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Study: 'Superfund' depends too much on contractors

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The lagging "Superfund" program for the cleanup of toxic wastes is too reliant upon outside contractors, many of whom are making hefty profits, while government supervisors remain underpaid, understaffed and underqualified, according to a congressional study.

Since the program was begun eight years ago, contractors have received \$4 billion, or 80 to 90 percent of the

Superfund money each year, said the report by the Office of Technology Assessment.

The congressional agency noted that funds for the staff of the Environmental Protection Agency, which oversees the program, remained virtually flat while the outside spending escalated.

The report was released Sunday by Rep. John D. Dingell, chairman of the House Energy and Commerce Committee and a persistent critic of the EPA. "It's clear," he said, "that

the Superfund program is still falling far short of its promise."

Dingell called that a failure of the EPA, but the OTA report itself said "the dependence on contracting is an outcome of both congressional and EPA decisions in the early 1980s."

Originally, there was general agreement that Superfund had to be implemented quickly and would be only a short-term program and that the necessary technical expertise existed in the private sector. Therefore,

heavy reliance on contractors seemed to make economic and environmental sense.

"But we now know that Superfund will be needed for many decades," the report said.

The interim OTA report, part of a massive Superfund study to be completed later this year, said some cleanup companies have shown income growth of 300 percent annually, "with net income often rising at a much higher rate."

The OTA said that while much of

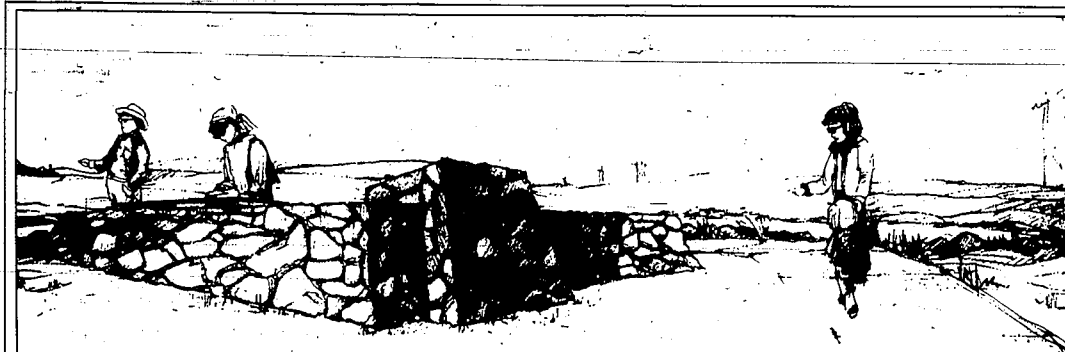
the actual cleanup work must be assigned to contractors, too much policy and oversight responsibility is being parceled out to the private sector. "Contractors do a lot of work in these areas ... that go far beyond supportive information and analysis," it said.

Meanwhile, according to the report, "there has been a steady drain of people with experience and expertise away from government to contractors that compromises the environmental performance of Superfund, because it makes it harder for

EPA to supervise contractors adequately."

For example, it said, one EPA regional office reported that because of two new, large contracts, the office expects to lose 20 percent of its technical staff.

Low funding for EPA staff in general has resulted in low salaries for key Superfund people," it said. Some project managers make less than \$20,000 annually, even though they may be responsible for several sites.



Courtesy Bureau of Reclamation

This artist rendition shows the Hunt monument with a view looking south toward the canal. The project is expected to be completed this fall.

Memorial to be built at site of Hunt Camp

By CHERI FORSYTH Times-News correspondent

EDEN The Minidoka Relocation Center, once the third largest city in Idaho but now just a few stone foundations, is about to receive a facelift.

A \$15,000 project to build a memorial at the site and upgrade the parking area and paths is expected to begin this spring and be completed this fall. It is a joint effort between the Idaho Centennial Commission, the Japanese-American Citizens League, the Bureau of Reclamation and other volunteers.

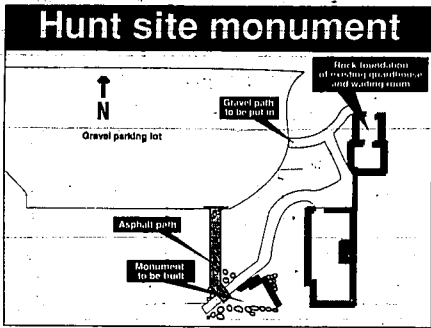
Wind still howls across the sage brush and lava rock but the area is not quite as desolate as it was in 1942 when the first Japanese-Americans were ushered into their new wartime homes at the relocation center, also known as the Hunt Camp.

Rows of tar paper barracks and dirt roads awaited the nearly 10,000 people who eventually lived there from August 1942 until October 1945. A commemorative sign at the site recognizes them as "victims of wartime hysteria."

The camp was designated a national historical site in August 1979. About half of 10 such camps across the nation share the same designation, according to Masa Tsukamoto, representative of the Blackfoot-Pocatello chapter of the JACL. A plaque was placed at the site during a 1985 dedication ceremony.

The JACL approached the Bureau of Reclamation in 1981 requesting interpretive additions to the site but lack of funding temporarily tabled the project. Idaho's Centennial celebration, set for next year, provided the impetus to finally complete the project. The memorial received \$5,000 from the Ethnic Heritage Committee, one of many committees formed under the auspices of the Idaho Centennial

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Senate continues Cabinet procedures

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate bores ahead with confirmation proceedings on President Bush's Cabinet this week, while the political imperative for most House members seems to be to stay out of sight and pocket a \$45,000 pay raise without a vote.

Little or no major action is expected on the key issue facing Congress — reducing the federal deficit — until after President Bush presents his own proposals at a joint session of Congress on Feb. 9.

In the meantime, Democratic officials say at least three and perhaps more Cabinet appointees will come up for a vote in the Senate this week, and all are expected to win easy confirmation. The list includes Robert M. Barchi as Commerce Secretary, Carla Hills as trade representative and Samuel Skinner to run the Transportation Department.

Votes also are possible this week on the appointments of Manuel Lujan as Interior Secretary and Michael Boskin to head the president's Council of Economic Advisers.

The timing is less certain for Defense Secretary-designate John Tower, whose hearing will continue before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday. Ed Derwinski, Bush's choice to lead the Department of Veterans Affairs, has his confirmation hearing beginning on Monday.

Dr. Louis Sullivan, who has emerged as the most controversial • See CONGRESS on Page A2

Quayle to be tested on 1st diplomatic trip

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Vice President Dan Quayle, embarking on the Bush administration's first diplomatic mission, will be under a microscope for this week as the world watches for policy signals from the new White House and evaluates how Quayle handles his first major assignment.

The new vice president's trip to Venezuela and El Salvador will be his first chance to perform on the international stage since his elevation from junior senator from Indiana.

Twenty-two heads of states are expected to be with Quayle in Caracas on Thursday for the inauguration of Carlos Andres Perez as president.

The lineup is expected to include presidents of the five Central American countries and of the principle Latin debtor nations. Together, they could present a uniform front on the question of how the poor nations will handle their huge international debts.

Quayle is expected to conduct bilateral meetings with about 10 nations from junior senator from Indiana.

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Fighting continues as Soviets leave Afghanistan

The Associated Press

ALONG THE SALANG HIGHWAY, Afghanistan — Afghan troops and Moslem guerrillas fought for control of this highway Sunday as the Soviet army moved out what may have been the last convoy to leave Afghanistan by truck.

A convoy of Soviet soldiers driving armored personnel carriers and trucks loaded with missile launchers and other equipment crushed through a Soviet bunker checkpoint as helicopter gunships hovered nearby, offering cover. The highway, the only road to the Soviet border, winds through mountains where the rebels are waiting for the Red Army to complete its withdrawal.

Two ground-attack jets streaked overhead and then disappeared behind the snow-covered mountains just beyond the hills surrounding the capital of Kabul.

"This could be the last convoy," said a Soviet diplomat, who spoke on condition of anonymity. He refused to elaborate. Rebels based in Pakistan reported Sunday that Soviet bombing and missile attacks along the highway have killed 600 civilians and injured 1,200.

The mangled bodies are still under the debris," the Afghan New Agency said in a telexed statement. It was unclear whether the agency, operated from Pakistan by a rebel group, was repeating a similar report it made Saturday.

Official Radio Kabul, monitored in Islamabad, Pakistan, said Sunday night that Afghan troops had carried out "successful military operations" with civilians who want to keep the 260-mile Salang Highway open.

