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Parents sent stern message

They may lose licenses if they don't support kids

By Pat Marcantonio
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — "It's important you support your child," Rex Christensen said, after making his monthly payment at the Twin Falls County Judicial Building on Friday.

Folding his receipt, the Twin Falls resident said he pays \$670 monthly in support for his three children.

Because he is current on those payments, Christensen will not lose his driver's license.

But the state Department of Health and Welfare has notified more than 300 other parents that their Idaho-issued

Regional child-support stats
 □ 300 parents notified they could lose licenses.
 □ Largest amount of child support owed by a state resident: \$104,000.
 □ Child-support enforcement cases: 6,000.
 —Source: Idaho Dept. of Health and Welfare

licenses can be suspended because they owe child support.

Under a law that went into effect Jan. 1, a parent three months behind in payments of \$2,000 in arrears is eligible for license suspension.

So far, no licenses have been lifted in a Magic Valley case.

"Our goal is to work something out. We don't want to suspend a license," said Dana Blake, head of the regional Bureau of Child Support Services in Twin Falls.

Across the state, 40 Idaho residents have had driver's licenses suspended because they owed a total of \$794,978.

Encouraging more child-support payments is a major tenet of welfare

reform. State leaders believe the more parents pay support for their children, the fewer children and their mothers require public assistance.

Shortening the list

Originally, the regional office faced a list of 1,146 parents who owed more than \$9 million in child support, Blake said.

But staff workers quickly shortened by the list by removing those who were exempt, such as parents who were disabled, incarcerated, out of the state or on public assistance.

Almost 150 people — the largest number — were taken off the list for finding jobs.

"In the last few weeks, we had many going to work or just started to work and we started wage withholding," Blake said. "That's a good thing because we're able to collect money."

Warning letters were sent in August and October of last year. Within the last few months, the department notified

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Drivers who shut off air bags may face less effective seat belts

The Baltimore Sun

Motorists planning to disconnect their air bags if the government allows it may be left with something they didn't anticipate: less effective seat belts.

The seat belts on some newer cars were designed to work with their air bags, automakers say. Alone, they will not protect a person as well as an older-style belt in serious crashes.

The newer belts allow a person to travel forward a few more inches than older belts, since automakers installed air bags to cushion the person. If the air bag is removed, however, the person faces a greater risk of head or chest injuries: from hitting the steering wheel or dashboard.

Although it is difficult to tell how many vehicles have the looser belts, General Motors Corp. — the largest U.S. automaker — says more than half the

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Weather watchers keep their eyes on the skies

'Storm spotters' provide early warning of trouble

By Mark Helms
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Harold Leeney's hobbies give his basement the look of a full-blown communications center.

His equipment includes several two-way radios covering nearly every bandwidth. There is also a thermometer, an airplane altimeter that has been converted in to a barometer, a wind gauge and an amateur television link to cameras that broadcast images of snowpack and weather conditions from remote sites. A 30-foot antenna tower in his backyard helps him pick up signals on most frequencies.

But when it comes to tracking the weather, the most vital pieces of equipment Leeney and his wife, Suzanne, have are their eyes and a large picture window in their living room on the outskirts of Twin Falls.

"We sit here and watch the weather come in from the west," Suzanne Leeney said.

"About six or seven miles west of here, the weather has a tendency to split and either go to Jerome or into the South Hills," Harold Leeney said.

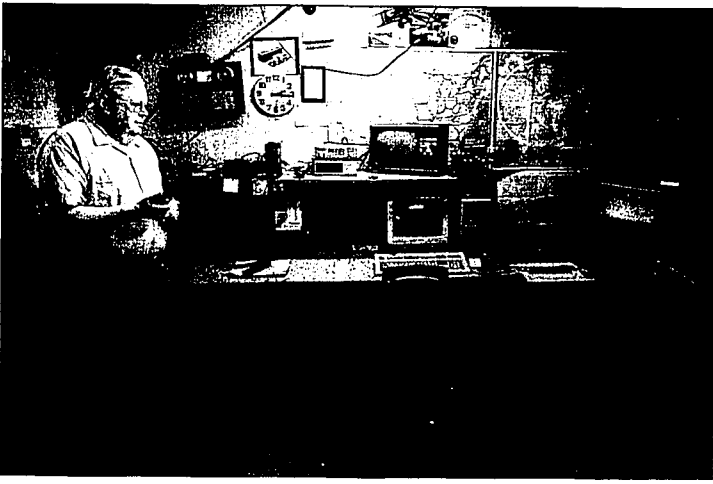
The Leeneys aren't just watching the weather for fun.

For about three years, they have been part of the "storm spotter" network that a National Weather Service official said is vital to his agency's work.

"(The network) is basically our way to put some ground truth to the information our radar and sensors are giving us," said Dan Borsum, an assistant warning coordination meteorologist at the service's Boise station.

"Our radar beam is at about 10,000 feet when it gets to the Magic Valley," he said. "There's a lot of weather that happens below 10,000 feet."

"That's one reason the weather service has 500 storm spotters keeping their eyes on the sky in southwestern Idaho and eastern Oregon.



Harold Leeney hooks into an amateur television camera on Hansen Butte to check the area's weather. Mostly, however, Leeney uses his living room window to report on local weather.

And there's plenty of room for more spotters, especially in rural areas, Borsum said. He hopes to find at least 100 more volunteers to the program by the end of spring.

The program is fairly simple, he said.

Storm spotters are asked to keep their eyes out for weather hazards such as large hail, strong winds, heavy rain and snow or tornados. They can report directly to the weather service in Boise through an unlisted phone number given only to the spotters, Borsum said.

He and other weather service officials tour the state regularly, giving seminars

and recruiting new volunteers.

People don't need any special qualifications to join the program, but through the program they can learn more about how the weather works.

"If they have the time, they're more than welcome to learn more from us," he said.

Ivie Sites of Wendell said she signed up for the program at a recent seminar in Jerome because she saw it as an opportunity to provide valuable community service from her own yard.

"We live in kind of a unique area for weather," she said. "I'm around home

most of the time, but I'm outside a lot."

Suzanne Leeney said the program has given her a greater understanding of what she sees in the sky.

"I used to see just clouds," she said. "Now I know some are just pretty clouds and some are dangerous."

Harold Leeney said knowledge of the weather has always been important to him as an aviator and electronics expert. He began using both those skills as a radar man on a B-24 hunting German U-boats near England in World War II.

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President hears Easter service on 'sad, sad' mass suicide

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Attending Easter Sunday services with his extended family, President Clinton listened as his pastor mourned the mass suicide of 39 cult members in California, calling it a "sad, sad thing."

The bells of the Foundry Methodist Church were pealing as Clinton gingerly moved from his limousine to crutches then carefully mounded several steps. Inside, he sat in the first row near an altar lined with lilies and red azaleas. The old church echoed with sounds of the choir and a brass quartet.

Easter 'parade' - A3

There was a sombre tone as the church's senior minister, the Rev. J. Philip Wogaman, spoke of what Easter is not.

Referring to the bodies found this week in a mansion near San Diego, he said: "It is not like a cult group tragically making a serious mistake, hoping to catch on an extraterrestrial space craft."

"It's not like that at all," he said.

Wogaman spoke of the young woman, a cult member, who on a videotape made shortly before her death said she felt she had no choice but to

follow the others in suicide because "there is nothing here for me."

"What a sad, sad thing," the minister said.

The president made no comment on the sermon as he left the church.

But in his weekly radio address Saturday Clinton said: "The holidays of this season teach us that hope can spring forth from the darkest of times ..."

"And let us also remember there are some Americans who feel isolated from all of the rest of us in other ways — sometimes with truly tragic consequences like the events just outside San Diego, which have so stunned us all this week. Our prayers are with their families, as well."



President and Mrs. Clinton leave Foundry United Methodist Church in Washington, D.C., after Easter services Sunday, along with the president's nephew Tyler Clinton.

Worshippers gather near site of cult tragedy

Reports: Members killed selves because founder told them he was dying

The Associated Press

RANCHO SANTA FE, Calif. — As dawn peeked through the clouds, 300 Easter worshippers gathered in a high school stadium and praised God as the only keeper of heaven's gate.

How cult recruited - A3

The group gathered near the site where 39 Heaven's Gate cult members committed suicide last week, seeking redemption in a spaceship trailing the Hale-Bopp comet.

"Jesus Christ is the gate, he's the only way. There's no UFO waiting behind a comet," Pastor Bob Borsford told his flock, who wore straw Easter hats while shivering in the early morning chill.



M. Applewhite — you belong to some group."

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WEATHER

IDAHO Weather

Monday, March 31
AccuWeather Forecast for Eastern Oregon and Idaho

Information not available

FORECAST

Magic Valley
Today mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers. Windy with highs 45 to 50. West wind 20 to 30 mph. Tonight isolated evening rain showers and breezy, otherwise partly cloudy. Lows in the mid-20s. Tuesday mostly cloudy with highs near 50.

Extended regional forecast
Wednesday mostly sunny. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 50s.
Thursday mostly cloudy with a chance of valley rain and mountain snow showers. Lows 25 to 35. Highs in the 40s.
Friday partly cloudy and continued cool with a chance of snow showers. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 40s.

Carnas Prairie, Wood River Valley
Today cloudy with scattered rain and snow showers. Cooler with highs from the upper 30s to mid-40s. Locally breezy. Tonight scattered evening rain or snow showers. Lows 10 to 20. Tuesday partly cloudy with highs in the 40s.

Sawtooth Mountains
Today cloudy with scattered rain and snow showers. Cooler with highs from the upper 30s to mid-40s. Locally breezy. Tonight scattered evening rain or snow showers. Lows 10 to 20. Tuesday partly cloudy with highs in the 40s.

Treasure Valley
Today cloudy with scattered rain showers. Cooler and breezy with highs near 50. Northwest wind 15 to 30 mph. Tonight isolated evening rain showers. Lows 20 to 30. Tuesday partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s.

Eastern Idaho
Today windy and cloudy with rain by afternoon. Highs 40 to 45. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph shifting to west at 25 to 35 mph by noon. Tonight rain changing to snow by sunset. Lows in the 20s. Tuesday mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers. Highs 35 to 40.

Northern Idaho
Today mostly cloudy. Breezy and colder with scattered snow showers. Rain mixing with snow at the lower elevations. Highs in the lower 40s. Northwest to west winds at 15 to 25 mph and gusty. Tonight, a slight chance of evening rain or snow showers. Becoming mostly clear overnight. Cold with lows in the mid-20s. Tuesday partly cloudy. Highs in the mid-40s.

Northern Nevada
Today mostly cloudy and much colder with scattered snow showers. Highs in the lower 40s. Northwest to 10 to 20 mph. Tonight mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers. Lows in the upper teens. Tuesday mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers. Highs near 40.

Northern Utah
Today windy and turning much colder. Rain developing; changing to snow late. Thunderstorms possible. Snow accumulations 1-2 inches, mainly benches. South winds 20-30 mph with higher gusts, becoming northwest during the afternoon. Highs mid- to upper 50s but falling to near 40 late. Tonight periods of snow, possibly heavy at times. Cold with lows 25-30. Tuesday snow showers likely with 50 percent probability. Continued cold. Highs near 40.

ACROSS THE NATION

Thunderstorms plague South, with wind and hail in Texas

The Associated Press

Thunderstorms drenched the South on Sunday with stiff wind and large hail across parts of Texas, and rain was scattered across the Ohio Valley.

Thunderstorms developed during the morning along the Gulf Coast region of Texas and Louisiana.

Parts of southern Texas had hail up to 1 1/2 inches in diameter and gusting to more than 60 mph. Those thunderstorms also produced several funnel clouds, but no tornado damage was reported.

Hail up to three-quarters of an inch in diameter fell around Charenon, La.

By afternoon, the strongest storms had migrated eastward, with severe thunderstorms in the areas of Tallahassee, Fla., and Valdosta, Ga. Storms also clustered off the coast, with marine warnings posted along the shore of Louisiana.

Light rain showers were scattered from western Tennessee into Michigan. Light snow fell in parts of northern Michigan. Showers also extended eastward up the Ohio Valley.

Rain was expected to extend into the Northeast and mid-Atlantic states during the night, with 3 inches of snow possible in parts of northern and western New York.

In the West, showers were scattered along the coast from northwest California into Oregon in advance of the latest storm system headed into the region.

That wet weather was moving toward the east and rain showers were likely during the night across lower elevations of Nevada, Idaho and Utah, with snow showers in the mountains.

Much of the rest of the nation had clear, dry weather, with temperatures reaching the 60s and low 70s as far north as the southeastern corner of New York.

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Idaho

Max	Min	Pcp	Yesterday	7d Avg
Boise	72	37	0.06	28
Dale	70	30	0.00	25
Fairfield	m	m	Normal	57
Gooding	m	m	Normal	57
Hagerman	m	m	Normal	57
Idaho Falls	63	26	0.00	28
Jerome	70	30	0.00	28
Lewiston	64	40	0.00	28
Malden	65	26	0.00	28
Malta	70	30	0.00	28
McCall	m	m	Normal	57
Pocatello	66	26	0.00	28
Salmon	68	27	0.00	28
Stanley	m	13	0.00	28
Sun Valley	m	19	0.00	28

Twin Falls

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Salmon	68	27	0.00	28
Stanley	m	13	0.00	28
Sun Valley	m	19	0.00	28

Precipitation

Normal mo. to date: 3.8
Normal mo. to date: 1.06
Water year to date: 9.85
Normal year to date: 6.11

Comfort factors

Humidity at noon: 17 pct.
Barometer at noon: 29.72 F
Pollen count: 2 (mountain cedar), low (cedar), low (willow)

Courtesy: Astoria and Albany of Idaho.

SKYWATCH

Sunset today 7:03 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 6:21 a.m.
Lunar phase: First quarter, March 15; full, March 23; last quarter, March 31; new, April 7.
Visible planets: Morning: Mars, Jupiter.
Evening: Mars, Comet Hale-Bopp visible NE, 2:30 a.m.-5:34 a.m.; WRV, 7:30-11 p.m.

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, March 31.

FRONTS: COLD, WARM, STATIONARY, H, L

TEMPERATURES

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	65	37	0.00
Atlanta	79	53	0.00
Boston	63	44	0.00
Chicago	43	36	0.03
Dallas	66	54	0.06
Denver	65	25	0.00
Des Moines	58	34	0.06
Houston	72	59	0.12
Indianapolis	47	44	0.18
Kansas City	64	33	0.06
Las Vegas	82	51	0.00
Los Angeles	66	59	0.00
Memphis	61	50	0.12
Miami Beach	87	69	0.00
Milwaukee	39	32	0.05
Minneapolis	41	29	0.00
New Orleans	72	59	0.00
New York	62	51	0.00
Oaklahoma City	64	41	0.00
Omaha	64	31	0.00
Phoenix	65	81	0.00
Pittsburgh	50	40	0.08
Portland, Me.	69	40	0.09
Portland, Ore.	62	43	0.14
Reno	66	37	0.00
St. Louis	57	45	0.27
Salt Lake City	72	33	0.00
San Francisco	65	50	0.00
Seattle	61	42	0.00
Spokane	69	36	0.00
Washington, D.C.	71	54	0.00

Prescribed burning plans draw fire

WASHINGTON (AP) — Smokeley Bear made a career of stomping out fires, so it might seem odd to think of the Forest Service setting trees ablaze.

"When I grew up, fire was always the enemy of the forest. Burning it's a friend," Rep. Dale Kildee, D-Mich., asked at a recent hearing.

Not everybody's happy with Clinton administration plans to increase so-called prescribed burning from 750,000 acres in 1997 to 1.3 million acres next year to clear overstocked national forests of dead and dying timber.

Rep. Bob Smith, R-Ore., chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, sees "a lot of hidden problems in prescribed burning" and prefers salvage logging to clear forest floors of tinder instead.

"People will shake their heads at judgments. Nobody can predict the weather," said Smith, worried about blazes getting out of hand.

Forest Service Chief Mike Donbeck agreed, telling lawmakers a fire must be treated with respect. "There isn't a burn that's not dangerous."

But he added that more controlled blazes are needed to reduce unprecedented fuel loads that threaten catastrophic blazes on one-fifth of the 191 million acres of U.S. national forests — the result of decades of "extensive, overzealous if you will, fire suppression."

That's right, the Forest Service has done too good a job of fighting fires, even as the government set an average of 300,000 acres

burning to get rid of dead and dying trees every year for the past decade.

Until recently, federal fire-fighters who saw 6 million acres burn naturally last year tried to douse every blaze. As a result, they upset the natural cycle of fire that for 10,000 years made way for more mature trees.

"The price that we have paid for 60, 80 or 100 years of very effective fire suppression is that we have changed the succession of ecosystems," said Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt.

The problem has been compounded by clearcut logging that stripped forests of native tree species, Babbitt said. Many were replaced by less fire-resistant trees that are more susceptible to insects and disease.

definite advantages over the traditional one, said Barry Felrice, director of regulatory affairs at the American Automobile Manufacturers Association.

"Because it is looser, it is less likely to break a rib or someone in a severe crash," he said. "That is particularly of concern for elderly people."

In older cars without air bags, the work of restraining an occupant falls solely on the belt, said Phil Frame, spokesman for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, or NHTSA.

The newer belt can "give way a little bit so that the air bag takes up some of the force of the crash and spreads it out over a broader section of your body," Frame said. The result: fewer belt injuries.

NHTSA is deciding whether to allow motorists to have their air bags disconnected on demand. The proposal, unveiled by the agency in November, is the most controversial of its responses to the air bag dilemma.

Cult

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Meanwhile, CNN and Newsweek magazine reported that cult members killed themselves because leader Marshall Hall Applewhite convinced them he was dying.

CNN said Applewhite convinced members he was dying of cancer; Newsweek reported in its April 7 issue that Applewhite told followers his body was "disintegrating."

CNN reported that computer disks it reviewed along with Time magazine contained a message from an unidentified female cult member who said, "Once he is gone ... there is nothing left here on the face of the Earth for me ... no reason to stay a moment longer."

The disks were sent to a former cult member who was identified in news reports as Rio D'Angelo.

With all of the autopsies completed, the coroner said that Applewhite, 65, did not suffer from terminal cancer.

"Marshall Applewhite has no gross physical evidence and no visual evidence of cancer in his liver or any other organs," Dr. Brian Blackbourne told The Associated Press.

While worshippers expressed sympathy to the families left behind, they were joyous in celebrating the Biblical story of Jesus Christ's resurrection.

"It's still very difficult to get (the suicides) out of your mind. I feel really sorry for the families," said Linda Waco, a 23-year-old member of the cult.

Like many in this affluent community of big estates on even bigger tracts of land, Ms. Waco is tired of the media barrage. Nonstop coverage since last year's gruesome discovery has "really hardened us," she said.

Belts

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vehicles it produced in the past two or three years has as do a few Ford and Chrysler models. Some foreign automakers also use the looser belts.

Federal transportation officials are considering allowing motorists to disconnect air bags in response to five dozen air bag-related deaths. But automakers and safety advocates say disconnecting the air bags is generally a bad idea.

"It's like the human body. If you go out and take out a vital organ, you've disrupted the entire balance," said Michael Scherba, director of safety integration at General Motors.

"It's important for customers to know that if they choose to have an air bag deactivated, the overall effectiveness of their vehicle's restraint system will be diminished," he said.

Chrysler Corp. and Ford Motor Co. use such belts in less than 5 percent of their respective fleets, including the Dodge Avenger,

He has managed to collect much of his equipment for free, including a wind gauge from the old Twin Falls airport.

"A lot of it was considered throw-away junk, but I was able to repair it," he said.

Borsum said many storm spotters are involved in amateur radio, which helps them track the weather as it moves through the region.

With the summer storm months fast approaching, it's important to have as many eyes at ground level as possible, Borsum said. Dangerous storms can be isolated enough to slip past a loose network of spotters and hit without warning.

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Weather

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But it wasn't until he retired from the California electronics industry and moved back to his home state of Idaho that he was able to pursue his interests in electronics and weather full-time.

He said he first learned of the storm spotters program through the amateur radio network, and he uses amateur radio to link with other area storm spotters.

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Parents

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erant parents of its intention to suspend licenses.

When parents receive the intent letter they have 21 days to make arrangements to pay or the paperwork will be set in motion to suspend all state-issued licenses. That includes licenses to drive, hunt or fish or for a profession.

Once licenses are suspended, the names of the parents and amounts they owe become public record, said Dave Estensaco, department spokesman in Boise.

If parents make acceptable arrangements to pay, the license may be reissued.

Stentwede, 13 administrative hearings have been held at the request of parents questioning their bills, he said. Most of those hearings have resulted in repayment schedules. Fifty more hearings are pending.

Parents owing large amounts of money go to the top of the list.

Among cases in the regional office's jurisdiction, the record amount owed is \$104,000, said support worker Becky Petersen in Twin Falls. The largest amount is \$353,000, owed by a parent who has moved out of state and is being sought under other enforcement programs.

Mixed emotions

Christensen says the law won't help children get their money.

"If you take away (parent) licenses they are going to lose their ability to support their children," he said. "It's not the answer. It's going to add to the problem."

He believes the whole system should be reviewed. For example, parents residing with the children should be held accountable for how they spend the money. How child-support payments are determined also needs reviewing because they often set people up for failure, he says.

