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Mostly sunny and warmer with highs around 60. Light winds. Lows in the mid-20s to lower 30s.

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Going up

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Art still controversial

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Study warned about bases

Mountain Home base has same 'problem' as Pope, where 23 airmen died

The Associated Press

FAYETTEVILLE, N.C. — A 1993 congressional study warned against concentrating aircraft squadrons at the Air Force base where two planes collided in midair and killed 23 soldiers on the ground and at Mountain Home Air Force Base.

The study by the General Accounting Office, an investigative arm of Congress, cautioned against basing many squadrons of different planes at Pope Air Force Base in Fayetteville and the Mountain Home base.

Pope once housed only transport planes.

Since the end of the Cold War, however, it has been quietly transformed into one of the nation's two special strike force wings. The other is at Mountain Home.

Squadrons of F-16 fighter jets and A-10 attack craft joined Pope C-130 transports to form the 23rd Wing; three squadrons of 78 planes designed to work as a quick-deployment team.

A squadron, generally consisting of 16 to 24 planes, is organized with other squadrons into tactical groups to form an Air Force wing.

Since the end of the Cold War, the De-

fense Department has been realigning forces into groups that can work as a team to accomplish strategic goals.

Like the wing at Pope, planes at Mountain Home form a "composite wing" made up of fighter, bomber and support aircraft.

On Wednesday, an F-16D fighter jet and a C-130 cargo plane collided as they tried to land on the same runway. The jet slammed to the ground and skidded into a C-141 transport plane, setting it ablaze. Twenty-three men died and 80 were injured.

The GAO study, commissioned by U.S. Rep. Earl Hutto, D-Fla., focused not on

safety, but on cost-effectiveness and the need for the "composite" wings. But the study did say that the Air Force had not sufficiently researched its selection of Pope and Mountain Home or analyzed alternate bases.

The Charlotte Observer reported Sunday.

Air Force officials denied Pope is unsafe.

"I don't see a hazard in the composite wing operations here at Pope," said Col. Glenn Williams, the base's top safety officer and an A-10 aviator.

"But any time you increase your flying hours, you increase the possibility you might have an accident."

Deadly storms



AP photo

A tornado that dumped a truck into a swimming pool in Jacksonville, Ala., was among a series that left a path of death and destruction across the southeastern United States Sunday. For more, see Page A4.

Tornados rip through American Southeast, killing more than 30

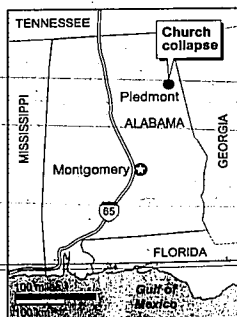
Los Angeles Times

ATLANTA — A series of powerful thunderstorms tore across the South on Sunday, killing 32 people, including 17 who died when a tornado caved in the roof of a church crowded with Palm Sunday worshippers.

The twister hit Goshen Methodist Church in Piedmont, Ala., about 11:30 a.m. EST, breaking windows and toppling a brick wall on a few of children waiting to sing in a pageant. Approximately 90 people were injured, officials said.

The storm system was blamed for deaths elsewhere in Alabama and Georgia and for causing widespread damage in several other states.

At least 11 north Georgia counties were hit hard by afternoon thunderstorms and tornadoes that reportedly killed at least 14 people, knocked out power for thousands of homes and businesses and closed roads. Dozens of people were reported injured.



Much of eastern Alabama and all of northwest Georgia was braced Sunday

night for more bad weather as another line of tornado-flinging thunderstorms roared into the area.

"This is the worst kind of tornado damage that we've had in north Georgia since the early '70s," said Gov. Zell Miller. "There are a lot of (power) lines down, a lot of trees down. Highway 75 is blocked, and probably won't be open until (Monday) morning because of the trees."

Miller said the state Department of Transportation and Department of Corrections workers were immediately dispatched to help clear the roads.

He said the death toll could go higher. "There are a number of people missing," he said.

In Catoosa County, one of the Georgia counties hit hard by the storm, tornadoes cut large swaths through the countryside. Large fields of trees were snapped like toothpicks and the ground was littered with live power lines.

"I think we're going to need the National Guard, and we need all the volunteers."

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A new look



ANDY ARNOLD/The Times-News

From hubeaps to vinyl tops Kathleen Hall, front, and Kim Kestler made a lot of cars shine Saturday. The two were part of a car wash crew from Kids 'R' Us Child Care raising money for supplies at North Five Points in Twin Falls.

Officers pull woman from Snake River

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Fifteen-year-old Amber Wagner spent about an hour Sunday afternoon stranded on a rock at the top of Pillar Falls before Twin Falls County Sheriff's deputies could rescue her.

But it could have been worse for Wagner, who ended up on the rock after being dragged by the current of the Snake River.

"When I was in the water, I was thinking of death," she said Sunday. Wagner, of Twin Falls, fell into the river at about 1:30 p.m. trying to retrieve her backpack, she said.

An "average swimmer," she said she spent three to five minutes in the water before reaching Pillar Falls.

Hiking with her along the north side of the river was 13-year-old Amanda Martinez, who ran downstream for help and found Earl Holland and Randy Ostrum fishing below the falls, said marine Deputy Daron Brown.

Ostrum went to his pickup and called

'She was just sort of stranded. We couldn't get a boat to where she was.'

— Deputy Daron Brown

the sheriff's office on his cellular phone, Brown said.

When Brown and Deputy Tom Fijthor arrived in their boat, they met up with Holland and saw Wagner sitting 20 feet away on the rock. "She was just sort of stranded," Brown said. "We couldn't get a boat to where she was."

They threw a long nylon rope and life jacket to her and had her tie the rope around her body, he said.

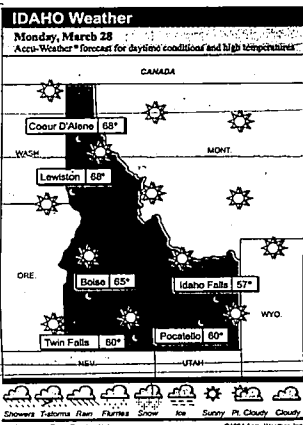
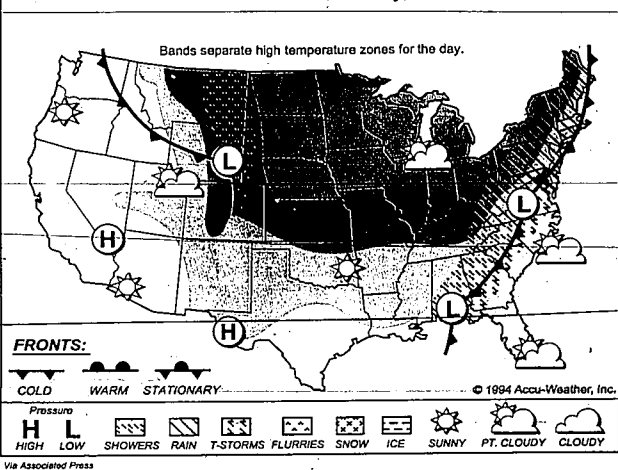
By 2:30 p.m., Wagner was with paramedics who checked her for hypothermia but did not transport her to the hospital, he said.

"Everything went well," Brown said. "It's not too often that we pull a live one out of the river."

Weather

NATIONAL Weather

The Accu-Weather® forecast for noon, Monday, March 28:



Weather summary

High pressure centered in Montana and Wyoming and northerly winds continue to make Idaho weather clear and dry. Some clouds will move over northern and eastern Idaho Monday as a disturbance from Canada crosses the state. Otherwise, sunny and dry weather will continue through mid-week. A weak Pacific disturbance Thursday will bring a slight chance of rain showers to northern Idaho, but the south is expected to stay dry. Low temperatures Sunday morning were in the teens and 20s in eastern Idaho. Western and northern Idaho temperatures were in the 20s to mid-30s. Idaho's central mountains was the only site with lower colder than 10 degrees. Stanley was 3 degrees and Dixie was 7. Lewiston reported the warmest low with 36 degrees. Winds, mainly from the north or east, were 5 to 10 mph. Late morning temperatures Sunday were in the 40s to lower 50s. Hailey was 41 degrees and Boise and Lewiston were 50.

Tornadoes, hail ravage South; cool in plains and Rockies

The Associated Press

A series of violent thunderstorms swept from Texas to the Carolinas on Sunday, bringing tornadoes, large hail and wind damage. It was unusually cool in the Plains and the Rockies. A tornado in Piedmont, Ala., caved in the roof of a church, killing 19 people. At least 18 other deaths and heavy damage were reported as storms moved through several other Southeastern states. Golfball-sized hail pelted parts of Alabama and Mississippi, and dime-sized hail fell in Arkansas. Heavy winds caused damage in North Carolina and Mississippi. In Texas, winds gusted up to 104 mph at Randolph Air Force Base near San Antonio. Rain drenched parts of the South and East, including Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee, Maryland, Louisiana and Virginia. More than 4 inches of drenching Chattanooga, Tenn., and nearly 3 inches fell in Knoxville, Tenn. Many secondary roads in southeast Tennessee and northeast Georgia were closed by high winds. Up to 4 inches of snow fell over portions of Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine. Temperatures were in the

Temperatures

Albuquerque	40	30	63
Atlanta	88	66	05
Boston	43	35	24
Chicago	52	38	18
Dallas	58	50	...
Denver	38	20	09
Des Moines	48	27	...
Detroit	44	34	37
Honolulu	79	68	...
Houston	72	57	18
Indianapolis	47	41	21
Kansas City	51	31	...
Las Vegas	73	50	...
Los Angeles	78	52	...
Memphis	53	49	22
Miami Beach	84	78	...
Minneapolis	51	22	32
Minneapolis	41	31	02
New Orleans	82	73	...
New York	52	38	41
Oklahoma City	54	42	...
Omaha	48	24	...
Phoenix	74	47	...
Pittsburgh	53	39	26
Portland, Me.	40	29	55
Portland, Ore.	77	37	...
Raleigh	51	31	...
St. Louis	51	42	27
Salt Lake City	48	31	...
San Francisco	73	51	...
Seattle	71	41	...
Spokane	65	31	...
Washington	49	41	29

Twin Falls

Max Min Pop	68 30 18
Yesterday	56 36 30
Last year	56 36 30
Normal	56 30 30
Sunset today	6:59 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow	6:28 a.m.
Lunar phase	Full March 27
last quarter April 2; new April 10; first quarter April 18.	

Idaho

Boise	Max Min Pop	62 28 28
Burley	mm mm mm	68 28 28
Fairfield	mm mm mm	68 28 28
Gooding	mm mm mm	68 28 28
Hagerman	mm mm mm	68 28 28
Idaho Falls	53 22 22	
Jerome	54 23 23	
Lewiston	69 36 36	
Malad	53 27 27	
Melba	50 19 19	
McCall	mm mm mm	68 28 28
Pocatello	51 22 22	
Salmon	62 23 23	
Soda Springs	mm 16 16	
Sun Valley	mm mm mm	68 28 28

Forecasts

Twin Falls, Burley, Rupert, Jerome and Gooding: Monday mostly sunny and warmer. Highs around 60. Light winds. Monday night clear. Lows in the mid-20s to low 30s. Camas Prairie and Wood River Valley: Monday sunny. Highs in the mid-50s. Monday night clear. Lows 15 to 20. Tuesday sunny and a little cooler. Highs in the lower 50s. Extended forecast: Southern Idaho—Tuesday sunny and cooler. Highs in the 50s east to lower 60s west. Wednesday fair. Highs 60s and lower 70s. Northern Utah and Nevada: Utah—Mostly sunny and warmer. Highs mid-50s to mid-60s. Lows tonight upper 20s and 30s. Highs Wednesday in the 50s. Elko County—Monday mostly sunny. Highs in the 60s. Monday night fair skies. Lows from the 20s to mid-30s.

30s in northern New England.

A large high pressure system over the northern Rockies kept the weather cool in the central United States. At midday temperatures had only reached the 20s and 30s from the Rockies to portions of the northern and central Plains to the upper Mississippi Valley and upper Great Lakes regions. More than 24 inches of new snow were reported in Gascon, N.M., on the eastern flanks of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains. Temperatures were warm over the Southeast and reached the upper 80s in Florida, southern Georgia, southern Alabama and most of a large part of South Carolina. It was 88 degrees in Macon, Ga., breaking the record high for the date of 87 in 1950. It was 91 degrees in Daytona Beach, Fla., breaking the record for the date of 88 set in 1950. And Augusta, Ga., and Key West, Fla., tied records for the date with temperatures of 88 and 87 degrees, respectively. The low temperatures Sunday morning in the Lower 48 states was 1 degree at Old Faithful in Yellowstone National Park.

Clinton searches for ways to pay for welfare reform

Newsday

WASHINGTON — With a self-imposed spring deadline looming, President Clinton is putting the final touches on a sweeping proposal to overhaul the welfare system — but he still hasn't figured out how to pay for the plan. At a two-hour session last week, Clinton and his Cabinet wrestled with the unappealing possibilities of financing the proposal by imposing a federal tax on gambling or by slashing some benefits for the poor, a move critics charge would swell the ranks of foster children and the homeless. And the administration's welfare task force has been forced to shrink Clinton's ambitious original scheme — he had pledged to "end welfare as we know it" — in favor of a less costly program that by the end of the century will have pushed fewer than 3 percent of adult welfare recipients off the rolls and into jobs.

Even so, some analysts say the plan could amount to a fundamental shift in welfare policy. "There should be no doubt that the Clinton administration has already made a pretty profound effect on the nature of the debate," said Gary Burtless, a senior fellow at the Washington-based Brookings Institution who has studied welfare. "We do think it offers the real promise of ending welfare as we know it, of moving people from welfare to work," Clinton told reporters at a news conference Thursday night. "But I have made no decision on the financing of welfare reform. I can tell you this: It's a tough issue because we have to pay for anything we do." In an effort to break the cycle of dependency that critics say welfare has fostered, the Clinton plan would: • Push welfare recipients off the rolls after two years, forcing them to get jobs in the private sector or accept government-subsidized jobs. Child-care and job-training programs would be expanded to help. But only those

born after 1972 would be affected. • Intensify government efforts to establish paternity and collect child support for children born out of wedlock. To prevent welfare from providing an incentive for teen-age illegitimacy, mothers under 18 years of age would be required to live with their parents or other responsible adults to receive benefits. • Allow states more flexibility to experiment, probably including a provision that would permit them to cap additional aid for mothers who bear children while receiving welfare. New Jersey last year received a federal waiver to try that. Other provisions of the White House plan are now being reconsidered as the administration tries to reduce the cost of its package, officials said. They include: \$5 billion to provide child care for the working poor, \$550 million to guarantee child support payments, and \$380 million to help the unemployed fathers of children on welfare get jobs.

Study: Clinton plan fatally flawed

The Orange County Register

President Clinton's health-care reform plan is based on management policies that first were tried in the military in the 1960s and emphasize cost analysis while ignoring intangible factors such as ethics, a study published Monday concludes. "There is very little doubt that Bill and Hillary Clinton are well-intentioned, but they've bitten off an operation that has a very dubious future and a very dubious past," said Dr. Howard Waitzkin, the University of California, Irvine, medical professor who wrote the study.

Waitzkin — interviewed Friday in Chile, where he is conducting studies on social medicine — favors a government-financed health-care system. He helped found Physicians for a National Health Program, a nonprofit group, to promote that view.

In his study, published in Monday's American Journal of Public Health, Waitzkin draws parallels between Clinton's plan for "managed competition" and military decision-making strategies developed in the early '60s. Waitzkin said the military-planning strategy relied on mathematical models that ultimately led to poor decisions because they failed to take into account so-called "imponderables," such as ethics. "One of his models tabulated cities and populations destroyed with nuclear warheads of different types," said Waitzkin, referring to the development of multiple-warhead missiles. "What it didn't do was account for the ethical question of whether we should develop these systems at all."

The management systems, he said, took power out of the hands of military people and gave it to administrators, on the theory that they would make less biased decisions.

Memorial marks new 'holocaust'

NEW YORK (AP) — A vital detail is missing from the marker describing a sculpture dedicated Sunday as the third genocide memorial in the world's largest Gothic cathedral. There is no ending date for the killing in Bosnia-Herzegovina. "Memorial to the Bosnian Holocaust" remains hopeful, however. The 15-foot-high-work-in-welded-black steel depicts Christ's death, but there is no cross on the cross. Instead, the crucified skeleton's arms are pointed skyward. "It's really a crucifixion and a resurrection at the same time," said the sculptor, Francis Krivicich, a third-generation Croatian-American. His work is now in the Cathedral of St. John the Divine beside memorials of the Ottoman Empire's genocide of 1.5 million Armenian Christians from 1915-23 and the Nazi's extermination of 6 million Jews from 1939-45. "I felt the greatest gesture, the most important gesture, was Christ's selflessness — giving up himself to save us all, but then becoming a spirit in the hope that we would all would be a spirit with him," said Krivicich, a New York City native who now lives in The Plains, Va.

Idaho road report

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Briefly

South Korean rejects U.N. resolution

SEOUL, South Korea — South Korea, in an attempt to end the crisis over the nuclear program of archenemy North Korea, is backing a proposal made by China, the North's most important ally. South Korea's foreign minister said Sunday that the U.N. Security Council should take China's suggestion for a milder measure than the widely suggested international sanctions against North Korea. China on Friday urged the Security Council issue a non-binding statement which would be adopted by consensus, urging North Korea to cooperate with international nuclear inspectors. The alternative is a resolution, which would be legally binding and adopted by a vote. "Before resolutions are adopted, China's suggestion of a statement may be effective," South Korean Foreign Minister Han Sung-joo said at a news conference before leaving for Beijing to join President Kim Young-sam.

French voters choose local offices

PARIS — Premier Edouard Balladur, taking heart from his conservative majority's solid showing in local elections, said Sunday he was ready for a new dialogue with students who showed their anger over a proposed jobs program in often-violent street protests this month. The announcement was widely interpreted as a retreat from his plan to pay youths less than the minimum wage for entry-level jobs. Balladur spoke Sunday after polls closed in second round voting to choose district council members. It was the first major vote of voter sentiment since Balladur took office a year ago following a landslide victory over the Socialists. Final results confirmed the right's solid majority, but also showed that the left was on the mend.

Rebel violence mars Turkish voting

ANKARA, Turkey — A bomb exploded at the famed St. Sophia museum Sunday as voters took part in local elections considered a key test of Prime Minister Tansu Ciller's ability to deal with such attacks and with economic woes.

