

Good morning

Today's forecast:
Today partly cloudy and warmer, highs in the mid-60s. Tonight partly cloudy, lows around 40.

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Down in Birdland



For this year's Valley House fund-raising birdhouse auction Richard Brady went all out and created 40 bird houses in a variety of forms.

Woodworker creates a tweet for fund-raiser

By Julie M. McKinnon
Times-News writer

FILER — Richard Brady always wanted to work with wood. So when his youngest child moved out a few years ago, the 51-year-old took over half the basement and installed a table saw.

Brady made things for his grandchildren. The Lamb Weston freer operator made things for his wife, Barbara, and their three children. One spring, Brady sold 60 Easter bunnies and used the profits to buy more toys.

And when coworkers failed to pay him for other items, Brady decided his cold-weather toils might as well help needy people.

That's why Brady made 39 birdhouses for next month's Valley House fund-raising auction. So far, that's

How you can help

Get out those hammers and saws: Valley House is accepting bird houses for its annual fund-raising auction.
The auction to benefit the Twin Falls homeless shelter will be held from 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. May 15 at the Silver Inn in Twin Falls. Silent bids will be taken from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.
Birdhouses donated by May 10 will be judged, and prizes will be awarded in three age categories for best of show, most unique and group-organization business.
Birdhouses will be accepted until May 14 at Valley House, and donors should call 734-7736 before dropping bird houses off.

nearly half of what has been donated or promised to the Twin Falls home-

'I had 40, but (Barbara) took one of them.'

— Richard Brady, birdhouse builder

less shelter's fund-raiser.

"I had 40, but (Barbara) took one of them," the Filer man said. "I just changed all my patterns and made birdhouses out of them."

"I'd probably have more, but I ran out of ideas."

Last year, more than 100 birdhouses were donated and about \$7,000 was raised for the shelter.

Brady's favorite this year is shaped like a cow, and some other birdhouses take the form of birds, animals, build-

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Officials ponder punishment, future of 6-year-old suspect

The Associated Press

RICHMOND, Calif. — He sounds like a poster boy for three strikes laws — burglary, theft, assault, and finally the murderous beating of a tiny infant, prosecutors say.

But he's only 6 years old, his legs too short to reach the floor from a chair in a juvenile courtroom.

The youngest child in the nation ever charged with attempted murder has confounded juvenile authorities debating whether to punish or help the boy — and how.

He listened impassively Friday to a juvenile prosecutor's chilling account of

how he beat a neighbor's month-old baby with his fist, feet and an inch-thick stick.

The attack left tiny Ignacio Bernudez Jr.'s skull fractured in two places, his brain damaged, his survival chances slim.

Prosecutors say the boy recruited two 8-year-old boys to break into the house days after he was thrown to the Bernudez house and he went out.

"He entered the house with the idea of doing something," says Ignacio Bernudez Sr. "He had a large stick. I threw him out. I'd never seen him before then."

The boy apparently took deep offense. Prosecutors say he told others he planned to get back at the Bernudez family.

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The mother of a 6-year-old boy charged with attempted murder in the near-fatal beating of a month-old baby enters Contra Costa County Juvenile Hall in Martinez, Calif., Friday.

Gunman kills 32 in Australia

Police capture man after 12-hour standoff

The Associated Press

PORT ARTHUR, Australia — A gunman slaughtered at least 32 people at a popular tourist site and nearby pub Sunday. Police captured him Monday when he bolted in flames from a guest cottage, which he had torched with three hostages inside.

The gunman, whom police identified as a 29-year-old with a history of psychological problems, had opened fire with an semiautomatic rifle Sunday afternoon on tourists at the ruins of a colonial prison on Tasmania.

It was the worst shooting massacre in Australia this century. "Various massacres would

pale into insignificance when you look at what has happened in Tasmania," said Tasmanian Police Commissioner John Johnson.

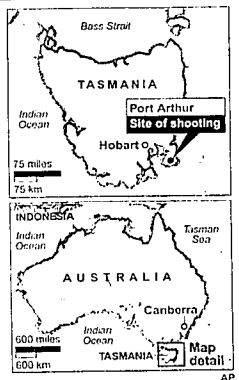
Police indicated they expected to find the bodies of three more victims inside the guest cottage, where he took three hostages and held police at bay for 12 hours.

Witnesses said the incident began when the blond man drove up to the prison in a Volkswagen with a surfboard strapped on top and talked casually with some of the 500 people outside.

"He said, 'There's a lot of WASPs around today, there's not a lot of Aussies here,'"



A shooting victim arrives in Hobart, Australia, 30 miles northwest of Port Arthur Historical Site.



Roosevelt memorial won't show chair

Activists want disability included in new monument

Knights-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — When he was alive, Franklin D. Roosevelt strove mightily to keep people from seeing him in his wheelchair. Now, more than half a century after his death, he is still succeeding.

A 7.5-acre memorial to the fourth-term president now under construction along the banks of the Potomac River will include three sculptures of him, but none will reveal his disability.

In an outdoor exhibit longer than two football fields, the only mention of his handicap will be one time on a wall of chronology, stating: "1921, Stricken with poliomyelitis — He never again walked unaided."

The deliberate omission of any visual reminder of FDR's handicap has sparked a protest from a group of disabled people who call it a dis-

ortion of history that rebuffed people today and in the future of the nation FDR led.

After scraping together the \$10.8 million of admission, the National Organization on Disability plans to send its wheelchair-bound chairman to a fund-raising event Tuesday night at the White House to make his case personally to President Clinton and other backers of the memorial.

"It's a sad historical distortion," said Michael Deland, chairman of the group and a former environmental adviser to President George Bush.

"It's important to people in wheelchairs. For the 49 million Americans who have disabilities, there is no greater role model than FDR."

"It would be unacceptable if schoolchildren were to go through that memorial and not know that he led the nation from a wheelchair."

Moreover, Deland said, the \$70 million over seven years is one of Roosevelt's most significant accomplishments: keeping his disability from the public eye while winning four presidential elections.

"It's a national omen of the Depression and through World

War II.

He was a sophisticated enough politician to know the country wasn't ready to elect a president from a wheelchair," Deland said.

Although the news media knew of Roosevelt's inability to walk without heavy metal braces and help, reporters and photographers of the era willingly kept the secret. Of more than 125,000 photos of FDR at the Roosevelt Library in Hyde Park, N.Y., only one shows him in his wheelchair.

"Still, Deland said, Roosevelt occasionally used his disability, either for political purposes or to inspire. He said FDR stayed in his wheelchair when he toured veterans' hospitals, for instance. Also, he once gave a speech to the black students of Washington's Howard University from his wheelchair, a way, Deland said, of establishing rapport with one of his minorities.

Roosevelt's ability to prosper despite his disability was an integral part of his life, he argues. The memorial says should be part of the story told today, Deland noted that Winston Churchill

praised FDR's courage and perseverance in a speech to the British House of Commons, and that a statue of FDR leaning on a cane (historically inaccurate because he needed support on both sides, but nonetheless revealing) stands in London.

Dorann Gunderson, executive director of the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial Commission, said it would be historically inaccurate to make a public display of something FDR himself hid in his lifetime.

"Those who question the lack of an image of President Roosevelt using a wheelchair or a cane and braces ignore the history this monument was developed to reflect," Gunderson said.

"A historical monument should not attempt to revise the record."

Ironically, Roosevelt himself never wanted a memorial. At age 44 years before he died in 1945, he told Supreme Court Justice Felix Frankfurter that he only wanted a memorial the size of his desk.

"I want it to be plain, without any ornamentation, with the simple carving, In Memory Of..."

Briefly

Man sentenced for ordering pizza

RENO, Nev. — A clerk who renewed a judge's newspaper subscription — then used his credit card number to order more than \$25 worth of pizza — was sentenced to at least a year in jail.

Kenneth Victor Roberts, 41, was sentenced to 12 to 31 months in jail Friday, a month after pleading guilty to the illegal use of Washoe District Judge Mills Lane's credit card.

Roberts got the number from Lane when Lane called the Daily Sparks Tribune to renew his subscription.

He was arrested 10 days later using the number to order pizza.

Washoe District Judge James Stone also gave Roberts a concurrent nine-month sentence stemming from his arrest for an attempted bank robbery.

Pig noises at ex-wife land man in jail

HARRISBURG, Pa. — A man who moped at his ex-wife and played "The MacDonald Hall of Fame" when he saw her wallkling past his house was serving a 30-day prison sentence Friday for harassment.

Rachel Nickle, who lives several houses away from her ex, Robert Barzyk, said he made pig and elephant noises for nine years, each time she walked by his house on a school bus stop.

Dauphin County Common Pleas Judge Lawrence F. Clark Jr. ordered Barzyk to begin serving his sentence on Wednesday. But on Friday, his lawyer got a higher court to agree that Barzyk should be granted \$1,000 bail during his appeals.

"I'll be on Monday morning," said his attorney, Gary Lyssight.

In September, Barzyk began supplementing the animal sounds by playing "Old MacDonald" on a cassette player, Deputy District Attorney Diana Woodsaid said.

Lyssight didn't deny the behavior, but said his client was playing the tapes for his two daughters.

One of the heroic cat's kittens dies

PORT WASHINGTON, N.Y. — Scarlet, the heroic cat who rescued her five kittens one by one from a fire, has lost one of her brood to a virus.

"He was the kitten that was probably most exposed to fire and smoke of the five kittens," said Dr. Bonnie Brown, medical director of the North Shore Animal Hospital.

The black-white kitten had apparently suffered the most lung damage in the March 30 fire in an abandoned building in Brooklyn, he died Saturday.

His mother, a stray, won the hearts of many by dragging her offspring across the street from the fire. A firefighter found Scarlet and her four-week-old kittens and took them to the animal shelter.

Scarlet suffered burns to her face, back and paws. Even with her eyes blistered shut, she made a head count of her young ones, touching each one with her nose to make sure they were all safe.

Songwriter buys JFK's rocking chair

LOS ANGELES — Songwriter Carole Bayer Sager is the mystery bidder who shelled out \$45,500 for President Kennedy's oak rocking chair at Sager's auction of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis' effects.

Sager, who penned the lyrics to hits such as "Arthur's Theme" and "That's What Friends Are For," with ex-husband Bud Bacharach, said she bought the chair as a wedding present for her future husband, Time-Warner chairman Bob Daly.

Compiled from wire reports

Medicare Trust Fund to become insolvent

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Medicare trust fund that pays hospital bills for 37 million elderly and disabled people for services of the bankrupt program will accumulate far deeper deficits over the next decade than previously projected by the Medicare trustees, according to a new estimate by the Congressional Budget Office.

The new numbers appear to lend support to Republican charges that the Medicare hospital trust fund is deteriorating faster than had been realized and that steps must be taken quickly to arrest the decline.

But part of the differences between the earlier estimates and the new CBO forecast may result from the economy's overall performance over the period than those used by the Medicare actuaries in their report in the past.

"The trust fund is in dramatically worse shape than we were told by the administration, and the president ought to submit a plan for fixing the situation," said Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., chairman of the House Ways and Means subcommittee on Medicare. He said he will hold a news conference Monday to announce his Tuesday on new CBO projections.

Laura D'Andrea Tyson, chairman of the president's National Economic Council, declined any comment that President Clinton is not seeking ways to keep the fund solvent.

"The president's balanced budget proposal contains enough advance savings to extend the life of the trust fund for a decade from now," said Tyson in a statement issued by the White House. "This report simply shows how important it is for Republicans to accept the president's invitation to resume serious balanced budget negotiations."

A more sharply deteriorating financial situation in the Medicare trust fund would not only pose a more immediate threat to health benefits for beneficiaries, but would also make it harder to balance the federal budget early in the next century. The new CBO projection expects the Medicare trust fund to be in the red in 2001, a year earlier than earlier projections.

A report of the Medicare trustees, who include three Clinton Cabinet members, will be issued in about a month. Several sources said that since CBO develops its estimates

from information it gets from Medicare actuaries, it is likely the annual report on the trust fund will have figures similar to CBO's.

House Democrats and Republicans in 1995 fought a series of political battles over cuts in the growth of Medicare. Republicans initially proposed to slow program growth by 270 billion over seven years (a target that has since been reduced to \$168 billion) and Clinton countered with \$124 billion. At that time it was believed the hospital trust fund would become insolvent sometime after the end of fiscal 2002.

The Republicans said their plan, passed as part of the balanced budget bill that Clinton vetoed, would have kept the trust fund solvent until 2012 or later. The White House plan was estimated to keep the fund in the black until 2006. The president accused the GOP of cutting the growth in projected Medicare spending far more than was immediately necessary because the GOP needed the spending savings to offset the costs of his cut that the president said would go mainly to the welfare.

The GOP responded that Clinton was trying to score electoral points with the elderly.

The new CBO estimates show what the cumulative deficit at the trust fund will be at the end of each fiscal year.

At the end of fiscal 1997 — on which the trust fund will be \$109 billion in the fund, according to the CBO's latest figures. But by the end of fiscal 2001, the trust fund will have a deficit of \$28.9 billion because of rising costs. In other words, the fund will be bankrupt a year earlier than projected last year by the Medicare program actuaries.

Thereafter, according to the new CBO numbers, the deficits would accumulate. According to the CBO figures, the trust fund will be in the red by \$33.6 billion by the end of fiscal 2005, then \$110 billion more by the cumulative deficit forecast a year ago by CBO, and \$150 billion more than the cumulative deficit previously projected by the Medicare actuaries.

By the end of fiscal 2006 the deficit will rise to \$443 billion, about \$180 billion more than the Medicare trustees had predicted. That \$443 billion figure represents, in effect, the extra money the government would have to add to the Medicare hospital trust fund over the next decade to pay for all beneficiaries through the end of 2006.

U.S., Israel develop laser anti-rocket weapon

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Defense Secretary William J. Perry agreed Sunday to jointly develop a laser weapon to defend Israel against Katyusha rockets, the most common of Hezbollah guerrillas in Lebanon for attacks on northern Israeli towns.

Perry said that, if all goes as planned, a prototype weapon will be tested in Israel before the end of next year. The Pentagon has already tested the laser, although not against as small a target as a Katyusha rocket.

In addition to the laser project, Perry and Peres agreed on a satellite intelligence program that could warn Israel of incoming ballistic missiles within seconds of launch. A similar plan during the Persian Gulf war was shelved after Iran's defeat eliminated the immediate danger of Iraqi Scud missiles raining on Israel.

Perry met with Perry Sunday after arriving in the United States just one day after a cease-fire between the Israeli army and the Iranian-backed Hezbollah went into effect, ending 16 days of fighting that left more than 150 dead.

The Clinton administration, which has made little secret of its preference for Peres in next month's Israeli elections, intends to make his three-day visit a showcase of U.S.-Israeli cooperation.



Perry

Later Sunday, Peres and Clinton were scheduled to speak to the annual convention of the American Israel Public Affairs Committee, the mainstay of the pro-Israel lobby. Peres will meet with Senate Majority Leader Bill Dole, R-Kan., Monday and with House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and the Republican chairman of the Senate and House foreign affairs committees Tuesday.

The Israeli prime minister said the Lebanon truce, brokered by Secretary of State Warren Christopher, will allow the stalled Arab-Israeli peace negotiations to resume.

"Let's face it, fighting terror is enabling the peace process to go ahead," Peres, who is also Israel's defense minister, said at a Pentagon news conference. "It is two sides of the same coin."

The cease-fire also lifted a potential cloud from Peres' visit to Washington. Although the Clinton administration supported Israel's contention that Hezbollah started the brief cross-border

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House Republicans roll in money

WASHINGTON (AP) — Led by House Speaker Newt Gingrich, House Republicans have rolled up a huge money advantage in their quest to maintain and enlarge their majority in this year's elections.

GOP lawmakers have collectively collected \$21.8 million during the first three months of this year, pushing their total thus far in the two-year election cycle to \$74.4 million.

In the next three months, they were able to raise just \$12.9 million during the first quarter of 1996, bringing them to \$44.6 million for the period, according to figures compiled from Federal Election Commission reports by the liberal consumer group Citizen Action.

When fund raising by the two parties figured into the total, the disparity grows wider. In that arena the GOP outraised its rivals, \$15 million to \$5 million.

The growing money gap prompted Majority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., to hold closed-door meetings last week with Democrats on the top money-raising committees — Ways

and Means, Appropriations and Commerce — seeking their help.

Gephardt asked each lawmaker to raise \$20,000 this summer and give it to the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee to support next party members, an aide said.

Leading the GOP charge, Gingrich padded his already massive campaign accounts with another \$50,000 in the first quarter of this year, bringing his total fund raising to \$2.6 million for this year's election. The No. 3 House GOP leader, Rep. Tom DeLay, has collected just over \$1 million.

Second on the money list was Rep. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., who had raised nearly \$1.5 million over the past 15 months. Gephardt was third with \$1.3 million, and Rep. Joseph Kennedy, D-Mass., was fourth at \$1.1 million.

The Citizen Action study found that House freshman Republicans, among the most dominant in Congress in Capitol Hill since they propelled their party into the majority last year for the first time in four decades, continued to be prolific money raisers.

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Political infighting over Sierra Club logging policy

WASHINGTON (AP) — It sounds like a typical environmental battle: One side wants to end all commercial logging on national forests, the other doesn't.

But there are no loggers or timber industry lobbyists in this fight. Environmentalists at one of the largest and oldest conservation groups in the country are sparring all against each other.

At issue is this question, posed to 587,499 Sierra Club members for a vote this month: "Should the Sierra Club support protecting all federal, public-owned lands in the United States by advocating an end to all commercial logging on these lands?"

The group, founded by naturalist John Muir in 1892, already opposes clear-cut logging, logging of old-growth forests and logging in roadless areas.

But the group has never formally opposed all logging on national forests. That could change after more than a century when ballots are counted April 29, two days before Earth Day.

"Under the current Sierra Club policy, no one can go to Congress and say, 'We the Sierra Club want to see legislation to end logging on all national forests nationwide,'" said David Orr, a club member and a former officer of its Northern California-Newcastle chapter. "There is one of the leaders of about 2,000 loosely affiliated club dissidents who two years ago formed the John Muir Sierras."

"Most people are surprised when they read the ballot. They say, 'The Sierra Club doesn't already believe this?'" said dissident David Dilworth of Carmel, Calif., who is campaigning for a seat on the Sierra Club



Brett Cole, 32, of Eugene, Ore., warms the feet of another protester chained to a vehicle on a road about 30 miles south of Glendale, Ore., in March during a protest of the first timber sale in the Umpqua National Forest. The protest was one of a half a dozen protests sparked by Congress's salvage timber rider.

"What is even more surprising," Orr said, "is we are encountering fierce, sustained opposition from a small number of club leaders at the national level."

The conflict features an all-star cast of environmental leaders dating to the movement's glory years in the 1960s and 70s.

"It's the environmental heavy-weight-tide bout of the century," said Tim Heremach, head of the Native Forest Council in Eugene,

Ore., and a longtime advocate of ending all federal logging.

In one corner, supporting the logging prohibition, is David Brower, who was the club's first executive director from 1952-69 and subsequently founded two other environmental groups, the League of Conservation Voters and Friends of the Earth.

Brower, 83, in his recent book "Let the Mountains Talk, Let the Rivers Run," strongly criticizes today's environmental movement for being too

willing to compromise.

In the other corner, opposing the ban, is Dave Foreman, founder of the militant Earth First! and a current member of the Sierra Club's board. He is best known for his 1985 book "Ecodefense: A Field Guide to Monkey Wrenching," describing how to spike trees and sabotage logging equipment.

Arguments from both sides are included on the ballot.

Foreman surprised many when he joined club leaders who signed a for-

mal written argument against the anti-logging initiative. The text is included in ballots mailed from the club's San Francisco headquarters.

Such a rigid stand would be foolish politically, those leaders say. They characterize the no-logging position as extremist and a threat to congressional efforts to protect the most ecologically significant forests.

"Many experienced club leaders oppose the no-logging position as bad strategy," says the opposition message.

Foreman said he is trying to be a "political realist."

"I am not interested in being a noble loser, holding onto some pure position and getting beat," he said from Albuquerque, N.M., where he is chairman of the Willadsen Project.

"Earth First! to me was a political strategy — a way to move the parameters of the debate out. A way to get the movement to take stronger positions. I think it succeeded," he said.

"I get quite frustrated with true believers who hold onto some idealistic notion of no compromise," Foreman said.

Federal logging in some cases is "good forest science" and necessary to support some rural communities, he said.

Kathy Fletcher of Seattle, the Sierra Club's national vice president for conservation, also opposes an outright ban on national-forest logging.

"There is a lot wrong with the way our forests are managed, but I don't think the answer is to say no another tree should be cut," she said.

Supporters of the prohibition, including National Audubon Society vice president Brock Evans, argue that timber should be harvested on private lands — not those owned by

U.S. taxpayers.

"Less than 5 percent of this nation's original forests remain. With so little left for wildlife and fish, all public forests are ecologically important," they wrote.

Supporters of the ban offered a similar initiative two years ago. But they say club leaders changed the wording so members were asked whether they supported current club policy on logging. That ballot required a "no" vote to endorse the logging ban.

Current policy was supported by 59 percent of club members voting in 1994, but sponsors of the new ballot measure predict they will win this time.

"We are trying to restore some vision and backbone to the club," said Rodger Clarke, a dissident in North Olmsted, Ohio.

Several of the club's largest chapters already have endorsed the logging ban, including those in Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York City and statewide chapters in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Maryland, Nebraska, Ohio, Oklahoma and Oregon.

"The people in control of the Sierra Club do not represent Sierra Club members," said Chad Hanson of Eugene, Ore., co-founder of the John Muir Sierras.

"They say we need to be reasonable, but the majority of Americans don't want logging on their national forests. The reasonable thing is to end it," said Jim Bensman of East Alton, Ill., who led the 1994 ballot drive.

To say that advocating a ban would subject the club to allegations of extremism is a red herring, Orr said.

Grant winners to study gondola building, fly fishing, rug making

WASHINGTON (AP) — After college, Mariska Obedzinski is off to explore fly fishing in three continents. Sound like a lark? She's getting a \$16,000 fellowship to do it.

Thomas Price is bound for Venice to study the dying craft of gondola building. While Harris is going to Chile and Mexico to research climate changes.

"They are among 60 U.S. college students chosen to receive Thomas J. Watson Foundation fellowships for a year of post-graduate solo study and foreign travel. Each gets \$16,000 to do independent projects on such topics as Turkish rug making, African beer making and the Japanese tea ceremony.

The foundation, based in Providence, R.I., was established in 1968 by the children of Thomas J. Watson Sr., the founder of IBM, and his wife, Jeannette, in honor of their parents' interest in education and world affairs.

"They are unusual projects, but serious," said William Moses, who directs the fellowship program for the foundation. "They would appear to be eccentric projects, but they evolve out of deep, long-standing interests."

Ms. Obedzinski, a 25-year-old straight-A student at the College of

the Atlantic in Bar Harbor, Maine, has been fly fishing since she was 11 and has worked as a fishing guide in northern California.

"I'm just really thrilled. It's something I've always dreamed of doing," says Ms. Obedzinski, who will do her project in New Zealand, Argentina, Chile and Siberia. "I'm really interested in looking at the fishermen's role in river conservation."

