and Christianity.

And some parents aren't happy about it.



TOM SCHAEFER

A British mother, who's agnostic, conceded that her twentysomething son was "quite aimless" before he joined an evangelical church. Today, she applauds his sense of purpose, but says, "It also makes me sad because none of the rest of the family shares his beliefs, and it excludes us from a massive part of his life."

Myfanwy Franks, an author quoted in the Times, has interviewed British converts to Islam (15,000 have claimed the faith in the past few years) and Christianity and sees a sociological angle to their decisions.

"More and more it seems that becoming highly religious is the ultimate form of rebellion, because secularism is really our society's main religion now," she said.

"The world is utterly despicable religion, don't they? To convert to Islam or Christianity is really the punk rock of the modern age."

But there's more to this religious revival among youth than rebelliousness. Heading to the land Down Under, signs of spiritual rebirth are evident there, too.

Nathan Tasker of Australia, a Christian singer-songwriter for 10 years, has toured his country numerous times.

"I've noticed there's a lot more searching going on," he said on an Internet posting. "Spirituality is cool again."

He, too, talks about an emphasis to see how life and the spiritual enrichment Christianity offers young people. (Asia and Africa are other prime examples of such a revival.)

The story is similar in our country. Last week, the Harvard University Institute of Politics released a survey of 1,200 college students nationwide about their religious attitudes.

It found that most students say religion is important in their lives (seven in 10 say it was somewhat or very important). One in four say they have become more spiritual since entering college.

Last year, UCLA released results from a national survey on matters of faith that found, among other details, 80 percent of college students say they believe in God, and three-fourths say they are searching for meaning or purpose in life. More than 112,000 college students were surveyed.

So, is faith aborning in a new generation?

Here's another oddity: Many young people are finding faith even though their parents had less of an interest in it when they were their kids' ages. (Only in the last decade, as boomers have aged, have they become more serious about faith.)

And while the children of boomers aren't breaking down the doors of organized religion to get in, there is less of a reluctance to embrace the faith of converts than there used to be. In the Times story, a British convert to Islam, Joe Ahmed-Dobson, explains why he

Whispers of faith

Mysticism makes a comeback in 21st century religion

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

BUHL — The path to spiritual enlightenment is never simple, Kathy Ruyts says.

It has twists and turns, roads taken and roads less traveled, false hopes and constant surprises.

That's one of the reasons why Ruyts built a labyrinth on the grounds of her Eighth Street Center here — to underscore the message that achieving inner peace and wisdom, however you define them, is not a straightforward process.

"There is no map, but there's always a way through the maze. Life is a puzzle, not a trap."

"I think a labyrinth can give you spiritual insights — and insights about yourself," said Ruyts, a member of the Labyrinth Society, an international organization that promotes education about labyrinths.

Through methods such as labyrinths, thousands of Americans are exploring the mystical aspects of their own faith — and others. Although no studies have been done, scholars and experts cite anecdotal evidence that interest in mysticism has been steadily increasing.

During Medieval times, the labyrinth symbolized a hard path to the God with a clearly defined center and one entrance, which represented birth. Labyrinths can be thought of as symbolic forms of pilgrimage; people can walk the path ascending themselves toward salvation or enlightenment. Ordinary people could afford to simply travel to holy sites, so the use of labyrinths and prayer substituted that need.

Starting in the Renaissance, the person in the labyrinth became its center, a reflection of the rise of humanism.



Hear about the history and spiritual aspects of labyrinths.

"Labyrinths were a means of helping people find their own way through life," Ruyts explained. "And it's still a search."

Judaism, Catholicism and Islam have long traditions of mysticism, and it is officially accepted doctrine in the Catholic Church. Protestantism has relatively little background in mysticism, yet experts say that's where mysticism is gaining the most ground.

Once a month, Jamie Kelley-Kinyon leads a centering-prayer practice session at the Ascension Episcopal Church in Twin Falls. She describes centering prayer as akin to meditation, but with a singular purpose: a closer connection to God, however you define the deity.

"You choose a word, sit comfortably and with your eyes closed, repeat it in your mind," she said.

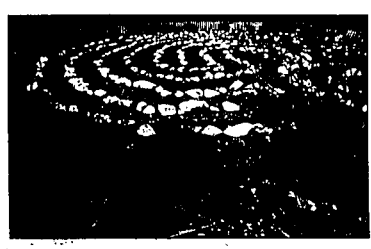
"The word — it can be 'God,' 'Jesus,' 'Father,' 'amen' or anything with meaning to you — is an expression of your intention to consent to God's presence and action within."

