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## SNOW JOKE



What may have been Mother Nature's day-early April fool's joke does not all well with this Easter bunny. Sitting in front of Mike and Shirley Lewis' home in Twin Falls, the inflated bunny droops in the chill of Monday morning's snowstorm which frosted the area. The bunny is a favorite Easter decoration of the Lewis' 8-year-old daughter Jennifer.

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## Court tells cable TV it must carry local channels

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government can force cable television systems to carry local broadcast stations, the Supreme Court said Monday.

The decision could serve as a stay of execution for small, independent channels.

The 5-4 ruling rejected cable companies' argument that a 1992 federal "must carry" law violates their free-speech rights by forcing them to carry stations they would rather drop.

The justices said the measure is a lawful effort to preserve broadcast television and ensure public access to information from a variety of sources.

More than 60 percent of American households subscribe to cable-TV. The decision means those customers will continue to receive local broadcast stations on their cable systems.

"Broadcast television is an important source of information to many Americans," Justice Anthony M. Kennedy wrote for the court. "For decades now it has been an essential part of the national discourse on subjects across the whole broad spectrum of speech, thought and expression."

"Congress has an independent interest in preserving a multiplicity of broadcast-

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## Pocatello operator plans Boise flights

Service would replace Horizon when it leaves Twin Falls later this month

By Pat Marcantonio Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A Pocatello-based company plans to take wing with three daily flights to Boise after Horizon Airlines discontinues service April 19.

Avcenter Inc. is seeking federal approval to offer regular service between Twin Falls and Boise by April 21, says Melvin Wagener, director of operations in Pocatello.

The company will start small with an eight-passenger, pressurized, twin-engine Cessna 441. In the future, Avcenter may move up to a 19-seat plane, which better fits the market than the larger aircraft used by Horizon, Wagener said.

"Twin Falls, in our analysis, is a 19-seat market. It's not a 37-seat market," he said. "On the 21st, we plan to be there."

Last month, Seattle-based Horizon announced plans to stop its three round-trip flights to Boise after 14 years of service. The route became unprofitable because competition from other airlines resulted in more people driving to Boise, the company said.

**About Avcenter Inc.**

- ☐ In business since 1976 in Pocatello, Idaho
- ☐ December 1996: 100% owned by 2200 Idaho Falls
- ☐ Services: Unmanned aircraft, pilot training, flight instruction, aircraft maintenance
- ☐ Fleet: More than 10,000 hours annually in 200 aircraft, 15 pilots

Enter the Avcenter. At the Twin Falls Regional Airport, Avcenter already offers various services with one manager and four pilots. This will be the company's first venture into regular commercial-passenger service, Wagener said. The business wants to fly the discount-carrier way, he said, and encourage people to fly instead of drive. That means competitive prices but not all the frills or overhead. "A company like Horizon grew until you increase the number of positions so overhead increases substantially," Wagener said. Please see POCATELLO, Page A2

## Clear Shield plastics firm launches operations today

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Clear Shield National starts business today in Twin Falls.

Granted, it may be a humble beginning with one employee.

By May, however, the manufacturer of plastic flatware, disposable dining kits and straws plans to start shipping its products from Twin Falls, says Steve Thare, with the company's headquarters in Wheeling, Ill.

It has leased a 40,000-square-foot warehouse on Russett Street in Twin Falls.

"We're right on track. We secured some warehouse space and as of tomorrow we will be doing business," Thare said Monday.

Meanwhile in Wheeling, the company prepares to build its fifth plant. The 160,000-square-foot operation will be located between Osterloh Avenue and Orchard Drive East and could employ up to 160 people in three years.

Until its new plant is ready, Twin Falls workers will ship out products made in other plants, he said.

The new Clear Shield employees also will establish relations with local carriers to haul product and get customers

acquainted to dealing with the new Idaho operation, he said.

"I expect a lot of stuff to be shipped by local carriers," Thare said.

Among its clients are national fast-food chains.

By April, another person may be hired. As the months continue, more people will be brought in to prepare for the plant opening, such as maintenance and human-resource workers.

Officials in Wheeling are looking at bids from building contractors, including local companies.

"We're still on schedule sometime in June to break ground," he said.

Among the incentives to draw the company to Twin Falls, the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce will give Clear Shield 16 acres of land when it's ready to build. The chamber purchased the land last fall for \$215,000 from a fund dedicated to bringing jobs to the area.

The manufacturer has not decided if it will take advantage of tax-exempt, low-interest industrial revenue bonds through the city of Twin Falls to finance plant construction and purchase equipment.

"It's just one means of financing," Thare said.

## Female Marines receive combat training with men



Marine PFC Kelly Jona fires a machine gun at a Camp Lejeune, N.C., range Monday. She has help holding her helmet from PFC Evelyn Johnson.

The Associated Press

CAMP LEJEUNE, N.C. — The first woman to undergo Marine combat training alongside their male comrades threw live grenades and fired big guns Monday on a remote corner of this sprawling base.

"We're getting just as dirty as they are," said Pvt. Jessica Greer of Silver Spring, Md., after firing a grenade launcher.

Camp Lejeune is the home of the Marine Corps' infantry school for the eastern United States. The Corps said the training is designed to prepare non-infantry Marines

for port or airport security missions.

"We have to protect our post. It's kind of valuable to know what to do," said Pvt. Rheanna Stebbins, 19, of Las Vegas. She will work as a postal clerk after combat training.

Previously, women in the Marines received only limited combat training as part of boot camp. They are still banned from combat assignments in the Marines.

The Army, Air Force and Navy allow women in combat aircraft; the Army and Marines bar women from serving in infantry, artillery

and armored units.

On Monday, Greer was learning to fire a hefty Mark 19 40 mm grenade launcher, which takes three people to operate. It spits out fist-sized shells that disintegrate with a shower of shrapnel and a screeching explosion.

"It was kind of nervous at first because it's a big weapon," Greer said. "But after the firing, it's a rush. It feels good."

Greer, 19, will be assigned to a logistics unit that supervises the loading and unloading of equipment on ships. She said she's glad training for women was improved and combined with the men.

## Death penalty talk chills McVeigh stare

The Associated Press

DENVER — In a courtroom protected by barricades and armed guards, Oklahoma City bombing defendant Timothy McVeigh gazed intently at potential jurors Monday who revealed strong emotions and willingness to recommend execution for the deadliest terrorist attack ever on U.S. soil.

McVeigh, wearing a buzz haircut, an open-collared blue shirt and khakis, sat and shook his attorney's hand as he was brought into the courtroom from a basement holding cell for the start of jury selection. He nodded and mumbled "Good morning" through a grin when the

judge introduced him to potential jurors. But during detailed and excruciatingly slow questioning, McVeigh's rare tightness over his folded hands as prospective jurors discussed how they could recommend execution if he is convicted in the April 19, 1995, blast that killed 168 people and injured hundreds more.

"It's hard to place yourself in the role of deciding the fate of another human being on these terms," said a middle-aged man identified only as No. 859. "Let there has to be some ultimate price to pay."

The self-employed financial adviser said he has not formed an opinion about McVeigh but believes there may be

other suspects who have not been arrested. "There are elements of justice people out there that are ancillary to this case, that might want to make their strength and presence felt," he said.

The man, who once lived in Tulsa, Okla., said he visited the bombing site before the gutted shell of the building was demolished, feeling "I guess all the things a normal human being would feel. I think I cried a little."

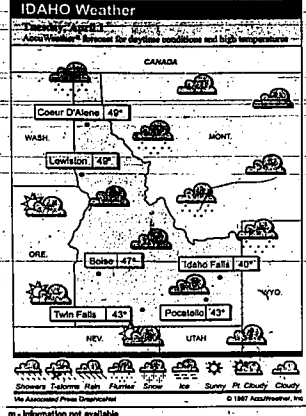
The second juror questioned in her 60s, said she too cried and prayed for the victims as she watched television coverage of the bombing. Her dominant

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Oklahoma City bombing suspect Timothy McVeigh listens to questions asked of prospective jurors Monday as his federal court trial opens in Denver.

# WEATHER



## FORECAST

**Magic Valley**  
 Partly cloudy with scattered snow showers today. Breezy and cool. Highs in the lower to mid 40s. West winds 15 to 25 mph. Tonight partly cloudy in the evening with a slight chance of snow showers then clearing and cold. Lows in the upper teens to the mid 20s. Wednesday mostly sunny and not as cool. Highs in the upper 40s to around 50. The ultraviolet index forecast is 5, a moderate exposure level.

**Extended regional forecast**  
 Thursday and Friday mostly cloudy and cool with a chance of valley rain showers and mountain snow showers. Lows 25 to 35. Highs 45 to 55.

**Carnas Prairie, Wood River Valley**  
 Partly cloudy with a slight chance of snow showers today. Highs 40 to 45. Tonight clearing and colder. Lows from near 10 above zero through the teens. Wednesday mostly sunny and a little warmer. Highs in the mid to upper 40s.

**Treasure Valley**  
 Partly cloudy and cool today with a slight chance of snow showers. Highs 45 to 50. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight partly cloudy then clearing and cold. Lows in the mid 20s. Wednesday mostly sunny and a little warmer. Highs in the mid 50s.

**Sawtooth Mountains**  
 Partly cloudy and continued cool today with scattered snow showers. Locally windy. Highs in the mid 30s to around 40. Tonight partly cloudy in the evening with widespread clearing and cold. Lows from near zero in the highest valleys to around 20. Wednesday mostly sunny and continued cool. Highs from the upper 30s to the mid 40s.

**Eastern Idaho**  
 Partly cloudy today. Breezy and cold with scattered snow showers. Highs 35 to 40. North winds increasing to 15 to 25 mph. Tonight mostly clear. Lows in the teens. Wednesday partly cloudy. Highs in the mid to upper 40s.

**Northern Idaho**  
 Partly cloudy and cool today. Highs 45 to 50. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph. Tonight clear and cold. Lows 25 to 30. Wednesday mostly sunny and a little warmer. Highs 50 to 55.

**Northern Nevada**  
 Mostly cloudy with scattered snow showers today. North winds 15 to 25 mph. Highs 35 to 40. Tonight partly cloudy with a slight chance of snow showers. Lows 15 to 20. Wednesday partly cloudy and breezy. Highs 40 to 45.

**Northern Utah**  
 Mostly cloudy today with a 50 percent chance of showers. Colder with higher in the mid 40s. Tonight partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of snow showers mainly in the evening. Lows in the lower to mid 20s. Wednesday partly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of showers. Highs in the upper 40s. The ultraviolet index forecast is 5, a moderate exposure level.

## ACROSS THE NATION

**March departs in lionine manner in Northeast, Western states**  
 The Associated Press

A "Nor'easter" storm blew rain and heavy snow through the Northeast on Monday, bringing out bizarre warnings and closing some schools and businesses.

A low pressure area centered off the New Jersey-New York coast spread rain across large parts of the Northeast, and drew in cold air that turned the rain to snow from western Maryland and Pennsylvania into snow.

Fourteen inches of snow had already fallen by Monday afternoon at the Hunter Mountain ski resort in New York's Catskills. And as much as 12 to 18 inches of snow was forecast by Tuesday along the coast of Maine.

Without conditions were reported in parts of Connecticut, where more than a foot of snow was forecast in places. Shovels fell along coast areas.

Blizzard warnings were in effect into this morning for parts of Connecticut, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New Hampshire and Maine, the National Weather Service said. Winter storm warnings were posted for northeastern Pennsylvania and northwestern New Jersey.

Other areas of light snow extended westward along southern shores of the Great Lakes into northern Ohio. In the West, a windstorm blanketed for three weekend days in Washington state had shifted eastward to the Utah-Nevada area. Wind gusts to 45 and 60 mph, with one gust reported at 81 mph at the south end of Utah's Great Salt Lake.

Northern Nevada had a few light snow showers, with 6 inches overnight in California's Sierra Nevada, and light rain showers were scattered from Nevada into western Montana.

Winter storm warnings were issued for Utah's Wasatch Front, with up to 16 inches of snow possible in the mountains.

A cold front swinging around the southern edge of that weather system created a chance of showers and scattered thunderstorms in Arizona, with light snow possible at higher elevations.

## ALMANAC

**Idaho**

Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	50	39
Burley	43	30
Idaho Falls	45	26
Coeur d'Alene	48	39
Hagerman	48	38
Idaho Falls	48	38
Jerome	44	30
Lewiston	51	40
Malta	58	26
McCall	45	32
Pocatello	52	31
Salmon	59	34
Stanley	53	29
Sun Valley	40	19

**Twin Falls**

Max	Min	Pcp
Yesterday	42	30
Last year	53	21
Normal	57	31

**Precipitation**

Month of March: .56  
 Month to date: .00  
 Normal to date: .10  
 Water year to date: 10.03  
 Normal year to date: 6.15

**Comfort factors**

Humidity at noon: 96 pct.  
 Barometer at noon: 29.86 F.  
 Pollen count: 10 (low), 0 (m) count lowwood.

Courtesy Astoria and Idaho.

## SKYWATCH

Sunset today 7:04 p.m.  
 Sunrise tomorrow 6:19 a.m.  
 Lunar phase: Last quarter, March 31; new, April 7; first quarter, April 14; full, April 22.  
 Visible planets: Morning, Mars, Jupiter.  
 Evening Mars, Mercury, Comet Hale-Bopp visible: NE, 2:30 a.m.-6 a.m.; NW, 7:30-10 p.m.

## Cable

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ers to ensure that all households have access to information and entertainment on an equal footing with those who subscribe to cable," he said.

There is heavy competition for space on cable systems because many new cable networks have been created in recent years.

Cable companies voluntarily carry network-affiliated broadcast stations because of their large viewership. But smaller, independent channels feared that without the must-carry rule, cable systems would drop them.

Three stations then could lose advertising and face going out of business, the broadcasters contended.

In other action Monday, the court:

- Reversed the federal government's efforts to return to prison a former Tennessee judge accused of assaulting five women.
- Rejected the federal government's attempt to set a new standard when it struck down the judge's criminal conviction. They told the appeals court to retry its ruling.

## Reinstated a Montana law

that requires unmarried girls to notify a parent before getting approval before undergoing an abortion.

• Agreed to decide whether, or to what extent, states' wrongful-death laws control lawsuits alleging that someone died because federal rights were violated.

Broadcasters praised the cable TV ruling, while cable TV industry officials were disappointed.

"We're elated the Supreme Court has recognized the historic importance of preserving free over-the-air television for all Americans," said Eddie Fritts, president of the National Association of Broadcasters.

But C-SPAN Chairman Brian Lamb said, "More than 3.5 million viewers have lost access to all or part of the C-SPAN network since the 'must carry' rule became law in October 1992. ... Today, the court has basically gutted the rule. ... The FCC will fight for many more."

The 1992 Cable Television Consumer Protection and Competition Act requires cable operators to set aside part of their channel capacity for commercial and public broadcast TV stations.

The law was challenged in court by the National Cable Television Association and cable companies including Turner Broadcasting System and Time Warner Entertainment Co.

The companies said they should not be forced to carry broadcast stations instead of new cable channels such as the History Channel, the Sci-Fi Channel and the Cartoon Network.

A three-judge federal court upheld the law in 1993, but the Supreme Court ordered it to be retried. The lower court upheld the law again in 1995, and Monday the Supreme Court affirmed.

"Significant evidence indicates the vast majority of cable operators have not been affected in a significant manner by must-carry," Kenneth G. Sorenson, must conclude must-carry is narrowly tailored to preserve a multiplicity of broadcast stations for the 40 percent of American households without cable."