Christian T. De Benedetti of Newberg, Ore., who is studying at Whitman College in Walla Walla, Wash., is going to Senegal, Niger, Britain, Ireland, Belgium and Germany to study beer making. He has brewed his own beer and worked with barrels and casks in Oregon's beverage industry.

Other recipients will study aquaculture in Ecuador, Chile and the Philippines; prospects for the Internet in the Middle East and the influence of volcanoes on local cultures in Indonesia. One will investigate musicians and jam sessions in southern Asia, another the East African publishing industry.

"We are allowing people to live out their dreams and passions for a year," Moses said. "The hope, ideally, is that they will bring back the experience to their careers. But if they don't, they still gained interna-

tional experience."

This year, more than 1,000 graduating college seniors vied for the 60 grants issued by the foundation, which chooses recipients from a select group of 50 small, private liberal-arts colleges.

Winners are selected on their character, leadership potential, willingness to immerse themselves in new cultures and the creativity and personal significance of the project they propose. Grads are considered but are not the deciding factor.

Wylie Harris, who is graduating from Reed College in Portland, Ore., plans to research long-term climate changes in Chile and Mexico.

"I've been interested in climate change since I was in high school," said Harris, 22. "It was just the area of biology that seemed to pull together global politics, economic issues."

After graduating from Bryn Mawr College in Pennsylvania, Lara Naaman of Houston plans to head to Venezuela, Peru and Brazil for her project titled "Street Treats: Culture and Cooking in South America." Carisa Miller of Waukegan, Ill., a senior at Kenyon College in Ohio, is going to Germany and Turkey to learn about weaving rugs.

'The Cable Guy' has industry worried

LOS ANGELES (AP) — It's the cable industry's worst nightmare come true.

No, federal regulators are not going to order cable companies to lower their rates. But an upcoming movie, "The Cable Guy," in which actor Jim Carrey plays a bungling cable TV installer, is prompting nervous handwringing in the cable industry, which is holding its annual convention here.

The comedy from Columbia Pictures touches on the industry's Achilles' heel: customer service. "It's the last thing the industry needs right now," said

one cable executive, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Through federally mandated customer service requirements and steps of its own, such as paying customers \$20 for missed or late service appointments, the industry has considerably improved customer service.

Still, bad memories over shoddy customer service are hard to shed.

"We've been whipped by that," said Ted Turner, chief of Turner Broadcasting System Inc. "I guess 100 years from now we'll still be carrying that."

As a pre-emptive strike against "The Cable Guy," The National Cable Television Association, the industry's main trade group, offered reporters its own cable guy.

This Continental Cablevision installer, NCTA spokesman Rich D'Amato said, not only showed up early for his appointment in Whitman, Mass., but ended up reconnecting an elderly woman to a portable oxygen tank.

"Customer service is an area where there has been a credibility gap and we will close it," D'Amato said.

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Raging fire threatens Indian ruins

BANDELLER NATIONAL MONUMENT, N.M. (AP) — A fierce forest fire whipped by unrelenting winds blackened more acres Sunday, threatened ancient Indian artifacts and inched toward Los Alamos National Laboratory property.

The blaze has grown to at least 11,500 acres since it started Thursday.

Emergency crews at the lab were cutting swaths of grass and weeds away from three technical areas, one of which contains trace amounts of tritium contamination.

The residual radioactivity is in a fireproof concrete building and wasn't enough to pose a health hazard if it escaped, lab spokesman John Gustafson said. Officials said the fire was between two and four miles from the lab and was inching closer.

Lab officials also moved explosives out of one of the buildings. Explosives in yet another building are stored in fireproof bunkers surrounded by earthen berms and are not believed to be at risk.

Two people were arrested Saturday on suspicion of setting the blaze with sparks from an abandoned campfire built in a restricted area of the forest. They face arraignment Monday.

Some 800 people were fighting the so-called "Dome Fire," named for the adjacent Dome Wilderness. About 3,000 of the burning acres were inside the 50,000-acre Banderler National Monument, 40 miles northwest of Santa Fe.

The monument's steep hills and canyons, combined with winds of up to 30 mph were making it difficult for firefighters to walk in the area. Only 10 percent of the fire was contained and it was spreading to the north, south and west.

The monument is known for its Indian cliff dwellings, remains of communities where ancient tribes used to live. The dwellings house artifacts and ruins.

Several artifacts, including the Stonehenge Shrine, an ancient circle of stones still used for Cochiti tribal ceremonies, were believed to be in danger. The smoke was so thick, though, that it was hard to tell what areas were harmed.

"The fire is skipping down canyons, the smoke all over the hills," park ranger Kristi Drexler said. "It's totally unpredictable."

No injuries have been reported. Sixteen backpackers who were in the area had all been accounted for Saturday afternoon, hours after park managers closed the monument.

Smoke could be seen for miles in every direction and the fire department and Red Cross were operating shelters for people who were having trouble breathing.

The winds made it difficult for five air tankers called to the scene to spread fire retardant and for five helicopters to drop water.

Drexler said the fires were burning downwind into a canyon. Alamo and Erijian, two of the ruins in the monument, typical forest fires burn uphill, but the downward action was attributed to the winds that were expected to stay in the 25-mph range.



Cindy and Jack Hills watch from N.M. Highway 4 as a forest fire rages through the Jomoz Mountains and into Banderler National Monument, about 15 miles west of Los Alamos, N.M., Saturday.

Wheat farmers worry there's new drought starting

Knight-Ridder News Service

BURLINGTON, Colo. — Wes Robbins, a toddler during the Dust Bowl days of the 1930s and a wheat farmer who survived the drought in the 1950s, doesn't want to say the word now.

His fields of tender green winter wheat, usually as soft and thick as a boardroom carpet, are dotted with patches of raw brown earth.

The wind rakes across those bald spots, swirling away topsoil in gritty puffs.

The sky arches a hard, cloudless blue, the same nearly every day for the last nine months.

The retired farmer takes that all in and insists: "It's not a drought. Not yet."

Robbins' reluctance to confront what he sees is not shared by his neighbors here in Kit Carson County on Colorado's border with Kansas, in the country's premier wheat-producing region.

"The talk about the drought, it's all over here," said Bruce Unruh, 42, who farms 2,500 acres just outside Burlington. "When you don't get moisture, you don't get crops."

The Great Plains — from Nebraska through Kansas and across Colorado to the Rockies, and south through Texas to the Mexican border — isn't getting moisture.

Nebraska had the driest February — with just .03 inches of moisture — in 121 years.

In Arizona and New Mexico, where some counties have gotten only a third of the normal rain and snow, extra firefighting teams have been brought in to guard 11 million acres of national forests and parks.

Oklahoma estimates the drought will cost \$560 million in lost crops and grazing land, added feeding costs and fire damage. The state has applied for federal relief because of dry weather from August through December. If it continues through the wheat harvest, said state Agriculture Department spokesman Ken Biddle, a new application will be made for this year.

"When you start looking at this, all of a sudden you go, 'This is serious,'" said Alice Jones, an associate professor of soil science at the University of Nebraska.

The good thing — the one farmers always mention first — is that the dry weather is a relatively recent phenomenon. Until last summer, there was plenty of rain. That gives hope to folks like Robbins: "If it's only one year, you can't call it a drought. It's a dry spell."

What is ominous — and what the farmers point out in their next breath — is the timing. The dry weather coincides with a 20-year cycle of droughts, starting with the 1930s and the Dust Bowl, and five years of drought from 1952 to 1957 that Robbins, 62, called "the most fair drought I have ever seen — it got the good managers and the bad managers." It outlasted you.

A drought in the early 1970s caused the worst fire season in New Mexico and Arizona, said Dan Wimmer, assistant director of aviation and fire management for the U.S. Forest Service. Conditions haven't been as bad until this year, he said.

"Now here we are in the mid-'90s," said Charlie Liles, an area manager for the National Weather Service station in Albuquerque, N.M. "I've heard comments from some of the ranchers saying this reminds them of the '50s, and they're the ones on the front lines."

Liles said that La Niña — sort of a cyclical mirror image to El Niño, the Pacific weather system that brings wet, stormy weather to the region — is possibly to blame. "But right now, anybody who told you exactly why it's dry, I'd be suspicious," he said.

This was supposed to be the year that farmers on the Plains recouped losses from last spring, which was so wet that tractors bogged down in the fields and some crops didn't get planted or they got washed out.

"It was superwet through the middle of July," said Unruh. "Then the next rain we got was in September, and since then, we've only had some small snows that haven't amounted to anything."

Historic Oregon Trail explored anew in PBS documentary

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Oregon Trail has been chronicled in history books, novels, songs and movies. Now it comes to vivid life in a PBS special, "In Search of the Oregon Trail."

Covered by the Nebraska ETV Network and Oregon Public Broadcasting, the three-hour documentary is broadcast this Monday.

One of the great sagas of American history, the Oregon Trail is depicted through maps, paintings and drawings, and recently filmed depictions of the early 1800s. Commentaries are delivered by historians, along with recitals of the diaries and recollections of the travelers themselves. Stacy Keach narrates.

The Oregon Trail stretched 2,000 miles from Missouri to western Oregon. Partially blazed by the Lewis and Clark expedition of the early 1800s, it became the route for westward settlers in 1843. As many as a half-million people made the six-month journey, averaging 15-20 miles per day. Most of them walked along side oxen pulling their wagons.

"In Search of the Oregon Trail" corrects some of the movie depictions of the historic trek. The mile-long wagon trains existed only in the early years. The pioneers were mostly independent-minded farmers who traveled with two or three wagons.

Indian raids were rare. Most of the gunshot fatalities were caused by accidental misuse of firearms.

The documentary amounted to a five-year project for the producer-director, Michael Farrell of Nebraska ETV.

"The folks at Oregon Public Broadcasting, which is also a statewide network, approached us five years ago about the possibility of doing something on the Oregon Trail," Farrell recalled. "We spent the first couple of years developing a script and working to find funding."

The first script failed to attract enough backers to finance the show. The second script did the trick, and filming began in May 1993 and lasted until August. Two

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Opinion

Other views

Batt should tap Berain's experience for different job

From The Idaho Statesman

The circumstances surrounding Jesse Berain's resignation as director of the state Office on Aging are, well, strange. Perhaps, though, it will work out for the best. Berain, who has a distinguished history of public service, should continue doing what he does best: helping people.

Last week's events played out like this: The commission that oversees the Office on Aging demanded that Berain resign, following a state investigation that concluded he submitted time sheets showing he was conducting state business when he was not. He also added that problems went beyond some nit-picking complaints about time sheets. He said neither Berain nor the board had been comfortable with the arrangement. Batt also added that he thought the board believed Berain was spending

too much time on bettering the lot of Hispanics, although he didn't think the fact that Berain is Hispanic had anything to do with it.

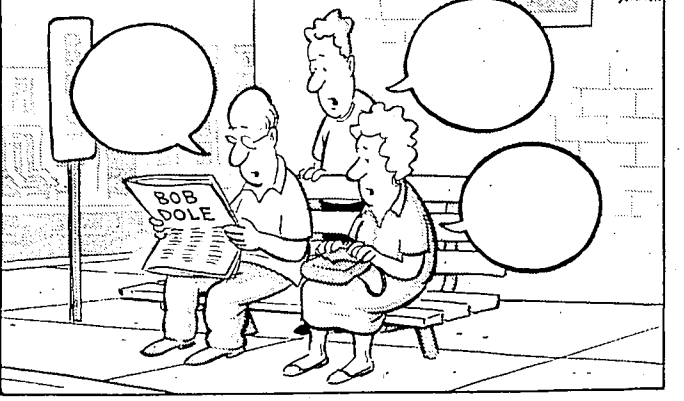
Larry Vincent, chairman of the commission, simply said this wasn't the role for Berain.

It appears that this was a bad marriage from the beginning, and the divorce got messy. In hindsight, it could have been handled better. Never mind the tittle sheets, which seem like an excuse to ask for his resignation. Many professionals also keep odd hours, but the effective ones get the job done. Was Berain getting his job done? It depends on who asks.

And it doesn't really matter anymore. What's important is Berain's next task.

He has been a loyal and dedicated public servant, dating back to the late 1960s. He has an outstanding record for civil rights and the rights of minorities. He has worked his way into a leadership role.

Batt would be wise to tap Berain's experience and wisdom by putting him in a different position. Things didn't work out at the Office of Aging, but Jesse Berain still has much to offer Idahoans.



Not all speech need be free: The Internet debate

Mark Morril

A California federal judge's ruling that Netcom, the Internet access provider, may not be responsible for the copying and disseminating of copyrighted materials on the Internet. In fact, the Netcom decision has nothing to do with First Amendment freedoms. Rather, it poses a serious threat to creative expression on the information superhighway by providing comfort and support to cyberpirates—those who would copy and disseminate copyrighted materials online without compensation to the creator.

While there has been much public debate about content censorship on the Internet, relatively little attention has been devoted to protecting copyrights on the Internet.

While the First Amendment is meant to ensure free expression, it never was meant to ensure that all expression should be free. The copyright clause is also in the Constitution and has existed peacefully with the First Amendment for more than 200 years. Both are meant to promote expression, one by protecting expression from laws curbing free speech such as the kinds of sedition and press laws that the founders faced. The other, the copyright law, provides the creative incentive.

From a copyright perspective, if speech is "free," meaning creators cannot be assured of compensation for the use of their intellectual property, they will be much less likely to make their works available or even to create them in the first place. Authors, screenwriters, journalists, artists and photographers who bring their intellectual property to the public will not make this valuable content available online unless there is reliable protection for copyrights. The Netcom decision

emboldens those who would disseminate copyrighted materials online at the expense of their creators. It supports the efforts of Internet access providers and commercial online service providers to escape responsibility for copyright enforcement on their services.

These service providers contend that they should not have the same strict responsibility for the unauthorized transmission or copying of copyrighted material that other distributors of content such as booksellers, newsstands, music and software retailers and photocopiers long have accepted.

It is difficult to see the rationale behind absolving the service providers of the responsibility of copyright enforcement on the new medium that they control. They have the public by making information readily available to their millions of subscribers. At the same time, the public hunger for their services has made their businesses boom. The stock price of America Online has increased by 2,900 percent since its initial public offering in 1992; its subscriber base has soared from under 1 million to a projected 6 million by mid-1996.

Online service providers are correct in saying the online copyrights are difficult to protect because of the enormous volume of transmitted material. But that's not a reason to exempt them from the rules that apply to other distributors. There is no doubt that the service providers are better positioned to prevent or stop infringement than copyright holders.

What can service providers do? They can

require their subscribers to agree in writing that they will not post infringing material and to indemnify the online service provider if they violate that commitment. The online service providers can post information online about copyright obligations and require subscribers to fill out online forms before sending copyrighted material over their networks. They can implement new technologies that automatically obtain permission and process charges for use of copyrighted material. They can screen at least some parts of their systems for egregious copyright-infringing conduct, with due regard for legitimate privacy rights. And if all these fail to deter the cyberpirates, they can disconnect subscribers who repeatedly refuse to respect these obligations.

Equally important, the online service providers can ensure that the costs of remedying copyright infringement are built into their systems through subscriber fees. Losses from the unauthorized use of copyrighted material should be spread through the entire system, not imposed on the very creators whose livelihoods are jeopardized by this lawless conduct.

At stake is America's global leadership in the creative and knowledge industries. World trade in intellectual property, book publishing, software and film contributes more to our economy than any single manufacturing sector. Our tradition of respect for copyrights and intellectual property has as much to do with this success as any other factor. Continuing leadership in the information age depends on it, even more.

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Letters

Alternative school bad idea

I've been procrastinating about writing this letter for quite some time, and Thursday's editorial prompted me further.

I understand the alternative school at the onset was to help young unweaned teens during their pregnancy by keeping them in school. That was fine at the beginning, but I think the whole idea has mushroomed into a fiasco. These kids are dropping out of regular schools now like flies, knowing they can go to the alternative school whenever the fancy strikes them whenever it be the next day or two years from now.

I'd like to relate the story about my brother back in the '50s. He decided his junior year he wasn't going to go to school anymore. My dad said fine. He took that boy out on the farm and he worked his funny off from day-light to dark seven days a week. He would come in at night and literally fall into bed as he was exhausted.

Needless to say, when it came time to enroll for the next year he was first in line. He graduated and went on to be an import-export. None of us kids ever forgot that and all six of us graduated, and it wasn't from alternative high school either! I just feel like some of these parents coddle their teens to the point they think the world revolves around only them.

I also understand they want this new "taxpayer free" school to include junior high kids. By the way, I know this little boy who doesn't like to go to regular kindergarten when we are going to get a new alternative kindergarten?
ETHEL AUSTIN
Twin Falls

Judge righteous judgment

I am in opposition to the letter from John Thompson. One of your points presents a problem. The Bible does say "Judge not lest ye be judged," but there is another point that you forgot. The Bible also says in John 8 "Judge righteous judgment." We are supposed to judge righteous judgment.

It also says in the Bible that men should not lay with men, and women should not lay with women. I don't know if they are taking a holier-than-thou attitude. This is what it says in the Bible, which gives us the rules

for living happy, productive lives.
SHAUN TIPPETTS
Twin Falls

State shouldn't seize tax money

Reference your April 23 editorial about medical savings accounts. You failed to mention a key point (which was covered in a recent news article in a previous edition). Namely, that the new Idaho law provides for the state to seize money from your medical savings account to reimburse the state for money it has spent on medical bills of an indigent family member.

The Idaho State Tax Commission's instructions for individual tax returns also fail to mention this neat little hooker.

I would be very upset to pay money into a medical savings account for years only to have the state seize it because of some dead-beat relative. Especially if their medical problems had been brought on by foolish activities and/or an unhealthy lifestyle.

Frankly, I don't believe in the expenditure of huge amounts of taxpayer money in these cases either.

Conversely, I do try to help the innocent and those who live their life by values I respect if they encounter misfortune.

To those who are quick to say "Judge not, lest you be not judged," what may seem judgmental to you is "making wise decisions" to me.

I have come to expect our state Legislature and Congress to hide its hooks in the bills they pass for our benefit as taxpayers. Since when did the Times-News editorial board join them?
LEON RICE
Filer

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O say, can you see across the Grand Canyon?

James Bishop Jr.

When the first wave of environmental concern erupted in the nation's capital after Earth Day in 1970, Alaskan Walter Hiekel, the interior secretary, said one area of the United States should be protected at any cost: "The Grand Canyon area of the Colorado River is of particular concern to me. We must not allow anyone to pollute the environment there, and it would be unthinkable for us to pollute it ourselves."

More than three decades later, the unthinkable is now commonplace. Visibility at Grand Canyon National Park and at other crown jewels in our National Park System—Canyonlands, Mesa Verde, Arches, Zion—is impaired by man-made pollution 90 percent of the time.

The fresh, clean breezes that tourists the world over journey great distances to savor now carry the same crusty they left behind, carried by foul, vixen-creating winds generated by highly coal-fired power plants (17 of which on the Colorado Plateau spread 200,000 tons of sulfur dioxide into the air of those crown jewels) and federal "controlled burns."

From a distance of 200 miles during the '60s, once-pristine vistas, which have been celebrated by artists and writers for more than a century, are down to less than 60 miles. In the meantime, visibility at Grand Canyon is seriously impaired 75 days a year. Overall, according to a limited study by the National Research Council, visibility is down to two-thirds of what it would be without the foul winds of pollution.

Wait a minute. Isn't the Environmental Protection Agency a gang of zealots, as mem-

bers of Congress incessantly charge, busily strangling electric utilities by placing clean air above economic growth?

Artist Curt Wallers, renowned for a quarter of a century for his oil paintings of the Grand Canyon, reports that "ancient colors of violets and blues are turning greenish in yellow haze. If the air is polluted, I paint it polluted. There are some really ugly days now, yellow days. The canyon has lost its innocence."
Indeed, the canyon that the late Edward Abbey thought was "loves Dei" ("The gorge and the God-term have much in common, both vast, awesome and incomprehensible") is in trouble, not only from a lack of zealousity but also from a simple law and order of the kind assumed to exist in our society.

What happened? Anyone eager to lay the blame exclusively at the door of the GOP will blame the "Republican Party's rampant mythology. In 1977, Congress directed Jimmy Carter's EPA to provide special visibility protection at 16 major national parks and wilderness areas of the Colorado Plateau. One of the world's great tourist magnets, that bizarre land form, cut through by the Colorado River, extends its tentacles into Utah, New Mexico and Arizona, an area the size of New York, New England and Pennsylvania.

In 1990, when Congress began deliberations to reauthorize the Clean Air Act, EPA zealous had not even written rules for the regional haze-control section of the 1997 act. All the while, brown clouds were gathering over Lee's

Ferry at the headwaters of Grand Canyon.

Then, in a bold bipartisan stroke that same year, Congress created the Grand Canyon Visibility Transport Commission, placed eight Western governors in charge and directed them to develop a consensus plan to combat regional haze and prevent further degradation.

It was a shrewd move. Western governors—from Wyoming to Oregon, Nevada to Arizona—who love to whine about federal government interference in their lives, were handed the opportunity to provide regional leadership and vision to protect the last great reservoir of clean air in the United States, and billions of tourism dollars in the process. The commission's final recommendations will be transmitted to EPA in early June.

Will the Western governors avail themselves of the chance to get the feds off their back and set goals for air-quality restoration in the 21st century? Or will the utility-dominated commission take a dive, pollution worsen and send tourists elsewhere?

By any standard, argues Geoffrey Bernard, "president of the Flagstaff, Ariz.-based Grand Canyon Trust, air pollution in the Grand Canyon and across the Southwest, the area Wallace Stegner termed the native land of hope," is a national disgrace, and it doesn't have to be this way. We have the knowledge and resources to reduce man-made haze obscuring the Plateau on far too many days."

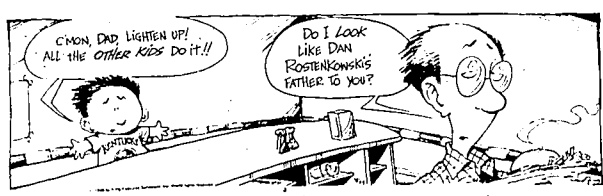
James Bishop Jr., a former Newsweek's correspondent and Carter administration aide, lives near the Grand Canyon. He wrote this commentary for the Washington Post.

By Bruce Tinsley

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Micron mothball returns Utah activity to normal

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The mothballing of Micron's massive chip-making plant this year seemed to have the potential for undoing Utah's booming commercial construction business.

The project that had siphoned away much of the state's skilled construction labor was suddenly no more and the subsequent layoffs resurrected memories of the late-1980s when hundreds of workers were "sitting on the bench" waiting for a call to work.

But the depressing scenario of mass unemployment hasn't materialized. "Micron has been overblown," said Rob Moore, senior vice president of business development for Big D Construction, which had more than 400 workers at the Lahi construction site. "It's not so much the Micron project, but the market itself."

Nearly a third of the more than 4,000 workers who completed a shell of the \$2.5 billion dollar manufacturing site were from out of state and they have long since packed up and moved on. Most of the remaining Utah residents are gradually being absorbed into the state's robust construction market.

Moore said his company has been able to place filled foremen and other key managers and electricians in the trenches of the Utah Courts Complex being built in downtown Salt Lake City, while they await the start of other projects this summer.

"Things aren't quite back to normal," said Steve Richins, secretary-treasurer of the Building Trades Council, an organization of trade unions. "But there is enough going on that even without Micron we would have had a great construction year."