"It's so high to start with it's not realistic," Christensen said.

Behind the counter, clerk Loreta Harter records support payments. The funds usually are sent out the next day directly to families or to the state if the fam-

ilies receive public assistance, she said.

Although new on the job, she has heard most parents pay without complaint.

"Ninety-nine percent of them say, 'I don't mind a bit,'" she said. "I'm surprised by the number of women who pay child support."

Another tool

Although not many licenses have been suspended, Blake says the law is effective. When warning letters were sent and the news media reported the new law's arrival, many supporting parents started paying. Relatives of children also called support officers saying they knew the whereabouts of parents who wouldn't pay support.

"It's been a very positive thing. It's brought a lot of people in," she said. "It's generated a lot of interest and resulted in an increase in collections."

"(Parents) have made the decision we are serious," Ensensaco added.

Withholding portions of salaries and property liens are other instruments used to get people to pay what they owe their children, said Estensaco. The license suspension law is one more.

"It's just another tool," Blake said.

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Cult missionaries sought certain type

The Chicago Tribune

MADISON, Wis. — They marched out of their secret headquarters in the forests of Oregon and wandered across this land like metaphysical minstrels of the millennium.

Rolling into big cities and small towns, they would post fliers and rent the local gym, the public library or a college classroom for an old-time revival meeting, done up for the new age. They preached not fire and brimstone as the eternal punishment for earthly sinners, but foretold flying saucers as heralds of the end of the world as we know it.

These missionaries had an eye out for a certain type: the young and impressionable, the disaffected, those seeking flights of fancy. For two decades they conducted recruitment drives, a caravan of true believers camping out as they traveled across America. They would stay a few days, then disappear, leaving the locals buzzing in places like Illinois' Chain O' Lakes State Park, Fox Lake, Lake Villa and Lindenhurst.

"All of them were very calm, intelligent people," said Randy Krym, a local pastor who has been proselytized in Madison in July 1994. "They talked about how it was only them who were going to be saved from the Earth. They said, 'If you want to come along, you can come along.'"

Krym and others like him across the country now shudder as they reflect on what might have been.

There, but for the grace of a strong-willed girlfriend, the anchor of a family and job, the personal armor of simple Midwestern skepticism, police might have found many more than 33 core cult members stretched out beneath purple shrouds in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., gone on their ultimate flight of fancy.

The cult, changing names as casually as it preached that people needed to shed their bodies, or vessels, was known at various times as Higher Source, Total Overcomers Anonymous, the Next Level Crew or, finally, Heaven's Gate. It maintained a consistent message as its mentors enticed new recruits to join them in leaving the human form for a 33 core type of being abroad a UFO.

"They talked of themselves as ambassadors," Krym said of the four emissaries of cult leader Marshall Applewhite, whose teachings Krym heard in a lecture to a small gathering in Madison at a house overlooking Lake Mendota.

"They did not use names," Krym said. "They believed the UFO was going to come in a matter of days."

Like many people pursued by the cult, Krym is an intelligent, articulate person with a professional background, in his case as a civil rights historian. He thought back, and paused.

"As months moved on and as years moved on, they probably had to have another recruitment drive," Krym said.

If Willie Loman traveled on a shoe shine and a smile in the Broadway classic "Death of a Salesman," then these liturgical solicitors sailed along on pseudo-science and a gentle grin as they sweetly sold death.

The recruiting pitch was not particularly aggressive, he recalled, but had a short, direct message: Leave with us at once if you want to survive the fall of the Earth.

The Madison meeting lasted about 90 minutes, said Krym. Two men and two women, all dressed in white shirts, spoke of UFOs and life's true purpose for a dozen curious Wisconsin residents.

Of the four missionaries, three were in their 40s or 50s. One, a woman, was in her 20s.

"They said the whole universe was a hologram," Krym recalled. "They were taking scientific information and putting a personal spin on it."

The group also gave a presentation at a branch of the Madison

Cult rules

Here is a Spring 1986 list of "guidelines for learning control and restraint" Heaven's Gate cult members were to obey.

MAJOR OFFENSES

- **Deceit.**
- **Sexuality** — permitting arousal in thought or in action (not nipping it in the bud).

LESSER OFFENSES

- **Trusting my own judgment** — or using my own mind.
- **Blowing in my own head, having private thoughts, not staying open with my partner** — separatist.
- **Picking or choosing certain tasks.**
- **Having likes or dislikes.**
- **Desiring attention or approval** — wanting to be seen as good.
- **Using inadequate restraint** (responding or acting too quickly, voice volume, noise level with feet, doors, or other objects).
- **Being too aggressive or pushy.**
- **Being vain about my appearance, vibrating femininity or masculinity in any way.**
- **Having inappropriate curiosity.**

Source: Heaven's Gate web site.



Carmen Garcia, a Mexican American dressed in native garb and a flowery hat, greets Cardinal John O'Connor outside New York's St. Patrick's Cathedral Sunday. Garcia was one of many New Yorkers parading around the city in a festive Easter hat.

Streets fill with folks on 'parade' for Easter

NEW YORK (AP) — On Easter Sunday seven years ago, Nancy and Ed Worham arrived on Fifth Avenue nice and early, stationed themselves near the curb and waited for the Easter Parade to begin.

"We thought we had good seats," Mrs. Worham recalled. But gradually they realized that there is no parade — just thousands of pedestrians in holiday finery ranging from the elegant to the outlandish.

Every year since then, the Worhams of Toms River, N.J., have been part of the pageant. This year, they dressed their four little girls, ages 1, 3, 6 and 9, in show-stealing hats that were almost as tall as the children — featuring flowers, giant carrots, and a wedding cake topped by a bunny bride and groom.

Police spent the day answering questions from puzzled tourists who, like the Worham family years ago, were looking for the parade.

"This is it," one officer told a lady in a pastel suit. "You're the parade."

Carmen Miranda-style fruit-and-flower displays were a common sight atop straw brimmed hats, as were bunny ears clipped onto headbands.

Brittany Turner, 14, her 12-year-old sister, Shannon Turner,

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and their friend, 15-year-old Joanna Winter, from Long Island, wore black-and-yellow plastic foam beehives adorned with pipe-cleaner bees atop their heads.

"We have bees in our bonnets," Brittany gleefully said. Kevin Walsh, wearing a three-piece suit with pocket watch, looked like the Mad Hatter truly gone insane with a battery-powered chick popping out of a shocking pink plastic egg atop his gray beaver hat.

Walsh's 13-year-old son, Corey, wore a tribute to the Final Four basketball tournament with a hat featuring four long-limbed bunnies shooting balls into tiny hoops.

Bunnies, baskets, bonnets and the peal of church bells abounded around the nation.

Construction at the Hollywood Bowl in Southern California moved the traditional Easter Sunrise Service indoors to the nearby Woman's Club of Hollywood. About 300 people showed up.

Volunteer organizers hope to hold next year's service in the newly renovated bowl, complete with doves and an actual sunrise.

Negotiator: U.S. also cheated Jews

WASHINGTON (AP) — The U.S. government shortchanged Jewish groups seeking restitution after World War II by at least \$5.5 million, according to the chief American negotiator from the postwar settlement talks.

Swiss banks have come under international fire for holding onto Jewish assets deposited during the war. But the United States also failed to turn over money deposited by Jews who perished in the Holocaust, said Seymour J. Rubin, the chief negotiator for postwar restitution.

"A situation very like that in Switzerland existed in the United States," Rubin said in a recent letter to Stuart Eizenstat, the undersecretary of Commerce heading a U.S. historical review of the period.

Eizenstat's report examining U.S. knowledge of stolen Nazi gold and other assets is expected this month, although it is not likely to examine this issue in any depth, a spokesman said Sunday.

"It's a useful thing to explore but not the focus of all of our report and efforts," said spokesman Jim Desler. "We're looking at the tracking of Nazi assets rather than the disposal of individual assets."

But he added that Rubin's recollections are important.

"Obviously he's somebody that we have consulted with given his first hand knowledge of these issues," Desler said.

Rubin, a former State Department official who's now 82, asked Eizenstat in his March 11 letter to investigate how the U.S. government handled money deposited in American banks by Jews who perished in the Holocaust.

"Many of those seeking safety for their funds sent their assets to the United States," wrote Rubin. "Certainly many thought it was safer, especially after early German successes in the war."

Banks in the United States — in contrast to those in Switzerland — were helpful

when survivors came looking for the money deposited by Holocaust victims, Rubin said. But there was other money deposited in the U.S. banks that was never claimed, he said.

In the 1950s, Jewish organizations examined bank records in New York and estimated there was \$6 million in so-called heirless assets.

That \$6 million was part of a larger collection of German assets in U.S. banks seized by the War Claims Commission, which doled out the money to U.S. businesses and other groups that suffered wartime losses.

Congressional efforts to divert the \$6 million to Jewish groups resulted in restitution of only \$500,000, Rubin wrote.

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Investigation draws credibility concerns

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — It is, even by House Republican standards, a remarkable collection of true believers.

The House's investigation of campaign fundraising practices has been placed in the hands of some of the GOP's most hard-edged partisans, prompting concern by some Republicans that the probe will lose credibility if it becomes blatantly partisan.

Among the cast of congressional inquisitors is a conspiracy theorist, a tax-cut purist and an activist who is urging impeachment proceedings against President Clinton.

Other House fund-raising sleuths include a back-bencher who once compared welfare recipients to overfed alligators, and a cadre of conservatives who think Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., has strayed too far to the left.

Running the show is Government Reform and Oversight Committee Chairman Dan Burton, R-Ind., a pillar of the party's conservative wing who once staged a mock shooting in his back yard to dramatize his theory that the death of White House aide Vincent Foster was a murder, not a suicide. He now finds himself the target of a Justice Department investigation of his own campaign fund-raising, prompting calls by critics that he remove himself from the congressional probe.

Also sitting on the back benches of Burton's 48-member committee is a cheering section of like-minded activists, some of whom have seized parts of the investigation for their own use.

Burton and his colleagues seem sensitive to the risks of infusing too much politics into the probe.

"There is a concern shared by all of us," said committee member David M. McIntosh, R-Ind., "that we make sure we don't appear that this is Republicans going after Democrats. We want to be credible in this investigation."

But some Republicans remain worried that Burton and the others might squander an opportunity to put Clinton on the defensive.

"Is Dan Burton volatile? Yes," said a source close to Gingrich. "Is he sometimes strident? Yes. Are people nervous? Yes. It could backfire if it was so obviously a partisan witch-hunt."

There is, however, a solid cadre of Republican moderates and leadership allies on the committee working to soften the partisan edge of the investigation. And Burton has tapped a more low-key Republican as his lieutenant for the inquiry, asking Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., to serve as the committee's vice chairman.

Tensions between the moderate and conservative factions on the panel are expected to come to a head in April, when the committee must decide whether to broaden the investigation's scope and to limit the powers of the chairman.

Burton and his allies on the panel have proposed focusing exclusively on White House and Democratic National Committee activities in the 1996 campaign. But some moderates have pushed for a broader investigation, like the Senate's, that would also encompass congressional fund-raising practices.

Burton's ability to establish his moral authority as an impartial investigator has been dogged by controversies past and present.

For example, Burton has struck by his belief that Foster did not take his own life even though official inquiries have ruled the 1993 shooting dead a suicide.

He even staged a mock shooting, firing bullets into a head-like object to buttress his view of a cover-up. "I had a homicide expert come out to my home," he explained on the House floor in 1994.

Now Burton faces a new challenge just as he is beginning his investigation of Clinton's fund-raising practices. The FBI is investigating Burton's own money-raising, which has focused heavily on the Pakistani, Cuban and Sikh communities. The bureau has opened an inquiry into allegations by a former lobbyist for Pakistan, Mark A. Siegel, that Burton vowed to retaliate if Siegel did not raise \$5,000 in campaign money.

Senators scrutinizing gulf presence

Lawmakers question need for costly troops

WASHINGTON (AP) — For the first time since the 1991 coalition victory over Iraq, senior lawmakers are questioning the massive U.S. military presence in the Persian Gulf — more than a dozen ships and 18,000 troops.

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Troop presence

The number of U.S. soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines stationed in the Persian Gulf fluctuates as ships, air wings and brigades rotate in and out. But the total usually is around 20,000. Here is a summary of the latest figures:

- 18,650 service members in the Gulf region.
- About 200 aircraft fly 200 sorties per day over southern Iraq.
- 14 ships in the Persian Gulf with 8,800 sailors.

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Gulf forces

A total of approximately 18,550 service members — soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines — are stationed in the Persian Gulf. The latest count:

Major land forces:	Approx 8,000
Saudi Arabia	400
Bahrain	2,000
Kuwait	1,000
Qatar	1,000
Sailors	8,800
Carrier	1
Guided missile cruiser	1
Destroyer	4
Frigate	1
Attack submarine	1
Counter-mine ship	2
Combat support ship	1
Supply ship	4
Aircraft	200
Sorties per day	200

Source: United States Central Command, U.S. Air Force, U.S. Navy

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threatening Iraqi troop movements. In Kuwait, the Army is operating almost constant training exercises. And over Bosnia, warplanes out of Aviano fly sorties daily even though there is no fighting and no hostile aircraft in the area.

Sens. Stevens, Conrad Burns, R-Mont., Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., Thad Cochran, R-Miss., and Robert Bennett, R-Utah, said that in decades past such major commitments would have involved intense congressional debate.

Army Gen. Binford Peay III, head of the United States Central Command that is responsible for the Persian Gulf, defended the current deployment, which includes 18,550 Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine personnel on 14 ships or at facilities in Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar and Bahrain.

"The forces that are in the region are absolutely required," Peay said in an interview. "To cut those forces would increase the operational risk to the region."

Where Peay is worried about a resumption of Iraqi aggression, the immediate concern confronting lawmakers is a \$2 billion supplemental defense budget request to pay for unanticipated costs in Bosnia and the Persian Gulf this year. When this amount is added to what had been budgeted earlier, the Pentagon is spending \$2.5 billion in Bosnia and \$714 million in "Southwest Asia," the Pentagon's term for the Gulf.

Midwest, South cleaning up after storms

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn. (AP) — The heart-wrenching task of cleaning up was before Chattanooga residents on Easter morning after tornadoes left widespread damage and dozens of injuries across Tennessee.

The tornadoes early Saturday hulled parked cars 300 feet, snapping metal utility poles designed to withstand 160-mph winds and uprooting trees. No one was killed.

Two people were killed in Kentucky late Friday as the same storm system swept through, and violent weather was reported across much of the Midwest and South.

In Florida, winds gusting up to 60 mph uprooted trees and shattered

windows on two double-decker tour buses at the Kennedy Space Center, injuring at least 26 passengers.

In Dickey, N.D., divers were called in to search for a woman and her teenage daughter who vanished Saturday after their pickup truck plunged into a hole in the road caused by floodwaters. Both were presumed drowned.

Dozens of North Dakota roads have been washed out as the state's record snowfall begins to melt.

In Chattanooga, thunder and hail, followed by deafening wind, sent Kelly and Trudy Smith into the basement with their 10-year-old son Shannon. Minutes later, a

pine tree crashed through the roof upstairs.

"It was glad I recognized the sound and we could run for cover," Kelly Smith said. "You know it's coming and you can't do nothing. You just dive down and pray to God it doesn't take you."

"We're just lucky to be alive." All but five units of the Hickory Trace Townhomes were leveled, and even those standing will have to be pulled down, developer Coleman Hockman said after touring the site Saturday.

Gingrich full of enthusiasm for China

The Los Angeles Times

SHANGHAI, China — House Speaker Newt Gingrich, who only a year ago was accusing the Chinese government of "terrorism" in the Taiwan Strait, bubbled with enthusiasm for China's leadership, its economy, its history and its promise as he concluded a three-day visit here Sunday for the first time.

The way to deal with China, the Georgia Republican said during his visit, is to smother it with a kind of diplomatic touchy love: "constant presence, constant friendship and constant dialogue."

"If you can be respectful but firm," Gingrich commented as he prepared to board a plane for Japan en route to Taiwan, "you can get a long way with China."

For example, Gingrich said he told China's leaders point-blank that they should expect a fight if they ever try to invade Taiwan.

"I told them we will defend Taiwan, Period," Gingrich said. "The thing that was striking to me is that we never got into an argument about it. They basically said that they didn't intend to invade Taiwan, so we would not have to defend it."

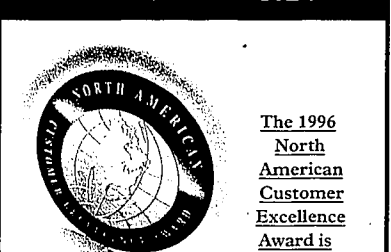
The Gingrich delegation was by far the liveliest entourage to hit China in recent months, if not years. In terms of verve and audacity, it eclipsed last week's visit by Vice President Al Gore.

Despite the conventional wisdom that diplomatic dealings here require extreme subtlety and tact, the Chinese leadership — which had been trying for more than two years to get the speaker to visit — appeared to enjoy the "outspoken Gingrich" routine as much as he enjoyed performing it.

Chinese President Jiang Zemin used his meeting with Gingrich on Friday to declare that U.S.-China relations had entered a state of "sunshine after the rain."

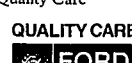
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IDAHO IN BRIEF

Income tax refunds up from last year

BOISE — The Idaho State Tax Commission is giving more money back to residents in income tax refunds this year than it did a year ago.

"The average refund for a standard Form 40 tax return is \$407 so far this year, said Steve Miller, Revenue Operations Administrator for the commission. "That's about \$36 more than last year."

Miller said the increase may be due, in part, to the taking advantage of donations and credits to reduce the taxes they owe. Donations to medical savings accounts are almost double what they were last year, he said.

More people also are filing their taxes electronically this year. More than 26,500 Idaho returns have been filed electronically so far, up 25 percent from last year.

Idaho human rights rally planned

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High water thwarts trapping at dam

BOISE — High water conditions on the Snake River below Idaho Power Co.'s Hells Canyon Dam have thwarted company biologists' efforts to trap adult steelhead.

The fish are used in the company's anadromous fish mitigation program.

In January, flows exceeding 120,000 cubic feet per second flooded the company's primary fish trap located immediately downstream from the Hells Canyon Dam. The high water, caused by a combination of late winter storms and flooding, severely damaged the main trap. Pumps, electrical equipment and control systems were smashed by driftwood and other debris.

Flows are now running in excess of 50,000 cubic feet per second and are expected to continue at or above those levels until early May.

If the primary trap cannot be repaired by the time flows drop below 50,000 cubic feet per second, the point at which it can be used to capture fish, company biologists will turn to a floating barge-style trap that serves as a backup to the main trap.

The spring steelhead trapping program normally starts March 1 and concludes April 30. Company biologists estimate that if high outflows make spring steelhead trapping impossible, there will be enough eggs available from steelhead brood stock trapped last fall to adequately meet this year's mitigation requirements.

Chubbuck man killed in accident

AMERICAN FALLS — A Chubbuck man was killed when the Union Pacific pickup he was driving collided with a Union Pacific Railroad freight train.

Johnny Yazzie, 45, was pronounced dead at the scene of the accident Friday. The Power County Sheriff's Department and Union Pacific Railroad officials are investigating the accident.

Fuhrman attends Easter Mass

ISSAQUAH, Wash. — Former Los Angeles Police Detective Mark Fuhrman attended Easter Mass here Sunday and was the godfather for his niece's baptism.

Fuhrman, who lives in Northern Idaho, created a bit of a stir among worshippers at Mary Queen of Peace Parish who recognized him when he stood next to family members at the baptismal font.

Fuhrman's niece was among three children baptized Sunday at the parish which has a membership of 1,580 families.

During the baptism, Fuhrman stood by his relatives. He held the baby after she was baptized.

After the Mass, Fuhrman left with relatives through a side door and was unavailable for comment.

The father of the baby is Fuhrman's brother.

The Rev. Paul Dalton, pastor of the Roman Catholic church, said Fuhrman's family told Dalton in advance that Fuhrman would be at the Mass. But Fuhrman's sister-in-law asked that no advance notice be given, Dalton said.

Fuhrman moved to the Sandpoint, Idaho, area in the summer of 1995 after leaving the Los Angeles Police Department.

During O. J. Simpson's criminal trial, Fuhrman was accused by Simpson's defense of moving a bloody glove from where Nicole Brown Simpson and Ronald Goldman were slain. The defense portrayed him as a racist bent on framing Simpson for the murders.

Simpson was acquitted in criminal court in October 1995. A civil court jury earlier this year found him liable for the June 1994 killings.

Compiled from wire reports

Arguments set for today in salmon case

WASHINGTON (AP) — The biggest court case to date for endangered Northwest salmon comes today before a federal judge who earlier scolded the U.S. government for failing to do enough to save the fish.

The lawsuit brought by environmentalists against several federal agencies could have significant implications for hydropower producers, shippers and irrigation farmers who don't want to see big changes in the operation of the Snake and Columbia rivers.

The conservationists say past practices of barging and trucking salmon around dams has failed to reverse population declines. The want more water devoted to helping flush young fish to the ocean, at the expense of other commercial users of the river.

Ruling in a related case two years ago, U.S. District Judge Malcolm Marsh of Portland, Ore., said efforts to protect the dwindling salmon runs were "seriously, significantly flawed."

They insisted, he said, of "relatively small steps, minor improvements and adjustments" in operation of the hydroelectric dams and river navigational systems "when the situation literally cries out for a major overhaul."