## NATIONAL Weather



## HIGHS & LOWS

Idaho: High, 56 degrees at Malad. Low, 19 degrees at Sun Valley.  
 Nation: High, 87 degrees at Gil Bend, Ariz. Low, 3 at Ironwood, Mich.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

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 MZC, call 324-8960. The Internet address for Idaho transportation Department road reports is: <http://www.state.id.us/dtd/dmhp.htm>

## TEMPERATURES

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	63	42	...
Albany	61	40	...
Boston	42	42	1.01
Chicago	47	33	...
Dallas	67	43	...
Denver	73	39	...
Des Moines	65	26	...
Houston	70	46	...
Honolulu	61	60	...
Indianapolis	70	56	...
Jacksonville	75	58	...
Kansas City	69	37	1.8
Las Vegas	75	61	...
Little Rock	70	47	...
Memphis	65	41	...
Miami Beach	87	70	0.3
Minneapolis	67	47	...
Missoula	57	23	...
New Orleans	67	58	1.73
Phoenix	69	49	...
Oklahoma City	69	38	...
Omaha	73	31	...
Portland, Ore.	52	28	...
Pittsburgh	32	28	...
Portland, Me.	37	26	...
Reno	60	40	...
Rio	45	35	...
St. Louis	65	40	...
St. Paul	68	50	...
San Francisco	58	45	0.4
Seattle	58	39	...
Spring	48	35	...
Washington	46	45	...

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## Judge bars deportations

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A federal judge has barred the deportation of thousands of long-term immigrants in the West until higher courts rule on disputed language in a new immigration law.

Those affected entered the country illegally but are seeking suspension of deportation, available to immigrants who have lived in the United States for at least seven years, have good moral character and would face severe hardship if deported. An immigrant whose deportation is suspended can apply to become a permanent legal resident.

The new law narrows eligibility for suspension of deportation. It requires seven years of residency before an immigrant files notice of deportation and sets an annual ceiling of 4,000 suspensions and transfers to legal residency.

The effective date of many of the provisions is this October. But the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has ruled that the change in the seven-year residency requirement applies only to immigrants who receive notice of deportation after April 1.

Those who received notices earlier can count any unbroken period of residency until a final deportation order.

## McVeigh

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To obtain the necessary federal approval, Ament must show financial stability, among other things. Given its 16 years in business, the company is ahead of the application game, he says.

If Ament doesn't receive approval by April 21, it will offer alternate service until it does.

Ament has had no major accidents in its passenger service history, he said. One of its rental aircraft was involved in a private pilot fatal flight in 1993 in Idaho Falls.

While some may cringe at a return to smaller planes, Wagoner says the Cessna 441 seats are arranged differently than others, with some seats facing each other. He calls it a nice ride.

Depending on the aircraft, charter flights to Boise can start at \$15, he said.

With its new service, the fare to Boise may be about \$69 to \$79 one way.

For now, the company probably won't hire new employees or buy more aircraft, Wagoner said.

"It's kind of a way to stick our toe on the market," he said.

"They are very respected," said Ron Madsen, airport manager. "I think they offer some excellent help for Twin Falls, especially for those people who are regular commuters."

Since Horizon's announcement, no large airlines have shown any interest in regular service to Boise, Madsen said.

Horizon's loss will not break the airport budget, Madsen said.

Horizon pays \$562 monthly rent to the airport and landing fees based on gross weight. In February, Horizon landing fees amounted to \$1,681 and \$1,500 in March, he said.

On average, Horizon carried between 1,000 to 1,200 passengers each month.

The airport's annual budget is \$522,000. About \$75,000 comes from landing fees and \$170,000 from rental spaces and franchise charges at the terminal, says Gary Evans, city finance director.

The loss of Horizon fees also will be offset by an increase from SkyWest Airlines, which is offering a daily flight between Twin Falls and Salt Lake City starting Sunday, Madsen said.

Officials from the Utah-based SkyWest Airlines said the flight was added in light of reductions in Twin Falls air service. It also provides the airline greater capacity and its passengers greater convenience, said Steven Hain, SkyWest vice president of market development.

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## McVeigh

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memory of McVeigh was the footage of him in an orange jail jumpsuit being led out of a county jail in Oklahoma.

"I felt very sorry for him," she said. "For such a young man, to waste his life."

McVeigh attorney Stephen Jones then asked: "You didn't feel sorry because they arrested the wrong man?"

"I didn't know," she said.

All but one of the 12 jury prospects who were questioned said they would be willing to recommend the death penalty — and several spoke in even stronger terms.

The only holdout was a union pipefitter who said that only God — not the justice system — can stand in judgment. The man vowed to his questionaire: "I don't like your court" and "I don't think your conclusions are good."

Some prospects expressed reluctance to serve on the trial, which could last several months. One woman, a personal shopper at a Denver department store, said she had been twice hospitalized for nervous breakdowns and was unsure whether she could weather the trial emotionally.

That woman also said one of her clients had suggested at church that the federal government may have been part of a conspiracy behind the bombing.

Asked if she shared that view, the woman said, "I guess I have to say yes to that questionaire."

As the prospective jurors took the stand to talk about every thing from their view of the justice system to their opinions on the O.J. Simpson case, they were hidden behind a partial wall from nearly everyone in the audience section of the courtroom. U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch has promised the prospective jurors that their privacy will be protected during the questioning.

Given the slow pace, it could take several weeks for lawyers to choose 12 jurors, and six alternates from a pool of hundreds, and all those picked must be willing to consider the death penalty as punishment.

Heightened security was evident at the stone-and-glass courthouse, which is ringed by concrete barriers, heavy planters and temporary metal fences. Police officers on foot on sidewalks and in cruisers made regular passes around the complex, and at least one sharpshooter, wearing military fatigues, was stationed at the top of a parking structure across the street.

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## CORRECTION

According to a Bureau of Land Management study, ranching accounts for about 1 percent of the Columbia Basin economy. Ranching accounts for about 29 percent of all agricultural sales, but only 7 percent of the livestock industry is dependent on BLM and U.S. Forest Service forage.

A story in Monday's edition of The Times-News contained inaccurate information about the study. The Times-News regrets the error.

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**LOTTERY UPDATE**

Mary Noble of Idaho Falls won \$125,000 on Tri-Week Lottery. She splits the March 22nd jackpot with another \$125,000 winner. 1,100 winners of the Incentive Tri-Week Lottery have been won in Idaho, Tri-Week is played in Idaho, Montana and South Dakota, and Idaho has won one-half of all the jackpot. Don't forget to buy your tickets for Wednesday's drawing. Wednesday's scheduled jackpot is \$200,000.

It's on a roll! Wednesday's Powerball jackpot is estimated to be \$5 Million.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29 NUMBERS**

**POWERBALL**  
 3 23 29 35 42  
 POWERBALL NUMBER 25

**SATURDAY, MARCH 29 NUMBERS**

**Lotto**  
 8 12 22 28 29 33

Get a second Play or instead!

# White House Easter Egg Roll gets under way with a blast

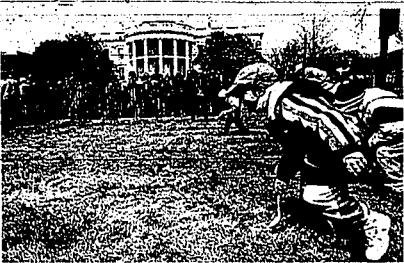
WASHINGTON (AP) — Setting his crutches aside and leaning against a podium, President Clinton surveyed the throng of eager children from a White House balcony and gave the signal: "Are you all ready?" A sharp blast from the presidential whistle, a roar from the crowd spread over the South Lawn and the 119th annual White House Easter Egg Roll was under way Monday.

As usual, lines for the egg rolling stations stretched halfway down the South Lawn, but there were plenty of other activities for the kids.

For instance, they could explore the Internet and send an e-mail to the president at a computer tent. Or they could hear stories read by actress Jane Seymour, Education Secretary Richard Riley and Attorney General Janet Reno, who read "Queen Janet From the Bunny Planet."

Woodrow, the White House mouse; Curious George; Easter bunnies; and a costumed cow named Clyde posed for pictures with the children.

And, of course, there was an Easter egg hunt, where children searched for wooden eggs, some of them signed by Socks, the first



Participants in the 119th annual White House Easter Egg Roll move their eggs down the lawn Monday.

family's cat. About three-dozen blind children participated in a special beeping egg hunt.

Over at one of the egg rolling courses, 4-year-old Jessica Cooke, bundled in a blue coat and hat against the chilly spring day, clutched her white slotted spoon and pushed a pink-hard-boiled egg down the lane.

She won her race and a pink

wooden Easter egg featuring a bunny holding the White House flag by the Clintons.

"I have pink," she said, showing it to her mother, Terra Cooke of Oknton, Va. Jessica said she enjoyed "playing at the White House."

## Report: Inmate suffered no pain

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A killer executed in Florida's electric chair suffered no pain when flames shot from the mask over his face, Gov. Lawton Chiles said Monday.

The fire apparently was caused by a corroded copper screen inside the headpiece, Chiles said. From now on, he said, the screen will be replaced for each execution.

Chiles said he will not push for legislation to replace the electric chair with lethal injection.

Blue and orange flames up to a foot long shot from Pedro Medina's mask when he was executed on March 25. Two medical examiners took part in the autopsy, along with two pathologists for Medina's lawyers.

Medina died instantly when the electricity was turned on, according to the report.



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# Count on new census questions

WASHINGTON (AP) — Uncle Sam no longer wants to know where you get your water or what you do with your sewage.

Those topics are among five questions that will be dropped from the Census in 2000, Census Director Martha Farnsworth Riche said Monday.

"People are concerned about government intrusiveness," and the growth of communications in the information-age has increased that concern, Ms. Riche said. As a result, the bureau plans to ask only for information that is required for federal programs.

The Census does a national head count every 10 years, with the next scheduled for April 1, 2000. Topics to be covered must be reported to Congress three

years in advance.

Ms. Riche said the bureau has been working with federal agencies, academics and others who use the information it collects to prepare topics and questions to be asked.

Questions being dropped from the 2000 questionnaire are about how many children a person has ever had, the last year the individual worked, source of water for the home, method of sewage disposal and whether the individual lives in a condominium.

In addition, five items will be moved from the short form that goes to everyone to the long form received by one household in six. They are marital status, housing units in structure, value of home, monthly rent and number of rooms in home.

That leaves just seven questions to be answered by everyone, the fewest since 1820, Ms. Riche said.

The short form will ask name, age, sex, relationship within household, race, Hispanic origin and whether the home is owned or rented.

The long form will contain a total of 34 questions — including the seven from the short form. There is one new item, mandated by Congress, and that is whether grandparents act as caregivers for children.

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NATION

# Cultists wrote sci-fi screenplay

Chicago Tribune

LOS ANGELES — Two years ago, Los Angeles film producer Rick Singer got a call from a friend in Phoenix who had rented a house to a group of people who called themselves monks and had some unusual ideas about UFOs, aliens and higher levels of existence.

They also had a film script, the friend said, and wondered if Singer might want to have a look.

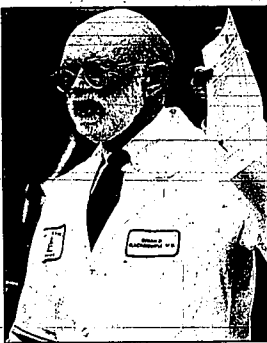
Thus began a relationship between Singer and three members of the Heaven's Gate cult that continued until just a few days before 39 members of the group took their own lives in a southern California hilltop mansion.

The script, a rambling story about titanic battles between malevolent reptilian aliens and benevolent human aliens struggling to control Earth, needed a lot of work, Singer said, but it contained the germ of an idea that intrigued the producer.

"I was very forthright in telling them it was awful," Singer said. "It was real convoluted and about twice as long as the average script. But there was a concept there that was interesting."

That concept was that some humans were on the verge of an evolutionary breakthrough that would take them to a new level of existence and that there were aliens from outer space roaming the planet who revealed themselves to a select few while hiding from most of humanity.

"They did what most writers do, especially first-time writers; they wrote from their personal experience," Singer said.



San Diego County Medical Examiner Brian Blackbourn holds up an updated list of the victims in last week's mass suicide in Rancho Santa Fe, Calif., during a news conference Monday.

"You basically had 'Close Encounters' mixed up with 'The Fugitive,'" he said. "That was something I thought we could work with." Singer was first contacted by Rio DiAngelo,

the former Heaven's Gate follower who traveled to Rancho Santa Fe and discovered the bodies after he received videotapes in which cult members revealed their plans for a mass suicide.

When Singer met DiAngelo he was an active cult member and DiAngelo brought with him two other cultists, one who called himself Otto Paseman and a woman who identified herself only as June.

"I ultimately figured out that Otto Paseman was a play on spaceman," Singer said. "I never got real names for him, or June."

During lunch meetings, sometimes in the San Fernando Valley and sometimes on the west side of Los Angeles, Singer coached the trio and slowly helped them get the story into a workable form.

"They were very nice, intelligent people. They were very open to criticism, not at all defensive," Singer said.

About six months ago, just as the group settled in the sprawling Rancho Santa Fe mansion where they ultimately took their lives, Singer and his partner Irwin Shpiro went to a meeting at the Burbank headquarters of NBC to pitch a television project based on a story about a Chicago inner-city YMCA.

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## Investigators: No evidence of other cult members planning suicide

SAN DIEGO (AP) — There's no evidence that more members of the Heaven's Gate cult are planning to kill themselves, although such reports are being investigated, authorities said Monday.

Such fears, however, are based on far-fung cult cells are real. In 1994, 48 members of the Order of the Solar Temple killed them-

selves in Switzerland. Later that year, five more members committed suicide in Canada, followed by 16 in the French Alps in 1995 and five in Canada on March 22.

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## NATION IN BRIEF

### Clinton chooses Bosnia guru to head NATO

WASHINGTON — An Army general who helped broker the 1995 peace accord in Bosnia is President Clinton's choice for NATO commander and head of U.S. forces in Europe.

Gen. Wesley K. Clark, 52, is the four-star general in charge of the U.S. Southern Command in Panama, which oversees military operations in Central and South America. White House press secretary Mike McCurry announced the nomination at his daily briefing.

If confirmed by the Senate, he will succeed Gen. George Joulwan. The change of command is expected in July. Joulwan stepped into the European job from the commander's post in Panama.

Pentagon officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Defense Secretary William Cohen recommended Clark for the position, given the general's background as both a highly decorated soldier and a diplomat.

### Study: Too much vitamin E can be harmful

WASHINGTON — People loading up on vitamin E supplements to stay healthy may be making a mistake.

Researchers say most pills have only one form of the nutrient and it can be harmful in large doses.

People should take only modest levels of vitamin E in pills and then eat foods that contain more complex forms of the nutrient, said Stephan Christen, a biochemist and researcher at the University of California, Berkeley.

Earlier studies had shown that vitamin E protects against heart disease and cancer and slows aging by absorbing oxygen free radicals, destructive chemicals that form during metabolism and when the body fights disease.

To get full benefit from the vitamin, people also need gamma-tocopherol, found in soybeans, nuts and grains, said Christen, lead author of the study.

### U.S. lifts part restrictions for Chinese ships

WASHINGTON — For the first time since the 1950s, Chinese ships can dock near U.S. military installations with just a day's notice — one-fourth the Cold War-era restriction still imposed on the former Soviet republics.

In one of three deals in the past year helping Beijing's main shipping company, the United States quietly agreed to end the requirement that Chinese ships provide four days notification when entering one of three sensitive ports.

In exchange, China agreed to provide new business opportunities it had first promised American shippers in 1993 but had not yet delivered. Officials say implementation of that offer is progressing slowly.

The primary Chinese beneficiary of the deal struck in the spring and summer of 1996 is China Ocean Shipping Co. (COSCO), the state-run shipping company which participated in the negotiations.

### Countdown begins for Columbia launch

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The countdown began Monday for this week's launch of space shuttle Columbia on a 16-day research mission.

After two middle-of-the-night shuttle launches, liftoff this time will be at 2:01 p.m. Thursday. The chances of good weather were put at 80 percent.

The seven astronauts will work 12-hour work shifts in orbit. Thirty-three experiments are planned with fire, plants, crystals, metals and other materials.

It will be the third shuttle mission this year and the 83rd since Columbia made the first shuttle flight in April 1981.

### Earhart's flight follower heads overseas

MIAMI — Saying farewell to hundreds of fans lining the tarmac, the woman retracing Amelia Earhart's steps took off from the U.S. mainland Monday on the first overseas leg of her journey around the globe.