The inhabitants of the Salang Highway assisted the forces, as they hate the robbers, and complete security has been restored on the highway,"

it said. At a Soviet checkpoint about 12 miles north of Kabul on Sunday, Afghan soldiers paced nervously along the highway.

Earlier Sunday, Afghan soldiers shot the rebels, known as Mujahideen, fired on a convoy of about 350 trucks carrying flour, eggs, diesel fuel, gasoline and other supplies down the highway to Kabul. One driver, an Afghan, was slightly injured by a bullet that grazed his leg, they said.

When asked what would happen when the Soviets are gone, an officer said: "The Mujahideen." Tass reported Sunday that a Soviet delegation led by Yuri Maslyukov, a non-voting member of the ruling Politburo, arrived in Kabul.

Maslyukov, Finance Minister Boris Gostov and Minister for External Economic Relations Viktor Katuzov met with Afghan President Najib to discuss Soviet economic aid to Afghanistan, the official Soviet news agency said.

NATO conference

Tower warns allies to be wary of Gorbachev reforms

The Associated Press

MUNICH, West Germany — John Tower, the defense secretary-designate, told NATO strategists Sunday they should remain skeptical of Kremlin disarmament overtures and keep the West's nuclear options open. The 16-nation Western alliance risks mortgaging its security if it fails to modernize its nuclear forces because of perceived improvements in the East-West relationship, he

said. Under President Mikhail S. Gorbachev, the Soviet Union remains a powerful adversary with superior military capability, and the West must not lose sight of that imbalance in its euphoria over disarmament prospects, said Tower.

"If we fail to consider that capability, or if we fail to consider its relevance in terms of their intentions, then we do so at our peril," said the Texas Republican, selected to head

the Pentagon under President George Bush.

In restating his support for extending the range of some European-based missiles, Tower joined other Americans who used the annual allied defense strategy session to try and woo West Europeans from their attraction to Gorbachev and the concept that the East bloc now poses less of a threat.

The weekend conference highlighted the gap between U.S. and European public opinion on defense needs.

West Germans, especially, stake stronger hopes for disarmament on Gorbachev and are opposed to anything considered an expansion of nuclear weapons in Europe.

NATO's missile modification plan, adopted in 1983 and referred to as "modernization," is so sensitive in West Germany that the nation's defense minister carefully avoided giving it open support in a speech Saturday at the conference, which is dominated by hard-line supporters of modernization.

Tower met privately with the minister, Rupert Scholz, on Sunday but apparently failed to persuade him to show stronger support for NATO doctrine.

"We just illuminated some problems. We didn't come to any solutions," Tower told The Associated Press.

He declined to say whether he was able to get an assurance from the

West German that Bonn would support modernization.

West Germany's alleged involvement with a suspected poison gas plant in Libya, and its warning commitment to hosting NATO troops, aircraft and hardware, were roundly criticized by Americans at the conference on Saturday.

"We cannot entrust our security to one person alone or to intentions," NATO Secretary-General Manfred Woerner said.

Idaho/West

Snow halts search for remains

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — As weather forced law enforcement officials to look for searching for the graves of three girls, apparently killed by Ted Bundy, a private citizen found animal bones near where the killer claimed to have buried one of his victims.

"The bones were not human," said Carbon County deputy sheriff Mike Martinez, adding the bones were likely those of a small dog or coyote. "Three leg bones gave that away. The skeleton was nearly complete but scattered."

"We got a call from a guy who was out looking for her bones. Just what we don't want," said Martinez, referring to the body of Sue Curtis, 15, Bountiful, who disappeared from a Brigham Young University youth conference June 28, 1975.

Carbon County officials urged the public to stay out of the area.

Martinez said the bones were found close to but not actually in the area where Bundy said he buried the Curtis body. Less than an hour before he was executed, Bundy confessed to the killing and gave Florida State Prison officials general directions to the grave site.

Law enforcement officers scouted the area 10 miles south of Price Friday but were faced with the snow and frozen ground that will prevent them from continuing the search until temperatures begin to climb and the snow melts.

Saturday, a Bountiful police officer visited a central Utah site where Debi Kent, another apparent Bundy victim, is reportedly

buried, but he met similar weather conditions as searchers looking for the bodies of Curtis and Nancy Wilcox met Friday.

"We sent a man down to scout the area and that's all we can do for now," said Bountiful Police Chief Larry Higgins, who is coordinating the search for the body of the 17-year-old girl, who disappeared from Bountiful's Viewmont High School on Nov. 8, 1974.

Sgt. Ira Beal spent much of the day looking over a stretch of U.S. 89 midway between Fairview and Mt. Pleasant in Sanpete County. Two days before he was executed, Bundy confessed to Salt Lake County Sheriff's detective Dennis Couch that he had killed Ms. Kent and buried her body in that area.

Police frustrated by lack of holding space for juveniles waiting court dates

LEWISTON (AP) — In the past two weeks, Lewiston police arrested three juveniles who should have been incarcerated, but "we just turned them out the door," said Lt. Ron Seipert.

They were a boy suspected in eight burglaries, a runaway girl, charged with five felony-type crimes including the theft of \$8,000 worth of jewelry from a Lewiston home, and a 17-year-old boy with a blood alcohol level of nearly twice the legal limit, Seipert said.

Law-enforcement officers throughout the north-central Idaho said they have found themselves in similarly frustrating situations because of the recent federal mandate prohibiting incarceration of juveniles in adult jails.

The problem is not with the juveniles who have gone through court, and are sentenced; for a fee, they can be sent to detention centers at Mc-

Call or St. Anthony. The problem is the lack of local holding facilities for youths awaiting court dates.

Officers sometimes feel a need to incarcerate drunken, violent or runaway juveniles until they sober up or calm down or their parents pick them up. They also might want to hold juveniles who have failed to appear voluntarily for previous court dates.

Instead, under the current situation, officers have to "babysit" the juveniles until their parents come for them — if the parents will come — and then let them go, hoping they will show up for their court dates and not commit any new crimes in the meantime.

"These people are right back out. They walk off and do whatever they want to do," Seipert said.

Release of convicted rapist draws fire

CALDWELL (AP) — A convicted rapist's release by a judge has drawn fire from Canyon County Prosecutor Richard Harris.

Walter Chapman Jr. should have been jailed immediately by 3rd District Judge Wayne Fuller following the Friday verdict, Harris said.

"We requested he (Chapman) be remanded to the custody of the sheriff," Harris said. "The judge denied it. Hopefully the defendant will still be around when sentencing occurs."

Chapman, 25, who faces a possible life term in prison, is scheduled for sentencing March 13. He was convicted Friday of raping a 38-year-old Caldwell woman last August.

Fuller ordered Chapman released

on \$10,000 bond over the objection of Chief Deputy Prosecutor Timothy Spencer.

Fuller said Chapman had not violated the conditions of his bail prior to the trial, including a provision barring him from contacting the victim.

"I don't disagree that rape is a very serious and violent crime, but I do

believe we have a constitutional provision where people are entitled to reasonable bail," he said.

When told Harris said releasing Chapman was contrary to usual practice, Fuller said, "It's not good conduct for him to make a comment with regard to that ... He wasn't even at the trial."

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20-year-old admits to series of sniper attacks in December

YAPHANK, N.Y. (AP) — A 20-year-old self-styled commando "was playing out his fantasy," admitted to a series of sniper attacks that killed one, injured three and terrorized a section of Long Island in December, authorities said Sunday.

Yusef Abdullahi Rahman of Riverhead admitted to the shootings and to two other killings in Kansas City in a two-hour videotaped statement, according to Suffolk County Assistant District Attorney Edward Jablonski.

Rahman was arrested Saturday afternoon in Wyandanch after a brief chase on foot, Suffolk County police said. They said he also was wanted on a murder warrant in Kansas City.

Police Capt. John McElhane said Rahman liked to wear commando-style outfits, such as black clothing and a bullet-proof vest. Jablonski said he rode a bicycle when he went out the sniping, a knife strapped to his leg.

"He was playing out his fantasy," McElhane said.

McElhane said detectives had extensively questioned Rahman, but the captain said no motive for the shootings had been determined.

"He always wanted to join the army, but his parents wouldn't allow him," Detective George Horvath said.

Though he said the shootings Dec. 5-8 were random, Rahman did know one of the men he wounded, Donald Crump. Jablonski said Rahman would peer through the windows of homes before firing. He said Rahman even asked Crump afterward about the shooting.