Marsh directed the agencies to file less risky ways to get the fish safely to the ocean and back.

Now, environmentalists are back in court arguing that nothing much has changed. They say the National Marine Fisheries Service, Army Corps of Engineers and Bureau of Reclamation have an inadequate plan to save several salmon species from extinction.

They say government officials have exacerbated the situation by failing to enforce the plan properly, for two years falling short of water flow targets needed to help young fish make it to the ocean.

"This could be a big turning point," said Rick Taylor, spokesman for the Columbia River Inter-Tribal Fish Commission in Portland, which has filed court briefs supporting the conservationists.

The plaintiffs want Marsh to order the government to take specific actions to save the fish from extinction, ultimately drawing reservoir levels down to return the river to a more natural state where the currents run faster and cooler.

That would help the juvenile fish

arrive at the ocean in a matter of days, as they did before the dams were built a half century ago, instead of the weeks-long journeys they now make through slack-water pools filled with predators.

But such an order also would make less water available to churn hydropower turbines during fish runs and shut down the navigational system that connects the port of Lewiston, Idaho, to the Pacific Ocean.

Federal scientists estimate overall salmon populations once numbered 10 million to 16 million in the Columbia River basin, but have fallen to only about 2 percent of those numbers, and continue to decline.

American Rivers, a river conservation group leading the lawsuit, has been pressing for increased protection of three Snake River salmon species since they were listed as endangered in 1991 and 1992.

Doug Arndt, senior program manager for the Army Corps of

Engineers North Pacific Division in Portland, said the corps has struggled to provide a balanced approach.

"We have 13 Indian tribes, five states, any number of utilities and environmental groups all coming at this thing trying to present their points of view," Arndt said. "There's not even agreement we are chasing the right goal."

Much of the disagreement centers on whether the fish are better off being barged and trucked around the dams.

With the added water flows sought in the lawsuit, environmentalists say the fish would survive better in the river. The National Marine Fisheries Service hasn't yet decided what approach to take this spring.

"The fish migration starts in a couple of weeks and there's no agreement on the in-river and barging program. It's really shocking considering this is the sixth year since the fish were listed," said Lorraine Bodi, Northwest regional director of American Rivers in Seattle.

Oral arguments in the case are scheduled today in Portland and Marsh is expected to rule within a few weeks. Given his track record, river users and related industry officials admit they are worried about the potential reach of the case.

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U.S. Supreme Court to decide whether to hear Boisean's case

BOISE (AP) — The U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to decide today whether to hear an Idaho free-speech case attorneys fear could ultimately muzzle public criticism of judges nationwide.

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The Idaho State Bar Association reprimanded Top,

saying he violated its code of conduct because his comment was reckless and false. Topp sued to have the reprimand overturned, but in August the case was rejected 4-1 by the Idaho Supreme Court. He later appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, which should decide today whether to rule on the matter.

The court takes up only about 100 cases a year out of 6,000 requests, said Michael Otis, the bar association's lawyer.

The case could prevent attorneys from questioning the integrity of judges, many of whom are elected officials, said Seigner, who represents Topp. It could also prevent judges' political challengers from raising legitimate questions about incumbents during political campaigns, Seigner said.

Jury resumes deliberations today in Idaho militia members' case

SPOKANE (AP) — A federal jury resumes deliberating today the fate of three Idaho militia members accused of bombings and bank robberies in the Spokane Valley last year.

The jury — 12 members and four alternates — weighed evidence for more than four hours on Friday before breaking for the Easter weekend.

The jury is deciding whether the three self-proclaimed militia members and "Ambassadors of Yahweh" were the same masked men who detonated three pipe bombs and robbed a U.S. Bank branch in Spokane's suburbs last year.

Juries are sorting the testimony of more than 90 witnesses and 500 pieces of evidence introduced during the month-long trial.

Charged are Verne Jay Merrell, 51, Charles H. Barbee,

45, and Robert S. Berry, 42, all of Sandpoint, Idaho.

The three are accused of bombing the Spokane Valley office of The Spokesman-Review newspaper prior to robbing and bombing the U.S. Bank branch April 1, and bombing a Planned Parenthood office just prior to robbing the same bank July 12.

They are also charged with conspiracy, interstate transportation of stolen vehicles and possession of unregistered grenades.

The three were arrested near Yakima on Oct. 8. Prosecutors contend the men were returning from a failed bank robbery attempt in Portland, Ore.

Defense attorneys contend other men who share their clients' anti-government beliefs committed the bombings and robberies.

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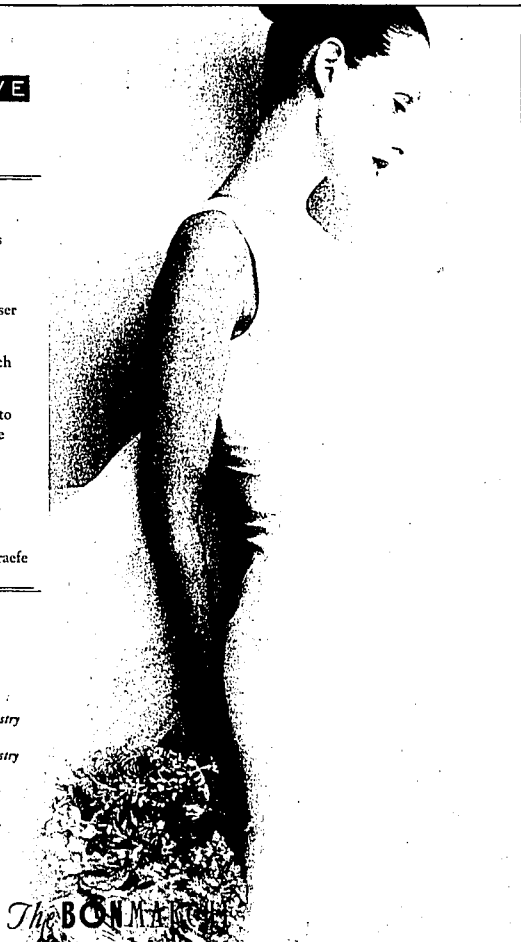
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OTHER VIEWS

Legislature should consider budget trimming, too

From the Moscow-Pullman Daily News

Making decisions takes time. Making good decisions takes more time. That is why a passing comment by Idaho House Speaker Michael Simpson deserves consideration.

Reflecting on the lackluster 1997 legislative session, Simpson said, "It could be a session that was an argument for biennial sessions."

He's right. It's time for Idaho lawmakers to consider meeting every other year instead of every year. Factors to be considered include the cost - both in dollars and in quality of decisions - of convening a decision-making body (and the accompanying bureaucracy) every year.

The Washington Legislature - which meets annually but writes two-year budgets, with briefer sessions in off years - may be a good model to begin discussion.

Annual sessions make little sense for a small state. The current system - which pulls legislators from their regular lives for several weeks each year - works against the worthy goal of having a citizen legislature where lawmakers can relate to regular folks because they are regular folks.

Legislative leaders themselves recognize the problems inherent in hurried annual sessions. Bad legislation is as easy to come by as good legislation is rare.

"We have people coming in now who

don't define success by how many bills they pass," said Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg. "They come here to make sure bad bills don't pass."

A legislative session should be something more than lawmakers trying to forestall their colleagues' lousy ideas. A legislative session should be the time for thoughtful - and lively - public debate about the future of the state and its residents. It should be about making good ideas better, not mitigating bad ones.

Longer but less frequent sessions may be the answer. Idaho lawmakers should show their preference for Band-Aid solutions to complex problems. Biennial sessions may force them to zoom out and take a look at the big picture instead of scrambling for a quick fix. Hasty annual sessions feed lawmakers' propensity for shortsightedness. Good decisions are difficult to make under pressure.

Legislative committees already shoulder much of the burden. Lawmakers become experts on their panels' subjects. Interim study committees could do much of the work of the full legislature while having time to more fully explore issues facing the state.

Mark Twain once observed that no one was safe while the legislature was in session. If having a biennial legislature accomplished nothing more than reducing lawmakers' opportunities to inflict damage, it would be worth it.

Weighing benefits of user fees

From the Idaho Statesman, Boise

It makes sense to make the people who play every year in the Sawtooth Mountains pay a larger share of the upkeep - as long as an easy, fair payment method can be found.

Hikers, hunters and sightseers have an impact on the Sawtooth National Recreation Area and surrounding areas. There are points to fill, trails to clear, camping sites to maintain and rest rooms to clean. All this costs money.

With the federal deficit a national disaster area, the need to find more ways to support these national playgrounds is becoming painfully obvious.

User fees are a fair alternative because they directly benefit the people who pay them. The fees will not be sent off to the black hole in Washington, D.C., but instead will be used on the ground in the Sawtooth and

Ketchum areas.

The U.S. Forest Service is proposing an annual pass of \$25 for families and \$10 for individuals. Ten-day passes also would be available for \$10 for families and \$5 for individuals.

The annual pass is cheaper than dinner and a night at the movies. The proposed fees are not burdensome.

A key factor in making the system work is finding a simple system for buying and displaying passes. They will need to be widely available through businesses and other outlets. Or, if the administrative costs of selling passes are too high, perhaps a self-permit obtained by visitors on the honor system could be just as effective.

In addition to the seasonal and 10-day passes, the agency ought to consider a cheaper one-day pass for people who have time for only an overnight stay.



Turning the light on carpal tunnel surgery

In my opinion, it is the responsibility of *The Times-News* to provide the public with objective, accurate reporting when it publishes articles in the public interest. After reading your article on endoscopy as a treatment for carpal tunnel syndrome, I was extremely disappointed in the lack of objectivity and the gross inaccuracies of this reporting. Terms such as "played open" and "slashing" are totally inappropriate visual images to present to the public when describing conventional carpal tunnel surgery. This kind of inflammatory journalism gives the public an inappropriate and inaccurate representation of a very common and, by the way, extremely successful operation.

Conventional carpal tunnel surgery today is practiced by probably 80 percent to 90 percent of orthopedic surgeons in the United States. Institutions such as the Mayo Clinic still practice conventional carpal tunnel release - and there is a good reason for this.

The article (as written) failed to mention complications from endoscopy of the carpal tunnel, which are far more common than with the conventional open

READER COMMENT
Dr. James M. Reimier

surgery. These complications include laceration of the major nervous structures in the hand as well as laceration of arterial structures in the hand, which almost never occur during open, conventional surgery. The consequences of these injuries are devastating to the patient.

Secondly the description of recovery from conventional carpal tunnel surgery that you describe is so far from the norm that I have extreme difficulty believing that any physician could have told your reporter that it would take six weeks in a cast or sling and up to a year to recover. I have performed hundreds of these procedures and never have we treated a patient in this manner. The usual recovery time is two weeks in a lightweight splint with immediate use of the fingers. In fact, this is no different from the post-operative recovery time as the patient illustrated in the article.

The public should also know that the conventional carpal tunnel surgery is also an outpatient surgery and is also done under local anesthesia. In fact, the expense of endoscopy is significantly higher in terms of surgeon's fees and the equipment used and charged for by hospitals than is a simple conventional carpal tunnel release.

In closing, I am a general orthopedic surgeon and do not have any particular bias one way or the other, as some patients would definitely benefit from endoscopic carpal tunnel release (which, by the way, is offered right here in the Magic Valley, at both of our local hospitals and which you also failed to mention in the article).

Lack of objectivity and inaccuracies of this magnitude in a public service article are inexcusable and lead one to severely question the editorial process of your newspaper. If I were to practice medicine in this way it would be tantamount to malpractice.

James M. Reimier is a Twin Falls physician.

Wall Street Journal panders to worry warts

Proof once more that great minds think alike: The current issue of *The Nation* magazine features an article on "Crime in the Suites" by Bob Sherrill. Sherrill's review of a year's worth of "civil and criminal corruption, sleaze, unhinged greed and other anti-social antics of some of the businesses that shape our lives" was culled from one year's reading of *The Wall Street Journal*.

I am occasionally accused of being a communist, something that will happen to anyone who dares to challenge the notion that government exists to create a healthy business climate. For many years, I have explained that everything I know about the workings of capitalism I learned not from Mr. Marx but by reading *The Wall Street Journal*.

Sherrill's splendid recap of financial



follies was limited to 1996, a vintage year with billions in fraud and theft but not one conviction involving serious prison time or a single fine that amounted to more than a flea on the derriere of the elephant of profits involved.

As an homage to Sherrill, I'd like to present the results of just one day's worth of reading the WSJ. Last week, we started with the delightful news that Alan Greenspan of the Federal Reserve decided to raise interest rates, thus slow-

ing the economy, thus throwing people out of work. And why, you may ask, did Mr. Greenspan do so? Are we suffering from roaring inflation?

Well, no, there's not a sign of inflation anywhere around. But the bankers and bondholders are unhappy about low interest rates. And many of those quoted in the WSJ feel that after a seven-year economic expansion, with profits getting higher and higher and higher, there's a good possibility that workers will start demanding a larger share of those profits. And we couldn't have that, could we?

As regular readers of the WSJ know full well, it's just worry, worry, worry on Wall Street.

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LETTER

Gravel drivers need to be careful

Have you ever seen those gravel trucks that are "always in a hurry" not covered, no tarp, and the gravel is pelting the road? If you're following them it's even worse. The gravel is just flying all over you and your car, windows are

cracked, paint chipped. I have been "pelted" many times by flying gravel, and seems many times they are speeding. Drivers, drive safe. Please cover your load.

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Write to us

The *Times-News* welcomes letters from readers on subjects of public interest. To make sure your letter is published promptly, here are a few guidelines to remember:

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- Because of space constraints, please limit letters to 400 words. Longer letters will be shortened. The *Times-News* reserves the right to edit all letters. We look forward to hearing from you!

Informed consumers are healthier

The delivery of medical care in this country has recently undergone quantum shifts in the direction of managed care and HMO domination. These new corporate middlemen (HMOs) are dedicated to controlling costs and, of course, enriching themselves in the process.

The managed care arena remains tumultuous, continually expanding its influence and evolving its products in a rather free-for-all process pitting the financial demands of the HMO executive hierarchies and their shareholders against the needs of patients for compassionate and state-of-the-art care. Sick or injured people can be held captive and often helpless in penurious managed care systems, and their care can be seriously compromised.

Now stepping into the fray are various consumer protection groups as well as Congress, wishing to blunt the deleterious effect of cold corporate control

on medical care. But congressional mandates specifying medical stands are definitely a two-edged sword, since regulatory zeal exercised by government can backfire, and lead to unwanted and unnecessary meddling in issues best left to the people.

The key to dealing with the obvious problems of managed care medicine has to do with citizens-at-large recognizing such before the HMOs have a chance to dominate their local market. In many regions, it's very too late for proactive measures. Perhaps these places will truly require the clumsy club of retroactive government intervention.

In other regions such as Idaho, managed care has yet to significantly penetrate (about 4 percent so far). Much to its credit, and over the staunch resistance of big business, the Idaho Legislature has recently passed a bill forcing any prospective HMO's to offer some measure of patient protection. This bill

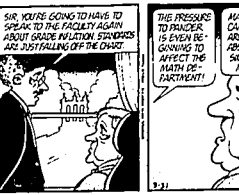
is one of the best of its kind, but should really be considered only a starting point for individual medical consumers (i.e. you and me).

Informed consumerism is the only force strong enough to counteract the managed care juggernaut headed this way. With it, we can create a powerful grassroots mandate for appropriate medical care. We can control our health care destinies by educating ourselves about the plays and ruses of managed care medicine and by refusing, for example, to accept from the industry any health care packages that do not include all the provisions reserved by the HMO owners and executives for themselves and their families. If we do not practice vigorous managed care consumerism, we have only ourselves to blame when HMO profit subtracts from the quality of our lives.

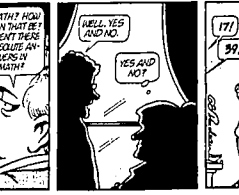
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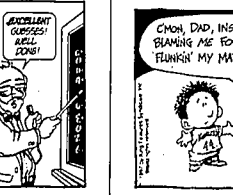
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Mallard Fillmore



By Garry Trudeau



By Bruce Tinsley



Thousands of Palestinians demonstrate against Israel

NABLUS, West Bank (AP) — Thousands of demonstrators shouting "Vengeance!" filled streets throughout the West Bank and Gaza Strip on Sunday, protesting Israeli construction in east Jerusalem and venting their anger over the killing of a demonstrator.

Israel, fearing the spread of violence on Land Day — an annual day of protests against Israeli land confiscations — stationed a half-dozen tanks outside Nablus and beefed up its troop presence at checkpoints and military bases around other Palestinian towns.

But Palestinian police largely succeeded in creating a buffer between their own people and Israeli troops — at times firing into the air, beating protesters with clubs, and chasing them.

Yasser Arafat's Fatah faction has acknowledged organizing the riots that have taken place for the past 11 days. Both sides, however, clearly have an interest in preventing the kind of violence that broke out last September, when 80 people were killed in clashes that deteriorated into gunbattles between Palestinian police and Israeli soldiers.

"We need to keep our people safe by any means," Col. Faris Amleh, the Ramallah police chief, said after his officers beat and chased protesters to keep them from the Israeli checkpoint where Abdullah Salah, a Palestinian student, was killed Saturday.

Blocked from the checkpoint,

protesters briefly pelted Palestinian police with stones.

Sal is the only person killed in the 11 days of clashes between Palestinian stone-throwers and Israeli troops that began when Israel broke ground on a new Jewish housing project in east Jerusalem, which the Palestinians claim as a future capital.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Sunday accused Palestinians of unleashing "terrorism as a weapon of the negotiations" and lamented "a virtual collapse of the peace process."

Netanyahu reiterated that Arafat must crack down on Islamic militants to halt violence before peace talks resume.

"We want to see a peace process where terrorism is simply put out of the picture," Netanyahu said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Arafat, speaking Sunday at a meeting of Arab League foreign ministers in Cairo, accused Netanyahu's government of making "the most dangerous attempt to challenge not only the Palestinians but the entire Arab and Islamic nation, by which I mean the Judaization of holy Jerusalem."

He described Israel's actions as "a declaration of war ... against an unarmed people."

The foreign ministers later approved a resolution that recommends freezing relations with Israel because of its settlement policies.

Colombians make U.S. foray with heroin

SAN JOSE DE LAS HERMOSAS, Colombia (AP) — Stinging with light red, pink and violet poppy flowers, a peasant delicately slits a plant bulb with a razor. Milky-white opium gum, the key ingredient in heroin, oozes from the gash.

"This work is innocent because I'm just making a few pesos," says Chicho, who sells the opium in San Jose de las Hermosas, a ramshackle village an hour's walk down the valley.

It is stage one in the making of high-purity Colombian heroin that in the last few years has grabbed a big chunk of the U.S. East Coast market for the drug. Some Colombian heroin is also reaching Europe.

On Feb. 28, the United States cited the growing threat of Colombian heroin among reasons for decertifying Colombia, the world's biggest producer of cocaine, as an ally in the war on drugs.

Dwarfed by decades-old Asian heroin trafficking networks, Colombia produces only 1.5 percent of the world's opium, which is refined through a chemical process into morphine, and then heroin.

But Colombians have promoted the drug with the same entrepreneurial agility they applied to cocaine, making strong inroads in the biggest U.S. heroin markets — the Northeast. American officials say they account for at least 80 percent of heroin sales in the New York area.

The key is simple: marked-down prices for white-powder heroin so pure that it can be smoked or snorted instead of injected, avoiding the use of needles and the danger of AIDS.

The price of a kilo of Colombian heroin in the United States is as low as \$85,000, a kilo from Southeast Asia might cost double that.

Unlike their counterparts in Asia and the Middle East, Colombian heroin traffickers employ few middlemen who must share in the prof-



Robert Hahn, a canine enforcement officer of the U.S. Customs Service, leads 'Beamer' along the baggage conveyor belt in search of narcotics Tuesday at New York's John F. Kennedy International Airport. Using the same entrepreneurial agility they applied to the cocaine trade, Colombians are funneling a growing tide of low-priced, high-purity heroin into the United States, attracting new users and swelling the rate of overdoses.

its, enabling them to keep prices down, said Anthony Senneca, acting chief of the New York office of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration.

Thousands of miles from New York, the production chain begins in remote places like San Jose in Colombia's Tolima province.

There is no police station. Army patrols rarely venture here. Leftist rebels who tax opium buyers rule the hills.

An Associated Press reporter and photographer reached San Jose on horseback, riding for five hours into a canyon of dense for-

est. A traditional, brightly painted bus called a "chiva" offered another way out: five more bone-

crunching hours on a winding mountain road to a nearby town. Armed guerrillas in civilian clothing who belong to the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, the country's biggest rebel band, monitor traffic and make sure opium traders do not get mugged.

At a roadside kiosk where travelers buy food and drink, a visitor asked to talk to the local guerrilla commander. "Did you come to buy?" replied the young vendor,

signaling how deeply rebels are involved in the business.

Colombians started growing poppy in the late 1980s, and heroin cooks were brought in from Asia to teach them how to make heroin. High prices encouraged a planting boom in the early 1990s, which in turn produced a big supply that has pushed down prices despite periodic crop-poisoning raids by police planes.

In San Jose, a kilo of opium gum costs 500,000 pesos (\$500) or less, well under half the price five years ago. Many poppy harvesters are paid just \$8 a day with free food.