The goodbyes and a faulty rudder delayed Linda Finch's departure from Kendall-Tamiami Airport for about an hour. She left for San Juan, Puerto Rico, in a restored Lockheed Electra 10E, a duplicate of Earhart's twin-engine propeller plane.

Ms. Finch plans to pay tribute to Earhart by dropping a wreath in the ocean after taking off on July 2 from New Guinea, the last place Earhart was seen.

Compiled from wire reports

# Before suicides, cult building campground

The Washington Post

MANZANO, N.M. — Before the space-age cult of Heaven's Gate committed mass suicide in California, its members lived in these beautiful, spooky mountainous areas, the site of numerous UFO reports, New Ager and doomsday adherents.

But they were doing something unusual for nomads: They were building a permanent settlement, an elaborate temple complex constructed of tires, that seemed more a survivor's last stand than a temporary departure lounge to the cosmos.

The picture that has emerged of the 39 dead cultists is that of wandering techno-nomads, restlessly moving from campgrounds to motels to a final remote mansion in the hills north of San Diego.

But here they toiled for months, swinging, 20-pound sledge hammers, pounding tons of dirt to construct the walls of a multi-building complex that would include enigmatic "nutri and fiber labs," an infirmary, "quiet rooms," a nave and "a visitors' reception area," according to plans left behind.

The existence of the Manzano compound not only alters the image of the cult but suggests that a critical decision was reached sometime during its occupation of the site.

The cult's leader, Marshall Herff Applewhite, 65, had been calling followers that his human "cousins" was rapidly degrading, and at least one researcher who studied the group speculated that Applewhite may have been ill — or thought he was. The medical examiner in San Diego, however,

said it appeared from early autopsy results that Applewhite was not suffering from any life-threatening condition.

Why the cult suddenly abandoned its construction project in these mountains remains a mystery. But abandon the compound they did, selling not only the land and uncompleted structures, but also their tents and tools, including 500 bags of mortar, gas generators, a cement mixer, table saw and sawmill.

Members took with them to California only their few personal possessions, their bunk beds and computer equipment — the same items found at the rented mansion in Rancho Santa Fe. Members of the cult lived — on and off — in the mountains in 1995 and 1996.

"It seemed as if they changed abruptly from a survivalist mode to escape mode," said James Thorsen, who bought the 40-acre property and everything on it last April and met several members of the group.

Thorsen, 68, seems the kind of man who would relate. A retired real estate developer, Thorsen shares common ground with the cult. He believes that the "end times" cited in the Bible's book of Revelation are near, and that America is fast being enveloped by the shadowy forces of the New World Order.

During a lengthy interview in his double-wide trailer at the cult's former site, Thorsen spent in tongues offered apocalyptic prophesy and said he plans to continue building here to shelter relatives and like-minded refugees from the coming calamities he foresees will be brought about by the United Nations.

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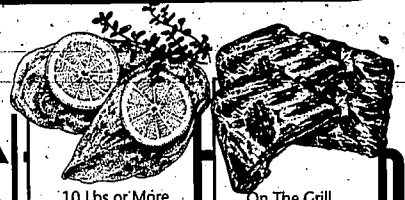
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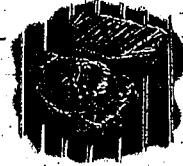
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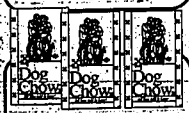
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NATION

# Cultist recalled as smart, kind, with high ideals

The Seattle Times

ELLENBURG, Wash. — The photographs of Margaret "Peggy" Bull in her high school and University of Washington yearbooks are remarkably similar — softly styled hair, porcelain skin and a calm and gentle face smiling at the camera.

The Peggy Bull — kind, friendly, nice, intelligent — is the one her relatives, classmates and friends from Eastern Washington remember.

In home, at work, even at local restaurants here, people were trying to comprehend how Bull traveled the long road from this small farming town to a mass cult suicide in the posh Southern California suburb of Rancho Santa Fe.

"It's really, really sad," said Doreen Chamness, a classmate at Ellensburg High School. "She was an extremely intelligent girl and very kind, and really sad because she had so much to offer and it's been taken away from us."

Like many of Bull's classmates and friends, Chamness had not seen Bull since high school. While planning a class reunion years ago, Chamness learned that Bull had joined a cult. Other classmates had learned the direction Bull had chosen from her family.

Bull, who was 54, had last returned to Ellensburg in 1993. Bull "was the closest thing to a sister" like Kilpatrick ever had. Even for cousins, the two were extremely close, he recalled.

His voice catching with sobs, Kilpatrick said that "when Peg came back here in '93, my wife and I drove right over to the farm near Ellensburg to pick her up."

She stayed with the Kilpatricks for three days in their home near Coville, in Eastern Washington. "She was just very much into being present in the moment," Kilpatrick recalled. "That was very important to her. She had very high ideals and put freedom above love."

"To her, freedom was the ability to know more dimensions than the world we are in," he remembered. "Eating correctly, not just with the taste buds, was very important to Peg, and we talked a lot about what food had to do with enlightenment."

That contact was only the second of any length in almost 20 years between Bull and Kilpatrick. Kilpatrick, his mother and brother lived for 18 months in the early 1960s with the Bull family on their farm outside of Ellensburg.

"There was no time that I didn't like Peg. She probably is one of those people unable to live within a system. That is to confining to allow for the human spirit to go where it needs to go," Kilpatrick said.

When Bull joined the Heaven's Gate group in Tzarikana, Texas, in 1974, "it was very hard on her parents. They didn't talk about it much but I am sure they thought her and was troubled by the group. But I never saw an indication of that."

Bull grew up in a farmhouse on Kittitas Highway on the outskirts

of Ellensburg. Here, in a wide valley embraced by hills, horse trails are as wide as the streets and the horses are almost as abundant as automobiles.

"She was a member of the 'Wranglers,' a girls riding drill team that performed in turquoise and white costumes riding sorrel horses, said Gwen Sorenson, another member of the riding group.

Bull was selected an Ellensburg Rodeo princess in 1962 — chosen by judges for her riding and speaking abilities.

Her high-school classmates remember Bull as being studious. She belonged to a club called the Gadflys, in which members focused on literature and philosophy.

"Everyone would be envious," Chamness said. "It was like she had a photographic memory."

The leap from 4-H Club and high-school pep squad to mass suicide is still regarded in a town where news travels faster than the biting valley wind.

"I was surprised because she just didn't seem like that kind of person," Sorenson said. "After graduating from high school in 1962,

Bull attended the University of Washington. According to UW records, Bull graduated in 1966 with a bachelor of arts degree in English.

UW English instructor Roger Sale taught Bull in a junior Shakespeare class.

"She was one of those students who had never learned they had to learn things in a certain way," he said. "She was very intelligent and very refreshing."

Sale recalled that Bull appeared at a Halloween costume party that year as Alice in Wonderland.

After graduation Bull spent time in Spain, said Gwen Sorenson, a childhood friend and no relation to Gwen Sorenson.

Bull still has family in Ellensburg, but they declined to speak to the media. Her death came only a few weeks after the death of her father, Jack Bull.

It was not clear if her body would be brought back to Ellensburg. "It didn't matter religious philosophy," Chamness said. "Maybe for her, it (the cult) was something she needed and filled that void in her life."

*'She was very intelligent and very refreshing.'*

— Roger Sale, Peggy Bull's former English teacher

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WORLD

# Angry Albania mourns victims of ship collision

## Rebels warn Italians to stay away



An Albanian woman cries for the victims of last week's ship collision Monday in the port of Vlora.

IRANA, Albania (AP) — Angered by the drowning of Albanian refugees after their boat collided with an Italian navy ship, Albanian rebels said Monday any Italians arriving with international aid force would be pushed back into the sea.

The threat cast a shadow over NATO attempts to help Albania by sending food shortages by sending as many as 5,000 soldiers — most of them Italian — to secure major Albanian ports for the delivery of aid.

President Sali Berisha declared Monday a day of mourning for the 87 people believed killed in Italy's shipwreck. Four bodies were found and one was presumed dead. Traffic stopped at 10:00 in the capital, Tirana, and drivers honked their horns in memory of the victims, while flags were at half-staff and state TV and radio played solemn classical music.

Later, 200 people gathered outside the U.S. Embassy, apparently for a vigil that began July 1991, when thousands were permitted to emigrate after hopping embassy forces and refusing to leave. Police dispersed the crowd.

Although survivors of the Albanian refugee ship said the Italian coast guard rammed their vessel deliberately, the caretaker government assured Italy for the second time that it considered any ramming accidental.

Albania cannot afford to build relations with Italy, particularly after Rome's decision to provide the backbone of the international force that is to start arriving in less than two weeks.

More than 12,000 Albanians have fled to Italy since unrest gen-

erated by anger over the collapse of suspect investment schemes turned into armed insurrection. More than 200 people have been killed and more than 700 injured since January.

Italy, eager to stop the influx, began returning the refugees several weeks ago.

One of the multinational force's main tasks will be to secure the airport in Tirana and the main ports of Durres and Vlora, where the humanitarian aid will arrive. But rebels controlling Vlora said Sunday that Italian troops would not be allowed to land "unless those responsible for the incident are identified and charged."

Most of the victims of the collision came from Vlora, 60 miles south of Tirana. The port has been a center of the unrest.

"Thousands demonstrated Sunday against Italy, while on Monday dozens of young men fired shots into the air and shouted: 'If the Italians dare come, we will throw them into the sea!'"

About 100 people — mostly elderly parents or relatives of the victims — threw fresh flowers in the sea.

Some bitterly remembered Albanian help to Italians during World War II, when Vlora families hid hundreds from the Germans.

"The Italians shouldn't have done this," said Roland Idrizi, who lost his uncle and his family at sea. "We kept them in our families and hid them so that the Nazis did not kill them."

# Netanyahu optimistic on peace talks resuming

ZURICH, West Bank (AP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said Monday peace talks with the Palestinians could resume soon, his most optimistic comments since two weeks of violent protests in the West Bank and a suicide bombing in Israel.

Peace talks stalled this month after the Palestinians became angered by a series of decisions by Netanyahu — a smaller than expected West Bank pullout and the construction of a new Jewish neighborhood in disputed east Jerusalem, the sector Palestinians claim as a future capital.

"We seek to make progress on peace assuming that we have partners in peace... and that will be seen in the next few days," Netanyahu said. "Then we can begin to negotiate peace."

His comments, which came amid signs that the West Bank protests were losing steam, were an apparent departure from his rhetoric against Yasir Arafat. There was no immediate reaction from the Palestinian

leader, who has refused to meet with Netanyahu throughout the recent crisis.

Scores of Palestinians have been wounded and one killed in the West Bank riots, which Israel says have been largely orchestrated by Arafat's Fatah group.

In the village of Zorif on Monday, Israel's army destroyed the home of the suicide bomber who killed three Israelis this month in an attack in a Tel Aviv cafe. Near the West Bank city of Jenin, Palestinian teen-agers stoned Israeli jeeps and Israeli soldiers responded with rubber bullets, injuring at least six.

But elsewhere in the West Bank, it was the quietest day since riots began 12 days ago.

Israel's Channel 2 TV said Israeli President Ezer Weizman was working to arrange a summit between Netanyahu and Arafat. The report said Weizman's aide Aryeh Shumer met with Palestinian Cabinet minister Yasir Abed Rabbo to discuss the possibility.

# Gingrich urges Japanese to open their markets wider

TOKYO (AP) — House Speaker Newt Gingrich urged the Japanese to open their markets wider to foreigners, telling business leaders Monday that increased competition was in the best interests of both Japan and the United States.

Gingrich made his plea to a meeting of industry including the chairman of Mitsubishi Corp. and Toyota Motor Corp., a spokesman for the Japan Federation of Economic Organizations said.

The speaker's trip to Tokyo — the latest stop of his Asian tour — came as Japanese dockwork-

ers started nighttime strikes to protest American pressure to change dock practices that the United States says hinder competition.

Japan's stevedore companies require shippers to negotiate with them before making any changes in their operations. The United States says that drives up the cost of bringing cargo in and out of Japan.

Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto reportedly asked Gingrich's help in averting U.S. sanctions in the dispute. Officials refused to confirm or deny that.

# Suspect in drug bust detained

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — Thai police have detained a Burmese man wanted on charges of organizing a major heroin shipment, the largest ever seized in the United States.

The arrest of Liu Wen-ming, said to be an associate of drug kingpin Khun Sa, came three weeks after officials disclosed the suspect in the biggest shipment ever seized had fled after being arrested by a Thai court.

The United States had expressed severe disappointment over the escape of Li Yun-chung, arrested here last year for allegedly organizing the shipment of 1,065 pounds of heroin in a freighter, Callit in 1995.

But U.S. Embassy official said Monday that the arrest of Liu, 57, represents a major success for Thai and U.S. narcotics control efforts.

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# High court refuses to hear Idaho case

WASHINGTON (AP) — An Idaho lawyer who says his free speech rights were violated when he was publicly reprimanded for criticizing a state judge's 1993 ruling lost a Supreme Court appeal on Monday.

The justices, without comment, rejected the Idaho Supreme Court's disciplining of John R. Topp.

Topp's appeal to the nation's highest court had argued that the disciplinary action against him means "no Idaho attorney will be able to engage in public criticism or discussion of the state's elected judiciary without fear of punishment."

Topp attended a Bonner County court hearing in 1993 in which county officials sought a ruling by Judge James Michaud that voter approval was unnecessary for a \$4.1 million plan to close three landfills and build a new transfer station.

Michaud ruled against the county officials. The proceeding was held at a time of great public debate over property taxes in Bonner County and amid efforts to recall some elected officials.

Topp, who was not involved in the tax case, told a radio station reporter that another judge had reached the opposite conclusion in a Shoshone County case. He said the only difference in the two cases was that the other judge "wasn't worried about the political ramifications."

Acting on an Idaho State Bar request for disciplinary action, the state Supreme Court concluded by a 4-1 vote that Topp's statements were not merely opinion and that it falsely impugned the judge's integrity.

"It is ridiculous to suggest the judiciary has the power to silence its critics," Topp's attorney, Breck Selzniger, said. "This is an elected position. Apparently the point is you can't question the judgement of an elected official."

But the state Supreme Court ruled that Topp was "objectively reckless" because "a reasonable attorney, in considering these facts, would not have made the statement in question."

Michael Ochs of the Idaho Bar said all state attorneys are bound by the bar's code of professional conduct and while judicial criticism is part of the system making false statements about judges is not.

In the appeal acted on Monday, lawyers for Topp argued that the state court should not have disciplined him without finding that he had acted with "actual malice" — knowledge or reckless disregard of the truth.

The appeal said the state court ruling violates Topp's free speech rights because "it punishes discussion of the public acts of elected public officials without proof (Topp) in fact entertained serious doubts as to the truth of his statements."

# Faculty presses for foundation action on research patents

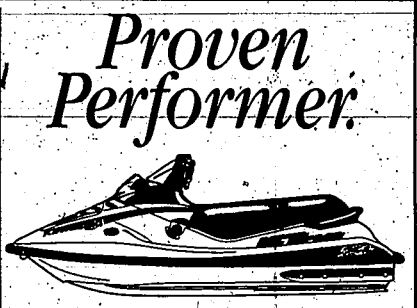
MOSCOW (AP) — University of Idaho researchers are pushing for what they see as a middle ground between the all-out promotion that led to checks on the Idaho Research Foundation five years ago and the seemingly do-nothing approach that marks it now.

The Idaho Research Foundation needs to be very aggressive getting the technology out and commercialized and that just doesn't seem to be happening," said Jim Haynes, who helped launch a software company by licensing copyright computer programs held by the foundation.

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## IDAHO IN BRIEF

### Grant to pay for prisoners' summer camp

POCATELLO — Prison inmates playing at summer camp with their children may sound farfetched, but plans are being made for such an arrangement during the summer of 1998.

The camp, designed for women inmates at the Pocatello prison, will feature a number of activities that a \$71,000 grant will fund. And more parenting skills classes will be offered in Spanish-speaking inmates by a Benneck Regional Medical Center bilingual social worker, hospital Administrator Fred Eaton said.