"The word you choose is not sacred because of its literal meaning, but because of the meaning you give it," Kelley-Kinyon said. "Other words or other thoughts may intrude from time to time, and that's OK. But we're seeking to concentrate on making a spiritual connection."

Centering prayer is not a mantra, which is a religious syllable that Hindus use as a spiritual conduit to instill concentration.

"It's not a prayer in the sense that we usually think of prayer, not a conversation with God but seeking his presence," Kelley-Kinyon said.

Certainly, however, who dabbled in Eastern and New Age spirituality when they were younger are returning to organized religion and bring-



Tulips and small shrubs border the outdoor labyrinth at the Eighth Street Center in Buhl. The center has three labyrinths, the Circuit Seven Labyrinth, above, and two traveling labyrinths that are made on canvas and other portable material. The labyrinth has been used throughout the world for centuries for spiritual or meditative purposes.

About mysticism

Mysticism is a spiritual quest for union with the divine. Forms of mysticism are found in all major religions. Hinduism, with its goal of absorption of the soul in the Atm, is inherently predisposed to mystical experience. Buddhism emphasizes meditation as a means of moving toward nirvana. In Islam, Sufism employs metaphors of intoxication and of the love between bride and bridegroom to express the desire for union with the divine. In Judaism, the foundations of mysticism were laid in the visions of the biblical prophets and were later developed in Kabbalah and in Hasidism.

Mysticism has appeared intermittently in Christianity, notably in the writings of St. Augustine and St. Teresa of Avila and in the works of Meister Eckhart and his 14th-century successors.

— Encyclopaedia Britannica

ing their experiences with them, according to Steven Fanning, associate professor of history at the University of Illinois at Chicago. The daily stresses of contemporary life, coupled with the uncertainty of the times, also create a climate in which mysticism can thrive, says Robert Elsen, associate professor of religion at George Washington University.

Mysticism crosses the boundaries of faith, with some neo-mystics adopting rituals from other traditions. Kabbalah, a form of Jewish mysticism, is popular among some non-Jews. And the poetry of 12th century Muslim writer Rumi attracts readers from beyond Islam.

These movements challenge religious groups. Within Judaism, Islam and Christianity, not everyone accepts mysticism.

As Americans adopt parts of mystical traditions such as Kabbalah and Sufism without embracing the Jew-

ish or Muslim faiths, some religious leaders question the integrity of these seekers and try to protect their traditions from dilution by pop culture.

Still, the tide of mysticism is rising, and mainstream religions — especially Protestantism — may have to accommodate it, according to Kyriacos Markides, a professor of sociology at the University of Maine.

"It is becoming increasingly clear to many thinkers today that unless we incorporate the accumulated wisdom of the mystics into our world view, we will continue to shorthedge ourselves in terms of our understanding of the nature of Reality with a capital 'R,' with perhaps disastrous consequences about the future of our species."

Times-News writer Steve Crump can be reached at 735-3223, or write to him at scrump@njgville.com

HAPPY 100TH!

First Christian Church in Rupert celebrates birthday

By Coran Hart
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — Ramona Erwin knows a little something about Rupert's First Christian Church.

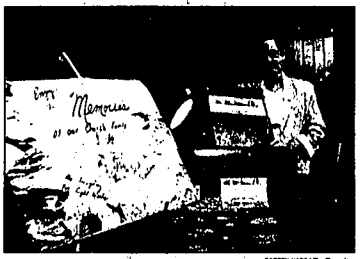
She recently completed a four-volume scrapbook chronicling the church's history.

Inside the books are plastic-covered newspaper clippings detailing past church and community news. Stories about youth activities are paired with articles about

Come celebrate

Members of the First Christian Church of Rupert past and present are invited to attend celebrations for the church's 100-year anniversary on Saturday and Sunday, May 6 and 7 at the First Christian Church in Rupert. **Saturday events include:** 10 a.m. — The Serendipity Singers and the youth group from the 1960s will perform. A potluck luncheon will be served. **Sunday events include:** 10 a.m. — Potluck and more socializing.

served. A scrapbook project detailing church history by Ramona Erwin will be on display in the gym. **6:00 p.m.** — Barbecue. Open to the membership only. **Sunday events include:** 9:30 a.m. — Social hour in the foyer and the sanctuary. **10:30 a.m.** — Worship service. The Serendipity Singers will perform, along with other special singers from the past. Several former ministers will speak. **12:15 p.m.** — Potluck and more socializing.



Ramona Erwin spent more than 40 years adding to these hefty tomes which chronicle the 100-year history of Rupert's First Christian Church. The church celebrates 100 years in Rupert this weekend.