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Nation

Friends, family recall 5 caring women

SEBRING, Fla. (AP) — When 75-year-old Virginia Lowe-Haynor showed off her healthy chest X-ray early this month, her daughter said, "Mom, you're going to live forever."

Two weeks later, Haynor and four elderly friends who had been honored just moments before for sewing clothes for the poor and bed covers for the sick were killed when their car pulled into the path of a lumbering grapefruit truck.

"These were the women who were always running around taking care of everyone else," said Haynor's daughter, Barbara Kyle. "There's no way to make any sense out of it. I guess it was just their time."

The five friends: Robina "Robbie" Wintermute, 85, the driver; Margaret Higgs Bolen, 78; Elizabeth "Zeb" Crawford, 79; Dorothy Jane Burley, 74; and Haynor — were on their way home from a St. Patrick's Day luncheon honoring 500-volunteers for Nu-Hope, a program that delivers meals and provides clothing to the elderly and the poor.

"At least I know she died doing something she loved — helping others," Tom Bolen said through tears as he sat in his living room, puffing a cigar and sorting through photographs of his wife of 56 years.

"She was a person who thought of everybody else except herself. She was that way with everyone she met," Bolen said. "If my wife isn't in heaven, I don't have a chance."

American and Canadian flags still flew at half-staff last week at the clubhouse of the Francis Estates adult mobile home park where all the victims lived in well-kept single-wide trailers. More than 200 people



Tom Bolen, right, is kissed goodbye by his daughter-in-law, Carolyn, after the memorial services for Tom's wife, Margaret. He had attended a Sunday memorial service alongside the pool and shuffleboard courts.

The women started coming to Florida in the 1970s, when their husbands retired, and stayed active. Two were since widowed.

"At the Hobby Club in the trailer park clubhouse, the women stitched lap robes, quilts, slippers and pot holders for nursing homes and homeless shelters. They also fashioned inexpensive bed pads out of old bedsheets, newspapers and plastic.

Every Wednesday, their "Clothingline" group collected old clothes from the sackful and kept seven sewing machines humming to make the items presentable for Nu-Hope's monthly open-door give-

"I always thought God would take me first," the 81-year-old retired plumber said softly. "I don't even know where all my medicine is. It's scary."

Tears welled in George Crawford's eyes as he recalled meeting his "Zeb" 22 years ago at church. He was widowed at the time, and she had just lost her first husband — in an auto accident.

When his wife didn't show up for dinner the night of March 17, he turned on the television.

"The first thing I saw was the scene of the crash," said Crawford, an 83-year-old retired railroad clerk. "It's a sad thing. I will carry the shock with me a long time."

Grapefruit tumbled across the four lanes of U.S. 27 as the truck braked and swerved up onto the median to try to avoid Wintermute's blue Concord sedan, crossing the highway from a side street. In the few seconds available, the effort was useless — the truck crashed the driver's side of the car.

The women died on a sunny, clear day only three miles from home. None was wearing a seatbelt. Neither excessive speed nor alcohol was involved and no charges were filed.

"I don't know if I can get back behind that wheel again," said truck driver John Laosa, who hasn't been back to work since the accident. "It takes a toll on you. I know there was nothing I could do, but I still feel pretty terrible."

Consumer gas prices increase half-cent

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Retail gas prices continued to creep upwards, climbing about a half-cent nationwide over the last two weeks, an industry analyst said Sunday. The increase was due to rising wholesale prices for crude oil, which rose one cent in the same period, according to Tribby Lundberg. The average price for a gallon of gasoline was 110.3 cents, according to the biweekly Lundberg Survey of service stations nationwide. Prices per gallon at self-serve pumps were: regular unleaded, 103.06 cents; mid-grade unleaded, 114.49 cents.

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Cable reduction not set

WASHINGTON (AP) — Consumers demanded it, the Federal Communications Commission ordered it, but that's still no guarantee that bills for cable are about to fall.

The FCC decreed a cut in February, saying it would "bring prices down another 7 percent." But there's no guarantee that what subscribers will see when the change is finally implemented.

That's because the FCC hasn't spelled out the formula that cable companies and local regulators must use to figure new rates.

Additionally, rates depend on which services each subscriber takes.

The formula is contained in a rate order that the FCC is expected to issue this week. It is long overdue.

With so many details still in the air, cable companies have been thrown into chaos. Millions of dollars are at stake. Their bankers are jittery. And local regulatory authorities worry about what the new rules will do for consumers.

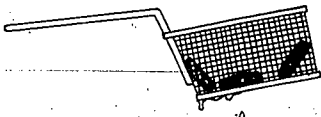
David Olson, director of the Portland, Ore., Office of Cable Communications and Franchise Management, said he doesn't expect all 140,000 cable subscribers in his city to receive a 7 percent reduction, no matter what the FCC said in its February announcement.

"The press releases announcing what the FCC is going to do (do) not always have a one-to-one relationship to reality," he said.

He noted that the FCC's first set of cable regulations, issued almost a year ago, sometimes resulted in rate increases — not cuts. That won't happen this time, local regulators predict.

At the time, the FCC predicted bills for two-thirds of all cable subscribers would drop by as much as 10 percent.

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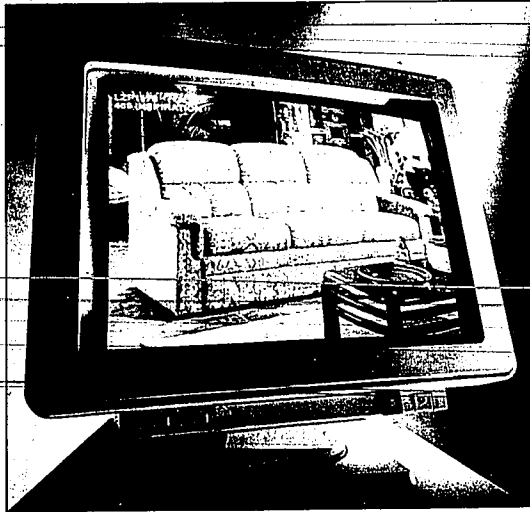
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Artistic freedom still controversial

WASHINGTON (AP) — Confrontations over federal funding of controversial art may have abated in the nation's capital but local attacks on artistic freedom are proliferating across the country, a civil liberties group says.

And in three of five cases, challengers enjoyed at least some success in removing, restricting, altering, limiting access to or cutting the funding of works they considered blasphemous, obscene or politically incorrect. People for the American Way said in a report released Sunday.

"When images, ideas or thought make Americans uncomfortable, the impulse is to make it go away. Unfortunately, this has created a climate inimical to free expression and the exchange of competing ideas," said Arthur J. Kropp, president of the group.

The report, "Artistic Freedom Under Attack, Volume 2," cited 204 challenges to drawings, paintings, sculpture, mixed-media works, poetry, plays and other performance art in 1992 and 1993. Half of the challenges were based on nudity or sexual material and one-sixth of them involved claims that the works were anti-religious. Homosexuality themes accounted for 13 percent of the objections and allegations that the material was sexually harassing made up 6 percent of the complaints.

Nearly one-fourth of the complaints came from college cam-

pus. For example, administrators at Morehouse College in Atlanta canceled a planned performance by a black gay male group and other gay and lesbian programming after a student outcry. Not all the challenges were successful.

In Duluth, Minn., calls from 10 parents initially persuaded school officials to cancel an all-male dance performance scheduled for 1,000 fifth-graders.

Advertising for the performance had led some to conclude incorrectly the performance might feature nudity and homosexual acts, the report said.

School administrators, however, reversed their decision after receiving about 130 calls in favor of the program, but gave parents the option of keeping their children from attending, it said.

In St. Louis, residents organized a letter-writing campaign against a theater that produced John Guare's "Six Degrees of Separation," a play that includes some nudity, homosexuality and strong language.

The play was performed as scheduled, however, and sold out for 29 of the 33 performances.

But in 63 percent of the cases challengers succeeded in getting artwork removed permanently or temporarily, restricting the public's access to it, having it covered up or altered, cutting funding for an artist or arts organization or canceling a planned exhibit.



Worshippers and others gather around the the Goshen United Methodist Church Sunday in Piedmont, Ala. The roof collapsed during a tornado killing at least 17 people.

'It looked like a battlefield'

PIEDMONT, Ala. (AP) — Children's chairs littered the lawn. Debris covered the Sunday school class piano. A yellow slide was crumpled under an uprooted tree.

A tornado tore open the Goshen Methodist Church on Palm Sunday, destroying the tranquility of a special service featuring children and leaving a chaotic scene of death, destruction and confusion.

"It was utter chaos. It looked like a battlefield," said Bill Baker, a city councilman who got to the church minutes after the tornado struck.

The one-story, red-brick church is just north of this Bible Belt town of 6,000 people, where it's difficult to travel a mile without passing at least one church.

The church had been packed with an estimated 140 worshippers for special services. Among those killed and injured were children who had been performing the story of Jesus Christ's capture and crucifixion.

Without warning, the roof fell in as walls in the middle of the church collapsed in every direction. Dazed survivors yelled for their relatives, rescue workers said. One little girl beseeched rescuers: "Have you seen



George and Carol Scroggin survey the damage at Goshen United Methodist Church Sunday.

my Daddy?" Another woman wailed: "My baby, my baby!"

"Everybody was confused. They didn't know what happened," said a sheriff's deputy who arrived soon after the collapse. He didn't want his name used because he's an undercover detective.

Pews were used as stretchers as the injured lay outside the church waiting for transport to hospitals, rescue workers said. The dead were placed in a casket around the street before being moved to a temporary morgue at the National Guard armory.

The Piedmont Civic Center was used as a clearinghouse for information, with lists of the hospitalized posted on bulletin boards.

New waves of thunderstorms moved through the area five hours after the catastrophe, and more funnel clouds were sighted.

"It's scary out there right now," said Mark Dallas. The second wave of storms forced him, his wife Christine and 9-month-old son Daniel to rush from their home near the church to take shelter at the civic center.

The Rev. John Shaddix, a retired Methodist minister and former Army chaplain, came to the center to offer consolation and prayer to relatives and friends trying to locate churchgoers.

"There's not a lot the people say. They don't know what happened," Shaddix said. "There is no explaining a tragedy like this."

DEA targets Dead fans dealing LSD at concerts

New York Daily News

Toni Brown of Brooklyn, N.Y., figures it was three years ago when she first noticed something weird going on in her mailbox.

As editor of *Relix*, a magazine dedicated largely to the Grateful Dead, she was receiving loads of mail from fans — Deadheads. Many were written from inside federal prison.

"And it was not just a few isolated letters," said Brown, whose magazine has become so swamped with such letters today that it prints them under a new section, dubbed "Heads Behind Bars."

What Brown was seeing back in 1991 were the first results of an ongoing undercover operation by the federal Drug Enforcement Agency, as well as local and state police, to target the buying and selling of LSD at Grateful Dead concerts.

The San Francisco-based band, still the top-grossing concert attraction in the country with \$34 million in sales last year, currently is on a sellout spring tour.

Independent surveys estimate that up to 2,000 Deadheads, most of them first-time offenders, have been nabbed at or around concerts through sting operations.

Because of mandatory drug sentences, many of these new prisoners are serving longer sentences than rapists, kidnappers, armed robbers and big-time heroin dealers.

Anyone apprehended with more than 1 gram of LSD must serve a five-year sentence, and it's 10 years

for anything more than 10 grams. Although a single gram of pure LSD yields 20,000 doses, authorities rarely encounter that much.

Instead, when computing a sentence, prosecutors use the weight of the much heavier sugar cube or paper that carries the LSD.

As a result, people like Stanley Marshall of El Paso, Tex., busted in 1988 with less than a gram of LSD, is serving a 20-year sentence — primarily because a paper that held the acid weighed 113 grams.

Others, like Christian Martensen of San Francisco, face similar sentences for unwittingly leading agents to a source of acid. An undercover DEA operative offered Martensen \$500 to arrange a meeting. Martensen did, and today he is looking at the same 12- to 15-year sentence as the dealer of the acid.

"I don't think justice is being served by giving me that much time," said Martensen, 22. "Not for me, not for society, not for anyone."

DEA records show that average sentences for people carrying \$15,500 worth of LSD is 10.1 years, compared with 6.5 years for attempted murder, 5.8 years for rape and 4.2 years for kidnapping. Heroin dealers have to smuggle more than \$100,000 of the drug before receiving a similar sentence.

Still, the DEA denies that it is targeting Grateful Dead fans. The agency has made more than 1,000 LSD arrests since 1989 — most through undercover work — including a record 343 in 1992, officials said.

People watch as driver burns

PROVIDENCE, R.I. (AP) — A gasoline tanker blew a tire and overturned Sunday, bursting into flames and setting the driver on fire. A man ran past a dozen onlookers to save the driver as he rolled on the ground in flames.

The Getty Petroleum Corp. tanker was carrying 12,000 gallons of gas when it crashed about 7 a.m. at the

merger of Interstates 95 and 195, state police said.

The driver, Jack Ordner, 50, received third-degree burns over 50 to 60 percent of his body and was in critical but stable condition at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center, said Rick Piester, a spokesman for Rhode Island Hospital.

Storms

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teers with chain saws we can find," said County Commissioner Bobby Hawthorne.

A flash flood warning was in effect in metropolitan Atlanta, and there were unconfirmed reports of tornado sightings just north of the city.

In Piedmont, a rural town of 5,000 residents 72 miles west of Atlanta, children dressed in their Easter clothes were performing in a Palm Sunday drama when the tornado hit. Six children, from 2 to 12 years old, were among the dead.

About six miles away, the Union Grove Methodist church also was hit by a tornado during Palm Sunday services, but its 75 worshippers took shelter in the basement and escaped injury, said Piedmont Mayor Vera Stewart.

Sixteen bodies were found inside the Goshen church, and one man was found outside in a van, apparently killed by part of a toppled telephone

pole, Cherokee County sheriff's deputies said.

There were unconfirmed reports Sunday night that three of the injured had died in local hospitals.

About 140 people were in the church, five miles north of Piedmont in eastern Alabama, officials said. "Everybody had feared others were buried, but all were accounted for after more than 100 searchers dug through the rubble by hand and called in a crane to lift the collapsed roof.

The tornado ripped away an entire side of the red-brick building and blew the steeple into the parking lot. Pieces of pews were scattered around the area.

Several nearby houses also were demolished by the twister, and the National Guard was called in to help search for victims.

The National Weather Service had issued a tornado watch for the area earlier in the morning. The weather service issued a warning saying a

twister had been spotted on the ground about the time the roof collapsed.

A temporary morgue was set up at a National Guard armory in Piedmont, and the civic center was turned into a shelter for the families of victims.

A tornado also damaged the Ten Island Baptist Church in Ragland,

Ala., and injured an undetermined number of people; Calhoun County sheriff's dispatcher Leon Hill said.

Elsewhere in Alabama, tornadoes killed one person at a park and another in his car. In Guntersville, Ala., the roof was blown off a nursing home. The 25 to 30 residents were not injured and were taken to a hospital.

THE CHIROPRACTIC COLUMN

Not many U.S. doctors have heard about the new Canadian back pain study, but they probably will soon — because chiropractors can't stop talking about it.

The study — done by a team of Canadian health economists commissioned and funded by the Ontario Ministry of Health — is based on an extensive review of international medical literature, as well as interviews with researchers, practitioners and patients.

Its conclusion: that the best clinical studies show spinal manipulation by chiropractors is more effective, safer and more cost-effective than other treatments for low-back pain.

The report's principal researcher, Pran Mangra, said the study could save hundreds of millions of dollars a year, but he doesn't stop there.

"Many medical therapies are of questionable validity or are clearly inadequate, some are 'unsafe,' or

even cause complications," the report says. Mangra says he found "good empirical evidence patients are very satisfied" with chiropractors.

"Considerably less satisfied with physician management of low-back pain. Many pay out-of-pocket for chiropractor bills not covered by insurance; they wouldn't if it didn't help, he says."

Mangra, reached by phone at the University of Ottawa, where he is a professor, says he is "a little embarrassed" at having become a chiropractor's champion.

"I don't know where they got the study — I did not talk to a single chiropractor or person working with them, and they did not know the study was being done," he says. He knows his report may benefit

chiropractors. But it seems so positive one can't help but wonder: does he have some personal interest in giving chiropractors a boost? "My interest is based on the public interest," he responds. "It's not personal, and not family related. If anything, I have many (medical) doctors in my family."

He simply believes his findings. "The evidence is overpowering," he says. When asked why, if this is true, medical doctors don't seem to know, Mangra says, "I think doctors do know chiropractors are better and more effective" for back pain. "Their best is (chiropractors) also treat other kinds of problems."

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Fighting continues in Bosnia

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Government forces attacked Serb fighters in northern Bosnia on Sunday, leading the Serb leader to threaten a counterattack and hardened negotiating stance.

Bosnian radio claimed government forces had captured key Bosnian Serb positions near Maglaj, killing 70 Serb fighters, and were advancing. There was no confirmation of the report.

On Friday, U.N. peacekeepers destroyed a Serb bunker near Maglaj, 50 miles north of Sarajevo.

A few days earlier, Bosnian Serbs looted an aid convoy headed for Maglaj.

Speaking to his Serbian Democratic Party in Banja Luka, a Serb stronghold in northern Bosnia, Bosnian Serb leader Radovan Karadzic said the government's "spring offensive must be broken."

Another round of talks among Bosnia's Muslims, Serbs and Croats has not been scheduled, overshadowed by the creation of a Muslim-Croat federation in Bosnia. But Karadzic has never been willing to concede much land in peace talks anyway.

For months, all sides in Bosnia's two-year war have threatened a spring offensive, but it wasn't clear if the week-end fighting was part of that offensive or an isolated attack.

U.S. aid reaches some ordinary Russians

MOSCOW (AP) — One winter day, 80-year-old Antonina Vzhinskaya got a call from her district social worker: Would she and her husband, Viktor, care to visit a sanatorium outside Moscow, free of charge?

The couple, along with about 100 other elderly Russians, spent the next three weeks enjoying the sanatorium's clean rooms, good food and attentive personnel.

"It was a good rest for old people like us and we could never afford it on our pension," Vzhinskaya said. "We wouldn't mind going there a second time."

What she did not know was that they had Uncle Sam to thank, at least in part. In complex, often roundabout ways, some U.S. aid is making its way through a bureaucratic web to ordinary Russians.