The American Stores building, the Courts Complex, the Deseret News Building, Gateway West building and the Ogden conference center are among the more obvious construction projects to which workers are returning.

And the pace shows no signs of slowing, with more than \$2 billion in proposals now in the pipeline, ranging from the rebuilding of a 15 in Salt Lake County to the recent announcement of a new Mormon Church assembly hall north of Temple Square.

Added to the rebuilding schedule of private construction is \$344.5 million in projects either finished or near completion and another \$180 million in the planning stages. "We're confident we can put a lot of people back to work," said Alan S. Layton, president of Layton Construction, which had to lay off more than 200 workers when Micron announced its abrupt halt in February because of a depressed market for its computer memory chips.

Contractors and labor leaders agree that temporary layoffs notwithstanding, Micron's departure from the scene will bring some relief and stability to a construction market straining to keep up.

With the lag in processing building permits, the \$500 million in construction completed at Micron will be officially logged in May to an estimated \$1.3 billion — the first time the state has surpassed the billion-dollar mark.

In 1990, peaking last year with 21,558 units built over 12 months. According to economic theory, a housing boom is generally followed by a surge in commercial and double-digit mortgage rates slowed construction in the early 1980s.

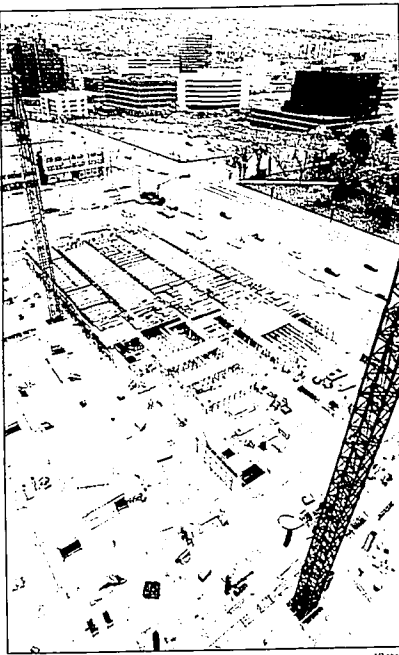
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The turnaround in the 1990s was spawned by an increase in the population in the late 1980s. Firms attracted by Utah's low wages and quality of life were followed by their employees and people looking for work. The drop in interest rates unshackled a pent-up demand for housing.

Residential construction has soared along the Wasatch Front and in southwestern Utah since 1990, peaking last year with 21,558 units built over 12 months. According to economic theory, a housing boom is generally followed by a surge in commercial and double-digit mortgage rates slowed construction in the early 1980s.

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But the upbeat numbers were creating a problem for contractors desperately searching for skilled labor to do the work, boosting wages to keep the craftsman they



Construction continues on schedule at the courts complex in Salt Lake City. The depressing scenario of unemployment some predicted after Micron announced a halt on its \$2.5 billion chip processing plant.

had, and adjusting schedules to accommodate training of new hires. Management and labor often blame each other's shortsightedness for the shortage. But they agree the lure of Micron's double shifts and overtime exacerbated the problem, forcing local contractors to go outside Utah for help. With Micron on indefinite hold and the Salt Palace completed, the labor supply crisis has since eased. "You couldn't find masons last year. Now they are around and the pricing is coming down, too," Moore said.

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Family picnics, long drives in country could cost more

NEW YORK (AP) — After a seemingly endless winter, many people now yearn for leisurely drives in the country, outdoor picnics and family barbecues.

But will summer be chilled by rising prices at gas pumps and grocery stores? Shirley Bay of Forest City, Iowa, is somewhat concerned. "We plan to go out every weekend this summer and use our Winnebago motor home. With higher gas prices, we'll have to curtail other expenses. We'll do a lot of our own cooking."

Some economists see inflation trouble ahead given the recent rise in basics like crude oil and grains. Pressure on Congress to raise the minimum wage also has aroused concern about inflation. Whether a rise in the cost of living is temporary is a matter of debate.

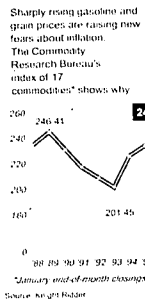
"We think the seeds have been sown," said Daniel Seto, senior economist for Nikko Securities Co. International Inc. in New York, arguing that accelerated inflation is inevitable. He forecast consumer prices will rise by 3.5 percent in the second half of the year.

Sung Won Sohn, chief economist for Northwest Corp. in Minneapolis, was more optimistic, predicting inflation would edge up but only in the 2.5 percent to 3 percent range.

For now, though, signs of higher inflation have been unmistakable.

Gasoline prices have risen steadily at service stations across the country, reaching as high as \$2 a gallon in California. What prices have set records on the

Upward bound



commodity futures markets. Congress has been moving closer to voting on raising the hourly minimum wage, which would increase labor costs for many businesses.

Several factors are to blame for the more expensive fuel, including a harsh winter that prompted refiners to produce more heating oil and less gasoline. Adding to the problem was an apparent breakdown in talks between the United Nations and Iraq over lifting an oil embargo imposed on that country.

"I view this problem as short-term," said Sohn. "The embargo eventually will be lifted." But it may not be in time for

Mrs. Bay and her husband Robert to hit the road this summer. They plan to log in between 150 and 200 miles every weekend, and to take one long trip to New Mexico.

While consumers have felt the effects of higher energy futures, they haven't yet noticed the rimp-up in wheat. That's partly because higher prices for products like bread and cereal take longer to filter through the economy. Most of the cost consumers pay, however, is for packaging and marketing, not raw materials.

In fact, the cost of food made with grain has been coming down. The Postcard brand line recently lowered prices. Information Resources Inc., a Chicago-based market research firm, noted recently that the average price for a loaf of bread has fallen slightly from a year ago.

As for how a minimum wage increase would influence inflation, economists are split. Democratic lawmakers have proposed a 90-cent hourly increase to \$5.25 spread over two years. A small group of Republicans have suggested a \$1 hourly increase spread over 15 months.

Either way, Seto said, the increase would put a lot of pressure on businesses to raise prices.

Murry N. Harris, chief economist for PaineWebber Inc., said he doesn't think that would have any serious impact.

"Less than 4 percent of the work force makes at or below minimum wage," he said. "It's not really a big number."

Encyclopaedia Britannica halts in-home sales

CHICAGO (AP) — When you hear that knock on the door, don't expect it to be the encyclopedia salesman anymore — at least not for Encyclopaedia Britannica Inc.

The company said Wednesday that consumers no longer want in-home sales, so it plans to cease the practice in the United States and Canada, although it will keep in-home sales abroad.

The company quit cold-call door-to-door sales in the late 1950s, going to homes only after a person

has expressed an interest in buying a 32-volume set that costs between \$1,200 and \$2,000.

The latest move will cost 140 full-time jobs, mostly in the Chicago area. About 300 independent sales agents also will be dropped. "This is a painful decision," said James E. Goulka, Britannica's chief operating officer. "Jobs are being lost, but we have no alternative."

Goulka said consumers were demanding faster, more conven-

nient ways to buy. To that end, Britannica said it will step out other direct-marketing activities, including on-line marketing.

Probably the best-known English language encyclopedia, the Britannica has been hurt by falling sales and a late start with a CD-ROM product. The privately-held company agreed to be purchased in December by an investment group headed by Swiss-based investor Jacob F. Safra for an undisclosed amount.



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World

Powerful bus bomb kills 40

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — A powerful bomb stuffed in the gas tank of a passenger bus exploded Sunday, killing at least 40 people, mostly Muslims heading home to celebrate Islam's most sacred holiday.

The explosion in eastern Pakistan turned the bus into a fireball, and most of the victims — including six children — were burned beyond recognition.

Police feared the death toll could reach 60, because many of the 26 who were injured were in critical condition and more remains may be found in the charred shell of the 52-seat bus.

The bus, which was overcrowded with passengers preparing for Eid al-Adha, the Feast of Sacrifice, exploded in the busy market place of Bhai Thera, about 15 miles east of Lahore.

No one claimed responsibility for the explosion.

There were two explosions. The first one and then a second one almost immediately, I guess when the petrol (gas) tank exploded," said Ata Dada, a paramedic who worked at a station was about 200 yards away from explosion.

Dada said he was helpless to stop the fire. He could see the victims inside the bus, some still alive, screaming for help.

But there was no fire extinguisher nor a nearby fire department to douse the blaze.

"We couldn't do anything, but



The passenger bus in Bhai Thera, about 15 miles east of Lahore, Pakistan, Sunday is burnt after a bomb stuffed into the fuel tank exploded killing at least 40 people, mostly Muslims heading home to celebrate Islam's most sacred holiday Eid al-Adha.

watch," said Dada, his voice trembling. "People inside were screaming. It was so horrible."

It was nearly four hours before the bodies could be removed.

"Everything was so hot. We

couldn't touch anything," he said. "No one was recognizable."

Another paramedic, Mohammed Iqbal, said 26 people died immediately and another four died en route to the hospital.

The ashes of some victims were buried later in the day in a single coffin in a treeless graveyard near the town. Relatives of the victims and thousands of people from surrounding villages came to mourn.

20 die in election violence in India

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — Two separatist groups from the violence-torn states of Kashmir and Punjab claimed responsibility Sunday for an election day bus bombing that killed 15 people.

Throughout the country, at least 20 people died in violence related to month-long national elections that began Saturday, but officials said the disturbances were less widespread than in previous elections.

The bombing tore the roof off the bus in Modingar town in Uttar Pradesh state, 30 miles north of New Delhi, police said. Two separatist groups from Kashmir and neighboring Punjab issued a statement saying they targeted the bus because politicians were among the passengers. Voting in Uttar Pradesh will be held next week.

Another five people were killed elsewhere and scores injured in election violence Saturday, officials said. Polls published before the election predicted the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party would finish ahead of the ruling Congress Party, which has governed India for decades.

But the surveys also said no party would win a majority, meaning the president would have to invite the first place finisher to form a coalition government with smaller parties. That could provide an opening for

the National Front, an alliance of parties that appeal to lower caste Hindus, and give traditionally deprived classes more power.

Voting took place Saturday in nine states, two territories and two island chains — about a third of the country. Officials said new elections will have to be held at 45 polling stations in Andhra Pradesh, Assam and Haryana states.

Armed guards stood watch over tens of thousands of sealed ballot boxes Sunday. They will be guarded in government-run schools and offices until counting begins in May.

Preliminary results are not expected until May 5. Voting is being staggered over several weeks to give police and paramilitary troops adequate time to prevent election violence.

In an effort to the Congress Party, Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao campaigned Sunday in West Bengal state, where Communists have been in power for nearly two decades. Congress has ruled India for all but four years since independence from Britain in 1947.

Election officials said turnout Saturday was 55 percent, average for Indian elections. A total of 560 million people are expected to vote in the elections, which end on May 30.

South Lebanon buries its dead; refugees return to broken homes

NABATIYEH, Lebanon (AP) — Eyes red and swollen from crying, thousands of black-clad men and women marched to a cemetery Sunday behind ambulances carrying the bodies of nine family members killed in an Israeli air raid. The youngest victim was a 4-day-old girl.

Throughout southern Lebanon, refugees returned to battered homes Sunday and villagers buried their dead in a somber start to Islam's most sacred holiday.

United Nations officers said Hezbollah guerrillas and Israeli troops were abiding by the ceasefire that took hold Saturday, ending the worst flare-up of Arab-Israeli fighting in 14 years.

The Islamic world marked the first day of the faith's holiest feast, Eid al-Adha, or the Feast of Sacrifice, but most of south Lebanon's Shiite Muslim population was in mourning.

In Nabatiyeh, a market town facing Israel's self-proclaimed "security zone," several thousand people gathered for the funeral of a mother, her seven children and her

daughter's fiancé. They all perished in an Israeli air raid on their home April 18.

"Israel said they destroyed Hezbollah. It's not true. They just killed civilians," Sheik Abdul-Amir Kabalan, a senior Shiite cleric, said in a short speech before the burial.

The bodies, wrapped in gray blankets and sprinkled with flowers, were carried on stretchers to the burial site where wailing women wailed in grief. Several collapsed to the ground.

In the village of Mansouri, thousands of villagers gathered to mourn four children killed by a missile from an Israeli helicopter gunship. The children, ranging in age from 7 months to 9 years, were being evacuated by ambulance from the hamlet 8 miles south of Tyre when they were killed April 13.

On Sunday, the villagers, including chest-beating women in black chadors, walked behind the four coffins in a procession from the mosque to the burial site.

In Qana, just northeast of Mansouri, a mass funeral was planned Tuesday for 91 civilians

killed when Israeli gunners pounded a U.N. base sheltering refugees.

All told, 162 people were killed and 439 wounded in the 16 days of fighting, which reduced some villages to rubble. Most of the dead were Lebanese civilians.

Israel launched a similar campaign against Hezbollah guerrillas three years ago. But this latest round of shooting was the most intense between Israel and an Army for since Israel's 1982 invasion of Lebanon drove out Palestinian guerrillas.

Lebanese officials said 300,000 of 500,000 refugees who had squatted in schools, mosques and churches in the north for the last two weeks returned to their southern villages Saturday.

Many more went home Sunday, packing the coastal road from Beirut to the south with bumper-to-bumper refugee convoys.

In sermons, preachers in mosques across Lebanon called for nationwide fund-raising campaigns to help the villagers, many of whom lost their life's savings in the war.

Tree-hugging is an official obsession

The Baltimore Sun

BERLIN — The bureaucrat's computer clicks and whirs, and onto the screen comes bad news concerning Tree No. 00018-14022 in the district of Zehlendorf.

It has been chopped down at the ripe old age of 117, after city workers detected a case of poisoning by "Hundertrot."

Translation: Death by dog urine.

The bureaucrat, Hans-Achim Guttlebe, keeps punching keys, and we learn that five other trees in the district have died this year during the past two years. In each case he can tell you the kind of tree, its age, its size, its street, its fungus problems and even more, if you care to know.

It is all the result of work that began two years ago, when district officials began nailing tiny number plates on every tree on every street, probing and measuring as they went. Already they've tagged and numbered 20,000 trees, with 12,435 to go. That's just in Zehlendorf, one of 23 districts in Berlin where similar records are kept.

The ultimate goal: a unified, city-wide system in which each of the city's 386,000 street trees will get its own 18-digit number, encapsulating all its vital statistics.

To the uninitiated, this may seem nothing but another step deeper into minutiae by yet another of the world's governments. But here one could even say it was inevitable.

This, after all, is the country where rules, records and regulations cover everything from what days department stores may hold sales to what hours of Sunday you're forbidden to be noisy.

It is also a place where a love of the forest is rooted in centuries of lore and legend. But this the merger of two national passions: begetting the tree bureaucracy of Berlin, now thriving in the full bloom of the computer age.

In a city as green as Berlin is among the world leaders in leafy boulevards, according to Gunter

Heitmann of the city department that oversees public spaces and "street trees."

Its most famous promenade, Unter den Linden, beginning at the Brandenburg Gate and passing some of the city's most magnificent buildings, is named for this distinction, meaning literally "under the Linden trees."

Berlin comes by its tree fixation naturally, being the past and future capital of a country where, as author William Manchester once wrote, people only began emerging from the dense gloom of the forests only a few millennia ago, with animal furs on their backs and horns on their head.

Even centuries ago there were laws to protect the foliage. People caught peeling bark off trees had their naves cut out and nailed to the despoiled tree. They were then marched around the tree until they'd disemboweled themselves.

"Even today," Manchester wrote, give a German a day off and he'll

take his family and a rickshaw and "swish into the trees."

Berlin's passion for its trees was put to the test after World War II. Not only had many of the city's half-million street trees been bombed to splinters, thousands more were chopped down for fuel to make up for the lack of electricity, coal and gas.

Planting efforts were redoubled, and over the long years of the Cold War the balance of green tipped west, partly out of necessity. East Berliners in need of some nature could always dart into the countryside. West Berliners were virtually trapped on an island in the middle of enemy territory, surrounded for 28 years by the Berlin Wall.

So they brought the country to the city, not only in their numerous parks and vast urban forests, but along their streets.

Less any of these bureaucracies grows lax for lack of lawsuits, there are plenty of vigilant tree lovers to keep them on their toes.



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Around the valley

Republican women host state lawmakers

TWIN FALLS - Women with an interest in politics are invited to join the Twin Falls County Republican Women's Committee Monday when they host a panel of state lawmakers from the area.

The committee will hold its monthly meeting at 11:30 a.m. today at the Canyon Springs Inn. Lunch costs \$7.

27th annual Johnny Horizon Day volunteer crews needed

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls' 27th Johnny Horizon Day is just days away, and organizers are collecting a crew of county residents to help with the annual cleanup of county roads.

Beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday, May 4, volunteers will walk the roadsides collecting litter and debris; trucks gather their sacks of rubbish.

Lunch for those who help out begins at 11 a.m. in a choice of four places: the Filer Ice creamery, the Red Barrel Restaurant in Castleford, Nat's Snodgrass and the Murtough LDS Church.

To reserve a route, call the coordinator in your area:

- Buhl - Kenny Hulise, 543-5211.
- Castleford - Tracy Cook, 537-6833.
- Filer - Bud Compher 326-4207.
- Hansen - John Hinton, 423-4430 or 424-3356.
- Hollister - Teresa Taylor, 655-4310; or Rex Hoyt, 655-4463.
- Kimberly - Jo Johnson, 423-5470 (evenings).
- Murtough - Verla Tipton, 432-5561.
- Rogerson - Sherry Satterwhite, 655-4322.
- Twin Falls - Luanette Atix, 734-5271; or Kelli Williamson, 734-9491.

Transportation Department announces Galena resurfacing

STANLEY - About 15 miles of Idaho 75 between Galena Summit and Stanley will be resurfaced this summer, the Idaho Transportation Department announced.

Work on the \$1.18 million project is expected to begin in late June and be completed by August, the ITD said.

Crews will restore the smoothness of almost 10 miles of cracked, rough road from the Salmon River to the Custer County line, and of another five miles from Redfish Lake Creek Bridge to Valley Creek. The old pavement will be pulled up, mixed with new material and put back down. A two-inch layer of new pavement will be added on top.

The 12.5-mile section between those two stretches was resurfaced last summer.

Region IV Wildlife Council meets Thursday in Gooding

GOODING - The Region IV Wildlife Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Gooding City Hall.

Fish and Game biologists, Tom Maesler and Gary Nohrberg, will report on the Gooding County pheasant/predator control project. A report on progress to defeat the anti-bear hunting initiative will be given by county coordinators for the Sportsman's Heritage Defense Fund.

Councilman Clow to fill vacancy on state advisory

TWIN FALLS - Twin Falls City Councilman Lance Clow recently was selected to fill a vacancy on the statewide Public Transportation Advisory Council. Rupert Mayor Dvinelle Alfred and Lynn Hughes of Twin Falls, meanwhile, were appointed to Idaho's Regional Public Transportation Advisory Committee.

Paul students to offer annual 'Authors Night' Thursday

PAUL - Students at Paul Elementary School will assemble for their annual "Authors Night" at 7 p.m. Thursday at the school.

The evening will consist of a short presentation by Patti Cakes, author of "Snake Stew." Patti Cakes will speak on her writing experiences and how to publish a book.

Students in first through sixth grades will be available with the books they have published and will read them to those attending.

The students will also be available for autographs.

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Budget cuts force weatherman to retire

By Mychel Matthews Goodman
Times-News correspondent

KIMBERLY - People tell him they've met him before - when really it's just his voice they know.

For the past 22 years, meteorologist Bill Galkin has been doing out weather forecasts over the telephone.

Galkin's voice is familiar to the hundreds of callers who have phoned the National Weather Service office near Kimberly, wondering when the rain was going to stop, or if the tomatoes should be covered.

But soon that telephone voice will be silenced - a casualty of federal budget cuts, coupled with the weather service's ongoing attempt to modernize its operation.

The Kimberly station is part of the weather service's Agriculture Weather Program, devised to tailor-make weather forecasts for local farmers.

By day, Galkin is the link between growers and Mother Nature, answering inquiries whether it's warm enough to plant beans or too windy to spray pesticides, whether it's warm enough dig spuds or cool enough to harvest beets.

By night, Galkin's recorded voice tells callers if they should pack an umbrella - or skis - the next day.

Last year, Galkin was told his job was scheduled for termination. New Doppler radar installations at weather service offices in Boise and Pocatello have made a manned office in Kimberly unnecessary, his bosses told him.

But before his office could be shut down by modernization, Congress cut the funding for the weather service's agriculture program, eliminating the program's dozen or so agricultural offices across the country, Galkin said.

The meteorologists at those offices were each offered a position at another weather station, or early retirement if they qualified Galkin chose retirement.

After raising three kids here, he and his wife, Carol, are firmly rooted in the valley, he said.

Carol plans to continue her work at the Twin Falls Christian Academy. And, Galkin said, "she has a honey-do list that will take me into the year 2000."

In his spare time, he also plans to restore a pair of Ford Mustangs.

After Tuesday, Magic Valley farmers will have to become a little more self-sufficient.

The weather station's equipment will continue to measure and record the local weather conditions.

"But," he said, "there won't be anyone there to read it."



Meteorologist Bill Galkin will begin his retirement after Tuesday, ending 22 years with the National Weather Service.

Bicyclist, counselor trains on job



Tony McNevin pedals his Lightning P-38 home to Jerome after work in Gooding. The tubgoot whistle hanging from his neck 'barks dogs off,' he says.

By Steve Kaehler
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - While many Magic Valley commuters zoom to work in their automobiles, Tony McNevin is happy to ride his recumbent bicycle whenever possible.

The mental health counselor recently peddled the 49-mile round trip from his Jerome home to see clients in Gooding.

"On a trip like that (average 20 mph)," he said.

A triathlon enthusiast, McNevin uses nice spring weather to get in shape.

"If you get the opportunity to train, you take it," he said.

He admits it's convenient that his boss is his wife, Anne. She founded Gem State Family Consultants, which now contracts through St. Benedict's Rehabilitation and Counseling Services.

Though he recommends moderation in all things, McNevin has taken on tough challenges - like a nearly 200-mile, one-day round trip from Jerome to Mountain Home via Fairfield, an endeavor he described as "crazy."

"I'm not a rampant gas saver," he said. "The people who race, do what I do." McNevin's bicycle, technically called a human powered machine, is a model Lightning P-38. Brunching is an aerospace engineer, the \$2,600 vehicle holds the international speed record on level ground, he said. Speeds of 60 mph are achieved with a fairing - a cocoon that fits around the bike to reduce wind resistance, and from which only the rider's head is visible.

But for McNevin, going 50 mph downhill is scary enough.

"It makes you sit very still, think about your bike maintenance program," he said.

The McNevins are members of a Magic Valley bicycle club called Meats on Wheels. The bicyclists meet at a club member's home in Jerome, Twin Falls, Filer, Buhl or Hagerman, take a bike ride up to 25 miles, then return to a potluck dinner.

"It's a lot of fun," he says. "Almost everybody in it is doing some kind of racing."

City council will discuss Old Towne

By Virginia S. Garber
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Business people rehabilitating buildings in the city's decayed warehouse district have inherited unusual problems, according to a local architect.

So architect Russ Lively will ask the council today to make special allowances for Dick and Sue Burwell who are renovating the old warehouse they bought at 263 South Ave. W.

