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An abandoned vehicle sits in the middle of a street in downtown Minot, N.D., Sunday morning after a storm dumped 43 inches of snow on the area over the weekend. A blizzard shut down most of the northern Plains on Sunday.

Blizzard wrecks havoc in northern Plains states

Storm halts travel, freezes flood sandbag crews

The Associated Press
BISMARCK, N.D. — A blizzard shut down much of the northern Plains on Sunday with blinding wind-blown snow and drifts up to 20 feet high stranding travelers and making life miserable for volunteers sandbagging flood-threatened towns.

North Dakota Gov. Ed Schafer asked President Clinton to declare the state a disaster area. "We've got the whole state virtually paralyzed," he said.

Across the state line in west-central Minnesota, dikes failed throughout much of Breckenridge during the night, letting the Rgo River pour as much as 3 feet deep into streets. Most of the downtown was knee-deep in water and snow-crusted ice, and parked cars were frozen in place.

Hundreds of miles of highways were closed in Wyoming, the Dakotas, Nebraska and the eastern edge of Montana. Thousands were without electricity.

Hundreds of people had been evacuated in Breckenridge because of the flood caused by melting snow from previous storms, and others were stranded by the blizzard.

The blowing snow rebuilt drifts that had begun melting after a winter of record snowfall.

"My mailbox is probably 30 yards away. At times I can't see it," said Chad Klinske, who lives about a mile outside Grafton, N.D. "My drifts that were down to 4 or 5 feet are now 12 feet."

Police Chief Dennis Millbrandt said Sunday. Temperatures were in the 20s and the wind-chill was below zero.

"We've had officers going door-to-door with chest waders," Millbrandt said. "We thought about boats, but there's so much ice and wind, we're concerned about that. We don't want to put anybody else in danger."

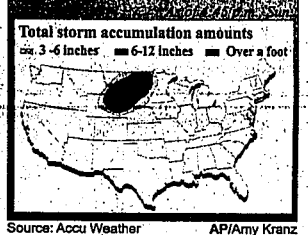
With the electricity off, Klinske had to borrow a generator to run a small space heater and run the sump pump keeping water out of his basement.

"Right now, I'm walling off the living room with cushions from the couch, to try to reduce the area I've got to heat," he said Sunday afternoon.

In Montevideo, Minn., 100 miles southeast of Breckenridge, waves driven by 40 mph wind crashed against dikes along the bloated Minnesota River, splashing volunteers as they piled sandbags and coating their clothing and men's beards with ice.

"It doesn't get any worse than this. We had gooding last week, but that was in warm weather. This is bad," said Ronald Olson, a volunteer firefighter from Clara City, Minn., who was piling sandbags in Montevideo.

Northern Plains blizzard



Source: Accu Weather API/Amy Krenz



Potato the Clown plows through blizzard conditions to get from St. Mary's to the Aberdeen Civic Arena in Aberdeen, S.D., Sunday. Potato belongs to the George Garden Circus International, which is performing in Aberdeen.

People are watching

TV stations can be targets of anger, adulation, attention

By Pat Marcantonio
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Television stations live by the people who watch.

Audience is measured to sell advertisements. Shows are rated for popularity. And to viewers, anchors often become the visible face of invisible airwaves.

For the first time in its history, KMVT-TV in Twin Falls took legal steps against one viewer who did more than watch. He came armed to the station.

Stations and on-air staff members always have been the targets of anger, adulation and other attention, say those who work in TV. While most of the response is innocent, some can be worrisome.

"We've all become more sensitive, not necessarily because of anything that's happened around here, but the world in general," said Les Wagner, KMVT-TV's general manager. "It's the whole climate we operate in, we being society today."

Injunction

In February, KMVT obtained a court order prohibiting Joseph "Johnny" M. Brasier from direct contact with the station or its personnel at work or home.

Last year, Brasier, then 69, of Hansen, appeared several times at the home of news anchor Ken Rickey, insisting he appear on television to "tell his story, the station claimed in its request for the injunction.

In March 1996, Brasier showed up at KMVT with a loaded .22-caliber revolver on his hip and wearing a World War II Navy uniform with the words "United Nations Militia" on the back, police said.

Phone see TV, Page A2

Cable television highlights family shows this week

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — If you flip through cable channels tonight and keep seeing the same show, it's not your television set malfunctioning.

A half-hour special town hall meeting moderated by Linda Ellerbee will be shown on 21 cable channels at 7:30 p.m., kicking off a week in which the industry tries to highlight its family-oriented programming.

"Tune in to Kids and Family Inc." is partly an attempt to deflect the heat television executives are feeling from politicians about shows laden with sex and violence, the idea's originator said.

But it's also a genuine effort to convince parents that there's a lot of family-oriented material on the tube, and perhaps show programmers that it can be profitable, said Joshua Sapan, president of Rainbow Programming Holdings Inc.

The Disney Channel planned to jump the gun with a Sunday night airing of "Furchesters," followed later in the week by "Cinderella" and "Operation Dumbo Drop." Showtimes "My Life as a Dog" all week. Even The TV Food Network will show "Desserts Kids Can Make."

Some of the networks feature much of this material already, but the purpose of the week is to make sure it's all on prime time, Sapan said.

Senators propose cigarette-tax measure to finance children's health insurance

Hatch, Kennedy make unlikely teammates

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Sens. Edward Kennedy and Orrin Hatch, two of the Senate's more ideologically contrasting members, said Sunday they are joining forces on a bill to provide health care for children by raising taxes on cigarettes.

"When it comes to health care for the American people, both of us have put politics aside," said Hatch, R-Utah, the conservative chairman of the Senate Judiciary Committee.



Sen. Orrin Hatch

Their bill, to be introduced Tuesday, would add 43 cents in federal taxes to the sale of a package of cigarettes, with two-thirds of the revenue going to provide health insurance for the 10 million American children currently uninsured.

The other third would go toward reducing the federal deficit.

"For too many of these children in this country, the emergency room is their family physician. That's wrong," said Kennedy, D-Mass.

Kennedy, who joined Hatch on NBC's "Meet the Press," said their legislation would have the extra benefit of discouraging kids from taking up smoking.

"The increase in the tax is going to be the most meaningful step that can be taken to stop the 14-year-olds in the country from becoming addicted to cigarettes," he said.

Hatch agreed that a tax user fee on smoking was appropriate because tobacco "is the single most preventable cause of premature death and illness in America."

He called the proposal a "moderate to conservative program" that would let states set their own rules for which children would be eligible for insurance.



Sen. Edward Kennedy, right, talks with Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott Sunday before appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press" to discuss the Hatch-Kennedy cigarette-tax bill.

WEATHER

IDAHO Weather

Monday, April 7
AccuWeather's forecast for Idaho conditions and high temperatures

Coeur D'Alene 53°
Lawton 50°
Boise 50°
Idaho Falls 42°
Twin Falls 50°
Pocatello 47°

Highs: 50-60, Lows: 30-40

Conditions: Partly cloudy, some rain

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FORECAST

Magic Valley

Today mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers mainly in the afternoon. Highs around 50. Southwest winds about 10 mph. Tonight mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow showers. Low around 30. Tuesday mostly cloudy with a chance of rain or snow showers. Highs around 50.

Extended regional forecast

Today through Friday, a cold front will move through the Magic Valley, bringing a change of rain or snow each day. Lows in the upper teens to mid-20s (east in the mid-20s to the lower 30s west). Highs 40 to 50.

Camas Prairie, Wood River, Valley

Today mostly cloudy with scattered rain and snow showers. Snow level rising to 5500 feet in the afternoon. Highs near 50. Snow level 500 feet. Tuesday mostly cloudy with scattered rain or snow showers. Not so cold, with lows 20 to 25. Tuesday mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers. Snow level rising to 5000 feet. High 40 to 50.

Treasure Valley

Today cloudy with scattered rain showers. Highs in the mid-50s. Southwest winds 10 to 15 mph in the morning, shifting to northwest 10 mph in the afternoon. Tonight cloudy with scattered rain showers. Rain may be mixed with snow at times. Lows in the mid-30s. Tuesday mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers. Highs in the mid-50s.

Sawtooth Mountains

Today cloudy with scattered afternoon rain and snow showers. Snow level 500 feet. Highs in the lower to mid-40s. Tonight snow showers likely. Not so cold with lows in the teens to mid-20s. Tuesday mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Snow level rising to 5000 feet. Highs in the mid-40s.

Eastern Idaho

Today increasing clouds with a chance of rain or snow showers. Highs 45 to 50. Breezy at times in the afternoon. Light winds in the morning, becoming southwest winds and increasing to 15 to 25 mph in the afternoon. Tonight mostly cloudy. A chance of snow showers. Lows in the upper 20s. Tuesday mostly cloudy with a chance of rain and snow showers. Snow level rising to 5000 feet. Highs in the mid-40s.

Northern Idaho

Today increasing clouds. Highs 45 to 50. Southwest wind 10 to 15 mph. Tonight cloudy with a chance of light snow. Lows in the upper 20s. Tuesday mostly cloudy with a chance of rain in the valleys and snow above 3500 feet. A little cooler with highs in the mid-40s.

Northern Nevada

Today mostly cloudy with isolated snow showers. Highs near 50. West wind 10 to 20 mph. Tonight mostly cloudy with a slight chance of snow showers. Lows in the mid-20s. Tuesday mostly cloudy with a chance of showers. Highs near 50. Snow level 600 feet.

Northern Utah

Today partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain showers. Highs in the mid-50s. Tonight partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of rain showers. Lows 30-35. Tuesday partly cloudy. Highs 55-60.

CROSS THE NATION

Blizzard blasts northern Plains, record still hits Northwest

The blizzard that hit the Northwest last week is now being remembered as a record-setting event. The storm, which hit the Northwest on Saturday, was the most powerful blizzard to hit the Northwest since 1962. It brought heavy snow, high winds, and a record low temperature of -27 degrees Fahrenheit in Yakima, Wash. The storm also caused significant damage to power lines and trees, leaving thousands of people without electricity. In the Northwest, the storm was particularly severe, with snow accumulating to several feet in some areas. The blizzard also caused significant damage to property and infrastructure, including the closure of schools and businesses. The storm was a major weather event for the Northwest, and its impact is still being felt.