A recent report by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee concluded that the average Russian is not "aware of or affected by international assistance or the reforms that it is supposed to foster."

Apart from "George Bush's thighs" — a popular name for chicken legs sent by the Bush administration — few Russians could point to any specific U.S. aid.

But some of it does trickle down. Unlike the World War II shipments of canned beef remembered by many older Russians, today's American aid focuses on programs more people.

It includes defense conversion plans, agricultural commodities and advisers sent to promote democracy and free enterprise.

In Vzhinskaya's case, the tangled chain of transactions that led to a sanatorium stay began with U.S. agricultural products sold at commodity exchanges.

Russia's humanitarian and techni-



Chicken quarters from a U.S. aid shipment are sold in a Moscow neighborhood earlier this month. U.S. agricultural aid is sold to private distributors at the Russian commodity exchange.

cal aid commission distributed the proceeds to social, health and farming programs.

"You could say there's U.S. money in these sanatoriums, but people in the street might not know it," said the commission's humanitarian-aid director, Nikolai Anisimov.

The commission expects to get the equivalent of about \$32 million from 1993 sales of U.S. grain, corn, peanuts, rice, chicken and other products, Anisimov said.

Some U.S.-financed programs

show quick results, such as a \$6 million housing project for discharged army officers in the Volga River city of Nizhny Novgorod, to be completed this summer.

Others take longer. For example, Washington has assisted the effort to privatize state property and has contributed more than \$5 million to the International Finance Corp., which assists in privatization.

Many U.S. programs send volunteers to help with farming or industry, and experts on economics, the

judiciary or democratic institutions.

Those are the ones that raise the most doubt about the direction and efficiency of American efforts. The Senate committee report suggested that too much money was spent on short visits by U.S. experts, and questioned the effectiveness of exchange and training programs.

Brian Foster, who runs a farmer-to-farmer program in Moscow for Volunteers in Overseas Cooperative Assistance (VOCA), disagreed.

"What is a Russian farmer going to

Yeltsin returns after vacation

MOSCOW (AP) — President Boris Yeltsin returned home Sunday after a Black Sea vacation that set off a rash of rumors about coup plots and failing health.

"I had a good vacation, even though it was rainy," he said at the airport in the resort city of Sochi before heading home, the ITAR-Tass news agency reported.

"I played tennis and swam in the sea," he said. "I worked four hours every day."

Yeltsin's two-week absence from the politically skittish Russian capital sparked coup rumors and speculation about everything from the president's bad back to his drinking habits.

Presidential aides were forced to issue frequent denials that Yeltsin was at death's door and to rebut a steady stream of conspiracy stories in the media.

learn from my father, for example?" he said. "That keeping records, writing down costs and revenues, is probably the most important management key a farmer can have. And farmers here don't know that."

The Senate report said, however, that too many aid decisions were made in Washington with little attention to local conditions.

Anisimov, of the Russian government commission, cited the case of 11,000 tons of soybean oil that arrived last year.

Briefly

Settlers clash with army in Hebron

JERUSALEM — Jewish settlers said Sunday they would defy an army ban and rally this week in Hebron, site of last month's massacre of 30 Palestinians. Israel's foreign minister hinted that the settlers will eventually be forced to leave the West Bank town.

The settlers' pledge followed a weekend of clashes between settlers and soldiers around Hebron. Six settlers were arrested Saturday when they tried to push through army barriers, and five were detained when they fired in the air in response to being stoned.

Gadhafi hosts 'Rejectionist' groups

CAIRO, Egypt — Palestinian groups opposed to the Middle East peace talks say they will continue to fight for the destruction of Israel and the return of Jerusalem to Arab rule.

Leaders of 10 so-called "rejectionist" groups made the statement after meeting Saturday with Moammar Gadhafi in the Libyan capital of Tripoli. Gadhafi later hosted a dinner in their honor.

Although Gadhafi pledged to eschew terrorism as part of efforts to avoid U.N. sanctions over the 1988 bombing of a Pan Am jetliner, he announced in December that two of the world's most wanted men, terrorists Abu Nidal and Ahmed Jibril, were welcome in Libya.

Vietnam restructures industries

HO CHI MINH CITY, Vietnam — In an effort to complete its transition to a market economy, Vietnam is undertaking a gradual but fundamental restructuring of state-owned enterprises and the bureaucracy that controls them.

Thousands of small, financially troubled state-owned companies are being combined into larger industrial groups. At the same time, the government is trimming and shifting its oversight.

Government ministries will no longer be directly involved in business planning, said Tran Quan Ngoc, a top official at the State Committee for Cooperation and Investment. That will be left to company managers.

Compiled from wire reports

Hopes of needy state died with candidate

Arizona Republic

HERMOSILLO, Sonora, Mexico — In the supermarkets, in the coffee shops and on the street corners, the question is the same: "What's going to happen to us now?"

Sonorans had waited a long time for a presidential "white border state," a leader who would funnel money north from Mexico City to repair a shattered infrastructure.

Sonorans thought their prayers had been answered when Luis Donald Colosio, favorite son of Magdalena, was picked as the presidential candidate of the powerful Institutional Revolutionary Party, known by its Spanish acronym PRI.

No longer would they have to live with cavernous potholes, contaminated water, broken sewer lines, again, off-gas electricity and a host of other problems that plague Mexicans each day of their lives.

Sonorans were confident that Colosio, 44, a handsome economist who rose from a country pueblo to the zenith of Mexican politics, would be a modern-day savior who would make life better.

Magdalena residents were the most excited.

Their little town had been bypassed by a toll road, and the tourists who once stopped for a hot lunch or a cold drink now drive 15 miles farther to Santa Ana.

Colosio already had begun helping Magdalena. As soon as he had been announced as the PRI presiden-



Alma Gutierrez lives in the Sonora area in Mexico.

tial candidate, construction began on a new Social Security hospital.

"This was the beginning of a lot of things Colosio was going to do for

us," pharmacist Nicholas Galindo said as he pointed to the construction site.

"The way it works in Mexico is when a person is elected president, he remembers where his friends and family live. He remembers what they need in his hometown, and he does something about it."

Beyond the new hospital, Galindo said, there had been talk of a new airport and several factories.

Francisco Morales, a certified public accountant who works for the federal government's agriculture-inspections office, said the hopes of all Sonorans died Wednesday, when Colosio was assassinated while campaigning in Tijuana.

Morales thinks Mexico was destined to change for the better with Colosio as president.

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Opinion

Other views

Bring back FDR's Works Progress Administration

The common denominator in all the blather over the "crime problem" and "welfare reform" is simply that nobody in office — nobody — wants to do anything real about either.

Real solutions are not as simple as slogans. They don't get the blood flowing like a nice bout of punishing somebody else does. And they make sure the problems are never solved, thus giving the slogans a nearly endless shelf life.

Some promising ideas are deep in the New Deal, with experiences and insights to make them practical. Take "boot camps," the latest trendy idea for young offenders, at least among those who don't want to lock them up for the rest of their lives. There is benefit to young men getting tough discipline and learning to cooperate with each other and with authority.

But there is an element missing. It was in Franklin D. Roosevelt's Civilian Conservation Corps. Thousands of young men, some troublesome, some simply unemployed, fanned out across this country, doing hard work in national forests. They learned discipline and cooperation. They got the satisfaction of doing something useful. They reached beyond the limitations of their own backgrounds through learning about far-away parts of this nation as workers, not convicts. It worked, as military service frequently works.

We already have a partial answer to welfare too. The Works Progress Administration put 3.3 million Americans to work during the Depression. Instead of just providing a check, the WPA provided 40,000 buildings, 124,000 bridges, 8,000 parks, 18,000 play-

grounds, 2,000 swimming pools, LaGuardia Airport and so on.

The argument for the WPA is put compellingly by Mickey Kaus of the New Republic, whose provided the above statistics. If we have people who need work and work that needs doing, why not put the two together?

Conservatives don't like it because it costs money to build a school. It is better for them merely to babble about welfare cheats. What's left of the old Democratic Party doesn't like it either because they'd rather not tangle with unions (as they had to in the '30s).

FDR thought it through. Kaus cites his removal of a relief program at the same time the WPA began. "To dole out relief in this way is to administer a narcotic," said the president about welfare as we have come to know it. Harry Hopkins, his top aide, was stronger about "direct relief." "It is degrading to the individual; it destroys morale and self respect; it results in no increase to the wealth of the community; it tends to destroy the ability of the individual to perform useful work in the future, and it tends to establish a permanent body of dependents," Hopkins said in 1938.

People need pride. We get pride through accomplishing. Sure, the WPA wasn't a model of efficiency, any more than the military is. But it saved lives, families and the pride of a generation.

It wouldn't be easy to bring it back, but it's a hell of a lot more useful than another 25 years of politicians blaming the poor without giving the poor any chance at a way out.

—The Philadelphia Daily News

Judge should have left term limits alone

From what we can tell, Federal Judge William Dwyer of Seattle has ruled in another endangered species case: The career politician.

Earlier, it was the liberal Judge Dwyer who gained headlines for his ruling to protect the spotted owl. That decision alone has put careers of the timber industry out of work and has been the root cause for driving lumber prices up by over 60 percent in some parts of the U.S.

Translation: The cost of an average house rose about \$4,000 in the last six months or so because of wood prices alone! We didn't like the judge's spotted owl decision and we don't like his latest one on term limits.

Let's back up. In 1992, more than 1 million Washington state voters approved an initiative imposing congressional term limits.

Judge Dwyer overturned it when Rep. Tom Foley, D-Wash., who is speaker of the House, took it to court.

The bottom line of Mr. Dwyer's ruling is that term limits impose an additional qualification for office holders and violate their First and 14th amendment rights. Incumbent members of Congress, the ruling tells us, are a class worthy of special protection under the law.

We'd bet that the case will go to the U.S. Supreme Court on appeal. When it does, there is precedent to believe Judge Dwyer's ruling will be overturned, as it should be.

Speaker Foley has effectively taken away the issue of term limits from the people he represents in Congress to the courts.

It's time to throw out career politicians.

It's time to demand accountability of those we elect to represent us.

And, we wonder just a little about members of Congress who see fit to sue their own constituents.

—The Coeur d'Alene Press

Being wrong nothing new to CIA

The Central Intelligence Agency never has been famous for the accuracy of its predictions.

Now, with the declassification of CIA files, we find out that being wrong is, well, nothing new for the CIA.

In a once-top secret report handed to President Harry S. Truman and dated Sept. 20, 1949, the CIA stated that the Soviet Union vigorously was pursuing

an atomic bomb. The spy wizards said the "earliest possible" date the Soviets could get one would be mid-1950 and that "the most probable" date was mid-1953.

Three days later, Truman announced that the Soviets had exploded their first atomic bomb Aug. 29, 1949 — 22 days before the CIA report even was written.

—Orlando Sentinel

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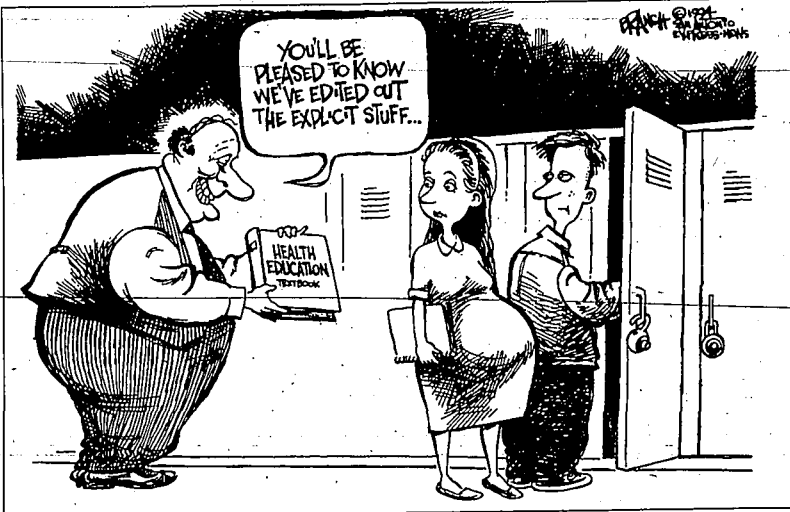
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Letters

Let residents vote again on E911

This is an open letter to the Lincoln County commissioners.

In 1990, the people of Lincoln County voted on a consolidated countywide E911 system. Judge Ted Wood ruled that the people did not vote on a regional system. You have had the laws changed to correct your mistake. Now is the time to let the people decide what they want.

It has taken more than three years to get the E911 project off the ground. The May primary election will be a prime time to allow the people a voice in this matter. It has been 3 1/2 years, what is another two months?

Now that the people realize that this will be a regional system and will remove all of our local services, do you fear the results of a new election? There is a simple solution. Let's vote on it.

DANIEL G. PIERSON
Shoshone

Money drives predator decision

Was that story on the front page on March 24 about Fish and Game supposed to be an April Fool's joke? Phasants are not native to Idaho. Predators such as fox, weasel, skunk, etc., are native. So the Fish and Game is going to exterminate the predators in Jerome and Gooding counties so that a much larger predator can kill the non-native phasant.

The answer to this puzzle, of course, is money. Fish and Game gets paid to do stuff, that's its job. The "large predators" spend lots of money buying guns, gear, outfits and hunting licenses. That helps the economy.

Looks like the losers are those creatures that don't use money. The phasants didn't ask to be transplanted to Idaho so they could be a sporting man's target. The native predators are just going about their God-given right to live their lives.

So what's the answer? Man should keep his nose out of Mother Nature's business and learn to live with the other creatures as God intended instead of trying to rearrange the earth to suit his pleasures.

RUTH WALKER
Twin Falls

Police officers deserve praise

During the past, it has been very apparent that the area's law enforcement professionals and agencies are not fully recognized for their contributions to the Magic Valley. The focus of this letter will primarily be in regard to the Twin Falls Police Department.

To dispel the past negative letters about the members of the TFPD, we would like to remind citizens how fortunate we are to have such competent law enforcement professionals. All too often, people have overlooked the many successful efforts by the police to solve crimes, apprehend criminals and prevent criminal acts.

Only a few citizens at a time witness the officers taking the risky and stressful actions to keep the Magic Valley safe. These courageous men and women put their own well-being second while they are work to apprehend the increasingly common, sometimes dangerous and frequently more violent criminal element in Twin Falls.

The officer on the street works long hours in extreme weather conditions. Within a single work day, they can respond to more stressful, dangerous, tragic and unpleasant situations than most of us would care to experience in a lifetime. The reward is low pay, massive paperwork and complaints from the community.

The police not only provide protection against criminal victimization but also respond to domestic disputes, accidents, mental health emergencies, lost children and other emergencies.

The police department is also involved in crime prevention. They help to keep our children drug-free, and many officers during their off-duty time are involved in various civic projects, including youth recreational programs. We should all strive to provide them with our appreciation for the jobs well done, support their efforts to prevent and stop crime and respect their right to have a life outside of uniform. From reporting crimes to pulling over out of the way of police cars responding to crime scenes, the people of Twin Falls can contribute to the success of law enforcement efforts.

It takes a very special person to be a police officer, and the citizens of Twin Falls should be especially thankful to have the tremendous group of officers that have selected Twin Falls as the community they are committed to protecting and serving.

MARY LEWIS
PETE SNYDER
Crime Prevention Association
Twin Falls

INEL storage facility no threat

Those of us at the Idaho National Engineering Laboratory have learned how difficult it is to publicly convey accurate impressions of complex issues, particularly nuclear matters. We agree with a Snake River Alliance spokesman who was recently quoted in your newspaper as saying, "I truly believe they want to open up to the public, but it's a whole new world for them." The INEL indeed is committed to openness, and we're learning more each day about how to communicate effectively.

But we need help from the news media. A March 23 Times-News story, "INEL site may leak waste into aquifer," implied that an older spent fuel storage facility at the INEL is probably leaking contaminants into the Snake River Plain Aquifer. While a small amount of water evaporates from the pools or seeps into the concrete every day, we have no indication that contamination is migrating from Building 603 at the Idaho Chemical Processing Plant. Monitoring wells have been drilled around the facility specifically to detect potential groundwater contamination from the spent fuel basins, and we have not found any.

Times-News readers should know that radioactivity in the Building 603 storage basin water is very small. The average human body has nearly twice as much natural radioactivity than a gallon of water at 603. Even if the basins did leak, any release would be extremely small. Nonetheless, we would acknowledge and discuss the issue publicly if a release was detected.

Your readers should also know that all INEL spent fuel storage facilities are fre-

quently checked for safety problems. The most pressing concerns are addressed in an action plan. Last fall, for example, Westinghouse began moving spent fuel from Building 603 to Building 666, a modern storage facility that meets today's safety standards. This is the first step toward closing the Building 603 fuel basins. None of these structures are designed for "permanent" storage. The nation is trying to find a final repository, but that solution is many years away.

The Department of Energy is committed to a continued open, honest public discussion of spent fuel storage problems at the INEL. We appreciate meeting with citizens on these concerns, and we will continue to keep them informed and involved.

Interested persons are encouraged to call the INEL toll-free at 1-800-708-2680 with questions or comments. We're glad to hear what people are thinking.

MICHAEL J. BONKOSKI
U.S. Department of Energy
Idaho Falls

Canal Co. supports water ruling

There have been some very critical statements lately by high-ranking people concerning the Idaho Supreme Court's decision to affirm the 100-year-old water rights priority doctrine of "first in time first in right" as enunciated in Article 15, Section 3 of the Idaho Constitution.

As directors of the Twin Falls Canal Co. and as stewards of the 200,000-acre irrigation tract and its water rights in Twin Falls County, we strongly support the priority doctrine and the protections it affords Idaho farmers.

During the last seven years of drought, the steadily diminishing American Falls Springs, which supply most of our water rights, have prompted us to aggressively initiate two separate legal actions to prevent overappropriations by junior upstream diversions. Our thrust is to attempt to force the state to finally assume its role in administering all withdrawals from common water sources pursuant to the primary doctrine.

The Twin Falls Canal Co.'s and North Side Canal Co.'s most recent effort in 1992 and 1993 resulted in a drilling moratorium and funding for a hydrology study that is still ongoing. If the results of that study show the state has allowed depletion of the supply beyond annual recharge, the Twin Falls Canal Co. could be forced to take the legal action necessary to protect its rights, possibly not unlike the Musser case.