The property is abutted on three sides by city right of way, and Lively wants to encroach on the right of way for an access ramp, a staircase and landscaping.

Also on the agenda:

- A proposed ordinance would ban large trucks and trailers from the parking areas of the city's parks. Trucks have been a problem at Harmon Park, the parks board reported.
- Staff members will propose substantial changes to the city's zoning code. Public hearings on the changes have been scheduled for May 6 and 20 and June 3. For more information, contact the planning and zoning office at City Hall.
- The city has received a \$354,395 grant from the Federal Aviation Administration for aircraft-rescue and fire-fighting equipment. If it accepts the grant, the city will pay a 10 percent share of the purchase, or \$35,439.
- Despite several callers' requests for stop signs, city engineers will recommend

City Council meeting
The City Council will meet at 5 p.m. today in the City Hall council chambers, and the meeting is open to the public. No 4 p.m. or 6 p.m. sessions are scheduled.

Retiring cowboy would do it all over again

Malta man honored for 30 years of service

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

MALTA - He would do it the same way if he had to be done all over again. Retiring cowboy Tinker Hutchison, 66, herded cattle through the Raft River valley for nearly 30 years.

For at least 20 of those years, he worked for the Raft River Cattle Co., owned by the J.R. Simplot Co.

Local Forest Service officials honored Hutchison last week for his cooperation in managing 325 head of cattle on the 7,928-acre South Heglar Grazing Allotment on the Sawtooth National Forest southeast of Burley every June through September.

The forest was in good condition when he first began to look after it, Hutchison said.

"It was in pretty good shape. It just needed a little takin' care of. I always tried to get it there before the cows," he said.

Hutchison did only what had to be done, which was to work with Forest Service staff, he said.

He had to cooperate, or the company could have lost its grazing permit there, he said as a matter-of-fact.

There are many regulations to comply with, and he said he did them willingly.

He didn't agree with a few things, such as when the cattle should be herded off the allotment.

A time or two he thought they may have stayed on a bit longer. In the winter, he guided them down to irrigate farmland.

But the management produced better grazing conditions for the cattle,

'Tinker was on the allotment every day, moving the cattle and making sure the range improvements such as fences and water troughs were properly maintained and operating. We greatly appreciated Tinker's spirit of cooperation.'

— Pete Peterson,
Burley District ranger

Hutchison said, "You've got to take care of it, if you can get anything out of it," Hutchison said about grazing law.

Hutchison's careful management allowed the Forest Service to grant the Raft River Cattle Co. time extensions on the allotment on several occasions, Burley District Ranger Pete Peterson said.

"Tinker was on the allotment every day, moving the cattle and making sure the range improvements such as fences and water troughs were properly maintained and operating. We greatly appreciated Tinker's spirit of cooperation," Peterson said.

Hutchison hauled water to the cattle seven days a week.

The cattle company pumped pond water into a water truck and hauled it



Retiring cowboy Tinker Hutchison, 66, and his quarter horse, J.B., have spent countless hours herding cattle on the range.

water to eat, Hutchison said.

Nearly daily, he had to drive cattle away from springs at the bottom of Heglar Canyon, he said.

The task wasn't simple, but it was necessary when acting as public lands caretaker, he said.

"It wasn't run down, like you might say, and I tried to keep it that way," Hutchison said.

Evacuated residents allowed home after more than 2 weeks

ALBERTON, Mont. (AP) — Many residents of Alberton, evacuated more than two weeks ago by a train derailment, were allowed to return home during the weekend. However, a group of about 80 residents say they will not return until they are assured that their homes and property are free of any dangerous chemicals.

"There's going to be a partial return," said Dan Watts, a Montana Rail Link vice president of operations. "Some of you are not going to be able to go home today," he told residents early Saturday.

Twenty cars of a Montana Rail Link train derailed early on April 11. A chlorine tanker was punctured, forcing the evacuation of nearly 1,000 area residents. Several hundred people were hos-

pitalized, a transient riding on the train died of inhaling the gas and traffic on Interstate 90 was detoured around the site.

The task of off-loading chlorine from the ruptured tanker is not complete, but it is far enough along to allow most of the residents to abandon their Missoula motel rooms for home.

However, some releases from the tank cause chlorine levels to be enough that it would be a health risk to drive through on Interstate 90, said Steve Wey, a coordinator with the Environmental Protection Agency's emergency response team.

Officials hoped to open the last of the evacuated areas and Interstate 90 during the weekend. However, residents are not being

forced to go home.

"You're not being told today that you have to go home," Watts said. "There will be another meeting tomorrow morning for those of you who have questions and concerns and decided not to go home."

A group called the Alberton Community Evacuees said Saturday they would not return home until MRI assures them in a document signed by the Missoula City-County Health Department and the Environmental Protection Agency, that it is safe for all to return to their homes.

They also want independent tests performed on their homes and properties — including soils and water — to baseline medical testing and removal of all contaminants from the accident site.

How Idaho lawmakers voted

House

ATTENDANCE RECORD:	94.15
CHENOWETH	98.19



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Yes Yes

1) WILDLIFE
The House on Wednesday approved 287-138 a bill to change how federal wildlife refuges are managed. The bill would allow for increased recreational uses of the land, such as boating, fishing, and hunting. It would also allow expanded military use of the land, without requiring prior approval. Supporters said it would help balance conservation and recreational activities. Opponents said it would threaten wildlife protection.

Yes Yes

2) BUDGET-HSE
The House on Thursday approved 399-25 a \$163 billion spending bill to fund the federal government through the rest of fiscal 1996, which ends in October. The bill cut discretionary spending by \$23 billion from 1995, which Republicans took credit for. But President Clinton was successful in restoring money for the environment and other priorities. A "yes" vote favors the spending bill.

Yes Yes

Senate

ATTENDANCE RECORD:	100
CRAG	99.29



Craig



Kompfhorne

Yes Yes

1) HEALTH
The Senate on Tuesday approved 100-0 a health insurance reform bill. The legislation would make it easier for Americans to keep their insurance if they change jobs or have a chronic illness. The bill would make health insurance more accessible for as many as 25 million people. The bill would make insurance companies provide equal coverage for mental and physical illnesses. Supporters said Americans should be given greater access to health insurance. A "yes" vote favors the legislation.

Yes Yes

2) TERM LIMIT
The Senate on Tuesday blocked consideration of a term limits constitutional amendment. The 58-42 tally fell two votes short of the 60 needed to continue debate on the bill, and nine shy of the 67 needed to approve a constitutional amendment. The measure would limit terms of members of Congress to 12 years. Supporters of term limits say Congress becomes corrupt when lawmakers serve too long. Opponents say voters should decide when to replace members. A "yes" vote favors ending the filibuster and proceeding to a vote on the term limits amendment.

Yes Yes

3) BUDGET-SEN
The Senate on Thursday approved 88-11 a \$163 billion spending bill to fund the federal government through the rest of fiscal 1996, which ends in October. The bill cut discretionary spending by \$23 billion from fiscal 1995, which Republicans took credit for. But President Clinton was successful in restoring money for the environment and other priorities. A "yes" vote favors the spending bill.

Yes Yes

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On the agenda

Following is a list of government meetings that are scheduled this week in the Magic Valley. This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

- TODAY**
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
- TUESDAY**
Buhl School Board, 7 p.m., superintendent's office downtown.
Minnidoka County Democratic Party, 8 p.m., courthouse.
Shoshone City Planning and Zoning Committee, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
- WEDNESDAY**
Bliss City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Madioka County Fair Board, 8 p.m., board office at the fairgrounds.
Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
- THURSDAY**
Glenns Ferry City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
- FRIDAY**
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

This week at CSI

The following is a schedule of meetings and events that will take place this week at the College of Southern Idaho.

- TODAY**
Overeaters Anonymous meets at 3:30 p.m. in Desert 112.
Senate meets at 4:30 p.m. in the student conference room of the Taylor Building.
Symphonic Band rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts 133.
- TUESDAY**
Magic Valley Symphony rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.
- WEDNESDAY**
Idaho High School Counselors' Day will begin at 9 a.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.
Military testing will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Shields 203.
Swing Band rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts 121.
- THURSDAY**
Magic Valley Chorale rehearsal will be held at

- 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts 133.
- FRIDAY**
Idaho Coalition for Adult Literacy meets at 8 a.m. in the new library building.
Drafting Technology Program open house will be held from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. in Canyon 122.
Sports and Leisure Show will be held from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Expo Center.
Magic Valley Symphony concert will be held at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.
- SATURDAY**
Minority health fair will be held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the gymnasium.
Scholastic Achievement Test will be given at 7:30 a.m. in the Shields Building.
Sports and Leisure Show continues from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. in the Expo Center.
Suzuki viola concert will be held at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.
- SUNDAY**
Sports and Leisure Show will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Expo Center.
CSI Jazz Summit Concert will be held at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium.

Services

Dorothy Margaret Severance, of Hazelton, memorial service, 11 a.m. today, Hazelton Presbyterian Church, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Agnes Irene Bowlin, of Hazelton, graveside service, 2 p.m. today, Hazelton Cemetery, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Twin Falls, 1 p.m. Tuesday, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Twin Falls. Viewing, 4 to 8 p.m. today, White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Opal E. Brott, of Jerome, graveside service, 2 p.m. Tuesday, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls. Viewing, 9 a.m. until

time of the service on Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel, Twin Falls.

Rosamond Crawford, of Burley, memorial service, 11:30 a.m. Thursday, First Baptist Church, Burley, (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Death notice

Bernice Diamond Hoggan Stephens
ELBA - Bernice Diamond Hoggan Stephens, a 76-year-old Elba resident, died Sunday, April 28, 1996, at her home.
Graveside services will be at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, 1996, at

the Annis Little Butte Cemetery in Annis, with Von Scheles officiating. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary from 6-9 p.m. Tuesday.
The family requests that memorials be given to the IHC Hospice of Burley in care of Payne Mortuary.

Hospitals

- MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**
Admitted: Maria Zubiate of Kimberly, and Ray Lytle and Michael Guelker, both of Twin Falls.
Released: Lisa Bernsen of Jerome.
- MINNIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL**
Admitted: Margaret Fitzpatrick of Rupert.
Released: Courtney Connor of Burley, and Fred Coy, Paul Burley.
- CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER**
Admitted: Maria Guadarrama of Burley, and Consuelo Chapa of Rupert.
Released: Fred Moore of Heyburn, Sylvia Ybarra of Rupert, and Kimberly Miller, Scott Gerrard and William Casier, all of Burley.
- Births**
Mr. and Mrs. Ignacio Guadarrama of

Obituary

Hansen.
Garrett King Bastian
Garrett King Bastian, 19, of Hansen, died Friday morning near Twin Falls following an accident.
He was born Jan. 31, 1977 at St. Anthony, Idaho, the son of Gary and Gloria Bastian. Bastian, Garrett lived at Macks Inn until moving to King Hill, where he lived at the Pitchfork Ranch.
In 1988, he and his family moved to the Kimberly-Hansen area where he finished school and was attending C.S.I. During the summers, he worked at Macks Inn with his family. Garrett was a free-style

wrestler, a member of Lift Off 54, and Impact 1995 of Boise.
Garrett is survived by his parents, Gary and Gloria Bastian; a brother, Cody Mark Bastian of Hansen; and two sisters, Christina Wrogelworth and her husband John, and DeSiree Prochaska and her husband Mike, all of Boise.
Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, April 30, 1996 at the Kimberly LDS Stake House at 3857 N. 3600 E. north of Kimberly. Burial will follow at Twin Falls Cemetery.
Friends may call today from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel to visit with the family and on Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 10:45 at the Stako House prior to the services.



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MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE

MONDAY, APRIL 29 - 11am
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BAKER AUCTION COMPANY

TUESDAY, APRIL 30 - 5 pm
Household - Tools - Antiques
Consignment Welcome - Jerome
KLAAS AUCTION BARN

FRIDAY, MAY 3 - 4:30 pm
George & Vesta Motta - Household - Pickup Sporting Goods - Tools - Wendell Advertisement - May 1
WERT AUCTION SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 4 - 10am
Isho Power Co. - U.S. West Communications - J.R. Smalley Co. - Cites & Counties - Surtus Operations & Construction Equipment - Bontz Advertisement - AgWeekly, April 20. Times-News, April 21 & 28
AMERICAN ASSOCIATED AUCTIONEERS

SATURDAY, MAY 4 - 11:30 am
E. J. & Evelyn Lambert - Farm Machinery Household - Tools Advertisement - May 2
WERT AUCTION SERVICE

SATURDAY, MAY 4 - 1996
Lynn & Lois Langdon - Gem Stones and Equipment - Collectibles - Burt Advertisement - May 2
MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE

SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1996
David & Phyllis Chappell Household - Antiques - Jerome Advertisement - May 3
MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE

City of Rocks transfers management

Idaho leads; feds follow

By William Brock
Times-News writer

City of Rocks National Reserve

- 14,700 acres (9,584 public and 5,116 private)
- Annual budget about \$400,000
- 60-65 percent of visitor use is by climbers. Climbers from foreign countries comprise 19 percent of total use.

ALMO - On a sunny day, you can see almost anyone at the City of Rocks National Reserve - including history buffs from around the country and climbers from around the world.

However, people in National Park Service uniforms are hard to find, which is remarkable, given that the Park Service funds roughly half of the City of Rocks' budget.

The federal agency has been keeping a low profile for more than a year, but Uncle Sam will formally bow out from operations at the City of Rocks in a "transfer of management" ceremony on Thursday.

Simply put, the Park Service will give and the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation will receive.

"It's been the culmination of many years of hard work by many people," said Yvonne Ferrell, state Parks and Recreation director. "People have always wanted it managed by locals - that is, the state - rather than some federal office somewhere."

The reserve was established in 1988 to meet Park Service standards for resource protection, while at the same time providing a management voice to local agencies.

The transfer "means that this experiment - of having units of the National Park Service managed by local entities

other than the National Park Service - is a success," said Jim Morris, superintendent of Craters of the Moon National Monument near Arco. As a Park Service employee, Morris helped smooth the transfer of management authority at the City of Rocks.

From a casual visitor's perspective, the change of management authority shouldn't be apparent.

"We hope they won't even know the difference," said City of Rocks Superintendent Ned Jackson.

The area will continue to be one of America's premier rock climbing draws, luring visitors with its wild profusion of hot-bobbin granite formations. Western history buffs will continue to visit the area, which was described in the journals of California Trail emigrants. Families will continue to enjoy its earthy, informal ambience.

However, inexorable changes are coming to the City of Rocks - including more signs pointing the way to the entrance. During the next few years, Ferrell said recreationists can expect more building activity.

Specifically, some campsites will be relocated within the City, while others will be moved to an area just outside, she said. Trails will be improved, outhouses will be



The Twin Sisters are the tallest rock formations at the City of Rocks, but they are off-limits to climbers. The ban was ordered to preserve the area's historic character.

built and a visitor's center is envisioned. "I also hope we'll see local people getting involved with concession opportunities, such as trail rides, wagon rides and

bed-and-breakfasts," she said. Developing a rustic jewel like the City of Rocks is a delicate balancing act, Morris warned.

"So far, the question that hasn't been asked is, 'How much is too much?'" he said. "No one wants to see the City of Rocks loved to death."

WILLIAM BROCK/OTW/Times-News

Top cops



Cassia County Sheriff's Deputy Chris Jensen fires off a couple rounds Saturday east of Declo in the target shooting competition of the Top Cop Challenge. In addition to target shooting, local law enforcement agents raced in a mile-and-a-half run and five-mile bike ride, all into the wind.

Residents angered by plan to reintroduce endangered Condor to Utah and Arizona

VENTURA, Calif. (AP) - Federal wildlife officials treat it like royalty, but to many residents in Northern Arizona and Southern Utah, the endangered California Condor is an unwelcome buzzard.

A plan by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to introduce the huge birds into Utah and Arizona has drawn an angry reaction from residents and elected officials in both states.

A tentative agreement for the birds' release has been reached, but wildlife officials are still trying to smooth the ruffled feathers of residents who see the program as another federal intrusion into their lives.

"The condor is not a majestic bird but a common buzzard which lives on road kill," Justice and Larry Esplin of Orderville, Utah, wrote during a public comment period on the plan. "If you think that we or any tourist would be excited to see these birds gnawing away on a dead animal carcass along the road, then you are very mistaken."

The harsh reaction has come as a shock to wildlife officials who already have reintroduced zoro-birds in Southern and Central California.

"The California condor was just beat up," said Robert Mesta, director of the release program based in Ventura County. "They said, why don't you just keep them in California?"

Mesta said officials were sent 206 letters during the comment period, nearly half of them opposed to the plan. The agency plans to release nine birds in Arizona's Vermilion Cliffs area, near U.S. 89 about 60 miles north of the Grand Canyon, and less than 20 miles south of the Utah border.

Capable of flying 150 miles in a day, they are expected to range well into Utah. With a wingspread of 9 1/2 feet, the California condor is one of the world's largest birds. It also is one of the rarest - with just over 100 left, including 13 released in California.

Fish and Wildlife officials believe the condor lived in the northern Arizona and southern Utah before the Ice Age, and they returned briefly in the 18th century. There was a sighting in 1924, but there is no evidence they lived in the region in significant numbers.

Critics argue that the condor doesn't really belong in the

region. And, they say, it's wrong for federal officials in California to make decisions affecting other states.

"Only in America would this happen," said Joe Judd, a commissioner in Utah's Kane County, just a few miles from the proposed release site. "All the people that do not live here want to enact laws to control how we live."

They also contend that the protection of endangered species already has cost ranchers and businessmen money.

The desert tortoise is blamed for destroying millions of dollars in development opportunities.

Along the Utah-Arizona border, many residents believe that the Mexican spotted owl is responsible for shutting down a lumber mill in Fredonia, Ariz., last spring, costing 400 jobs.

Mesta and local officials in Utah and Arizona are negotiating a menu of understanding that will under the birds' release.

Under the agreement, the local governments will have a say in the program, including the power to ask the agency to take the condors elsewhere if things aren't working out.

anyone who accidentally kills or harms a condor won't be prosecuted.

"We've come to an agreement that I think will satisfy everyone concerned," Judd said. "No one stopped because of the condor. If we wanted to develop a coal mine, this bird couldn't stop it."

Concerns that the birds might be struck by cars while feeding on road kill on busy Highway 89, near the release site, have been alleviated by promises that Fish and Game employees will patrol the road, pulling any carcasses onto the shoulder.

Finally, the agency has built in a timeline for the reintroduction program.

If, after five years, 40 percent or more of the condors are dying and the birds are not finding their own food, "serious consideration" will be given to terminating the project.

Both Utah senators are willing to accept the document, as long as their constituents agree to it, said Robert Dibbee, an aide to Hatch.

"If they are comfortable with that proposed plan, then we would be comfortable as well," he said.

Wendell City Council sets plans to control boundary street traffic

By Steve Koehler
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - The city plans traffic controls for its half of two border streets - Hagerman and F Avenue West.

The streets have one lane in the county and the other in the city.

Thursday the City Council authorized installation of a stop sign in the northbound lane of Hagerman Street at recently opened 2nd Avenue West. The new intersection has restricted visibility.

Hagerman Street has been a non-stop connector between West Main and 8th Avenue W, which also is county road 2900 South.

The council discussed changing the speed limit of the city lane on East Avenue E at Pocahontas Street - eastbound 35 mph, westward to Idaho Street, 20 mph. The new speed limit would require an ordinance.

Speed limits on the county lanes are 35 mph, and 20 mph on the city side, unless otherwise posted.

Motorists even exceed the county speed limit on the city lanes, according to police.

"It's kind of like a mini-free-way," Police Chief Philip Cowell said of 8th Avenue West.

The city attorney will investigate whether the city can control traffic on the county side of the road, Cowell said.

In other business:

• Mayor Gwen Rost reappointed City Superintendent Paul Isaacson for the rest of the year. At the previous meeting the council passed an ordinance stating all appointments shall not exceed one year and shall terminate January 1.

• City Engineer Scott Bybee reported on the engineering for upgrading the water system, one goal of which is to eliminate dead-end waterlines.

• The council authorized a beer license to El Rincon, formerly the Iron Skillet, pending approval by the state and county.

• The council authorized the fire department to buy 600 feet of 5-inch fire hoses and a valve for hose operation. The hoses will provide water for distant areas until the city completes installation of a network of hydrants.

• Mayor Gwen Rost proclaimed May as Motorcycle Awareness Month and recognized motorcycles' popularity, accident risk and fuel economy.

"If they raise gas another penny, I'm going to get me one," Councilman Dale Bum said.

Utah NOW targets judge

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Women's rights activists say they will target Judge David Young for removal in judicial retention elections in November and continue to push for reforms in the Utah judiciary.

Panelists and participants at the 1996 Utah National Organization for Women Conference, held Saturday, alleged bias toward women in Utah's judicial system.

In particular, they pointed to judicial actions in cases of domestic violence, divorce and custody of children.

Panelists center of the discussion was 3rd District Court Judge David Young, who has been criticized for his handling of divorce cases. NOW officials cited several other complaints lodged against Young within the state's Judicial Conduct Commission.

Participants spoke of organizing

a campaign against Young's retention, urging the Judicial Conduct Commission to follow through with complaints against Young and other judges and addressing the larger issue of gender bias in the courts.

They also asked that more information about judicial performance be made available to the public during retention elections.

Judge Young is not the only problem; he is symbolic of the problem," said Jerri Hill, a local lawyer.

Mary Coelho, a NOW activist, said that she is cautiously optimistic about changes that have taken place in the Judicial Conduct Commission and its investigation of Young. She said the commission is now getting more information about complaints.

Council

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that no stop or yield signs be installed at the intersection of Third Avenue West and Seventh Street West.

The council is expected to approve a developer's agreement for Windemere Subdivision 2, and a Western Days Committee request to use City Parks from May 21 to June 2 for the 14th annual celebration.

• JUB Engineers will report on the status of a weir project at the Blue Lakes.

• The Association of Idaho Cities is asking cities to join an effort protesting an Idaho Power Co. request now before the state Public Utilities Commission. Idaho Power wants to impose a "capitalization fee" of \$4,000 per new household to pay for its capital facilities, the AIC said.

Sports

Favorites grab 2-game leads

Kings stun Sonics, even series at 1-1

The Associated Press

SEATTLE - The Sacramento Kings got the franchise's first playoff victory since 1981, beating the Seattle SuperSonics 90-81 Sunday night behind Mitch Richmond's 37 points.

The Kings, in the playoffs for the first time in 10 years, evened the first-round series at 1-1 and took the homecourt advantage away from the Sonics, who have been upset in the first round the last two years.

Shawn Kemp, returning from a one-game suspension for fighting in the regular-season finale, paced Seattle with 21 points.

Games 3 and 4 will be played in Sacramento Tuesday and Thursday. Game 5, if necessary, will be Saturday in Seattle.

The Kings' last playoff victory occurred when the franchise was based in Kansas City.

NBA playoffs

Houston in Game 2 of the Western Conference finals that year, their only win in the series.

The top-seeded Sonics missed 11 of 16 shots in the fourth quarter, while eighth-seeded Kings were 9-of-19. Seattle won a franchise-record 64 games during the regular season, including four over Sacramento, the only team in the playoffs with a losing record — 39-43.