ALMANAC

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pop
Boise	58	29	100,000
Burley	52	21	10,000
Fairfield	m	m	1,000
Gooding	m	m	1,000
Hagerman	m	m	1,000
Idaho Falls	44	16	10,000
Jorume	49	22	1,000
Lawton	58	29	10,000
Malden	46	22	1,000
Matta	m	m	1,000
McCall	m	m	1,000
Pocatello	47	13	10,000
Salmon	48	16	1,000
Stanley	m	m	1,000
Sun Valley	m	m	1,000

Twin Falls

Year	Max	Min	Pop
Yesterday	51	23	10,000
Last year	63	32	10,000
Normal	51	32	10,000

Precipitation

Month to date	Normal
Normal to date	1.20
Water year to date	10.13
Normal year to date	6.33

Comfort factors

Humidity at noon	Barometer at noon
Humidity at noon	30.01.9
Barometer at noon	30.01.9
Pollen count 2 (alm), low	
Moderate low	

SKWATCH

Sunset today 8:11 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:09 a.m.
Lunar phase: New April 7, first quarter April 14, full April 22, last quarter April 29.
Visible planets: Morning: Mars, Jupiter.
Evening: Mars, Cancer, Rho, visible NNE, 4-4.5 a.m. S30 a.m., NW, 8:11-30 p.m.

TV

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Brasier said he was there to get the general manager and that the station violated his right to free speech. Wagner talked to him until police arrived. After a brief struggle, Brasier was arrested and hospitalized for a medical evaluation, according to police reports. He was not charged with any crime.

But Brasier, who couldn't be located for comment, appeared at Ricker's home again in January, the station claims.

"At that point, it was obvious he wasn't going to go away and I chose to make the action of getting an injunction," Wagner said.

This was not the first frightening experience for the station. A few months ago strange packages appeared, but they turned out to be benign. When other viewers have attempted more than casual contact with employees, the police were asked to intervene.

"Even those we've never had any serious problem with," Wagner said. "The biggest danger is the person with a political view of a story they believe should be covered."

Horried

Mollie McCarty probably will never forget when the Brady Bill was signed into law in November 1993.

McCarty, 40, was a KMTV 30 p.m. newscast, a manning about the gun control bill. While sitting in the studio, McCarty heard a man shouting and saw where five employees had to wrestle the unruly visitor to the ground.

"They had to assume the man was a terrorist," she said. "I was terrified. He ended up being taken away in a police car."

TEMPERATURES

City	Max	Min	Pop
Albuquerque	50	37	100,000
Atlanta	76	63	100,000
Boston	56	43	100,000
Chicago	56	43	100,000
Dallas	63	50	100,000
Denver	46	27	100,000
Des Moines	56	43	100,000
Detroit	74	61	100,000
Honolulu	82	70	100,000
Indianapolis	70	57	100,000
Kansas City	47	34	100,000
Los Angeles	68	55	100,000
Memphis	73	60	100,000
Miami Beach	81	68	100,000
Minneapolis	59	46	100,000
Mississippi	33	20	100,000
New Orleans	79	66	100,000
New York	59	46	100,000
Oklahoma City	58	45	100,000
Omaha	58	45	100,000
Portland, Me.	58	45	100,000
Reno	58	45	100,000
St. Louis	56	43	100,000
San Francisco	60	47	100,000
Seattle	61	48	100,000
Spokane	58	45	100,000

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, April 7, 1997. High temperatures are shown in degrees Fahrenheit. Low temperatures are shown in degrees Fahrenheit.

FRONTS: COLD, WARM, STATIONARY

Highs & Lows: High, 60 degrees at Lowell, Low, 5 degrees at Stanley. Nation: High, 89 at Fort Myers, Fla. Low, 5 below at W. Yellowstone, Mont.

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GOP agenda seems less anti-environment

WASHINGTON — Barely two years ago, the Republican Congress appeared well on its way to rolling back a quarter-century of environmental legislation.

With great fanfare, the GOP nationally celebrated opening the national parks to logging, moved aggressively to scale back clean water programs and tried to rein in the federal government's regulatory rollercoaster. The Environmental Protection Agency, in the words of House Republican Whip Tom DeLay of Texas, was "the Center of government."

Two years ago that wasn't the case.

But listen to the GOP now. Chastened by a tide of public opinion, the party's agenda, Republicans no longer are bashing environmental laws and programs often late heard speaking of other respect for the environment.

Verdel, the GOP's chief environmental spokesman, said: "Believe me, we're not going to roll back the clock. We're going to take a hard look at what many environmental regulations are doing to the economy and the environment."

George Ruppman, GOP's former interior official, said: "We're going to take a hard look at what many environmental regulations are doing to the economy and the environment."

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Tuesday landing planned after mission cut short

SPACE CANAVERAL FILE (AP)—Space shuttle Columbia and its seven astronauts will return to Earth on Tuesday, 12 days earlier than planned, because of a deteriorating and potentially explosive power generator.

It is only the third time in space shuttle history that a mission has been cut short by equipment failure.

While NASA considered commander James Halsell Jr. and his crew to be in no immediate danger, shuttle managers did not want to take any chances with the generator and, on Sunday, cut short the 16-day science mission.

The conservative thing to do is land on Tuesday, shuttle program manager Tommy Holoway announced at a hastily arranged news conference.

Holloway said a Monday landing was ruled out in order to allow for an orderly return, and because Columbia's two other electricity-producing fuel cells were working fine.

The fear was that hydrogen fuel and oxygen in the degraded generator could mix, overheat and blow up if voltage in the unit dropped far enough. Flight controllers had the astronauts turn off the unit Sunday to reduce, if not eliminate, that risk. The crew also shut down all non-essential equipment to conserve power.

"Our plans would be to manage this fuel cell in a way that's not a threat to crew safety and, indeed, we are extremely confident in the remaining fuel cells and our ability to support an orderly and methodical preparation for landing and re-entry," Holloway said.

To slow the decline in voltage, Mission Control first had the astronauts reduce the power load on the degraded fuel cell. But the voltage continued to dwindle.



Astronaut Greg Burtas, left, poses for pilot Susan Still in a television image from Columbia's spacecab Sunday. The astronauts were informed that the planned 16-day mission will be cut short and landing will be Tuesday.

Engineers debated a few hours before deciding to shut down the unit—once turned off, it cannot be restarted in the event another fuel cell fails.

While a shuttle can land safely with two fuel cells, it's uncertain what would happen if only one fuel cell was available because of all the vital systems that would have to be shut down for lack of power.

Each \$5 million fuel cell uses

hydrogen and oxygen to generate electricity for the numerous shuttle systems, and produces water as a byproduct. National Aeronautics and Space Administration tight rules stipulate that all three fuel cells be working properly in orbit, otherwise a mission must be cut short.

Mission Control had been monitoring the mysterious decline in voltage in the fuel cell since Friday's liftoff. As it turns out,

brief jumps in voltage were detected in the unit several hours before launch, but managers determined it was working properly and cleared Columbia for flight.

Holloway admitted that "with 20-20 hindsight, the countdown should have been halted and the fuel cell replaced. Launch controllers made the best decision at the time with the data available," he said.

Engineers have no idea why the fuel cell shied for low voltage. The unit has flown before in space without problems.

A failed fuel cell forced an early landing during NASA's second shuttle flight in 1981; in that case, the unit was flooded with water. The only other time a shuttle mission was cut short for equipment failure was in 1991, because of a failed navigation unit.

Halsell did not sound surprised when Mission Control radioed up the bad news.

"That's certainly a disappointment," Halsell said, "but we know you guys put your best effort forward and you're doing the right thing and we appreciate all the work that's gone into that."

Mission Control immediately began planning for a Tuesday afternoon landing of Columbia—which wasn't supposed to return until April 20—at the Kennedy Space Center. And the astronauts ratory experiments in the time remaining.

Scientists who had been preparing for more than three years for the mission were devastated. They expected to complete no more than 15 percent of their experiments, if that.

"None of us wants to take a chance with crew safety," said NASA mission scientist Michael Robinson. "We know them professionally. We know them personally."

"The researchers are hoping their fire, metal, crystal and plant experiments will fly on a future shuttle mission."

"We're hanging on to that glimmer of hope," Robinson said.

Russians launch crucial repair gear to Mir

MOSCOW (AP)—Russia launched a cargo ship loaded with crucial oxygen generators and carbon-dioxide removal canisters Sunday to the troubled Russian space station Mir.

NASA astronaut Linenger and his two Russian crewmates need the supplies to continue living on the orbiting outpost. The Progress-34 ferry is due to Mir on Tuesday.

The Progress, which blasted off from the Baikonur space center shortly after 8 p.m. Moscow time, contained three fire extinguishers to replace those lost to out on a fire aboard Mir in February.

Also among the 2-ton cargo: parts to fix one of Mir's two broken oxygen generators as well as food and scientific equipment.

The 11-year-old Mir has suffered a number of serious equipment failures in the past 12 months. A flame fire on Feb. 23 used up three of the station's 10 fire extinguishers, and was followed two weeks later by a failure of the main oxygen-generating system. System of the motion-control system ran into trouble, and the station experienced a partial power outage. And just last week, the primary system to purge carbon dioxide from the air had to be shut down.

That carbon-dioxide removal unit still is not working, and the three men are relying on a backup system of lithium-hydroxide canisters. Their supply of canisters quickly is dwindling, until the Progress arrives with more.

Some think latest tobacco suit could be turning point for industry

The Washington Post

Dana Raulerson killed Jean Connor at the age of 49, the Florida woman left three grown children and a sister committed to avenging her death.

Dana Raulerson recalls looking up to her older sister, whom the family called Jean Foye, who took up cigarettes in her teens so that she could be like glamorous movie stars.