The first installment of \$24,000 has arrived with a balance of \$47,000 due next year, Eaton told the hospital board.

### Military mechanic in court after shooting

BOISE — An Idaho Air National Guard aircraft mechanic made his initial court appearance on a first-degree murder charge Monday after another man was shot about 40 times with a rifle.

Randy Sugura, 44, was arrested late Sunday, less than 24 hours after William David Nieto died of multiple gunshot wounds in Sugura's home.

Nieto was shot repeatedly with a rifle, Boise Police Lt. Jim Tibbs said. The semiautomatic gun features a "banana clip," which holds 50 shells.

"There hasn't been a clearcut motive. At this point all we can say is the suspect and the victim were together drinking during the evening. What blood-alcohol levels were involved, I don't know," Tibbs said.

### MSB-Blue Shield of Idaho CEO resigns

LEWISTON — MSB-Blue Shield of Idaho Chief Executive Officer Rich Nelson has resigned to take a similar job in Seattle.

As of July 1, he will hold the same post for the recently combined King County Medical Blue Shield and the Pierce County Medical Bureau.

Nelson spent much of last year dividing his time between the Lewiston-based MSB office and as acting president of the Pierce arm in Tacoma. He started in the industry in 1972 as an independent insurance agent.

### Teen dies after car rolls into Idaho lake

COEUR D'ALENE — A teen-ager died after the car he was driving rolled into a northern Idaho lake. Three passengers managed to escape and swim to shore.

Wendy T. Seamon, 19, of Meridian, spent about 45 minutes in the frigid waters of Fernan Lake before a Kootenai County sheriff's dive team pulled him out. He was pronounced dead at Kootenai Medical Center, the Idaho State Police said.

Chief Deputy Coroner Jody Deluca said Seamon apparently was not injured in the wreck and was trying to escape from the submerged car.

Police said it appeared Seamon had been drinking and was driving too fast. He apparently skidded through a turnout, rolling his vehicle down an embankment and into the lake, officials said.

### Hydrologists: Threat of flooding reduced

IDAHO FALLS — The snow still looms deep in the mountains, but eastern Idaho flood controllers are issuing a cautious "so far, so good."

"Warm weather late in March has helped to melt some of the snowpack that accumulated an all-time high this winter. It's OK to warm up now," said Phil Morrissy, a hydrologist with the U.S. Natural Resources Conservation Service in Boise. "The worst situation is for it to stay cold out through May. Then that whole mess of snow is just sitting there waiting for hot weather."

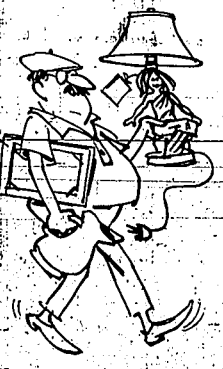
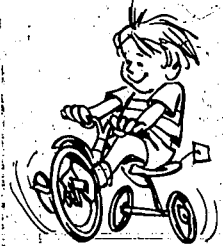
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SPORTS

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But not too loose. "I'm not going to let Mike Bibby respond to that," Olson said, "after the other night."

Jim Litke is a columnist for The Associated Press.

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**SPORTS**

# No. 1 Hingis says she has nothing to lose

**KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP)** — Martina Hingis became the youngest No. 1 player in tennis history Monday, making her the teen to beat.

The 16-year-old Swiss sensation — likes her new role, and she's unconcerned about any pitfalls or pressure that may await her.

"Everyone is expecting you to beat every player in the world right now," Hingis said Monday at Hilton Head Island, S.C., where she'll compete this week in the Family Circle Cup.

"But if you don't make it, it doesn't matter. In tennis you have so many chances. When you don't play well in one tournament, the next week it's another one."

Hingis, who claimed her fifth title of 1997 at the Lipton Championships on Saturday, supplanted Steffi Graf in the WTA Tour rankings released Monday.

Because Graf has been sidelined for two months with a knee injury, Hingis was assured of No. 1 even if she lost her opening match at Lipton. Instead she won the tournament, beating Monica Seles 6-2, 6-1 in the final.

"I am unbeatable in this year right now," Hingis said.

Her record in 1997 is 26-0, and her dominance has been deceptive. She lacks the power of Graf or Seles, but she anticipates well and mixes her shots with an intelligence uncommon for one so young.

Hingis left Key Biscayne with a crystal trophy, \$215,000 and plenty of testimonials from those she



Martina Hingis of Switzerland, left, won the Toray Pan Pacific Open women's tennis tournament in Tokyo, Feb. 2, after Steffi Graf of Germany withdrew from the final match due to knee injuries. Hingis, 16, becomes the youngest player to assume the No. 1 ranking, ending Graf's reign of women's tennis.

beat.

"She's very fast, and she gets back a lot of balls," Seles said. "She creates shots out of places you don't expect them."

"When she's playing well, you have to play almost perfect tennis to beat her," Mary Joe Fernandez said.

"I think there is once in a while, once in a hundred years, this kind of player," Jana Novotna said.

Melanie Molitor, Hingis' mother and coach, clearly is doing something right — although the child prodigy might be reluctant to admit it.

"You don't want to really listen

to somebody else," said Hingis, sounding like a typical teen, "because you have to be on the court by yourself anyway."

Molitor named her daughter after Martina Navratilova and began entering her in tournaments in Czechoslovakia at the age of 4. Hingis became the youngest French Open junior champion at 12, and the youngest Grand Slam champion in this category at the Australian Open in January.

Now, she is the youngest No. 1, fueling anticipation of her next meeting with Graf. Hingis has lost five of six matches against Graf, but they have yet to play



Martina Hingis of Switzerland (left) smiles at a news conference after she won the Australian Open Tennis Championships in Melbourne, Jan. 25, this year.

Graf will be sidelined for at least four more weeks.

"Steffi at her best and Martina at her best is a great match," Fernandez said. "Martina has the legs to run down Steffi's big forehands. She's able to come in and put Steffi on defense. Steffi has the big serve and can maybe outthier on her forehand side."

"I can't say that one is better than the other."

Hingis looks forward to the showdown.

"For sure one day it's going to come," she said, "and we'll see who's the better player."

# Saints wait to see what Redskins want for Shuler

**NEW ORLEANS (AP)** — Heath Shuler, once the hottest quarterback in the country, could make a bid for the starting spot with the New Orleans Saints if the Washington Redskins don't deal the trade.

The Saints and Shuler reached an agreement over the weekend, but compensation to the Redskins is a must — still be worked out.

Shuler is a restricted free agent and the Redskins reportedly are seeking at least a No. 2 pick from New Orleans for the former No. 1 draft pick.

"There's no way we're giving up our second pick, the 32rd (overall), for Heath Shuler," Redskins general manager Bill Kuharich said. "If that is going to be a deal-breaker, then so be it."

Shuler, the third player taken in the 1994 NFL draft, gave up his contract and a guaranteed \$3.2 million over the next two years to become a restricted free agent.

As such, the Redskins are entitled to picks in this year's draft as compensation for Shuler's new team if he signs before April 14.

Washington reportedly believes Shuler will start for the Saints, so they want a No. 2 pick.

"The fact is that Heath Shuler is a backup quarterback," Kuharich said. "And you don't give a two for a backup quarterback. Last time, I remember we gave a seven for a backup quarterback (Jim Everett) in a 1994 trade with the Rams. Precedent has been set."

Everett has been the Saints' starting quarterback since they

acquired him. Everett, who was benched in his final six games with the Rams in 1993, rebounded with one of his best seasons in 1994, setting team records for completions, completion percentage, passing yards and total yards. He had an 84.9 quarterback rating that year.

During the 1996 season, however, the Saints offense fell to 29th overall in the NFL. Everett completed just over 57 percent of his passes and threw 12 touchdowns and 16 interceptions. His rating was 69.4.

Shuler, who gave up his senior season at Tennessee for a \$19 million NFL contract, lost his starting job to Gus Foye last season. Shuler had two shaky seasons as Washington's part-time starter, and took only one snap in 16 games last year.

The Saints offered Shuler a four-year contract worth \$7.6 million, including a \$1 million signing bonus. If Shuler is a starter for the four years, the contract could be worth as much as \$12 million.

"Shuler is being brought in to compete with the starting quarterback, Jim Everett," Kuharich said. "If he beats him out, so be it. If he doesn't, then he's a backup."

Shuler and the Saints reached agreement Saturday after Shuler's agent Tom Condon and financial adviser Roger Jenkins signed the deal. Shuler's base salaries are \$200,000, \$200,000, \$3 million and \$3.2 million. His cap number is \$450,000.

With incentives, Shuler's base salary this year would be less than \$2 million. Each year of the contract has an elaborate series of incentives.

# Old man Fuhr keeps rolling along

**ST. LOUIS (AP)** — This time last year, Grant Fuhr didn't know whether he'd ever be able to play again.

Now, like last season, the St. Louis Blues can't afford to keep him out of the lineup.

On Sunday, the Blues beat the Philadelphia Flyers 3-2, the 13th consecutive start for the 39-year-old goalie. It was the first time since 1990 he was imperiled by knee surgery.

"I'm feeling great, I enjoy playing," Fuhr said. "If I sat and worried about counting, I'd probably be out of here."

Last April, it appeared Fuhr's career was finished. When Toronto Maple Leafs enforcer Nick Kyrgos landed — some say jumped — on Fuhr in Game 2 of the first round of the playoffs, Fuhr sustained torn anterior and medial collateral ligaments.

The best-case scenario then was that Fuhr would rehab over the summer, Fuhr might be able to split duties with another goalie. Privately, many doubted he'd be back at all, and the team signed backup Jon Casey to a two-year deal as insurance.

Instead, Fuhr hardly missed a beat, running off consecutive start streaks of 18 and 16 in a row earlier in the season. He's played in 68 of the Blues' 76 games, piling up 3,951 minutes to 647 for Casey, who became so rusty that one point the team sent him to the minors to get some work.

Casey's back with the team now and presumably ready to go. But with the team struggling to nail down a playoff berth, he's not likely to see the ice after the pregame warmup.

With six games to go, the Blues had 75 points for seventh of eight playoff spots in the tightly bunched Western Conference, three points ahead of ninth-place Calgary.

"We'll see how it goes," coach Joel Quenneville said. "I'm sure the standings and schedule down the road will dictate how we're going to use him, but Grant's going to get pretty good work."

In the near future the Blues want to find a goalie capable of sharing the goaltending with Fuhr, who signed a two-year contract extension worth \$2 million a season in December.

But right now the team's new coach has at least one thing in common with previous coaches Mike Keenan: Fuhr is his moral. Last season, Fuhr set NHL records for games played (79) and consecutive starts in a single season (76).

"I didn't quite see myself playing this much," Fuhr said. "But with the body willing and the mind letting me do it, I play as much as I can. The body is willing and the mind is willing, so I've just got to follow along."

# SPORTS IN BRIEF

**Portland, Seattle might see Cup action**  
WASHINGTON — A deal to have the U.S. national soccer team play a World Cup qualifying match against Jamaica in October at RFK Stadium is close to final, according to sources close to the negotiations.

Those sources also said a Sept. 7 match against Costa Rica is being planned for Portland, Ore., and a Nov. 16 game against El Salvador might be played at Seattle's Kingdome. Those two games would require installing natural grass over an artificial surface, a costly endeavor for the USSF.

**Angels take the loss, release Jim Abbott**  
LOS ANGELES — Jim Abbott, who suddenly became baseball's biggest loser last season after rejoining the Anaheim Angels in 1995, was given his unconditional release Monday.

Abbott, 29, had left the Angels on March 23 while both sides pondered his future. Ultimately, the team decided to end the final two years of a three-year, \$7.8 million contract Abbott signed before going 2-18 with a 7.48 ERA last season.

**Kingdome designer: Tear-down a lousy idea**  
SEATTLE — There's a lot of talk these days about getting rid of the Kingdome. If Microsoft billionaire and potential Seahawk owner Paul Allen has his way, voters will weigh in on that issue in June.

But don't expect the engineer who designed the concrete dome to support its demolition. "Somebody will probably call me up and want me to be a consultant in making it down and I'll tell them, 'Go to hell,'" retired engineer Jack Christiansen told The News Tribune of Tacoma. "I hope they can't even get it down."

**Police arrest more than 100 soccer fans**  
DEN BOSCH, Netherlands — Police arrested more than 100 soccer fans before a match Monday to prevent a repeat of a street fight eight days ago that left one man clubbed to death.

Police made the arrests after discovering that fans of first division FC Den Bosch and ADO Den Haag had arranged to fight before the match.

**Hawaii player drowns while saving child**  
LIHUE, Hawaii — Shannon Smith, a kicker on Hawaii's football team, drowned over the weekend while trying to save coach Fred von Appen's 6-year-old son.

Police on the island of Kauai said Smith and the von Appen family were on an outing at Waipohae Slippery Slide Saturday when the drowning occurred. Smith and the youngster, Cody, were sucked into a whirlpool after going down the natural slide branch.

Police Sgt. Cecil Balaris said Smith, who would have been 21 Tuesday, saved a large boy by pushing him toward a large branch which was used to pull the boy out of the water.

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### AROUND THE VALLEY

# New city well runs dry in crucial test

By William Brock  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — It passed the first test with flying colors, but a new city well on the south side of town came up dry in a more rigorous pumping test last week.

The new well yielded up to 1,450 gallons per minute without any problems. Water Superintendent Mike Trabert told the City Council Monday, "but when we got past that, we dried the well up."

The test was supposed to peak at 3,000 gpm, just shy of the city's water permit for 3,140 gpm. Under normal pumping conditions, city officials were hoping the well would yield 2,000 gpm day-in, day-out.

The new well is located next to the city's water storage reservoir on Washington Street South. There's water

in the ground out there, but not an unlimited supply, Trabert said.

"We know we've got a very good aquifer that starts at about 125 feet down and goes to about 180 feet," he said.

The ground water supply is expected to increase after farmers begin irrigating their fields later this spring. Some of the irrigation water probably will flow through the soil to the new well, thus increasing supply.

Another bright note is the city can sink a second well in the same area without having to apply for another pumping permit; collectively, the two wells would be limited to 3,140 gpm.

The city is on an increasingly urgent hunt for water because springs near Blue Lakes Country Club — its primary source of supply — have been diminishing steadily in recent years. As the city

grows and demand rises, city officials have been eager to develop new sources of supply.

In other water-related business, Trabert told the council that he's still scouting for a good spot to sink a well on the southeast end of town — where water pressure for firefighting can be inadequate on hot days in summer. The problem is the area is at a relatively high elevation, and near the end of the city's gravity-fed water system.

The area is bounded by Eastland Drive, Addison Avenue, Kimberly Road and Hankins Road.

Nitrate levels in the area's groundwater range from 3.8 to 5 parts per million. Trabert said, noting that 10 ppm is the threshold for "safe" drinking water standards.

The need to sink new wells is so urgent that the city may invoke an

emergency clause in state law to put the project on a fast track, City Manager Tom Courtney told the council.

In other action Monday, Trabert and Courtney explained a proposal to raise fees for tapping into city water lines. The city's current fees do not cover actual costs, Trabert said, noting that most other Idaho cities charge much higher fees.

Mayor Jeff Gooding, who is a developer, said the city's Development Standards Committee should review the higher fee proposal before the City Council makes any decision.

"The more input, the better," added Councilman Chris Talkington. The higher hookup fee proposal will return to the council in two weeks.

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

### Gooding woman dies in blaze at her home

**GOODING** — A Gooding woman died Monday evening in a house fire at 402 Fourth Ave. E.

Firefighters found Karen Reynolds dead in her house next to her furnace.

The fire was reported at 8:39 p.m., according to Southern Idaho Regional Communication Center officials.

The cause of the fire was not known Monday night.

Reynolds was well-known by the Gooding school children; she had worked in the Gooding Elementary School cafeteria before she went on a medical leave.

### Surprise snow sparks series of slideoffs; few hurt

**TWIN FALLS** — Monday morning snowfall made roads slick, but while police reported a healthy number of cars that slid off roadways, few injury accidents were reported.