The Kings, who committed 25 turnovers, went ahead to stay 74-72 on a jump hook by Michael Smith with 6:34 left after Richmond sank a free throw to tie the score at 72.

After a dunk by Kemp with 4:38 left, the Kings scored the next six points, including a 3-pointer by Sarunas Marciulionis.

Bulls 106, Heat 75

CHICAGO - By the time Michael Jordan was wincing in pain with a strained lower back, his Chicago Bulls were humiliating the Miami Heat. And it wasn't even halftime yet.

Jordan scored 26 points before suffering the injury, returned to play the entire third quarter and finished with 29 as the Bulls beat the Heat 106-75 Sunday to take a 2-0 series lead.

The Bulls can sweep the best-of-5 series by winning Wednesday at Miami, where Alonzo Mourning will try to do more damage at Chicago players, play poorly and complain about the officiating.

A 23-point-per-game scorer who had only 10 points in Game 1, Mourning scored 14 this time but had seven turnovers. "That's a great game. He might get that \$20 million he wants," Mourning glared at Chicago players, play poorly and complain about the officiating.

Pippen had 24 points, eight rebounds and eight assists as the Bulls demonstrated why they had an NBA-record 72 victories this season.

Jordan, the league scoring champion for the eighth time in his career, wasn't around for the end. He watched the first couple of minutes of the fourth quarter while lying stomach-down on the floor before going to the locker room with 9:44 left.

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San Antonio's David Robinson attempts to block the shot of Phoenix Sun John Williams Sunday in San Antonio. AP photo

NBA, big money present powerful lure for colleges' underclassmen

Knight-Ridder News Service

The current version of "Hoop Dreams" is turning into a nightmare for college basketball.

More and more players are abandoning school well before their eligibility expires, and others are bypassing it altogether.

Their reason: The National Basketball Association. The rationale: With so much money to be made, education can wait.

With forward Kevin Garnett of the Minnesota Timberwolves having achieved legitimate success in his NBA rookie season — straight out of high school — many young players are suddenly asking: What's so hard about it?

Lower Merion High School's Kevin Bryant in suburban Philadelphia, of course, is one of them.

Stephen Marbury is leaving Georgia Tech after just one season. Samaki Walker, plagued by injuries and suspensions in his two seasons at Louisiana, is leaving, too, as is Lorenzen Wright, his Connecticut Sun.

the Orlando Magic's all-star guard, who sat out his freshman year at Memphis as a nonacademic qualifier, then left after playing two seasons there.

The No. 2 pick in the 1993 draft, Hardaway signed a \$70 million contract before last season.

"All the media hype, all the praise — it went too far," he said. "These guys have kids believing they can make it to the pros without going to college. Four years of school when I can make money now? Please? That's what they're saying. 'They see Kevin Garnett and say: 'Why not me?'"

"It's over. There's no stopping it now. The monster has been created. It's a little too late to start crying about it now."

Lately, there has been a lot of that. Will Bryant go or won't he? Is he ready? Is this the beginning of the era of millionaire-teen-age players? Is the end of college basketball as we know it? Shouldn't the NBA do something about

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Morning line

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It was better than a couple years I've had.

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— California Angel Mike Aldrete, after hitting a grand slam and scoring five RBIs in a game against Seattle

Briefly

Tennis tourney draws 125 to begin season

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Tennis Association's Spring Fling drew 125 players for a three-day tournament that ended Sunday.

Players competing in 20 separate divisions in singles, doubles and mixed doubles completed 128 matches, and Sunday's finale saw some of the best.

Dave Little defeated Scott Timoney, 7-5, 6-4. Those two paired up for the men's doubles championship match, but lost to Ken Jackson and Rob Welch, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Andy and Laura Crane defeated Dave and Karen Little in the mixed doubles, 6-3, 3-6, 6-1.

The top women's singles match (4.0) went to Alma Mills, a 6-1, 6-0 winner over Kathleen Eder. Susan Ramseyer and Linda Coats defeated Kathy Metzger and Shelly Dinegan 6-3, 7-5 in the women's doubles.

Open membership
Men - 40 participants of Lionel Roberts, 4-6, 6-2, 6-4; 55-62; 30-35; 36-40; 41-45; 46-50; 51-55; 56-60; 61-65; 66-70; 71-75; 76-80; 81-85; 86-90; 91-95; 96-100; 101-105; 106-110; 111-115; 116-120; 121-125; 126-130; 131-135; 136-140; 141-145; 146-150; 151-155; 156-160; 161-165; 166-170; 171-175; 176-180; 181-185; 186-190; 191-195; 196-200; 201-205; 206-210; 211-215; 216-220; 221-225; 226-230; 231-235; 236-240; 241-245; 246-250; 251-255; 256-260; 261-265; 266-270; 271-275; 276-280; 281-285; 286-290; 291-295; 296-300; 301-305; 306-310; 311-315; 316-320; 321-325; 326-330; 331-335; 336-340; 341-345; 346-350; 351-355; 356-360; 361-365; 366-370; 371-375; 376-380; 381-385; 386-390; 391-395; 396-400; 401-405; 406-410; 411-415; 416-420; 421-425; 426-430; 431-435; 436-440; 441-445; 446-450; 451-455; 456-460; 461-465; 466-470; 471-475; 476-480; 481-485; 486-490; 491-495; 496-500; 501-505; 506-510; 511-515; 516-520; 521-525; 526-530; 531-535; 536-540; 541-545; 546-550; 551-555; 556-560; 561-565; 566-570; 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Briefly in sports

Hosts, Strictly Business win
TWIN FALLS — A pair of hometown teams, The Stratum Store and Strictly Business, came away with first-place trophies from the annual Twin Falls Men's Softball Association feedback tournament Sunday.

The Stratum affair started Saturday with the regular season, then split into eight up-division and eight lower-division teams for a single-elimination bracket on Sunday.

Stratum rolled through the upper division and finished with a 24-2 victory over Agri-Trading. Strictly Business survived a stiff test from All-Rite Siding of Twin Falls, 12-8.

The regular season for local softball starts May 6. The men's league will play

all of its games at Harmon Park, diamonds one and two.

Rams' top draft picks sleep in
ST. LOUIS — The St. Louis Rams' top two draft picks, running back Lawrence Sanders and wide receiver Eddie Kennison, were no-shows at the team's mini-camp Sunday morning.

Both players apparently oversteering for an abbreviated Sunday session that included only some morning workouts. Practice was canceled because of heavy rain.

"I'd have preferred that both of them be here, but they weren't," coach Rich Brooks said. "We don't know much more than that. It's something we'll address the next time they're here."

The rookie portion of mini-camp ended Sunday, although many veterans are sticking around through Wednesday workouts. NFL rules forbid draft picks from taking part in further workouts with their new club until June 1. The Rams have another minicamp set for June 13.

Since Phillips and Kennison are not under contract, they cannot be fined for their absence.

Galaxy heats Clash, 2-1
PASADENA, Calif. — Jorge Vazquez and Mauricio Cienfuegos scored first-half goals and the Los Angeles Galaxy, drawing a crowd of 40,347 to its second home game, held on to defeat the San Jose Clash 2-1 Sunday.

Cobi Jones had a hand in both goals for the Galaxy, at 40 the only undrafted center remaining in Major League Soccer.

The Clash, which beat the Washington D.C. United 1-0 in the league's inaugural game on April 6, has lost three since.

Attendance at the Rose Bowl was nearly 30,000 less than for the Galaxy's home debut two weeks ago, when a crowd of 69,255 showed up for a victory over the New York/New Jersey MetroStars.

Synchro swim team selected
INDIANAPOLIS — Kari Kreitzer scored a 4.210 to win the compulsory synchro 4 at the Junior National Synchro-nized Swimming Championships.

Kreitzer beat out Emily Marsh, who

finished with 42.199. "I've never been a national champion, so this is really great," Kreitzer said. "After the U.S. Olympic trials I was a little distraught."

Kreitzer finished 12th at the U.S. Olympic trials and earned an alternate spot on the American team.

Sunday's competition whittled 60 swimmers to 27, who will compete May 10 for what amounts to an American "B" team.

Members of the U.S. Olympic team were ineligible for this weekend's competition. "Without the Olympians, the Olympic trials are a lot more of a struggle," she said. "I'm very pleased by this. It gives me a boost in confidence that I certainly didn't have in October."

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if those are just a few of the questions being asked. The answers are not what you'd expect.

Most college coaches, while insisting they'd do nothing to dissuade a young man from making a living, would like to see a player's parents get involved. They see a player like North Carolina go from potential national champion to the middle of the pack in the Atlantic Coast Conference after a couple of seasons. Jerry Stackhouse (76ers) and Rasheed Wallace (Washington) led the pro.

Some coaches say "it can be" to mean start at the high schools, where kids still can be influenced to choose a four-year scholarship over potential millions. Others say it's the NBA's responsibility to discourage potential pickers.

"These are people who don't know the history of this league," NBA spokesman Chris Brice said. "We need to have a player whose parents wanted to come into the league, you couldn't until your college class had graduated or you had to declare a financial hardship to leave school."

Brice said because he'd left college early and wouldn't let him come. He took us to court and won in 1974. As a result, all you had to do was renounce your college eligibility to enter the draft. That was declared by the courts.

"What are we supposed to do? prevent someone from earning a living."

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to go and the Bulls leading by 34 points.

Chicago's Dennis Rodman got an 11th rebound quarter for a whistle and was ejected. As he left the court, Rodman made an obscene gesture at Rick Oakley.

Sprus 110, Sunes 105

SAN ANTONIO — David Robinson had 40 points and 21 rebounds and dominated the fourth quarter to lead the Spurs past the Phoenix Suns 110-105 Sunday as San Antonio took a 2-0 lead in the best-of-5 series.

Robinson scored 13 of his points in the final second of the game, including a turnaround 8-foot jumper over John Williams with 1:34 remaining. He also grabbed a key defensive rebound with 1:18 left.

Williams missed a 3-point attempt that would have tied the game.

The Suns remained a threat until the final second of the game. Johnson's free throws pulled the Suns to 106-105 with 17.3 seconds left. A foul by A.C. Green sent Sean Elliott to the line, and he made his two shots to put the Spurs up 108-105 with 12 seconds left.

After a timeout, Green was the only player Phoenix could find open for a spin shot. He missed the attempt and shot an airball with 5.5 seconds left, and Chuck Person then made two free throws to wrap up the victory.

Magie 92, Pistons 77

ORLANDO, Fla. — Shaquille O'Neal scored 29 points and Orlando took a commanding 2-0 lead in its first-round series against Detroit with a 92-77 victory Sunday.

The Magic can wrap up the best-of-5 matchup by winning Game 3 Tuesday night at The Palace of Auburn Hills, where the Pistons won one of two regular-season meetings with the Atlanta Division champions.

O'Neal made 13 of 19 shots, grabbed seven rebounds and had six assists despite playing only 36 minutes because of foot trouble that helped Detroit stay in the game.

It didn't show down the pace as much as possible, but Orlando was able to pull away in the second half.

After Ours Thorne gave the Pistons a 50-49 lead, Orlando responded with a 12-0 run. The Magic led by eight after three quarters, and Detroit got no closer the rest of the way.

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Burley duo takes Oasis best ball

The Times-News

JEROME — The Burley pair Tracy Frank and Terry Spackman claimed a 66 at the Jerome Country Club to win the two-day Oasis Open-personal best ball tournament Sunday.

Frank and Spackman led from the start, with Frank making one stroke after Saturday's round at Canyon Springs. The runners-up fell to five back with a two-day total of 141, one stroke better than Jim and Art May in third place.

In the women's championship flight, Kay Feldman and Bee Uphaw followed Saturday's 65 at Jerome with a 64 on Sunday at Canyon Springs to win. Patty Lee and Babe Hansen, Lee and Hansen carded a 62 on Sunday to finish two strokes back at 131.

Local golf
Name, Thompson win Gooding golf tournament
GOODING — Steve Name and Rich Thompson posted a 66 during Sunday's best-ball round to win the Gooding Country Club two-person scramble/best ball tournament.

Name and Thompson finished with a two-day total of 109, four strokes under runners-up Gordon Barry and Scott Standish. Bob Milligan and Don Sculler carded a 124.8 for the low net score in the championship flight. Bob McCoy and Roger Banner combined for a 126.6.

In the first flight, Kerry Utz and Tom Christensen shot a 74 on Sunday to end up at 152. Kent Seifert and Kevin Bounce were second at 157. Low net score in the first flight was Bob and Tom Hoagland's 126.3. Bob Devine and Eric Sites posted a 124.3.

In the couples flight, Jimmy Hall and Chris Derbidge had the best gross score at 167. They were first day to Tom and Julie Northcutt, who finished second with a 170 total.

The low net score among the couples went to Joe and Connie Smart, at 127.3, barely clipping past Jay and Dawn Pond (127.6).

Wings, Penguins, Rangers advance

WINNIPEG, Manitoba (AP) — Vyacheslav Kozlov scored twice in the first period as the Detroit Red Wings advanced to the second round of the Stanley Cup playoffs with a 4-1 victory Sunday that ended NHL hockey in Winnipeg.

NHL playoffs

The Red Wings took the Western Conference series 4-2 over the Jets, who are moving to Phoenix for next season.

Steve Yzerman also scored in the first to put the Red Wings ahead 4-0.

That held until the third period, when Norm Maciver scored for the Jets and they struggled to get another that would put a tie within reach.

Despite plenty of help from the 15,567 fans, it didn't happen and Keith Primeau scored twice in the second of the series into an empty Winnipeg net with 15 seconds left.

Winnipeg goaltender Nikolai Khabibulin was unable to put together another performance. In the 31-st game of the series out of Detroit with a 3-1 win Friday night, forcing a sixth game.

But he still got a standing ovation "Holy, Holy, Holy," the first two syllables of his last name.



Washington coach Jim Shoenfeld congratulated bloodied Pittsburgh coach Ed Johnston after Sunday's game in Landover, Md. Johnston was hit in the head by a puck.

Penguins 3, Capitals 2

LANDOVER, Md. — The Pittsburgh Penguins ousted the Washington Capitals from the playoffs for the fourth time as they won their fourth straight game, 3-2 Sunday to capture the opening round series 3-2.

Ken Wregg had 45 saves and the Penguins built a 4-0 lead in the opening 13 minutes in becoming the 11th

team to win an NHL playoff series after losing the first two games at home.

Mario Lemieux, Jaurimo Jari and Ron Francis scored for the Penguins, who won all three games at the US-Arena, including the pivotal four-over-time game that tied the series 2-2.

Pittsburgh also rallied from a two-goal deficit to eliminate the Capitals

in 1992 and 1995. The Penguins beat Washington in five games in 1991 and lost to the Capitals in six games two years ago.

Rangers 5, Canadiens 3

MONTREAL — The New York Rangers completed a four-game comeback against the Montreal Canadiens on Sunday when they rode a four-goal first period to a 5-3 victory to clinch their NHL Eastern Conference playoff series.

Adam Graves, Alexei Kovalev and Jari Jurta scored in a 102-van in the middle of the opening period after Pat Verbeek had opened the scoring at 6:24 on the Rangers' first shot of the game.

Doug Lidster added a power-play goal in the second period after the Canadiens got goals from Jocelyn Dubush and Pierre Turgeon. Defenseman Patrice Brisebois added one for Montreal in the final period.

New York took the best-of-7 series 4-2 after dropping the opening two games at home. The Rangers became only the 10th team in NHL history to win a seven-game series after losing the first two at home.

The Canadiens went 0-3 in their new 21,273-seat Molson Centre, where they were 5-7 since moving in on March 16.

The flurry of first-period goals chased starting goalie Jocelyn Dubush, who was beaten four times on nine shots, in favor of backup Pat Jablonski, who saw his first playoff action.

Expos explode for 21 runs at Coors Field

DENVER (AP) — Darrin Fletcher and David Segui each hit grand slams and the Montreal Expos set a team record for runs in a game with a 21-9 victory over the Colorado Rockies.

F.P. Santangelo added career bests with four hits and five RBIs. Segui finished with a career-best six RBIs, and Fletcher's five matched his personal high.

National League

The Expos, who had scored 19 runs six times in their 28-year history, broke an 11-inning scoreless streak when they sent 11 hitters to the plate in a seven-run first inning against Bryan Rekar (1-2). Montreal had a season-high 20 hits. Kirk Rueter (2-1) gave up two runs in six innings with four strikeouts and a walk.

Mets 7, Pirates 5

PITTSBURGH — Bobby Jones (1-1) gave up five runs and seven hits in 8 1/3 innings, and John Franco got two outs for his fourth save.

Rico Brogna's two-run single finished off a three-run sixth inning as the Mets, down 2-0 in the top, rallied against Pittsburgh for the second consecutive game.

Paul Wagner (3-2) gave up five runs and eight hits in 6 1/3 innings and struck out nine.

Cubs 3, Dodgers 0

LOS ANGELES — Frank Castillo (1-2) pitched Chicago's first shutout of the season, outdueling Chan Ho Park with a six-hitter. He struck out five and walked two.

Park (2-1) allowed two runs and three hits in seven innings, including an RBI single by Scott Seaver in the sixth. The Cubs nicked Park for an unearned run in the fourth



Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs slides into home as Los Angeles' Mike Piazza awaits the throw. Sosa beat the loss and scores in the sixth-inning play Sunday in Los Angeles.

without the benefit of a hit.

Astros 3, Padres 2

SAN DIEGO — Darryl Kile (3-2) held San Diego to five hits in eight innings and struck out a season-high nine. He fanned Tom Garver, the first strikeout in 69 plate appearances this season for the NL batting champion.

Todd Jones pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Derek Bell went 2-for-4 and drove in two runs, including an RBI double in the eighth.

Sean Bergman (2-2) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings, matching his career high with nine strikeouts.

Indians beat Blue Jays by pair of touchdowns

American League

fourth hit.

But Wetheriff (0-1) hit a home run to give the Indians a six-run lead in the ninth.

Ken Robinson (1-0), who allowed one run in one third of an inning, got the win and Jeff Montgomery earned his sixth save.

Athletics 6, Tigers 3

DETROIT — Scott Brosius had his third two-homer game of the season and Mark McGwire nearly cleared Tiger Stadium's left field roof as Oakland hit five homers, his second in as many days and the 20th of his career in Detroit, was also the fourth to go over Tiger Stadium's left field roof. The drive, estimated at 462 feet, landed Oakland a 5-2 lead.

Cecil Fielder hit his 10th homer, tying Baltimore's Brady Anderson for the AL lead, and Eddie Williams also homered for the Tigers.

Steve Wojciechowski (2-0) won his second straight start.

Yankees 6, Twins 3

NEW YORK — Paul O'Neill saved a potential home run with a leaping grab against the right-field wall, then homered to break a seventh-inning tie.

O'Neill jumped to the top of the fence in the fourth to grab Paul Molitor's bid for a homer, a drive

Giants 10, Marlins 4

SAN FRANCISCO — Matt Williams and Mark Carreon hit back-to-back home runs in the first inning.

The Giants scored five times in the first and added four runs in the second against Chris Hammond (1-4), tagged for nine hits and nine runs in one-plus innings.

San Francisco starter William Van Landingham (1-4) limited the Marlins to one run and two hits over seven innings.

Braves, Cardinals, postponed

ST. LOUIS — Sunday night's scheduled game between the Cardinals and St. Louis Cardinals was postponed by rain.

Phillies-Reds game rained out

CINCINNATI — Sunday's game between the Philadelphia Phillies and Cincinnati Reds was postponed by rain.

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The game was rescheduled for tonight at 5:05 p.m. EDT. Tom Glavine (1-3) will start for the Cardinals' Todd Stottlemyre (1-1).

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O'Meara grabs title despite shaky last hole

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Mark O'Meara maintained his momentum from a record-tying third round and survived an 18th-hole crisis Sunday to win the Greater Greensboro Classic.

O'Meara shot a 3-under-par 69 for a total of 14-under-274. It was his first victory since winning the Mercedes Championship in January and his fifth victory in the last 13 months.

He got into position for victory with a 10-under-par 62 Saturday, tying the mark set by Davis Love III in his 1992 triumph.

O'Meara escaped with a bogey on the last hole after driving into the rough and botching an iron shot.

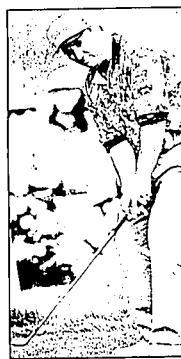
By winning this tournament, he earned \$324,000 to increase his annual winnings to more than \$868,000.

The victory also represented a 180-degree turn from his start in the tournament, in which he shot a 75 and faced the prospect of missing the cut.

He started the second time in five years, Duffy Waldorf stared at a potential victory and blinked. He shot 71 for a 276 total, but without a late challenge.

Waldorf didn't have to worry about the final three holes jumping up and biting him as they did in the third round. Coming into the last two, Waldorf had played Nos. 16, 17 and 18 in 4-over.

This time, he was in trouble early, missing the green on his first hole and taking a bogey. His troubles got worse when O'Meara holed a chip from the par-5



Duffy Waldorf chips onto the 8th green Sunday in Greensboro, N.C.

second hole for an eagle and what became a three-shot swing over two holes.

O'Meara added a birdie at the fifth hole and it appeared the lone question would be which of the people behind the co-leaders would stage a final charge in the sixth. Country Club. There was no charge, but there was nearly a collapse as Waldorf fought back with two birdies on the back-nine.

Mallon improves mood with taste of Sara Lee

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Waking up in a bad mood isn't always the worst thing in life.

Meg Mallon awoke with a foul attitude Sunday morning, something she credited for her second victory of the year in the \$600,000 Sara Lee Classic.

"I woke up in the worst mood," Mallon said after shooting a 3-final-round 69 for a three-day, 6-under-par 210 and a two-stroke win. "I said, 'You got to go out there and play and make the best of it.' And maybe that's just kept me in that frame of mind of just staying calm. I wouldn't wound up on the PGA about being in the lead. I was

just very mellow.

"I'm in a better mood now." Starting the day a stroke off the lead, Mallon opened with birdies on the first two holes and then parred the next 14.

Fam Wright joined her atop the leaderboard at 5-under with the second of her three birdies on No. 5 and then took the lead with another birdie on No. 13. But after Wright bogeyed 14, Mallon took the lead with an 8-foot birdie on 17. Wright, playing with Stephanie Farwig in the group behind Mallon, fell another stroke back by bogeying 17, playing in the group behind Mallon.

Colbert bests Stockton, Charles for seniors victory

LAS VEGAS (AP) — The power of positive thinking served Jim Colbert well at the Las Vegas Senior Classic.

Playing in his hometown, Colbert parred the 17th hole to beat Dave Stockton and Bob Charles in a four-hole playoff Sunday to win the 19th PGA tournament for the second straight year.

"I felt like I played really solid," said Colbert, who shot 74-70. "I went through this little streak when I wasn't getting any breaks. But you can't let

negative thoughts fester in there. I kept telling myself, 'Good things happen to me.'"

Charles and Stockton parred their first three holes of sudden death after Charles was eliminated on the first hole when he three-putted on 18.

On the fourth playoff hole, Colbert hit his first shot just green on the 196-yard par 3. Stockton's tee shot landed in the trap just in front of the green. Stockton's second shot hit the lip of the sand trap and rolled back.