"I remember her standing in front of the mirror with a pencil to pretend she was smoking; to get the 'right look,'" said Raulerson, the family's representative in its case against the R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.

For most of her life, Connor's usual brand was Salem and she smoked two or three packs each day.

Before she died in 1995, Connor filed a lawsuit against R.J. Reynolds Tobacco, the company that she had long claimed that the company's products caused her illness, and that the company and others in the tobacco industry lied about the health risks and addiction caused by smoking.

That trial begins Monday in Jacksonville, Florida, and it could prove to be a turning point in the legal battle over tobacco.

Anti-tobacco activists say that the seemingly unending supply of potentially damaging internal documents has left the industry more vulnerable than ever. Before their view gained support last year when Grady Carter of Florida won a \$750,000 judgment against Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co.

Carter's lead lawyer, Norwood S. Wilner, is now representing Connor's family. He is trying to prove that the first case was not, as a tobacco industry spokesman scoffed, a "one-in-a-million fluke." A Connor win could indicate that the legal tide truly is turning against the tobacco industry.

Whether cigarette smoking is called an addiction, a habit or something else, people can and do quit.

—Nat Walker, spokesman R.J. Reynolds Tobacco

R.J.R. like the rest of the beleaguered industry, has never paid a judgment in suits such as Connor's—Carter's is being appealed—and expects to win this one as well.

"Jean Connor was aware of the risks of smoking," said R.J.R. spokesman Nat Walker. "She ignored many different warnings from many different sources about smoking."

Therefore, Walker said, her family cannot claim that the company had a duty to warn her. Also, Walker said, "Connor's addiction claim is unfounded because the first and only time she attempted to quit, in 1993, she succeeded."

"Whether cigarette smoking is called an addiction, a habit or something else, people can and do quit," Walker said.

No one says that Connor is the anti-tobacco movement's ideal plaintiff. "There is no best or worst victim," Wilner said, "she was not a perfect person, and neither am I."

Her sister, Raulerson, acknowledges that the divorce never seriously tried to give up tobacco until her mid-40s, when she tried to get plastic surgery and two doctors demanded she quit first. Connor, suffering from chronic bronchitis, had been frightened by another sister's recent diagnosis of breast cancer and so she followed the doctors' advice.

It was too late, however. Two months after quitting, she was diagnosed with cancer.

Raulerson said that her sister, like almost all smokers, started in her teens—too young to make an informed choice.

Connor's case is only one of many legal attacks against which the tobacco industry is defending itself. Twenty-two state attorneys general have sued the industry, contending they should be reimbursed for the Medicaid expenses of citizens who smoked.

Other trial lawyers have pulled together 15 class-action suits at the state level, trying to consolidate large populations of smokers for complex liability trials.

Army drops charge that private lied

ABERDEEN PROVING GROUND, Md. (AP)—The Army on Sunday dropped its allegation that a female private lied about having sex with an instructor.

The Army said the charge against Pvt. Toni Moreland against Pvt. Toni Moreland was a priority and it didn't want to bring in an out-of-town witness. The soldier's attorney accused the Army of ducking a confrontation over its investigation of the Aberdeen sex scandal.

Ms. Moreland, 21, pleaded guilty to other minor charges Sunday at a summary court-martial, the lowest level of military court. She was sentenced to 16 days in a military prison and fined \$30.

Ms. Moreland was the first of five Army privates who accused Army investigators of trying to bully them into falsely claiming they were raped by instructors at the weapons training school at

2 die when boat sinks

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP)—A pleasure boat carrying 31 people sank under a barge 100 yards from a Coast Guard cutter Sunday, killing two passengers and sending the rest aboard.

The U.S. Coast Guard boat was beginning to respond when the 25-foot boat tossed under the barge at around 3 p.m., Petty Officer David French said.

The body of a man and woman were recovered. The other injured were hospitalized.



Toni Moreland

the Army's Aberdeen Proving Ground in northern Maryland.

Ms. Moreland was charged with two counts of making a false statement

after she recanted a sworn statement that she had consensual sex with Staff Sgt. Marvin Kelley. She repeated Sunday that she never had sex with Kelley and signed the statement only to appease investigators. She said investigators were pressuring her to claim he raped her.

Consensual sex between superiors and subordinates is prohibited in the military.

No charges were filed based on Ms. Moreland's original state-

ment. Army officials have denied that investigators tried to force false accusations from interviewed subjects.

Kelley has been charged with other offenses, including adultery and obstruction of justice.

Ms. Moreland's attorney, Stuart Robinson, suggested the Army was ducking a confrontation over the tactics used by investigators.

"It gives absolute credence to the characterization of how the investigation was handled" by the Army's criminal investigations division, he told reporters outside the courtroom.

Ms. Moreland said she regretted not being able to face the investigators.

"I believe they're trying to make some kind of example of things that happened here. I think they got carried away," she told reporters.

Greenspan and reporter tie knot

WASHINGTON, Va. (AP)—Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and NBC reporter Andrea Mitchell were married Sunday in a ceremony as a light rain fell outside on a blooming dogwood in the rural Virginia countryside.

Among the guests of the wedding were ABC's Barbara Walters and NBC's Paula Patton. John Warner, Virginia's former Secretary of Virginia's State Department, and Virginia's former Governor of the state, boarded a charity bus for the ceremony.

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Haiti polls open with few crowds

PETIONVILLE, Haiti (AP) — Turnout was light and cynicism was high Sunday for elections seen as a referendum on an economic plan and expected to clear the way for the return of former President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

Leslie Norvil, 22, was at the polls at Gustave primary school in Petionville, but not as a voter.

"I'm here to pick up some cash," he said, explaining that he was hired as a guard. He said he did not see the point in voting. "The country is stuck in the mud, and the people have been cheated."

increased economic hardship to build government opposition.

Sunday's vote was expected to be played down by Aristide's probable return to power. His newly formed Lavalas Family Party already controls the Chamber of Deputies, and its candidates were expected to sweep local council elections and gain control of the Senate. The local councils will help choose a 10-year electoral panel that will oversee the next presidential elections in 2000.

Still, this year's voter apathy showed how little Haitians believe their country can ever function as a democracy.

An hour after polls opened at Petionville High School, not one voter had cast a ballot and none were in sight. Ten years ago, though, hundreds of people waited to vote here. Army-backed goon squads drove past, shooting, and panicked voters ran. Hundreds across the country had died in previous months in political violence.

A few years later, in 1990, nearly everybody turned out to sweep Aristide to power in Haiti's first democratic election. The arm in September 1991. Military return ended with the intervention of 20,000 U.S. troops in September 1994, and the Haitian people were out of top.

But time has not relieved the misery in a nation impoverished by nearly 200 years of civilian and military dictatorships.

Legislative elections in June 1995 drew less than a 50 percent turnout. The December presidential elections won by Preval were better organized, but turnout was less than 30 percent.

"People don't believe in the electoral process anymore."

—Jean-Robert Martinez, former senator

At stake Sunday were nine seats on the 27 Senate seats; two in the Chamber of Deputies, including one for a legislator assisted in a drive-by shooting last year; and thousands of slots on 697 new local councils.

Still, as few as 10 percent of Haiti's 2 million registered voters were expected to turn out.

"People don't believe in the electoral process anymore," former Senator Jean-Robert Martinez said in southeast Jacmel. "They say it hasn't settled anything... and that's extremely dangerous for democracy."

The battle is between candidates supporting and opposing President Rene Preval's internationally-backed economic policy.

International donors keeping Haiti afloat have demanded austerity measures that would cost thousands of jobs in a country where industry employs only 40,000 of the 7.2 million people. Most Haitians are already unemployed or surviving on odd jobs.

Aristide, who left office a year ago when his term limit expired, opposes international backing and has used the prospect of

Rubin visits Vietnam to sign debt agreement

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Seeking to develop closer economic ties with Vietnam, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin agreed Sunday to sign a pact obligating the communist government to repay the wartime debts of South Vietnam.

Rubin is the highest-ranking U.S. economic adviser to Vietnam since the war's end in 1975. Although President Clinton lifted a decades-old economic embargo on Vietnam in 1994, and the two countries established diplomatic ties in 1995, a full trade pact remains elusive.

Rubin's trip is an acknowledgment of Vietnam's economic progress, moving from one of Asia's poorest countries to an emerging economy embracing market-oriented reforms.

"He's here for an opportunity to see that the changes that have been taking place firsthand," Treasury Department spokesman Howard Schloss said.

In the mid-1980s, Vietnam embarked on a program of economic reform and liberalization that in recent years has catapulted the country's economy to near double-digit growth.

Vietnam's willingness to absorb

South Vietnam's wartime debts is a major step toward better economic ties with Washington.

Rubin has agreed to repay \$146 million in debts still owed the United States by the now-defunct South Vietnamese government.

Resolving the debt issue will move the two countries closer to concluding a trade agreement, Schloss said.

"The debt agreement is a very important step to move forward," he added.

Washington channeled billions of dollars in military, humanitarian and development aid into South Vietnam during the 1960s and 1970s, before Saigon fell to advancing communist troops in 1975. Divided Vietnam then was reunited under communist rule.

Repayment is not being considered for the outstanding military debt, but Washington wants development and humanitarian loans repaid.

Hanoi is to repay four loans used for grain imports, road building and power development.

The agreement, to be signed by Rubin and Finance Minister Nguyen Sinh Hung, is to take effect in 30 days.

APEC works to fund public projects with private investment

CEBU, Philippines (AP) — The world's fastest-growing economic region is outgrowing its water, bridges and power plants and on Sunday courted private investment to pay for projects its governments can't afford.

Finance ministers from the 18-nation Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum said they will improve investor protection, open domestic monopolies and launch a variety of other measures to attract private funds.

With their swelling populations, the region's developing countries will need at least \$15 trillion for infrastructure projects over the next 10 years to sustain their rapid development, according to the World Bank.