Rahman also was accused of shooting a man, 1, to renew public interest in his actions," McElhane said. According to Jablonski, Rahman said he aimed at the headlights but nearly hit an officer in the head.

He was held without bail on one count of second-degree murder, three counts of attempted murder in the second degree and one count of reckless endangerment in the first degree.

McElhane said the suspect has used aliases, including Yussuf Amin,

and is wanted for murder in Kansas City under the name Joseph Davis. He said police there believe he is involved in other murders in Kansas City.

McElhane said the break in the Long Island case came Jan. 22, when a Yaphank resident whose car had been broken into found a .22 caliber cut-down rifle and a sawed-off shotgun in the car.

The county crime laboratory determined that the rifle was used to kill Bernard Heany outside his auto-tomizing shop Dec. 5, he said.

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Faulty cord blamed for fire that killed 3

BETHLEHEM, Pa. (AP) — Authorities Sunday blamed a travel iron with a faulty cord, which a guest had plugged into a socket, for starting a hotel fire that killed three people and injured 14 others.

Fire Marshal William Reinhard said at a news conference that the 126-room Hotel Bethlehem passed inspection three months ago.

The fire started shortly after 7 a.m. Saturday after guest Muriel Brooks of Croton Falls, N.Y., plugged the iron into the electrical socket and a chair caught fire, Ms. Brooks and officials said.

The blaze spread to a second room on the fifth floor, but was confined to

those two rooms in the nine-story hotel Friday night where elderly people staying there while a nearby retirement-housing complex was being renovated.

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Revenge may be motive in killing

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — No arrests have been made but revenge is a strong candidate as motive in the killing nearly two weeks ago of the head of Oregon's prison system, a man who had received death threats.

Michael Francke, 42, formerly a law enforcement official in New Mexico, was stabbed in the heart the evening Jan. 17 during an attack in a parking lot outside the Corrections Department office.

Police won't divulge many details about the crime, such as any injuries Francke may have suffered besides the fatal stab wound.

"You need to have something that only you know and the murderer knows, to use for corroboration," said Marion County District Attorney Dale Penn.

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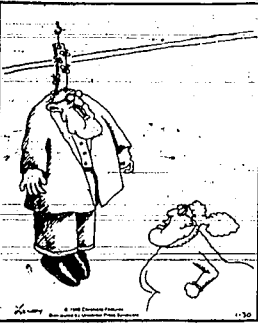
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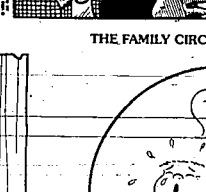
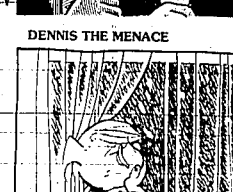
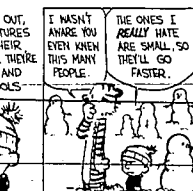
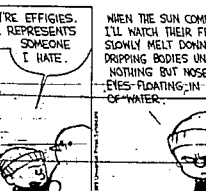
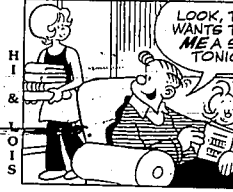
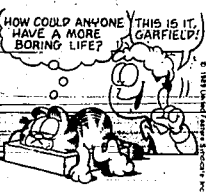
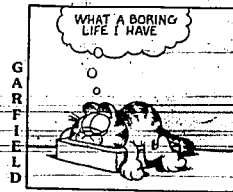
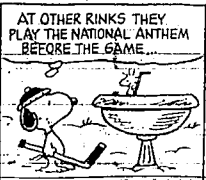
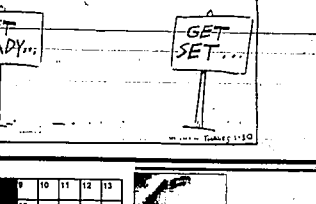
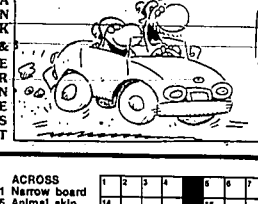
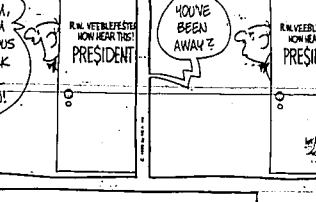
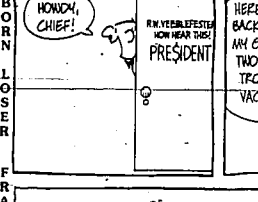
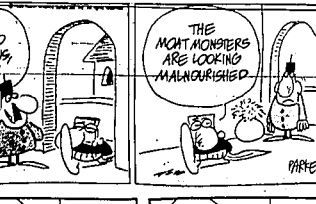
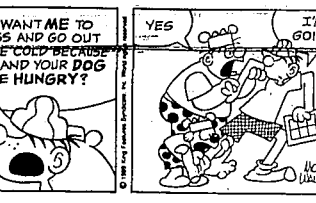
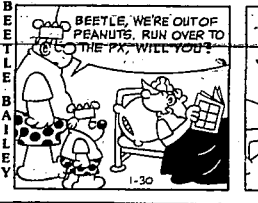
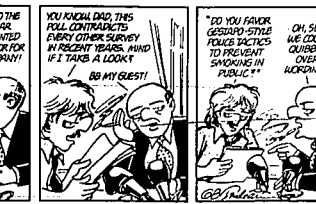
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THE FAR SIDE



"So... You've been buzzing around the living room again!"

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ASTROLOGICAL FORECASTS

IF JAN. 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY you have a remarkable sense of humor. Many claim you are "psychic" because of your ability to sense trends, cycles. You are aware of style, trends in entertainment and your style to keep up to date where wardrobe is concerned. You could have a "weight problem." Gemini, Sagittarius persons play important roles in your life. Major domestic adjustment occurs in February, could relate to residence, marital status. April will also be memorable for you in 1989.

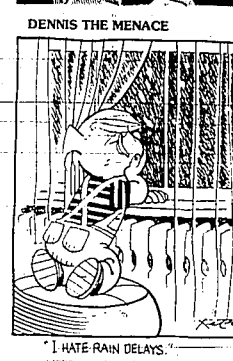
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Valuable object will be needed. You'll have clue regarding why it was lost or stolen in first place. Avoid embarrassing situation, be melow and diplomatic. Message becomes crystalline.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Refuse to be "shaken" by those who ridicule honesty idealism. You are going places without chimney. (Clandestine meeting will be scheduled within week. Educational program will be organized.)

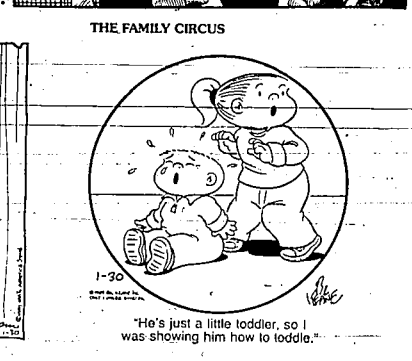
ARIES (March 21-April 19): Financial affairs must be handled in discreet manner. Funds belonging to another person or organization are involved. You will act as "trusted intermediary." Relative may seek to be included.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Clash of ideas (featured family member finally agrees to major purchase. Written promise likely to be fulfilled within three weeks. Close associate involved in "delicate" transaction.)

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Maintain low profile. Friend or business associate involved invitation and you join access to privileged information. You supposedly are invisible. Listen and observe. You'll learn plenty!



DENNIS THE MENACE



THE FAMILY CIRCUS

L.M. BOYD

What's what

Sallow in calm
On the old sailing ships, what sailors had at hand was gear to mend sails. During calms, some took up embroidery. Got good at it. Crusty seamen stitched exquisite portraits of tall ships, whatnot. Their extraordinary art is in museums. Sir, when you're arched in front of the TV set, why don't you take a crack at that?

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): You'll be in mood to celebrate. Recent contacts, efforts paid fruit. Unique honor is forthcoming. Popularity is evident, and you could be "flirting" with fame. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play roles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Goal will no longer be elusive. There actually is light at end of tunnel. Emphasis on secret negotiations, signed agreements, victory party. You're on more solid emotional-financial ground.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Confirmation received regarding promotion, production, greater display for product or talent. Scenario highlights entertainment, variety, excitement of discovery. Gemini figures prominently.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): You have gained major negotiation points and now leave the scene. Means don't linger, permit others to privately discuss your proposals. You'll learn about "victory" within nine days.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Information previously withheld will be revealed. This works to your advantage, verifies views. Emphasis on creativity, romance, fresh start in new direction. Leo, Aquarius play significant roles.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): What had been considered a "last love" is due to return. Emphasis on financial status, income potential. Family member makes solid suggestion regarding property, security. Cancer representation.