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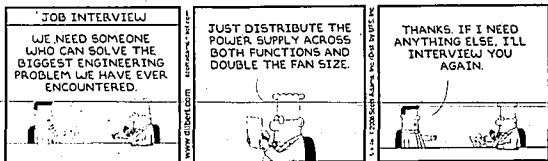
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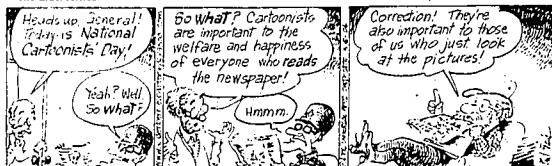
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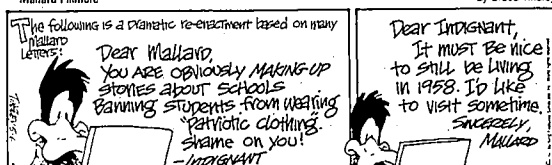
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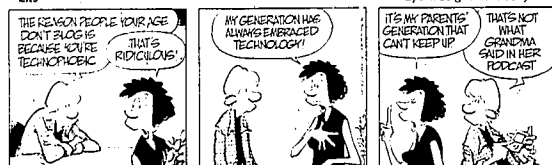
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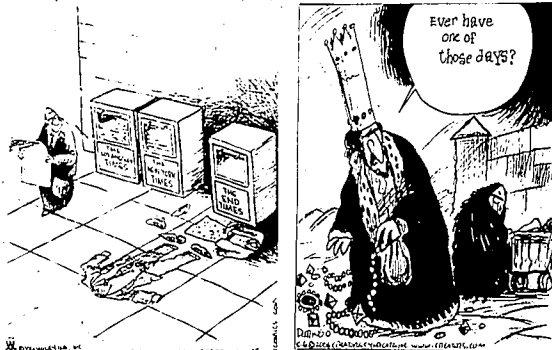


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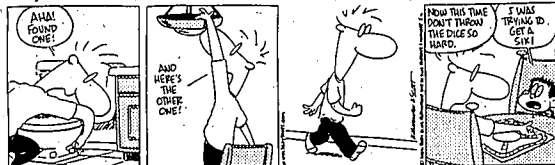
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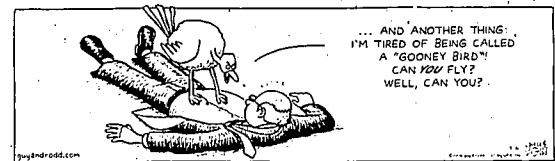
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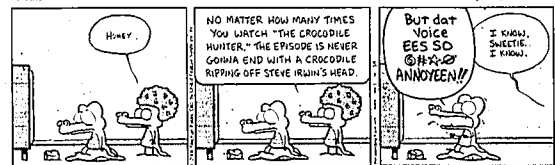
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Examine the facts, Gemini

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IF MAY 6 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: This month you might think the sky is the limit as you meet people who broaden your horizons and consider ways to improve your lifestyle. Glory in new ideas, progressive paradigms and innovation as this year unfolds. By next spring you may respond to the call of the wild or choose to budge from your safe and secure roost. Until then, stick to the status quo, especially in August and early September, when you must avoid getting into debt or ignoring duties, and must avoid making key decisions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Some relationships are sterling. Friends who are sticklers for convention might be the very ones you can rely upon in a pinch. Social outings or visits might mix business with pleasure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Practice makes perfect. Self-discipline works wonders. You might find that you love your self more when you exercise constraint. Old loves or past acquaintances may be anxious to reconnect.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Examine the facts. Study for an exam or polish up your logic skills with a puzzle. Your week-

ly, you may appear to have grown lead feet.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Pin a blue ribbon on the bust of show where your heart is concerned. Those in close connection are concerned with perfection. If you want to please your mate, buy the very best brand name.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You can never be too rich or too thin. You may be caught in a quandary between fame and famine. Tame extravagances and keep an eagle eye open for the best bargains.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Old friends could distract you in pleasant ways. Old hobbies or pastimes may be revisited. If you have artistic tendencies, this might be a fine time to polish or perfect a pet project.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Strive to be politically correct. Rub shoulders with members of the community, but protect your heart. Conventions must be honored.

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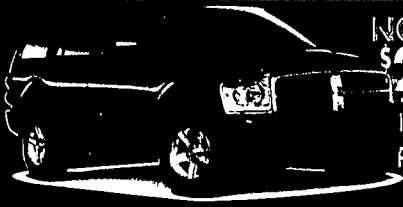
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