As in most parts of the world, Asian governments have generally found infrastructure bills themselves. But lack of money forced some countries, such as the Philippines, to turn to private funds.

"The amount of resources the public sector can muster for the vast needs of infrastructure are simply not enough," Philippine Finance Secretary Roberto de Ocampo said.

APEC was the world's fastest-growing region again last year, the International Monetary Fund said in a report released to the ministers. That growth has overtaxed existing facilities, heightening infrastructure needs particularly in the region's newly developing nations, called "tiger" states.

"There is no point in talking about the power of being a tiger cub when it takes two hours to travel 22 kilometers (13 miles) on a highway," said Johnny Ravala, chief economist of the Bankers Association of the Philippines.

The APEC finance ministers also vowed to improve their capital markets and regulatory institutions and reduce restrictions on flows of money in and out of their countries.

"While previous APEC meetings were often criticized for a lack of specifics, participants praised the progress achieved in Cebu," U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said with Chinese Finance Minister Zhu Rongji. "A discussion that included trade, conditions in Hong Kong after its return to China later this year, and human rights, he said.

Chretien's first U.S. visit likely to be easygoing

TORONTO (AP) — Differences over trade and Cuba policy are likely to be played down when Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien meets with golfing buddy Bill Clinton during his first state visit to Washington.

Canadian and U.S. diplomats predict a feel-good summit Tuesday that will emphasize the many positive aspects of relations

between neighbors who conduct the world's largest two-way trade. Chretien will be in Washington from Monday through Wednesday, meeting Vice President Al Gore and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, among others. Agreements are expected to be signed on pollution control, law enforcement and expanding cross-border travel.

Chretien and Clinton have met numerous times, mostly on the fringes of international summits and also in February 1995, when Clinton visited Canada.

But Chretien, in office since October 1993, has never made an official visit to Washington, though he played golf with Clinton during a private trip last year.

The handful of major disputes between the two countries

include a long-running squabble over salmon fishing rights in the Pacific and sharp differences over policy toward Fidel Castro's communist government in Cuba.

Canada is one of Cuba's major trade partners and a leading critic of the Helms-Burton Act, the U.S. legislation that seeks to discourage foreign firms from doing business in Cuba.



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Both sides keep hardline positions before talks

WORLD IN BRIEF

Rebel leader sees threat from U.S. troops

GENÈVA, Zaire — Rebel leader Laurent Kabila objected Sunday to the presence of American troops on Zaire's border, calling them a threat to his country's integrity.

"They could move in at any time. They don't recognize the sovereignty of our people," Kabila said at rebel headquarters in eastern Zaire.

"For us it is a threat to our territorial integrity," said Kabila, whose forces have taken control of the eastern third of Zaire during their seven-month campaign to oust dictator Mobutu Sese Seko.

Kabila also said there should be no international intervention in Zaire.

About 1,200 U.S., Belgian, French and British soldiers' forces have set up camp in Brazzaville, Congo, across the Zaire River from the Zairian capital of Kinshasa, in case Westerners have to be evacuated. The U.S. warship Nassau is also stationed off the coast of the central African nation, with about 1,000 Marines aboard.

While Kabila didn't say specifically that American troops should leave the region, he apparently fears there are more U.S. soldiers than would be needed to evacuate the 500 or so Americans who live in Zaire.

U.S. Department officials in Washington refused to comment Sunday on Kabila's objections, but reiterated that the possible evacuation is the soldiers' sole purpose.

Blast reported at military factory in Israel

JERUSALEM — An explosion and fire at a military facility in central Israel sent thick black smoke billowing into the air Sunday.

The explosion occurred in a storeroom of the Malam Company, a subsidiary of Israel Aircraft Industries, in Beer Yancov, about 10 miles south of Tel Aviv.

One person was treated for smoke inhalation, said local police spokeswoman Leah Zohar.

But IAI spokeswoman Sylvia Beit-Halahmi insisted it was only "a fire and not an explosion" and denied any sort of ammunition.

Israel radio said the factory makes the Arrow 2 anti-missile missile.

National police spokeswoman Linda Menubin said there are no toxic materials in the area and local residents did not need to be evacuated.

Thick black smoke billowed from the factory, and fumes could be smelled as far as Ramle, about five miles away.

Bombs injure 15 at base near Manila

MANILA, Philippines — Several bombs exploded at an air force base north of Manila, injuring at least 15 people and damaging several houses, officials said Sunday.

Officials and witnesses said a bush fire Saturday night apparently triggered the explosion of the bombs stored at Basa air base in Floridablanca town, about 45 miles north of Manila.

The blasts scattered shrapnel and debris over a large area, shattered windows in houses in and around the base, and ripped a deep crater in the depot area. Witnesses said one explosion sent a mushroom-like cloud into the night sky.

Officials said at least 15 people were injured by shrapnel and glass shards.

Mayor Pedro Capulong said he ordered hundreds of people in nearby houses and an evacuation camp for victims of the 1991 eruption of the Mount Pinatubo volcano moved temporarily to other locations while bomb experts inspected the depot and surrounding areas.

He said the military was investigating the cause of the bush fire and the blasts.

Military officials said they were trying to determine how many bombs and what types went off at the base, home of the air force's fighter wing.

About 90 Algerians killed in rampage

ALGIERS, Algeria — Islamic militants are suspected of killing 91 people during a 12-hour rampage in villages near the capital of this North African country, survivors said Sunday.

The attacks occurred between Friday night and Saturday morning.

The assailants shot their victims or slit their throats, and in some cases were using a list of names to select people, witnesses said.

In the biggest massacre, 52 people had their throats slit by about 50 attackers near Medea, south of Algiers. Witnesses said the victims' homes were then burned.

Fifteen other people had their throats cut in nearby Amroussa. Their bodies then were doused with gasoline and burned.

Another eight people were killed in Kabylie, east of Algiers, and four members of one family were killed in M'Ridja, west of the capital.

The bodies of 12 people, their throats slashed, were left by a road south of the capital, witnesses reported.

No one claimed responsibility for the attacks, but survivors blamed Islamic militant factions.

For the last two months, security forces have been fighting Islamic militants near Algiers in an effort to improve the climate before legislative elections scheduled for June 5.

Arson attack kills thousands of birds

MANAMA, Bahrain — A fire blamed on arsonists gutted a two-story pet shop known as the "Kingdom of Birds" on Sunday, killing 4,000 sparrows, parrots, rare cockatoos and other birds.

Hundreds of cages with the birds' remains were stacked in the shop, which was closed when the fire started. Other cages had been dragged outside, where a stench hung over the site.

The shop's owner could not be reached for comment, but his brother, Adel Mahroon, said that several rare and expensive birds were killed, including cockatoos and toucans.

Most of those killed were sparrows, parrots and hens, and losses could run into the thousands of dollars, said Mahroon, who also worked at the shop.

The fire erupted at 4:30 a.m. at the shop in Budaiya, about seven miles southwest of the capital Manama.

"A government official, speaking on customary condition of anonymity, said that investigators had determined the fire was started deliberately. He said there were no suspects.

Pope dwells on war, peace as trip nears

VATICAN CITY — Pope John Paul II, speaking days before his trip to Sarajevo, called Sunday for more international effort to defuse conflict before they turn bloody.

Speaking from a window overlooking St. Peter's Square, John Paul prayed that government leaders have "the courage necessary to intervene with swift wisdom in difficult situations, before they become irreparable and more blood is uselessly spilled."

The pope's 24-hour visit to Sarajevo begins Saturday. John Paul was supposed to visit the Bosnian capital in 1994, but the trip was scrapped at the last minute because of security worries.

There are worries about the security of tens of thousands of Croat, Roman Catholic, who must pass through Bosnian regions controlled by different ethnic groups on their way to see the pope.

John Paul also decried what he called the "bestialism of convenience, that sometimes makes us think that war and violence are inevitable and which makes us take up defense behind our security and borders, almost to the point that the suffering of our brothers and sisters is being lost."

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Jews and Palestinians maintained their hardline stances ahead of President Clinton's meeting with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu as U.S. officials pleaded Sunday for the two sides to renew face-to-face consultations.

Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat continued to insist that building must stop on an Israeli housing project in east Jerusalem before longstanding disagreements can be resolved. Netanyahu pressed his case Sunday with his closest friend

among Arab leaders, King Hussein of Jordan.

Netanyahu met Hussein at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn., where the 61-year-old monarch was recovering from prostate surgery.

The U.S. government, meanwhile, urged the two sides to agree to face-to-face meetings in order to salvage a shaky Middle East peace process.

"The United States remains committed to securing a just, lasting and comprehensive peace between Israel and her neighbors," said


Bill Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations. "But, in the end, the success of the process depends on the willingness of the Palestinians and the Israelis to work together as negotiating partners."

Richardson, addressing the influential U.S. Jewish lobby, the American-Israel Public Affairs Committee, said history has shown that progress toward peace comes only when Israelis and Palestinians negotiate directly instead of relying on intermediaries.

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OTHER VIEWS

Extreme forms of protest do not further movement

From The Salt Lake Tribune

A bombing at a Salt Lake County milk-feed plant recently prompted the question of whether the life of a milk - or a thousand milk - is more valuable than a human life, simultaneously revivifying the age-old rhetorical question: Is it appropriate to fight violence with violence? A subsequent gathering of animal-rights advocates in Salt Lake City's Sugar House Park seemed to answer these ponderings.

Some self-proclaimed animal-rights activists are claiming credit for bombings, including one causing an estimated \$750,000 worth of damage at the Fur Breeders Agricultural Cooperation. But speakers at the Sugar House Park event for the most part repudiated such behavior.

Not a minute too soon. The near-tragedy at the fur animal feed company - a truck driver, his wife and 2-year-old son sleeping in a building on the site and a plant mechanic in a nearby trailer fortunately escaped injury - is not an isolated incident.

The Animal Liberation Front (ALF) has taken the blame for a number of recent firebombings and other acts of vandalism in Utah and elsewhere nationwide. By 1995, more than 40 acts of violence had been committed in Salt Lake County at meat plants,

mink farms and even ice cream parlors.