An eastern Idaho man was injured when his car rolled on Interstate 84 at 9:13 a.m. Monday. Idaho State Police reports say a car driven by Gary Leon Powell, 62, of Irwin, hit slick, went off the road and rolled near milepost 159.

Powell was taken to Mindoka Memorial Hospital for treatment of his injuries.

Idaho State Police reports say the worst stretch they patrol was the Sweetzer Summit area of I-84, near the Utah border, but troopers only responded to two accidents with enough damage to report. The rest of the accidents were cars that slid off roads, the reports said.

Cassia County deputies also responded to several accidents in the area of the state weigh station.

### Vandals pellet post office windows; \$600 damage

**TWIN FALLS** — Windows at the Twin Falls Post Office are peppered with pellet holes after vandals struck the weekend.

The plate glass windows on the front of the building at 253 Second Ave. W. were shot with a BB gun or a pellet gun Friday night or Saturday morning, according to Twin Falls police reports. Three windows had small, conical holes in them from the pellets, the reports said.

Damage was estimated at \$600.

### Break-in, theft reported at O'Leary Junior High School

**TWIN FALLS** — An O'Leary Junior High School classroom was broken into and more than a thousand dollars of equipment was stolen last week.

Twin Falls police reports say a teacher noticed the break-in Friday morning. Someone used a crowbar to get through a window and door locks sometime after midnight Thursday, according to the report.

The teacher reported a VCR and a laserdisc player missing, as well as two thermoses, a stopwatch, four pairs of balance scales and possibly bottles of sulfuric or nitric acid.

### Shoshone council to discuss Local Improvement District

**SHOSHONE** — The Shoshone City Council will continue working on a proposal for a Local Improvement District tonight.

The taxing district would get curb, gutter, and road improvements from South Greenwood, Idaho Highway 75, south to the new highway.

Also on the agenda, council members will take a look at the potential flooding situation and establish a contact person for emergencies.

The board will also re-schedule a public hearing on the Comprehensive Plan.

The meeting starts 7 p.m. at Shoshone City Hall, 207 S. Rail St. W.

### CSI plans comet shows each Tuesday this month

**TWIN FALLS** — The comet Hale-Bopp won't be back for another 2,380 years, so the College of Southern Idaho is planning to celebrate the aerial show through the end of the month.

Every Tuesday night through the end of the month, CSI will present a show at the Faulkner Planetarium, titled "Comet: Eye to Eye with Fire." The show will begin at 7 p.m. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$2 for students.

Each Tuesday, provided the sky is clear, CSI will offer viewing sessions for Hale-Bopp, beginning at dusk at the Hervert Center. Viewing sessions are free.

### Filer School Board cancels Wednesday's noon meeting

**FILER** — The regular meeting of the board of trustees of Filer School District, canceled for noon-Wednesday, has been scheduled by majority consent of the trustees.

Compiled from staff reports

### SUNSET STROLL



An evening walk with three friends is a good way to end the day for Shirley Eacker and her canine companions Molly, Toby and Frory. Eacker said she takes the dogs out to keep them fit, but wonders who is exercising whom during the outings. The sunset, as viewed on Polk Street East in Kimberly, is an additional bonus.

## Task force may battle drugs again

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — Authorities hope to fire up a regional drug task force in the Magic Valley once again, but the Jerome County sheriff said his department could play only a supporting role in the operation.

In the past, Jerome County has given one deputy to the North Side Drug Task Force. I don't have the manpower right now to supply a man," Jim Weaver said.

Even so, Weaver said he supports the idea of a regional force.

"I would supply them with intelligence and back them up on any calls for assistance," he said.

But if all goes as planned, none of the counties involved will have to give up any deputies or very much money for the task force, said Camus County Sheriff Harold Lee, who is trying to get the regional force going again.

Weaver also said a regional drug task force would have to run its own under-

cover operations.

"If I had the manpower, I would have a full-scale undercover unit."

Instead, Weaver said he has to rely on putting "direct pressure" on drug dealers with uniformed deputies.

A new drug task force would involve some undercover work, Lee said. But unlike the old program, the new task force will also focus on area schools, he said.

The North Side Drug Task force was Please see DRUGS, Page C3

## Chain reaction

### Run of accidents totals sheriff's department car

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**JEROME** — A series of three Sunday night auto crashes in rural Jerome County left a sheriff's department car totaled and a local man charged with driving under the influence.

Nobody was seriously injured in any of the wrecks, Jerome County Chief Deputy Jocelyne Roberts said.

Roberts said two deputies had parked their squad car along 500 South near 285 West while investigating two vehicle accidents there. A Ford pickup driven by Danny Thrull, 39, Jerome, rear-ended squad car a short-time later, she said.

Roberts said the chain of events started at about 7:30 p.m., when two 14-year-old boys decided to race their cars down 500 South.

One boy lost control of his car, which Please see ACCIDENTS, Page C3

## Church building moves toward approval

By Kristan Kennedy  
Times-News correspondent

**HAILEY** — A Thursday night ritual with Blaine County's planning board is becoming as regular and well-attended as Valley Christian Fellowship's packed Sunday services.

And the twice-monthly gatherings could continue for some time, as the church's conditional-use-permit application inches slowly through the county approval process.

The fellowship still has high hopes of getting a green light for its proposed 45,000-square-foot church and school project on 11.1 acres of county land just north of Hailey.

Assistant Pastor Mike Fontenot said he is anxious to get approval and frustrated by the slow permit process.

However, he said Monday he's confident the plans will be approved, although not as swiftly as he expected.

"We're ready to get this thing started — we've wanted to go," said Fontenot, who Please see CHURCH, Page C3

## Forest Service floats idea of new launch site on Salmon

By Barbara Newbert  
Times-News correspondent

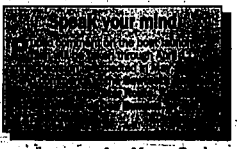
**STANLEY** — Conflicts between campers, salmon and floatboaters have prompted a proposal to build a new launch site at Casino Creek and the Salmon River.

But before the concrete is cast, the U.S. Forest Service would like public input on the location.

In 1995, Sawtooth National Forest supervisor Bill LeVere proposed a floatboat launch site at the Mormon Bend Campground.

A 1995 environmental impact statement sank that idea. It revealed conflicts between campers at the Mormon Bend Campground and the boaters willing to put in at the historically well-used site. It also identified Mormon Bend as a good salmon spawning location.

After further study, the Forest Service proposed a launch site at Casino Creek, six miles downstream of Stanley and about



One mile upstream from Mormon Bend.

The proposed floatboat facility would include a paved access road and parking for up to 20 vehicles. A concrete ramp and low retaining wall with raft tie rings will be built into the river.

A toilet and dressing area, bulletin boards, rustic fencing for riverside protection, and native landscaping to screen the site, also will be built, said Forest Service project team leader Deb Bumpus.

Initial input on the proposal has been mixed.

Randy Hess — owner of White Otter

Outdoor Adventures, which runs guided raft trips down this stretch of the Salmon every summer — supports the Casino Creek site because it will make the campers at Mormon Bend happy.

"We've had enough problems with the whole salmon issue. ... I don't want to make anyone mad at us for any reason," Hess said.

Those who take the mild "scenic float" from Stanley downstream would lose about a mile of their float; Hess said, while those wanting the thrill of the rapids would add a mile of calm waters.

Not all river outfitters see it this way. Erasmó Paolo, managing director of The River Co., would like the Forest Service to establish a new floatboat facility, but not at Casino Creek.

"There are other campsites up and down the river, but Mormon Bend is the very best site remaining for floatboat access," Paolo said.

Paolo would prefer a Basin Creek

launch site, but the Forest Service has already closed access to the river from that location.

Since floatboaters and campers have been using the Mormon Bend site for years, Paolo believes they can continue to do so.

His squad the Casino Creek site will add a mile of "boiling calm water" for expert floatboaters who want to run rapids.

In order to protect spawning salmon at Mormon Bend, Paolo said floatboat activities should avoid spawning beds, launches can be prohibited after Aug. 21, and landings can be restricted as necessary to protect the fish.

If the Forest Service approves the Casino Creek launch site, the Mormon Bend site will be rejuvenated back to its natural state, Bumpus said.

The improvements are being targeted to coincide with Idaho Transportation Department roadwork along Casino Creek. Completion of the floatboat facility is anticipated in the summer of 1998.

MAGIC VALLEY

DEATH NOTICES

Robert Straley Sr.

RUPERT - Robert Straley Sr., 69, of Sandpoint and formerly of Rupert, died Saturday, March 29, 1997, at his home in Sandpoint.

Sunday, March 30, 1997, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Arrangements are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

John 'Jack' Radshaw

JEROME - John "Jack" Radshaw, 71, of Jerome, died Monday, March 30, 1997, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Oley Alvy Boyd, of Gooding, graveside service, 10 a.m. today, Elmwood Cemetery Gooding. No public viewing will be held, (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Mary Clarissa Towne Harrell, of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Wednesday, White Mortuary Chapel, Twin Falls. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Ruth M. Roberts McDonald, of Twin Falls, memorial service, 1 p.m. today, White Mortuary Chapel, Twin Falls.

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 the Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

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

Lester Leland Beedle

TWIN FALLS - Lester Leland Beedle, 59, of Twin Falls, died

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Some names are omitted at patients' request. Released Corinn Hunter of Twin Falls.

Released Esperanza Gerhardt of Burley, Lora Juback of Declo; and Terri Weir of Jerome.

MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admitted Jackie Heinrich of Paul; Mandy Wayland of Rockland; Jennifer Pfeiffer and baby girl of Rupert; and Kerry Jay Conery of Brock, Ewen, and Moberly.

Released Blanche Carr, Zachary Carson, Bobby Meline, Edward Peters, Andy Thener and the family of all of Burley; Travis Anderson and Keith Bassett, both of Declo; John Chase of Heyburn; Donny Clearwater of Oakley; Vonda Edwards and Remel Sams, both of Rupert; and Sandra Davis of Lewand, and

Released Warren McCallister of Rupert.

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OBITUARIES

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TWIN FALLS



Charles T. Reeder

Charles T. Reeder, 84, of Twin Falls, passed away peacefully at his home on Friday, March 28, 1997, of causes incident to age.

JEROME



Margaret 'Jean' Shimp

"Margaret 'Jean' Shimp, 69, of Jerome, died Sunday, March 30, 1997, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit in Jerome.

He was born Aug. 19, 1921, in Salt Lake City, Utah, the son of Paul and Sybil Leone. Husbands Picketing, Robert married Betty Gene Magphorn on Aug. 20, 1941 in Jackson, Wyo.

He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He worked as office manager and accountant for Malick Motors, Gowdy Motors, and Visalia Insurance Co. He was also an insurance agent for American Hardware Mutual Insurance Company for 25 years, and was a past member of Visalia Lions Club and Kiwanis Club.

Robert is survived by his wife, Betty, of Jerome; two sons, Weston of Jerome and one daughter, Barbara File of Sacramento, Calif.; one daughter, Linda Ramsay of Moroni, Utah; 16 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and one sister, Barbara File of Sacramento, Calif. He was preceded in death by his mother, father and one grandson.

RUPERT

Jeff Korsen

Jeff Korsen, 81-year-old Rupert resident, died peacefully Saturday, March 29, 1997, at the Country Living Center in Rupert.

He was born July 28, 1915, in Prairie Home, Mass., the son of Henry Franklin and Lou Ella Odum Korsen. He married Evalin Marie Fallon on June 7, 1935, in Portland, Ore. They moved to Paul in 1955, and operated Fallon's Market. In 1956 he opened Jeff's Tune-Up & Repair. He then went from auto repair into auto parts, where he owned Minico Auto Parts, a salesman in 1968. He retired in 1982. He had been a member of the Elks Lodge and the Knights of Columbus at St. Nicholas in Rupert.

He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Evalin Korsen of Rupert; four sons, Jeff Korsen of Paul, David Korsen of Twin Falls, Dan Korsen of Paul, and Bill Korsen of Gooding; one daughter, Beth (Korsen) Carlisle of Paul; 14 grandchildren; 18 great-grandchildren; one brother, Garland P. Korsen of Grass Valley, Calif.; and one sister, Rita Lee Gabriel of Seattle, Wash. He was preceded in death by both parents and four brothers.

Soon after their wedding, they moved to Twin Falls where they bought their family and established Reeder Flying Service. Since that time Charles Reeder has been established as a pioneer of aviation in the West. Reeder Flying Service became an early leader in aerial application of chemicals for agricultural, aerial fire fighting and helicopter operations. He operated aircraft as far away as Alaska, Gulf of Mexico and Nova Scotia.

In 1963, he sold the business to his sons, Dick and John, who continue with the business to this date. Besides his love of aviation, he loved his family and even though he was a quiet and very private man, he has been a great and generous friend to many people and a hero we will all greatly miss.

He is survived by his wife, one, of Twin Falls; three sons, Charles Reeder, Dick Reeder and John W. (Judie) Reeder, both of Twin Falls, and Robert T. (Kathy) Reeder of Ketchum; and two daughters, Mary (Robert) Gray of Bishop and Barbara (Preston) Culler of Sandy, Utah. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren; and one sister, Norma Morrow of White Mountain. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 2, 1997, at the LDS 6th Ward Chapel, 587 Hansen Blvd. in Twin Falls. Bishop Glenn J. Stanger conducting. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today, with the family greeting friends from 6 to 8 p.m. at the White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls, and from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday at the church. Burial will be Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Mrs. Shimp is survived by seven children: Roxanna (Ray) Ettehadieh, Joyce (Bruce) Tilton, Nancy (Kiki) Maynor, Corey Dunlap, Milan A. Dunlap, Kim C. Dunlap, and Norma (Stanley) Douglas, all of Idaho; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; one brother, Ken Schroeder; and two sisters, Annie Nelson and Irene Workman. She was preceded in death by two brothers, Herb and Earl Schroeder.

The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 3, 1997, at the Hazelton Cemetery, with Capt. Roger Davis officiating. Burial will be at 11 a.m. on Wednesday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls. A dinner for family and friends will be served in memory of Jean starting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Salvation Army. The family suggests memorials to the Salvation Army, 348 Fourth St., Twin Falls, ID 83401. Arrangements are under the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Robert Alex Tomlinson

JEROME - Robert Alex Tomlinson, 75, of Jerome and formerly of Visalia, Calif., died Thursday, March 27, 1997, at Engleview Estates in Twin Falls.

Some Michigan growers hit by Simplot pullback

DETROIT (AP) - Some Michigan potato farmers are being hit by a last-minute loss of orders from J.R. Simplot Co. just weeks before planting their 1997 crop.

Simplot, based in Boise and headed by Idaho potato magnate J.R. Simplot, has notified growers that because of glut of frozen food products the Grand Rapids, Mich., processing plant will renew contracts only 1,400 of the 6,400 acres it has needed in the past, the Michigan Farm Bureau said.

production coming on line, primarily in Canada. Canadian makers are benefiting from a favorable currency exchange and are closer to the eastern U.S. market, he said. The company, which recently announced plans to close one of its two processing plants in Caldwell, is also evaluating its Grand Rapids plant, which employs about 200 people. "We have not made a decision on its status after October," he said. The company has four other plants that make french fries and hash browns. "We kind of pioneered the frozen french fry, but lots of people have jumped into the business since then," Zerza said.

Batt vetoes state mandates bill

BOISE (AP) - Legislation pressed by House Speaker Michael Simpson to relieve cities and counties of the cost of complying with state mandates was vetoed Monday by Gov. Phil Batt.

In wrapping up consideration of the 409 bills set him by law makers this winter, Batt called the purposes of the mandates and proposal laudable in that the state should not impose unnecessary financial burdens on local governments.

But, the governor said in his veto message, the measure "could result in creative ways to obtain state funding and also to bring a large quantity of litigation." In issuing his fifth and final veto of the year, he also cited the legal problems with enforcing the requirements laid out four weeks ago by Attorney General Alan Lewis.