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What's what

Turtles see in color.

Great political figures deliver memorable phrases. But not as memorable as those the rewrite desk passes along. Winston Churchill did not say "blood, sweat and tears." He said, "blood, toil, tears and sweat."

Mary, Queen of Scots, loved billiards. So much so, according to the historical footnotes, that she, bopped in 1587, was buried in the cloth ripped off her billiard table.

CHILD CUSTODY
Consider divorced fathers who fight for child custody. It's a now reported more than half of them win.

When you're a youngster, what was your favorite candy bar? With me it was either Milky Way or Three Musketeers a toseup. The U-No bar was dandy, but I didn't like to pay that much for that little. Baby Ruth, known mostly as Babe Ruth, was all right, too. Almond Joy and Mounds were for girls. Today's most popular candies; in order, are Snickers, M&Ms and Reese's Peanut Butter Cup, whatever that is.

That flatfish called the flounder can change color to match its surroundings, but not if it's blind.

Q. Where'd the "chair" in the term "chairman" or "chairing" a meeting come from?

A. That goes all the way back to medieval times when only VIPs sat on chairs while everybody else sat on stools or benches.

We need Vitamin C. So must report, however slight, there's more of it in broccoli than in oranges.

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Herd law unlikely to change

By KIRK MITCHELL
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - A herd district law written when ranchers worried about rustlers' bullets apparently has outlived its usefulness.

Nevertheless, county herd district boundaries established in 1907 may have to stay on the books. The process for changing them - designed for rural areas of an earlier Idaho - would require an unmanageable massive petition drive in modern-day Twin Falls.

County commissioners recently have been considering whether to change a herd district that partially overlaps a seven-mile section of Foothill Road, alternately making motorists and ranchers liable for vehicular collisions with cattle.

"If the critter gets killed on the north side, it's the herd district and the rancher would be held responsible, but if the critter gets killed on the south side, it's the open range and the driver would be held responsible," Bob Nail, Twin Falls Highway District chairman, has said.

Cattlemen have been pushing for a boundary change that would free them of accident liability involving their cows. Highway district officials say all they may be able to do is lessen collision risk by building fences and cattle guards.

The seven-mile stretch is used as a cattle-crossing during the spring, when the animals are driven into higher grazing ground, and the fall, when they wander back to lower ground.

The first two miles are in the herd district, where motorists have the right of way. In the second two miles, motorists driving towards Rogerson are in the herd district and have the right of way, but driving the opposite direction, which is in the open range, they do not. The last three miles are in the open range, and cows again have the right of way, Nail said.

Herd district boundaries in Southern Idaho were created to keep cattle from wandering onto cultivated farms.

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KLIX seeks new 'Party Line' host

By JENNIFER KAUTH
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The wooden nameplate that identified the late L. James Koutnik in the KLIX studio has been moved from the desk to a window sill - but it has not been replaced.

Station Manager Charlie Tuma says Party Line, the controversy-

sparking daily talk show hosted by Koutnik until his death in December, will continue. But no permanent replacement has been found.

In fact, Tuma said he's not looking for a "replacement," per se.

"James Koutnik was a unique individual and you can't replace him," Tuma said. "He was one of a kind. To try to replace him would be like trying to replace John Wayne."

"No one can emulate him. He was in a class all by himself," said Karl Switzer, Party Line's engineer and Koutnik's self-described "sidekick."

Tuma said the station isn't "under the gun" to find a permanent host right away, especially since an ample supply of guest hosts has filled Koutnik's seat since his death.

Tuma described the guest hosts as community leaders and said many

had filled in for Koutnik during his 19-year talk show tenure.

One such guest host, Democratic activist Donald McMurrian, said he thought Party Line was a good place to air some issues that needed to be talked about and brought into the public's attention. So he called the station.

Others have been environmental activist William Chisholm, Kathy

Surely of Idaho Citizens' Network and Paula Edmond of the College of Southern Idaho. Tuma himself has taken a turn at the mike.

"Tuma said none of the guest hosts are necessarily 'trying out.' He said most of them have regular jobs already."

"Tuma said some people have told him they want the job, but he wants a little more time to look around."

"I want to find someone who's free-flowing, who doesn't have an ax to grind and who has no platform," he said. "I want someone who will ask the questions the audience would ask."

"It may take a month, or someone may walk through the door tomorrow," Tuma said. "The worst thing to do is try to solve a problem through expediency."



Charlie Tuma fills in as the 'devil's advocate' on the popular Party Line, but a permanent host still is being sought

While KLIX looks for a new permanent host, rival radio station executives show little enthusiasm for starting competing talk shows.

Some say Koutnik's unique personality was what drew the audience, not the talk show format. Others say talk shows are just too hard to do.

"No, we're not interested in doing something like that at all," said Terry Turio, station manager at KEJL. "We did something like that 10 years ago and it didn't go over."

Turio said Koutnik did a great job and had lots of listeners, particularly those who became fond of his show a decade or more ago.

"But that audience has continued to stagnate to the extent that its largest demographic is 40- to 50-year-olds. Koutnik never cultivated any younger listeners," Turio added.

"We had discussed doing a talk show around that time before Koutnik's death, but we haven't firm anything," said Kent Lee, KEMZ station manager.

Whoever takes on such a task, whether at KLIX or at another station, will follow a tough act.

"Usually at one time or another in every town of America somebody gets to be elected talk show king of the area," Turio said. "And in this area it was Koutnik, and he won't ever be replaced."

"Koutnik was a born talk show host," Tuma said. "And those are hard to come by."

New tritium production won't replace NPR

By N.S. NORKENTVED
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - An alternative method of producing tritium promoted by some scientists is not likely to replace the New Production Reactor proposed for Idaho.

A group of scientists from three national laboratories first proposed the idea of producing tritium with a linear accelerator in a summary report issued in August. The idea was put forth as an alternative to producing the radioactive gas in a reactor.

The U.S. Department of Energy has proposed construction of New Production Reactors at the Savannah River Plant in South Carolina and the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory to produce tritium for nuclear weapons.

Chris Sankey, an Energy Department spokesman, said the department considers the linear accelerator technology as a "long-range option to augment, not replace, our plans for two new production reactors. We may undertake additional evaluation of the accelerator concept."

In their report, scientists from the Brookhaven and Los Alamos national laboratories and the Westinghouse-Hanford Co. in Richland, Wash., said: "All the tritium required for the weapons complex can be produced using a particle accelerator."

The accelerator fires a beam of sub-atomic particles propelled by powerful magnetic fields through a mile-long tunnel at a lithium target. The resulting collision produces new atomic particles including tritium.

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IEA questions Hagerman schools

By TERRELL WILLIAMS
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - The Region IV Idaho Education Association is asking the Hagerman School District why it did not follow state Board of Education guidelines about involving teachers in development last October of its new "Teacher Evaluation Plan."

Hagerman School Superintendent Ken Black said Thursday that teachers were given the opportunity to comment on the evaluation plan.

"They didn't help write it, but they had input to it," Black said. "The teachers were given a final draft and told if they had any problems with it to let us know, and nobody complained to me."

Black said he wrote the plan based on policies used by other schools.

The State Board of Education guidelines ("Local-District Evaluation Policy") states, "The process of developing criteria and procedures for certificated personnel evaluation should allow opportunities for input from those affected by the

evaluation, including trustees, administrators and teachers."

Region IV IEA President Mel Rayborn said it appears to the IEA that the Hagerman District ignored the advice in the guidelines, and teachers were not given a meaningful say in the creation of the policy.

"Perhaps teachers were given a copy of the final policy draft and then asked what they thought," said Rayborn. "But we don't believe this is what the State Board of Education contemplates."

The IEA praises Hagerman for writing a policy on evaluation, something that has been missing there until this year, Rayborn said. But, he said, the IEA questions why teachers were not intimately involved during the creation of the policy.

"We believe the old management structures which demean employees by valuing their silence more than their insight no longer work, in schools or in businesses," he said in a written press release. "American business has had to change to stay competitive with

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Albion residents look to set up folk art museum

By BARBARA WARD
Times-News correspondent

ALBION - Some residents here and others want to establish a folk arts museum on the old normal school campus.