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White House restoration

Craftsmen use tools of history to refurbish national landmark

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Outside the second floor sunburst-shaped window that tumbles light into Bill and Hillary Rodham Clinton's White House living room, electric saws and pneumatic drills cut crumbling sandstone from 200-year-old walls.

The chatter and buzz of stone cutting has been background noise for three presidents now, a constant daytime racket halted only by the visits of kings and prime ministers and the very worst weather.

So far, this historic restoration has taken more than twice the time it took craftsmen in the 1790s to build the White House in the first place.

These are the walls George Washington saw rising as he rode horseback through the new federal city. President John Adams and his wife, Abigail, were the first presidential couple to live behind them, moving into the still unfinished house in November 1799.

Some time this summer, the last new stone should be in place and the work finished after 16 years. This fall the west wall will be painted and the White House will be entirely white once more.

But for now, while President Clinton is master of the house inside, the walls are in the hands of a gray-bearded, perpetually white-capped Englishman of Irish descent named Patrick Plunkett.

At 48, Plunkett is a master stonemason who worked on the old stone of English abbeys and country houses and the cathedrals at Salisbury and Chichester.

Plunkett came to the White House in 1989 after years cutting and placing the stones and carving the gargoyles that completed Washington's National Cathedral. The White House is not all that different.

"It's very similar to the work we were doing on the English cathedrals, even though that stone is 700 years old," Plunkett said, sitting at a table with his crew of four American stone carvers and cutters looking on.

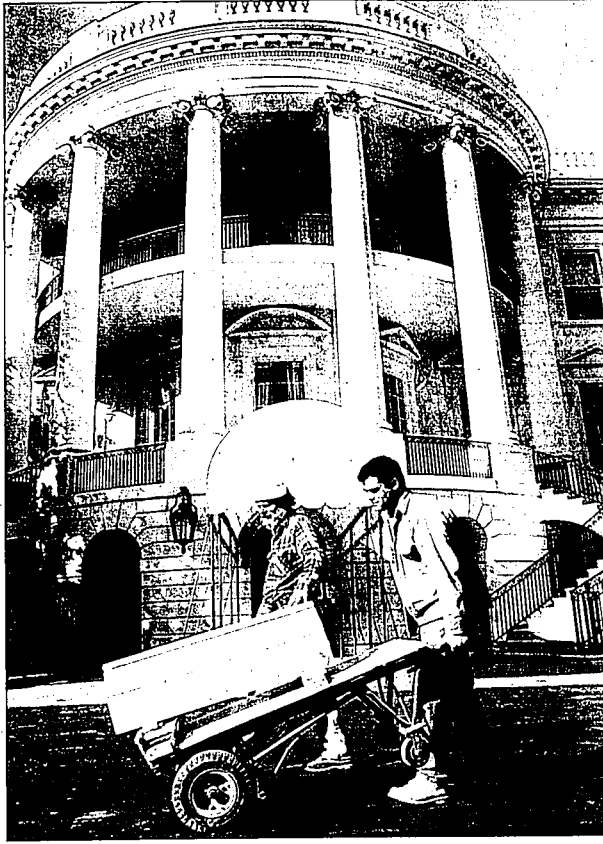
"We're basically looking for badly eroded stone with no integrity anymore, stone so badly cracked you can knock lumps off with your hand," he said.

"You have to cut back to sound stone, take measurements and prepare templates, reproduce that stone exactly as it was, drill holes for stainless steel pins and set the stone back in place and secure it with liquid mortar."

Some of the replacement stones are tiny, a few square inches. Some are 40 inches long and 18 inches deep.

"When it's finished, you can't tell what is original and what's not," Plunkett said.

Though tons of cracked and broken stones have had to be removed and replaced, Plunkett says none of the fault can be



Mason caver Sean Callahan, right, and Patrick Plunkett move now stone for the west wall at the White House earlier this year. Workers are completing a project begun in the early 1980s to replace 200-year-old construction work.

placed on the original master builders.

Plunkett and his team follow in direct line from the band of Scottish stone masons, recruited in Edinburgh in the early 1790s, who cut and shaped this stone and used it to build the White House, block by sandstone block, all of it from a defunct quarry in Aquia Creek, Va.

"The professionals marvel at the stonework and the setting of the stone," says Gary Walters, the manager who runs the White House from behind the scenes, a job that carries with it the 19th-century title of chief usher. "The stone is so well set, so tight, it really is a miracle," Walters said.

So it wasn't their work at fault. Rather it's the soft and porous

character of the sandstone they carved and the effects of two centuries of ice, heat, bruising storms and patchwork repairs that did more harm than good.

The warning signs appeared in 1976 when paint applied to the White House for the bicentennial celebration peeled away in sheets. There were so many layers of paint underneath that a new coat



Patrick Plunkett and Raymond Cleland work on the west wall of the White House. The project should be finished this summer.

would no longer adhere.

"We found up to 39 identifiable layers of paint," said Walters. "The Bureau of Standards said we had the entire history of American paint on the walls of the White House, from the original lime-based whitewash to lead-based to latex."

The paint was stripped, wall by wall, uncovering both the evidence of history and serious structural problems.

The history showed in the black scorch and smoke marks around many doors and windows, testimony in stone of the devastating fire set by British soldiers in August 1814 that gutted the interior of the White House.

"It's odd to be working on a place that one of my ancestors may have helped burn," Plunkett says.

The stone was replaced in stages after 1980, first on the east wall, then on the north and south with their familiar porticoes.

Congress has appropriated \$4.7 million for the job over the years along with a unique resource that has given the restoration an unexpected authenticity.

Plunkett and his crew were given free access to the piles of old stone removed from the U.S. Capitol when the East Front was extended in the 1950s. It's from the same quarry as the White House stone, was cut at the same time and was worked by many of the same Scottish masons as the White House stone it is replacing.

These original White House masons left their mark on the stones they cut and carved, and their successors are following suit.

But it would take an earthquake, or a future repair job, to expose to light their personal link to history.

William Seale, author of "The President's House," a two-volume history of the White House, explains the tradition: "If the mason was being paid by the job, he identified his mark by cutting his mark with a chisel into the back or end of the last stone he set. Stonemasons' trademarks or 'banker marks' appear in great number in the stone walls of the White House."

"I like to keep the old traditions of the trade, and this is one way to do it," Plunkett says.

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Administrator, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, P.O. Box 4028, 650 Addison Avenue West, Twin Falls, ID 83303-0409. Info phone (208) 737-2102. All bids will be publicly opened at 11:00 a.m. MDT, May 30, 1996.

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Instructions to bidders, bid specifications and bid forms may be obtained by calling Marc Harrison at (208) 737-2012. Instructions to bidders include all

statutory bidding requirements contained in Title 31, Chapters 36 and 40, Idaho Code.
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center reserves the right to waive irregularities and reject any or all bids.

John Bingham, Administrator
Date April 24, 1996
PUBLISH: April 20 and May 20, 1996
NOTICE OF BID
Notice is hereby given that Twin Falls School District

No. 411, Twin Falls, Idaho will receive sealed bids for approximately 20 systems of 7.5 compatible computers.
Bids will be received until 3:00 p.m. Tuesday May 1, 1996 in the School District Administration Office. Bids

must be submitted in a sealed envelope marked "Systems 7.5 Compatible Computers".
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West, Twin Falls, Idaho 83403.
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Rose Stallans, Clerk of the Board
PUBLISH April 22 and 29 1996

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FOUND: 3 yr old female Border Collie, found on 3/14/96. Twin Falls, 736-0688.

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104 PERSONALS

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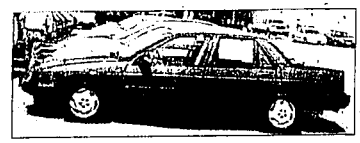


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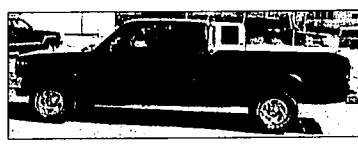
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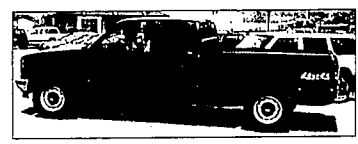
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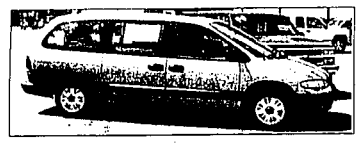
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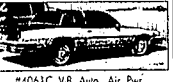
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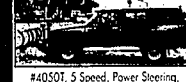
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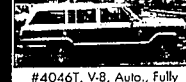
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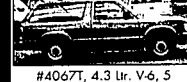
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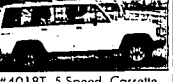
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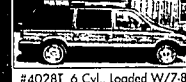
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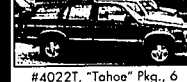
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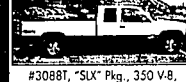
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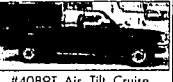
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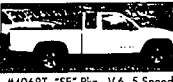
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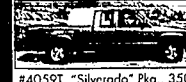
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Health & Fashion

Cultivate the fine art of hoping

Lucile Johnson, author of "Sunny Side Up," tells a story written by Robert Louis Stevenson.

In this story, a ship was caught in a raging storm and the terrified passengers, stowed below for safety as the boat pitched and tossed, were terrified, convinced they would all drown.

One desperate passenger crawled on his hands and knees to the pilot's station to talk to the captain, who had lashed himself to the wheel to keep from being washed overboard. When the passenger finally arrived, and looked up at the captain, the captain smiled.



JoAnn Larsen
Psychology

No longer terrified, the passenger crawled back to the rest of the passengers with the good news. Shouting with joy, he called out, "We will not drown, we are going to be safe. The captain is smiling."

The captain had given the passenger hope — that is, an assurance of a condition of eventual relief. For others, hope means having the energy and ability to turn dreams into reality while optimism, hope's cousin, represents the resiliency to bounce back after a disappointment.

Hope — for man — is a frame of mind, a style of life, a climate of the heart. Wrote Samuel Johnson: "The natural flights of the human mind are not from pleasure to pleasure but from hope to hope."

It is hope that keeps the human race tenaciously alive and dreaming, planning, and building, accepting life's often unfavorable odds, but always bounding back — always trying.

Hope, a condition that can be nurtured, is fortified by research that indicates it can even save and extend lives. For that reason alone, why not try these suggestions to perhaps even improve your life?

• Hope for your dreams. Emily Dickenson captured the delicacy of hope as she wrote, "Hope is the thing with feathers that perches in the soul."

In our hearts and souls, we have carved out a place for our dreams — for those things or relationships that will bring us joy. And, says Leon Burnett, while we may not always get what we want.

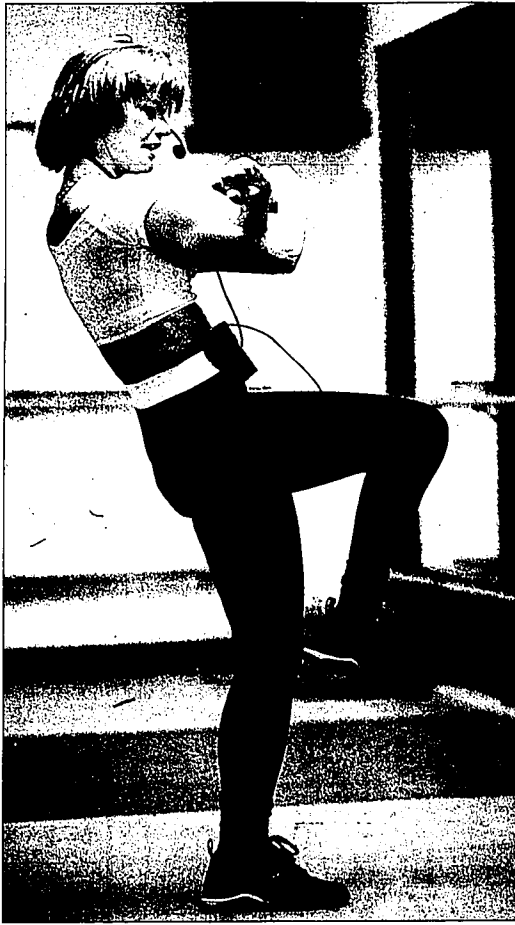
"When you reach for the stars, you may not quite get one, but you won't come up with a handful of mud either."

And, wrote Henry S. Haskins, "Don't refuse to go on an occasional wild goose chase. That is what wild geese are made for."

"The universe is full of magical things patiently waiting for one's wits to grow sharper," Eden Philpotts said.

• Hope for the moment. "There are times when it is hard to believe in the future, when we are temporarily just not brave enough," Artis Whitman

Please see LARSEN/D2



Aerobics instructor LaLanne Dells, of Heyburn, says chasing kids around the house isn't enough exercise for moms who want to lose the weight they put on during pregnancy. But any exercise program after pregnancy has to be entered carefully, she adds.

BACK IN SHAPE

By Jean Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — Baby fat looks a whole lot more attractive on an infant than on its mom. And so getting back into shape after pregnancy can be an important goal for new mothers.

But rushing headlong into strenuous exercise after childbirth is not the way to get it done. Dr. Sara Johnson, a Twin Falls family physician, said this reconditioning work should not be started until after mom's six-week postpartum checkup.

Even then, it should be begun gradually. Walking is the type of exercise that Johnson favors for a new mother. Or she might do low-impact aerobics — slowly.

A new mom's abdominal muscles are thinned because of the adaptations her body has made during pregnancy, and those muscles are easy to injure while doing sit-ups, Johnson said.

Exercising too soon after delivery can cause excessive bleeding, Johnson said. And if there's anemia, especially in an older woman, she could lose consciousness.

"So you have to tailor it to the person's age, to their anemia upon discharge after delivery, and what type of delivery they had," Johnson said. "If they had an easy, uncomplicated vaginal or cesarean section. A physician should be contacted first."

When to try to get back into shape depends on the individual and her previous fitness level, said Julie Ellis, 36, a Twin Falls physical therapist and certified strength and conditioning specialist. And it depends on what the new mom did before she got pregnant.

"If someone hasn't exercised for two or three years, they shouldn't try and all of a sudden two weeks after the baby comes to get in shape," Ellis said. "They need to start really slow, with maybe general water exercises or walking, but it definitely needs to be low-impact."

Ellis said there is no standard on how much time to spend on exercise, and so every woman should listen to her own body and build up gradually. Ten minutes might be enough to start.

If a pregnancy is planned, it's a good idea to start getting into shape beforehand. Ellis said that would be ideal if it's possible.

Many new moms who keep themselves fit try to get back to the waist and hip size they had before pregnancy. Ellis, who is expecting her second child in six weeks, said she found no change in her measurements three months after her first baby was born.

Julie Greenman, 29, of Burley, exercised during and after the birth of her first and third babies, Emily and Elissa, but not a lot with Andrew, her second. Because she was sick, she wasn't able to do much before her fourth child, Erica, was born four weeks ago.

Greenman said the exercise option worked the best for her. After Andrew was born, she said she felt tired all the time, because "I thought, 'Gee, I'm not running around and exercising — I shouldn't feel so tired,'" she said. "But with the other ones I had so much more energy, because I did exercise, and I felt like I was healthier after."

After checking with her doctor, she began doing exercises at home after Erica's birth. And because she was unable to do much conditioning while she was pregnant, she is going easy with it now.

Greenman has gone back to her aerobics classes, doing only about a half hour at a time, along with 15 minutes of weights.

"I think doing weights is very important, because if I can build up my muscles, it makes them bigger, so that they'll burn more fat," she said. "And that's important."

Pharmacist LaLanne Dells, 33, of Heyburn, one of Greenman's instructors at the Registerettes Health and Fitness Center in Burley, has not only exercised before, during and after pregnancy, but continued to teach the classes during much of that time.

When she was expecting her first baby, Dells' workout of choice was jogging, but her doctor discouraged it. So she began going to a low-impact aerobics class instead, which proved to be more enjoyable. That led to her becoming an instructor.

Dells said going to an exercise facility helps keep her motivation level higher. Otherwise, she said, it would be too easy to find excuses not to do it on her own.

Chasing kids around the house and doing everyday chores won't necessarily do the job, either. Dells said there should be some sort of extracurricular exercise to specifically target certain muscles.

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How to do curl-ups

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — After getting the go-ahead from her doctor, a new mom can start to work on getting her abdominal muscles back in shape by doing curl-ups.

Julie Ellis, a physical therapist and certified strength and conditioning specialist, said a woman should start out with 10 or 15 repetitions. If she notices any discomfort, she should stop and ask her doctor.

To do a curl-up, lie on your back with your knees bent at a 70- to 90-degree angle. Put your hands behind your neck, making sure they are not pulling on it. Then, very gently, lift your shoulder blades, shoulder and neck up off the floor, using the stomach muscles. Keep your back flat; don't force it into a rounded positioning.

Coming up, breathe out slowly. The contractions should be felt in the abdominal muscles. Suck your stomach in, pull the navel toward the spine, and don't poof muscles out on the way up.

This can also be done on a diagonal. Bring a shoulder and elbow out, and lift very gently up toward the knee on the opposite side. Just clear the shoulder blades off the floor, but no farther. Start to 10-15 reps on each side, and then build to three sets of 10 each.

Ellis said one of the best exercises is to pull the abdomen in while standing, and don't slouch. Practice lifting the abdominals, or pulling in the stomach.

"If you walk around all day and practice that, you really don't need to do a lot of sit-ups, because you're doing a good exercise all day long just prompting proper posture."

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Looking good Women redefine office dress code

Providence Journal-Bulletin

When Pawtucket, R.I., attorney Corinne M. Grande graduated from law school, she promised herself she would never own a pinstripe suit. The law is intact. So are the leather pants she has worn into the courtroom representing clients.

One woman's work uniform is another's fantasy. Welcome to the cusp of the millennium.

These days, the world of fashion and anti-fashion regularly collide. Destiny willed it when dressing for success can smack into dress-down days. Now, we can't help but wonder, where do we fit in?

Are we taking the fast train to nowhere, career-wise, if we don't follow the rules? Are there rules that rule the professionals? And are they real or imagined? Or does personal style reign?

This much we know: What equation women use to select their work clothes depends on where they work and what they do.

Lisa McCahan, an advertising executive for PGR Media in Providence, R.I., does most of her work in



An Oscar de la Renta plaid two-piece suit might be perfect for the boardroom, but women are also dressing down for more casual workplaces.

casual wear, mainly jeans. But when she has meetings, she does the dressy thing in clothes from Ann Taylor or Country Roads, an Australian chain brand. Please see DRESS/D2

Health notes

Graying gray matter

Think ahead, men. You may not be able to think too well later. University of Pennsylvania researcher Ruben C. Gur says his research shows that men's brains shrink as they age, curbing memory, concentration, and abstract reasoning. Women's brains, although smaller to start with, shrink little. "Even in the age range of 18 to 45, you can see a steady decline in the ability to perform such (attention-oriented) tasks in men," Gur says.

No going back

The stinging of getting older, a growth hormone hailed for its potential to reverse the effects of aging does not significantly improve the lives of elderly men and can cause painful side effects, a new study says. "This is not the fountain of youth," says Maxine A. Papadakis, a professor of medicine at the University of California-San Francisco.

Her findings on the growth hormone somatotropin, published in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, contrast with those of a ballyhooed 1990 study that found the first evidence suggesting growth hormone could reduce symptoms of aging.

Hunger is contagious

Doctors have long known that malnourished

people are more vulnerable to viruses, but new research shows that malnutrition can actually help those viruses mutate to become dangerous enough to sicken those of us who are healthy, too.

Although the studies so far are only in mice, one expert calls the finding "revolutionary" and says it may explain some emerging diseases, particularly from developing countries in which malnutrition is a rampant.

Fit facts

May is National Fitness Month. You can ask questions and get fitness information by calling the American Council on Exercise's toll-free consumer hotline, 800-529-8227.

Hot Flash

Don't go moving to the North and South Poles just yet. So says the George Marshall Institute, which, unlike other scientists, believes natural causes rather than human activity are largely to blame for heating up the Earth. It says in a report that the Earth's temperature will heat up by less than one degree Celsius in the next century.

Compiled from wire reports

To do for you

Free medication screenings offered

TWIN FALLS - The Medicine Shoppe, located at 434 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. is participating in free, confidential medication screening.

Medicine Shoppe pharmacies nationwide will conduct the screenings by appointment, beginning today and continuing through May 31.

During the screenings, pharmacists will check participants' medications for possible interactions and duplication, and help them better understand how to use their medications correctly. Free blood pressure checks will also be available.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call the Medicine Shoppe at 733-9242.

Seniors set blood pressure checks

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Senior Citizens Center will offer blood pressure checks from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m. on Tuesdays and from 10 a.m. to noon on Fridays at the center.

Experienced volunteer nurses will administer the checks free of charge.

Breast cancer support group meets

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. today in the reception area at the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center.

For more information, call Char Basilio-Davis, M.S.W., at the SIRCC at 737-2800 or Judy Craig at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital at 733-3700, ext. 344.

Childbirth course scheduled

TWIN FALLS - A prepared childbirth course will begin Tuesday and continue through May 28. The class will meet from 7 to 9:30 p.m. at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Education Center, located at the back of the north parking lot. The non-refundable course fee is \$40.

Designed to prepare parents for childbirth and early parenting, the course includes films, slides, labor rehearsal and relaxation techniques. The expectant mother is asked to wear comfortable pants and to bring two pillows. A support person is encouraged to attend.

Pre-registration is required. To pre-register or for more information, call the MVRMC Education Department at 737-2900, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Anxiety disorder screening day set

TWIN FALLS - National Anxiety Disorder Screening Day will be sponsored Wednesday as an outreach program during Mental Health Month. The screening is available for people that may be experiencing the symptoms of anxiety including: excessive worrying, feeling keyed up or restless, phobias, anxiety attacks, obsessions or compulsions, muscle tension or pain, nervousness or fear, unexplained heart palpitations or chest pain, feeling uncomfortable in social situations, problems with concentration, or sleeplessness.

Free help is available at the screening where you can take an anxiety disorders screening test, have a confidential meeting with a mental health professional, and receive information educational materials about anxiety disorders from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For more information, call Canyon View Hospital and Counseling Centers at 734-6700 in Twin Falls, 627-4721 in Burley, 672-7348 in Hooton, 627-4721 in Elko, Nev., and toll free at 1-800-657-8000.

Red Cross offers disaster courses

TWIN FALLS - The American Red Cross will offer two disaster courses. "Emergency Assistance to Families I" will be held Saturday from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. at the MVRMC Education Center, located at the back of the north parking lot.

"Introduction to Disaster Services" needs to be taken first. The course includes a video and workbook that can be taken home and used to complete the course.

To register or for more information, call 733-6464 or stop by the office at 718 Shoshone St. E.

Big Kids' Klub meets Saturday

TWIN FALLS - The Big Kids' Klub is a program designed to help children adjust to the idea of a new baby brother or sister. Sponsored by the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, this sibling class will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Saturday at the MVRMC Education Center, located at the back of the north parking lot.

The class is taught by Kristy Burkett, R.N., who recommends that the "big kids" should attend during the mother's eighth month of pregnancy. She asks the children to bring a favorite doll or stuffed animal to the class.

Participation costs \$7.50 per child or \$10 per family. Since the class size is limited to 10, early pre-registration is advised. To register, call the MVRMC Education Department at 737-2900, weekdays between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m.