Groups like ALF are suspected of destroying medical research labs and wildlife research projects in attempts to inflict their views on those who have otherwise been unpersuaded by animal-rights claims. While no human deaths or injuries have reportedly resulted, such an outcome is only a matter of time if these extreme forms of protest are not stopped.

At its recent Sugar House Park gathering, the Utah Animal Rights Alliance, which has successfully lobbied animal protection legislation, seemed to reflect this understanding. UARA board of directors member Larryn Hailton was quoted as saying, "The violent acts are such a turnoff. They bring fear into a positive movement. That's not what we're about."

Fine, because violence and vandalism that neglects hazards to innocent nearby people is as criminal when it pertains to animal rights as when it is a weapon of political fanatics, financial extortionists or bigots. Respectable animal-rights spokesmen should be making that point while law enforcement concentrates on detection, arrest and prosecution to the fullest of these too irresponsible to heed good counsel from their allied associates.

Sharpshooting gun safety

From the Idaho Press-Tribune, Nampa

Is there a gun in your house? Is it locked up? Are you sure? How sure? If you have a gun in your house, ask yourself - if you haven't already - those questions.

Don't stop there. Ask these questions, too.

- Do you have kids?
- Do they know safe gun handling rules?
- Will they follow them?
- Don't count on it.
- Curious kids prove that time and time again.

Two 14-year-old boys proved it Tuesday night in Kuna.

One boy is dead. Another boy probably wishes he were dead.

And it kills a little bit of us each time we have to report that some kid or teen-ager has died because a gun was handled improperly.

Think of how many wounded hearts are ripped open when those fatal accidents occur. Parents of young gunshot victims relive their own horror.

For them it's too late. For you, it's not.

We don't advocate talking all guns out of the house. That's a personal choice, and it's up to you.

But you must take the time to follow the safety procedures.

Lock the guns up. Lock them up again.

We know of one father who is buying a second combination lock for the household's gun cabinet. And we know Mom isn't comfortable with the situation yet.

Maybe that's good. Sometimes believing you are safe is when you are most at risk.

Do you believe children are safe from guns in your house? Do you know the rules? Do you follow the rules?

Never store a loaded gun. Check it. Then check it again before you put it away.

Put ammunition in a separate locked storage area. Check it. Then check it again.

Teach your kids the rules of handling dangerous weapons. Teach them again and again.

Enroll your kids in gun safety classes. Take the classes with them.

Tell your kids: Never point a gun at someone. Never.

Review those rules. Then review them again. And follow them yourself.

Tell your kids to leave a house if guns aren't locked up. Tell them again and again. Tell them: If one of their friends handles a gun - "get the hell out of the house immediately."

Then tell yourself no gun is really locked up if there are curious children in the house.

A locked up gun can still kill.

One killed Matthew Agnew in Kuna Tuesday.

Good public health system needed

As we celebrate Public Health Week, we are reminded that we owe much of our improved health to the public health system. Public health is the foundation for many of the improvements in both health and life expectancy. These improvements include declines in the rate of heart disease and stroke, smoking, infectious disease and injuries. In this century, public health measures have added 25 years to life expectancy.

The public health system differs from the general health care system because it focuses on the entire population rather than on the individual. While an immunization protects the individual from a disease, it also protects the entire population from an epidemic. Successes include the elimination of polio and declines in dental decay due to fluoridation. New or persistent problems demand the continued vigilance and unique competence of public health professionals.

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Control of disease outbreaks is an important public health service in Idaho as was seen in the quick control of a recent Hepatitis A outbreak in our South Central Health District. In addition to our traditional activities, such as ensuring clean drinking water and safe food supplies, we now direct resources to newer public health threats including teen-age pregnancies, violence and other conditions associated with high risk behaviors. Prevention and protection measures are under way to reduce these problems.

Investment in public health leads to savings in health care costs and reduced suffering associated with illness and injury. A recent study indicates that the financial impact of reduced rates in six areas - heart disease, stroke, fatal and nonfatal occupational injuries, low birth weight and gunshot wounds - would save \$69 billion in health care spending by the year 2000.

Despite the cost savings and importance of public health to the well-being of Idahoans, its funding is limited by competing demands. The resources required to pay for the continuing increase in the cost of health care for individuals means that funds for public health services are scarce. Idaho is fortunate to have an efficient system for delivery of public health services through Idaho public health districts. The public health districts struggle, however, to maintain their services.

Meeting our health goals requires close collaboration between the general health care system and the public health system. We must keep both systems strong. A strengthened public health system is vital as we confront threats to our health.

DR. CHARLES B. PARKER
Chairman, South Central District Board of Health
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Campaign finance reform not protected by a steel curtain against many possible abuses

ROSS K. BAKER

One predictable aftermath of any American political scandal is an orgy of reform proposals. This flurry of reform proposals resembles the flood of new security measures imposed after a terrorist attack. Sadly, for the political process, the metal detectors and bomb-sniffing dogs have proved a lot harder to sneak past than the enforcement mechanisms installed to regulate the flow of money to federal officials' campaigns.

The first effort at campaign finance reform was a product of the progressive era almost a century ago. It was a law enacted in 1907 that forbade political contributions from corporate funds. It did not restrict corporate officials or anyone else, as individuals, from giving as much money as they liked.

It took 35 years for another molar to be added to the bits of campaign finance regulation. In 1943, contributions from union treasuries were banned. But in a deft flourish that anticipated later efforts to circumvent regulation, the Congress of Industrial Organizations labor federation set up the Committee on Political Education (COPE), which asked Democrats to lobby with kind contributions to a \$500,000 bond sale election workers.

But the traditional source of big political money continued to be individual contributions. It was the rise of Richard Nixon's Committee to Re-Elect the President in 1972 that provided the link for reformers Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein to connect the Watergate burglars and the White House.

On the heels of Watergate, campaign finance's landmark law was enacted: the Federal Election Campaign Act of 1974.

It restricted individuals to a maximum contribution of \$1,000 to any federal candidate's primary and another \$1,000 to his or her general election campaign. Governors, however, were not able to lavish these \$1,000 checks on all 535 members of Congress and both presidential candidates. They were limited to an annual total of \$25,000.

To police these limits, the Federal Election Commission was established.

But the 1974 law did something else. It authorized political action committees (PACs), which since have become an awesome engine for moving money from contributors to politicians. Operating like mutual funds, the PACs get voluntary contributions from people who would like to impact policy but not necessarily by how much people let government executives influence. The PAC's directors, know to whom the money should go, and can weigh in with as much as \$5,000 for a primary and \$5,000 more in the general election.

But even this largess has been surpassed by a phenomenon known as "soft money." In a classic example of unintended consequences of reform, the FEC in 1974 allowed political parties to raise money without limit - from the very corporations and unions prohibited from contributing to individual candidates.

This cascade of money was to be only for party building activities, such as advocating a vote for the party ticket, administrative expenses and get-out-the-vote drives.

By 1996, a total of \$250 million in soft money had been given to the two parties. This soft money, contributed to the Democratic National Committee - not the Clinton-Gore campaign - is at the heart of the furor over fund-raising excesses in the last presidential election.

Efforts to impose limits on what candidates can spend have been quashed by the Supreme Court. Even the parties, awash in soft money, have been given the green light by the court, in the name of free speech, to spend like drunken sailors.

Public financing of elections is about as popular as public financing of exchange operations and its likelihood of adoption is remote.

The only workable and constitutional form of regulation is timely disclosure through immediate reporting to the FEC of where candidates are getting their money. If a candidate receives funds from drug dealers or foreign agents, the public needs to know it while the campaign is still in progress, not months later. The problem, however, is that Congress refuses to give the FEC the money it needs to enforce timely disclosure because few members want the agency to be anything but a lap dog.

As for the cascade of soft money, we had better get accustomed to it, and trust that the embarrassment visited on Bill Clinton for casting ascor as the nation's paramount bugman will deter future presidents from unseemly displays of political avarice.

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LETTER

Elderhostel is answer to a prayer

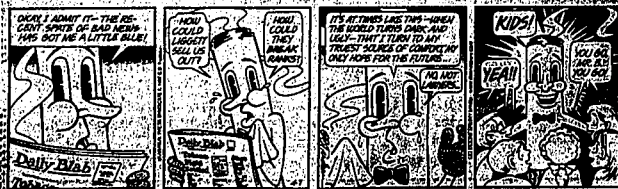
Thank you so much for H.R. Weikel's article, "Travels with Irene." I had no idea there was such a thing as an Elderhostel program. Since becoming widowed two years ago, I have longed for something interesting and enriching (but not too challenging as I still work full time)

where I could associate with people my age and not have to keep up with or compete with the youngsters (any one under 40). This sounds like the answer to my prayers and I immediately sent for a catalog.

Again, thank you and keep up the good work.

ANN L. ANDERSON
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Mallard Fillmore



Let's work together to end America's tax nightmare

In his March issue, Money magazine reported the results of a test it conducted of accountants and preparers. They asked 45 of the experts to complete a tax return for a fictitious family. The results were astounding.

Not only was every answer wrong, but no two experts even came up with the same answer. Fewer than 25 percent of the professionals even came within \$1,000 of the right answer. Perhaps the most frightening result, however, was the wide range of answers. The tax bill came to anywhere from a low of \$335 to a high of \$24,420.

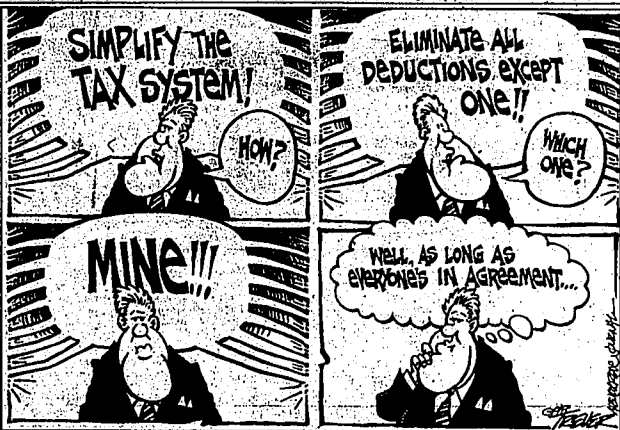
Of course, we all know why don't we? It's because we have a tax law even the Internal Revenue Service can't understand.