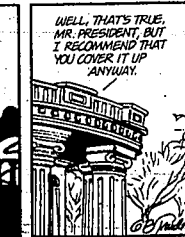
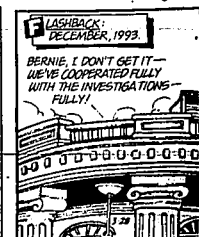
We support the efforts being made to avoid a water call this year. More time is needed to work on the Conjunctive Management rules to avoid still another legal disaster.


The men who wrote our Constitution were wise to state the priority doctrine in the plainest language possible. It protects and serves our property values, financial credit ratings and our economy.

WAYNE LINCOLN
Board of Directors
Twin Falls Canal Co.
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Business

Judge puts clamps on developer

BOISE (AP) — A U.S. Bankruptcy Court judge in Boise has frozen an estimated \$1.6 million in personal assets owned by former downtown developer Peter Dewan.

The action came following charges that Dewan and his son, Marcus, diverted business funds to support their lavish lifestyle.

The assets include more than \$600,000 worth of china, silverware, crystal and art works, a \$550,000 east Boise home and the former J.C. Penney building in downtown Boise, valued at \$400,000.

They have been targeted by the trustee handling the liquidation of Dewan's bankrupt manufacturing company in Caldwell, Bernie Rakoczy is suing Dewan to recover at least \$3 million in actual and treble damages that could be used to pay off more than 90 creditors of Ace Manufacturing & Supply Inc.

"The Dewans, both Peter and Marcus, improperly took Ace's funds for their own benefit at the expense of Ace's creditors," said Rakoczy's lawyer, Blair Clark. "We believe he also filed false financial statements with the bank and we believe he maintained inaccurate books at Ace, basically to deceive."

Dewan, who has moved to Seattle with his wife and two children, avoided attempts to get comments Friday afternoon following a 1½-hour meeting with Rakoczy, Marcus Dewan, 23, and his wife also have moved to Seattle.

Dewan's lawyer, Tony Park of Boise, withdrew from the case recently. Court documents show Park had not been paid recently, and Judge Jim Pappas has given Dewan until April 19 to find another lawyer to represent him.

Clark said canceled checks show Dewan used money intended for Ace to pay for his housekeeper, orthodontics for his children, and a limo for himself and his wife, Linda.

Despite headlines, many rates hardly increase

Orange County Register

Not all interest rates are created equal.

Headlines about spiking mortgage rates and turmoil in the bond markets have masked the fact that the rates that most frequently touch people's purse strings — those on savings accounts, checking accounts, certificates of deposit, credit cards and car loans — have barely budged.

And while fixed-rate mortgages have climbed more than half a percentage point since the beginning of the year, adjustable-loan rates grew more slowly, a trend that probably will continue.

Why the differences?

The reasons have to do with the markets — for stocks, bonds and money — and the competitive pressures, or lack thereof, on banks and other lenders.

Understanding those can make financial decisions in the next few months a bit easier.

MORTGAGES

Those in the market for a new home, or who waited to refinance, will discover that fixed mortgage rates usually reflect what's going on in the bond market, where inflation fears are boosting long-term interest rates, such as those on 30-year Treasury bonds, said Mark Green, an economist with Wells Fargo Bank.

The climb in fixed mortgage rates from 7 percent at the beginning of the year to 7.6 percent translates into about \$64 more a month on a \$150,000 home loan. That turns into more than \$25,000 over the life of the mortgage.

The starting rates on adjustable mortgages, meanwhile, often are tied to short-term money-market rates. They generally have reflected the Federal Reserve Bank's recent push to muddle up interest rates — but little else. Green said adjustable rates should continue to lag behind as interest rates increase. Since Jan. 1, these rates on average increased less than half a percentage point. The initial monthly payment on a \$150,000 loan would be \$765, or about \$41 more than at the beginning of the year.

OLD MORTGAGES

If you already have an adjustable loan, whether you'll be paying more depends on the benchmark your loan is tied to and how often the loan is scheduled to adjust. These conditions are spelled out in your mortgage documents.

The most common benchmarks include the 11th District Cost of

Funds, six-month Treasury bills, one-year Treasury bills, London Interbank Offer Rate, the prime rate and the six-month certificate-of-deposit rate. These rates are tracked in the Saturday business section of The Orange County Register.

Loans tied to volatile Treasury-bill rates and scheduled to adjust monthly may have a bigger payment as early as next month. You may also have a larger payment if your loan adjusts annually and the anniversary date is coming up. Mortgage lenders generally check the benchmark 45 days before the loan rate is scheduled to change and base the increase or decrease on that figure.

One kind of adjustable-rate mortgage is declining, however. Adjustables based on the 11th District Cost of Funds have been dropping slowly since 1991.

The index is based on what savings banks pay for their funds — mostly, the interest rates they pay customers on savings and checking accounts, said Amy Stewart of the Federal Home Loan Bank.

Since those rates usually trail the rest of the market, the index lags behind those of other adjustables, Stewart said.

MONEY FUNDS

Money-market mutual funds are the most extreme example of the sluggish rate response in consumer accounts, most of which have changed less than one-fifth of a percentage point since the beginning of the year.

The tiny increase in the average money-market mutual-fund rate about one-twentieth of one percentage point — means your \$2,500 deposit would earn a whopping \$1.28 more a year.

Money markets lag other interest rates by more than a month because they invest in commercial paper, government securities, repurchase agreements and certificates of deposit with an average maturity of about 51 days, said Walter Frank, chief economist for IBC Donoghue Inc., a Massachusetts company that tracks money-market mutual funds.

As rates climb, the funds usually shorten their maturities, reducing the lag and slowly boosting interest rates.

BANK ACCOUNTS

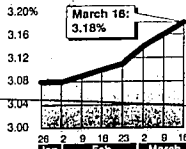
There are two reasons for the slow response in bank rates on CDs and savings and checking accounts, said economist James Padinha of First Interstate Bank.

The first is turmoil in the bond

Interest rates up

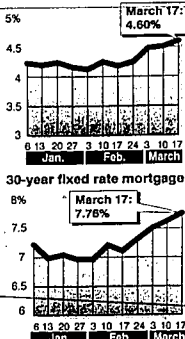
Consumers are paying slightly higher interest rates on some loans and earning more on some deposits as a result of moves by the Federal Reserve to push up short-term interest rates.

1-year Certificate of deposit



Source: Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp., Bank Rate Monitor

Adjustable rate mortgage



markets. Until things settle down, banks are reluctant to raise rates — especially if it turns out that bond traders were unnecessarily panicked by inflation fears and rates don't increase as much as expected.

The second is the Southern California recession. Banks increase interest rates for savers when they're trying to attract money, so they can turn around and make loans with it. But there isn't much demand for new loans in Southern California because few businesses are expanding. Low demand means there's little pressure on banks to raise rates.

That may change if the Fed again

raises rates, as some analysts predict it will — perhaps by the end of the month and perhaps as much as another half-percentage point.

A few smaller banks, including California Federal Savings Bank, already are boosting CD rates for small investors.

Smaller banks are usually the first to increase rates, hoping to lure business away from larger institutions, Green said.

Larger banks, such as Wells Fargo, Bank of America and First Interstate, probably will wait for the Federal Reserve to make another move before increasing their rates, he said.

"Usually they all move at once. One bank kicks it off, and the others fall into lock step," Green said.

AUTO LOANS

Car-loan rates fell recently as increased competition from lenders kept loan prices low.

The trend toward lower rates started during the recession, as lenders tried to stimulate flagging car sales, said Darren Williams, senior vice president for the Orange County (Calif.) Teachers Federal Credit Union.

But competition intensified as car sales picked up and banks and other lenders dropped rates.

"Lenders are doing whatever they can to get a bigger piece of the pie or just hang on to their share," Williams said.

WHAT'S NEXT?

Consumers' next move depends on whether they plan to borrow or save in the near future, said consultant Norman Katz, managing partner of MCS Associates in Irvine, Calif.

Borrowers might lock in rates now, while savers could keep their CD maturities short to take advantage of any upswing.

Another consultant, however, believes any changes in consumer interest rates would be small. The economy is sound, real inflation is low and long-term interest rates may even drop a bit as the bond market recovers, said Joel Friedman of Andersen Consulting in San Francisco.

That's why he advises against making any decisions based solely on the fear of interest rates rising further. "It appears unlikely there will be any drastic changes," Friedman said. "The word is, 'stay the course.'"

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Briefly

J.R.'s grandson joins Simplot board

BOISE — John Edward "Ted" Simplot has become the first grandchild of billionaire J.R. Simplot to join the J.R. Simplot Co. board of directors.

Simplot, 38, is the first member of the family's third generation in business to take a prominent role in the Boise-based company. The bachelor was self-employed until three years ago.

He takes a seat on the board of his 85-year-old grandfather's company that was held by his father, Richard Simplot, who died last June 24. Simplot spokesman Fred Zerza said, "It is customary that the board include each segment of the family." Zerza said, "That is fulfilled through Ted."

Other family members on the privately held company's board are J.R. Simplot, his sons Scott and Don Simplot, and his daughter, Gay Simplot Otter.

Ted Simplot has been a project manager at the J.R. Simplot Co. fertilizer manufacturing plant in Lathrop, Calif., for the past year. Before that he worked for two years at the company's Smokey Canyon phosphate mine in southeastern Idaho.

Manufactured home firm to expand

POCATELLO — A modular home manufacturing plant near the Pocatello Regional Airport plans to significantly boost production and hire more employees during the next two years.

R Homes Corp. President William Coffey said his company should increase its work force from 51 to about 100 by the end of the year and as many as 165 in 1995.

R Homes took over the plant March 2. Coffey said it should produce 150 homes during the first fiscal year, beginning April 1, and 300 homes during its second year of production.

"Depending on how fast we can enlarge our facilities and automate our building techniques, we will increase that production in our third fiscal year," Coffey said. "I don't know what our maximum production will be."

The plant, purchased from Dave Baden, is being renovated, expanded and automated so homes will be built under one roof on an assembly line. They now are constructed in different locations on the 22-acre facility. An R Home costs \$95,000 to \$150,000, including transportation and finishing it on location, Coffey said.

Judge halts activities of energy firm

SALT LAKE CITY — A federal judge has ordered Colorado energy firms to stop illegally marketing securities to stop selling and halt its spending of investors' money.

Following a hearing on Wednesday, U.S. District Judge J. Thomas Greene granted a motion by the Securities and Exchange Commission for an injunction against Blackford Energy Co.

The SEC had filed a complaint March 11 alleging Blackford was selling partnership investments that were unregistered. The complaint named the company — which has offices in Provo, Utah — and its president, Rodney Blackford, along with company consultant Thomas Cherry.

SEC officials say they had enjoined Cherry in a similar 1987 venture in Texas, and that in 1992 officials in Texas and Montana likewise ordered Cherry to cease sales of interests in oil and gas ventures. Prosecutors allege between 300 and 500 Utahns, most of them residents of Utah County, invested in the company.

After the complaint was filed, Blackford released a statement saying that it would fully cooperate with the SEC.

Blackford was formed last year to undertake oil and gas exploration in the Rocky Mountain region. Last May, it began seeking investments, the SEC stated.

Compiled from wire reports.

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Sports

Gators, Hogs still dancin'

Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Big players win big games. Corliss Williamson and Scotty Thurman, the Arkansas sophomores around whom Nolan Richardson built his team, carried the Razorbacks to the Final Four on Sunday.

Cheered on by a third sophomore from Arkansas — President Clinton — and most of the Reunion Arena sellout crowd of 16,297, the top-seeded Razorbacks defeated No. 3 seed Michigan, 76-68, to win the NCAA Midwest Region. Arkansas (29-3) will play Arizona (29-5), the West champion, in Charlotte (N.C.) Coliseum on Saturday.

"I thought we had the best team in the country when we started in November," Richardson said. "... We may not win (the NCAA) but that doesn't mean we don't have the best team and they don't have the best coach."

Thurman scored 20 points, including 12 in a row in the second half. Williamson scored only 12 points, eight fewer than his average, but scored six straight in a four-minute stretch late in the game.

Big players can lose big games, too. Not Michigan junior center Juwan Howard, who scored 30 points, grabbed 13 rebounds and shut down Williamson.

That would be point guard Jalen Rose. Howard's classmate who quarterbacked Michigan to the last two Final Fours, couldn't shake a game-long shooting slump.

Twice in the last five minutes, Michigan had a shot to tie Arkansas. Rose missed both and finished five-for-19.

Michigan's guards — Rose, Dugan Fife and Jimmy King of Plano — made only eight of 34 shots. Howard, named the region's Most Outstanding Player, couldn't carry the Wolverines alone.

"We had opportunities, and every time we got close, when we had an open jump shot, it seemed like we couldn't get it to go down," said Michigan coach Steve Fisher, now 20-4 in the NCAA Tournament.

Though both teams appeared tight in the opening minutes, Michigan opened an 8-3 lead. Arkansas, which hadn't fallen behind by more than three points in its three NCAA Tournament games, answered with one of its typical bursts.

The Razorbacks scored 14 straight points and stretched the run to 20-1 over six minutes. The Wolverines led, 23-9, midway through the first half.

"I was surprised we were up by 14 at one time," Richardson said. "I thought, 'Wow, we must be doing something pretty good.'"

Surely Michigan would come back — and it did — but Arkansas controlled the game. The Razorbacks led at the half, 40-31. In the opening minute after intermission, Thurman picked up his third foul. Richardson sat him for six minutes.

When Thurman returned with Arkansas back to Selection Sunday, did any other No. 3 seed receive as little attention as Florida?

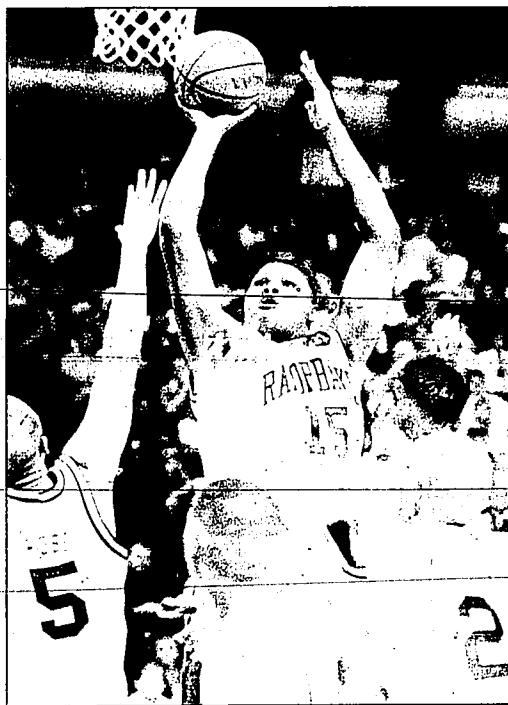
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Arkansas center Dwight Stewart shoots for two over Michigan guards Jalen Rose and Jimmy King during the Razorbacks' NCAA win Saturday.

leading. 49-42, he played as if he wanted to make up for lost time. Thurman scored Arkansas' next 12 points, single-handedly staving off the inexorable Michigan comeback.

The Wolverines closed within two points, 63-61, when Arkansas guard Corey Beck turned the ball over. Rose, leading a two-on-one fast break, drove into the lane and leaped over Arkansas guard Al Dillard.

But Rose, undecided about what shot to take, glanced a jumper off the rim.

"That's a 3-foot jumper that I make 99 percent of the time," Rose said. "It just didn't go in."

Williamson, held scoreless for 26 minutes, built Arkansas' lead back to six points. It led, 71-65, when, with 1:04 to play, Rose cut the margin in half with a 3-pointer from the left corner.

Arkansas-center Darnell Robinson missed the front-end-of-a-one-and-one with 36.6 seconds left.

Rose didn't hesitate to launch another 3, this one over Thurman. The game-tying shot hit the front of the rim and bounced to Thurman.

Rose fouled him and watched as Thurman hit the two free throws that left Michigan one game short of a third Final Four.

3-point shot abandons Boston College

Knight-Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Gerry Abram, a twisting, jumping, gyrating piece of work when he's on, was suddenly limp, head down, heart broken, grasping for an answer that eluded him like his 3-point shot.

What happened to the 3-pointer? "I think a lot of the three's I took were wide open," he said after Florida beat his Boston College Eagles, 74-66, Sunday in the NCAA-East Regional final at Miami Arena. "I just didn't make them."

The 3-point rainbow Boston College rode past North Carolina and Indiana vanished like a fine mist seven minutes into Sunday's game. Guard Howard Easley sank a 3 in the opening seconds, followed by two from Abram, who leaped and danced, punching the air as Boston College grabbed a 15-11 lead. But then the Eagles went cold from long-distance, frost trailing 10 of their next 11 3-point shots.

Malcolm Huckaby, another BC guard who hit two 3-pointers against Indiana on Friday, tried down the stretch, missing twice in the last 90 seconds. He was 0 for four. Easley tried. He was two for six.

Abram? After knocking down two of three against Indiana and his first two against Florida, he went 0 for four.

Was it the legs? Easley played all 40 minutes. Huckaby 39, Abram 36.

"I don't think it made that much difference because Craig Brown and Dan Cross played 36 and 37 also," BC coach Jim O'Brien said, referring to Florida's starting guards. "You have to go with your best guys at the end."

The BC guards agreed. "Our legs weren't really a factor," said Abram, whose ninth-seeded Eagles finished 23-11.

The Eagles said Florida's defensive pressure on the perimeter didn't particularly bother them, either. "We got pretty good looks," O'Brien said.

A critical sequence unfolded for BC early in the second half. After Easley sank a 3 to give BC a 43-39 lead, Abram missed a 3, Bill Curley rebounded and fed Abram, who missed another 3. The Eagles would have taken their biggest lead — seven points — had Abram made either of his shots.

"If he makes them," O'Brien said, "maybe you have a knockout punch."

Across the way, Curley was deflecting blame from the guards. The BC loss was his fault, he said. "I think I hurt the team with the missed shot."

Please see FLORIDA/B2

New kids on Final 4 block have tough assignment

The Associated Press

Duke, the team that has made the Final Four its post-season home for the past decade, gets Florida, the new kid on the block.

Arizona and Arkansas, teams which each made a recent trip to the national semifinals, meet in the other game.

That's it. The road to Charlotte is complete. The Final Four, what every coach, player and fan has been speculating about since practice started on Nov. 1 is set. Three more games and the 1994 national champion will be crowned.

Duke will be in the Final Four for the seventh time in nine years and if you don't think that's impressive, no conference can match the appearances of that one school. The Big Ten has sent six teams in that span and Kansas' seven among schools.