Still, that is enough in this impoverished land to keep farmers growing poppy, and the DEA warns of a growing Colombian plague. Sixty-two percent of the heroin seized at U.S. airports in 1995 was from Colombia. Five years ago, the percentage was negligible.

The statistic, however, reflects in part that Colombians usually smuggle heroin by sending it in with more easily detected couriers on commercial flights to Miami and New York.

Asian traffickers usually smuggle heroin in greater bulk into the United States by sea, which is harder to detect and therefore seized less often.

The Colombians' use of "mules" who hide one or two kilograms of heroin in suitcases or swallow rubber packets filled with the drug is an indication that it is still a business for small-time operators.

By contrast, Colombia's cocaine cartels smuggle their product by the ton on jets, boats and even small submarines.

So far, the cartels seem unwilling to branch into heroin, said an official at DEA headquarters in Arlington, Va.

The DEA, however, worries that major cocaine groups will eventually try to exert control over the heroin trade, possibly expanding the business and making it harder to disrupt.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Saudis want suspect extradited home

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia — The Saudi suspect held in Canada for last June's bombing that killed 19 American servicemen should be extradited to Saudi Arabia, not to the United States, an Interior Ministry official said Sunday.

Hani al-Sayegh was arrested in Ottawa on March 18 for possible involvement in the deadly truck bombing at Dhahran in eastern Saudi Arabia.

Canadian officials claim al-Sayegh is a threat to Canadian security and want to deport him. U.S. officials have said that since he entered Canada from the United States, al-Sayegh could be deported to U.S. territory rather than Saudi Arabia.

Grenade hurled into Cambodian protest

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — Attackers hurled a grenade into a political protest Sunday in an apparent assassination attempt on Cambodia's main opposition leader that could threaten the country's fragile democracy.

Eleven people died and 112 were wounded — including one American — in the attack that followed predictions of worsening political violence as parties maneuver before legislative elections planned for November 1998.

San Rainsy, head of the Khmer National Party, was slightly injured by shrapnel in his leg. He said he owed his life to a bodyguard who died when he threw himself on the political leader to shield him.

Albanian authorities blast Italy for tragedy

TIRANA, Albania — Survivors from a capsized Albanian refugee boat say an Italian warship purposely rammed their craft, killing at least four people, Albania's ambassador to Italy said Sunday.

Albanian Foreign Minister called for an international inquiry into Friday's collision.

Four bodies were recovered from the Adriatic Sea and 34 Albanians were rescued after the boats collided. There were fears that many more people may have drowned. Estimates of the number of passengers range from 45 to 150.

Italy has rejected allegations it was at fault, saying Saturday that the Albanian vessel steered into its path, causing the collision.

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WORLD

U.N.-approved force faces new challenge

TIRANA, Albania — The United Nations has again backed sending foreign troops to the turmoil-ridden Balkans. But Albania is not Bosnia, and the new mission is taking on less than its ill-conceived predecessor in hopes of accomplishing more.

The U.N. Security Council agreed Friday to send foreign soldiers to Albania to protect humanitarian aid deliveries.

International officials said the first contingent could start arriving within the next week or two; Italian diplomats, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the force could total 5,000.

This U.N.-sanctioned mission will be different from the multinational force that moved into Bosnia in February 1992 in one major way: the time-frame and purpose are clearly outlined.

In Bosnia, the multinational force had an ill-defined mandate.

"They were not sent there to stop the war, yet they were asked to shoulder the blame for the lack of peace," the United Nations said after the mission wound down in December 1995.

The U.N. troops had neither the authority nor the weapons to force Serbs, Croats and Muslims to stop fighting. Aid convoys were routinely blocked, sometimes for months. Tens of thousands of people were purged from regions in so-called "ethnic cleansing" and thousands more massacred. The United Nations could do little to stop it.

Fighting stopped only after NATO got involved — first with punitive air raids, then, in December 1995, with the arrival of heavily armed NATO-led troops. Unlike the hapless U.N. blue helmets, the more than 50,000 NATO troops were told to shoot if necessary to keep the peace.

But Albania is not Bosnia. While both the forces supporting President Sali Berisha and rebels opposing him are heavily armed, there is no fighting. The two sides seem eager to find a peaceful solution to their differences, and to ensure that humanitarian aid reaches the suffering.

The chief danger to any foreign military force will come from armed gangs controlling much of the countryside. Both pro- and anti-

Pope asks for peace on Easter

VATICAN CITY (AP) — Decrying the "forces of evil," Pope John Paul II sent a message of hope for the victims of violence in Albania and Africa in his Easter Sunday message.

As has become his custom, the 76-year-old pontiff used the "Urbi et Orbi" ("To the City and to the World") blessing to appeal for

peace in world trouble spots. "Christ is the hope ... of those who see life and the future threatened by war and hatred, especially in the heart of Africa," John Paul said.

"May the power of the Risen Christ sustain those who work to strengthen peace and democracy, often obtained at the cost of great sacrifice, as in the Balkans, and

especially in beloved Albania," said the pope, who plans a visit to the Bosnian capital, Sarajevo, in two weeks.

He also called for "harmonious living" in the Holy Land, and said his thoughts went out "in a special way" to the hostages held by rebels since December at the Japanese Embassy in Lima, Peru.

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Berisha forces oppose them and would likely side with the foreign troops in case they use force against criminals.

Local rebel councils might also demand a share of the aid the troops are protecting in return for safe passage through their towns. And Italians in the force might be at some risk because of ill-feeling after the ramming of a refugee boat by an Italian frigate that survivors said was intentional.

Still, government officials are confident the foreign soldiers will not be harmed.

"I believe they will not be in danger, because they will have the full cooperation of the Albanian government and the Albanian police forces," Premier Bashkim Fino said Saturday.

Just as important, organizers of the multinational force preparing to go to Albania seem to have learned some of Bosnia's lessons.

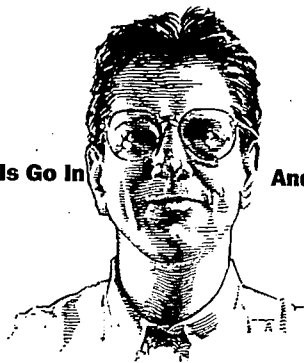
There is little U.N. involvement beyond the Security Council approval of the deployment. That means nations sending troops will make decisions on the ground — not the tangled U.N. bureaucracy, which often let troops be fired on without authorizing an armed response.

In Albania, troops will stay at least three months to protect the delivery of aid and international officials working to solve the crisis. They are also expected to help create a secure environment for June elections. And the new mission has been empowered to shoot back.

Many of Bosnia's peacekeepers were strangers in a strange land — from as far away as Bangladesh — and mistrusted by the locals. But the Albanian mission will be restricted to European countries, some with historic and ethnic ties to the country. Italy is expected to provide most of the troops, along with France, Greece, Romania, Austria, Portugal and Spain.

Associated Press Writer George Jahn has been reporting on Eastern Europe and the Balkans since 1981.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Sidewalk debris among items for Filer council

FILER - The Filer City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Filer City Hall. Agenda items include correspondence on Johnny Horizon Day and Arbor Day; Twin Falls County Commissioner Brent Reinke; debris on sidewalks along Fair Avenue; lease of water shares; a water hookup at Filer Elementary School's ball diamond; discharge of debts; and Mountain West Municipal Clerks/Treasurers School. The meeting is open to the public.

Blood-banks association accredits local hospital

TWIN FALLS - The American Association of Blood Banks has accredited Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's blood bank. The accreditation follows an intensive on-site inspection by association representatives, said Susan Morris, Magic Valley Regional lab administrative director.

The accreditation also means the level of medical, technical and administrative performance meets or exceeds association standards. The inspection and accreditation program assists blood banks and transfusion services in determining whether their methods, procedures, personnel knowledge, equipment and physical plant meet established requirements, Morris said.

Magic Valley Regional sought the voluntary accreditation because it assists the hospital's blood-bank program in achieving excellence by promoting a level of professional and medical expertise, Morris said.

The association is the professional society of about 2,400 community, regional and Red Cross blood centers, hospital-based blood banks and transfusion services. Its members account for collecting most of the nation's blood supply and for transfusing more than 80 percent of the blood used for patient care in the United States.

Mountain Home graduate headed for White House

MOUNTAIN HOME - A graduate of Mountain Home High School has been selected to participate in the White House Summer Intern Program this summer.

Raven Montgomery, 20, will join other college juniors and seniors across the United States to serve in various departments of the White House.

She will help prepare press conferences, briefings and public events, participate in a weekly speaker series with senior White House staffers, Cabinet secretaries and news reporters. She also will work with a local service organization.

Montgomery graduated with honors from Mountain Home High School in 1995. She is a junior at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, where she majors in political science. Her father, Robert Montgomery, owns Mountain Home Ford Lincoln Mercury Inc. of Mountain Home and Flagler Ford of Bunnell, Fla. Her mother, Valorie, is a teacher.

Gooding County Historical Society seeks members

GOODING - The Gooding County Historical Society is recruiting new members.

Due to the 52 annual meetings are held at the Gooding Public Library the third Wednesday of every month. For more information, call Sharon Kelly at 934-9335.

5 more months of work needed on Highway 93

SHOSHONE - The realignment of U.S. Highway 93 south of Shoshone will continue this summer, the Idaho Transportation Department announced. When it resumes, the project is expected to take five months to complete.

U.S. 93 is being realigned 100 feet east of the current roadway. The new alignment will be flatter and straighter with fewer sight obstructions, which will allow motorists to pass more safely.

During the \$2.45 million Stage I last summer and fall, crews moved earth and rock at the old and new roadway sites. During Stage II, the new alignment will be paved and the old road will tie into the road north and south of the new section.

The second stage of reconstruction and realignment of a 7-mile segment of highway was advanced two years on the construction schedule by the Idaho Transportation Board. It originally was scheduled to be paved in the summer of 1995. Stage II is estimated to cost \$3 million to \$3.5 million. This section of U.S. 93 was built in 1935 and had no major reconstruction or restoration since.

Commission for the blind meets this week in Boise

BOISE - A regular meeting of the board of the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired will be held from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 7 and 8 in the library conference room of the Idaho Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired building, 341 W. Washington, Boise.

The board plans to go into executive session. For more information, call 736-2140.

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Twin Falls eyes higher hookup fees

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Higher fees to tap into the city water system and a progress report on a new Police-Community Council will highlight today's Twin Falls City Council meeting.

Water hookup fees could rise anywhere from 12 percent, in the case of a 1 1/2-inch subdivision line, to 403 percent for a 6-inch service line with a compound meter.

"The intent of the pricing is to offset our costs of installing it," said City Manager Tom Courtney. If the city doesn't charge full price, then all city water customers will end up subsidizing

Council meets today

The Twin Falls City Council will meet at 4 p.m. today in City Hall.

below-cost installation for newcomers.

"The last time we did this (raised fees) was back around 1992," Courtney said, adding, "I don't think we covered all of the costs."

Local real estate appraiser and developer Doug Vollmer said he can appreciate that higher costs be higher fees, "but they should have been increased gradually over the years."

Even a slow increase has its limits,

Vollmer said, adding that it's "difficult to believe that costs have gone up this much."

"It's not hurting us," Vollmer said of the development community. "It's hurting the end user who buys the house."

The new fees are for installing service lines up to 50 feet long, but they do not include any rock excavation. Discounts are available for people who want to do their own digging.

As a general rule, 1 1/2- and 2-inch pipe takes twice as long to install as 1-inch pipe because the tapping equipment runs longer, vault construction is more difficult, and meter setters are individually fabricated.

A three-person city crew usually per-

forms a water hookup - with an hourly rate of about \$17.16 per employee. Overhead rates average \$10.46 per hour.

The Police-Community Council recently was formed to ponder ways to reduce the city's crime rate. The council consists of community volunteers who meet with police four times a year.

Also Monday, the council will consider a paint supply contract for city streets, easements to extend water lines in the Wilstar Subdivision, and developers' agreements for the Harrison Assisted Living Project and the Laurelwood Subdivision.

Times-News staff writer William Brock can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 264.

Hagerman women steps out from crowd, brings change to community

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

HAGERMAN - Not one to seek notoriety, Reva Owsley remains in the background as a driving force behind many of Hagerman's successful service projects.

"She isn't a grandstander," said

immunization clinics, the senior center and the newly installed handicap seating at the high school's gym. She has raised money for schools, scholarships, Scout troops, church groups and even the town's cemetery through countless dinners, baked food sales, spell-a-thons and craft fairs.

"I don't know how one woman could

About Reva Owsley

EVERYDAY HEROES

Age: 63
Residence: Hagerman
Family: Married 43 years to Bud Owsley; five children; 12 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren
Hobbies: gardening and being with her family
Good Deeds: organizes Hagerman community projects; also a don moth-er, Girl's State director, Booster Club member

For 43 years, Owsley has given of herself to the town by heading up service projects to make the community a better place to live.

"Over the years, it's been fun to see the projects get started and completed and see the improvement it brought into the community," Owsley said.

But Owsley doesn't believe she has done anything extraordinary.

"I appreciate people thinking of me, but I didn't do anything by myself. It has taken a lot of work by a lot of people to make these programs work," Owsley said.

The list of projects Owsley has spearheaded over the past four decades reads like a book of Who's Who. Owsley helped organize Hagerman's burn out day, the annual "Safe and Sane Halloween" carnival, blood pressure and

years ago during a routine checkup, doctors found signs of cancer, this time in her bones.

Owsley's oldest son, Mike, said the disease has weakened her bones and has diminished her mobility, but it

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Reva Owsley has earned a reputation as a leader who doesn't let obstacles stop her from her goals.

Blaine County program for youth strives for low-key adventure, positive activity

By Barbara Nelwort
Times-News correspondent

HALLEY - While spring break beckons many to warmer climes, a group of middle school students will relish the last remnants of winter with a true Nordic adventure.

"Instead of high adventure, this is low adventure at its best," said Expedition Success Director Eric Thomas.

"Low adventure" lets youngsters' adrenaline flow without the risks of drug use or hazardous behavior.

"It really keeps you out of trouble," said 12-year-old Eduardo Ramirez, who hasn't missed one of the program's five winter outings. "It's fun and it keeps you off the streets."

So far the group has gone rock climbing at a Hailey gym and snowshoeing in a blizzard. The youngsters also cross-country skied on the Prairie Creek Trail and tested their skills on high beams and rope courses.

The winter program culminates this week with a three-day trek to a wilderness yurt in the Boulder Mountains.



An Expedition Success crew takes a break for lunch on a recent outing in Blaine County.

said Teri Niedrich, a volunteer leader with Expedition Success. "When I was a single mom, it would have been priceless to have this program available."

The program reaches kids through recreation, but it has a serious intent.

"We're using the winter skills and

trips to arrive at the overall outcome of helping these kids achieve self-reliance as well as teamwork," Thomas said.

One of the first outings the group took was to the Ropes Course at the Walker Center in Gooding.

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Jerome council considers tougher curfew regulations

By Dixie Thomas Reaile
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - Children would be banned from public places after curfew, and their parents would be held responsible for violations, under a proposal coming before City Council on Tuesday.

Curfew in the city for youngsters under 17 would be 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. Sunday through Thursday, and 11 p.m. to 6 a.m. Friday and Saturday.

Several categories of people could be charged with curfew violations under this ordinance:

- Minors who remain in public places during curfew hours.

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Water shut-off

Water will be shut off along West Main Street west of Ironwood Drive between noon and 4 p.m. Tuesday, to allow connection to the new water main.

Council meets Tuesday

The Jerome City Council will hold its regular monthly meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the council chambers at Jerome City Hall.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

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 Student Senate meets at 5:15 p.m. in the student conference room of the Taylor Administration Building.

TUESDAY Adult Diabetes class will meet at noon in Aspen 134. Snake River Alliance program will be held at 7 p.m. in Aspen 108.

WEDNESDAY Radio Amateurs civil emergency services meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. in Shields 102. Swing Band rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts 121.

THURSDAY State Future Farmers of America conference will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center

auditorium. Livestock judging will be held at 7 a.m. in the Expo Center. Magic Valley Chorale rehearsal will be held at 7:30 p.m. in Fine Arts 133.

FRIDAY State FFA conference continues from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium. District high school rodeo will be held at 7 p.m. in the Expo Center. Narcotics Anonymous meets at 7 p.m. in Desert 112.

SATURDAY State FFA conference continues from 8 a.m. to noon in the Fine Arts Center auditorium. Military testing will be held at 8 a.m. in Shields 208. Idaho Personnel exam will be given at 9 a.m. in Shields 201. District high school rodeo will be held at 8 p.m. in the Expo Center.

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ON THE AGENDA

Following is a list of governmental 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 Fairfield City Council, 7:30 p.m., firehouse. Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Council chambers.

Friedman Memorial Airport board, 5:30 p.m., courthouse. Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall. Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Shoshone City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

WEDNESDAY

Bliss City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall. Filer School Board, noon, school district office. Minidoka County Fair Board, 8 p.m., board office at the fairgrounds.

Mindokota County School Board, 7 p.m., school district office in Rupert. Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., City Office, 200 W. Main.

THURSDAY Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W.

FRIDAY

Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

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SERVICES

Frances E. Catron, of Twin Falls, graveside service, 10 a.m. today, Sunset Memorial Park, Twin Falls, (White Mortuary in Twin Falls).

Katherine Margaret Uhlig, of Murtaugh, funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11 a.m. today, St. Edward's Catholic Church, Twin Falls. The Rite of Burial will take place at the Twin Falls Cemetery, (White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls).

Vera Floren Nielsen, of Eagle, 11 a.m. today, Eagle LDS Stake Center, 2090 N. Eagle Road. The family will greet friends from 10 a.m. until time of the funeral today at the church, (Relyea Funeral Chapel in Boise).

Harold Eugene Stokesberry, Sr., of Nampa, formerly of Hagerman, memorial service, 11 a.m. today at the First Church Of The Nazarene, Nampa (Accent Funeral Services Home, Meridian).

Alison Fish, of Jerome and for-

mery of Hagerman, 2 p.m. today, Valley Baptist Church, Hagerman. Friends may call one hour before the funeral today at the church, (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome).

Patricia Ann Wilson, of Filer, 2 p.m. today, White Mortuary Chapel, Twin Falls.

Oley Ahy Boyd, of Gooding, graveside service, 10 a.m. Tuesday, Elmwood Cemetery, Gooding. No public viewing will be held. Friends may sign the register book from 1 to 5 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Ruth M. Roberts McDonald, of

Twin Falls, memorial service, 1 p.m. Tuesday, White Mortuary Chapel, Twin Falls.

Doris A. Vipperman, of Orangeville, Utah, 1 p.m. Tuesday, Fausett Mortuary, Castle Dale, Utah. Friends may call one hour before the funeral on Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

Leland Stewart Gray, of Rupert, noon Friday, Neal S. Magley and Sons Mortuary, 50 S. 100 W., Richfield, Utah. Friends may call from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. Friday at the funeral chapel in Richfield, Utah. Local arrangements are under the direction of Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

memorial celebration will be held at 11 a.m. today in the First Church of the Nazarene, Nampa. Cremation arrangements are under the direction of Accent Funeral Services Home, Meridian.

Admitted Jenney Moreton of Burley; Georgia Smith of Declo; and Santiago of Heyburn. Released Marcela Sanchez, Wallace Briggs, Lund Pehrson, and Greg Peterson, all of Burley; Kristie Johnson of Heyburn; John Horony of Paul.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rate information, call 733-0931, extension 278

TWIN FALLS

Mary Clarissa Towne Harrell

Mary Clarissa Towne Harrell, 72, of Twin Falls, died Tuesday, March 29, 1997 at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. She was born Oct. 28, 1924 in Shoshone, the daughter of William and Sylvia Miller Towne. She was raised in Dietrich. She married Marion Wood in 1945. They divorced in 1961. On Nov. 16, 1964 she married Johnny Harrell. They lived in Burley for many years where she practiced her art of cooking. She was an expert cake decorator, making many for weddings, birthdays and several other occasions. She learned to do ice sculpture and she was an avid cook book collector. She moved to Twin Falls in 1989. Survivors include her husband;

daughters Kay (Richard) Poarl of Logan, Utah, Fay (Jim) Gage of Twin Falls, Norma (Jim) Schenk and Catherine (Gail) Jackson, both of Jerome, and Connie (Charles) Blessing of Kent, Wash.; 12 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren; two brothers, William (Gladys) Towne of Ely, Nev. and Ralph (Dolores) Towne of Dietrich; one sister, Bossie (Gene) Nelson of Twin Falls; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and a brother.

Funeral services for Mary Clarissa Towne Harrell will be conducted at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 2, 1997, with Rev. Robert J. Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Twin Falls Cemetery. Friends may call at White Mortuary Tuesday from 4 to 8 p.m.