Seminar deals with anger problems

TWIN FALLS - A seminar on Dealing with Anger Problems - A Solution Focused Group is set for 7 to 8:30 p.m. May 6 at the Falls Professional Center, Suite 3, across Falls Avenue from Hastings, 1139 Falls Ave. E.

Instructor will be Howard Carroll, M.Ed., licensed professional counselor.

The fee is \$60 for four sessions and pre-registration and fees are due Thursday. The class is limited to the first 15 people who register and pay their tuition.

For more information, call Carroll at 734-1330 or 1-800-388-3761.

SafeKids Coalition sets shower

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley SafeKids Coalition is sponsoring a Baby Safety Shower Program May 6, rearing up with Magic Valley Regional Medical Center to reduce the risk of injury and death to infants and children at home. This free baby shower is designed to encourage young parents to make their homes safe for children.

"Parents who attend will learn through games and other fun activities how to make their homes safe havens for their babies," said Blossom Mathews, SafeKids Coordinator. There will also be free gifts and door prizes.

Expectant mothers, new parents and daycare providers are invited to attend. The shower will be held from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. in the MVRMC cafeteria.

For more information, call 737-2430.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Tuesday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion 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.

Shape

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After pregnancy, a woman's body has lost a lot of muscle tone. But she said, and even though she might weigh the same as before, her body has a different structure. By exercising, she can tone those muscles.

"Your muscles have what are called 'muscle memory,'" she said. "And they'll go back into the shape they were in before."

If the body was in shape with good muscle tone before the baby, delis said exercise will get back to where it was before.

Another benefit, she said, is the absence of problems with bladder control. She thinks conditioning has strengthened her pelvic floor.

As pro-exercise as Delis is, she said she thinks women who haven't previously made this their lifestyle should go about it sensibly.

"I don't want people to think that just because they get pregnant they should jump into a health club and start exercising," Delis said. "That's not going to work either. They should walk or something."

Dress

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with stores in the Boston suburbs. "If it's a financial client, I will wear a suit," McCabhan said.

That same little bell goes off in many women's heads when it comes to dealing with conservative institutions like banks or insurance companies.

Prudence, R.I., attorney Brenda Harrigan believes if you dress the part, it gives you the confidence to go anywhere and be taken seriously. Wearing a black double-breasted suit dress with gold buttons and gold necklaces, she said, "Justice shouldn't be denied to people because their lawyer looks like he slept in his clothes."

"But, clients are paying you \$150 an hour, they deserve for you to look good."

Harrigan, a Brooks Brothers and Talbots woman, does insurance defense work and likes to dress conservatively to get juries in a conservative frame of mind - money, that is.

She will wear jeans into the office if she's not seeing clients but crosses her fingers that she'll never have an emergency court appearance. Even though she's never seen a woman lawyer in the courtroom, she would be embarrassed to appear before the bench in pants.

Not so attorney Grande. She'll wear her leather pants, or suede skirt and vest, or even a red pants suit with lots of buttons on the jacket and big platform shoes. "She'll do it with the same confidence with which she'll put on a two-piece silk suit and tunic."

"No clients are bothered by it," she said.

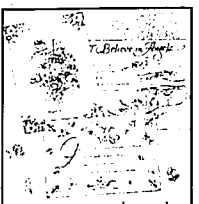
she said. Neither has any judge ever advised her that her attire was inappropriate.

"Judges don't know what we're supposed to wear," she suggested. This is clearly an advantage women have over men who have established courtroom uniform of suit and tie.

Grande acknowledges that many women attorneys possess that same sense of uniform and wear suits and bow blouses. She, however, does not suffer from those feelings. When a boss suggested that she dress more conservatively, she hung out her own shingle.

"I dress to please myself," she asserted, adding, "If I weren't a lawyer, I'd be an actress."

Her hair is part of her trademark style. It has been spiked, shaved and had a rat, all in different shades of mahogany.



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List of beautiful people includes surprises

Newspaper

NEW YORK - "Who's handsome? What's gorgeous? Where does sublime reside?" People Magazine asks and answers these burning questions in next week's double issue, "The 50 Most Beautiful People in the World, 1996."

Make Gibson and Michelle Pfeiffer both make the list for the first time, along with a tie with John K. Kennedy Jr. He didn't rate a spot this year in what usually becomes one of People's biggest sellers, maybe because he now has his own magazine, *George*.

Cher goes from being everyone's favorite to the camera boy. David Duchovny of TV's "The X-Files," says his older brother called him ugly and friends knew him as "Big Nose" and "Big Lips." Sandra Bullock recalls that her 12-year-old self wore a bowl-shaped haircut and was dismissed as a "dog ... It made me very sensitive to cruelty."

People also laments on that beauty takes work. Queens' gift to Hollywood, Fran ("The Nanny") Drescher, admits she's "a high-



Stewart

maintenance chick" who holds the line at 112 pounds by playing a lot of tennis, sticking to a mandatory diet and doing isometric squeezes while seated in movie theaters.

Martha Stewart, singled out for her "prim, Doris Day-like sensuality" that makes mature men long to take out her hair, is singled out for her preheat her glue gun, maintains her 138 pounds on a diet of fish, fruits and veggies and insists that activity helps her look good. (That activity may include her wrangling for control of her own magazine with Time Inc., which publishes Martha Stewart Living and People.)

Other familiar faces in the People pantheon include Demi Moore, Nicole Kidman, Jonny Lee Miller, George Clooney, Brad Pitt, Quincy Jones, Susan Sarandon, Pierce Bros-

nan, Johnny Depp, Brooke Shields and Gail O'Grady, the high-haired Donna Abandando of "NYPD Blue."

And then there are the fresher faces, such as Oscar winner Mira Sorvino, novelist David Guterson ("Snow Falling on Cedars"), Saigon-born model Naia Nguyen, and actress Kate Winslet ("Sense and Sensibility"). The newcomers to People's list also include figure skater Lu Chen, champion surfer Laird Hamilton, Mexican actress Salma Hayek and a bunch of TV stars - Patrick Muldoon and Jonny Lee Miller ("Madras Place"), Shannon Sturges ("Savannah"), Keith Hamilton Cobb ("All My Children"), David James Elliott ("JAG"), Gloria Reuben ("ER") and Jenny McCarthy of MTV's "Singleminded."

Also numbered among the beautiful people are twin actors, Jason and Jeremy London; two one-name performers, Brandy (of TV's "Mo'Nisha") and Chilli (of the singing group TLC); O.J. Simpson's interviewer, Ed Gordon; and the first zookeeper on the list, Jack Hanna, host of TV's "Animal Adventures."

Larsen

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wrote. "When that happens, concentrate on the present. Just as you eat, eat to stay sober one day at a time, despairing, people must learn to hope for one day's mercy at a time."

C.R. Snyder, who works with children suffering from crippling diseases or injuries, wrote, "These kids aren't hopeless - they're marvelously uplifting."

He tells of one nine-year-old boy, a victim of a serious accident, who had to endure rigorous rehabilitation despite near-constant pain.

"How do you bear this?" Snyder asked.

The boy replied, "I just have one job: to get through each day. That's not so hard."

"That's why I don't like the term 'hopeless,' Snyder wrote. "If you have even a little hope, you have pockets of strength you can build on."

To build strength, Whitman advises, "cultivate le petit bonheur" (the little happiness) until courage returns. Look forward to the beauty of the next moment, the next hour, the promise of a good

meal, sleep, a book, a movie, the immediate likelihood that tonight the stars will shine and tomorrow the sun will rise. Sink roots into the present until the strength grows to think about tomorrow."

Take action: "When I can't see any way out, a stranger wrote me some years ago, I do something any way," Whitman said.

And the Rev. Charles L. Allen observed: "When you say a situation or person is hopeless (including yourself), you are slamming the door in the face of God."

"Too much caution is bad for you," Norman Vincent Peale wrote. "By avoiding things you fear, you may let yourself in for unhappy consequences. It is usually wiser to stand up to a scary seeming experience and walk right into it, risking the bruises or hard knocks. You are likely to find it is not as tough as you had thought. Or you may find it plenty tough, but also discover you have what it takes to handle it."

"If you lose love - in whatever manner - the pain is lasting and deep," Brian Cristof wrote. "But personally, I subscribe to the old

theory of getting back on the horse after the fall. There should always be a next act, a next dog, or husband or whatever. There are too many joys you forgo by being so niggardly with love, so afraid to be hurt."

Believe in hope: "The worst bankrupt is the person who has lost his enthusiasm," H.W. Arnold wrote. "To apply hope, you must have faith."

"Never fear shadows. They simply mean there's a light shining somewhere nearby," Ruth E. Renkel observed.

"People don't wear out; they give

up. Louis L'Amour wrote. "As far as the future is concerned, there's always an open trail for the mind if you keep the doors open and give it a chance."

"Even if we are not going to win, even if death and disaster are final, let us catch up with us, hope is worthwhile, for it enables us to live the last drop of joy from whatever time we have left," Whitman wrote. "If joy is coming, hope will have proved itself right; if disaster, hope will have strengthened us to meet it."

JoAnn Larsen, who grew up in Kimberly, is a Salt Lake City family counselor.

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Safety should top list for all cyclists

Orlando Sentinel

At Orange Cycle in Orlando, Fla., Brian bicycle salesman Tim Poland points to a wall where a copy of a newspaper article hangs. It tells of a recent accident in which two young cyclists were struck by a car.

One of the riders was killed. The kids were wearing dark clothes. They were riding at night on the inside lane of a major highway next to the median. One was sitting on the handlebars, neither had a helmet, and their bicycle did not have lights.

"There wasn't anything more they could have done wrong," said Poland, who often teaches the basics of bicycle safety to school-children who visit the store.

No matter how old you are or what kind of bicycle you ride — street, mountain or BMX — safety should be your top concern. A fall from a bike or a traffic accident could be bone-crunching — or worse.

If you plan to buy a new bicycle or to put some miles on an old one, it's important to have the proper safety equipment, follow traffic laws and ride defensively. In fact, your life may depend on it.

According to the National Bicycle Dealers Association in California, there are more than 100 million bicycles in use in the United States — an all-time high. About 41 million adults ride a bicycle at least once a week. Almost 5 million use a bicycle to commute; 25 million cyclists ride mountain bikes, and 250,000 cyclists race their bikes. Children ride about 45 million bikes, according to a recent study by the association.

More than 1,000 Americans die each year in bicycle accidents, and 75 percent of those deaths are the result of head injuries, according to the Bicycle Helmet Safety Institute in Arlington, Va.

The type of bicycle you ride will help determine the safety equipment you'll need. Today we'll look at the three most popular types of bikes — street/hybrid and mountain and BMX — and show you what safety equipment should go with each.

But before we get into the various types of bicycles, a word about helmets. No matter what kind of bicycle you own or ride, your ride it a helmet is the single most important safety item you can buy. Just about anyone — from safety authorities to law enforcement officers, to bike store employees — will tell you it's not smart to climb on a bike without first buckling on a helmet.

Helmets range in price from about \$10 to more than \$100. Usually, less expensive helmets can be bought at large discount stores such as Wal-Mart and Target. You'll probably pay a bit more for the helmet at a bicycle store, but the sales person at the bike shop is trained to help you choose the best helmet for the riding you'll do and to help you adjust the helmet so that it fits you just right.

Whatever helmet you buy, make sure that it meets one of these government-approved safety standards — Snell, ANSI or ASTM. Look for the safety label

Do you bicycle to work? Tell Schwinn about it

Orlando Sentinel

Do you use your bicycle to commute to and from work?

If so, Schwinn Cycling and Fitness Co., America's oldest bicycle company, would like to hear from you. Write Schwinn a 100-word essay about your commuting experiences, and you could win one of the three race-ready Schwinn Super Sport road bikes the company is giving away to commemorate National Bike to Work Day May 21.

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any unusual experiences you've encountered along the way.

"Many of us at Schwinn ride to work because it is environmentally friendly, and it is an easy way to turn a commute into a training session," said Greg Bagni, Schwinn marketing director. "By honoring and recognizing people who bike to work regularly, we hope to encourage others to rediscover the fun and freedom of a bicycle," he said.

All entries must be postmarked by May 15. Essays should include your name, address and business and home phone numbers. Your bicycle doesn't have to be a Schwinn.

Mail your essay to Schwinn's Bike to Work Contest, c/o Alan Taylor Communications, 505 8th Ave., New York, N.Y. 10018. If you have any questions, call Schwinn at 1-800-223-4758.

on the helmet. Now let's look at other safety gear.

Street/hybrid bikes

For cycling safely on the street, you want to see and be seen, and if necessary, be heard.

The best way to ensure your bicycle has the best safety gear is to outfit it to law enforcement standards, said Poland of Orange Cycle. All the safety equipment used on Orlando Police Department patrol bicycles — except for the flashing blue light — is available to civilians.

Regardless of what equipment you use, street bikes should be outfitted with the following: • Horn or bell: Because bicycles make little or no noise, you'll need some type of audible device that can let other cyclists and pedestrians know you are approaching from behind.

If you ride mostly on a bike trail, you probably can get by with a handlebar-mounted bell. Price: \$1 to \$8.

If you use your bike to commute, an electric horn is a better choice. You want to buy a horn loud enough to be heard by motorists sitting in their cars with the windows rolled up, the air conditioner on and the radio blasting.

For \$19.99 you can buy the Mega Horn, which puts out a blast of 135 decibels. The Mega Horn, which uses a 9-volt battery, mounts to the bike and comes with a thumb-operated button that attaches to the handlebars near the grip.

• Lights and reflectors: A bicycle headlight mostly allows others to see you. However, some of the brighter lights can aid your night-time vision. Most lights range in wattage from 2.4 to 20. Police department bikes use a minimum of 15 watts. Advances in technology have led to brightly improved bicycle lighting in recent years. Pulsing lights, front and rear, are the most noticeable. Figure on spending about \$15 apiece.

• Mirrors: Most bicycles come from the factory with reflectors on the wheels, pedals and on the front

and rear of the bike. If the reflectors on your cycle are broken or missing, you can buy replacements at any bicycle store for about \$5 for a set.

• Mirrors: You don't want to turn your head to see behind you, because when you turn your head, you'll be taking your eyes off the road ahead of you. Also, turning your head can cause the bike to veer to the left or right.

There are several types of mirrors available. One type is designed to mount on your helmet. Another more popular type of rearview mirror screws onto your handlebars. Either makes it easier to see behind you. Price: From \$15 to \$20.

• Other items: If you frequently carry items on your bicycle, don't ride with one hand off the handlebar. Poland of Orange Cycle recommends buying a frame-mounted rear carrier (about \$25) or a wire basket (about \$15). If you ride at night, it's a good idea to wear a reflective vest (\$17) and reflective leg bands (\$8). You also should wear some type of protective eye gear, such as sunglasses during the day and clear glasses at night. Also wear a brightly colored jersey or shirt so that you can be seen by motorists.

The last word: Make sure your bicycle is in good repair. The spokes should be properly adjusted and the wheels true, or round. The tires should be inflated properly and should have plenty of tread. Make sure to check that the nuts and bolts that hold parts such as the seat, handlebars and hubs are tight. Also, the brakes should be able to stop the bike quickly.

BMX, mountain bikes

If you ride strictly off-road or on a BMX track, you don't need to outfit your bicycle with as much safety equipment as a street bicycle. But you do need to protect yourself in case you fall.

Protection comes in the form of a helmet, the proper clothes and padding — both for the bike and the rider (this is especially true for BMX bikes).

Rosie Greenberg, owner of Mountain Bikes & Gear in Lake Mary, Fla., one of the Orlando area's largest bicycle stores specializing in BMX bicycles and equipment, worries whenever her 12-year-old son Gregory practices or competes in a BMX event.

"BMX bikes go flying down a hard dry surface, often becoming airborne for short distances. It makes me very nervous. It's a dangerous sport," said Greenberg. So she won't let Gregory get on a bike unless he is wearing all the required safety

equipment. Mountain biking — or trail riding — also can be dangerous. Although high-speed bikes won't be a factor, rough terrain and collisions with other cyclists or trees could cause a rider to take a spill.

Here are a few safety items for BMX and mountain bikes: • Shoes: Shimano and other bicycle parts manufacturers make a special type of mountain-bike shoe with a fitting on the sole that plugs into the pedals. This setup will keep your feet on the pedals in rough terrain. Price: About \$130.

If you want to spend a bit less, go for bicycle shoes with waffle-design soles. These shoes grip the pedals better than regular sneakers do. Waffle-sole shoes are about \$45, according to Mike Cortis of Mud, Sweat & Tears.

• Pads: You can't compete at a sanctioned BMX event without the proper padding on your bicycle. But it's not even a good idea to compete without pads. Frame-mounted push pads cover the frame's top and lower bars and are designed to lessen the impact should you fall. They feature a 1/2-inch-thick pad sell for between \$12 and \$20.

For BMX riders, combination knee and shin guards sell for about \$79. Other features include \$20 and a BMX helmet — with a built-in sun visor — ranges from \$74 to \$149.

Gloves: If you ride a mountain bike, wearing gloves will protect your hands from being scraped if you fall off the bike. Several styles of gloves are available. Mesh gloves help keep your hands cool, fingerless half-gloves will allow you to grip the shifter and brake lever better, but you'll give up some rotation. Figure to spend between \$22 and \$50 for gloves.

• Other stuff: If you ride a mountain bike, chances are you'll be working up quite a sweat on the trail. The best idea to wear a wick-away or moisture-wicking t-shirt. A pair of two-layer shorts (they come with a built-in liner) or long pants will keep you from getting scraped in a fall while helping you stay cool. Price: About \$45. Also, don't forget eye-wear. Glasses or goggles will keep the dust out of your eyes on the trail.

The last word: Make sure to clean the dirt and grime from your BMX and mountain bikes regularly. Dirt causes the gears, sprockets and chain to wear quicker. Also, because these bikes take a brutal pounding, clean the nuts and bolts before you ride. Make sure the tires are inflated properly and that all the components are tight to prevent a part coming loose in competition or on the trail.

Lying in name of love, has hateful consequences

DEAR ABBY: I have read your column every day for years. Your recent reply to "Waiting for Frank" was right on. I had been untruthful one important thing — how lying and sneaking around is, in itself, detrimental to a person. Frank had promised to make up for all their lying and sneaking around. This kind of behavior changes one, and becomes a part of a person that can never be "made up for."

"Thank goodness I had sense enough to know this years ago, when I was a married woman with children and fell in love with a married man who had just left his wife. That lying and sneaking around would change us as people, and realized the damage we could cause our families. Although we were deeply in love, we chose to let our heads rule over our hearts — and we did not have an affair.

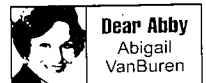
I do not mean to preach. Although I chose not to have an affair, I now have more compassion for people who are not strong enough to resist the temptation. I realize that in a weak moment, it could have happened to us.

It is certainly better to have loved and lost than never to have loved at all. The love we shared has enriched and sustained my life in many ways, but I am grateful that we did not succumb to the temptation to have an affair.

DEAR HEAD OVER HEART: If more people behaved as you did, I would be out of business. You are very wise. It's better to have used your head than to have brused your heart and shattered your marriage.

DEAR ABBY: I saw a letter in your column from "Pamela Witt." She said that every faucet in her house dripped. Well, my mechanic husband and I own five cars. Two won't start at all, and one barely runs. I have sent her car that runs to the repair shop many times, which didn't fix my husband. It meant less work for him.

My father is a carpenter, and my parents' home was always the last to be repaired.



Dear Abby
Abigail VanBuren

My former husband managed a grocery store and rarely would be shop for me.

I am a child-care provider, but after hours I prefer to be away from small children. Abby, do you enjoy giving advice after office hours? I think it's only human nature to occupy your precious spare time with something other than your 40-hour-a-week occupation.

MECHANIC'S WIFE: I have no objections to giving advice after office hours. But perhaps that's because I love what I do and consider it a privilege — not a job.

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DEAR ABBY: My friend "Mary" and her late husband raised six successful adult children, all professionals and must have multiple degrees.

We are upset by the way they treat their aged and disabled mother. They mock her disabilities and diminished hearing in front of her friends — even strangers. We are embarrassed and angered, but do we have the right to say anything to her brood? Or should we continue to keep quiet?

SACRAMENTO SAM AND VALLEY TOM: DEAR SAM AND TOM: You did not have the right, but an obligation to say plenty concerning the shabby treatment to which this aged and disabled woman is being subjected. Silence in this case is unforgivable!

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For child's ear infections, parents select treatments

The Washington Post

Researchers at the Boston University School of Medicine recently studied two ways of treating children with ear infections. The goal was to determine which treatment was preferred by parents of the youngsters, information that could lead to better compliance with treatment and more successful recovery.

Nearly 600 children, aged 3 months to 6 years, were randomly assigned to receive either a 10-day oral dose of antibiotics or a single intramuscular shot of antibiotics. The therapies are equally effective at treating an ear problem caused by a bacterial infection, researchers said, although shots for ear infections have not been approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

As children were enrolled in the study, 85 percent of the parents said they preferred a single shot to 10 days of oral antibiotic medicine. Howard Bauchner and his colleagues from Boston University reported the study in this month's Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine.

A follow-up interview three to five days after treatment began showed no difference in the groups as measured by absence from school or day care, parental time off from work or loss of sleep by children. A second follow-up 14 to 16 days after treatment began showed a widening gap in parental satisfaction between the two treatment groups. Sixty-five percent of parents of children who had received a shot reported being "very satisfied," compared with 38 percent of parents in the oral-therapy group.

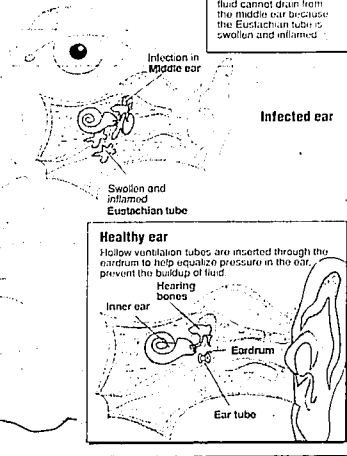
When researchers asked parents to compare the current therapy with treatment for past bouts of ear infections, 71 per-

Chronic ear infections

A middle ear infection can cause hearing loss and impair a child's learning. Chronic infections can be treated with the insertion of an ear tube, a common yet controversial operation.

A healthy middle ear contains air at the same atmospheric pressure as outside air. Air enters the middle ear through the narrow Eustachian tube that runs from the back of the nose to the ear.

Middle ear infection called otitis media, is caused by bacteria or viruses that pass from the nose or throat up the Eustachian tube to the middle ear. The infection causes swelling and a buildup of pus and mucus behind the eardrum. This fluid cannot drain from the middle ear because the Eustachian tube is swollen and inflamed.



Orange County Register, KMT Information.

cent of parents of children who had received shots stated greater satisfaction with the current therapy, compared with 21 percent of parents in oral antibiotic treatment group.

Overall, 83 percent of parents in the study "indicated that they would prefer single-dose intramuscular therapy" for ear infections in the future, the researchers concluded.

Don't waste time, money on useless skin-care products

Knight-Ridder News Service



Cosmetics Q&A
Paula Begoun

DEAR PAULA: I am very curious to know your opinion of the influential product, Line Proactive. It works pretty well, but I wonder if I am overpaying for a product that might be cheaper somewhere else. Proactive costs about \$205 per year. They send me a new shipment every two months. The cost of the product is about \$49 for the first shipment and \$38 thereafter, with the fifth shipment being absolutely free. I've noticed that the Renewing Cleanser works the best for me, along with the Repairing Lotion, and avoid using the toner because it tends to make my skin irritated and puffy. Could it be because of the glycolic acid?