The Albion State Normal-Southern Idaho College of Education Alumni Association and Albion Historical Museum Inc. have leased a building on the campus to restore Swanger Hall.

Swanger, a two-story lava rock building first called Norman Hall, was built in 1893 as the first structure on the campus. It has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places, along with the other buildings on the campus.

The two groups have leased from Albion for \$1 a year for 50 years Swanger and the land around it. Current restoration and building plans are to use money from two main sources and local volunteer labor.

The alumni association sent a letter last week to ask members who have pledged about \$50,000 for another restoration on campus Bookoff Auditorium to use that money for the old rock building.

Response has been mostly in favor of transferring the pledges, Campus Coordinator Jim Kempton said. The project could get much more if other pledges come through.

Supporters also hope for matching funds for the project.

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Swanger Hall is the oldest building on the Albion campus

New valley phone book to list numbers for jokes, sports, news

By BARBARA NEIWERT
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Are you ever down and need a lift? Try dialing the joke of the day.

Want to impress your husband by changing the oil in the car without asking for his help? Would you like to know what's on the school lunch menu this week or what the weather forecast is for tomorrow?

The answers soon will be available by dialing the free Talkline telephone number from more than 50,000 households and businesses in the Magic and Wood River valleys.

Peak Media Inc., publisher of the "The Valley Phonebook for the Magic Valley" and "The Valley Phonebook for the Wood River Valley," announced his 1989 directory will "talk." The new phone books will be delivered within the next two weeks.

But this talking phone book does not yell out when its cover is opened. Dialers open its pages and find a toll-free local telephone number, which provides access to a pre-recorded message system. Dialing a four-digit

extension then provides access to each pre-recorded message.

"Its going to completely change the complexion of phone books," Peak Media President Mark Kashino said.

Other phone directory publishers in metropolitan areas across the country have access to similar talklines but this will be the first for Idaho, Kashino said. Other Northwest cities which carry such a service include Seattle, Sacramento, Calif. and Lake Tahoe, Nev.

Pre-recorded messages are a recent trend in the country, but some phone book publishers are reluctant to enter the market.

US West Direct, publisher of US West phone books in most of the western United States, has looked at the idea but is not convinced it will provide a wanted service or will be profitable.

"It is an unproven kind of area," Carolyn Kennedy, spokeswoman for US West Direct, said from Salt Lake City. "Its new and its kinda interesting but we dont know in the long-term whether it provides any lasting

value for the customers or for us."

US West's Twin Falls area phone book currently lists only one recorded message number for the time of day. The company is studying the pre-recorded messages idea but has made no decision, Kennedy said.

Peak Media has no doubt about the eventual success of its new phone book.

"From what we found from talking with other people who've established these talking books they're tremendously successful," Peak Marketing Director Chris Volk said.

When the talking books enter an area for the first time and compete against traditional books, "they knock em dead," Volk said.

About 400 advertisers from the Twin Falls area have contracts with the new phone book, Volk said. Interest, he said, has been "overwhelmingly enthusiastic."

The talking phone books will still carry all the essential information of typical directories - names, addresses, phone numbers, city maps, zip codes and yellow page advertising. But the front section of the directory will also include the access numbers for the talk-

line: 788-5700 for the Wood River Valley and 733-1000 for the Magic Valley and a list of the 600-700 categories of messages available.

By dialing the appropriate access code, customers can get hourly or daily updates on world and national news, sports, local news, the stock market, recreation reports and even soap operas. Other categories which will be updated weekly or monthly include school lunch menus, pet care, auto care, health and nutrition, music, consumer reports and infotalk for senior citizens.

"Of all the categories, the horoscopes selection is expected to be one of the most popular," Volk said. People can also dial up a code to reach a trivia quiz line.

The talkline is not expected to compete with local newspapers or radio and television stations. Volk said Peak Media is trying to get local media to sponsor news updates and present them as their broadcasts.

Other advertisers can get an additional boost from their yellow page advertisements. The talkline access codes can be printed on the yellow page ad to refer people to topic-re-

lated messages in which the business may insert an advertising message preceding or following the recorded message.

A restaurant, for example, can have a message for the daily special.

If the talking phone system catches on, these code numbers can be included in print advertising as well.

Peak Media has launched The Magic Valley Phone Book four months ago and has held off on publication of an updated directory until the talkline system is installed.

The phone books will be distributed within the next two weeks free to most households and businesses in the Magic and Wood River valleys. It will not cover the Mini-Cassida area.

The Wood River Valley system will be the first to go online in the next two weeks. After the bugs are worked out, Kashino said Magic Valley residents can expect to have access to their talkline system within the next few months.

Peak Media Inc. also publishes "Oh! Idaho" and "The Valley Magazine."

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1981 CADILLAC COUPE DEVILLE

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1981 DODGE D-150 PICKUP

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Sale price \$2,488. Units subject to prior sale o.a.c. terms 30 months, 18.12% APR, total monthly payments and down payment \$3,396.40. No Balloon Payments. Total down payment \$49 + tax + title.

1988 PLYMOUTH RELIANT

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\$49 Down X **\$139**/mo.

Sale price \$5,988. Units subject to prior sale o.a.c. terms 60 months, 14.00% APR, total monthly payments and down payment \$8,702.40. No Balloon Payments. Total down payment \$49 + tax + title.

1984 PONTIAC PHOENIX

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1984 RENAULT ALLIANCE

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1985 NISSAN 4x4 PICKUP

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1986 PLYMOUTH CARAVELLE

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When should you call the doctor?

Local pediatricians give guidelines to help parents when their child is sick

By JOAN BEAN
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — To call or not to call the doctor is the question parents often ask themselves when their child is sick. They hesitate to check out every sniffle, but at the same time, they don't want to neglect a potentially serious illness.

We asked two local pediatricians — Dr. Paul Miles of Twin Falls and Dr. Julie O'Toole of Ketchum — for guidelines that might help parents determine when it's time to call the doctor.

Call the doctor if your infant has a high fever

Because little babies can get sicker a lot quicker than an older child, the generally accepted rule for children six months old or younger is to call a doctor if the baby's fever is over 101 degrees. Although the problem often turns out to be just a viral infection, Miles says sometimes meningitis can be involved, with the fever as the only warning sign.

If the baby's fontanel is still open, Miles says the mother can sit him upright and feel the soft spot. It should be shrunken in a little and fluctuate up and down. If it's really tense and bulging up, there could be increased pressure, which usually means meningitis. The child needs to be seen immediately by a doctor.

In the case of an older child, Miles says if he looks really sick, and is having trouble breathing and can't get up and walk, then the child needs to be seen by a doctor.

When a child under the age of 1 has a cold and a fever, Miles uses this guideline — If he is eating well, and does not have a high fever (over 101 degrees) he is probably okay.

"Eating is a good criteria," Miles says. "Most kids, if they're eating, by and large they're usually not terribly sick."

On the other hand, if the child is not eating, or his fever goes up high, the doctor should be called.

What to do for colds

If it's just cold symptoms, with a stuffy nose and low grade fever, Miles says he usually tells parents they can watch this for a couple of days. Give the child little Tylenol and start the humidifier. If symptoms go beyond a couple of days, and especially if the child is developing a cough or the fever goes up — then it's usually more than just a viral infection. He needs to be seen by a doctor.

If a baby has a sore throat or ear infection he'll usually get fussy and will not eat. If he's really fussy and waking up and crying at night, Miles says this is a sign of an ear infection, even before the baby starts pulling at his ears.

In a school-age child, O'Toole says fever is a symptom that makes him uncomfortable. The reason parents should try to bring it down is not to affect the underlying process, but to make the child more comfortable. As to the degree of fever, she says it can be very modest with meningitis, and very high with an ear infection.

But, O'Toole cautions, if the child's fever is over 103 degrees, the parent should call the doctor. "It doesn't necessarily mean she or he will do anything, but you should probably communicate within the hour," she says.

A sore throat can be a warning

A little bit of fever and nonspecific symptoms probably don't warrant a visit to the doctor, O'Toole says. A sore throat should be a parent's warning signal. This is because there has been a resurgence of rheumatic fever, which is a direct consequence of strep infections. Following a certain kind of strep, O'Toole says the child can also have kidney problems.

Call the doctor if the child complains of a sore throat,

and especially a bad one, or if the child is having trouble swallowing, has a muffled voice and feels sick to his stomach. "He should probably see a doctor—the same day, so he can have a strep screen," she says.