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How Idaho lawmakers voted

House ATTENDANCE RECORD: KEMPTHORNE 97.06, CRAIG 93.63. Senate ATTENDANCE RECORD: CRAIG 100, KEMPTHORNE 99.44. YES/NO VOTES LAST WEEK

Utah Olympic organizers hire ski planner

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah Olympics organizers have hired a new cross-country site planner in preparation for the 2002 Winter games. John Aalberg, two-time Olympian for the United States and former university of Utah All-America skier, has been selected for the job. His hiring by the Salt Lake Organizing Committee (SLOC) has fulfilled part of its pledge to put more athletes into decision-making positions. "I'm excited about it," said Aalberg, 36, who is leaving a job as a computer engineer at Utah to join SLOC. "This is a change of career, but basically I'm going back to my first degree, to what I thought I was going to do in life." The Olympic committee also plans to hire several more managers. In fact, organizers say they will double their 40-member staff by next year. Aalberg, who grew up in Trondheim, Norway, studied at the prestigious Norwegian College of Sports Education before coming to Utah.

Washington license fees send drivers on

VANCOUVER, Wash. (AP) — If car licenses are a guide, you might think you're already in Oregon when you reach the northern outskirts of Vancouver on a drive south on Interstate 5. Washington state officials estimate nearly one in 10 vehicles in Clark County sport Oregon license plates, and it's not too hard to figure out why. Licensing a modest, late-model car in Washington costs hundreds of dollars a year, compared to about \$30 for two years in Oregon. "There's always been a high level of violations in Clark County," said Dallas Reel, a tax-discovery agent with the Washington Department of Revenue in Vancouver. "With the vast influx of people now it's worse."

Washington tax, evidence shows the state is losing \$5 million to \$7 million in Clark County alone by assigning only a few people to target the estimated 15,000 to 20,000 cheaters. If it were collected, the money would go mostly for transportation projects, public safety and criminal justice. Presently there are one full-time State Patrol trooper and three Department of Revenue employees who work part time or license cheating in Vancouver and several southwestern Washington counties. That's half the enforcement level of 1995, though one detective is expected to be added in a month or so to ferret out cases that include such things as fraudulent Oregon addresses.

"The public is getting cheated," said Randy Littlefield, senior revenue agent in the Department of Revenue's Vancouver office. "It's not just the state of Washington. For every dollar that the state loses the general public loses services as a result." Law-abiding residents are frustrated and outraged that so many are flouting the system. "I've braced in several people who don't license and nothing happens," said Paul Nelson, 52, a Salmon Creek salesman. "It's aggravating when you go to the State Patrol and tell them about these people and nothing gets done." Not that enforcement doesn't pay. State Patrol Trooper Mike Kesler's efforts brought in \$68,043 in February, \$50,670 in January and \$119,179 in December, according to State Patrol figures.

Clark County isn't alone, but since Washington is a virtual high-priced casino when it comes to licensing fees. Seattle and Spokane have similar problems with Washington residents who take advantage of lower licensing rates in Alaska and Idaho, as well as Oregon. While there are some attempts to catch drivers dodging the

2nd probe into Hill museum uncovers no wrongdoing

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah (AP) — A second probe into allegations of theft and mismanagement at the Hill Aerospace Museum has turned up no wrongdoing and left the whistle blower angry and unsatisfied. Former museum curator Bob Church's allegations of abuse, theft and incompetence by some museum staff and volunteers prompted Hill commanders to call in the Air Force Office of Special Investigations to examine museum operations.

Col. Ken Spencer, executive director of the 75th Air Base Wing, which oversees the museum, said the OSI investigation found Church's allegations not worth pursuing. "In fact, we discovered that most of these allegations were dealt with when he was not even an employee at the base," Spencer said. "There's no new information."

The OSI probe was the second into the Hill museum. An earlier report by the Pentagon's Air Force Audit Agency indicated the only problems at Hill were items not listed on central Air Force inventories and a failure to certify all munitions on display as inert. Church called that report a "whitewash," and is equally dissatisfied with the OSI assessment. He said "everything was dealt

below the table" during his tenure and nothing has changed. "This type of thing has gone on since the beginning of time in the military. There's always been a lack of paperwork" on inventory and donations, he said, which makes it easier to get away with theft. During his five years at the museum from 1988-93, Church said, numerous items disappeared or may have been stolen including a twin-engine C-131 cargo plane, two Genie nuclear air-to-air missiles, two J-57 jet engines and a GBU-15 guided bomb.

AUCTION CALENDAR THROUGH APRIL 12*

- MONDAY, MARCH 31 - 10 am Schneider Farms (Jim Schneider) Farm Equipment - Glenns Ferry Advertisement - AgWeekly, March 15 & 22, Times-News, March 23 WESTERN AUCTION COMPANY
MONDAY, MARCH 31 - 11 am Bob Simpson - Farm Machinery - Carey Trucks - Farm Equipment - Burns DR MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE
TUESDAY, APRIL 1 - 6 pm Household - Tools - Antiques Consignments Welcome - Jerome KLAAS AUCTION BARN
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 - 8 pm ANTIQUES and COLLECTIBLES SALE Twin Fall HUNT BROTHERS AUCTIONS
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2 - 10 am John Dorn - Donor Equipment Company Farm Equipment Liquidation Bozeman, MT Advertisement - AgWeekly, March 29 MUSSEY BROS. AUCTIONEERS
THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 1997 Cleo Robinson - Household - Twin Falls Advertisement - April 1 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE
THURSDAY, APRIL 3 - 12 noon MIST Crane Equipment & Consignments - Tractors - Farm Equipment - Burns DR Advertisement - AgWeekly, March 29 BAKER AUCTION COMPANY
FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 1997 Snake River Electric - Motor Rewind Electric - Household - Appliances - Advertisment - April 2 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE
SATURDAY, APRIL 5, 1997 Jerome Community Auction Farm Machinery - Miscellaneous - Jerome Advertisement - April 3 SULLIVAN AUCTION SERVICE
SATURDAY, APRIL 5 - 10:30 am Annual Spring Conformation Antique and Collectible Auction - Fair Fairgrounds Advertisement - March 30, April 3 ALL ABOUT AUCTION CO.
SATURDAY, APRIL 5 - 10:30 am Commercial - Household - Tools - Equipment - Cops Advertisement - March 23 MUSICK & SONS, INC.
SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1997 Jim Plesion - Tractor - Collectibles Real Estate - their Advertisement - April 2 BILL ESTES & ASSOCIATES
SATURDAY, APRIL 6 - 11 am Public Auto Auction - Cars - Pickups Blackfoot Advertisement - March 23 & 30 BAH AUCTIONS
SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 1997 Bill & Wanda Coates Farm Machinery - Filer Advertisement - April 3 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE
SATURDAY, APRIL 6 - 11:30 am Chet Rice Estate Tools, Antiques, Primatives - Wendell Filer Advertisement - April 3 WENT AUCTION SERVICE
SUNDAY, APRIL 6 - 1997 Glenn & Jim Brooks - Machinery Antiques - Collectibles - Twin Falls Advertisement - April 3 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE
MONDAY, APRIL 7 - 11:30 am Bill Dierksen & Helmers Household - Wendell Advertisement - April 5 WENT AUCTION SERVICE
MONDAY, APRIL 7, 1997 Edna & Anna Lou Fair Farm Machinery - Filer Advertisement - April 5 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE
SATURDAY, APRIL 12 - 11:30 am Gene & Berta Tumar & Highlows - Farm Machinery - Miscellaneous - Jerome Advertisement - April 10 WENT AUCTION SERVICE
SATURDAY, APRIL 12 - 10:30 am Ogata Estate - Farm & Horse-Drawn Equipment - Collectibles Old Tools - Harms - Mercedes Travel Trailers - Jerome Advertisement - April 10 JWA AUCTIONEERS

Come Home To Olmeyer's Pancake & Steak House Monday Night Special Prime Rib Sandwich Served with Soup or Salad and Fries \$5.95 After 4 p.m. 1824 Blue Lakes Blvd N. Open from Magic Valley Mall. Open daily 6:30 am to 9:30 pm.

Activist group protests more than 200 BLM permits

By Jennifer Bunch
Times-News writer

BURLEY - An environmental group has shifted gears to protest more than 200 grazing permits up for renewal on Bureau of Land Management land in southern Idaho.

Halley architect Jon Marvel, leader of the Idaho Watersheds Project, said the protests are part of an effort to influence management of public lands, especially streamside riparian areas. The group has been interested mainly in state endowment lands to date, but now is shifting to include federal lands.

The BLM responded to the protests and upheld decisions to issue permits earlier this year. Although Marvel's organization is allowed by law to appeal BLM decisions in federal court, avenues of appeal exist for all parties involved, including ranchers.

"It's not appropriate to make some changes in management standards overnight, so they must be phased in," said Robert C. Mitchell, range land management specialist for the BLM's state office in Boise. New regulations are not intended to put people out of business with swift management changes.

Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt has pushed the concept of range reform, which provides clearer avenues for protests, and adds requirements for BLM to ensure it meets management standards. Implementation of range reform began in 1995.

"(Marvel) is doing what he's allowed to do in the regulations, but whoever wrote the regulations didn't anticipate that type of reaction," Mitchell said. "He's protested virtually everything we've done in some fashion or another."

Marvel said the protests aren't hurting ranchers economically. They haven't stopped anyone from grazing livestock on public land. Even if the practice were stopped, Marvel said, only ranchers would notice if public land grazing disappeared tomorrow.



A small herd of cattle grazes in an Alben valley private pasture earlier this month. The Idaho Watersheds Project's protest of Bureau of Land Management grazing permits, and other changes in federal grazing programs, could mean changes in managing federal lands.

Marvel backed up his statement with information from a federal study, dubbed the Interior Columbia Basin Ecosystem Management Project. A related BLM study concludes the relative importance of public land grazing to the Columbia Basin's economy is about 1 percent.

Basinwide, the sale of livestock grazed on public land accounts for about 29 percent of agricultural sales, but only 7 percent of the cattle industry depends on BLM and U.S. Forest Service forage. The numbers vary in different regions.

In the Bruneau and Owyhee resource areas, Marvel protested all but one of nearly 140 permits, Mitchell said.

Marvel has given the BLM valuable input on the management of riparian areas, Mitchell said. The avenue for protest allows him and others to tell the agency how they think public land ought to be managed, but Mitchell said he thinks Marvel has taken it to an extreme.

"I think when individuals take advantage of the option just because it's there, to wreak havoc, I don't think that's right," Mitchell said.

U.S. District Judge Lynn Winmill will decide today whether 10 ranchers can turn their cattle out on public range in Owyhee County that the BLM admits has

Federal feeding

Using statistics from the U.S. Department of Agriculture between 1982 and 1992, a study calculated the dependency of the livestock industry on federal grazing land in the Columbia River Basin. The findings vary widely in the Magic Valley.

- Hay and alfalfa: 25 percent
- Stock sales dependent on public land forage:
 - Camas County: 14 percent
 - Blaire County: 8.7 percent
 - Cassia County: 3.8 percent
 - Twin Falls County: 2 percent
 - Lincoln County: 1.4 percent
 - Gooding County: .25 percent
 - Minidoka County: .07 percent

Source: Importance and Interdependency of the Livestock Industry on Federal Lands in the Columbia River Basin

been damaged. The Idaho Watersheds Project and the Committee for Idaho's High Desert contend the BLM has allowed the ranchers to overgraze the 260,000-acre Castle Creek Allotment south of Grand View, polluting desert streams and killing rare spotted frogs and red tree toads.

The environmental groups have asked Winmill to issue a temporary restraining order against the BLM to stop the ranchers from moving 1,200 head of cattle to the allotment.

The ranchers, who were notified of the suit only Thursday, say they are short of hay and had planned to move their cattle to the public range for the grazing season that begins Tuesday. They say the land has been steadily improving over the past few years.

Times-News staff writer Jennifer Bunch can be reached in Burley at 677-4042. The Associated Press contributed to this report.

BUNNY HOP



Trena Anderson, kneeling in rear, owner of Sunshine Days Daycare in Hoybum, looks after children Friday during a 'Hop-a-thon' to raise money for the American Muscular Dystrophy Foundation.

All's quiet on Utah spring break front

ST. GEORGE, Utah (AP) — Law enforcement was tight over the weekend as thousands of teenagers flocked to southern Utah to celebrate their spring break.

Dispatchers reported no serious problems and said the break seemed quieter compared to past years. Law officers also said the students were generally well-behaved, but they weren't about to let things get out of hand.

"This is not a Fort Lauderdale. It's not Palm Springs," said Kirk Smith of the Utah Highway Patrol. "In fact, it's not a lot different than babysitting."

Washington and Garfield county dispatchers said the crowds that came to sunny St. George, Lake Powell and Bullfrog Marina

were starting to disperse on Sunday. "It is winding down," said Washington County dispatcher Jan Hovey.

Over the weekend, teens spent plenty of time packing St. George Boulevard, honking and yelling at each other through car windows and across crowded streets.

"This is where it is," said Peter Thorpe, 15, of Salt Lake City. "This is where the party's at."

Thorpe said he and his two friends met close to 20 people during their break. They also got stopped by law enforcement.

"I've already gotten two tickets," said Paul Diamond, a 17-year-old Salt Lake City high school student.

There seemed to be fewer

police officers on the streets and more teens during the 1996 spring break, he said. "Last year was a lot better."

Other teens said they felt they were being harassed by law enforcement. "They're arresting everyone for no reason," said Bluffdale senior Nikki Crump, 17. "And if you're talking to people, they come up and tell you to move on. It's so rude."

Smith acknowledged law officers were keeping a tight rein on the festivities to help students stay out of trouble.

"We keep a high profile and we keep the pressure on and we keep reminding them," Smith said. "The worst thing most of these kids are going to do is stand up in the back of a truck."

Castleford school project nears startup

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD — At a cost of \$540,202, construction on a new agricultural science and technology building at Castleford High School could begin within three weeks, said Claude Hayes of Hayes Construction Co. Inc.

"Depending on the results of compaction testing, the 9,600-square-foot structure could be completed by November on the now-cleared site of the old vo-ag building, Hayes said.

The new facility, in contrast to the "structurally defective," "cracked, cold building with inadequate space," will be a

"quality, state-of-the-art shop with plenty of space and doors that will be wide enough to accommodate realistic equipment," Superintendent Kelly Murphy said.

It also will include two classrooms. One classroom will be used to promote hands-on science for anything from "horticulture to mechanics" and the other will be a technological classroom "with technology that will benefit not only the students but the community as a whole," Murphy said.

Through a Goals 2000 grant — a technology subsidy for school improvement — submitted jointly by the Castleford, Buhl and Filer

school districts Murphy hopes to hook up to a microwave transmitting station that would bring classes directly into the new classrooms from colleges and universities.

Filer Superintendent Dr. Bill Feusahrens said the new Castleford telecommunications classroom also will have a "community component, giving residents the opportunity to take classes in classes over the microwave system."

The collaborative \$100,000 grant would link the three districts to the College of Southern Idaho for "direct learning, data inquiries and self development," Feusahrens said.

Landgrab '90s-style hits Nevada

RENO, Nev. (AP) — In a throw-back to the homestead era, a sprawling mass of Nevada bigger than Las Vegas and Reno combined is on the auction block this week, offering bidders a chunk of the state for as little as \$50 an acre.

"There's a catch though: It's remote.

No roads, no power, little water. "This is cowboy property eight to 10 miles off the freeway," broker John Blom said at a meeting with potential bidders in Las Vegas.

The government gave the 1.4 million acres to a rail company for completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869.

In 1995, the Santa Fe Railroad sold it to a real estate company, the Nevada Land & Resource Co. of Reno.

The 101 parcels, ranging from 155 to 714 acres, are scattered across 340 miles of desert from east of Reno to Wells, most of them within a fairly downy drive — or horseback ride — of Interstate 80.

"We feel there is a property available for everybody," said Julie Schneider, senior vice president of LFC Communications Ltd., which is marketing the land.

Prospective bidders received a slick brochure with instructions for making an offer.

Minimum bids for the parcels

containing 640 acres — one square mile — range from \$29,900 in Churchill County to more than \$110,000 in Elko County.

John Houston, a director of Nevada Land & Resource, said the company had received inquiries from Hong Kong, England and Germany.

For some potential bidders, the proximity of the railroads or the interstate offered retail or industrial potential, Houston said. For others, the sheer remoteness was the lure. "These are checkerboard sections," Houston said. "A square mile all to yourself and it touches other corners of square miles that touch nothing."

Jerome

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- Parent who knowingly permit minors to remain in public places during curfew hours.
- Owners, operators, or employees of establishments who knowingly allow minors to remain on their premises during curfew hours.

The curfew proposal was sponsored by Councilman Dennis Moore.

Other items on Tuesday's agenda are:

- Possible passage of Councilman Elza Hall's proposal to ban able-bodied people from parking in handicapped parking spaces.

The proposal would give city police the authority to go onto

private property to enforce the ordinance. A city ordinance on handicapped parking would augment existing state law and would let the city keep the parking fines.

- Revival of a motion to cap an abandoned well on A Street.

The motion was tabled March 4 until additional information could be obtained. Since then, a camera was run down the well.

The resulting videotape, viewed by the mayor and council, shows the work can be done as stated in the bid by Smith Drilling.

The well is 370 feet deep, and the water level is 310 feet. The well starts with a 12-inch opening. Smith projects that plugging the well will require 23 yards of

gravel, 20 bags of bentonite, and about one yard of cement.

- A Public Works Department proposal to buy a Double Drum Roller with a diesel engine from Idaho Bit and Steel at a cost of \$14,252.

Public Works Director Bob Culver obtained three bids and prefers a diesel engine rather than a gasoline engine because of the greater power and longer life.

Culver also requests the purchase of a TapMate Drilling Machine from Water and Wastewater Equipment Co. at a cost of \$9,615.

Call Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale in Jerome at 324-3670.

Utah Democratic Party keeps primaries

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah Democratic Party leaders have rejected a plan that would have abolished primary elections for nominees of statewide, congressional and legislative offices.

Following two hours of debate on Saturday, the Democratic Central Committee voted 40-37 against the proposal, which some party officials advocated as a way to help prevent minority party losses.

"It was not intended as a panacea by any means, but it was something worth bringing to the body for discussion," said state party Chairman Mike Zuhl.

Utah man cuts tree, dies when it falls

STEPHENS, Idaho (AP) — A man died over weekend when the tree he was cutting struck him as it fell.

Marion Biddle, 45, was unconscious and had stopped breathing when emergency crews arrived Saturday, police Sgt. Dan Stephens said.

The 35-foot tree did not land on Biddle, but the trunk kicked back and struck him with enough force to knock him unconscious and cause severe internal injuries, Stephens said.

Hero

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Hansen stopped her from contributing to the community. Many times Owsley, with relentless determination, will continue working on a project, all the while in pain.

"She's the toughest person I've ever been around. I'm sure a lot of what keeps her going is pride, wrong or right, but she won't give up," Mike Owsley said.

Times-News correspondent Gina Mulder can be reached in Hagerman at 837-6273.

Adventure

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Through a series of games, both on the ground and 25 feet in the air, the group of 12 teens learned the physical skills needed to succeed in the task at hand.

More importantly, Thomas said, he acquired a sense of accomplishment by overcoming personal challenges and receiving praise from the leaders and the group.

"A lot of kids have been able to work through some self-perceived limits out here," Thomas said.

This is evidenced by 14-year-

old Clifford Wagner's favorite adventure on the high beam at the Ropes Course.

"I was the first to go and I didn't know what to expect, so I was really scared," Wagner recalled.

Even though the participants were harnessed to a guide line to keep them on the beam, the fear of falling was a virtual reality that grew around your fears," Wagner said.

Expedition Success has had eight to 12 boys participate in each outing this year. Their goal is to get funding to include 30

kids next year.

Niedrich said the kids thought the program was "dorky" at first, but they have decided it's pretty cool and would recommend it to their friends.

"I don't see the program as a panacea, but it's hell of a lot better than watching cartoons," Thomas said.

Ramirez said he's doing better in school now. As Wagner has learned that teamwork actually works.

"Hopefully we're helping them learn they do have control of their lives," Niedrich said.

SPORTS

Smith grabs amateur

TWIN FALLS - Boise's Tom Smith held onto his first-day lead to win the Canyon Springs Amateur golf tournament...

Playing on his home course, Twin Falls' Jason Meyerhoefer placed third with a 149 and Shadow Valley's Tim Richardson finished fourth with 150.

Twin Falls' Carl Skivados held onto his first-day lead to win the first flight with 150, followed by a trio of Canyon Springs golfers...

Chris Davis, from Blue Lakes Country Club, took the second flight with 158, beating Quail Hollow's Dave Jones...

Canyon Springs golfers dominated the third flight, led by Cory Ochsner's 170...

King wins 3rd Dinah Shore title

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. (AP) - Betsy King, clad in a white robe with "Nabisco Dinah Shore 1997 Champion" emblazoned across the back...



Betsy King celebrates her win Sunday in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

For the tournament, the tour's first major championship of the year. She finished two shots ahead of Tschetter...

Robbins, who shared the lead with King heading into the final round, finished with a 74 that included a 40 on the back nine at Mission Hills Country Club.

Graham wins Bell Dominion Seniors event

SAN ANTONIO (AP) - David Graham waited until the final hole to pull off his most dramatic shot to win the \$200,000 Southwest Bell Dominion Seniors on Sunday.

Graham dropped in a 16-foot eagle putt on the 18th, and when John Jacobs missed a birdie putt, Graham had his second victory this year.

The eagle gave Graham a 3-under-par 69 and a total of 10 under 206 for the tournament. That was one stroke better than Jacobs, who missed a 10-footer on No. 18 that would have forced a playoff.

SCORES AND STATS

Table with columns for Player Name, Score, and Par. Lists scores for various players like Am. Foursome, Rick Adams, and others.