The bill, which barely cleared the House on its final vote of the 1997 session, required the state to either come up with the cash or give cities and counties a way to raise the money to finance mandates imposed by the state if the impact is \$25,000 on a single government, or \$500,000 statewide.

It was patterned after Idaho Republican Sen. Dirk Kempthorne's federal mandates legislation that essentially prohibits the federal government from forcing the states to spend more than \$50 million nationwide to implement any federal decree.

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# Flood watch is on: Raft River running too high for diversion

## Albion prepares emergency plan

By Jennifer Burch  
Times-News writer

MALTA - Raft River already is running too high for flood diversion efforts, but Cassia Creek that runs through Malta still could be channeled into barren federal land.

Meanwhile, Albion Valley residents have organized an emergency flood plan should creeks that run through and near town overflow this spring when heavy mountain snowpacks melt.

On Raft River, planners have been trying to establish a viable flood control plan and obtain necessary paperwork to go ahead with their project, but ran out of time.

Alvin Neddo, chairman of the Raft River Flood Control District, said engineers decided Raft River is flowing too high to allow installation of a structure to divert water to U.S. Bureau of Land Management land east and away from farms and property. That is worrisome, but not terribly so, Neddo said. Water still

can be diverted onto BLM land from Cassia Creek. A dam already exists. Old trenches to BLM ground are left to die.

"Cassia Creek runs into Raft River, and if we can cut that flow," Neddo said, "it'll help immensely," Neddo said.

Jim Wood, chief of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Emergency-Management Branch in Walla Walla, Wash., said Monday the corps is continuing to plan diversion trenches to take water away from Cassia Creek.

The corps was in town more than a week ago in response to Gov. Phil Batt's request for local help.

The corps should submit plans for approval this week. It also will be cutting a vent into Oakley Dam to help cope with potentially high water flows. The corps will not help clear trees and debris from Marsh Creek in Walla Walla, Wash., said Neddo. The Corps' request for local help.

Albion residents have been put on notice. Mayor Donald Daner said. The city has sandbags and sand stockpiled, but residents will need to act on their own ini-

tiative to fill the sandbags.

High water is not uncommon in Albion during spring and this year water content in the Howell Canyon drainage snowpack is 195 percent of average for a 30-year period, according to the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

Typically this time of year, the snowpack holds about 23 inches of water, said Ron Abramovich, a conservation-service hydrologist in Boise. The latest information shows water content at 44.4 inches.

So far Mother Nature is cooperating, melting snow at lower elevations during the day and cooling off at night so not too much runoff comes at once.

Typically, runoff levels peak during the first week of April, Abramovich said. A gradual melt is the best that can be hoped for.

Howell and Bostetter drainages flow into Goose Creek Reservoir at Oakley Dam, Abramovich said. Bostetter is 114 percent of average. The snowpack contains 24.7 inches of water. Average for this time of year is 21.6 inches.

Times-News staff writer Jennifer Burch can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

# Jerome, Kimberly districts to receive \$13,000 in grants

## Money will go toward abstinence-based sex ed

By John Thompson  
Times-News writer

JEROME - The Idaho Department of Education awarded about \$18,500 in grants Monday to three Magic Valley school districts to support abstinence-based sex education, according to a news release.

Minidoka and Jerome school districts will receive \$5,500 each, while the Kimberly School District will get \$7,446, the news release says.

Education Department spokeswoman Rhonda Edmiston said the money must be used to support abstinence-only programs that educate children about sexually transmitted diseases and the HIV virus.

In the past the state applied for grants from the Centers for Disease Control and used the money for teacher training. But

this year the department made \$80,000 available for grants to individual districts.

"We were pleased that districts were interested in using the money to support abstinence-only programs in their local districts," said state schools superintendent Anne Fox.

Edmiston said the grants were based solely on district applications. The districts will also be held accountable for how the funds are used.

"We didn't want to put a lot of stipulations on how a district goes about promoting abstinence-based programs, we just wanted to make sure it was clear how they were going to use it," Edmiston said.

Each district will be expected to file a report detailing how the money was used and how they measured the effectiveness of the programs, she said.

Minidoka County Superintendent Nick Hallett said the abstinence-only concept is controversial and

research is inconclusive about its effectiveness.

"However, Hallett and the Minidoka School Board support the abstinence-only philosophy, he said. "We will provide kids with information and training on HIV, AIDS, and sexually transmitted diseases, and they will know the only real safe way is abstinence," he said. "That speaks for itself."

"Our regular program is abstinence-based, so it's not a radical departure from where we are," he continued. "It just brings more resources into the district to accomplish that task."

In her grant application to the state, Minidoka School District Nurse Nancy Kaman requested funding for a statewide HIV/AIDS conference, purchase of related instructional materials and community advertising promoting abstinence, Edmiston said.

John Thompson is the Times-News' Minidoka bureau chief. He can be reached at 677-4042.

# Church

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has been involved in similar churches in Pennsylvania and Louisiana.

Foneter said that when the process started this year, he thought church plans were being overly scrutinized, but he changed his mind.

"They just want a lot of details," he said. The county planner Linda Hawvik said the time frame, given the scope of the project, isn't out of the ordinary.

Church officials plan to show up at the next planning and zoning meeting, on April 10, with more details. Then the board will schedule a continuance on the issue.

Last week, planners backed away from the issue of size. Critics contend the project is too big. Church officials contend the county has no legal right to limit the size of the structure.

Also, alternatives to requiring a construction bond were dis-

missed Thursday.

Commissioner Steve Giacobbi said setting up money in an escrow account could be an alternative to posting a 150 percent bond for the proposed \$5.5 million project. The concept of posting bond for outside improvements such as landscaping was discussed, but no official vote was taken.

Fellowship officials balked last month when the commission discussed the construction bond, not uncommon for Blaine County subdivision projects. The fellowship has refused to reveal the investors behind the project, and the county contends the mystery money means it needs some guarantees the vast complex will be completed.

Also under scrutiny is the proposed septic system and the water rights for the project, located on the eastern edge of the Big Wood River. Hayley was a sewer engineer Ray Hyde told the commission last week that Hayley's future sewer plan didn't include

annexation of the property, and the septic system should be approved as a permanent system.

Local health district official Bob Erickson said the system is technically not a "septic" system, but a system utilizing a "batch reactor." Though he said he was concerned about the close proximity to the river, initial testing indicates the drain field won't endanger Big Wood River waters.

A sticking point closer to being resolved is the water supply. Hyde told the county the fellowship could hook up to city water via the Northridge well, in an adjacent subdivision. Financial commitments, however, could be required and the city of Hailey must approve any water deal.

Commission member Jay Coleman said he is concerned about traffic, and he likened the size of the project to the newly erected Valley Market north of Bellevue. He suggested the acceleration lane could be in order.

# Accidents

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went off the north side of the road and rolled, she said. The crash distracted the other boy, who also lost control of his car. The car went into the ditch, and the road and through a fence, Roberts said.

She said the deputies left their 1992 Chevrolet Caprice squad on the scene with the engine running and its emergency lights flashing while they investigated the boys' accidents.

They were watching a tow truck pull one of the cars back to the road when they heard the sound of squealing tires and looked up to see a blue and gray Ford pickup skidding

eastbound" toward the rear of the squad car, Roberts said.

The pickup hit with enough force to crumple the squad car's rear end and rupture its fuel tank, the deputies said. He said to shut the engine off before any of the spilled gasoline caught fire, she said.

Thrall was taken to St. Benedict's Medical Center with minor injuries and later charged with DUI, Roberts said.

He was released from the Jerome County Jail on \$500 bond, she said.

Idaho State Police is investigating the wreck involving the sheriff's department car, but no details were available from the

ISP Twin Falls office Monday.

Times-News staff writer Mark Heinz can be reached in Jerome at 324-6962.

# FROZEN FLOWERS



It didn't look much like spring Monday morning after an intense and fast-moving snowstorm reduced visibility to about 100 feet in parts of the Mini-Cassia area. There were several slideoffs, rollovers and other vehicle accidents on Interstate 84, but no fatal injuries, according to an Idaho State Police dispatcher. The snow-covered debris and ill-effects were photographed at the Burley home of Bill and Shirley Wetzelstein.

# Notice any funny-looking funnies in today's paper? April Fool's!

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The funnies look a bit different today. Several of the syndicated artists on The Times-News' comic page, including Scott Adams ("Dilbert"), Bill

Kenne ("The Family Circus"), Chip and Art Sansom ("The Born Loser"), Mort Walker ("Beetle Bailey") and Lynn Johnston ("For Better or Worse") will switch their comics today in honor of April Fool's Day. Some will imitate the strip's original

style, some will offer a take all their own. And some will let their characters sneak into neighboring strips. But if you don't like what you see, relax. The comic characters will return to their old stomping grounds Wednesday.

# Drugs

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started in 1993, but it ran out of federal grant money and had to be disbanded in August 1996, Lee said. As its part of the task force included one full-time deputy with regional powers of arrest, two cars and an office in Jerome, he said.

The task force was also funded by \$2,500 yearly payment from each city and county involved.

That funding system wasn't fair, Lee said.

"Gooding County had to dig up \$2.5 million for the Wever and Hagerman, Gooding and the county," he said.

If a \$109,000 federal grant comes through, the task force can start operating again in the fall of 1998, Lee said.

This time around, the plan is to get Gooding, Lincoln, Camas and Jerome counties signed on, with each county paying a flat rate of \$2,500, Lee said.

Jerome County Commissioner Roy Prescott said the county can probably afford that. But Weaver said he will have to meet to iron out the details of Jerome County's participation, he said.

The task force would be headquartered in Gooding under the supervision of Gooding County Sheriff Shawn Gough.

Lee said the grant money will be used to hire two officers and

buy a trained police dog specifically for the regional task force. The officers would be "cross-deputized" with powers of arrest in each participating county, he said.

The task force officers will also be expected to run educational programs in schools, Lee said.

That's because the region's drug problem has moved down the age scale in the past few years, he said.

"We can keep drugs off the streets, but now it seems like there's more in the schools," Lee said.

Lee said drug dealers are trying to build a younger customer base, and any drug program that doesn't address the demand side of the problem will fail.

The D.A.R.E. program does a good job of reaching children in the lower grades, but after fifth-grade D.A.R.E.'s graduation, there's nothing to do, he said.

The drug task force educational program would focus on the upper grades, where the instructors will have to face the skepticism and natural rebellion of older students, he said.

"You've got to give them a good, valid reason not to do drugs," he said. "And it's got to be a good reason, because they probably know more about drugs than their parents ever thought possible."

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FAMILY LIFE

# Some lessons best taught out of classes

**DEAR ABBY:** I join the many who have valued your sage wisdom through the years. This letter is in response to "Mr. Chiedo of Dallas," who wrote that the English teacher should not teach sex education but stick to what she is employed to teach. Abby, my wife is a ninth- and 10th-grade science teacher at our local high school, Travelers Rest High. Three years ago, our school developed a new class called Community Service. The purpose is to actively involve students, primarily juniors and seniors, in various civic activities.



DEAR ABBY  
Abigail VanBuren

Each day, these kids leave their school for an hour or a half to learn lessons about life by volunteering in nursing homes, feeding the homeless at the local soup kitchen, helping to distribute food to the needy at the local food pantry, mentoring preschool children at a day care center or working at a day hall. The education these students receive is invaluable, and at the same time, they are giving back to their community.

None of these benefits would have been possible if my wife — another teacher — had not agreed to the subjects they were hired to teach. How proud I am of my wife, the science teacher who volunteered to develop the curriculum and "teach" this pilot class.

Our community is very fortunate to have teachers who are willing to look for subjects that need to be taught and who never stop looking for ways to communicate with and reach our young people — even when the subjects fall outside the realm of traditional instruction.

**RICK BLACK  
WELL, MARIETTA, S.C.**

**DEAR MR. BLACKWELL:** Think you for your thought-provoking letter. You should indeed be proud of your wife and her colleagues who have improvised an original and creative way to stimulate your community's most precious resources — its youth and its educators. Bravo!

**DEAR ABBY:** Last year a close friend and her husband took early retirement, bought an RV and have been traveling the service. She has always written lots of letters to relatives and friends, but now she writes daily diaries, detailing what they had for meals each day, what she bought at the discount store and the daily temperature. Then she photocopies and sends the same "letter" to

everyone. Sometimes we get as many as 12 typed, single-spaced sheets (front and back) of their daily activities.

Abby, I do not have the time or desire to hear what they ate (in one letter she gave us a full description of their illness after a bad meal) and how much mileage they made on a tank of gas. I suppose I could just toss the letter when it arrives, but I worry that she will say something important somewhere. That did happen once, on page 5, day 22, when she disclosed that her sister had died. I had to read the whole dissertation to glean that news.

All of us dread going to the mailbox to find the letter from hell. We would appreciate any suggestion you have.

**M.M.BOX MADNESS**

**DEAR ABBY:** Unless you're prepared to level with this compulsive diarist, prepare to continue receiving copies of her daily log. You don't say how many friends are involved here, but an alternative might be for each of you to take turns reading one of the "letters" and be responsible for letting the others know the contents.

**DEAR ABBY:** I read your column in which you advised people to be careful who they speak Spanish in front of because you never know who can understand you.

I would like to add, "Be careful speaking any foreign language because you never know who can understand it."

I have a granddaughter who was raised in Saudi Arabia. She now goes to college in South Carolina and is a food server part-time.

She was serving some people who were speaking Arabic, and one of her relatives, the person said, "The vegetables don't look fresh to me." My granddaughter said, "Oh, yes, the vegetables are fresh; I just cut them up this morning."

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# Inhaled steroids help many asthma sufferers

**Knight-Ridder News Service**

News for asthma patients: Inhaled steroids are far more effective than other drugs in preventing the need for hospitalization, a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association reports.

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# Beanie Babies boom spreads across nation

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Joanna Pickering thought her daughter's newfound interest in Beanie Babies was fairly innocent — that is, until she was awakened one morning at 3 o'clock by the sound of her 7-year-old bawling.

"She (Laura) sleeps with her Beanie Babies. And when she woke up and one of her Beanie Babies wasn't beside her, she started crying," said Pickering of Orlando.

"So there I am, at 3 a.m., crawling under the bed, looking for a Beanie Baby that was wedged between the mattress and the wall. That's one night when I was cursing Beanie Babies."

If you haven't heard of Beanie Babies, you must not be hanging out with any girls between the ages of 6 and 12.

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Introduced at a 1994 toy trade show by designer and toymaker Ty Warner, whose company, Ty Inc., produces other small stuffed animals, the line started with nine characters. Warner intentionally avoided the big chains and discount stores, focusing instead on selling his animals to gift shops and specialty toy stores.

By 1995, they were a hit in the Chicago area. Last year, the craze exploded in the Midwest, and this year kids on the East Coast are clamoring for Beanie Babies. Ty Inc. won't release sales fig-

ures, but Forbes magazine estimated Beanie sales were \$250 million last year.

The trend spreads through the "visiting-cousin network." Kids learn about Beanie Babies by visiting relatives in other parts of

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## Students display musical skills

TWIN FALLS - The Magic Valley Suzuki Association held a recital Feb. 22 at Keith Jorgensen's Recital Hall. Featured violin soloists were Camille Bingham, Rachel Neilson, Rangy Glassett, Emily Harper, Tammy Bingham and Julie Call.

Todd Cepps performed a viola solo and Marilyn McCall, of Burley, performed on the cello. "The Fiddlers 3 & 2," a sixth-grade violin ensemble group, consisting of Riley Browning, Jason Hobbs, Brooke Jardine, Savanna Seaman, Jacob Smith, and Nathan Thomson, also performed. The recital concluded with a group review for all levels of students.

The basic principles of the Suzuki method of instruction include beginning as early as possible, progressing in small steps, involving a parent in all lessons, lis-



Marilyn McCall of Burley, performs a viola solo.



Julie Call performs a violin solo.

tening to recordings, following a prescribed musical sequence and participating

in both group and individual lessons and performances. Magic Valley Suzuki instruc-

tors are Jullenne Slaughter, recently retired, Judy Call and Linda Seaman.

## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Quilt show planned

TWIN FALLS - A quilt show and merchant mall sponsored by the Desert Sage Quilt Guild will be held from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Weston Plaza. Ribbons for Viewer's Choice will be awarded at 4 p.m. Sunday. Seats may be available for the luncheons. For more information or to make a reservation, call Lynette Zammiller at 326-4261 or Sheri, Williams at 733-1934.

### U of I plans celebration

TWIN FALLS - The University of Idaho Association and its Magic Valley Chapter have planned a Silver and Gold Celebration for April 17 at the Best Western Canyon Springs Inn, 1357 Blue Lakes Blvd. N.

Bob Hoover, the 15th president of the U of I, and his wife, Jeanne, will be the special guests.

A host-social hour begins at 6 p.m. with a dinner and program to follow at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person. Reservations are required and can be made by April 14. Make checks payable to the UI Alumni Magic Valley Chapter.

Send reservations to Roxie Simcoe, 562 Sunrise Blvd. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301 or Rene Rescholt, 1181 Juniper St. N., Twin Falls, ID 83301, or call Simcoe at 733-9037 or Rescholt at 733-2458.

### Arbor Day discussed

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Little Saigon Restaurant, 119 Second Ave. W.

A program about Arbor Day will be presented, followed by a question-and-answer session by Jan Reynolds.

### 'Diversity Month' begins

TWIN FALLS - April has been designated as "Diversity Month" at the College of Southern Idaho campus, and several activities are planned to introduce various cultures.

Starting off the celebration, the campus Latino Club will hold a dance from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. Friday in the Taylor Building. Eagle's Nest. Admission is \$3 for CSI students, \$5 for general public and \$8 for couples. The public is invited.

A panel discussion on hearing impairments, "Challenges to the Deaf," will be held from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday in the

### Eagle's Nest.

The French Club will hold a "Singed Our" program at noon April 11 at the Fine Arts Center.

The week of April 14-18 will celebrate art from different cultures. Work will be displayed in campus buildings and judged.

A talent show is slated for 7 p.m. April 14 in the Fine Arts auditorium. Admission is free.

A Native American dance demonstration will be held at 6 p.m. April 18 in the gym.

Gena Grillo, student senator who heads the campus Diversity Committee, said the month's celebration will conclude with student and CSI employee participation in the March of Dimes program.

### MUFON meets at annex

TWIN FALLS - The Mutual UFO Network will meet at 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Senior Annex, 998 Washington St. N. (on the College of Southern Idaho campus).

Discussion will focus on "UFOs and the Bible." For more information, call Doug Brown at 733-0034.

### Registration begins

KIMBERLY - Kimberly Elementary School has a small kindergarten class this year and needs an accurate accounting of students for budgeting purposes for next year.

Anyone who has a child who will be in first grade or knows a child who will be in first grade and who is not currently attending Kimberly Elementary School is asked to call 425-5118, Ext. 3037, to provide information about registering the student for the 1997-98 school year.

## EVENTS ELSEWHERE

### Retirement party set

HAGERMAN - A retirement party for watermaster George Lemmon will be held from 6 to 9 p.m. Thursday at the Rangen Research Hatchery, located off the Wendell-Hagerman Highway at the Vader Grade on

### South 1175 East Road. The public is invited.

Lemmon, born in Gooding County in 1920, has been the District 36-A watermaster for 40 years overseeing Billingsley Creek and other local water sources. He also has been active in farming, raising cattle and raising trout, sturgeon and salmon. A fish pump and fish grader designed by Lemmon are used extensively today throughout the fish industry.

Lemmon is a former Gooding County commissioner and is currently on the board of directors for the Lower Snake River Recharge District. He and his wife, Irene, have five adult children.

## FOCUS ON PEOPLE

### Gonzaga honors students

Gonzaga University has named the following students to its president's list for the 1996 fall semester. Students must earn at least a 3.7 GPA for the semester listed.

Lindsey S. Giesler, fourth year; Sunel J. Giesler, second year; and Michelle M. Nemeth, second year, all of Twin Falls.

### MVRMCF awards grants

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation awarded \$30,326 in grants for 1996. The annual donor recognition dinner of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation was held Feb. 19. The banquet was attended by various businesses and individual supporters and foundation board members. Several donors and volunteers were recognized for their efforts in supporting the mission of the foundation during 1996.

The Volunteers of the Year award was presented to Bobbi and Eric Parrott for all their volunteer endeavors on behalf of the foundation and the Riley Todd Parrott Pediatric Care Endowment Fund. The Parrotts have established an endowment to raise funds for the neonatal intensive care unit. They have raised funds through the Festival of Trees, raffles and trapshoots and have assisted with the pediatric bereavement program.

Avonmore West Inc. was presented with the Outstanding Organization of the Year

## CLUB PROFILE

### THE PARENT NETWORK

**Purpose:** The Parent Network, a Down Syndrome support group, was formed to enable parents to help one another by sharing information, laughter, tears and triumphs. This group is a network of concerned parents who wish to educate and communicate about Down Syndrome, how it affects their lives and the lives of their children.

**Meets:** at 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month.

**Dues:** none.

**Major Projects:** The Parent Network is assembling new-parent packets, compiling a Down Syndrome lending library for members and others in the community and speaking at area schools to help educate the Magic Valley about Down Syndrome.

For more information contact: Roberta Belnap at 423-9658.



Born with Down Syndrome, Katie Belnap, daughter of Val and Roberta Belnap was the inspiration for the organization of the Parent Network.

**Profile your club**

The Times-News would like to profile your organization. Send your information along with your name, a photo and your phone number to April/Crini, Community Editor, P.O. Box 549 Twin Falls, ID 83301.

Award for its generous financial support of the children At Risk Evaluation Services program, resulting from its annual charity golf tournament as well as other special events hosted by the foundation in 1996.

Volunteer efforts on behalf of the MVRMCF Foundation, such as those shown by Mr. and Mrs. Parrott and Avonmore West Inc. are genuinely appreciated. Their efforts are reflected in the greater financial support the foundation provides both the hospital and community health care programs.

### Hagenah receives honor

Barbara Hagenah a freshman at Linfield College in McMinnville, Ore., has been named to the fall semester dean's list with a 4.0 grade-point average. Students must complete 12 graded credits and be in the top 10 percent of their class to be named.

### Molyneux selected

Megan Molyneux of Kimberly was selected to attend a National Young Leaders Conference from March 11-16 in Washington D.C.

The conference is a unique leadership development program for high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential and scholastic merit.

Megan, a 4.0 junior at Kimberly High School, was among 350 outstanding national scholars attending the conference from across America. She is serving as student-body vice president and is a member of Business Professionals of America. She is the daughter of Dave and Jeanne Molyneux of Kimberly.

### O'Leary has Career Day

O'Leary Junior High School held its 14th annual Ninth-Grade Career Day Feb. 26. Students were able to gain career information firsthand from community experts in various fields of endeavor.

Presenters included Dr. Reed Harris, medical careers; Jackie Turner, nursing; Judge Don Harbutt and Tibby Hardeck, law; Mary Lou Barry and Julie Levi, teaching; Pete York, journalism; Howard Miller,

performing arts; Terry Patterson, fish and game; Victor Grant and Steve Ryan, law enforcement/Federal Bureau of Investigation; Phil Jones, computers; Anita Glavin, interior design; Dale Hamilton, construction; Marilyn Brock and John Cox, engineering; Carleen Herring and Ray Parrish, business careers; Jim Brown, sports and coaching careers; and Sgt. James Axline and Mike Miller, U.S. Army, military careers.

The O'Leary co-presidents provided a hospitality area for the presenters.

## SERVICE NEWS

### Blandford enters basic

BUHL - Army National Guard Pfc. Brian W. Blandford, son of Art and Deanna Mell of Buhl, and grandson of Carl and Velda Blandford of Hagerman, has entered basic military training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the eight weeks of training, the soldiers will study the Army mission and will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, Army history and traditions, and special training in human relations.

### Melerhoff graduates

BUHL - Air Force Airman Dayla R. Melerhoff, daughter of Dana R. and Nala R. Thomas of Buhl, has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airman who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

## I want your news

If it's news to you, I want to hear about it. The April/Crini (Times-News) Community Editor of The Times-News. It's my job to fill this page with news about: Community meetings, Celebrations, Social events, Organizations, Individual achievements, Sports and their activities. I will also want to publish your pictures of special events in the life of the community that are important to our readers. Please send your news and photos to: Community Editor April/Crini, The Times-News, P.O. Box 549, Twin Falls, Idaho 83301. You can reach me by fax at 734-0538. You can also email me at [arc@timesnews.net](mailto:arc@timesnews.net). Deadline for the Monday page is Wednesday. Deadline for the Tuesday page is Monday. Deadline for the Wednesday page is Tuesday. Deadline for the Saturday page is Friday.

### Twin Falls Senior Citizens

616 Eastland Drive  
Dinner served from noon to 1 p.m. Suggested donation is \$2.50 for seniors. The cost is \$3.50 for non-seniors under 60 and \$2.50 for children under 12.

Today: Baked potato  
Wednesday: Chubed steak  
Thursday: Chicken pot pie  
Friday: Chicken or fish  
Monday: Meatloaf

### Activities

Library, Pool Room, and Bargain Center with cards, games, color television, puzzles and movies. Open weekdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Today: Blood pressure checks from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

Tax assistance from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. Call the center for an appointment at 734-5084.

Wednesday: Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Line dancing at 3 p.m.

Thursday: Pinchle at 1 p.m.

Tax assistance from 9 a.m. to noon and from 1 to 3 p.m. Call the center for an appointment at 734-5084.

Friday: Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Blood pressure checks from 10 a.m. to noon.

### Saturday

Pancake breakfast from 8 to 11 a.m. \$5 Alive seminar from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call for appointment.

Sunday: Daylight Saving Time begins. Set clocks ahead one hour.

Monday: Quilting from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Ageless Senior Citizens 310 Main St. N., Kimberly. All dinners at 10 noon. Suggested donation is \$2.50.

Wednesday: Spaghetti

Friday: Ham and scalloped potatoes

Monday: Hamburger on a bun

Thrift shop open Monday-Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Activities

Today: Trip to Eden for lunch. Bus leaves at 11 a.m.

Ceramics at 1 p.m.

Wednesday: Blood pressure checks.

Thursday: Crafts at 1 p.m.

Friday: Spring baked food sale from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Sunday: Sunday dinner from noon to 2 p.m. The cost is \$5 for adults and \$2.50 for children

### under 12. Menu: Park Chops.

Daylight Saving Time begins. Set clocks ahead one hour.

West End Senior Citizens Inc.

1010 Main St., Buhl

All meals at 10 p.m. on Sunday. Thrift shop open every day from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Today: Spaghetti with meat sauce

Wednesday: Spaghetti with meat sauce

Thursday: Birthday dinner with roast beef

Friday: Roast beef

Saturday: Biscuits and gravy

Sunday: Meatloaf

Monday: Croissants with ham and turkey

Activities

Quilting at the center

Bingo from 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday.

Exercise class at 10 a.m. Thursday.

Quilting at the center.

Bingo after lunch Monday through Friday.

Evening lunch at 5:30 p.m. and cards. Friday: Exercise class at 10 a.m. Saturday: Exercise at 10 a.m. Sunday: Daylight Saving Time begins. Set clocks ahead one hour.

### Monday

Exercise at 10 a.m. Cards in the evening at the center. Evening meal at 5:30 p.m.

Filer Senior Haven

222 Main St., Filer

Dinners served at noon on Tuesday and Thursday and at 6 p.m. on Friday.

Suggested donation is \$2 for seniors. Home delivered meals available each meal time.

Today: Hot beef sandwich

Thursday: Baked meatloaf

Friday: Macaroni and cheese with ham

Sunday:

Daylight Saving Time begins. Set clocks ahead one hour.

Silver and Gold Senior Citizens

203 Wilcox, Eden

Today: Chili at noon.

Walking and exercise at 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Booze day. Thursday: Ham at noon.

Walking and exercise at 1 p.m. Friday: Breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m.

Sunday: Daylight Saving Time begins. Set clocks ahead one hour.

Monday: Breakfast from 8 to 10 a.m.

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Protester injured at Nevada Test Site

LAS VEGAS (AP) — An anti-nuclear protester was injured Monday when she fell from a barricade during a demonstration at the Nevada Test Site.

Some 80 demonstrators turned out at the site, 65 miles northwest of Las Vegas, briefly blocking the entrance to the sprawling desert facility.

Adriana Lucevova, 21, of San Francisco, was taken by ambulance to University Medical Center in Las Vegas. She was treated for a fractured hand and fractured arm, and was listed in good condition, a hospital spokesman said.

Energy Department spokesman Derek Scammell said the woman was blown off balance by high winds and fell from the 15-foot-tall barricade, which was made of wooden poles.

"The ironical thing is that when we tried to remove her for treatment, we were impeded by the protest action," he said, referring to efforts to get an ambulance past the demonstration.

BLM postpones chaining 45,000 acres in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Land managers have postponed plans to bulldoze 45,000 acres of piñon and juniper in Millard and Juab counties while they negotiate with the tribes to protect archaeological sites.

"The BLM has just decided they aren't going to worry about chaining during the winter of our lawsuit," said consortium lawyer James Tracy.

The BLM has been trying to raze some 250,000 acres of piñon and juniper in the last summer's fires. Its plans included using a heavy anchor chain, towed between two bulldozers, to

clear brush and restore grass and other forage for wildlife and livestock in some of that area.

The tribes were seeking a permanent injunction to stop the BLM's reclamation efforts.

The BLM had said it was operating under time constraints for the planting, but Tracy did not know whether that played any role in the bureau's decision not to chain this spring.

A telephone message left for Assistant U.S. Attorney Bill Ryan, representing the BLM, was not immediately returned Monday.

"In the meantime, Tracy hopes for some 10,000 acres chained before the restraining order was issued to determine whether any archaeological sites were damaged.

Teton 1 of fastest-growing counties in Wyoming, U.S.

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) — Teton County's population has grown by 21.6 percent since 1990, making it the fastest growing in Wyoming, among the top 5 percent nationally.

And local officials believe the Census Bureau figure is conservative.

"It still seems a tad low, based on our other ways of calculating," county Commissioner Sandy Shuprine said.

Oldest Yellowstone National Park wolf dies

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — The wolf believed to be the oldest among those transplanted to Yellowstone National Park in 1995 and 1996 has died.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service biologist Joe Fontaine said Monday that wolf No. 13, known as "Old Blue" because of its unique black and gray color, died March 19, apparently of natural causes.

Fontaine said the wolf's radio collar began sending a "mortality signal" — indicating no movement by the wolf — on that day, and biologists spotted the body during a monitoring flight the next day.

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Proposals must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the requirements of Section 102-2 Bidding Requirements and Conditions of the Idaho Standard Specifications for Highway Construction, Edition of 1995.

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COMPUTERIZED BIDDING DISKETTES ARE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. The right is reserved to reject all 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 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.

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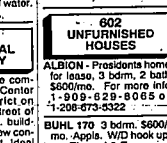
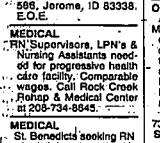
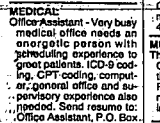
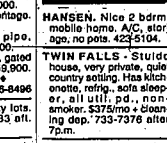
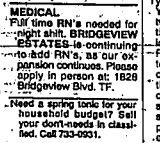
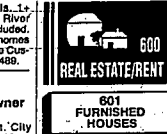
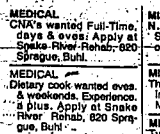
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MONEY

Learning basics of investing is profitable lesson for kids

Carly Lehrer is a sixth-grader in Washington, D.C. She is also a Wall Street investor. Since last November, the 11 year old and her parents have been adding monthly to Carly's stake in the Young Investors Fund, a mutual fund managed by Stein Rod & Farham Inc., a Chicago investment management firm.

There is no way to calculate how many youngsters are investing in the stock market, either through individual stocks or mutual funds. But with the current American infatuation with Wall Street investing, analysts suggest it is only natural that children and teen-agers would become interested in such investing.