In 1993 alone, the IRS gave taxpayers inaccurate answers to tax questions 8,500,000 times. While one might be tempted (or about one million) to expect the IRS to take responsibility for these mistakes, think again. If you underpaid your taxes as a result of wrong answers from the IRS, who do you think would be responsible? Of course, you were.

The IRS sent out 33 million penalty notices in 1993, demanding money for 140 different reasons. This penalty process has become so absurd, one taxpayer could pay \$155.27 for an underpayment of one penny. In a similar case, the IRS attempted to fine a company \$46,885.37 for an alleged underpayment of 10 cents.

The IRS has 480 different tax forms. Every year, the agency sends out 8 billion pages of forms and instructions. Last end-to-end, this morass of paperwork could circle the earth 28 times. Environmentalists will be dismayed to know that 293,760 trees give their lives each year so the IRS can do its job. Did you know that the U.S. tax code is nearly 7 times longer than the Bible? That it is so complicated the instructions for even the 1040EZ "easy" form contain 31 pages of "fine print."

Of course, all this paper-pushing doesn't come cheap. The IRS's budget has soared from less than \$300 million in 1975 to nearly \$10 billion in 1995. The agency employs more than 100,000 work-



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ers, more than the total employed by the Occupational Safety and Health Agency (OSHA), the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and all other government regulatory agencies combined.

But the cost of the IRS's budget pales in comparison to the cost the tax code imposes on the U.S. economy. According to an IRS-commissioned study, filling out tax forms requires 5.4 billion hours of taxpayers' time each year. And as a recent Fox News survey showed, the system has become so confusing that half of all taxpayers now pay someone else to figure out their taxes.

All this time and money adds up. According to the Tax Foundation, annual taxes impose \$157 billion of "compliance costs" on the economy, an average of more than \$1,300 per taxpayer. Finally, we should not forget to mention that rates are higher than they have

ever been in the nation's history. Taxes now consume the largest portion of the average family's budget, exceeding the cost of food, clothing, housing and transportation combined.

It's even worse for businesses. The business side of the tax code is a quagmire of complexity that makes the 1040 form seem simple by comparison. To cite just one example of this nightmare, a provision called the "alternative minimum tax" forces many businesses to calculate their tax bill two different ways -- and then send the government whichever amount is greater! All told, the "compliance burden" on business is twice as severe as it is on individuals. Small businesses are hit hardest, incurring more than \$7 of costs for every \$1 collected by the government.

This frightening statistics are not evidence that IRS agents are bad people or that the agency wants to violate people's rights. The real problem began in 1913 when the first income tax was approved. Ever since, politicians have manipulated the law, tinkered with the rules, and engaged in so much "social engi-

neering" with the tax code that it has become an incomprehensible mess.

The only way to address these problems is by enacting a flat tax, a single, simple rate for everyone -- on a tax form the size of a postcard -- your total income and the size of your family. The money families and businesses now spend on lawyers, accountants and lobbyists would be freed up for higher wages and more investment, thus helping make America more prosperous and competitive.

Or, we could just keep having the same recurring tax nightmare year after year.

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If U.S. taxpayers need an ally, the IRS has one ready

ROBERT G. NATH

Believe it or not, you have a friend at the Internal Revenue Service. Lots of them, in fact. They work in the office of Taxpayer Advocate and its subordinate office, the Problem Resolution Office.

But before you go running to these friends, understand how the system works, especially the limits of their authority.

The IRS has an "ombudsman" for about 18 years. Last year, Congress changed the office's name to the Office of Taxpayer Advocate.

This national office is supposed to report to Congress on the IRS' problems involving you, the customer. It just released its first report to Congress.

The report identified the 20 most vexing problems you and I face when dealing with the IRS. At the top of the list was a no-brainer: the complexity of the tax law.

Among the other problems were reaching the IRS by phone, erroneous IRS notices and the burden of compliance on small business.

Though it highlighted problem areas, the Taxpayer Advocate was severely criticized for not doing enough to help taxpayers. This national office is therefore likely to be of little help to the average person. However, it will eventually suggest steps that the IRS can take to smooth the wrinkles in our tax system.

Your local Problem Resolution Office is where the real work of the Taxpayer Advocate is done. The Problem Resolution Office operates in each of the IRS' 33 districts nationwide.

If you're ever drowning in IRS red tape, if you can't seem to "get through" to the right office on the phone, if you've gotten conflicting advice from the agency -- it's time to call the Problem Resolution Office.

You can appeal to this office any time your problem isn't solved or addressed within 45 days.

The Problem Resolution Office takes on all kinds of IRS snafus: missing refunds, lost correspondence, clearly improper assessments. When it comes to dealing with this type of red tape, the Problem Resolution Office does a great job. It received more than 282,000 requests for help in fiscal 1996.

The Problem Resolution Office has one more responsibility that is important.

In 1993, Congress gave the office a huge new clout that enables it to subdue bureaucracy, the Taxpayer Assistance Order.

If the IRS Collection Division is really bearing down on you in a way that creates true hardship, you can file Form 911. That's literally the number of the form you file to ask for relief.

This doesn't mean the office will come to your aid just because you're having trouble paying your taxes. Only in cases of "undue" hardship will it jump in. But many cases qualify.

In fiscal 1996, the Problem Resolution Office received more than 30,000 Taxpayer Assistance Orders. It granted some help to 14,000 in about 75 percent of the cases.

That's likely to be an overstatement, but the office will help in the right circumstances.

Consider filing form 911 if the Collection Division won't release a wage levy or if an agent threatens to seize your business assets or assets that you need to live on.

For example, say you owe \$10,000 in back taxes on last year's return. An IRS agent calls you and, in abusive tones, demands immediate payment and threatens harsh retaliation. After you hang up, you are nervous and shaky. That's the time to file Form 911.

The Problem Resolution Office should intervene in order to get you courteous treatment and a reasonable time to respond. In the early days of this authority, the IRS's Problem Resolution Office would jump right in to take your side in a collection dispute. Now, it is much more reluctant.

The office will come to the rescue in true hardship situations but problem resolution officers interpret "hardship" narrowly. Still, it's worth a try. Beyond these red tape and hardship issues, problem resolution officers are available for general information on how to get around the IRS. Often they have plenty of numbers you need.

They can direct you to the correct office to make your inquiry, and you can always call them to ask a general question about the collection process, if you're afraid to ask the Collection Division.

The Office of Taxpayer Advocate and the Problem Resolution Office have been of great help to hard-pressed taxpayers over the past nine years. Yet they can do even more. They tend to interpret their mandate narrowly, and only in flagrant or egregious cases do they tend to step in and stop the Collection Division from harsh action.

Still, agents are duty bound to look at your side and to help if they can.

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Is there any magical way to lose weight?

Now is the time of year when people everywhere try to shed those extra pounds.

They gained over the holiday season, and the latest studies tell us that more of us are becoming overweight every year. Being overweight is a risk factor for heart disease, diabetes and several kinds of cancer.

Weight loss is multi-billion dollar business, and many companies compete for our attention and our money through advertising. Many claim to be the best and it is hard for people to know what is possible, what is reasonable, what is an exaggeration, and what is an outright lie.

Most of us use the regular exercise leads to gradual, modest weight loss; making you feel better and protecting you from many chronic diseases. Many of us are misled in losing weight. Our fat cells are like a gas tank in a car. They store fuel until we need it. Unlike

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a car, our body fat stores continue to expand as long as we continue to add more fuel than we use. To lose body fat, you must burn more energy than you eat so that your body uses the fuel stored in fat cells.

The rate at which you can lose weight is limited by how fast the body burns energy. When people start a diet they often lose 5 or 6 pounds or more the first week. Most of this is a loss of fluid which simply evaporates when you stop dieting. The real goal of weight loss is to decrease body fat, not a short-term loss of fluid.

I apologize for using math, but I hope you will be able to see the absurdity of some weight loss claims. This average overweight woman (180 pounds) burns about 2,000 calories a day. A pound of body fat contains 3,500 calories.

To lose a pound of body fat, you have to burn 3,500 calories more than you eat. To lose a pound a day (or 30 pounds in 30 days), the average overweight woman would have to stop eating 2,000 calories a day and to start doing 1,500 calories a day of extra exercise. To burn this many extra calories, she would have to ride a bicycle 5 hours a day.

The problem of losing 30 pounds in 30 days is made more complicated by the fact that your need for calories goes down as you lose weight.

Is there a pill, an herb, a mineral, or a diet counselor that can make you stop eating and start riding a bicycle 5 hours a day? Could you keep this up for a month? No, obviously not.

In fact, why not eat moderately, exercise regularly, and lose 1-2 pounds per week?

In 1993, the National Institutes of Health convened a committee of obesity experts. This blue-ribbon panel looked at data from hundreds of weight loss studies. They concluded that the typical individ-

ual following a sensible diet (1,200-1,500 calories a day) and exercise program can expect to lose 15-20 pounds in about 4 months.

At the end of a year, two out of three people who lose weight will have gained most of it back, and by five years almost 95 percent of the people losing weight will have gained back all of their weight, with many being heavier than when they started.

If you are thinking of taking steps to shed a few pounds, then you have my encouragement and support. I also encourage you to be a thoughtful consumer. If somebody advertises a plan for losing 14 pounds in six days, ask them how this is possible and demand to see the evidence. Keep in mind that archaic studies that this really is too good to be true.

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LETTER

Spaying, neutering step for responsible pet owners

In response to the "Kochmeier's" article on spaying and neutering dogs, I would like to express my appreciation for the information. I have worked for nine years at the animal shelter and handled more than 10,000 dogs.