Watch for swollen glands

Swollen glands are a very nonspecific symptom of a wide range of problems. If there is just a little bit of swollen glands in the neck, O'Toole says the child may not need to see a doctor. If there are swollen glands under the arms or in the groin, a doctor should be seen.

Reye's Syndrome can follow other illnesses, such as the flu or chickenpox. O'Toole says one of the first things affected is the level of consciousness, and usually there is vomiting. "Anything like that, of course, means you should get to the doctor — not just the same day — but as soon as possible."

A slight headache that responds to Tylenol probably does not require an urgent visit to the doctor's office. But, O'Toole says the sudden onset of severe headache — especially if it's only on one side — accompanied by visual changes, vomiting and a change in consciousness, needs same day attention by a doctor.

Ears aches also should have same-day attention, and a child old enough to say his ear hurts probably does have an infection of the middle ear, and should be started on antibiotics, the doctor says. If a child's earache is left unattended, an eardrum could burst.

Remedy for a crouping cough

The barking cough of croup usually is worse at night and better during the day. Miles says he advises parents to turn on the shower and stand in there with the child for four or five minutes. Breathing all this moisture helps loosen the mucus. Then he usually has them bundle the child up and take him outside on the doorstep.

The cold air will often decrease the swelling around the vocal chords, and stop the croup. The shower and cold air treatment can be repeated again in three or four hours, and the child will usually be okay. If, however, the moisture and cold does not help, the child should be seen by a doctor.

Give a child with diarrhea plenty of fluids

When a child has diarrhea and is drinking adequate fluids, Miles says he is not going to have big problems. "Where we see kids get into trouble is if they get diarrhea in combination with vomiting and high fever."

Miles says the earliest thing he looks for is a decrease in urine output, and if the urine gets really dark and concentrated and had a strong odor — a sign of dehydration. In some later stages, the skin gets quite doughy and loses its elasticity, and the child's eyes and soft spot get a little shrunken in.

The best treatment for diarrhea and vomiting, he says, is clear liquids and the use of one of the electrolyte solutions.

The doctors say it's not appropriate to treat diarrhea in children with anti-diarrheals because diarrhea is a reaction to enteric toxins, viruses or something else, and the body is trying to rid itself of them. "You can stick a cork in there effectively medically, but then you retain all the toxins and this kind of thing. In children that's just not safe," O'Toole says.

If a child is having more than five or six watery stools in a day, his parents ought to call and talk to his doctor, especially if he doesn't respond to the clear liquids. In school-age children, O'Toole says diarrhea itself is just a problem of getting to the toilet fast enough. In and of itself, it shouldn't cause a problem, except for the possibility of dehydration if it is severe.

She says the school-age child should see a doctor if he has blood or copious quantities of mucus in the stool, or if along with the diarrhea there is fever or severe abdominal pain. Also, when moderate diarrhea (three or



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A case of chickenpox without complications doesn't warrant a trip to the doctor

four watery stools) goes on for longer than a week, a doctor should be seen.

Take head injuries seriously

Head injuries are a common concern of parents and it's important to know when they are serious or when they are not. O'Toole says it is probably better to err on

the side of having the child seen by a doctor. But, she says the absolute indications for doing so are: loss of consciousness of any duration, unequal pupil size, vomiting, unsteady gait or a change in consciousness. And,

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Healthy skin possible at any age

By RONALD S. MILLER
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

What organ in the human body weighs twice as much as the brain, stretches over 18 square feet and functions as a trusty thermostat, regulating the body's response to changing temperatures and activities? This multi-purpose organ takes in oxygen, excretes waste and manufactures hair and nails.

The answer is, of course, the skin,

which like all other organs is subject to physiological changes as it ages. The skin's outer layers thin out and the number of pigmented cells (which provide natural protection from the sun's searing rays) tend to decrease. These changes leave people more vulnerable to skin diseases.

"Skin disorders are the most common medical problem among the elderly," said Richard Fitzpatrick, M.D., a dermatologist in San Diego, Calif. "But with proper home care

and visits to the dermatologist when needed, they needn't be a cause of alarm."

The skin constantly regenerates itself as its lower, living levels multiply and push older, dead cells up to the surface to form the outer skin. Younger skin normally renews itself every 30 days or so, Fitzpatrick said.

LESS OIL

This, along with a decrease in the amount of sebum produced by the skin's oil glands, is one of the changes that occur with age. "This is why older people often have dry, itchy skin," Fitzpatrick said.

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Quick takes

Muscle spasms are harmless

Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Ever fall asleep only to be yanked awake by an involuntary jerking of your muscles? No, there's nothing wrong, according to Hippocrates magazine. The spasms are common and harmless and probably occur every time we fall asleep. It's just that they don't usually wake us up. But what causes the jerking movements? No one knows for sure but one theory suggests that what are referred to as "hypnic jerks" happen when the nervous system temporarily loses control of the muscles as we begin to fall asleep.

Our muscles have a natural tendency to twitch and contract, but most of the time the brain and other parts of the nervous system send out signals to block that tendency. As the nervous system relaxes in sleep, however, the blocking signals may stop, causing the whole body to shudder. While the cause isn't quite understood, apparently caffeine, stress and vigorous exercise can make the shudders more intense.

Device helps monitor asthma

Asthma is a disease that no one should die of. Yet

the worst sometimes occurs, often when asthmatics or the parents of asthmatic children don't realize the seriousness of an attack.

Consumers Digest magazine reports that at hospitals and clinics like the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pa., pediatric allergists like Dianne Schuller, M.D., are recommending a simple device that could be helpful.

A device called a "peak flow meter" may help parents trying to determine if their asthmatic children are well or require medication. The user blows into it and if bronchial capacity registers below a certain point, medication is necessary. If it drops to 50 percent, the child needs immediate treatment.

Consumers Digest suggests that a brand to try is the Mini Wright Peak Flow Meter, which is available at discount from the Allergy Supply Company, Fairfax Station, Va., or Dura Pharmaceutical of Ramona, Calif. The cost is about \$35 for the standard and slightly more for the small-children's low-range model, plus shipping. Also recommended by Consumers Digest is The Users Guide to Peak Flow Monitoring, available from Mothers of Asthmatics, Inc. (703) 385-4403.

Looking good

Look is loose for spring fashion

The Fort Lauderdale News & Sun-Sentinel

NEW YORK — This spring, you should go with the flow. You should float through every room wearing — the latest trend wave for Spring '89, direct from New York.

Every American designer — from old faithfuls Bill Blass and Calvin Klein to bright new stars Isaac Mizrahi and Charlotte Neuville — is taking a long look at loose for spring.

To be perfectly blunt about it the "new" soft spring silhouette is nothing you haven't seen (or worn) before. There's nothing closet-shaking about big wide slacks, long, sweeping skirts, soft jackets, pyramid-shaped A-line dresses and pretty as a portrait blouses.

However, there is some gauze for concern in these transparent times. Shreds of shockingly sheer chiffon, peek-a-boo georgette and mousseline float through every collection. Downright diaphanous duets reign supreme to create a certain blasé sensuality. "Oh, dear me, I guess you can see right through my clothing, can't you?"

But these are not clothes that scream "Step Right Up for Cheap Sex" like last year. Instead, these low-cut jackets, worn sans shirts, gossamer blouses, see-through pleated skirts, transparent pants and filmy noire jumpsuits softly whisper, "Hi, there. I am Woman. In case you haven't noticed."

So don't get bent into shape. It's all very simple this spring. Hang loose. Wear it soft and wear it long. Dress sheer. But keep in mind you have choices today. And the designers will be the first to tell you so. Heck, the designers want you to buy into all the looks, not just one. They aren't as dumb as they look, you know.

You don't like short skirts? Fine. Wear midriff.



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Geoffrey Beene fashions 'float' this spring

You hate skirts-all-together? Wear wide pants. You don't like long jackets? OK, wear a cropped bolero. No jacket at all? Opt for a little sweater. You hate dresses period? Wear natty walking shorts or a soft pantsuit. You say pants make you feel too tough? Then stick with a terribly romantic tea dress. You want to bare all? Then try on a totally transparent top. Can't bear the thought? Maybe a sheerer than springtime pleated skirt.

You get the idea. Actually, you've had the idea for a long time. And now the designers have it, too. So

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Exercise to prevent shoulder problems

By JUDI SHEPPARD MISSETT
Los Angeles Times Syndicate

Pitchers Doc Gooden and Roger Clemens may have to guard against shoulder problems, but since you don't throw a 90-mile-an-hour fastball for a living, you needn't worry. Right?