GOLF

PLAYERS CHAMPIONSHIP

Table showing player names and scores for the Players Championship, including names like Tom Lehman, Greg Kleet, and others.

Southwestern Bell Seniors

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AT-IN-FISHERMEN

"Free" Henry's Lake Seminar presented by Bill Schiess

Henry's Lake Seminar is a free event presented by Bill Schiess. It includes information on hatchery programs, fishing reports, and much more.

BASKETBALL

NBA STANDINGS

Table showing NBA standings for various teams like Miami, Orlando, New York, etc.

WESTERN CONFERENCE

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Rachel Robinson carries on husband's efforts

"So I've maintained a certain level of optimism, but I'm restrained by a realistic knowledge of what's going on in the world." Dignified and vibrant at 74, Rachel Robinson remains her late husband's partner, putting it on a course to affect the lives of others...

hanced her Bachelor of Science degree from UCLA with Masters in psychiatric nursing from New York University and was an assistant professor at Yale's School of Nursing while also serving as nursing director of the Connecticut Mental Health Center.

She found time amid that busy workload to cheer the Dodgers at Ebbets Field and help raise three children: Jackie Jr., who was killed in a 1971 automobile accident; Sharon Robinson Fieffe, a practicing nurse-midwife and assistant clinical professor at Yale; and David, a coffee and seed importer who lives in Tanzania.

ON THE AIR TELEVISION

Table showing college basketball, NCAA championship finals, and Skating USA: Olympic Nationals.

BASEBALL

EXHIBITION STANDINGS

Table showing exhibition standings for various baseball teams like New York, Baltimore, Detroit, etc.

HOCKEY

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For more information contact Garth Williams at 436-5011

Families will be watching as trial begins

Congress, Clinton enact law to ensure relatives can attend

Knight-Ridder News Service

DENVER — Almost two years ago, the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building exploded. A bomb sent glass slicing through the building, concrete boulders toppling, and debris flying for miles in Oklahoma City.

There were 168 dead, including 19 children, some of them infants. The wounded, some seared by explosive heat, others crushed by falling concrete, others — by jagged bits of glass, counted beyond 500. Some lost limbs. Some lost sight.

The person accused of causing that anguish, of engineering the blast, goes on trial today in a modernistic, wood-paneled federal courtroom in Denver. Survivors and families of victims will be watching.

Timothy McVeigh, 28, a former Army sergeant who failed to become part of the elite Special Forces and later began badmouthing the government, looked upon the Murrah building as a symbol of that government, investigators claim.

His actions, prosecutors will argue, came after years of involvement with militia groups, years of obsession with the 1993 disaster at the Branch Davidian compound in Waco, Texas, and years of near-memorization of the right-wing bible, "The Turner Diaries," a 1978 novel whose plot turns on the destruction of an FBI building with a fertilizer-and-gasoline bomb, such as the one that collapsed the front of the nine-story Murrah building.

If the dead, the injured and their family members are counted up, the number of people affected by the fire-bomb — crafted of two tons of fertilizer and fuel oil packed in a Ryder rental truck — comes to nearly 3,000, said Jeanette King, resource coordinator of the United Way of Oklahoma City.

The survivors and families intend to make their presence known, although some say the sight of the gangly, crewcut defendant, who has seemed relaxed while chatting and laughing with his defense team in pre-trial hearings, is nearly more than they can stand.

"His attitude bothers me," said Jannie Coverdale, whose grandsons, Aaron and Elijah, died in the America's Kids day-care center in the federal building. "He sits in that courtroom, and you'd think he was the 'Candid Camera,' a big hero, a movie star," said Coverdale, who saw McVeigh at several pre-trial hearings.

Until last week, Coverdale figured that her presence at those hearings would keep her from testifying at the trial, but on Tuesday, U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch reversed his June ruling, which had barred victims from watching the pre-trial or trial proceedings if they intended to testify.

The reversal came two weeks after President Clinton signed a bill that Congress rushed through to allow the victims to do both.

With the hostile families, McVeigh, 12 jurors, six alternates, and 2,500 journalists, the proceedings have the potential to become a spectacle, but Matsch — who says he would not allow lawyers to be like Atticus Finch, the painfully principled attorney in "To Kill a Mockingbird" — has set a sober, non-nonsense tone for this case that involves such widespread anguish.

It is imperative, said Butch Montoya, Denver's public safety director, that decorum and respect mark these proceedings.



Rescue workers stand in front of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building following an explosion April 19, 1995, in downtown Oklahoma City that killed 168 people.

News-camera ban will limit coverage

Knight-Ridder News Service

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Media analysts and news directors are calling the Oklahoma City bombing trial, for which jury selection begins today in Denver, the most significant trial of the century.

But don't expect to see as much of bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh as you saw of former football star O.J.

Simpsen. One reason is that Chief U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch has banned cameras from the courtroom. But that's only part of the story. After all, that didn't stop El Entertainment Television from using actors to re-enact the Simpson civil trial, which also did not allow courtroom cameras.

"I won't be covering the McVeigh trial at all. "The Simpson trial was unique," said El spokeswoman Sarah Lesch. "He was an entertainer. Only when it makes sense for our genre will we cover a court case."

Networks and cable news channels are planning to keep viewers well-informed about the trial. Developments in the case are certain to lead nightly newscasts.

There also will be a series of specials. On ABC, for instance, Peter Jennings will host "Who is McVeigh?" April 10.

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"This trial can't just be a free-for-all," Montoya said. "I have threatened to become just that. The last four weeks have seen three publications detail purported confessions by McVeigh to his defense team, a story reviewing a secret Justice Department report damning as "scientifically unsound" the work of the FBI crime lab that investigated evidence in the case, and two last-ditch efforts by his defense to move or delay the trial, which already had been moved here from Oklahoma because the judge doubted that a fair jury could be assembled in that state."

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Jury selection

A panel of 12 jurors and six alternates will be chosen for Timothy McVeigh's Oklahoma City bombing trial. The process:

THE JURY POOL
A "source list" of potential jurors is pulled from voter registration lists, driver's licenses, mailing lists, telephone directories and utility company lists.

After random selection, prospective jurors complete a questionnaire which is examined by the jury commissioner.

People competent to serve make the "qualified jury list." Names are randomly drawn as needed.

GENERAL DISQUALIFICATION
An incapacity making the prospective juror incapable of performing jury duties, i.e., a hearing impairment; usually screened out by questionnaire.

VOIR DIRE
The selection process where attorneys and court officials inquire about a prospective juror's personal opinions and stances, objectivity. Attorneys on both sides can challenge for various reasons, dismissing a prospective juror.

CHALLENGES FOR CAUSE
Knowing or having an affinity with witness, victim or any party involved.
Having an opinion or belief on the merits of the action.
Juror bias for or against either party.

Because McVeigh's prosecutors seek the death penalty, jurors must have no stance on the issue, making it a "death qualified jury."

PEREMPTORY CHALLENGES
Counsel should not have to state a reason for dismissal.
Counsel cannot exclude on basis of race, religion, ethnicity, gender or similar grounds.

Source: AP research APT-150

Paper: IRA supplied parts used in bombs

The Associated Press

LONDON — The IRA supplied the detonator used in the bombing of the U.S. federal building in Oklahoma, The Sunday Telegraph reported, quoting documents filed by lawyers for chief suspect Timothy McVeigh.

McVeigh goes on trial today in connection with the April 19, 1995, explosion that killed 168 people and wounded hundreds more.

The Sunday Telegraph said defense documents submitted to U.S. District Court in Denver, where McVeigh will be tried, allege that a neo-Nazi cell had been conspiring to blow up a U.S. federal building in early 1995 and had received assistance from Sinn Fein, described as "the Irish terrorist group."

Sinn Fein is a legal political party allied with the outlawed Irish Republican Army, which has been fighting for more than 25 years to end British rule in Northern Ireland.

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NOTICE
The Burley Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management hereby provides notice of National Environmental Policy Act documentation that the Record of Decision has been signed on the following project(s):

NEPA#	DATE	NEPA TYPE	PROJECT NAME	LOCATION	COUNTY	RESOURCE AREA	CONTACT
97051	02/24/97	EA	Artesian-Kidd Chgs. in Season Area	T125 R19E VAR	Cassia	Snake River	Elena Shaw of Use

A list of signed Record of Decisions, as required by NEPA, is available at the Burley Field Office. For more information, contact the project's "Contact Person," listed on the above project summary, at the Burley Field Office.

DATE: March 21, 1997
By Kay Sundberg, Legal Instruments Examiner
PUBLISH: March 31, 1997

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE THIRD JUDICIAL DISTRICT OF THE STATE OF IDAHO, IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF CANYON
Case No. CV 9701033C
SUMMONS
LAUREN KAY O'CONNOR, Plaintiff
vs.
CHARLES D. SARTIN, Defendant.
NOTICE: YOU HAVE BEEN SERVED BY THE ABOVE NAMED PLAINTIFF. THE COURT MAY ENTER JUDGMENT AGAINST YOU WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE UNLESS YOU RESPOND WITHIN 20 DAYS. READ THE INFORMATION BELOW.
NOTICE: CHARLES D. SARTIN
You are hereby notified that in order to defend this lawsuit, an appropriate written response must be filed with the above designated court within 20 days after service of this Summons on you. If you fail to do so, the Court may enter judgment against you as demanded by the Plaintiff in the Complaint.
If you wish to seek the advice of or representation by an attorney in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your writ-

ten response, if any, may be filed in time and other legal rights protected. An appropriate written response requires compliance with Rule 10(a)(1) and other Idaho Rules of Civil Procedure and shall also include:
1. The title and number of this case.
2. If your response to an Answer to the Complaint, it must contain certain admissions or denials of the separate allegations of the Complaint and other documents you may claim.
3. Your signature, mailing address, and telephone number, or the signature, mailing address, and telephone number of your attorney.
4. Proof of mailing or delivery of a copy of your response to plaintiff's attorney as designated above.
To determine whether you must pay a filing fee with your response, contact the Clerk of the above-named court.
DATED this 26th day of February, 1997.
/s/Noel J. Kerr
Clerk of the District Court
By B. Salina
Deputy Clerk
PUBLISH: March 10, 17, 24, and 31, 1997
INVITATION TO BID
The Farm Service Agency (FSA) is now accepting

bids for individual counties for aerial compliance photography within the State of Idaho. If you are interested in submitting a bid for Ada, Blaine, Camas, Canyon, Elmore, Gem, Gooding, Lincoln, Owyhee, Payette and Washington Counties, and have a valid commercial pilots license, please contact Harold Boggs at the Gooding County Office, P.O. Box 1172, Gooding, Idaho 83402, fax 934-4327. The United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) prohibits discrimination in its programs on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, religion, age, disability, political beliefs, and marital or familial status.
PUBLISH: March 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, April 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, and 10, 1997.

NOTICE OF LETTING
Sealed proposals will be received by the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION BOARD only at the office of the IDAHO TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT, 3311 WEST STATE STREET, BOISE, IDAHO 83702 or received by mail at PO Box 7128, BOISE, IDAHO 83707. ATTN: ROADWAY DESIGN Unit two o'clock p.m., on the 22nd day of April, 1997, for the work of reconstructing 6.391 miles of US-30, including plant mix aggregate, plant mix leveling course, plant mix pavement overlay, guardrail and related channelization and treatments. Bids to be known as the Project No. ST-636(069), in Twin Falls County, Key No. 5950.
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS PROPOSAL, PLEASE CONTACT RESIDENT ENGINEER BILL MERRITT AT (208) 686-7850.
Proposals must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the requirements of Section 102 - Bidding Requirements and Conditions of the Idaho Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, Edition of 1995. Plans, specifications, form of contract, proposed forms, and other information may be obtained at the office of the Idaho Transportation Department, Boise, Idaho, and are on file for examination at the office of the District Engineer at Shoshone, Idaho.
A non-refundable charge of THIRTY DOLLARS (\$30.00) plus applicable sales tax is required for each set of plans, payment to be made by check, payable to the Idaho Transportation Department. Plans may be ordered by phone (800) 732-2958 (in Idaho) or (208) 334-

8430; or by written request to the Idaho Transportation Department, Attn: Financial Services, PO Box 7129, Boise, Idaho 83707-1129.
COMPUTERIZED BIDDING DISKETTES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST
The right is reserved to reject proposals, or to accept the proposal or proposals deemed best for the State of Idaho.
No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by an acceptable proposal guaranty in an amount not less than five percent of the total amount of the proposal. This guaranty must be in the form of a Certified Check or a Cashier's Check drawn on an Idaho bank, made payable to the Idaho Transportation Department, or a Bidder's Bond.
Bidders shall be licensed in the State of Idaho by the State Contractors License Board, except on projects involving federal funds.
The Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 (U.S.C.A. Title 29, Paragraphs 201-210, Chapter 8) shall apply in the employment of labor for this project.
It is the purpose of the Idaho Transportation Board to build the improvement in the shortest time consistent with good construction. Necessary equipment and an effective organization will be insisted upon.
Dated March 24, 1997
JIMMY D. ROSS, P.E., Chief Engineer
PUBLISH: March 31, April 1, 2, 3, and 1997

More detailed information concerning the proposed exchange may be obtained from Rick Vanderloop, Idaho Resource Area, Shoshone Resource Area, 400 West F Street, Shoshone, Idaho 83352, (208)886-2206.
Interested parties may submit comments concerning the proposed exchange to the Area Manager, Shoshone Resource Area, at the above address. An environmental analysis of the proposed exchange is in progress. All parties receiving this notice will also receive a copy of the environmental analysis, unless they specifically request to be removed from the mailing list. We expect to publish the environmental assessment on April 14, 1997. There will be a thirty day public comment period following publication of the environmental assessment. Preparation of a Declaration of Decision concerning the proposed land exchange will take place after the thirty day comment period.
Dated: March 14, 1997
/s/Bill Baker, Area Manager
PUBLISH: March 31, April 7, 14, and 21, 1997

Notice is hereby given that the Bureau of Land Management is considering a proposal to exchange

FORD, 1980, 4X4, 1/2 ton, AT, good cond. \$2000. Call 208-878-0720.
 FORD, 1987, Bronco XL 88K mi. Excel cond. \$4250/offer. Call 733-3468
 FORD, 1990, F-250, Super Cab, 5 speed. Low miles \$13,500. Call 734-5554.
 FORD, F-150, 1984, extended cab, XLT, loaded \$5K miles. Forest Green, \$17,000. Call 208-678-6343.

SUZUKI, Sidekick, 1995, 4X4, 26K mi. \$11,800. Call 208-878-0720.
 TOYOTA '84 5 spd, extra cab, 3 door canopy, roof rack, chrome wheels. NICE! \$3,500. 352-4207
 TOYOTA '91 V8, New tires, excel cond. AC, lift windows, CD & Amp. \$11,500. Call 934-5766

CORVETTE '86 82K orig. mil. excel cond. \$12,500. Call 734-8390.
 DODGE '86 Daytona. Power everything. AC, AM/FM. \$3,495. 543-5243.
 DODGE '83 Shadow 2 dr, manual transmission 110,000 mi., runs great. Great! \$3000/offer. Call 733-3802

HONDA, Accord LX, 1993 white, low mileage, new tires, 4 dr. 5 spd. 38K miles. Excel cond. \$13,700. Call 208-625-5009
 HONDA, Accord LX, 1995, 2 dr. Loaded! Only 9,000 mi. Must sell! \$13,400 or best offer. Call 736-8293
 KIA '94 Sephia, 60 K mi. excel cond. 4 door, 5 spd. Take over payments. Call 625-5752.

PONTIAC '72 Catalina 60K original miles. New battery, alternator and shocks. Very clean. \$2000/offer. 886-7052
 Classified - ... for people everywhere! 733-9251.
 PONTIAC '90 Grand Am 4 door, Quad 4 engine, good cond., AC, cruise, AM/FM, new tires, 1 owner. Call 734-3173 for appt. \$4900/offer. 677-8207.

TOYOTA '86 Camry LE AT, loaded. Excel car. \$3495. Call 735-8548
 TOYOTA '86 Celica GTS. Sunroof, spoiler, AC, case, 5 spd. trans. \$3000. Call 324-3230.
 TOYOTA '87 Crossfire luxury sedan. Exc. cond., new tires, 1 owner. Call 734-3173 for appt.

TOYOTA '89 Celica, very nice, loaded, low mi. \$7900. OEO '90 Prius, low mi. 4 dr, exc. cond. AC, PS, \$4700. 733-6203
 TOYOTA '91 Tercel, AC, new wheels & tires, excel cond. \$4600. 543-2727
 Be sure to include price when advertising items for sale in classified.

TOYOTA '98 Tercel DX AT, AC, 4 door, 40K mi. \$11,000/offer. 324-2915
 Please check your ad for correctness on the first day that it runs as The Times-News is not responsible for errors after that time.

1053 IMPORT & SPORTS CARS
 DATSUN '73 240Z. Call 736-6360 leave message.
 VOLVO 760 1900E coupe. Excel. White, 141 Chevy PU. 6 hole, 16" coils & rings. 733-8566, 733-5441

1010 VAN & BUSES

CHEVY '95 Astro van CL V6, 32K mi, rear air/hot, extras/warranty. 423-4729
 DODGE '87 15 passenger van. Loaded. \$2995. Call 543-8243.
 FORD '76 E-200 Van, 302 V8, auto, \$1000/offer. Call 352-4641.
 FORD, Aerostar, 1988, AT, AC, excel cond. \$7,900. Please call 208-734-7908.
 PLYMOUTH '94 Voyager, SE V8, AC, cruise smore. 88K mi. Great shape!!! \$12,500/offer. 733-5561.

1020 AUTOS FOR SALE

BUICK '84 Century, clean, RS, AT, PL, new rubber. Con sell at Farmers Corner in Butley. Call 678-4730 or 678-6378.
 BUICK 1974 Electra, good shape, \$700. Call 312-3484.
 BUICK, Wildcat, '68, bronze, runs great! \$1000/offer. GMC, 1971, full size, needs work. \$500/offer. PLAY STATION, Sony, equip. incl. Many games. \$200. Please call 734-2745 msg
 CADILLAC '73 Coupe DeVille. Leather interior. Runs great. \$900/offer. Call 677-0770.
 CADILLAC Fleetwood, 1988, every option, excellent. Call 625-6635.

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The Times News guarantees to sell your merchandise, automotive in 7 days and real estate in 15 days or return the ad an additional 7 days. There is a \$3 extra fee for the guarantee package. Ads may be cancelled early for customer convenience but the charge will remain the same.
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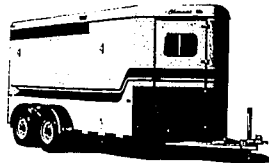


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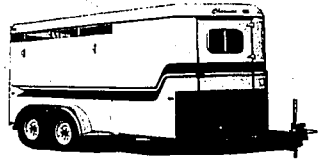
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Section D

Life and other natural calamities

Disaster movies are back. I watched one on TV, about asteroids slamming into the Earth and causing a devastating worldwide epidemic of bad acting. Also there are two disaster movies about volcanoes, including one set in Los Angeles, although I doubt that a volcano would faze real L.A. residents, a courageous group of people who think nothing of building luxury homes on steep hillsides made entirely of mud.

MRS. L.A. HOMEOWNER: Well, our hillside home is finally done!
MR. L.A. HOMEOWNER: Let's go inside!



HUMOR
Dave Barry

(He touches the doorknob, causing the house to slide down the hillside and break into 73 million pieces.)

MR. L.A. HOMEOWNER: Not again!
MRS. L.A. HOMEOWNER: Don't feel bad! The brush fire was almost here anyway!

MR. L.A. HOMEOWNER: I know! As soon as this earthquake tremor is over, let's build another luxury home on this exact spot!

MRS. L.A. HOMEOWNER: Why ever not?

I myself have experienced only one real disaster, Hurricane Andrew, and it was considerably different from the disaster movies that I've seen. For one thing, in the movies, there's always some kind of romance interest; whereas after Hurricane Andrew, nobody in the affected area was able to take a shower for approximately two months. Everybody smelled like a cologne named Eau de Dead God. The most romantic thing people did during that time was retuel each other's generators.

But realism is not the point of a disaster movie. The point of a disaster movie is to have exactly the same script as every other disaster movie. Here it is:

(The movie opens in a suburban home, where, the heroine is having breakfast with her adorable son.)

HEROINE: Well, it's a peaceful day! No sign of any disaster!

SON: Mom, do you have a husband or romance interest?

HEROINE: No, Bobby, although I am a top scientist and very attractive.

(The phone rings.)

HEROINE: Uh-oh! I hope that's not a worker from the lab, calling to tell me about an impending disaster!

LAB WORKER: Trish, a disaster is impending!

HEROINE: I'll be right there! (To her son) Bobby, you stay here and be vulnerable.

SON: Mom, will the disaster end up striking this exact house and placing me in great danger?

HEROINE: Of course!

(We see an exterior shot of the White House. Inside, the president, looking grim, is holding an emergency Cabinet meeting.)

PRESIDENT: Haven't I seen that exterior shot before?

VICE PRESIDENT: It's the same one they use in the Tom Clancy movies.

PRESIDENT: OK, somebody set up the plot.

SCIENCE ADVISER: Mr. President, unless something is done, a disaster is going to strike in 90 minutes, sending miniature cars flying in all directions.