All that experience should be quite an advantage when Duke faces Florida, a school which had made only three NCAA tournament appearances before this year, only losing the regional semifinals once.

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Florida's Andrew DeClercq gets the pass away during the Gators' win over Boston College Saturday. Florida faces Duke in the next round.

Is Jimmy Johnson era over?

The Associated Press

IRVING, Texas — Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones says he has to be careful about what he says concerning coach Jimmy Johnson so his words don't come back to haunt him if the two are unable to work things out.

"Any statements either of us make now could work against us because it could be used as proof that one of us did the firing or did the quitting," Jones said in Sunday's edition of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "We have to watch our words so we don't (mess) around and legally violate our existing contract."

Jones had said he and Johnson will meet Monday for talks that could evolve into negotiations toward a contractual settlement that would allow the coach to leave the team.

But during halftime of the Arkansas-

Michigan basketball regional, Jones added to the mystery of the feud.

"I'm not even sure there will be a meeting tomorrow," he said.

Johnson said Saturday he'll hold a news conference this week to announce whether he'll be back next season to try for a third straight Super Bowl title.

The latest battle in their ongoing love-hate relationship occurred last week when Jones threatened to fire Johnson, who has five years left on his \$1 million-a-year contract.

Johnson said he was infuriated Jones even mentioned former University of Oklahoma coach Barry Switzer as a possible successor.

In his interview with Star-Telegram, Jones said he has a "mental list" of possible replacements although he hasn't put it on paper. He says he's "certainly well aware of other potential candidates. I've

had to be, given Jimmy's willingness to consider leaving before 1997."

Johnson said the only way he would resign would be if certain conditions were not met.

"I'm not going to resign without a job and without compensation," Johnson said in Pensacola, Fla., where he was attending a camp run by Cowboys running back Emmitt Smith.

"I had a phone call to Jerry a few days ago early in the morning and it was not positive. Nothing was resolved. Nothing was clarified. ... We had a very abrupt ending to the conversation and I will clarify everything in the news conference this week."

Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman said Saturday he might have declined his eight-year contract had he known the uncertainty of Johnson's future.

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Dallas Cowboys' owner Jerry Jones, left, and coach Jimmy Johnson are all smiles after the Super Bowl, but Johnson may be on his way out of Dallas.

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TV analyst Clark Kellogg on Boston College's Bill Curley's turnaround move

Briefly

Ketchum skier places 12th in slalom race

WINTER PARK, Colo. — Ketchum's Jeff Sarchett placed 12th in the slalom event at the United States Alpine Ski Championships held here Sunday.

Sarchett's time of 1 minute, 34.21 seconds was less than five seconds behind winners Thomas Grandi of Canada.

Kristi Terzian of Park City, Utah was the winner of the women's slalom.

Ankle sprain will have Heat center cooling heels for week

MIAMI — Miami Heat center Rony Seikaly will be sidelined for about a week with a sprained right ankle, the team said Sunday.

The injury, sustained in Saturday night's loss at Atlanta, looked bad when it happened but wasn't as serious as Seikaly first feared. X-rays were negative.

Seikaly was battling for a loose ball when he came down on the side of his foot after landing atop Atlanta's Kevin Willis. He credited pregame precautions for preventing a worse injury to his ankle.

Orioles send first-baseman Segui to Mets for 2 players

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — The Baltimore Orioles traded frustrated first baseman David Segui to the New York Mets on Sunday for two minor league players.

The Mets, who have not yet settled upon a replacement for the departed Eddie Murray at first base, sent right-handed pitcher Tom Wegmann and shortstop Kevin Baez to Baltimore. Both played for Triple-A Norfolk last year and will begin the season in the Orioles' minor league system.

Wegmann, a reliever, was 5-3 with a 3.23 ERA last season. Baez hit .258 at Norfolk and .183 in 52 games with the Mets.

Segui started 127 games for the Orioles last year, but was relegated to a backup role this spring after Baltimore acquired free agent Kalid Talbot. He made no secret of his desire to be traded, and General Manager Roland Hemond obliged him.

Morrison pummels Scott, wins with 2nd-round KO

TULSA, Okla. — Tommy Morrison's return to Tulsa was a success Sunday night as he stopped Brylenn Scott 1:27 into the second round with a jolting right uppercut.

Morrison cut Scott's left eye in the first round with a right uppercut but Scott appeared to shake it off. He landed four clean shots when he was on the ropes before Morrison connected with a right uppercut and followed with a left that put Scott on the floor.

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Today

College basketball: Baylor at Southeastern, Florida State at Virginia Tech.

Sports on TV

6 p.m. — Channel 13, College basketball: National Invitation tournament semi-final, Kansas State vs. Vanderbilt.
7:30 p.m. — Channel 13, College basketball: National Invitation tournament semi-final, Villanova vs. Siena.

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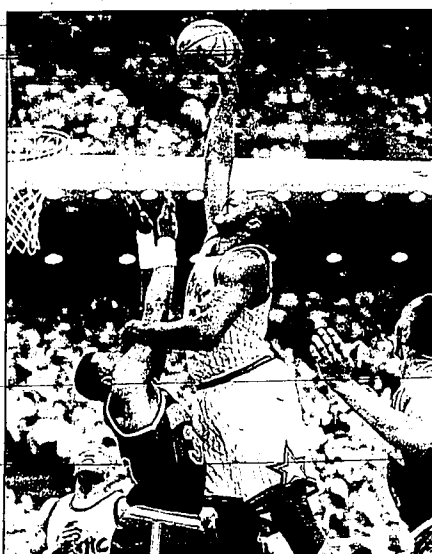
Knicks endure Shaq attack

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Patrick Ewing, held scoreless the first 16 minutes, roared back with 31 points Sunday to lead the New York Knicks to their 13th straight victory, 111-90 over the Orlando Magic.

Ewing scored 23 points in the second half, when the Knicks held off a comeback attempt after leading 71-50 in the third quarter. Ewing also had 11 rebounds and five blocks.

Shaquille O'Neal had 30 points and 16 rebounds for the Magic, but got little help from his teammates. Dennis Scott with 22 points and Nick Anderson with 11 were the only other Magic players to score in double figures as Orlando, the second-place team in the Atlantic Division, dropped nine games behind New York.

After trailing by 21, Orlando used a pair of 3-pointers by Scott and one from rookie Anfernee Hardaway to close to 79-76 with 17 seconds left in the third period. But the Knicks put the game away with a 16-1 spurt in the fourth quarter.



AP photo

Orlando's Shaquille O'Neal jams over Knicks center Patrick Ewing Sunday, but New York won, 111-90.

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Suns 113, Rockets 98

PHOENIX — Charles Barkley and Cedric Ceballos scored 20 points each and Kevin Johnson had 15 points and 15 assists as Phoenix qualified for the NBA playoffs by defeating Houston.

The Rockets' only lead was after the first basket, and the Suns held double-digit advantages going into the second and third quarters.

Houston's chances of coming back were damaged by the ejection of Hakeem Olajuwon two seconds after Dan Majerle scored on an offensive re-

bounds and five blocks, spoke 6 feet and also grabbed a season-high nine rebounds. He scored 11 points in the fourth quarter, making three of four 3-point shots, to help the Cavaliers exceed the 87-81 lead they took into the quarter.

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Norman eats up Players field

PONTE VEDRA, Fla. (AP) — Greg Norman's third consecutive winning record on the home course of the PGA Tour and cruised to an unchallenged, four-stroke victory Sunday in the Players Championship.

The current British Open champion scored the 12th official victory of his American career, and 67th around the world, with a front-running 67 and a 264 total, 24-under-par, over the TPC at Sawgrass.

That compares with the 18-under record set by Nick Price last year on the course once scored by players as unplayably difficult.

Norman, however, took full advantage of what he called soft conditions and opened up the tournament with a 63. He also set course records at 130 for 36 holes and 197 for 54.

He led by four shots going into the final round, increased the margin to six on the first hole and really wasn't threatened in a wire-to-wire triumph.

It was worth \$450,000 from the total purse of \$2.5 million and increased his earnings to \$566,333, the best on the tour this year, in only four American starts.

Norman also slipped past Paul Azinger into second place on the all-time money-winning list at \$7,173,988 and, perhaps more important, stamped himself a favorite for the Masters week after next.

Fuzzy Zoeller, the 42-year-old former Masters and U.S. Open champion, became a runner-up for the third time in as many starts after outlasting Jeff Maggert in a battle for second.

Although Norman never appeared to be in danger of being overtaken, he could not be totally secure until he got his tee shot safely on the island green of little terror that is the par-3 17th.

When he did, throwing his short iron to within 2 feet, Zoeller gave him a high-5 acknowledging that the game was over.

After both drove off the 18th tee, Zoeller threw his arm around Norman's shoulder, patted him on the back and then, as they neared the green, led the cheers for the man he beat in a playoff for the U.S. Open title 10 years ago.

On the green, after Norman had lipped out a meaningless birdie putt, Zoeller halted him before the lapin to wipe the perspiration from his face with a towel.

Norman laughed, clapped his player's hat on Fuzzy's head and



AP photo

Australia's Greg Norman posted a 4-stroke win at the Players Championship in Ponte Vedra, Fla., Sunday.

Zoeller birdied three of the last four holes for a 67 and a 268 total, 20-under and two strokes better than the record set a year ago.

Maggert once held second alone but 4-putted from long-range for bogey-6 on the 16th hole. He finished with a 68 and a 271 total, the only other man in the field within 12 shots of the winner.

Hale Irwin, 48, with a 69-276, was fourth alone.

Leader's disqualification opens door for Wargo at Senior PGA tournament

KINGWOOD, Texas (AP) — Taking advantage of second-round leader Iso Aoki's disqualification, Tom Wargo shot a par-72 Sunday to win the Senior PGA Doug Sanders Classic by one stroke over charging Bob Murphy.

Aoki held a one-shot lead going into Sunday's final round but he was disqualified after he signed an incorrect scorecard for Saturday's second round.

Wargo, the defending PGA Senior champion, started the day one stroke behind Aoki but took over the lead when Aoki was notified of his disqualification after playing two holes Sunday.

"I never thought about it being a rules violation yesterday (Saturday)," Aoki said. "I guess I have to learn more rules."

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Miami	37
New Jersey	30

Jays rally past Ranger reliever

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Toronto scored four runs in the top of the ninth inning against Texas relief ace Tom Henke for a 7-4 victory Sunday.

Henke, a former Blue Jays pitcher, came on to protect a 4-1 lead. But instead of notching his first save of the spring, Henke allowed run-scoring singles to Alex Gonzalez and Randy Knorr and a two-run single to Willie Canace.

The Rangers made two errors in the inning, one on a poor pickoff throw by Henke and another by ex-Toronto shortstop Manuel Lee. Henke also threw a wild pitch.

Pirates 14, Reds 10

BRADENTON, Fla. — Jay Bell hit two home runs, including a grand slam, and Will Pennyfeather, Jeff King and Don Slaught also homered for Pittsburgh in a wind-blown game featuring 10 home runs.

Jeff Branson, Joe Oliver, Jerome Walton, Reggie Sanders and Jacob Brumfield homered for Cincinnati, but Reds starter Tom Browning allowed all five homers by Pittsburgh.

Twins 8, Red Sox 7

FORT MYERS, Fla. — Bernardo Brito's pinch-hit, two-run single in the 10th inning Sunday lifted Minnesota past Boston.

The Twins are 5-0 against Boston and 0-5 against the other major-league teams they've played since March 17.

Royals 11, Tigers 7

LAKELAND, Fla. — David Cone gave up seven runs in six innings but still got the win Sunday as the Kansas City Royals outslug the Detroit Tigers 11-7.

Travis Fryman, Junior Felix, Lou Whitaker and Tony Oliva all homered for the Tigers, who have lost five of seven over the past week. Wally Joyner homered and the Royals got triples from Gary Gattis, Vince Coleman and Chris Gwynn.

Astros 5, Indians 4

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. — Carmelo Martinez doubled home two runs in the eighth inning and then doubled and scored on Tony Eusebio's infield single in the 10th as Houston beat Cleveland.

Mitch Williams got the win despite blowing a 4-3 lead in the ninth. Williams walked leadoff batter Wayne Kirby, who stole second and scored the tying run on Tony Pena's two-out single.

Braves 4, Dodgers 3

VERO BEACH, Fla. — Ryan Klesko and Brian Kowitz homered and Ron Smoltz pitched seven innings to lead Atlanta.

Klesko homered off Dodger reliever Rudy Seanez in the eighth inning to put the Braves up 3-0. Kowitz provided the final Atlanta run in the ninth with a homer off Los Angeles closer Todd Worrell.

Dodger third baseman Tim Lincecum hit a two-run homer off Atlanta right-hander Mark Wohlers in the bottom of the ninth.



New York Yankee pitcher Terry Mulholland winds up against the Mets during the team's spring training game in Port St. Lucie, Fla., Saturday. The Yankees won, 9-3.

Yankees 9, Mets 3

PORT ST. LUCIE, Fla. — Catcher Mike Stanley went 4-for-4 with three RBIs Sunday, leading the New York Yankees to a 9-3 victory over the New York Mets.

Stanley hit a towering three-run homer during a five-run fourth inning. He also singled twice and doubled.

The Yankees had 13 of their 16 hits during the first four innings. Terry Mulholland earned the victory, allowing four hits and two runs, one earned in six innings.

Orioles 4, Cardinals 3

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Ben McDonald held the St. Louis Cardinals to five hits through six innings and got a pair of hits and one RBI himself to help Baltimore get past St. Louis.

McDonald, winning his second spring game without a loss, struck out five and walked two as the Orioles won their fourth straight.

Expos 7, Marlins 3

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla. — Freddie Benavides, fighting for a backup infield job, hit a two-run double and rookie Rondell White also drove in two runs as Montreal beat Florida.

Kirk Rueter pitched the first five innings, allowing two runs and five hits. The left-hander, who was 8-0 with Montreal last season, has yielded only three runs in 19 innings this spring.

Phillies 8, White Sox 4

SARASOTA, Fla. — Ricky Jordan went 4-for-4 and Kim Batisse had three hits, including a solo home run, leading Philadelphia over Chicago.

Curt Schilling scattered eight hits over six innings, while Wilson Alvarez took the loss, giving up 12 hits and walking two in five innings.

The Phillies totaled 16 hits, including doubles by Len Dykstra, Mariano Duncan, Darren Daulton, Tom Marsh and Pete Incauglia. Duncan, Incauglia and Marsh each drove in two runs.

Athletics 8, Cubs 2

MESA, Ariz. — Oakland knocked around Cubs starter Willie Banks for six hits in four-plus innings as the Athletics put Chicago under the .500 mark.

The Athletics jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the first against Banks (1-1) and got four more runs in the top of the fifth to grab a 7-0 lead.

Banks, who has been bothered by a weak shoulder, saw his ERA rise to 6.23 after he allowed six runs on five hits and three walks with a wild pitch and a balk.

Padres 5, Giants 3

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — Rookie Keith Lockhart hit a run-scoring triple and scored on Steve Puges' double in the 11th inning, lifting San Diego past San Francisco.

Giants starter Mark Portugal had his first strong performance of spring training, working seven innings and yielding six hits and two earned runs.

Fidel Comares, cut from the roster earlier this spring because he couldn't get out of his native Dominican Republic, made his debut and worked two scoreless innings for the victory.

Rockies 7, Brewers 3

CHANDLER, Ariz. — Vinny Castillo's double highlighted a five-run second-inning rally that helped Colorado beat Milwaukee's four-game winning streak.

Jason Bates singled in one run in the second and another during a two-run rally in the fourth. Andres Galaraga sent two runs home in the fourth with a two-out single. Bill Spiers and Kevin Seitzer each had a pair of hits for the Brewers.

Angels 15, Mariners 6

PEORIA, Ariz. — The California Angels ended their nine-game losing streak Sunday with an 18-hit attack.

De Jackson, J.T. Snow and Chad Curtis hit home runs, and Jackson drove in four runs. Snow and catcher Jorge Fábregas each drove in three.

California (4-18) had lost nine straight for the second time this spring, and is threatening to match the franchise record for fewest victories in spring training — six in 1980 and 1990.

Jordan nets RBI, two strikeouts

SARASOTA, Fla. (AP) — Michael Jordan went 1-for-5 Sunday for the Chicago White Sox's Class A Prince William team, including an RBI single.

In the third inning against Pittsburgh's Class A Salem team with a runner on third base, Jordan singled to center and reached second on the play as the center fielder overruled the ball for an error. The run gave Prince William a 3-0 lead in an eventual 5-4 victory.

Jordan was called out on strikes twice, both with left-hander Jason Abramovich pitching, and grounded out twice in his other at-bats.

"I'm still having problems with that low pitch," Jordan said. "When I think it's low, it seems like I have to stretch for a strike."

I'm trying to be very selective and not swing at everything."

Jordan did play a full nine innings. He suffered a hyperextended right knee on Friday in an awkward steal of third base when he scraped his knee on the infield dirt.

Jordan, 31, was expected to be assigned a minor league team by mid-week, a White Sox spokesman said.

Jordan was reassigned to the minor league camp on Monday. Where he will play was to be determined on a daily basis.

In 13 spring training games with the major league team, Jordan was 3-for-20 with four walks and a sacrifice fly. In four minor league games, he was 3-for-15 with two stolen bases and two RBIs.

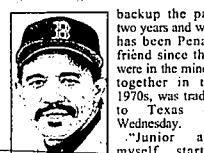
Aging All-Star Pena must prove himself

WINTER HAVEN, Fla. (AP) — Five times an All-Star, four times a Gold Glove winner, Tony Pena now finds himself in the unfamiliar position of having to prove he belongs in the major leagues.

"When I came down here, I felt like a rookie again, the way I felt in 1981 with the Pirates' ballclub," Pena said. "I felt I had to prove myself as a hitter."

Pena, 36, signed a minor-league contract with the Cleveland Indians last month after no one seemed interested in giving him a major-league deal. He became a free agent in October after he hit .181 with four homers and 19 RBIs for the Boston Red Sox.

The Indians made him no promises at first.



Pena together in the minor leagues, and we came up to the big leagues together," Pena said. "I always prayed that if they were going to keep me, they would try to accommodate Junior."

Hargrove isn't convinced that Pena's weak hitting last year was an indication that he's done. His fielding percentage last year ranked second among AL catchers.

"His skills aren't what they were two or three years ago. If he were, Boston wouldn't have let them go," Hargrove said. "Eighteen, to me, Tony is the ideal backup catcher. He's still a very good catcher, but he's not the catcher he was a couple years ago."