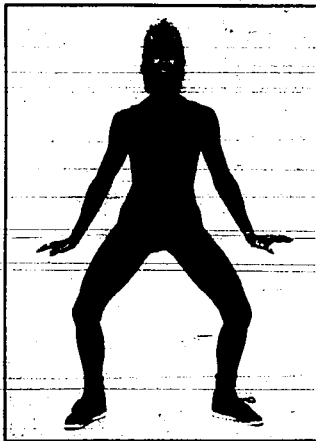
Wrong. Injuries to the rotator cuff — a group of four muscles in the shoulder — can occur not only from baseball, swimming, golf and racquet sports, but also from such mundane chores as overhead painting, hammering and hedge trimming.

Bodylessons

Exercise is a great way to prevent shoulder problems because it builds strength and develops flexibility through stretching. Here's a movement that acts as a warm-up for your shoulder, as well as for other upper-body exercises.

Flie with your arms at your side and your hands parallel to the floor. (That is, assume the ballet position in which your legs are separated with your toes pointing outward. Then bend your legs as you aim your knees outward, keeping your pelvis in a line with your spine.) Lift your right shoulder upward while leaning left, keeping hands at your sides. Straighten both knees and point your right toe at the same time. Next, lower your right shoulder as you return to a plie. Reverse the movement by leaning to the right and lifting your left shoulder. Alternate sides for 15 sets of repetitions.

Other movements that help warm up shoulder muscles include shrugs,



Judi Sheppard Missett shows an exercise designed to stretch shoulder muscles

rotations and bent-arm circles. For a rotation, hold your arms parallel to the floor and, then twist them forward, then back. For a bent-arm circle, move your shoulders in a complete circle of their sockets while your arms are bent.

Because shoulder injuries often develop gradually, be on the lookout for warning signs. Orthopedic surgeon James Garrick, M.D., author of "Peak Condition" (Crown, \$17.95), says that if your deltoid muscle (which covers

the top of the shoulder and extends to the upper arm) twitches when you use it, if one deltoid is larger than the other or if you hunch your shoulders or tuck them in toward your chest when you raise your arms out from your sides, it's time to consider some form of rehabilitation.

Specific exercises can provide that rehabilitation and in many cases can enhance recuperation from a full-fledged injury. The exercises should take the shoulders through their full

range of motion to strengthen and balance the muscles. Of course, if you suffer an injury, you should stop doing what hurts, allow your shoulder to rest and then check with your doctor. For recuperative exercise, you should have your doctor's supervision.

Judi Sheppard Missett is founder and chief executive officer of Jazzercise, an international aerobic-dance instruction company. Bodylessons appears every Monday in Reach.

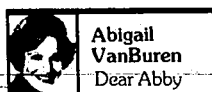
Boyfriend drives wedge in friendship

DEAR ABBY: I am beside myself with guilt. On the last night of my visit to a childhood friend who now lives in another city, her live-in boyfriend woke me in the middle of the night, and I let him make love to me. As far as I can tell, my friend had no idea (he left her sleeping in their room). I don't know why I didn't stop him — especially since we used no protection and I could have even gotten pregnant! Maybe I was lonely or resentful her having someone since I've been unlucky in love. I wouldn't consciously have planned this, yet I responded to him positively.

The next evening, when we were alone for a minute or two, I told him I felt guilty over what had happened. He seemed to feel the same, and told me that he liked me and he enjoyed it, but we should not repeat the occurrence.

I tried to act normal with my friend, but felt miserable inside. I've betrayed her trust and don't deserve her friendship. Additionally, I am aware that the man she loves and hopes to marry would cheat on her in such a low way — with her friend, in her house!

Should I tell her? What if he tells her later? What if they decide to mar-



Abigail VanBuren
Dear Abby

ry — shouldn't she know the truth about this man? He played the field earlier in their relationship, but she believes he's true to her now. What if I'm pregnant?

Abby, I am ashamed to admit that I was flattered by his coming to me — but I am more ashamed of having betrayed a friend. I don't want to tell her to hurt her, but I don't want to lose her friendship if she finds out later. What should I do?

— FEELING ROTTEN
DEAR FEELING ROTTEN: You can deal with the "what if's" ("What if he tells her later?" and "What if I'm pregnant?") if and when they become realities. The imminent question at hand: Should you tell your friend that her live-in lover came to your bed in her home, and you let him make love to you?

Obviously you are considering telling her, but I urge you to examine your motives. If you were to tell her, she'd probably kick him out, and end

her friendship with you. That would leave him free to come to you, which could be what you (unconsciously) want since you have no man in your life. You could rationalize telling her by saying, "If I were living with a cheating man, I would want to know."

As I see it, you're damned if you do, and she's damned if you don't. Readers, how would you vote on this?

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I went out to eat breakfast at a nice cafe the other morning. On the plate was an orange slice for garnish. After finishing my meal, I ate the orange slice. My husband said, "You aren't supposed to eat the orange slice — it's for decorating, not for eating."

I said, "Oh, bull!" Then I picked the orange slice off his plate and ate it. He gave me a rather disgusted look. I noticed a well-dressed man seated near us eating his orange slice, so I pointed it out to my husband. He said, "Well, that man apparently doesn't know better either."

When we got outside, I told my husband that I was going to write to Dear Abby and get the facts. He said, "Go ahead." So here I am. What are the facts, Abby?

— PHOENIX ORANGE LOVER
DEAR ORANGE LOVER: The or-

ange slice was placed on the plate for garnish — or "decorating," as your husband put it. However, when the decoration is edible, it's proper to eat it.

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Fashion

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here's a rundown and wrap-up of the latest American spring style options — Pants (Prepaul). Far and wide, the strongest trend for spring. Lots of jumpuits for spring, too. The designers believe these all-in-ones solve the coordination dilemmas and hemline horrors in one swell foop. But they forgot about the restroom time element. Capri pants have stepped back in style. But the trend that really got a second look wore the totally transparent slacks. So far, no sign of the bell-bottoms we saw in Paris. Yet.

— Skirting the Issue. What goes up must come down. Hence, skirts are a real long story today. Hemlines float around midcalf, sometimes hitting the ankles. Only Perry Ellis and Geoffrey Beene stuck with shorter lengths. There's also much pleating going on. Lots of A-lines. Although

there are no micro-miniskirts in sight for spring, there is still a lot of leg around. Mainly because the see-through skirts leave less to the imagination than the short skirts did. Hey, it's always something.

— Transparencies. Can you handle being transparent this spring? Invisible chiffon blouses, mousseline shirts, georgette jackets, sheer skirts and pants are the second strongest trend. Wear a see-through shirt over a pretty T. Or buy some very nice lacey underwear and have your phone number unlisted.

— Colors. Black and white is the strongest spring combo. Navy is the heaviest used hue. Instead of pale pastels, the spring stand-by colors are rich autumnal hues — pumpkin, poppy, loden, chartreuse, eggplant and chocolate. Orange is the hue of the season, though.

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"To Do for You" is a calendar listing health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Reach section. Mail notices to The Times-News, P.O. Box 48, Twin Falls, 83303, or deliver to our office at 122 Third St. W.

Fitness clinic planned in Jerome

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is sponsoring a clinic to determine your level of cardiovascular fitness from 6 to 9 p.m. Tuesday at the Central Elementary Gym. Cost is \$5. Register by calling 324-3389.

Extension service presents program

JEROME — The University of Idaho Extension Service will present "Sorting Out the Best Vitamins and Minerals" from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday at the Jerome County Courthouse meeting room. Call 324-7678.

Early bird aerobics class scheduled

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is sponsoring an early bird aerobics class at 6 a.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The fee for six weeks is \$12 for two days and \$18 for three days. Call 324-3389 to register.

Counseling center offers workshop

TWIN FALLS — The Family Counseling and Learning Center is offering a workshop "Steps For Family Success" from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday through March 21 at 161 7th Ave. N. Cost is \$40 a couple and \$35 for singles. Pre-register at 733-2432 or 734-7125 by today and receive a \$5 discount.

St. Benedicts plans prenatal class

JEROME — St. Benedicts Family Medical Center will offer a prenatal class covering the use of medications, car seat program and practice exercises at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the conference room. Cost is \$4 a

class or \$24 for a series of six. Call Gayle Goodin, R.N. 536-6445 or 536-6663.