PRESIDENT: Ninety minutes! Why so long?

SCIENCE ADVISER: We need to build up the suspense.

GENERAL: Sir, we must launch a nuclear strike against Houston!

PRESIDENT: Why?

GENERAL: I hate Houston.

PRESIDENT: (To the hero) Jake, you're incredibly good-looking. I want you to take your minority sidekick and get over to the laboratory immediately and develop a romance interest with the heroine. If this movie is rated "R," she can show her breasts before.

HERO: I'll do what I can, sir.

(The next scene is in the laboratory. The hero and heroine are staring intently at a computer screen.)

HEROINE: ... and so by using the mouse pointer, you can engage a cluster of clubs over on the four of diamonds.

(A lab worker rushes up.)

LAB WORKER: Trish, the pantograph is giving us a vector plasma reading in the cosine range!

HERO: What does that mean?

HEROINE: Nothing. It's movie science gibberish. But it's time for the disaster! And my son is home alone!

(The scene shifts to the heroine's neighborhood. People are screaming miniature cars are flying everywhere.)

HEROINE: This is terrible! Thousands of people are being killed!

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MISERY LOVES COMPANY



Hospital auxiliary volunteer Dolle Louder points Joseph and Caryn Tranmer in the correct direction at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Hospitals ease visitation rules to accommodate family

By Steve Crump
Times-News Staff

GOODING — Sandy Herrera recalls when hospital visits ran like clockwork.

"I remember the bell that rang when visiting hours were over, and 'quiet time,' for patients in the afternoon," said Herrera, director of nursing at Gooding County Memorial Hospital. "Times have changed."

Drop by any hospital in south-central Idaho, and you're likely to encounter civilians — and lots of them. New family-friendly visitation policies encourage loved ones to come earlier and stay longer — sometimes indefinitely — and to bring the kids with them, a practice that was rare a generation ago.

"I think the feeling in the industry is that patients do better when families are near," Administrator Ken Archer said. "They can be partners in the patient's care, and the patient tends to be less anxious when there's a family member there."

"Cooperative care" is the 50-cent term for it, and some big-city hospitals are dedicating entire wings or floors to it.

The Orlando, Fla., Regional Medical Center opened its Cooperative Care unit last November. The seventh floor unit's goal "is to include family members, care partners or significant others in all aspects of patients' hospital care," Tina Tucker, nurse manager for the unit, told the Orlando Sentinel.

Family members are asked to stay with patients at least eight hours a day and are encouraged to stay overnight if they wish. Each patient's private room — the size of a typical semi-private hospital room — is equipped with a couch that converts into a single bed and an armoire complete with TV, VCR and mini-

If you're staying in a hospital with a patient:

- **When you first arrive,** you should be given a tour of the unit. Don't be afraid to ask questions.
- **Ask** what you can and cannot do to help out but don't try to do more than what you're comfortable with. Your being there is what is most important.
- **Avoid burnout,** especially if you've been in the hospital continuously for more than a few days. A break of a few hours — or spending the night away from the hospital — can rejuvenate you and make you a better caregiver.
- **Be observant.** You may not be a doctor or nurse, but you know your loved one better than they do. You may see subtle changes that they miss. Let them know about it.
- **Use common sense** when calling for a nurse. When things are busy, you may not get an immediate response. But if it's an emergency, do not hesitate to seek help at the nurse's station.

—Orlando Sentinel

refrigerator. Panels to hook up medical gases are discreetly hidden from view when not in use, giving the rooms more of a hotel look.

In small-town Idaho, the arrangement is much less formal. But the trend, which began to pick up steam about 10 years ago, is unmistakable.

"We try to be as flexible as we can with visiting hours and we try to accommodate family members who want to stay," said Randy Holom, administrator of Rupert's Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Smaller hospitals will often find a bed and some-

times even a meal for relatives, and especially for parents, who want to stay.

"We have a patient room set up for visitors where we let parents sleep," Herrera said. "And for other family members, we have a lounge with a sofa and chairs."

Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, the area's largest hospital, has apartments it rents to out-of-town visitors — mostly the families of cancer patients — for from \$12.84 to \$16.05 a night. The hospital also allows RV-owners to hook up to water and electricity in the parking lot at no charge.

"We try to work out visitation policies based on what's good for the patients," said Magic Valley Regional administrator John Bingham. "We don't have a lot of restrictions anymore."

There are also economic reasons for the changing rules. As the number of patients in critical-care facilities and the length of their stays have dwindled in recent years, hospitals are making do with smaller staffs.

"With all the cutbacks that have happened, patients still get adequate nursing care but family members can help," Kim Streit of the Florida Hospital Association told the Sentinel.

At most local hospitals, visiting hours — which used to be restricted to late afternoon and evening — have been eliminated or are largely ignored for family members.

"If our staff needs to do something with a patient and a visitor is in the way, we'll just ask them to step outside for a moment," Herrera said.

Although immediate relatives of patients are often free to stay around the clock, they will be asked to leave if they're keeping patients awake or otherwise

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LOOKING GOOD

Retro: Kids go for '70s style

Knight-Ridder News Service

Facing the reality that the school clothes you purchased in August are now worn or outgrown? Retailers and manufacturers are fully stocked with new looks for spring and summer and many are holding sales.

Among the strongest trends is the retro '70s look. Parents may wince at the idea of bell-bottoms, chain hip belts, go-go boots, flower power and psychedelic colors, but children find it new and cool.

Color is all important and the brighter the better. The mix includes citrus shades like orange, lemon and lime, as well as anything you're likely to notice in a crayon box.

Favored patterns are plaids, flowers, fruits, gingham, stripes and crawling things like bugs, insects, frogs and lizards.

Among the most creative in the latter group are the Snap-on Frogs or Bugs T-shirts at Nature Company. The white T's have colorful frogs or insects printed on the front, and two three-dimensional frogs or insects that snap on for wearing and off for playing. The shirts are \$16 in kids' sizes, medium or large sizes.

Of course, cartoons — from Mickey Mouse to the Animaniacs — are still a favorite motif for younger children. Older ones may find the "Star Wars" style.

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Label looking good ... with art ... cutline Info: Sassy, '70s-inspired stripes rev up the season's grooviest shirts. Pair the toppers with bell-bottoms and chain belts, left or psychedelic green leggings, at right.

HEALTH NOTES

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Deadly side effect

Earthquakes can kill people when buildings collapse or panic triggers a heart attack, but health officials investigating a tremor in Southern California recently unearthed another, previously unsuspected side effect of quakes. Dust clouds, raised by aftershocks and landslides after the 1994 Northridge earthquake, led to an outbreak of an unusual lung infection that caused three deaths. In the weeks after the tremor, health officials in neighboring Ventura County began noticing cases of a fungal infection called coccidioidomycosis, sometimes nicknamed "valley fever."

Lung power

A team of Pennsylvania researchers

has identified a natural antibiotic in the fluid that lines the airways of the lung. In normal human airway fluid, it is highly active against bacteria such as pseudomonas, a major cause of infections in cystic-fibrosis patients. But when the fluid lining the respiratory tract is too high in salt — as it is in people with cystic fibrosis — the antibiotic is inactivated.

The study, published in last week's issue of the journal Cell, offers the first persuasive explanation of how the genetic defect implicated in cystic fibrosis leads to the lung infections seen in patients.

Bonus benefit

The nicotine patches used by smokers trying to kick their habit may have another medical use: controlling ulcerative colitis. In a paper published in the March 1 issue of the Annals of Internal Medicine, Mayo Clinic researchers reported that symptoms of the painful gastrointestinal disorder were reduced in 39 percent of patients who wore nicotine patches. Ulcerative colitis causes chronic and often bloody diarrhea through inflammation of the colon, the large intestine. Its cause is unknown, but doctors have long noted that the disease is primarily found in non-smokers and that some people with the disease improve when they begin to smoke cigarettes.

Compiled from wire reports

HEALTH & FASHION

Long flights, packed planes raise risk of blood clots

The Washington Post

The window seat on British Airways' night flight from Washington to London was cramped, but the price was right — \$600 round trip, economy class. So Chevy Chase, M.D., physician James Powers, who was treating his wife and his mother to a New Year's holiday in London, squeezed his long legs into the meager space allotted to him and tried to get some sleep.

Anti-clotting drug story -D4

Then he arrived in London early the next morning after sitting nearly immobile for most of the seven-hour flight, both legs were swollen. But Powers, a 6-foot-1 obstetrician/gynecologist accustomed to reassuring pregnant women about their puffy ankles, figured the fluid would disappear once he walked around. He took in Westminster Cathedral, then returned to his hotel for a nap.

He awoke seven hours later with severe pain in his left calf. "I hobbled around the room," trying to stretch the muscles, he recalled. "I thought, 'Well, I just got a cramp.'"

The next morning, he was worse. "I could barely walk, it was such intense pain," he said. Determined to enjoy the brief vacation, he limped around the city, then flew home. He returned to a full schedule of surgery and patients and did his best to ignore the persistent pain and swelling in his left leg. "After a week, he could ignore it no longer and consulted a vascular surgeon. Diagnosis: a dangerous blood clot in a calf vein."

Powers was hospitalized immediately for treatment with heparin, an intravenous anti-clotting drug. Powers was lucky, the specialist told him. At any time during the preceding 10 days, a piece of the clot could have broken off

Tips for making seat pitch comfortable

The Washington Post

For economy travelers who want to be able to move their legs during flight to guard against a possible blood clot, the term to know is "seat pitch." It's a measure of the distance from a point on your seat to the same point on the one in front of it. The government doesn't regulate it. Airlines make money by shrinking it. But one government economist, in his spare time, is doing his best to help some airline passengers locate more leg room.

David Hiles, a 6-foot-4-inch economist with the Bureau of Labor Statistics, had a close encounter with seat pitch on a British Airways flight from Washington to London last summer.

"My knees were touching to start off with," Hiles said. "There was a heavy woman sitting in front of me. When she sat down, my knees dug into her kidneys." The extreme discomfort of the flight moved Hiles to do his own survey last November on the price of leg room on airlines that fly direct from Washington to Europe. The results can be found on the Internet, at <http://members.netcom.com/dhilegroom.htm>.

They show that economy seats on British Airways, along with United and several others, have the shortest seat pitch of the trans-Atlantic carriers at 31 inches. The best economy-seat pitch, 34 inches, is available on Swissair, Aeroflot and Austrian Airlines. Several carriers offer a seat pitch of 32 or 33 inches.

Seat pitch in economy sections on domestic flights is shorter, said Jeff King of Weber Aircraft

Inc., one of the chief manufacturers of airline seats. It can be as little as 28 inches — typically found on charter carriers offering very low-cost fares — but averages 29 to 31 inches, he said.

King said airlines have found that "if you shrink up to an inch of pitch, you may be able to add one or two rows."

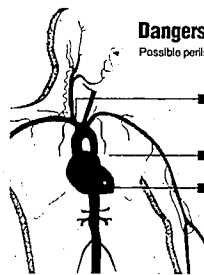
Seats adjoining emergency exits provide the most leg room, because the Federal Aviation Administration regulates the minimum depth of aisles in exit rows. The current rule calls for a clearance between the seats of at least 20 inches, but a FAA spokesman said the agency now accepts 13 inches, the width specified in a proposed new rule.

"We do not have statutory authority to regulate for passenger comfort," the spokesman added.

King said even a 13-inch aisle clearance requires a pitch of 35 to 40 inches, so passengers willing to sit in exit rows have significantly more room. Bulkhead seats (the ones facing partitions between sections of the cabin) also usually provide a few extra inches, but lack the wiggle room afforded by having access to floor space under the seat in front.

Lydia Whitehead, a Bethesda, Md., travel agent, said domestic carriers periodically reconfigure their seat arrangements, so the best aisle seats to find about leg room is to call the airline when booking a ticket. She said she asks for the seat pitch, the seat width and — for business class seats that recline — the "leg lift."

Business-class seats are roomier than economy seats, but far more expensive. The athletic 51-year-old doctor was suffering from a medical condition he'd never even heard of, one that some experts say is



Dangers of blood clot in lung

Possible perils of a blood clot in the lung:

- Right-sided heart failure: Can be caused if clot blocks flow of blood in lungs
- Chest infection
- Collapse of circulatory system: Can be caused by massive clots; can result in death

SOURCE: AMA Family Medical Group; research by PAT CARUR

KRT Infographic/MUN TIAN

becoming increasingly common in this era of frequent air travel and airline deregulation: "economy-class syndrome."

That's the name coined by British researchers for patients who develop blood clots in the deep veins of the legs after sitting through long flights in cramped airplane seats.

Towers, who is still taking an anti-clotting medicine and has had to cut back temporarily on vigorous exercise, is outraged that he learned about economy-class syndrome from a magazine article only after he developed the blood clot.

"The airlines don't cut you any slack," he said. "They don't tell you that this can happen to you... They're not talking about what you can do to be healthier and safer."

Medical experts have known for decades that sitting in a cramped position can lead to blood clots in the legs — and the problem isn't limited to economy-class passengers, or even to air travelers. The first report on the subject appeared in 1940. It described an increase in deaths from pulmonary embolism (obstruction of circulation in the

lung, caused by a breakaway clot from a leg vein) in Londoners forced to sit for hours in air-raid shelters during the "Blitz," when German planes bombed the city during World War II.

Clots have been reported after automobile trips and even after evenings at the theater. But long airplane flights appear to pose a particular risk.

The most famous recent episode was the 1994 case of former Vice President Dan Quayle — certainly not an economy class traveler — who developed a leg clot, portions of which traveled to his lung, soon after a series of airplane trips. Doctors subsequently removed a benign intestinal tumor, which they said had probably contributed by making his blood more likely to clot.

Tips for preventing blood clots during airplane flights

- Book a seat in an exit row, a bulkhead seat or an aisle seat.
- Walk up and down the aisle periodically.
- Wear loose-fitting clothing. Don't wear a party girdle. Avoid socks or stockings with tight, below-the-knee elastic.
- Don't smoke.
- Avoid alcohol and caffeine, which can contribute to dehydration. Drink plenty of other fluids.
- While in your seat, contract your calf muscles from time to time by clenching your toes. One exercise, suggested by British Airways: Bend your foot upward, spread your toes and hold for three seconds, then point your foot down, clench your toes and hold for three seconds.
- People at high risk of blood clots should ask their doctors whether to take aspirin before flying to inhibit clotting. Stanley R. Mohler, an aerospace-medicine expert, suggests one low-strength aspirin (65 milligrams) daily for two days before the flight. However, aspirin can irritate the stomach and may cause gastrointestinal bleeding or other side effects in some individuals.

— The Washington Post

Hospital

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disturbing them.

"We usually don't have a problem unless there's an accident or some sort of trauma involving a teenager, and half the high school showed up," Herrera said. "Even then, the visitors usually cooperate."

Few local hospitals even restrict visitors in semi-private rooms. "If they're bothering the other patient, we'll ask them to keep the noise down or to leave,"

Herrera said. "But in a small town, it's not unusual for the people who are visiting one patient to meet the other patient too."

About the only rigid visitation restrictions remaining are in local hospitals' intensive care units, where both the number of visitors and the length of their stays is limited. Most patients don't stay long in the ICU, however.

Although the no-kids rule is largely a thing of the past, hospitals will shut down visitation to specific areas if the danger of infection is

too high. Magic Valley Regional, for example, has curtailed young visitors several times in recent years because of respiratory syncytial virus, or RSV.

"We'll restrict people who have flu symptoms or a contagious disease," Bingham said. Still, many hospitals find a way.

"It's usually at least possible for a child to wave to grandpa through a window," Herrera said.

Retro

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related clothing and shoes more appealing.

For children who love shoes that do something, K&S is introducing Magic Rays, classic sneakers made of canvas infused with photosensitive ink. The shoes change colors when exposed to sunlight. Magic Rays are \$27 in toddlers' sizes and \$30 in children's, and come in a variety of styles including sports equipment, bugs, flowers and hearts, all of which are bound to cause a stir at recess.

One trend that cost-conscious parents may not welcome is a resurgence of designer labels in children's wear.

Donna Karam and Nicole Miller both offer pint-size versions of women's outfits in their designer lines. Other prominent designers downsizing style for the children's market are Vera Wang, Moschino, Norma Kamali, Laura Biagiotti, Polo Ralph Lauren, CK Calvin Klein and Tommy Hilfiker.

Of course, prices are also on a designer level, so shirts are

priced at \$50, and dresses start at \$150.

Industry analysts point toward several factors as a driving force behind the resurgence in designer labels on children's clothing, including a baby boom, status-obsessed

parents and the popularity of television shows such as "Clueless" on which the characters wear Moschino, Jill Sander and Dolce & Gabbana. The show's core audience is 10-year-olds. The result? Fashion-savvy pre-teens.

Bary

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HERO: It's OK! They're extras!

SON: Help! Help!

HEROINE: My God! It's Billy!

SON: No, it's Bob!

HEROINE: Oh, right.

HERO: I'll save him!

HEROINE: Watch out for the special effects!

(The hero, holding miniature flying cars, saves the son.)

HEROINE: Now we can be a family unit!

SON: With Val Kilmer? I thought the hero was going to be Tom Cruise.

HERO: He wasn't available.

(The final scene takes place back to the White House, where everybody is relieved.)

PRESIDENT: Whew! Although we lost 124 million people, all the main characters survived except the minority sidekick!

(The Cabinet applauds.)

GENERAL: So now can we attack Houston?

PRESIDENT: OK by me.

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Not much choice in pale powders

DEAR PAULA: My question for you is about face powder. I have very oily skin, so is a product I feel I cannot do without. My skin tone is very light, and until recently I have had a very hard time finding a foundation that was light enough for my skin tone. You wrote about Benefit having a good selection of foundations for very light skin tones, and I have had success with the Matte Tint in 01-Ababast.



COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

I now am having a problem finding a light enough face powder. I find that no matter what I try, the powder makes my face darker. It winds up looking unnatural. Have you ever heard of this problem? I have tried to mix baby powder into loose facial powder, but it didn't mix well and looked fake on my face.

In your reviews, when you review foundations, you point out when a line has a good selection of colors for very light skin tones. I was wondering if you could recommend a face powder that also has a selection of colors for very light skin tones. Any recommendations or suggestions would be greatly appreciated.

—MARYBETH, DALLAS
DEAR MARYBETH: Having spent the past several months searching for light-colored foundations and powders, I am quite shocked at the limited selection. If you have extremely pale, delicate skin, your options are definitely limited. All in all, the lines that have the best choices for light-colored face powders (and foundations, for that matter) are Bobbi Brown. Prescriptives specifically their custom blend, because they have the capacity to get it as light as you would like it, Borghese or, if all else fails, T. Le Clerc (this line has a large selection of colors and definitely whiter shades). These lines are pricey, but they have the color selection you need and, most important, because you can try these on before you buy them, you won't waste time and money.

I am looking for the most economical shampoo for my hair type. I have an oily scalp and my hair is color-treated. Does Prell (blue) Balance Formula for Normal Hair strip hair color? Most hairdressers consider this

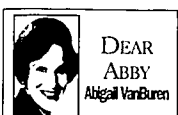
the worst hair-care product of all time, but I've learned from you and my own experience not to believe everything hairdressers say about product reliability, especially when it comes to lines sold at drugstores.

BETH, WASHINGTON, D.C.
DEAR BETH: I've heard the same line about Prell from hairdressers, but when I've asked them why it's so bad, their answer is invariably the same: "It just is; what do you expect from drugstore products?" Well, it turns out Prell is most likely a poor choice, but not because of where it is sold. Prell may be economical, but it is not effective or even a consideration for your hair type. The detergent cleanser agents in Prell are gentle enough and are found in most shampoos, regardless of price or retail point, but Prell also contains sodium hydroxide and ammonium xylene sulfonate. These ingredients raise the pH of the shampoo, helping to swell the hair shaft, which can make thin hair feel temporarily thicker, but they are also exceptionally drying and damaging (not to mention irritating to the scalp). Also, the higher pH damages the hair's cuticle layer, adding insult to the already damaging effects of the chemicals used to color your hair. If you're looking for a bargain and a great shampoo for your hair type, consider TRESemme European Color Treated and Permed Shampoo. It's excellent and costs \$3 or \$4 for 32 ounces. You will still need to use a conditioner, but this shampoo is a find for most hair types.

Paula Begoun is the author of several books on cosmetics, including "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (Beginning Press, \$13.95), a no-nonsense paperback guide to brand-name cosmetics.

Husband's affair with teen is mistake, crime

DEAR ABBY: A few months ago, I found out my husband had a two-year affair with my teenage sister. The affair began with my husband raping her, but she didn't disclose it and she didn't discourage him when he approached her again for sex.



DEAR ABBY
Allegai VanBuren

At first he denied everything. He had always been basically a good husband and father, so I believed his denial. When I found out it really happened, I told him it was disgusting and could land him in jail. He apologized, saying it was a "mistake" and asked me to forgive him. I couldn't accept his apology and filed for legal separation.

He calls me daily asking for forgiveness and begging me to take him back. My friends, who don't know the whole sordid story, say I should forgive him and take him back. My family says it's the "Christian thing to do."

Abby, I don't miss him, don't like him and don't want him back. But I have no moral support except for our children, who don't want me to take him back. In spite of my feelings, I'm considering letting him come back to get him and everyone else off my back, and also because I'm afraid I will be alone the rest of my life.