The answer also came with a mask. I didn't like the mask that much because it too tended to make my face irritated. In my opinion the cleanser and lotion are what make this product work for me. Any feedback would be welcome. —Albert via e-mail from Prodigy

you continue getting a group of products that costs \$38 to \$49 if you use only two of the products? Even though I think \$205 a year for a skin-care routine is hardly exorbitant, if only two of the four are working for you, it is an absurd waste of money to continue getting products you don't use. Would you stop this anti-matter shipment business immediately?

The reason the mask irritates your skin is because it contains at least 6 percent pure sulfur. Sulfur can be a good mild antibacterial agent, but it is also a pretty good skin irritant.

The Renewing Cleanser contains only 2.5 percent benzoyl peroxide, detergent cleansing agents, thickeners, silicone oil, and preservatives. It is not oil-free, and I can't imagine why anyone would stick benzoyl peroxide in a cleanser that

might get in the eyes and is mostly rinsed off.

The Repairing Lotion contains mostly water, glycolic acid, slip agents, plant extract, witch hazel, thickener, water-binding agents, and preservatives. This is a potentially good AHA blend, but combined with the two benzoyl peroxide products in the Proactive line and the sulfur-based mask, it is no wonder your skin swelled up and became red.

The Repairing Lotion contains 2.5 percent benzoyl peroxide, water, slip agents, soothing agent, and preservatives. This is a fine benzoyl peroxide product, but it doesn't repair anything in the skin; it only disinfects. There is nothing special or unique about this benzoyl peroxide lotion; you can find several products just like it in the same section of your local drugstore.

Paula Begoun is the author of several books on cosmetics, including "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (Bokmyn Press, \$7.95), a non-toxic paper-back guide to brand-name cosmetics.

Elderly's hospital costs decline after 70s

The Washington Post

Conventional wisdom says older patients cost more to take care of in the hospital, which would mean the steady aging of the population would keep forcing up the nation's medical bill. Not so, reports a study of 679,000 patients at Massachusetts hospitals.

The study, by a team from Harvard Medical School and the Deaconess Hospital in Boston, is based on medical records of all 60-and-older patients discharged from non-federal hospitals in Massachusetts during 1992 or 1993. The findings appeared last week in the Archives of Internal Medicine.

Hospital costs peaked for patients in their 70s, then declined progressively for each age decade after that in the Massachusetts study. For example, the average total cost of a hospital stay was \$7,343 for patients in their 60s, \$7,590 for patients in their 70s, \$6,813 in their 80s, \$5,924 in their 90s and \$5,489 for those 100 and older.

The findings suggest that the very old (patients over 90) are a distinctly different set of patients "who have different health-care needs and who use health resources differently from younger groups," the study concluded.

The average length of stay in the hospital increased with age until the 80s, after which it remained about the same. Patients 80 and older were more likely than others to be treated in community hospitals, which tend to be less specialized than teaching hospitals.

Researchers cited many reasons why hospital costs might decline among the very old. New illnesses cost more to treat than old illnesses in the same patient; a 65-year old with first-time congestive heart failure will undergo more tests than a 90-year old with another bout of long-standing congestive heart failure.

Expensive operations, such as heart bypass surgery or bone-

marrow transplants, are rare in the very old. Patients over 80 tend not to require common procedures such as prostate surgery or cataract removal, because they either don't need them or had them at a younger age.

The most common reasons why patients in their 60s are hospitalized are angina, heart failure, and stroke. Chronic obstructive lung disease, chest pain, and chemotherapy. For patients 90 and older, the most common hospitalizing diagnoses are heart failure and shock; pneumonia and pleurisy; nutritional and metabolic disorders; cerebrovascular disorders, including stroke; and respiratory infection and inflammations.

How now, mad cow: Scientists debate role of mysterious protein

Dallas Morning News

Until last month, a group of contagious and incurable brain diseases sounded more like a plot from "Star Trek" than real life. Once infected, the victims undergo a kind of mental and physical deterioration normally reserved for the worst diseases of old age.

To make matters more bizarre, the disease has a short but strange history, with tales of itching sheep, mad cows and laughing cannibals.

Perhaps the otherworldly nature of these afflictions is one reason why, when a government panel in Great Britain warned about the possibility of contracting a condition called "mad cow" disease from British beef, public opinion in the United States and physical deterioration normally reserved for the worst diseases of old age.

But to scientists, these particular illnesses have long been odd characters. Many researchers believe that the diseases — the most common of which is a condition called scrapie in sheep — are caused not by viruses, bacteria or the other usual suspects, but by infectious protein alone. To science, that's a bit like announcing that, after some research, it turns out that computers can crunch numbers perfectly fine without software.

Every other infectious agent known needs its own nucleic acid, either RNA or DNA, to store the instructions to make copies of itself and cause disease. As of now, the smallest known infectious particles are viruses, which are nothing but naked pieces of nucleic acid and some protein.

"But protein, so far as we know, does not replicate itself all by itself, not on this planet anyway," the late scientist and philosopher Lewis Thomas wrote in an essay in 1983.

"Looked at this way," he continued, "the scrapie agent seems the strangest thing in all history, until you move in some laboratory figures out what it is, a candidate for Modern Wonder."

That same sense of awe struck Dr.

Stanley Prusiner of the University of California, San Francisco, when he watched a patient die agonizingly from Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease in the early 1970s. This condition causes a person to develop a dementia rivaling any other neurodegenerative illness.

The incapacitation is similar, regardless of the disease, whether it's Creutzfeldt-Jakob in people, scrapie, which causes a powerful itching in sheep and goats, mad cow disease in cattle or kuru, the "laughing death" that used to afflict cannibalistic highlanders in New Guinea.

After several years of research, Prusiner published a study in the journal Science in 1982 describing an "infectious protein" that he called a prion. (It rhymes with "neon.") Prions get into nerve tissue, Prusiner suggested, and somehow replicate themselves, turning the brain into Swiss cheese in the process. As brain cells die, people lose the ability to think and move, until eventually the body can no longer function.

Prusiner wasn't the first person to propose the notion of an infectious agent lacking nucleic acid. Little-noticed experiments with scrapie published in the journal Nature in 1966 and 1967 had also reached the same startling conclusion. All of these experiments found that the scrapie-associated protein, purified as best as possible to eliminate other agents, is still capable of causing dis-

ease. And it remains infectious even when subjected to treatments such as irradiation, which usually destroys nucleic acids.

"It's a fascinating system," said Dr. Fred Cohen, one of Prusiner's collaborators in San Francisco. "It's a new type of biology."

Not all researchers, however, are convinced about the prion idea. "I think it's a mistake to call it an infectious protein," said Dr. Laura Mammudi, head of neuropathology at Yale University School of Medicine. Mammudi said she was intrigued by the prion hypothesis when Prusiner first presented it.

"I actually thought it might be very interesting," she said. But after conducting her own experiments, she has come to believe that scrapie, mad cow disease and the others may actually be caused by a small, undiscovered virus.

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the lesson page

Stretches for quads and hip flexors

Tight quadriceps and hip flexors limit your ability to run, jump, kick, lift and push. Also, tight hip flexors can cause excessive curvature of the lower back. Some stretches:

Hip flexors region (See below)

Quads: Grasp right foot with right hand, pull heel toward buttock; feel the stretch; repeat on left side.

Hip flexors: Stand facing away from stool, with wall as balance, rest top of right foot on seat, bend left knee until you feel stretch in right thigh; repeat on left side.

Quadriceps

Group of four hip, thigh muscles united by a common capsule. They primarily act on the knee.

Rectus femoris

Vastus intermedius (both medial flexors and vastus lateralis)

Vastus lateralis

Vastus medialis

Hip flexors: Place palms against wall and extend left leg behind you; repeat on right side.

Hip flexors: Lunge forward with right foot; place hands on right knee and extend left leg backward; repeat on left side.

Hip flexors: Group of body's most powerful muscles, which include one quadriceps; they extend from inner pelvis and steady hips and lift thighs.

Quads and hip flexors: Kneel and lean backward on hands; keep body straight and pelvis up.

SOURCE: The Wellness Guide to Lifetime Fitness, The World Book Company, 1994. Research by ROY GALLUP.

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Many doctors claim patients don't listen

The Washington Post

Doctors feel more confident in counseling their patients on good health habits today than they did 13 years ago. But a survey of 460 Massachusetts primary-care physicians showed that they remain deeply frustrated at their ability to get patients to take their advice and make positive changes in their lives.

"Only a minority of physicians — generally a third or less — were optimistic about their potential to be 'very successful' in helping patients change their behavior," said Henry Wechsler and his colleagues from the Harvard School of Public Health and the Iowa Department of Public Health in a recent issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

"Although the vast majority of physicians believe it is definitely their responsibility to educate patients about risk factors and to help them adhere to their regimens, they feel inadequate in doing so." The doctors showed themselves to be selective in what health advice they give their patients. They were more likely to warn patients about

the impact on health and safety of smoking, using illegal drugs, excessive drinking or not using seat belts than to make specific dietary recommendations, the survey showed.

A majority of doctors told patients that stopping smoking, avoiding illicit drugs, using seat belts and drinking alcohol moderately or not at all are important for good health.

But only half the doctors warned about the potential risks of saturated fats and being overweight and the need for moderate daily exercise. Even fewer doctors considered spreading the word about other health-promoting goals such as eating a balanced diet, engaging in vigorous aerobic exercise at least three times a week, avoiding unnecessary stress or decreasing the use of salt and sugar.

Compared with 13 years ago, more doctors today believe drinking, smoking and fatty food are bad for their patients' health. But "a significant smaller" percentage believe that avoiding excess calories, eating a balanced diet and decreasing salt and sugar use are "very important" for good health.

Father, son go in search of alleged comet



Dave Barry Humor

I guess everybody wants to hear about how I almost got killed by a possibly supernatural being. This happened about a month ago, and I blame Comet Hyakutake.

Comet Hyakutake was of course the most recent spectacular-breath-taking once-in-a-lifetime astronomical event that nobody could see except astronomers. Every few years, when they figure we've forgotten the last alleged comet, the astronomers get together at a big party sponsored by the Telescope and Binocular Manufacturers Association, and after several hours of drinking gin straight out of bottles they "discover" a new comet, which they predict will be an awesome display of celestial fireworks clearly visible from inside closed refrigerators.

And of course we in the news media, ignoring the fact that nobody ever saw any of the previous "comets," write breathless front-page stories about the new one, including instructions on how to locate it in the sky. "The comet should be clearly visible at 2:37 a.m. just to the southeast of the constellation known as Meneus Hungaricus, or the Big Booger," we say, knowing full well that neither we nor our readers have the slightest idea where ANY constellation is, or for that matter, which direction is "southeast."

But people try to see the comet anyway. They stand out in the dark for hours, looking hopefully in random directions, ultimately to be rewarded, if they're lucky, with a spectacular, breathtaking, once-in-a-lifetime view of a bus walking across the lens of their newly purchased telescope or binoculars.

My point is that we've been burned so many times that anybody who bought into the Comet Hyakutake hype had to be a total moron. Like me, for example. I can't explain it. One minute I was reading the comet story in The Miami Herald, and the next minute, like Charlie Brown getting suckerpunched into trying to kick the football yet another time, I was saying to my son: "Rob, let's go see the comet!" He said OK, probably because he's 15 — an age at which you find your parents' behavior so embarrassing — and he figured that if we went to a dark, remote area, there was less chance that his friends would see him with me.

So that night we drove way out into the Everglades, which The Herald article had said would be a good place for comet-viewing because it's away from Miami, with its bright lights, shiny jewelry, gumfire, etc. We pulled off the highway onto an overgrown dirt road, and after a short distance we stopped and got out. It was very dark, and as I stood and gazed up at the vast, star-studded universe, I was struck by a question that has tantalized the human race for thousands of years.

"Rob," I said, "do you think there are alligators around here?" "Why do you think I'm on the roof of the car?" he replied. "You know how when you're in the wilderness at night, you get to

thinking that wild animals are watching you? I was definitely getting that feeling. And I wasn't worried about just alligators; the Everglades is also a popular stopping ground for snakes, spiders, panthers, and sharp-billed scolding birds that could waste up behind a person in the dark and peck him until he bled to death from his ankles.

I knew these animals were out there, because every now and then, one of them would scream. I don't know why they were screaming; perhaps they just found out they were on the Endangered Species List, or perhaps they simply enjoyed making me nervous.

FIRST PANTHER: Look! Another moron trying to see the alleged "comet." Make that noise you make, Ralph.

SECOND PANTHER: OK, here goes. **ALLEGED COMET:** FIRST PANTHER: Good one! He's climbing onto the car roof with his son!

I'll tell you what else I started thinking about: the goatsucker. You may have read about the goatsucker; it is a fanged, reptilian, red-eyed creature that sucks all the blood out of goats and other barnyard animals. It was first reported in Puerto Rico, where it is known as "Chupacabras," which is Spanish for "sucker." So, seriously, it's Spanish for "goatsucker," and some people are claiming that it's responsible for recent animal deaths in the Miami area. (Sommer or later, everybody comes to Miami, and I include Madonna in that statement.) The scientific community insists that it's just a dog, but of

course the scientific community also claims that it can see comets, so I'm leaning toward the goatsucker theory.

Anyway, there we were, in the dark, surrounded by screaming animals, in an area reliably rumored to be inhabited by a thing that would regard us as Giant Economy Size Hemoglobin Strupees, and I will frankly admit that Comet Hyakutake was no longer our highest priority.

"There it is!" I said, pointing to a smudge in the sky that could have been a breathtaking once-in-a-lifetime astronomical event, or a

"Yes!" agreed Rob, and after allowing it to take our breath away for maybe 12 seconds, we climbed down off the roof and got into the car (Rob did this without ever touching the ground) and moved back toward the friendly creaking muzzles flashes of Miami.

Just so you know: Astronomers are already predicting the next alleged comet, which is scheduled to arrive in 1997 and which they are calling — I am not making this up — "Comet Hale-Bopp." I have already seen a breathless news story that says, quote: "Some astronomers predict its amazing glow will light up the Earth's night sky." Maybe so. Maybe there really is a comet; maybe you should go out and look for it. All I'm saying is, wear gar-

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Advocates aim to raise awareness about circumcision

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—Aron, a Salt Lake City businessman, wants something back that was taken from him as an infant.

After four years, he is nearly finished undergoing a non-surgical procedure to partially restore the foreskin that was clipped off without his permission.

"My main thing was that I didn't have a choice," says the 43-year-old man. "I was told all my life that circumcision is really good and you should be glad it was done."

Aaron, who asked that his last name not be used, believes doctors botched his circumcision, resulting in a lifetime of physical pain and bitter feelings. And he doesn't want another baby boy to suffer as he did.

He is not alone in his beliefs. Anti-circumcision advocates from around the state are trying to inform the public that there is an alternative to circumcision.

There is a daunting task, since Utah has one of the highest circumcision rates in the western U.S.

In Utah, the operation is performed on about 58 percent of male babies, while the rate is 35.5 percent in the West, according to the National Center for Health Statistics and the Utah Department of Health. The national average is 59.5 percent.

"It tends to be a cultural thing," said Karen Buch, pediatrician at University of Utah Health Sciences Center. "We're dealing with mostly a Caucasian population where the fathers are circumcised."

Circumcision is less prevalent among minority populations, she said. As director of the National Organization of Circumcision Information Resource Centers (NOCIRC), Steve Scott provides physicians and expectant parents with literature aimed at dispelling what he says are myths about circumcision.

One of these myths, he said, is that Christians must be circumcised. "I think a lot of people are under the misconception that they must be circumcised to be good Christians," he said.

Scott contends the real motive for circumcision in English-speaking countries was to "desensitize the penis" in an attempt to curb masturbation. And he claims circumcision is being perpetuated mainly so children can "look like dad."

"His activism, and insistence that removing the foreskin diminishes a man's sexual pleasure, has sparked a number of reactions — from giggling to jibes that he is obsessed with his genitalia."

But Scott shrugs off the comments, saying he "now knows too much to be silent."

Scott began researching the subject after reading an article on a mother's distress as she watched her baby undergo the procedure. It causes intense physical pain and may cause long-term psychological problems.

"Doctors tell parents it is a trivial surgery, but it is not," he said. "There's no question that it is a traumatic and unnecessary procedure that is performed on babies without their consent." And he's calling for physicians "to lay down their knives."

Pediatrician Buch said the procedure is routine and babies often sleep through it.

It involves clamping and squeezing the foreskin over the tip of the penis using one of two common instruments — a plastic cap, that remains on the penis for a time after the circumcision, or a gonio clamp. The foreskin is then tied with a string

and cut away with a scalpel. A local anesthetic is used in most cases.

"I have a mix of patients, some who struggle over the decision and some who don't even question it," Buch said. "There are some people that really think it is a necessary procedure. Myself and my colleagues think that it is considered an option for parents."

She tells patients that circumcision can prevent urinary tract infections in

infants, but that leaving the prepuce, or foreskin, intact also is a healthy option.

For extensive pediatric urologist Brent Snivee, said the age-old belief that the foreskin covering the head of the male penis is a breeding ground for infections doesn't hold much weight today.

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I CAME FROM A REALLY CRAZY TOWN.

WHAT DO YOU MEAN "REALLY CRAZY"?

WE HAD 25 "VILLAGE IDIOTS."

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CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH CRUNCH.

SLOOOO STOMP! STOMP!

YOU STOMPED ON MY CRISPY CRUNCHES!

(JON, I AM NOT A MORNING PERSON.)

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IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO READ YOUR MAGAZINES, I'M GOING TO RECYCLE THEM.

IF YOU'RE NOT GOING TO FINISH YOUR PROJECTS, I'M GOING TO PUT THEM AWAY.

DON'T MESS WITH MY STUDIES.

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

WHA! UP, OAMOROK ON THE WALL, WHO'S THE FASTEST OF US ALL?

HOW CAN YOU REMAIN SO ALONE?

YOU KIDDIN' I WANT SOME! KIDDIN'!

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RELAX, HAGAR...

WE'LL BE OKAY AS LONG AS WE STICK TO THIS MAP.

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BOY! THIS HAS TO BE THE LONGEST SARGE HAS EVER CHASED BEETLE!

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WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THE NEW \$100 BILL?

AS LONG AS THEY WERE PRINTING NEW ONES, HOW COME THEY DIDN'T GET A MORE RECENT PICTURE OF THAT FRANKLIN GUY?

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DON'T TRY TO MATCH WITS WITH ME, GLADYS.

HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN I WAS THE CHAMPION OF THE DEBATE CLUB IN HIGH SCHOOL.

ONLY BECAUSE YOU WERE THE SOLE MEMBER!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

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YOU KNOW I WANTED TO COME UP THIS JULY, DON'T YOU?

REALLY? I DIDN'T THINK YOU'D REMEMBER.

HOW COULD I FORGET?

JULY IS WHEN I AAARRGH! OOOH... SHOOTING PANES IN MY GATE! BETTER... CALL...!!

YOU DON'T HAVE A CLUE, DO YOU?

COULD YOU NOT BURN IT!

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

WHEN THEY HAVE TO COUNT TO TEN SO THEY WON'T LOSE THEIR TEMPERS.

The Family Circus By Bil Keane

We're not very hungry. Dolly made us some mud pies.

Environment breeds tastebuds

Where you grow up dictates the food you like, doesn't it? President James A. Garfield was an avid lover of spiced soup. He came from Ohio. First President John Quincy Adams craved codfish. He came from Massachusetts.

Fast-food analysts called "Tastebuds" that's Garfield's "tastebuds." Pollsters had the gall to ask numerous people at numerous weddings whether they thought the numerous marriages would last, and 64 percent said, "No way, sooner or later. There's 0% work to that effect. Inevitable!" Would you invite people like that to your next wedding?

Q: What's the FBI's murder of John Lennon the first of these celebrity stalking cases?

A: Not quite. In 1949, a woman who'd never met baseball player Ed Walker set a place for him at her dining table every night, then shot him in his hotel room. Malice was not a factor. It was a love affair. It was a Robert Redford "The Natural" type affair.

L.M. Boyd
What's what?

Young parrots deliver a different note of chatter to each other than to their parents.

Q: Daniel Boone eagerly volunteered to serve with the U.S. forces in the War of 1812, but was turned down. Why?

A: He was 78.

That half hour before dawn is when most spiders weave their webs.

When Lamar Gantt weighed 132 pounds in 1965, he flattened his own weight. It was 78.

Swamps where Malaysian tree frogs live are pretty rough. So noisy males in court of females can't hear the pretty little things, so-called. So the females send sonic signals by tapping rapidly on vegetation. "Now hear this, males!" Some vines.

Sydney Omarr
Horoscope

IF APRIL 29 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:
You are a methodical, minute, exacting, and the innate arts and sciences, in (chasing astrology) family relationships of (chasing) mother and father separated at one time, leaving an indelible mark on your character. It is likely that you will change your name at one time or another. Career, Capricorn, Aquarius people play significant roles in your life. Home, Mars, you travel, you added recognition, could fall madly in love.

ARIES (March 21 - April 19): Emphasizes on words, actions - people take you seriously, you'll be quoted, interviewed. Your ideas will upset some other people will be drawn to you, eventually becoming invaluable allies.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20): The focus part of your nature speaks. Being on marital status, ability to make people feel good for what you've done. Your Lunar position highlights creativity, so-called.

GEMINI (May 21 - June 20): Attention revolves around durable goods, ability to claim your share of other people's ideas. Love relationships, Aquarius (define terms), let go of relationship which has become unworkable, could lead to a new relationship.

CANCER (June 21 - July 22): Issues that cards be placed on table - face up. Focus on relatives, visits, also requiring time to nurture. Element of deception present, get facts, figures in writing. Capricorn involved.

LEO (July 23 - Aug 22): By attending to details you turn a profit. You'll be dealing with Aries, Libra individuals who possibly want more than their share. Complete project, check overseas markets. Explore!

VIRGO (Aug 23 - Sept 22): Study Leo message. Make fresh start, highlight independence, don't be afraid of controversy. Cyclic high, action will be where dramatic. Gemini message, person-complex, "You are irresistible!"

LIBRA (Sept. 23 - Oct 22): Family members confess, purification, attention to methodology, your ability to surprise, amaze. Don't reveal secrets. Keep doing what you are doing, success, Aquarius individuals are in picture.

SCORPIO (Oct 23 - Nov 21): You asked for it and now you're getting it granted for fantasies to become realities. Diversity, emphasize humor, perspective, social criticism, Virgo, Sagittarius persons represented.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 22 - Dec 21): Previous in longer workable, individual in authority flashes green light, you're told, "Go ahead, you have our confidence." Love relationships, unorthodox, exciting, rewarding.

AQUARIUS (Jan 20 - Feb 19): You can write your way into and out of anything. Focus on communication via any advertising, publishing. Get a message across, state case in definite, charming manner. Gemini plays dynamic role.

PISCES (Feb. 19 - March 20): You're confiding with another Pisces who buoy confidence, helps prepare resume to introduce you to right people. Emphasize on legal affairs, public relations, marital status.

Saturday's Puzzle solved:

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