One advantage to being with Cleveland now, Pena said, is that he no longer has to call pitches against a solid Indians lineup, that includes Kenny Lofton, Carlos Baerga and Albert Belle.

"I had to deal with those guys," Pena said. "They have to be one of the most offensive teams in baseball. A lot of people talk about the Texas Rangers, but this club is not far behind any body."

"They just told me I'd have to battle to win the job," Pena said. "I knew I had to work on my game — my hitting."

Pena's spring spring — he was hitting .310 through his first 17 games — has convinced the Indians he's their best choice to backup Sandy Alomar. Alomar has spent substantial time on the disabled list each of the past three seasons, but if he's healthy, he'll catch 130 or more games.

"Tony's a veteran catcher who's been an everyday guy," manager Mike Hargrove said. "We just felt that with the way he handles a pitching staff, the way he defensively receives the ball, he was better suited to our ballclub at this point."

Junior Ortiz, who was Alomar's

'Brady Baseball' tries to focus on game

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. (AP) — Brady Anderson, known for his fashionable sideburns, his stylish coiffure and off-the-field exploits with such celebrities as tennis star Gabriella Sabatini.

He would prefer to be recognized merely as a very good baseball player.

Few people realize just how much baseball means to Anderson, the Baltimore Orioles' leadoff hitter and one of the finest defensive outfielders in the game. While his media-enhanced image might indicate otherwise, Anderson doesn't view baseball as simply a neat way to meet girls.

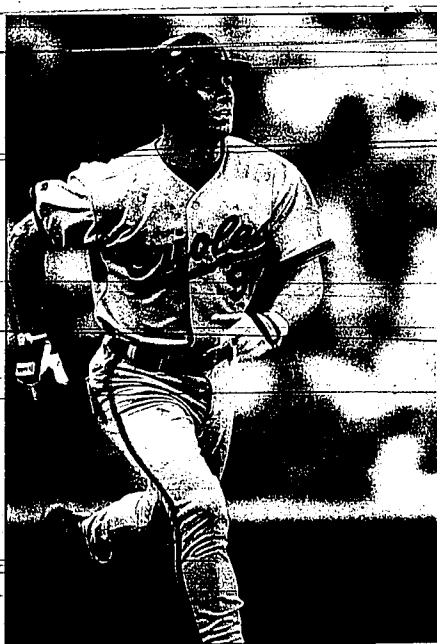
After a night of sliding on the base paths and diving for line drives, Anderson peels off his filthy uniform and reflects on the game. He then showers, dresses and heads for ... home.

"Since I've been in the big leagues and since I've been in college, I've always been content to do nothing after ball games," he said. "After games I leave two hours later than anyone else. Then I get in my car and I go home."

On a typical night, girls scream at Anderson after hitting practice. Some of them beg him to take their phone numbers. As one of the most popular bachelors in Baltimore, it seems hard to believe that Anderson would pass up a chance to hit the local nightclub after work.

"Here's the thing. During the season, there's one thing I care about and that's baseball," he said. "Nothing comes before baseball. It's on my mind all the time. When I come home I lay in bed and I can't get the pictures out of my head. I wish I could, I'm getting better at it."

Two years ago, when Anderson emerged from a career of mediocrity to hit .271 with 21 homers and 80 RBIs, his newfound notoriety and good looks made him a celebrity of sorts. He dated



Baltimore outfielder Brady Anderson says his off-season exploits are behind him and his primary love is baseball.

plenty of women, including Sabatini, although he never sought any publicity from his fling with Argentina's finest female tennis player.

"I never did want anyone to find out about that. Somehow it got out," he said, sheepishly.

Anderson insists those days are behind him. He now has a steady girlfriend, a Belgian named Igrid, whom he met in New York last August. These days, though, his primary love is baseball.

"Brady takes baseball very seriously," said Orioles manager Johnny Oates. "I think he's almost embarrassed with his image. He plays the image, but I think that he would just as soon not have it."

Of course, if he really didn't like it he would shave his sideburns and cut his hair, but I think it flatters him to a certain extent."

On the field, Anderson is not the slap-hitting, take-a-walk, scrappy type player normally found at the top of the batting order. He led American League leadoff hitters last season in extra-base hits (56) and RBIs (62).

"He's not your classic leadoff hitter, but he does some damage," Oates said. "He has extra-base power, can steal a base, go from first to third. And I don't know if there's a better outfielder in baseball."

Anderson came to spring training with a new three-year, \$10.25 million contract. Money alone, however, can't buy him happiness.

"In baseball you never really feel satisfied. What you did last year doesn't matter much. What you did yesterday doesn't matter much," he said.

"The competition and pressure in baseball never really ends. People talk about the pressure of having a job interview tomorrow or an examination tomorrow — well, in baseball it's like that every single day for six straight months."

"Luckily, Anderson has the mind-set to deal with it."

"Except for injuries or the chicken pox, he hasn't missed too many games over the last two or three years," Oates said. "There is no doubt that Brady has a great deal of dedication to baseball."

Olson heads to Brave disabled list; Reds' Dibble still struggling

The Associated Press

In a move that ends a disappointing spring, reliever Greg Olson was placed on the Atlanta Braves' 15-day disabled list because of a strained right elbow.

"We're putting Olson on the disabled list ... as a precaution," Braves general manager John Schuerholz said Sunday. "Both Greg and the Braves feel we need somewhat more time to get him into pitching condition. Plans are to have him remain in Florida and participate in an extended spring training program."

Schuerholz said the move was retroactive to Saturday.

Olson, 27, was acquired from the Baltimore Orioles, where he had 160 saves in five seasons. He strained the right elbow last year and missed the final two months.

The Braves signed Olson as a free agent during the winter to a \$1.5 million deal. With incentives, Olson could earn \$3.5 million. Only \$500,000, however, is guaranteed. If he makes the club on opening day, he'll get another \$1 million.

Phillies

Philadelphia will be without Larry Anderson on opening day after tests confirmed that the right-hander tore cartilage in his left knee.

Anderson, a key setup man in the Phillies bullpen, was scheduled to undergo arthroscopic surgery on Monday in Philadelphia. He will begin rehabilitation Tuesday upon his return to Clearwater, Fla., the Phillies' training site.

Phillies team physician Philip Marone said Anderson could return to the mound within three weeks.

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Andersen sustained the injury while fielding a bunt during a minor-league exhibition game on Friday. He said he felt his knee pop but continued to pitch two innings.

Reds

Rob Dibble was throwing harder but struggling for strikes Sunday in his second relief appearance, since being diagnosed with shoulder tendinitis.

The Cincinnati Reds closer gave up three runs, three hits (one that was misplayed into a double) and a walk in one inning of a 14-10 loss to Pittsburgh.

He threw harder than he did in his return to the mound Friday, when he gave up a solo homer in one inning, but his control wasn't as good.

Dibble threw 26 pitches, 14 of them balls, and fell behind six of the seven batters he faced. He was encouraged that he threw hard without problems.

"It's a week before the season starts. I tried to cut loose some times to see how it feels," he said. "We'll see how it reacts tomorrow. It's not like they were hitting home runs all over the place on me."

No, but three batters hit line drives and another drew a walk. And the pitches Dibble threw hard wound up way out of the strike zone.

That's the problem the Reds are trying to correct. He tends to drop his arm and lose control when he throws hard.

Magic Valley

Around the valley

Marijuana bust nets 5 teens in process

TWIN FALLS — Five teens were arrested Sunday morning in a drug bust that netted 2 ounces of marijuana and "numerous items of paraphernalia," said Sgt. Steve Ryan of the Twin Falls Police Department.

Coy Kagans, 19, and his brother, Rodney 18, both of 529 Fifth Ave. E., were arrested and charged with possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia, Ryan said Sunday.

Adina Henry, 18, also of 529 Fifth Ave. E., was arrested and charged with frequenting a home with drugs, Ryan said.

Henry, Stephanie Amos, 19, and a 14-year-old girl all were charged with the frequenting misdemeanor, Ryan said. The teens were nabbed after a citizen told police he smelled "a strong odor of marijuana" from the home, Ryan said.

Officer Timothy Green and a drug dog went to the home and found the drugs after gaining consent to search the residence, Ryan said.

The police investigation continues, he said.

Commissioners to discuss consolidation at meeting

TWIN FALLS — The county commissioners will discuss setting a date this morning for a consolidation election for the Hansen and Murtaugh school districts.

The commissioners' 10 a.m. meeting at the County Courthouse is open to the public.

The State Board of Education approved the election by a 5-1 vote March 18.

Twin Falls County Clerk Bob Fort said Friday that he is trying to determine who should foot the bill for the consolidation vote.

Hansen and Murtaugh residents probably should pay for such an election, Fort said.

"Why should people in Buhl and Castleford pay for an election in the east end of the county?" he asked.

Neighborhood watch to be discussed for Rogerson

TWIN FALLS — Rogerson-area residents are invited to an April 8 meeting about setting up a neighborhood watch group.

The meeting starts at 7 p.m. at the log cabin church on Salmon Dam Road, said Twin Falls County sheriff's Sgt. Bill McDaniel.

The meeting will focus on information about watch groups and how people can protect themselves against crime. McDaniel also will talk about organizing a watch group, he said.

McDaniel wants to set up a neighborhood watch in the Hollister area and needs volunteers to help get it going, he said. Anyone interested can call him at 736-4089.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Twin Falls crime

A weekly look at the number of felonies reported to police in Twin Falls



TWIN FALLS — Twin Falls law enforcement agencies reported the following crimes from last week:

Crime Category	Last week	YTD
Twin Falls Police Department	148	148
Car Burglaries:	8	50
Home Burglaries:	2	28
Business Burglaries:	16	230
Bad checks:	2	14
Forges:	2	9
Rapes:	1	4
Child abuse:	1	5
Robbery:	1	22
Stolen vehicles:	1	10
Possession/Stolen property:	1	12
Aggravated assault:	32	406
Total Felonies:	1	5
Twin Falls Sheriff's Department	2	42
Drug cases:	3	38
Larceny/Grand Theft:	6	78
Burglary:		
Total Felonies:		

Builders beginning to respond to needs

By Raymond D. McAlpin
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — Sue Heiden's home is barely an outline.

She moves with deliberation between the wooden ribs of the house, still just a frame tucked against a hill. But in her mind's eye, Heiden sees moonlight pouring through curtained, bedroom windows and a kitchen that will be the hearth of her home.

Heiden is one of many whose dreams of buying a home are fueling a recent surge in housing construction. She's setting down roots in Woodside, Hailey's fastest growing neighborhood.

"We looked around pretty intensively when we first came here," said the Oregon transplant, who moved to the Wood River Valley in early February. "We looked at older houses and new ones and finally chose new construction and a plan we liked."

After weathering an economic slump a few years ago, local builders and real estate agents are now doing better with people like the Heidens and developers responding to a need for more housing.

Greg Boylston, a partner in Boylston-Haworth Builders, predicts builders will have their hands full this year.

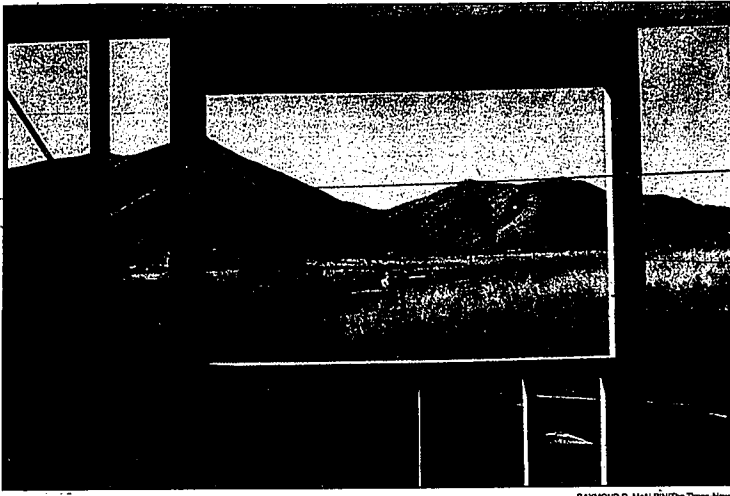
"All of southern Idaho is going to have a lot of building," he said.

The talk among construction companies and subcontractors is that interest rates being down for awhile has helped get the housing industry back on its feet.

But an expected rise in the prime interest rate in the near future is also having an effect.

"I think another thing is that people who have sat on land for a while now are selling because they think rates are going to go up and now is the best time to sell," Boylston said.

Sherry Daech, a Ketchum-based real estate agent, thinks along those lines. Her Hailey property will soon sport two four-unit houses. She plans an April or May groundbreaking for the project, south of the downtown core two blocks west of Main Street.



The number of construction starts on new housing in Hailey is on the upswing, and the threat of higher interest rates is helping fuel the construction surge.

Pat Millington begins construction within one month on apartments on River Street, a few blocks north of the post office.

Daech's project is a response to Hailey's housing shortage, she said. Millington said her project is just making good sense.

"There's a need for some more housing in Hailey," Daech said. "The construction going on is mostly condos or single-family homes. But apartments are still lacking."

Millington agreed. "I thought maybe I would have a market that is not available in Hailey," she said. "What I wanted to do was to build some apartments for older people but not necessarily only for the old."

Lou Malina, Hailey's building official, said he doesn't know how many apartment complexes may be in the works.

Housing projects containing four units and more must go through the city's design review process. Single-family construction requires no design review but a

building permit must be obtained. Another sign that Hailey is responding to a shortage of housing is the city revising its zoning.

Prompted by the request of property owner Read Kayley, the city is changing its zoning to allow Kayley to build multi-family housing in the Indian Creek section of the Big Wood River's flood plain.

Kayley's property in the Sawmill Subdivision is zoned general residential. Apartments are allowed in the general

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County office opens race for two candidates

Driver's education instructor seeks seat

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A driver's education teacher says he can steer county government back in the right direction.

"It looks like we need a little revamping," Dave Bailey said Friday. "Republicans have done a lousy job of running the county."

Bailey, a Democrat from Buhl, has announced he will run for county commissioner from the 1st District.

Bailey acknowledged that he lacks political experience.

"I'm not a politician — never have been,"

he said. County government could benefit from the "skills and knowledge" of ordinary citizens such as himself, he said.

Bailey spends upwards of 10 hours each day teaching Idahoans the rules of the road for Professional Driving School in Twin Falls.

The three-member Twin Falls County Board of Commissioners needs to see more turnover like this year will bring, he said.

County government should be open to fresh faces and fresh ideas from people "willing to take the time out of their careers and their lives," he said.

He said he would not have approved construction of a new regional 12-bed juvenile jail in the Twin Falls industrial park.

"That's not enough room," he said. "It will be overcrowded before it even begins."

Bailey is the only Democrat to have announced his candidacy for the 1st District.

The primary election will be held May 24.

Candidates have until Friday to file their official declarations of candidacy at the county courthouse.

Former Democrat turns Republican

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

FILER — The man who ran former Democratic Congressman Richard Stallings' district office in Twin Falls for

eight years wants to run for county commissioner as a Republican.

Charles Barnes of Filer has announced his candidacy for the 1st District.

Blass, who announced earlier this year that she would not be seeking re-election, will resign

May 15 to take a job selling ads for The Times-News.

Barnes said Friday that he would open up county government to public comment and criticism.

Such comment would provide an early warning signal on controversial countywide issues such as landfills, juvenile detention and "enhanced" 911 communications, he said.

"Our major problems could have been avoided if there had been more public input," he said.

The county commissioners also need to introduce strategic long-term planning to county government, he said.

"They're always putting out wild fires," he said.

Barnes will graduate in August from Weber State University with a bachelor's degree in political science.

He said his educational background in public administration and urban development sets his candidacy apart from his opponents.

Barnes also said he would like to establish a telephone "hot line" for county residents to communicate with their commissioners, and he would hold more public hearings at night to allow more people to

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Subdivision may damage Dierkes Lake, report says

By Sean L. McCarthy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A proposed subdivision of homes above Dierkes Lake could damage the city-owned lake, according to a city report.

The homes would get water from wells

drilled into the aquifer that feeds the Hidden Lakes and Dierkes. They would put wastewater into septic tanks.

The city so far has taken a neutral stand on Ken Stutzman's proposal to build homes overlooking the Twin Falls and the city's Dierkes Lake park near the south rim of the Snake River Canyon.

But that stance may be reconsidered if the city cannot maintain adequate water levels in Dierkes or the Hidden Lakes, according to the report.

Representatives from Kimberly will meet with the City Council today to discuss the proposed subdivision.

Stutzman is vice-chairman of the Twin

Falls planning and zoning commission. The council meeting begins at 4 p.m. in the City Hall conference room and is open to the public.

Ready for consideration by the council is a planned-unit-development agreement be-

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Zoning amendment forces sign redesigning in Hailey

By Raymond D. McAlpin
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY — An amendment in the city's sign ordinance will force a local restaurant to redo its overhead lighted sign — again.

More than a few business owners are unhappy with the city's proposed changes in zoning requirements for signs.

Annie Cowden, owner of The Hearthstone, thinks it stinks, she said.

"I don't feel like every time there's a new city council that they should change everything," she complained. "It's a major hardship, a \$4,000 expense. I think a grandfather clause should be worked into the ordinance. The city says they won't do that."

According to the Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission the lighted sign above the downtown family restaurant left them with a bad taste in their mouths.

So over a period of several months two commission members, the city planner and business owners hammered out the amendment.

It was designed to regulate the aesthetics

of the various signs around Hailey. If passed, the amendment would make The Hearthstone's familiar lighted sign illegal.

The restaurant spent \$3,500 several years ago to comply with sign requirements handed down by city government. It would have to pay a similar amount to comply with the proposed amendment, Cowden said.

"We changed the sign back then to what they wanted. We spent money to have it subdued," she says.

The planning and zoning commission unanimously recommended approval of the amendment. But it asked for clearer definitions of lighting requirements for translucent, opaque and semi-opaque signs.

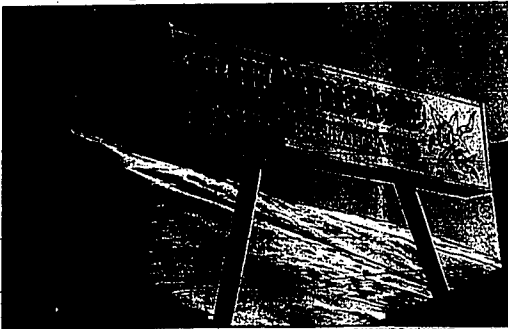
The commission defined business logos as signs, even if artistically done, according to planning and zoning commissioner Gina Bailey.