As a report in The Times News was concise and to the point in how to guard against dog bites, socialization of 6-8 week old puppies is the most important thing to do. The right breed and age of dog for a family is essential. Proper training of all pets is a must.

Your income is inappropriate for the general public. Genetic disorders and health problems should always be ruled out. Spaying and neutering dogs is a responsible thing to do. The amount of spending on pet food is excessive. Do not have a litter. Use the best quality of pet food. Spaying and neutering dogs is a responsible thing to do. The amount of spending on pet food is excessive. Do not have a litter. Use the best quality of pet food.

and neutering has been the basis for research for more than 50 years. It is not a "cure all" for dog bites, but it certainly is a major step in reducing the number of dogs in human hands. We at the Animal Shelter have personally witnessed this. The dog or cat is much more contented with itself and its owner. It is not a "cure all" for dog bites, but it certainly is a major step in reducing the number of dogs in human hands. We at the Animal Shelter have personally witnessed this. The dog or cat is much more contented with itself and its owner. It is not a "cure all" for dog bites, but it certainly is a major step in reducing the number of dogs in human hands.

Before you go into all of the more complicated wild issues of dog bites, I suggest you spend some time at your local animal shelter. You will certainly broaden your experience and your knowledge base. You will also see the benefits of spaying and neutering dogs. It is a responsible thing to do. The amount of spending on pet food is excessive. Do not have a litter. Use the best quality of pet food.

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Twin Falls, Idaho

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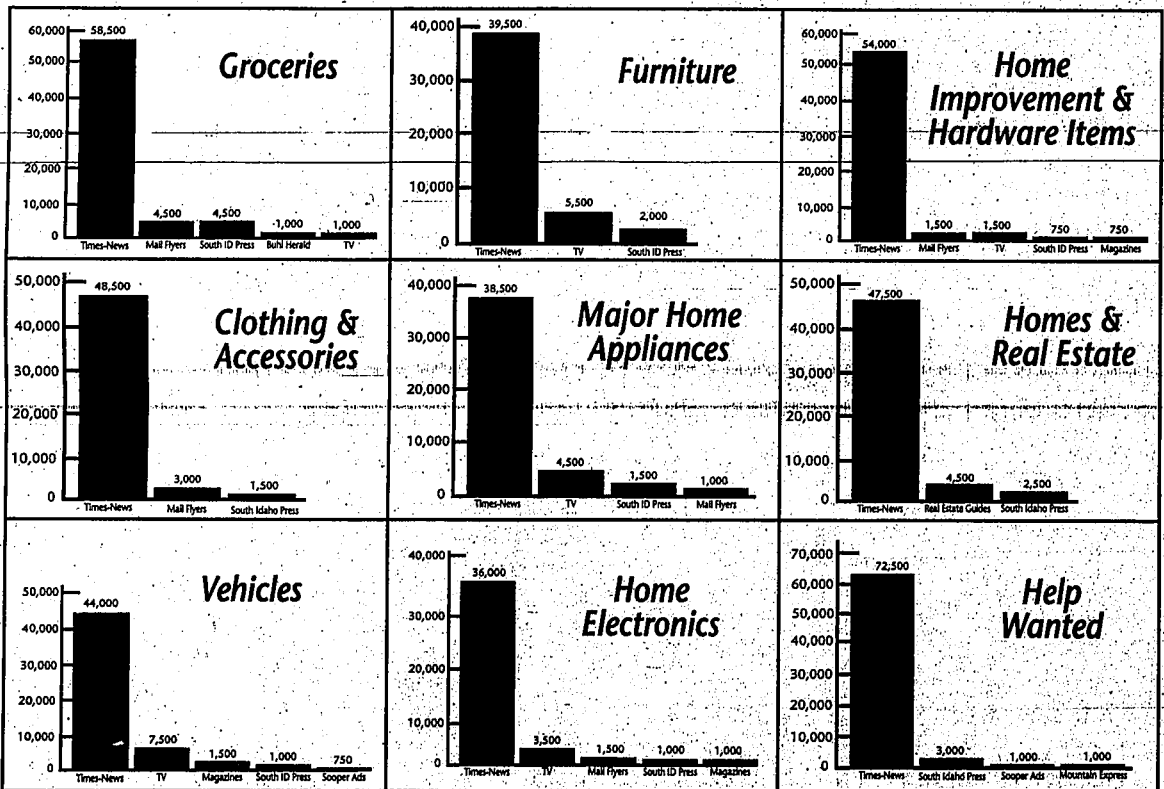
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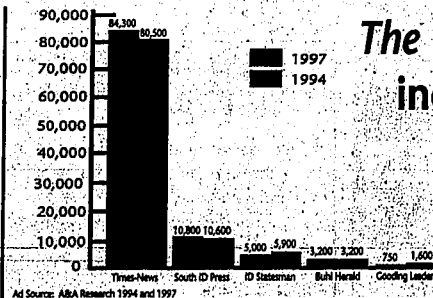
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Smoke alarm saves Kimberly family's lives

KIMBERLY - A smoke alarm allowed an entire family to escape with their lives after an electrical short set their home afire in the hours of Sunday morning, according to firefighters.

"It just hadn't had a smoke detector, if I feel we would have pulled four bodies out of that house," said Greg Vavver, assistant fire chief for Rock Creek Fire.

Firefighters were summoned at 3:41 a.m. to the home of Doug Nelson at 3656 East 3600 North, Vavver said. Neighbors were spraying the home with garden hoses when firefighters arrived and Vavver said the home suffered about \$20,000 in damage, but it will be repairable.

The smoke alarm was destroyed in the blaze, but it served its purpose before melting, Vavver said, adding, "I'm sure it saved four lives."

Milner Dam water released to lower Snake River levels

HEYBURN - The Minidoka County Sheriff's Department received reports Sunday of the Snake River reaching over its retaining wall and into some backyards in Heyburn, Sheriff Paul Fries said.

The Sheriff said he received word later in the day that water released was being increased somewhat at Milner Dam to correct the problem. No homes were evacuated, Fries said.

MVRMC reports healthy finances, contributions

TWIN FALLS - Finances and contributions were healthy for Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Foundation.

The foundation board accepted the 1996 audit report at its March 19 meeting. Highlights include:

• An 18 percent increase last year in contributions from the community, medical center employees and medical staff compared to the previous year. A total of \$686,551 was raised from all sources during 1996.

• Total assets increased 11 percent to \$1.6 million.

• A record annual net of \$350,326 was approved in direct support of programs sponsored by the foundation last year. That's a 38 percent increase over the \$254,676 awarded to various projects including community education, staff education, equipment purchases and health-related programs.

A copy of the complete audit report is available in the foundation office at Magic Valley Regional during normal business hours.

Glenns Ferry School Board meets Wednesday evening

GLENN'S FERRY - A regular meeting of the Glenns Ferry School Board will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday at the Title I Meeting Office.

Old business includes a rejection of all computer/server bids, School Board election update, football field lights, the truce policy and a chain-link fence between school and Wise property.

In new business, the board will announce teacher negotiators, approve contracts for teachers with four or more years of service, discuss the Intergovernmental Fund Drive and form a committee to research fuel tank requirements.

An executive session will conclude the meeting.

Camas county School District sets budget meeting

FAIRFIELD - A Camas County School District Budget Review Committee meeting will be held at 8 p.m. Wednesday in the study hall at the high school.

Study documents will be distributed to committee members no later than today and will be available to other people requesting them.

The committee will consider proposed 1996-97 budget amendments and proposed 1997-98 budgets. The committee will formulate recommendations for the county School Board and school administration. No formal action will take place, and no binding recommendations will be written.

The meeting is open to the public. Committee members include: Cindy Weatherly, Peter Riddler, Michelle Wolf, Wendy Stricker, Gus Spiropoulos and R.E. Mutterer.

Compiled from staff reports

Pool cover campaign spreading further

By William Brock Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Fund-raising efforts to cover the municipal pool are picking up speed. And it's essential if the campaign is to meet its fiscal goal of \$300,000 by June and physical goal of erecting a cover by fall.

"There is some money flowing in and it's just getting started," said Brent Jusell, chairman of the city Parks and Recreation Commission and member of the Cover the Pool Committee.

"We're out making personal calls and talking to businesses. This is the 'quiet campaign,'" added Cover the Pool Committee Chairman Stephanie

Crumrine. "We haven't gone public with displays, but we do plan on starting that at the end of April or the beginning of May."

So far, the fund-raising effort has generated less than \$100,000. Neither Crumrine or Jusell would disclose exactly how much.

The committee hopes to buy a heavy-duty fabric "bubble" to enclose the pool, permitting year-round use. The frame would be held aloft by internal air pressure, and it could be removed for open-air swimming during the hottest months of summer.

The municipal pool is regarded as one of the finest in Idaho, but is closed for most of the year. The pool will be open from 1-5 p.m. on the Memorial Day Weekend, May 24-26, and regular pool

hours commence on June 7.

In addition to the cover, Crumrine's committee hopes to buy an inflatable "island" for youngsters to float upon. She is shipyard to a 52-foot-long, 6-foot-wide "Monster Island" - complete with monster, shark, and palm tree.

"When Monster Island time is over, they can just roll it up and put it away," Crumrine said.

An inflatable island would be icing on the cake, but the Cover the Pool Committee's central mission is purchasing a cover - then donating it to the city for year-round operation of the pool.

As things stand, the pool operates at a deficit. Budget projections indicate the deficit would increase if the pool were to year-round operation because it

means year-round salary and maintenance expense.

Informing people about the pool's potential for a wide range of aquatic pursuits is the best way to raise money for a cover, Jusell said. In addition to swimming, the pool could be used for scuba diving, kayak training, aqua aerobics and other endeavors.

"We're taking the show on the road to civic groups, churches, youth groups, senior citizens - anyone who wants to hear it," Jusell said.

A mass-mailing to all members of the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce also is in the works.

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Old Castleford school at mercy of residents

Should they move it or tear it down?