Doctor sponsors prenatal class

SHOSHONE — Dr. Keith Davis' office is sponsoring a prenatal class at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at his office. The program will cover car seats, use of medications and practice exercises. Cost is \$4. Call, 886-2224.

New Directions center offers course

TWIN FALLS — The Center for New Directions is offering a course based on the book "Healing the Child Within You" by Dr. Charles L. Whitfield. The class will be taught by Julie Miller and will meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays in Aspen Building, 104 beginning Wednesday. Emphasis is placed on developing strategies for adapting healthy and nurturing behaviors into your lifestyle. Call the College of Southern Idaho's Center for New Directions at 736-0070.

YFCA takes registration for classes

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Valley YFCA is now taking registration for the winter session of classes that begin Wednesday. Classes include morning and evening low impact aerobics, fat burner aerobics, BEST, co-ed conditioning, water exercise, judo and kokondo martial arts. Special programs include after school child care, youth overnighter and swim team. Call 733-4383.

Classes begin at dance studio

TWIN FALLS — Free introductory jazz and tap class for beginners will begin at 6:15 p.m. Feb. 6 at the Sage Dance Studio. Call Christy Campbell, 733-1535.

Senior citizen aerobic class set

JEROME — The Jerome Recreation District is offering a senior citizens aerobic class at 11 a.m. Feb. 6 in the Jerome Senior Citizens Center. Fee is \$10 for six weeks. Call 324-3389 to register.

Sick

for the next 48 hours, the child should be watched closely.

Chickenpox can bring complications

Chickenpox is going around right now and Miles says most kids do not need to be seen by a doctor for this. The complications of chickenpox include ear infections, pneumonia and very rarely, encephalitis. "So, if a child has chickenpox, and they're not coughing really hard, and they're not complaining of excruciating headache and vomiting, they are probably okay," he says.

Miles says he is also seeing a lot of upper respiratory infections at this time. In these cases, it's really up to the parents to decide how long to watch a child who looks sick, but not terribly so. He says with the flu that is going around now, the majority of kids get over it in two or three days. But about 25 percent often develop secondary ear infections, bronchitis and pneumonia.

He suggests that parents use this guideline: If a child looks fairly good, is still up and around and taking foods fairly well — even if he has a fever — one is probably safe to watch him for a couple of days. If after three days, he is not getting better — especially if he is starting to cough harder, complains of an earache, his fever is going up and he seems to be getting gradually worse and not better — then he should be seen by a doctor.

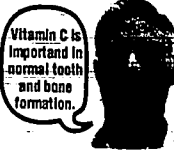
Remember, help is only a phone call away. O'Toole says she thinks it is important for parents to realize pediatricians spend a great deal of time on the telephone. In some offices, the



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Skin

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skin's ability to secrete oil, makes it lose its fresh appearance. As the ability to hold moisture lessens, excessive exposure to the sun and frequent hot baths dry out older skin and predispose it to dermatitis, a condition characterized by inflamed, itchy skin, as well as precancerous and cancerous lesions.

Why does sunlight pose such a threat to skin health?

When sunlight repeatedly penetrates the skin's outer layer, it can cause red, scaly, precancerous growths called actinic keratoses, said Fitzpatrick. Appearing on sun-exposed areas such as the face, ears, neck and hands, these superficial growths become cancerous in 15 to 20 percent of cases.

"They tend to recur when picked and they gradually thicken and toughen over time," Fitzpatrick said. "It's best to have a physician remove them by cryosurgery — spraying on liquid nitrogen to freeze them and make them peel off — or with a cancer drug that selectively destroys abnormal cells."

Sunlight also produces flat, darkly pigmented brown growths called liver spots, incorrectly attributed in the past to a liver dysfunction. Dermatologists can remove these "age spots" by peeling them with acid, vaporizing them with a laser or freezing them with liquid nitrogen.

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When ultraviolet light penetrates deep into the dermis, which structures and strengthens the skin, it weakens the collagen, the protein webbing that gives skin its ability to expand and retract. Because ultravi-

olet light gradually deteriorates the dermis' resiliency, it causes sags and wrinkles.

THE LIGHT TOUCH

by Curtis Smith



Apples are so expensive now, you might as well see the doctor.

The wishbone will never replace the backbone.

One way to stay healthy is to avoid seconds of meals, marisins, and mortiques.

If God had meant for us to be thin, would he have given us skin that stretches?

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Avoid emotional divorce by falling in love with your mate again

Almost every couple married a few years has experienced some boredom, some burnout. Some are on their way to an emotional and, maybe then, a legal divorce.

If your marriage feels stale, take heed. And take heart. An occasional bout of the blahs is often a problem even in a successful, healthy marriage. But how you deal with encroaching dullness may be crucial to the vitality and survival of a relationship.

So what steps can you take? Admit to the problem, explore alternatives and solutions, and do something. Dealing with the problem may result in a renewal or deepening of the relationship, or become a door to a new beginning. Here are strategies that may help:

- Surprise your partner. Cultivate a touch of the unexpected in your relationship. A little abandon and a sense of humor can go a long way toward making up a stale routine.

- Stretch yourself. Clear a space in your schedule to develop parts of you that you've locked away.
- Take a class, adopt a new hobby, exercise, or enter a competition of some sort - something to enhance yourself and perhaps even enrich the relationship.

- Review your sex life. After the first few years in a marriage, a sex life often settles into a routine bordering on boredom. When there is routinely



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physical contact with no emotional expression, the act of love can become the denial rather than the expression of intimacy.

Being vulnerable and honestly discussing the status of your sex life may be difficult but absolutely essential to restoring vitality in the relationship. Though variety in the sexual relationship may be important, more vital to many couples is finding ways to restore or develop a feeling of being close and cherished.

- Add more nondemand, nonsexual intimacy to the relationship. An "I love you," a simple touch, kiss or smile, given more often, can deepen closeness in the relationship.

- Let your partner know that he or she marches at the head of your parade. Send clear, frequent, unambiguous signals confirming the fact that your partner's welfare comes first, ahead of all other happinesses and wellfairs. Say "You're No. 1" through unexpected notes of endearment, compliments in public, casual caresses, thoughtful acts, or gifts of your time.

- Lend your strength to your partner. Even the strongest of people needs someone at times. Life is full of

stressful and often painful moments. Be there with open arms and a gentle word when your partner is hurt or discouraged.

- All your partner what you like you love back rubs, hugs when you come home, or small but unexpected gestures, but don't make those assumptions. The only way you will ever learn what each of you thinks of as a loving act is by expressing it.

- Share trivialities. Marriages are made up of routine little things. Sharing many of these "nuts and bolts of living" can bring you closer together.

- Cultivate intimate behavior. Intimacy does not have to involve grand passion or 3-D sex; intimacy is also built into slighter actions: reading aloud, sharing a warm thought about your partner, speaking with tenderness, listening intently, or relating with playfulness or a bit of silliness.

- Make time for the relationship. Don't wait until the check book is balanced, the kids are well-behaved, or the new addition to the house is finished. A relationship is a growing, living entity that will either flourish with care or expire slowly from malnutrition - it will not remain the same for any length of time.

- Think about it - most people would agree there is nothing as important as a loving relationship. Give your relationship the priority it deserves.

- Treat your partner with ultimate respect.

- Curtness, threats, name-calling, screaming or yelling, or other abusive responses poison a relationship. Intimacy cannot co-exist with chronic anger or routine negative responses. When you want changes, appeal to your partner with softness and warmth instead of demands and complaints.

- Take regular "temperature read-

ings." Set aside regular time each week just to talk. Tell each other what you've felt good about this week and take turns sharing what you've been doing and thinking. Talk about what you'd like changed in the relationship as long as you can suggest several options to solve the problem. Finally, share your hopes, wishes, and dreams.

- Don't let small things loom large. If you get irritated because your partner leaves the toothpaste uncapped, lets the dishes pile up, or is chronically late, think about changing yourself instead of the other person.

- Ask for what you want, if you'd like, but if you don't get it, then let the issue go. It is usually an accumulation of small irritants, rather than large problems, that erode a marriage.

- Let your marriage breathe. As the ancient poet Kahlil Gibran advised, "Let there be space in your togetherness." Don't practice togetherness at

the expense of individuality. Encourage your partner to be first a person, secondly a mate. The best marriages consist of two whole people who are interacting, not two "half people" who constantly depend on each other for all their emotional supplies.

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