Hailey City Planner Carl Hjelm will fine tune those definitions, which would affect signs on The Hearthstone and Paul's Market. His clarifications will be given to the city council.

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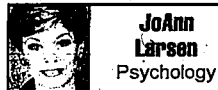
Features

Marriage is a process, not a state

It's too bad there is no instruction manual for marriages.

We could use some book of wisdom that would show the way through the built-in hazards of a relationship and would guide us in moving a relationship from a stage of immaturity to full maturity — a stage that yields precious returns on the large investments made by a couple over the years.

If there were such a manual, it would probably contain a basic map of the marital terrain and include an overview of the journey and of the potential obstacles couples might incur. And it might contain travel information such as the following which would benefit couples:



JoAnn Larsen
Psychology

- Every relationship is a living, growing (or falling) entity. From the time two people meet, fall in love and wed, to the time they go to their graves, both the relationship and the partners are continually changing. The trick is to create a resilient relationship capable of absorbing these changes and of reformulating to meet current needs.
- In order for a marriage to be satisfying — instead of partners serving the relationship — the relationship must serve the partners. The marriage must be a flexible structure that facilitates individual growth.
- When two people meet, over time they establish an unconscious "contract," the result of which is that the behavior and attitudes of partners are governed by parallel — rather than forged — expectations. As a result, each partner operates from his or her own idiosyncratic frame of reference and expects that the other has the same reference.
- Particularly over the first several years, certainly after the initial "magic" of the relationship has worn off, partners reel from emotional collisions that are caused by their "crashing" into each other's expectations and wondering just why there is an obstacle on the course. Not operating from the same forged frame of reference, they begin to blame the other for the collisions.

Partners get out their video cameras, which only record the crimes of the other partner (because they are holding the camera), and begin to build an archive in which they store the other person's faults and omissions.

Then, whenever partners get into a major collision, they tend to go to their archives, haul out the "crimes" that fit the occasion, and indict each other. To each, it is obviously the fault of the other that the relationship is going awry.

Sometimes, often in mid-life, a relationship collapses under its own burdens. The marital contract is grossly out of date and still contains parallel, instead of forged, expectations. The archives of crimes are stuffed and overflowing. Partners have thrown all their energies into meeting the survival needs of the family and responding to the ongoing bombarding, confusing, and often conflicting expectations of the '90s.

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Troubled hearts

Cardiac disease now the No. 1 killer of American women

By Denise Turner
Times-News writer

JEROME — Shirley Bentzinger never dreamed she was having a heart attack.

She was wrong.

"It wasn't like you see on TV," said Bentzinger, who has just been given the green light to resume her normal routine.

The 67-year-old mother and grandmother began feeling weak and short of breath on Sunday, Feb. 13. She also felt some pressure in her chest, but she attributed the symptoms to weakness from a recent bout with the flu. By the middle of the week, she was having her doubts.

Anger, depression increase risk - D2

"The pressure had let up, but I remained weak and out of breath," she said.

Bentzinger has a family history of heart problems. Her mother died of heart disease when she was in her early 60s, and her brother had a fatal heart attack in his late 30s. Bentzinger herself has been taking medication for hypertension since she was a young woman.

"I thought my blood-pressure medication needed its strength changed," Bentzinger said of the February episode. "I called my doctor's office on Thursday."

The doctor is Dr. Wayne Wright, a Twin Falls cardiologist.

He immediately ordered in-office testing for Bentzinger, and the tests showed that she had, indeed, experienced a heart attack. She was admitted to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center for bed rest and medication.

But not all physicians may be as diligent as Wright with their female patients.

Though heart attack is now the No. 1 killer of American women, studies show that doctors identify and treat heart symptoms in women less frequently than they do in men.

Part of the scenario: A woman's symptoms are often different from a man's. For example, a man might have crushing pain that radiates through his chest or left arm, while a woman is more likely to have lingering, but less dramatic, pain with vague chest discomfort and nausea.

Another fact: More men than women have heart attacks, and men have them earlier in life. But the hormone estrogen — or something — appears to protect women only in the first half of life. Starting after menopause, women drastically narrow the heart attack gap.

"But you don't have to wait until you are 56 and having chest pain to start modifying your risk factors," Twin Falls internist Dr. Barbara Jensen told her audience during a Women and Heart Disease seminar, held earlier this month at the College of Southern Idaho.

Jensen had just described a hypothetical patient whom she often sees in her office — a 56-year-old woman with a family history of hypertension who quit smoking a year ago. The woman's blood pressure is 156/90 — borderline high.

"It always goes up in the doctor's office," the woman says.



As is the case with many women, Shirley Bentzinger's heart attack struck without the dramatic symptoms often experienced by men in cardiac arrest.

Program scheduled

A program entitled "Women and Heart Disease" is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Aspen Building, Room 108, at the College of Southern Idaho.

Blood pressure screenings will be available between 6 and 7 p.m. that evening. The 7 p.m. program, hosted by Dr. Lois Adrian, will feature a panel of experts and a short video.

The event is free and open to the public.

This patient is 5 feet 4 1/4 inches tall and weighs 170 pounds. She attributes the extra weight to the "little bit of extra munching I've been doing since the kids left home."

And she's been experiencing mild chest pain.

"A woman doesn't need to expect some high-tech treatment unless there are big blockages," Jensen said.

But she does need to see her doctor regularly so the two can work on any necessary lifestyle changes.

The four major changeable risk factors — according to the American Heart Association, are smoking, high blood pressure, high blood cholesterol and lack of exercise. Other risk factors include diabetes, obesity, stress and failure to monitor alcohol consumption.

The idea is that women nag their husbands

Did you know that ...

- Heart attack is the No. 1 killer of American women, and approximately 485,000 die of cardiovascular disease each year. By comparison, breast cancer kills an estimated 46,000 women annually.
- One in nine women aged 45 to 64 has some form of heart or blood vessel disease. This ratio soars to one in three at age 65 and beyond.
- Some 39 percent of women who have heart attacks die within a year, compared to 31 percent of men. Part of the difference is attributed to the fact that women are generally operated on about 10 to 15 years later than men.

- Recent studies show that women smokers who use oral contraceptives are up to 39 times more likely to have a heart attack than women who neither smoke nor use birth control pills.
- About 27 percent of women aged 18 to 74 are estimated to have high blood pressure.
- Women who work in clerical positions have twice the risk of heart attack as homemakers or highly paid professionals.

For more information, contact the American Heart Association, National Center, 7272 Greenville Ave., Dallas, Texas 75231-4596. Call toll free 1-800-242-8721.

about such things while they don't live any differently themselves.

But Bentzinger had been doing most everything right. She never smoked. Her blood pressure was being controlled with medication, and she always walked a lot. She was overweight once, but only for a short time, when she was in her 50s.

At 5-6, Bentzinger once weighed between 160 and 165. She's very slender now, having reduced to her present 125 pounds by cutting out sweets.

"I had always kept the cholesterol and fats pretty low, and I haven't cooked with salt

for years," she said. "Dr. Wright said it shows you anyone can get it (heart disease)."

These days, Bentzinger has added in an aerobics class at the Jerome Senior Center. To relieve stress, she plays piano and organ. Bentzinger's tips to other women are simple:

"Check with your doctor immediately if you have abnormal chest discomfort or other symptoms you think might be cardiac related," she said. "You might not be as fortunate as I was."

Looking good

Think cool, comfy for kids' Easter clothes

Orange County Register

Think children's clothes for Easter and other special occasions in spring/summer, and this picture usually comes to mind: a frilly, chintz-print and-crimolined dress with a matching hat for a girl; a gold-buttoned navy blazer, shirt, understated tie and khaki slacks for a boy.

Traditional, conservative and proper? Yes. Versatile, modern and comfortable? No.

Thankfully, the fashion invasion in children's wear has generated kid-size versions of grown-up styles that even hip adults would wear if they were kids again.

To be fair, some parents consider Easter most sacrosanct occasions for which only conservative clothes are appropriate. Clearly, they are not going to buy palazzo pants for a girl or a boy's fun-print vest for the kids.

Nonetheless, for a growing number of fashion-conscious parents

these items are au courant, comfortable and good enough for Sunday service, said Susan Hoffman, owner of Balboa Island Kids Clothing Co., a specialty boutique in Balboa Island, Calif.

"I used to carry beautiful, crisp, bright, floral dresses," Hoffman said. "They were the easiest thing (for me) to buy, but they went on the markdown rack. The kids don't want to wear them, and if they have to, it's only on one occasion and that's it. They outgrow it."

Now, Hoffman deliberately selects interpretations of grown-up styles for her boutique. A guaze dress, a washable linen navy and white French cotton sundress, a wheat linen vest and walking shorts are some alternatives she recommends.

For boys, she says cotton polo and camp shirts can substitute for the long-sleeved cotton dress shirts.

With full-leg shorts or pleated pants, Please see EASTER/D2



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Pump sunflowers and tiny checks combine to decorate a festive frock, with straw hat completing the picture.

Health notes

SHALL WE DANCE? Here are some steps you can take to get fit. Dancing can burn as many calories as walking, swimming or riding a bicycle, the Mayo-Glinio Health-Letter reports. During a half-hour of sustained dancing you can burn 200 to 400 calories. Dancing also can improve cardiovascular conditioning, can strengthen bones, and can help prevent or slow bone-mass loss from osteoporosis. If you're recovering from heart or knee surgery, movement may be part of your rehabilitation. Dancing is a positive alternative to aerobic dance or jogging.

ON A ROLL: If you don't like to dance, try skating. In-line skaters gain the aerobic benefits of high-impact activities such as running, but perceive that it takes less effort, according to a study by Henry Ford Hospital.

CAFFEINE CAUTION: You could be increasing your risk of miscarriage if you drink three or four cups of coffee, tea or cola a day in the month prior to conception. A report in the Tufts University Diet and Nutrition Letter says a finding from a new study by Canadian researchers flies in the face of earlier studies that report little or no miscarriage risk. So what should you do in light of all the conflicting results? The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the U.S. Food and Drug Administration both advise limiting caffeine.

SINGLE GENE THEORY: A single gene may tie behind an addiction to food, alcohol or drugs, with

the home and family environment determining which form of addictive behavior those with this genetic disposition display. So says a report in the Journal of Eating Disorders by UCLA researcher Ernest P. Noble. His findings center on a dopamine receptor gene responsible for sensations of pleasure or reward.

IF THE SHOE DOESN'T FIT: Talk about getting off on the wrong foot! About 90 percent of women wear shoes that are too small, and two-thirds haven't had their feet measured in the last two years, according to statistics from the American Orthopaedic Foot and Ankle Society reported in Fitness magazine. This can be especially telling, and painful, when it comes to athletic shoes. Fitness suggests trying on shoes at the end of the day, when feet have swollen slightly and are at their largest.

BETA CAROTENE LOWERS RISKS: Consumption of fruits and vegetables rich in beta carotene, which has been found to lower the risk of lung cancer in cigarette smokers, can also reduce the risk of lung cancer for non-smokers, a Yale University School of Medicine study has found. The findings should bolster public health measures to have people eat more fruits and vegetables, especially in the raw form, since an estimated 15 percent of all lung cancers are not directly attributable to active smoking, said Susan Taylor Mayne.

Compiled from wire reports

Feeling bad — physically, emotionally — can trigger heart attacks

Newsday

First it was stress. Then, researchers began warning that too rigorous a workout — including sex — could be dangerous. Now, scientists at Harvard have found that a little bit of anger can more than double the risk of a heart attack.

Damn! While doctors used to think that heart attacks occurred in pattern, a growing number of studies are now suggesting that how people feel — both physically and emotionally — in the hours, days and even months before a heart attack can help paint a complex picture of what puts people at risk.

The latest set of studies, in fact, indicates that hostile people have higher levels of the bad form of cholesterol, and that anger and other negative emotions can alter the chemical balance of the brain. Additionally, researchers have found that healthy people who become depressed are twice as likely to suffer heart attack, stroke and death.

"We're entering a new era where we

realize that we can manage the health of our heart, mind and immune system simply by being more loving and caring, and less angry and frustrated," said San Padison, vice president of the Institute of HeartMath, a non-profit organization in Boulder, Creek, Calif., that conducts privately funded research using high-tech monitoring equipment.

Last week, researchers at an American Heart Association meeting reported several studies reinforcing the theme that the emotional heart can influence the physical one in powerful ways. For instance, Dr. Murray Mittleman, a Harvard epidemiologist, has found in a study of 1,663 people that heart attack patients were 2.3 times more likely to have an attack within hours of feeling angry, than at times when they were not angry.

And next month at a behavioral medicine meeting, psychologist Kate Stoney of Brown University is expected to present findings from a study of 107 healthy, male airline pilots suggesting that hostile people have dangerously higher levels of LDL, the heart-endangering form of cholesterol.

While levels of LDL are considered high-risk, the study says these men averaged levels of 160. Doctors suspect that stress can alter the chemicals of the blood, prompting a cascade of events that can ultimately damage the heart. Angry feelings have been shown to trigger arousal of the central nervous system. The result: increased blood pressure and excretion of hormones.

And while negative emotions may lead to heart disease, California researchers are finding that good feelings such as love and appreciation can influence a person's heart rate in a positive way. The theory is that if people better understand how emotions can alter the body's physiology, maybe they will take greater care to keep a positive attitude.

For decades, researchers have been trying to prove that certain personality types — people who are hard-driven and hostile — are more at risk for heart disease. In the 1970s, California cardiologists Drs. Meyer Friedman and Ray Rosenman labeled these people "Type A," and said that these hard-driving,

impatient types were two times more likely to have heart attacks than people who are relaxed, easy-going and less competitive.

In the past few years, researchers have narrowed the personality risk features down even more, suggesting that a competitive nature isn't what puts a person at risk. Rather, it's feelings of hostility and how a person copes with them.

"Hostile people tend to report more hassles," said Dr. Redford Williams, professor and director of the department of behavioral medicine research at Duke University. "Life itself is more stressful."

Williams, author of "Anger Kills," has found that hostility measured in college-aged students predicted cardiac risk factors decades later. He found that middle-aged men who scored high on hostility in college were more likely to consume more caffeine and cigarettes, weigh more and have high lipid (cholesterol) levels.

Four years ago, Harvard researchers began looking for possible triggers that might set off a heart attack. Mittleman

and his colleagues analyzed detailed information collected from patients who detailed events and feelings in the hours, days and months before the attack.

The patients were asked by research assistants at \$5-U.S.-hospitals to rate their anger on a seven-point scale: calm, busy but not hassled, mildly angry, moderately angry, very angry, furious and enraged.

The researchers compared the anger levels in the two hours before the attack to the severity of outbursts over the past year. Factoring out all other possibilities, Mittleman said he found that moderate to severe anger right before a heart attack doubled a person's risk.

Almost 40 of the subjects reported an angry outburst right before the attack.

Three months earlier, Mittleman's group reported on information culled from the same study that said heavy lifting and physical exertion in the two hours before a heart attack increased a person's risk by almost six times the normal risk. Sexual activity also dou-

bled a person's chances of having a heart attack.

The average risk of a 50-year-old, non-smoking, non-diabetic man is about one in a million in any given hour, Mittleman said. That means that an outburst of anger makes this man's risk three in a million.

While anger may flame the heart, other researchers are finding that depression might also be a factor.

Sylvia Smoller, an epidemiologist at Albert Einstein College of Medicine in New York City, analyzed a portion of data taken from a nationwide study of 4,736 elderly people that was initially set up to probe the effects of treating hypertension in people over 60. The federally funded study showed that lowering blood pressure reduced strokes by 36 percent.

But researchers also found something unexpected. Baseline scores of depressive symptoms did not predict or increase the risk of heart attacks, stroke, cancer or death. But, if people grew depressed over the course of the five-year study, Smoller said that they were twice as likely to get sick, even die.

Easter

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Then kids can borrow an old fashion trick that grownups use to dress up most outfits, Hoffman said — add a jacket.

The result is an oxymoronic category of clothes called sexy/casual, but it makes sense for parents who eschew the formal and stuffy for the relaxed and unconventional.

Of course, stores would not be able to sell these hipper styles without the progressive thinking of designers such as Barbara Perlin, who started Monkeywear, her own line of contemporary boys' wear, in 1986. Following the huge demand for Monkeywear, she added a girls' version three years later. Seven years since its inception, Monkeywear is one of the most widely worn and contemporary American lines in high-end specialty stores and boutiques.

"When I started in 1986, I was finding Eddie Munster suits and Little Lord Fauntleroy shirts with ruffle tops," Perlin said. "If you saw a grown man wearing that you'd laugh."

The premise of her designs was to give parents an alternative to these cutesy looks.

"It seemed people believed, 'Why change something, if it is not broken,' Perlin said. "But I thought it was broken, so I changed it."

Beginning with the menswear concept of related separates, meaning

Little girls looking more grown up

Knight-Ridder News Service

Little girls are looking more like big girls these days, even for the Easter parade.

You might see these tots promading on Easter Sunday in floral chiffon pants with crocheted-edged sweaters. Or in classic suit with matching ruffled bags.

But you can't forget the Easter bonnet altogether. Little girls still want hats, says Linda Levitt of the Children's Boutique in Philadelphia, though they are less frilly. "Easter is a big deal in the world of children's clothes, and almost every little girl and boy wants a new outfit. But because little doesn't necessarily mean less expensive, more and more working parents are taking a practical approach — which means they are looking for something that is dressed-up enough for Easter, but not so fancy that it can't be worn again before it is outgrown."

"We're seeing a big surge toward more casual separates," says B.J.

shirts, trousers and shorts that coordinate, she devised a hit formula: Make boys' tops and bottoms that look good for girls to wear.

With the girls' line, Perlin had a sim-

Bendyna, fashion merchandising coordinator at Strawbridge & Clothier in place of the traditional nautical suit, boys are teaming sport jackets and cardigans with slacks. Little girls who want to look like their older sisters have discovered the Byer line, which makes Junior looks in girls' sizes 4 to 6X.

At the Children's Boutique, anything French or Italian is popular, as well as natural colors teamed with red or navy. And there are linen looks galore, jackets for girls, pants for boys. "Girls like body-conscious clothes," says Levitt.

But sometimes tradition refuses to be squelched. Grandparents who are not cost-conscious still love to buy "little princess" dresses, Strawberry reports.