I'm completely self-supporting financially, so that is not the issue.

If you were me, what would your decision be?

—UNDECEIDED IN ILLINOIS
DEAR UNDECEIDED: A two-year affair with a minor is far more than just a "mistake." Your husband may be guilty of statutory rape, and your sister may need counseling to cope with the trauma of having been molested.

Were it in your shoes, I not only would refuse to take him back, I would also see that my sister got counseling, and encourage her to report the rape and subsequent sexual abuse to the authorities.

DEAR ABBY: May I suggest a wonderful idea for showers for second or third babies?

Curiosity got the best of her and she observed the occupant leaving, walking very unsteadily on "her" high heels. Just when these cross-dressers think they have thought of everything, they forget to point their feet in the right direction.

—JOYCE IN RICHMOND, VA.
DEAR JOYCE: I'm sure you will agree that some habits become so ingrained they are hard to break.

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1. You may never need Medicaid assistance.
2. Human nature counsels us to hold on to a base of assets for survival and security.
3. Gifting followed by your need for nursing home services may trigger a period of Medicaid ineligibility.
4. Gifting appreciated property to family will probably later result in the imposition of a capital gains tax that could have been avoided had the property been inherited by family members.
5. Gifting to qualify sooner for Medicaid that results in a period of assistance ineligibility is a crime.
6. Family members holding gifts "for safekeeping" could lose them to their creditors, a bankruptcy trustee, divorce, or the IRS. (This is just a partial list - but you get the idea. You've usually found it better to avoid friends' advice anyway.)

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Study finds prognoses for gravely ill often unreliable

The Washington Post

It's not easy to predict exactly when critically ill patients will die, a study of more than 5,000 dying patients by researchers at George Washington University and the University of Virginia shows.

Even patients with a grim prognosis who turned out to be very near death were typically given odds of survival that encouraged hopefulness and continued treatment, said Joanne Lynn, director of George Washington's Center to Improve Care of the Dying, who led the study.

The study is based on data from two major investigations of critically ill hospital patients. For each patient who died, researchers checked the prognosis as it had been calculated in the days before death.

"Many patients died within a few days of having a prognosis that still allowed hope for some recovery," they found.

On the day before death, by the best available medical predictions, half of the patients were given a better than one-in-10 chance of surviving for two months.

The difficulty of predicting imminent death depends partly on the disease involved. For example, cancer patients tend to get steadily sicker as they approach death, but patients with congestive heart failure may appear no sicker on the day they die than earlier in their illness.

Estrogen may help antidepressant

The Washington Post

Bolstering the evidence that estrogen plays a role in finding relief of depression, a new study has found that post-menopausal women who were taking estrogen responded better to a leading antidepressant medicine.

"What we found in this study is that women taking estrogen were nearly three times as likely to respond to the antidepressant than those not taking it," said Gary Small, a geriatric psychiatrist at the University of California in Los Angeles.

The 358 women studied by Small and Lon Schneider, of the University of Southern California, were participating in a 700-person test of the antidepressant fluoxetine, better known as Prozac.

The six-week study, which was underwritten by Prozac's manufacturer, Eli Lilly Co., took place at 30 different sites and was a randomized, double-blind experiment in which some subjects were given 20 milligrams of Prozac a day and others received a placebo.

Among the 358 women in the study, 72 were on an estrogen-replacement regime.

When Small and Schneider looked at the women's responses, they found that among those who'd gotten Prozac during the test, those on estrogen showed a significant improvement in their depression compared with those women not taking the hormone, who did not show a significant improvement.

Most of the 72 women on estrogen therapy were taking it alone rather than in combination with the hormone progesterone, Small said.

The study results were presented last week at a conference of the American Association of Geriatric Psychiatry in Florida and will appear in the next edition of the association's journal, Small said.

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- Arthritis/Lupus Support Group * Tuesday, April 1, 7 p.m., Education Center. Kurt Hefner, Registered Pharmacist, will discuss "Arthritis Medications: What's New?" For more information call 737-2050.
- Adult Diabetes Class * Tuesday, April 1, 12 - 1 p.m., Aspen Building on CSI Campus. Cost is \$20. For more information call 737-2903.
- Childbirth Refresher Course * Wednesday, April 2, 7 - 10 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
- Big Kids Klub * Saturday, April 5, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Education Center. Designed to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. To register call, 737-2900.
- Monthly MVRMC Board Meeting * Monday, April 7, 7 p.m., Sage Room of Education Center.
- CPR Class * Monday and Tuesday, April 7 and 8, 4 - 7 p.m., Doctor's Dining Room. To register call 737-2007.
- MVRMC Volunteers/Auxiliary Annual Awards Banquet * Tuesday, April 8, 12 noon, Canyon Springs Inn. The guest luncheon will be \$7.50. All volunteers with 100 hours or more in 1996 are invited at no charge. For reservations call 737-2006.
- Prepared Childbirth Course * Tuesdays April 8 - May 6, 7-9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.

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PERSONAL TRAINER

Specialist deflates some favorite food beliefs

Athletes sometimes have unrealistic ideas about food, according to the coordinator of the sports nutrition program for Penn State's varsity teams. Her advice:



Fat bad, carbohydrate good?

Fat is an essential nutrient, and it's not necessary — or even advisable — to try to live on a fat-free diet.

Athletes doing heavy workouts need a heavy dose of calories daily. A very low-fat diet may not provide enough calories.

Carbohydrates from where?

Many people think first of bread, pasta and cereal products when they think of carbohydrates. Those are not the only sources, and they're not necessarily the best.

Many fruits, vegetables and dairy foods are rich sources of carbohydrates PLUS protein, minerals and vitamins.

Some examples: Potatoes, citrus, beans, peas, corn, molon, low-fat milk and cheese

Keeping hydrated

Not drinking enough liquids is a mistake athletes sometimes make, especially those concerned about their weight.

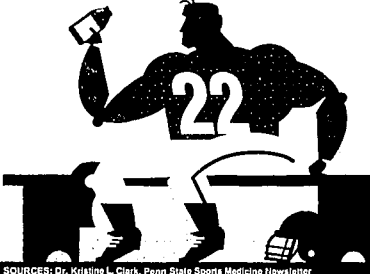
When to eat

A balanced meal 4 hours before a competition and then a snack an hour before the game

It's also a mistake to wait too long after a game before eating.

The Penn State program recommends its athletes take carbohydrate-rich foods or beverages within two hours of intense exercise.

Juice and sports drinks are good for this purpose because they provide carbohydrates and also rehydrate the athlete.



SOURCES: Dr. Kristine L. Clark, Penn State Sports Medicine Newsletter
NRT Infographics/PAUL TRAPP

New clot-busting drug gives hope to stroke victims

Knight-Ridder News Service

MIAMI — Not so long ago, a stroke was considered an unstoppable force of nature, a storm of impairment and paralysis leaving its victims beyond rescue until the destructive rampage was over.

Then along came a drug called tPA, medicine that could break through a clot like a ship cuts through a dam, freeing blood in the head to flow again and preventing chunks of the brain from starving.

But response to a stroke had to be lightning quick for tPA to work, and there were dangerous side effects, foremost among them that the clot-busting properties that make the drug so valuable could cause hemorrhages in other organs.

Now, doctors at about 40 medical centers across the United States — including Baptist Hospital in the Kendall suburb of Miami — are trying another clot buster, a drug that gives patients twice as much time to seek help. And this medication, prourokinase, is delivered directly to the clot, a method doctors believe will obviate the risk of unintended bleeding elsewhere.

The potential benefits of such a drug are enormous: Stroke is the third-leading cause of death in the long-term disability than any other condition.

"The traditional care for stroke was just supportive care and rehabilitation," says Ira F. Braun, the doctor in charge of Baptist's prourokinase trial. "We're fighting inertia here."

Their prime weapon in that fight is education. They have even taken to calling a stroke by a different name.

Call it a brain attack, experts in the stroke field say. Sounds like heart attack. And that's precisely the point.

"It really is a very similar thing — both are blockages of blood flow," says Rachelle Trujillo, communications director at the National Stroke Association in Englewood, Colo. "That term, brain attack, really helps to convey the emergency nature of the stroke."

"The education process with heart attacks took over 20 years, and we're obviously nowhere near the level of education we need to be with stroke. But we're definitely trying to accelerate that process."

Vaccine vigilantes take on health system

Los Angeles Times

The story of Cindy Goldenberg and her dimpled son Garrett was enough to give any channel-surfing parent a jolt. As the Laguna Beach, Calif., mom told it, a talent show host, she'd done what any good parent would — found the best pediatrician and ferried her son in, on schedule, for his shots.

But, as beginning at about 13 months, her "sweet baby" quit looking people in the eye. He withdrew from hugs, grimaced at mild sounds, then simply stopped talking. After visiting 55 medical experts, Goldenberg learned her son was descending into autism, but no one could say why.

On her own, she decided it was his rebella shot — that seemingly innocuous rite of passage — that pushed her happy child into an impenetrable shell. Now, she said, warning of its dangers is her "mission from God."

Charismatic and taken to the lectern, Goldenberg has captured reaching millions of viewers on programs from "Susan Power" to "Caryl and Marilyn."

She is among hundreds of parents and seniors across the country venting against vaccines. Although active since the early 1980s, these critics are no longer just chatting over the backyard fence. They are broadening their reach through public forums, television, magazines and at least two dozen books. And they are swapping news, views and suspicions over the Internet.

Drawing on the persuasive power of personal tragedy, this scrappy movement transmits a scary message.

It especially spooks many public health officials, who fear its contention much as they would a deadly disease. Indeed, if the ideas catch on, some warn, deadly disease will

be the inevitable consequence. Others — doctors and researchers among them — see the debate as a natural offshoot of health consumerism, opening up a domain to often controlled by the scientific community.

"It's good to bring out the truth, even if it's negative," said Malibu, Calif., pediatrician Jay Gordon. "People will have more faith ... that we're being honest with them. I believe the facts are on the side of people who support vaccinations, but I think it's a little closer call than many doctors would have you believe."

Having learned the ropes as consumer activists, vaccine critics are now a force to be reckoned with. Or at least, they've become hard to ignore. They have joined the folks in lab coats on national committees, been invited to scientific meetings and crowded the hallways of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, accompanied by children in wheelchairs.

They blast the medical establishment, the government and drug companies for bamboozling consumers into believing vaccines are safe.

"It's the same old garbage," lamented Dr. James Cherry, chief of pediatric infectious diseases at UCLA, of complaints by critics, who he claims "make (vaccines) responsible for everything from autism to stuttering."

At its core, the vaccine controversy is about the meaning of risk — that troublesome topic that scientists cast in statistics but the public often takes personally.

"This is the thing," said Cherry, "these (vaccine critics) don't understand public health at all. It's all about their child."

The National Vaccine Information Center, founded by vaccine critics in the early 1980s, fires back with a slogan: "When it happens to you or your child, the

risks are 100 percent." To Cherry and other researchers, the calculation is simple: Benefits of vaccines far outweigh risks. Inoculations in this century have wiped out smallpox, nearly eliminated polio and vastly reduced cases of

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Vaccine-related problems yield some powerful stories

Los Angeles Times

The nearly 1,100 parents who have won compensation claims in the fight against faulty vaccines met stringent standards and faced intensive government review. But the power of their stories comes mostly from the sympathies they stir.

"It's been a total nightmare from the get-go," said Harvey Tony Wilcox, 36, of Mobile, Ala.

His son Terry, now 8, got polio from a vaccine given to him at 9 weeks. A quadriplegic, he survived for years on a respirator and a feeding tube. He couldn't move his head or talk, but his mental function was "perfect," his father said, until he slipped into a coma two weeks ago.

Wilcox won his claim against the government but said he has had to fight for coverage of daily necessities. He spends his off hours spreading word of his son's case online and in magazines.

What comes through most clearly is the father's bitter disappointment.

"I don't think they give you your rights," he said of health authorities. "They don't give you your options, they don't tell you what you can do, and they let you when you can go if something does happen."

A Tula, Okla., mother is equally bitter.

Betsy Bald said DPT (diphtheria, pertussis) shots transformed her healthy 4-month-old daughter into a severely developmentally delayed epileptic.

"We had a resident (physician) in the hospital tell us that sometimes a cow has to be sacrificed for the goodness of the herd," she said. "That kind of lets you know where (doctors) were coming from."

Vaccine manufacturers and advocates say that by focusing on sensational — and sometimes unsubstantiated — cases, the media distort risks.

Much is at stake, they warn: In England during the 1970s — when many parents were spooked about vaccination and immunization rates fell to 40 percent — an eight-year pertussis epidemic was spawned, striking 100,000 people and killing 36.

Critics say manufacturers are fretting over profits, not human lives, with the industry's world-wide revenues projected to reach \$4 billion this year.

Nonsense, say the companies. Their products must be proved safe and effective to the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. And aside from a moral commitment to protect life, they say they have an economic incentive to keep consumers happy.

Lay critics have enlisted some allies with flashy credentials: dissident doctors and scientists with unproven, yet increasingly publicized, notions.

Dr. W. John Martin, a University of Southern California professor, and Howard Umovitz, an independent Berkeley, Calif., microbiologist, have suggested that simian viruses introduced by the oral polio vaccine — cultured in monkey tissue — may indeed be contributing to chronic human diseases, cancer or AIDS.

The two scientists, who work separately, are not anti-vaccine. But Martin, whose laboratory was closed by USC in 1995 for unspecified "regulatory and safety" reasons, argued on the "Caryl and Marilyn" segment last year to push for full disclosure of vaccine risks.

Umovitz, who carves time from a busy schedule to aid media calls, says he's been urged by health officials not to "create a panic."

"No one has ever been angry with a wealthy person for saying a storm is three days away from the coast," he said. "I'm just here to upgrade the system."

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The most frequent known cause of hiatal hernia is an increased pressure in the abdominal cavity produced by coughing, vomiting, straining at stool or sudden physical exertion.

Long-term esophagitis may result in Barrett's esophagitis, a condition thought to be a precursor of cancer. Most cases of esophagitis respond to antacids, weight reduction and a common sense approach to eating, drinking and other lifestyle habits. Long-term use of antacids can produce side effects like diarrhea, altered calcium metabolism and magnesium retention.

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SUMMARY
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Red Cross offers \$40 First Aid, safety class

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The American Red Cross has scheduled twice-weekly CPR and First Aid recertification classes at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. on Wednesdays and Fridays. If your certification is about to expire, call the Red Cross office to register for the class that is suitable for your schedule.

To register or for more information, call 733-6464 or stop by the office at 718 Shoshone St. E. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required for all classes.

Psychologist to talk at Barnes & Noble

TWIN FALLS - Psychologist Scott Hyder will discuss on "Life, Death, Resurrection and Your Cycles of Rebirth," from 1 to 2:30 p.m. Saturday at Barnes & Noble, 1219 A. Pole Line Road E.

The seminar is for those interested in forming a "Jungian dream and process group." Hyder will be available to answer questions following the event. Those unable to attend, may contact him at 324-5654 before April 10. Meetings will be in Jerome on a weekly basis if sufficient interest is shown. Cost is \$20 per 2-hour session (8 person limit).

Prepared childbirth, parenting class starts

JEROME - A five-week series of prepared childbirth and parenting classes will be offered this month from 7 to 9:30 p.m. on Tuesdays at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center Conference Room. The fee for the series is \$30. Please bring payment to the first class.

The classes, taught by a registered nurse from St. Benedict's Family Medical Center, emphasize preparation for labor and birth, changes during pregnancy and newborn care. The classes can help answer your questions and make informed choices about your childbirth and parenting experi-

ences. The second class in the series qualifies as a refresher class for persons who have taken the classes previously.

Please wear loose, comfortable clothes. Bring 2 pillows and a blanket (optional) to each class.

Informational highlights of the preparation classes include: in-depth review of labor and delivery process, relaxation/coping techniques, coaching skills, Caesarean births, breast-feeding, tour of the birth suite, and infant care and cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Pre-registration is required. To pre-register or for more information, call the medical center at 324-4301.

8-week series about widowed planned

TWIN FALLS - Widowed Information and Consultation Services is planning to hold a series of meetings on "Coping with Widowhood."

The eight-week series will meet at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging. It will be designed to help widowed persons receive information and support in dealing with problems of being widowed.

Dates and times have not yet been set. Anyone interested in obtaining information or in registering should call 736-2122.

Seminar addressing anger problems set

TWIN FALLS - A four-week seminar on dealing with anger problems will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. April 7 in Suite 3 of the Falls Professional Center (across Falls Avenue from Hastings), 1139 Falls Ave. E.

Instructor will be Howard Carroll, M.Ed., Licensed Professional Counselor.

Anger is one of the most destructive emotions we experience and the violence that results from anger is rapidly becoming a national crisis. Struggling with our own angry feelings and the anger of others can cause a great deal of difficulty in our lives. The seminar will discuss several goals that participants can apply to their own anger problems.

The fee is \$60 and is due Thursday. Classes are 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.

Postpartum/parenting class slated April 10

JEROME - St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will host a postpartum/parenting class at 10

a.m. April 10 at St. Benedict's Conference Room.

Informational highlights of the class includes:

- Breastfeeding help and support.
 - When to call the doctor.
 - Answers to questions.
 - Support of other mothers.
 - Parenting.
 - Infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation.
- To register or for more information, call the medical center at 324-4301.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday 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.

Good progress against ovarian cancer

The Washington Post

Cancer of the ovary is one of the most dismal of all malignant tumors - difficult to detect early and fatal within five years in 65 percent of its patients. But an

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matthew PERRY salma HAYEK

An impulsive love story.

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COMICS

Peanuts comic strip by Charles M. Schulz. Characters: Charlie Brown, Linus, Lucy, Sally. Dialogue about kindergarten and fine kindergartnewise.

Dilbert comic strip by Scott Adams. Characters: Dilbert, Boss. Dialogue about project requirements and homemade cookies.

B.C. comic strip by Johnny Hart. Characters: B.C., Dodo. Dialogue about carrying a neighborhood watch to a bit too far.

Garfield comic strip by Jim Davis. Characters: Garfield, Jon. Dialogue about breakfast and filling up.

Hi and Lois comic strip by Chance Browne. Characters: Hi, Lois. Dialogue about rough days at the office and home office.

The Wizard of Id comic strip by Brant Parker & Johnny Hart. Characters: Wizard, Peasap. Dialogue about help, poor fellow, and a tadpole.

Hagar the Horrible comic strip by Chris Browne. Characters: Hagar, Hagar's assistant. Dialogue about hagar the ship and being in charge of morale.

Beetle Bailey comic strip by Mot Walker. Characters: Beetle Bailey, Sgt. Snorkles. Dialogue about fat attack diet and looking like the left and right flanks.

Frank and Ernest comic strip by Bob Thaves. Characters: Frank, Ernest. Dialogue about diet working and almost down to what didn't want to get up to.

The Bomber comic strip by Art Sanson & Chip. Characters: Bomber, Bomber's assistant. Dialogue about holiday brutus and a week of egg salad sandwiches.

For Better or For Worse comic strip by Lynn Johnston. Characters: Various. Dialogue about having down here now and they've named 'em.

Blondie comic strip by Dean Young & Stan Drake. Characters: Blondie, Dag. Dialogue about listening to gold pot roast and marching on the sliced bread.

Pickles comic strip by Brian Crane. Characters: Pickles, various. Dialogue about how long you want to live and I hope I want to live.

Dennis the Menace comic strip by Hank Ketcham. Characters: Dennis, Miss Gloop. Dialogue about how come you always say I ask too many questions.

The Family Circus comic strip by Bil Keane. Characters: Various. Dialogue about would you mind waiting till I finish my candy?

Rodeo riders never wear yellow

Consider management decisions in Major League baseball: April 16, 1946. Opening Day. Boston Braves vs. Brooklyn Dodgers. Braves' bosses said, "Let's spruce up the stadium." Or words to that effect. So they painted the seats. The weather was cold and damp. The paint didn't dry. The Braves picked up the tabs for a whole stadium of cleaning bills.

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2 Well-known
3 Volub
4 Opera highlight
5 Wear away
6 Escapist of old
7 Drop
8 Carols
9 Swabs
10 Join up
11 Smallst
12 Clatter
13 Saak flux
14 Keep for future use
15 Stone images - mode
16 Unspoken
17 Church teaching
18 Platform
19 Stinging
20 Instruments
21 Sarcas
22 Book of maps
23 Lassod
24 Even ascor
25 Ding back
26 Go ahead
27 Rubber lino
28 Initiate
29 Native American sport
30 Came close
31 Enthusiastic
32 Jowled
33 headless
34 Shore bird
35 - trap for
36 Made a mistake
37 Kowtow's mior
38 Low card
39 Go into
40 Runst pain
41 Bring togeth
32 Wait
33 Fast horse
34 Jump
35 admiral
36 Calendar word
37 Love song
38 Mr. Onassis
39 Gambling game
40 Colossal
41 Alone
42 Bird of peace
43 Hippod
44 Hail
45 Oyster gem
46 Endure

6x6 crossword puzzle grid with numbers 1-15.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Lunar phase highlights ability to bring life into any party. Focus on personal magnetism, variety of sensations, sex appeal. Filtration becomes serious - be ready to accept consequences.

Saturday's Puzzle solved: 15x15 crossword puzzle grid with words filled in. Includes word lists for down and across.