"It's just as critical for kids to learn about savings and investment as it is to learn the three R's."

- Marc E. Lackritz, president of the Securities Industry Association

"I think some fundamental changes are going on," said David P. Brady, who manages the portfolio of the Young Investors Fund. "Defined pension funds (that promise a specific amount of money at retirement) are really a thing of the past, and there are ongoing changes in Social Security. The new plans think that it won't be around 30 years from now, so I think it's important to come to the realization that you have to plan for your long-term financial future."

Kathy Jatrás of Organized Finances Unlimited in suburban Virginia said investing in the market might make sense if youngsters are prepared to invest for a long period. "To put money in the stock market you at least have to have a five-year window," she said.

"Some CDs in one to three years can get you 7 percent, which is pretty good if you have to write a tuition check," she said.

Many teen-agers get an introduction to the stock market each year by playing the Stock Market Game, a 10-week contest that has approximately 239,000 participants in its full session. It was developed in 1977 by the Securities Industry Foundation for Economic Education, an offshoot of the Securities Industry Association.

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New jitters for already frazzled Wall Street

WASHINGTON — Already-frazzled Wall Street investors reacted badly Monday to news that Americans are earning and spending at a robust pace. Stocks fell sharply on fears of more interest-rate increases from a Federal Reserve intent on keeping the economy from overheating.

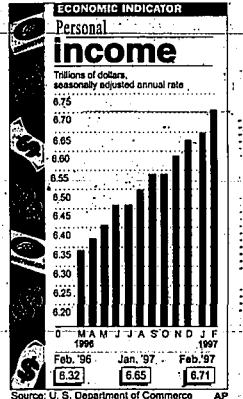
Americans' personal incomes surged 0.9 percent in February, the largest gain in eight months, the Commerce Department said. It was the largest advance in incomes since June 1996 and more than doubled January's 0.4 percent gain.

Spending jumped — 0.3 percent — was relatively modest but came after a large 1 percent increase in January, the best in 11 months.

Economists said February's broad-based income gain — with advances in every category except farm income — will help provide consumers with the wherewithal to support strong spending through the year.

"People spend that money, they don't save it," said economist Sandra Shaber of the WEFA Group in Dayton, Ohio.

That kind of thinking sent jitters rippling through the stock market because it implies that last week's quarter-point increase in short-term interest rates won't be enough to keep economic growth at or below the pace likely to pro-



source: U.S. Department of Commerce AP
dollar, declining inflation.
A Labor Department report scheduled Friday — the government's first broad-based look at the economy in March — could be the next big market-rolling event if it comes in stronger than expected, Jones said.

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

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HOW TO READ THE MARKET REPORT

Here are the 525 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, the 400 most active on the NASDAQ National Market and the 100 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Mutual funds on this list are the 115 largest. Stocks in bold changed 5 percent or more in price.

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Trade official to join Talon

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Table with columns for Market, High, Low, Change, and Open. Includes Commodities like Corn, Soybean, Wheat, and Metals like Gold, Silver.

SOYBEAN

Table showing Soybean futures prices for various grades and contracts, including Chicago and New York.

WHEAT

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SUGAR

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POSSIBLE FUELS

Table showing Fuel prices for various types of oil and gas, including New York and London.

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BEANS

Table showing Bean futures prices for various grades and contracts, including Chicago and New York.

GRAINS

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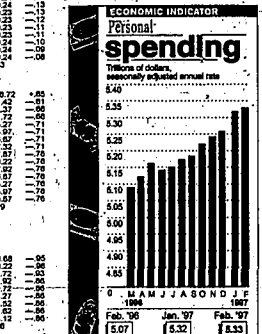
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SELECTED WORLD COMMODITIES

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Economy

Analysts are looking for the unemployment rate to hold at 5.3 percent and for a gain about 180,000 jobs. Monday's income and spending figures were about what economists anticipated for February. But revisions to earlier months' spending were a surprise.

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# Drivers suffer mostly minor injuries from air bags, study says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly two-thirds of the occupants of air bag-equipped cars were injured by the deploying bag, according to an analysis by University of Michigan researchers.

Most of the injuries were minor scrapes and bruises, but 13 percent of the drivers — or 18 — suffered broken bones in the forearm or hand, according to the university's Transportation Research Institute, where researchers studied 540 crashes.

The fractures were caused by the deploying air bag, the air bag cover, or the air bag inflating driver's cabs and hands into the instrument panel or windshield, Donald F. Huelke, a lead researcher, said in a telephone interview.

Several of the breaks happened during a left-hand turn when a driver's right hand was over the steering wheel, where the air bag deploys, Huelke said. Nearly two-thirds of the drivers had injuries to the arms, hands, face or upper body and most injuries were minor scrapes, bruises or cuts, Huelke said. "We're pretty sure the cuffs and scrapes to the forearm or face," he said.

The researchers found that 38 percent of the drivers suffered from one to two-thirds of the injuries in three drivers sustained a facial injury, according to papers they published this year.

Huelke and other researchers at the Institute in Ann Arbor, Mich., looked at 540 crashes involving the deployment of driver-side air bags in a variety of vehicles through mid-1996. Most of the crashes were in Michigan, about one-fifth were in other

states, mostly the Great Lakes states.

About 2 percent — or 11 drivers — sustained eye injuries from air bag deployment, primarily scuffs on the eyeball or some blood in the eye, Huelke said. "In almost all the cases, the driver recovered from the injury and there were no long-term effects," he said.

However, a report published in March that reviewed five cases of air bag injuries treated at the University of California, Los Angeles, ophthalmology trauma center concluded air bags could be hazardous to the eyes.

"The study highlights that air bags need some changes in design," said Dr. Edward E. Manche, the paper's lead author and director of cornea and refractive surgery at Stanford University Medical Center.

In one case, a woman became legally blind in one eye. In another case, a woman's contact lenses broke and she needed surgery to repair a detached retina in her right eye and a torn retina in her left eye.

All five patients suffered bleeding in the eyeball and three later developed angle-recession glaucoma, a pressure in the eye due to rips in the eye's drainage system.

Womed and shorter drivers are more likely to receive facial injuries from an inflating air bag, Huelke said.

Nearly 42 percent of the female drivers sustained facial injuries — again mostly cuts, scrapes and bruises, compared with about 24 percent of the men.

# Retirement plans for small businesses

Knight-Ridder News Service

When it comes to retirement plans, it's now easier than ever for small businesses to think big.

Small businesses employ nearly one of every three U.S. workers over age 25. Yet only one-third of those companies offer a retirement plan — compared with 85 percent of large employers. All told, small businesses account for only about \$300 billion of the \$6-trillion Americans have stashed away in retirement plans, Charles Schwab & Co. estimates. But that may change.

Last summer, lawmakers passed what some experts called the biggest pension reforms in at least a decade. Notably, there are two new retirement plans, giving employers five versatile retirement plans they can buy off the rack. It's easier to adopt and maintain 401(k) plans. Husband-and-wife and family operations are no longer punished, allowing them to stay away far more in Keogh and 401(k) plans. Top employees can save more, too.

You can arrange these plans through brokerages, banks, insurance companies, money managers and other vendors. To narrow in on which plan suits you best, experts suggest owners ask themselves several questions:

- Do you want your retirement plan to be an employee benefit or a tax-saving device for you? If it's the latter, SEPs and Keoghs allow owners to pack away more for themselves than the other plans do.
- How much money can you afford to put aside for a retirement plan? Look at what you can spare to save for your own retirement, as well as what you can afford to set aside for your employees. Some plans require contributions for your employees, others don't.
- Do you prefer to contribute on behalf of your employees? Or would you prefer they defer income as they see fit?
- What is your employee census? The size, pay scale and age range

## 5 reasons to adopt a retirement plan

1. **Tax savings for the company, owner and employees.** Everyone wins. Not only are contributions tax-deductible, but investments also grow tax-free until the money is withdrawn. There simply isn't a more effective way to save for retirement.
2. **Business owners save a huge stash for themselves.** Using off-the-shelf plans, business owners can save up to \$30,000 a year for retirement. By using customized plans, they may save far, far more. But even moonlighters can essentially double up. For instance, a Fortune 500 worker can max out that company's 401(k), then slow away moonlighting earnings in a SEP or Keogh.
3. **It's an employee perk.** Small businesses complain when bigger companies steal their employees. Retirement plans are a big-league benefit that can entice workers to sign up. And vesting rules can create "golden handcuffs" to help you retain them.
4. **Competition is driving down costs.** Brokerages, mutual fund families, banks and plan providers are cutting prices and fees as they jostle for market position in what could become an enormous market.
5. **It's still possible to get a break on last year's taxes!** A SEP can be opened and/or funded in 1997 yet still qualify for a tax deduction on your 1996 income taxes.

of your work force can influence your decision significantly.

- How much time and money do you want to spend setting up the plan, keeping up with its paperwork, managing the investments, educating employees, dealing with accountants or plan experts? For example, Keoghs require more care and feeding, if only because they must be updated as pension laws change (otherwise the

Internal Revenue Service can disqualify the plans and levy taxes and penalties).

- How stable is your business? Some plans provide more flexibility for firms whose fortunes fluctuate from year to year.

Do you hire a lot of seasonal workers or have high turnover? If so, you might prefer a plan that allows "vesting" rules that limit when employees are eligible to walk away with contributions you make on their behalf.

Of these factors, the principal one may be how much you — the owner — can put away as you close in on retirement. Under these five off-the-shelf plans, that figure can range from a few thousand dollars to \$30,000.

But a second important factor is cost. One component is the administrative bill for "drawing your plan," monitoring the plan and keeping up with the paperwork. The cost that often drives the decision, however, is the contribution you must make on behalf of your workers. This is particularly important if you expect your work force to grow faster than your ability to pay for their retirement plans.

Whether you own a small company, manage a start-up, moonlight out of your den or work for a small business, the odds are there's a retirement plan that fits your company. The trick is figuring out which plan is best tailored for your company, because none is one-size-fits-all.

- The five basic options are:
1. **SEP IRA:** Often ideal for the sole proprietor or family business.
  2. **Keogh:** A variety of plans that can be tailor-made for a company, particularly for those whose profits fluctuate from year to year.
  3. **and 4. Two SIMPLE plans:** One is a 401(k), the other an Individual Retirement Account, or IRA. These are cookie-cutter plans but will appeal to firms that can't take on heavy paperwork burdens.
  5. **The traditional 401(k):** The plan many fast-growing companies opt for first.

A Simplified Employee Pension, or SEP, is often the ideal plan for a self-employed person, a husband-and-wife team or business with a tiny work force that is "like family," said Paul D. Carlson, president of Plan Design Consultants Inc. of San Mateo.

A SEP allows the owner to put away varying amounts from year to year, up to 15 percent of compensation (up to \$2,000), also compared with a Keogh, it's less costly and easier to administer. Generally, the downside is the business must make contributions on behalf of all workers — including part-timers — in the same proportion it does for the owner. So, if the owner sets aside 15 percent, each worker also will get 15 percent.

Keoghs, the oldest retirement plan for the self-employed, allow more planning options, from vesting to potentially larger contributions. Some are "defined benefit" plans, which can permit owners to contribute more than \$30,000 with specially designed plans. More common are "defined contribution" plans, which create individual accounts for each employee.

**THE SIMPLE IRA AND SIMPLE 401(k)**  
The Savings Incentive Match Plan, or SIMPLE, offers two options that started Jan. 1. They replace SARSEPs, or Salary Reduction Simplified Employee Pension Plans, which were repealed. SARSEPs implemented before 1997 can continue, however.

For the most part, the SIMPLE IRA and SIMPLE 401(k) are identical. But the 401(k) gives employees more control over how workers access their money (loans and hardship withdrawals are allowed) and employees who withdraw money from an IRA within two years will owe the IRS an early-withdrawal penalty of 25 percent rather than the standard 10 percent. On the flip side, the IRA will appeal to companies whose fortunes fluctuate because it offers greater flexibility on how much the business must contribute to employees.

**THE TRADITIONAL 401(k)**  
The 401(k) hasn't become a tradition — long, but it has been around a tradition — at least in Silicon Valley. Indeed, it almost seems a birthright at start-ups, where it can be one of the essential perks like stock options, dress-down Friday and gourmet coffee.

## Omega cuts price of Zip disk drives

ROY, Utah (AP) — Omega Corp. said Monday it cut the price of its popular Zip computer disk drive by 25 percent.

The Roy-based company also announced an agreement granting Japan's NEC Corp. the right to make and sell 100 megabyte Zip drives.

The minimum advertised price for the Zip drive will be lowered to \$149 from \$195, effective Tuesday.

## Kids

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The game, which is used in many classrooms, is also available on an Internet version.

"It's just as critical for kids to learn about savings and investment as it is to learn the three R's," said Marc E. Ladrakis, president of the Securities Industry Association.

The game gives participating teams hypothetical \$100,000 portfolios to manage and provides them the tools, including research reports on companies, to help make their imaginary transactions. However, the game focuses on short-run gains rather than taking the long-term approach that many investment advisers recommend.

In 1994, the Young Investors Fund was started. A survey at the time showed that junior-high and high-school students were interested in money and investment but had little understanding of the subject, said portfolio manager Brandy Brady. The fund provides a parents' guide to investment and publishes a quarterly newsletter, Dollar Digest, that features a company in the fund. In one issue, Microsoft Chairman Bill Gates answered questions sent in by investors who ranged in age from 6 to 13.

"We take the investment objective very seriously, and we take the educational objective very seriously," said Brady, who along with his daughters, ages 6 and 13, hold the fund as their largest primary investments.

Originally, the fund set out to attract secondary-school students, but its shareholders now include parents opening accounts for newborn babies and college graduates who are just beginning to invest. The fund has about \$350 million in net assets and is in the top 2 percent of growth funds, Brady said. It has approximately 70,000 shareholders.

"We try to keep two-thirds of the fund in companies that kids can relate to or that can affect kids' lives," Brady said. "A lot of people thought it was a gimmick, but it has turned out to be a pretty good investment strategy.... There isn't a name in the portfolio that we don't think has good long-term growth prospects."

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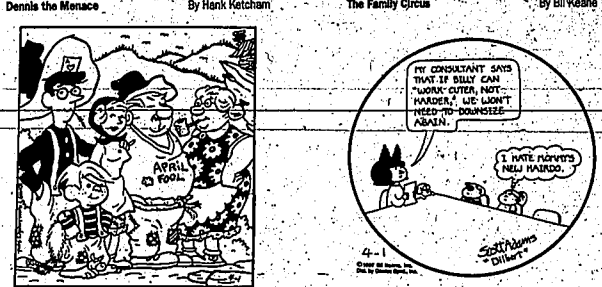
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Cowboys like long sleeves

The "sprung" was an issue of currency in Tibet. Hand-painted on rice paper. Printing inks were a mixture of vegetable matter and yak dung.

It's common knowledge in reality's West that genuine cowboys don't wear short-sleeved shirts. Q. Again, if you please, what's a "heptagon"? A. Government by thieves. If you ask which U.S. President munched peanuts several times daily, you'll almost invariably get the wrong answer. No, it was Franklin D. Roosevelt. Those who purport to know say the typical woman in the 18th-24-year-old bracket puts in about seven and a half hours a week in an daily activity she's not into called grooming.

HOROSCOPE

IF APRIL 1 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are dynamic, independent ideas person. Leo Aquarius persons play outstanding roles in your life. You're capable of creating lasting joy as you have had your own heart broken. Current cycle relates to getting house in order, reviewing priorities, releasing yourself from unnecessary burdens.

WHAT'S WHAT?

L.M. Boyd the common assumption that the attention of babies is held most strongly by things that move. Think of a bushel basket of apples this way: It's 15 pies, 36 little jars of preserves or three gallons of cider.

How the Horrible



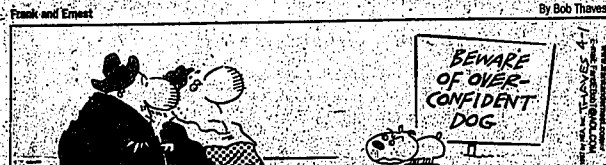
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