And in the children's department at a Macy's store, at least one salesperson has found that many little girls bypass the chambrays and the suits and head for the racks of frilly frocks.

lar recipe: "miniaturize my wardrobe," she said.

The stores are up her line like hungry goldfish gobbling up fish food. "Everyone else (manufacturers) re-

vamped their whole lines," Perlin said. Perlin since has taken her part of her line upscale in design, that of offering designer adult looks in kids' sizes.

For special occasions, for example, she suggests neutral simple silhouettes for boys. Her dark linen shirt with lighter-hued chevron-plated pleated linen pants and a matching double-breasted jacket mirror the current trend of quiet minimalism from notable men's designer lines such as Calvin Klein, Katherine Hammett and Indurata.

"For girls, we have several different looks: an ivory suit with floral chiffon printed skirts, blouses, vests worn over palazzo pants. We use ivory, celery and other natural colors such as jade. They're very sophisticated."

"We made a linen vest and stitched 'soutache' trimming all over the front and paired it with crepe palazzo pants. You know those 'Shabby Chic' upholstery fabrics? We picked them and softened them and used them in patchwork items in pastels. They were just beautiful."

It seems American designers of adult ready-to-wear are getting the idea. Tommy Hilfinger launched a line of boys' wear last year.

Nicole Miller translated some of her rather pricey menswear styles for boys.

"Her line is fabulous," said Adrienne Weinfield-Berg, style editor of children's trade magazine *Entirehouse*'s.

"She uses beautiful fabrics. When you flip open a classic silk herringbone blazer, there's a baseball print on the inside."

But what price premium? Monkeywear's spring/summer pieces cost about \$40-\$45 for a linen shirt or pants. Jackets cost more. And they sell well at these prices at high-end stores such as Neiman Marcus, Saks Fifth Avenue and Nordstrom.

But once clothes become more expensive than these, the situation becomes dicey.

Are parents, as cool as they are, willing to look over more than \$60 for a better designer item such as the Nicole Miller vest that a boy won't be able to fit into after a year?

The answer might lie in the pullout of designer lines such as Armani Junior from the U.S. market as well as the dwindling demand for creme-de-la-creme kid lines such as Gianni Versace and Paul Smith.

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Marriage

Continued from D1

No one has paid any attention to the relationship, which often has grown haphazardly (like zucchini). Partners have pursued their own growth needs without coordinating the growth patterns of individuals and the relationship.

The relationship is not adequately represented in the couple's daytimers. Tired couples have defaulted on intimacy in favor of a desperate need to sleep. And no one is doing anything to update or to refurbish the relationship.

The relationship is bankrupt. No one ever said that, like a business, a marriage must be kept in good working order or the "business" goes down.

In striving to survive in the stressed conditions of the '90s, one or both of the partners often fall into a time bomb, comes to fruition. Either may be spawned or aggravated by acute stress, the lack of exercise, sleep, and sound eating habits.

Feeling numb, suffering symptoms of sadness, withdrawal, low stress tolerance, high irritability, low energy and low sex drive, a depressed partner often concludes that the other person is causing his or her agitation and depressed feelings. These conditions are

"proof," then, that the relationship is bad and that it will never work.

Often, there is a complicating factor of a new person on the scene, someone who looks more attractive and says nicer things and doesn't have an archive of crimes (yet). This person tempts to make up for all the ways the involved partner has been cheated in the old relationship.

Maybe, now, he or she can have a perfect marriage with a perfect partner. Using the new relationship, the depressed partner begins to self-medicate, his or her neurotransmitters, like chemicals in the brain, actually stimulated by the new love conditions — temporarily!

So what happens if the involved, and usually depressed, person aborts the marriage for a new relationship? Research indicates that such a new relationship rarely works when it comes to light of day.

Instead the involved partner gives up a known, and usually repairable, relationship in favor of jumping into a relationship with a person he or she barely knows, because the relationship not gone through the stage where true differences begin to emerge. Even if the involved person now wants to go back, sometimes it's too late.

So the involved partner goes back to

square one and begins to develop an unconscious — and parallel — contract with the new person (or someone else).

For a while, and certainly while the new partners shroud their activities and "live on love," they match. But then they begin to have emotional collisions and the involved partner finds that a tacit expectation regarding the relationship does not hold: That he or she would have every good thing in the previous relationship plus.

But nothing is the same. Rather, the involved partner "gets" the opportunity to go through all the advancing stages of the relationship until the new relationship sometimes collapses from its own burdens, often reeling from the in-

law and ex-law complications of second marriages.

Where, then, would an instruction manual go from here? How can couples maintain a viable marriage? One answer lies in being the right partner, not having the right partner. Another lies in developing a "conscious" marriage — one that couples keep in focus.

Check next week's column for further travel information.

Joann Larsen is a Salt Lake City marital counselor. Her column appears on Mondays.

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Valley happenings

Twin Falls seniors offer Easter luncheon

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Federation is hosting a special Easter luncheon at noon Tuesday at the senior center, 616 Eastland Drive. Easter ham with all the trimmings will be served. Those attending are encouraged to wear Easter hats or bonnets and participate in the contest for the best one. All seniors are welcome. Suggested donation is \$1.75 per person.

Magic Valley Singles schedule workshop

JEROME — The Magic Valley Singles Square Dance Club has planned a workshop for Tuesday at the Jerome Catholic Parish Hall, 216 Second Ave. E.

Round dancing begins at 7 p.m., followed by mainstream from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and beginners from 8:30 to 10 p.m. All singles are welcome. Bring finger foods. For more information, call Shirley Baker at 734-5662, Sadie Thornton at 736-2543 or Janice Lang at 326-5470.

Ageless Senior Citizens set Easter Bazaar

KIMBERLY — The Ageless Senior Citizens have planned an Easter Bazaar for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Wednesday at the senior center, 310 N. Main. The event is planned as a fund-raiser. For more information, call 423-4338.

Bicycle, pedestrian advisory group meets

TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday in Room 205 of the Canyon Building at the College of Southern Idaho.

The agenda will include welcoming new members, a treasury report, a summary of the past year's activities, representatives' reports, discussion of the spot improvement program, the visitor center to Dierke's Lake Trail, a spring bicycle awareness activity, a hike of the month selection, election of officers and new business. For more information, call 733-9554, Ext. 250.

The Times-News welcomes news of community events. Send material to The Times-News Valley Happenings, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0548. Please submit news at least a week in advance and include a phone number where you can be reached.

To do for you

Evening co-ed aerobics class to begin

JEROME — A 6 p.m. co-ed aerobic exercise class instructed by Louise Slater will begin April 4 at the Jerome Recreation Center Gym. The fee is \$30 (\$35 for out-of-district participants) for a nine-week session. Class will be held on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Morning co-ed aerobics course to start

JEROME — A 6 a.m. co-ed aerobic exercise class will begin April 5 at the Jerome Recreation Center Gym. Instructor will be Louise Slater. Class will be held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The fee is \$20 (\$25 for out-of-district participants) for a six-week session.

Jerome center sets CPR, first aid classes

JEROME — A cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and first aid class will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. April 4 and 11 at the Jerome Recreation Center. Both sessions must be attended in order to certify. Instructor will be Larry Wood. The fee is \$10 (\$15 for out-of-district participants).

Learn how to cope with widowhood

TWIN FALLS — Widowed Information and Consultation Services is planning to hold a series of meetings on "Coping with Widowhood." The eight-week series will meet at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging. It will be designed to help widowed persons receive information and support in dealing with problems of being widowed. Dates and times have not yet been set. Anyone interested in obtaining more information or in registering should call 736-2122.

CSI plans weight reduction program

TWIN FALLS — A 10-week weight reduction program with emphasis on healthy eating, behavior modification and exercise will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. beginning April 4 at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging Annex, 1238 Washington N. Bring a spouse or friend and get \$5 off the fee. To register or for more information, call 733-9113. Registration dates are Thursday and April 4.

Class teaches Japanese healing art

JEROME — A class in Reiki, a Japanese natural healing art will be held on April 8, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. April 9 and from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. April 10 at the home of Anna Stowe, 276 E. 300 N. in Jerome. The cost is \$150 and registration is not necessary.

This ancient healing art is done by a simple treatment form of hands on the body. Anyone can learn these useful techniques for themselves or others. The technique is transferred and learned by a student attending a class taught by a Reiki Master. For more information, call Stowe at 324-7250 or Luanne Epeldi at 736-0160.

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 Features section. Mail notices to The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

Co-worker confesses to compliments

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to "Fed Up in the Break Room," who complained about a co-worker who seemed to be referring to me.

I thought I was being complimentary when I asked my co-workers what they thought for lunch because it looked or smelled good when it was being returned in the microwave oven.

Well, they don't have to worry. I will never mention food again.

— FED UP AND SHUT UP

DEAR ABBY: Recently I read the letter in your column about the rude co-worker who always had to know what everyone else had for lunch.

Abby, I did not have to get past the first two lines to realize that the letter was about me. I was just trying to make conversation. I apologize to my co-workers whom I offended. However, it isn't necessary for others to skip lunch to avoid me. A sudden change of subject, or the direct approach, would have turned a lightbulb on in my head. Sign me

... SORRY IN ST. PAUL

DEAR ABBY: The person who thought it was necessary to ask you how to tell people to "butt out" of their lunch bugs obviously can't handle the standard way to say, "Knock it off — you bother me." How about this: "It's a rude-a-begga sandwich" ... or is that too subtle?

— VANCE IN SAN DIEGO



Dear Abby
Abigail
VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: I was disappointed in your response to "Fed Up in the Break Room." If the person's incessant talking about food is irritating, someone should tell her about it. No need to be brutal. You seemed to assume that the person was doing this deliberately to annoy people. Maybe she was just trying to make conversation, to be friendly.

I would recommend starting with a positive comment. For example: "You certainly have an interest in food. Are you a gourmet cook?"

Then end with, "You seem very interested in what I am eating, but your curiosity about what I am eating detracts from my enjoyment. So how about talking about other things during break?"

— JEAN, BETHLEHEM, PA.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to "Fed Up in the Break Room." I think I know who wrote that letter.

Prior to this job, I worked for a large firm in a large city. Every day all of us would ask the others what they were having for lunch, if they bought it, and if they cooked it, they would ask for the recipe.

Panel: Steroids can be given to help premature children

Knight-Ridder News Service

Most pregnant women hospitalized because their child is expected to be born prematurely should be given inexpensive steroid drugs to help the infants avoid serious complications or death, a federal panel concludes.

The panel recommended the injectable drugs for most such mothers who are 24 to 34 weeks into a pregnancy. Doctors need to decide whether the drugs should be given to women with some chronic conditions, such as asthma.

The drugs accelerate maturation of some fetal organs, such as the lungs. They are particularly helpful in quickly treating a newborn lung disease known as respiratory distress syndrome. The drugs produce a chemical substance that helps prevent lungs from collapsing.

Beyond 34 weeks, a fetus typically is mature enough that the drugs don't improve maturation, says Dr. Ralph Kauffman, director of pharmacology and toxicology at Children's Hospital of Michigan in Detroit. A normal pregnancy lasts 40 weeks.

In an extensive review of 30,000 premature babies, researchers at the National Institute of Child Health and

Human Development found that two corticosteroid drugs — betamethasone and dexamethasone — significantly reduced death rates, decreased complications and illness, and lowered hospital costs.

The finding is "a rare example of a treatment" that saves money and improves health, Kauffman says. He and Dr. Seetha Shankaran, director of perinatal and neonatal medicine at Children's, participated in the NIH panel.

The nation would save at least \$157 million annually if 60 percent of women at risk of early deliveries got the drugs, the panel concluded.

The drugs have been used since 1972 to prevent complications from premature births, but are used in fewer than 1 in 5 cases because of concerns about long-term complications, Kauffman says. Studies of children followed for up to 12 years have found no adverse effects from use of the drugs before birth, he says.

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I think "Fed Up in the Break Room" made a trivial, childish complaint. I didn't realize I was being rude. And believe me, Abby, I have learned my lesson. Hell will freeze before I compliment anybody at work about her cooking again!

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the lesson page

One of the few forms of exercise that parents and children can enjoy together is yoga, a gentle, relaxing form of exercise that can improve circulation and flexibility and help relieve stress. Yoga offers children a noncompetitive alternative to team sports, which often stress game skills rather than overall physical conditioning. Nevertheless, yoga takes practice, and mastering the poses can be great fun, especially when they have names like "bird," shown here. In this pose, your hands and arms form the bird's feet and legs. As in all yoga poses, breathe normally except when you move into the pose; that's when you should breathe out.

Bird

1. Begin in a squatting position with your feet parallel and flat on the floor. Your shoulders should be inside your knees. Your hands, shoulder-width apart, should rest on the floor in front of you, with your elbows near the tops of your feet.



2. Breathe out, rise onto your toes and shift your weight onto your hands, which remain flat on the floor. Your hands and the foundation upon which a balancing pose rests. Keep the knees in and the feet close together.



3. Straighten your arms as you lift your feet off the floor. Keep your head up and your neck long as you move forward to try to balance on your hands.



You can learn more about this healthful form of exercise. Look for books in your local library or look for a class sometimes offered in community education programs and YMCAs.

SOURCE: "Yoga for Children"

Detroit Free Press, KRT Infographics

Jerome offers English classes for Spanish-speaking people

The Times-News

JEROME — Parents who cannot speak English are enrolling in a special class in the Jerome School District to learn the language their children use in school.

"We need to enable these parents to speak English as a second language so they can help their children read and do their homework," Chris Gibson, the district's migrant education director, said.

Classes for Spanish-speaking people are held Tuesday and Wednesday evenings from 7 to 9 p.m. at Central Elementary School. There is no charge for the classes taught by Lila Mae Correll, College of Southern Idaho instructor. Free child care is also provided.

Twenty-three adults enrolled in the first classes and 17 babies were in the child care center, Gibson said.

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Hurling dead horses — science works for you

Today we have a heartwarming human-interest story about some guys in Texas who are fulfilling a dream — a dream that all of us have dreamt, but for one reason or another, have had to abandon. That's right. These guys are building a device that will be capable of hurling a Buick 200 yards.

Needless to say, the origin of this idea involved beer. A lot of great ideas originated this way. Take the electric light. One night in 1879 at a bar in a little town called Menlo Park, N.J., some men were drinking beer, when suddenly one of them announced that he was going to invent an electric light. The others laughed, but that man got up, put on his coat and hat, and accidentally walked into the fireplace, thereby setting his coat on fire. This gave Thomas Edison, who was at another table drinking coffee, the idea of using carbonized cotton as the filament in his light bulb.

So we see that beer, if used correctly, can be a tremendous force for good, which brings us back to the Buick-hurling device, which I found out about thanks to a Fort Worth Star-Telegram article written by Paul Bourgeois and sent in by alien reader Robert Grimm. The beer consumers in this case were Richard Clifford, an engineer and artist; and John Quincy, a dentist. One day they were snorkeling brews, and as guys often do when they're getting in touch with their feelings, they got to talking about medieval war weapons.

As you recall from dozing off face-down on your history textbook, medieval cities were surrounded by high stone walls with massive iron gates that would not open unless you punched in the secret digital Roman numeral passcode. This was the only way that an invading army could get inside without knocking holes in the wall by hurling large objects at it. Originally catapults were used for this, but they were eventually replaced by a more powerful device — the atomic bomb of the Medieval era — called a "trebuchet." It's basically a long arm with a big weight attached to one end; the weight is raised, then dropped, which whips up the other end of the arm, causing it to fling the projectile.

According to an article in the January issue of Mechanical Engineering magazine (alertly sent in by reader Bob Goetze), some trebuchets could throw 300-pound bombs as far as 300 yards. They also were used to throw dead horses. I am



Dave Barry Humor

not making this up. The idea was to spread disease. This would be a real morale-breaker.

HUSBAND: Hi honey! I'm home from my work job in the field of crossbow sales! What's for dinner?

WIFE: Your favorite! A nice big mutton ...

(A DEAD HORSE COMES CRASHING THROUGH THE CEILING. SPEWING MAGGOTS EVERYWHERE.)

HUSBAND: Actually, I'm not hungry.

WIFE: I cannot wait for the Renaissance.

Yes, the trebuchet was an awesome weapon, and the more Richard Clifford and John Quincy thought about it, while drinking beer, the more they realized that they had to build one. And so they did. They used it to try to hurl a brick. It was not a major success.

"We never knew which way the brick was gonna go," Quincy told me, in a phone interview.

At this point, most guys would have quit. But Clifford and Quincy are not "most guys"; they are an artist-engineer and a dentist. And so they did some serious trebuchet research. They read books on military history. Then they went to England to consult with the world's leading trebuchet expert, a historian named Hew Kennedy. Kennedy is generally considered to be "eccentric" in the same sense that the sun is generally considered to be "warm." He has built a large working trebuchet at his home in Shropshire, and he regularly invites his neighbors over to watch him hurl stuff across the fields.

According to Mechanical Engineering, he has built small cars, dead pigs and grand pianos.

He hurled a piano for Clifford and Quincy.

"It went almost 200 yards," Quincy told me, with a gleam in his voice.

Clifford and Quincy returned home inspired. They printed up some official stationery (It says PROJECTILE THROWING ENGINES, Texas Division; "Hurling Into the 21st Century"). They hooked up with a welder, Don Capers, and together they developed and built an improved tre-

buchet, for test purposes. They've been using it to hurl bowling balls.

"We're throwing bowling balls now somewhere between 400 and 500 feet," he said.

But that is small potatoes. What they plan to do is build — get ready — *The biggest trebuchet in the history of the world.* The one that will hurl the Buick.

Here is how serious they are: When I spoke with Quincy, he had just purchased 80 acres of land adjacent to his property just so the Buick will have some place to land.

"Wherever it lands," said Quincy, "it's going to stay there."

Quincy said they'll use The Big One to raise money for charity by holding several major hurlings per year. And we're not talking just Buicks. Quincy sent me a ballistics chart listing detailed technical data on the hurling characteristics of — among other items — a toilet, a case of Spam, a recliner, an Airstream trailer, a cow, and a mine ("silent, night hurling," notes the chart).

I don't know about you, but, as a journalist and as an American, I am really excited about this. I'm going to keep you readers informed. I'm going to stick to this story the way Connie Chung stuck to Tonya Harding. And, yes, I intend to be there when the Buick goes up: When it does, I know that I'm going to have a very special feeling inside me. It will go away when I burp.

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald.

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