By Loretta Burkhardt Times-News correspondent

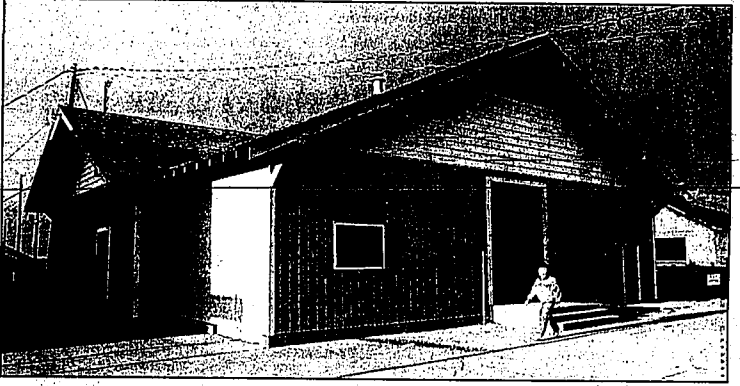
CASTLEFORD - An old school building will be torn down soon unless Castleford raises enough money to have it moved.

A use-it-or-lose-it deadline of June 21 leaves the community little time for underwriting the \$47,000 project, which includes moving Castleford's original schoolhouse to the nearby 16-acre parcel recently designated to become the city's park, preparing the site and making the public restrooms handicapped-accessible.

The 52-foot-by-65-foot two-story structure - now just used as the band room for Castleford School - is in the way of a "new school renovation project," said Chuck Kline, project coordinator for the park.

"If we could raise the money, it would be a wonderful opportunity to utilize the building as part of the park project - not only because of its size and the quality of the building itself but for its historical value as well," Kline said.

The school, built in about 1914, has been used as a school, a cafeteria and a band room.



Some in Castleford hope to save the town's old schoolhouse, now in use as a band room, by moving it to a new park site.

But the project is a difficult one because it is not financially supported by the city, the school district or any other government agency.

"So to save the building and make it a part of the park project would be

strictly a volunteer effort," Kline said. Bruce Miller, a house owner from Please see SCHOOL, Page B3

Without these volunteers, the Jaguars would limp

By Sam Feltman Times-News correspondent

JACKPOT, Nev. - Every community has them, but most communities don't need them as much as Jackpot - the volunteers.

Jean Seal and Freida Martin, close friends, are the backbone of the community.

Most Jackpot school children live in poverty. Housing is so short that employees with higher incomes choose to live in Idaho rather than in substandard housing - leaving Jackpot's school with mostly poor children.

Although poor, Jackpot boasts a fine school and many students excel in academics and in sports.

But most of the Jackpot Jaguar football team wouldn't be able to afford the \$210 insurance if not for Martin and Seal. The Jackpot Booster club which Martin and Seal run keeps a special account for insurance.

Central, a senior and student body vice president said, "They make life easier, it really helps out the team."

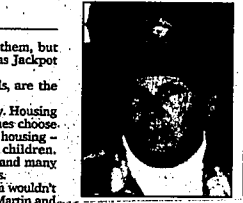
The club has 40 members; most are inactive and, outside of dues and donations, don't participate. Seal and Martin do all the planning and are always there.

"If I need anything, all I have to do is ask them," said Brian Messner, teacher and assistant basketball coach. The two women were just asked to try raising the money to send some of the varsity basketball team to a camp - \$200 per team member, plus some spending money.

"They're super," Principal Orval Nutting said. "They organize so much." Nutting said Martin and Seal work together and with others. "They are two fine individuals."

Martin - whom all the children call "Grandmas" - and Seal don't have a pot of gold. Both are single mothers and have had to raise their children alone. Martin's daughter was killed several years ago so she also raised her two daughters from 12 to 15.

The two do countless things to raise money for the sports department: They have raffles at each game; with the help of a PTO they have BINGO games; they



Freida Martin, left, and Jean Seal are two volunteers that are indispensable to Jackpot. They run the Jackpot Booster club, which helps high school athletics.



sponsor basketball tournaments. They have asked for donations from businesses all over. The Elko mines aided their efforts with Barrick Mine donating \$1,000 and Independence Mine another \$100.

Advertisement for 'About Jean Seal' featuring 'EVERYDAY HEROES'.

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The two women's main goal is to raise enough money for a weight room for the Jaguars. Jackpot is the only high school in Elko County without one. They said the boys need a weight room to get in shape and stay in shape during off season. Seal and Martin have \$1,432 saved toward that goal.

You can see the two of them at every home game and at many away games as they can make.

"Where there is a kid you'll probably find us," Seal and Martin agreed.

Right now they are raising money by selling "Booster Cashiers" for \$10. To donate or to buy a booster cashier, call Seal at (702) 755-2421.

Times-News correspondent Sam Feltman can be reached in Jackpot at (702) 755-2351.

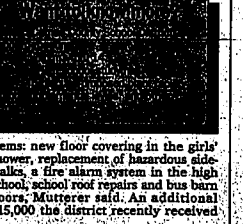
Camas may ask voters for money

By Steve Koehler Times-News correspondent

FAIRFIELD - The Camas County schools administration will ask the School Board to seek voter approval of two one-year levies for upgrading its aging school buildings and maintaining accreditation, administrators say.

Superintendent Dick Mutterer said the elementary school, built in 1913 and high school, built in the 1920s, need \$30,000 to \$40,000 in renovation per year, and the high school needs money to maintain accreditation from the state and Northwest School Accreditation Association.

A proposed plant facility levy would ask for \$25,000 for health and safety



Items: new floor covering in the girls' shower, replacement of hazardous sidewalks, a fire alarm system in the high school, school roof repairs and bus barn doors; Mutterer said. An additional \$15,000 the district recently received. Please see CAMAS, Page B3

Twin Falls to honor local heroes

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Four men who thwarted a strong-arm robbery at a bank night-deposit window will be honored today by the Twin Falls City Council.

Tommy Norris, Harold Hill, Brian Neitzke and Evans Hankrick were near the D.L. Evans Bank on Blue Lakes Boulevard North in the wee hours of March 15 when they saw a thug knock down a woman making a deposit.

The foursome swung into action, recovered the money and saved the victim from the prospect of additional injuries. Their concern for a stranger's safety will be commemorated with a Certificate of Appreciation.

will meet behind closed doors to discuss matters of trade or commerce in which the city is competing with other public entities. The rest of the executive session will focus on labor negotiations or real estate purchase.

As its regular meeting, the council will hear an update on the Idaho Special Olympics Torch Run. The council also will consider a lease agreement for airport farm equipment, and bids for design and construction management of a pump-and-well house at the city's new well on the south end of town.

Tomlin's public hearing agenda features requests for a zoning ordinance amendment to allow a drive-through

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Chamber pushes fund-raising drive forward

By Nancy Miller
Times-News correspondent

The building will be about 3,500 square feet, including the vestibule.

RUPERT — The new Mini-Casita Visitor Information Center and Chamber of Commerce building is starting to take shape, at least on paper.

Contributions and donations still are coming in, and the final blueprints are being drawn with the hope of construction beginning this summer.

"You don't have to be a chamber member to participate in this exciting project."

— Rae Smith, chairman of fund-raising committee

The fund-raising committee has obtained pledges and donations of \$65,050 plus generous cost-saving promises from Project Mutual Telephone and Gary Jones Construction.

Pat Campbell, PMT marketing director, said his company plans to donate the telephone system and its installation for the new building.

At a meeting Friday, Gary Jones and his son Craig Jones announced they have plans to construct the building at their cost. The donations from Jones and PMT will save the chamber thousands of dollars.

The building plan includes two conference rooms, two offices, a reception area, public restrooms and a storage room. Space also has been allotted for visitor information pamphlets and displays, public telephones and vending machines.

The front vestibule will lead into the visitor's area which is planned with a cathedral ceiling and large windows facing southeast. The receptionist counter will be incorporated into the open atmosphere next to a wide hallway leading to offices and conference rooms.

"You don't have to be a chamber member to participate in this exciting project," said Rae Smith,

chairman of the fund-raising committee.

All contributions including building supplies and landscaping supplies are appreciated, Smith said.

Personalized engraved bricks adorned with the names of project donors will be incorporated into the building design and prominently displayed, she said.

Darr and Dorothy Moon of Moon and Associates, have donated several hours of service toward the project and will survey the site in preparation for the ground-breaking ceremony.

Heyburn city donated property along the Snake River east of the Burley/Heyburn bridge for the building. The city plans to develop a park with boat docks, picnic area and other amenities near the new building.



Looking over the plans for the new Mini-Casita Area Chamber of Commerce building Friday are, from left, Dorothy Moon, who will coordinate construction; Becky Smith, chamber executive director; Pat Campbell of Project Mutual Telephone; Rae Smith, fund-raising chairman; and Gary Jones of Gary Jones Construction.

Bison slaughter nearing end, while soul-searching continues

Park Service killed half of the 1,080 slaughtered buffalo

YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK, Wyo. (AP) — While great drifts of snow still canopy the mountainsides here, spring finally is creeping into the meadows. And not a moment too soon for employees of the National Park Service.

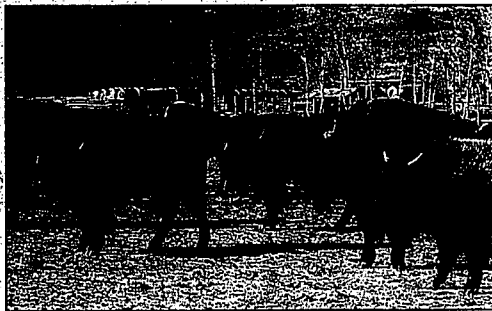
With the weather, bison no longer will drift down by the hundreds from Yellowstone's high country, in search of winter forage in Montana pastures — and at risk of shoot-on-sight slaughter.

Service, with zero tolerance for brucellosis-infected bison wandering near its cattle herds, has for months been branded the villain. But the truth is more complicated. Almost half the 1,080 slaughtered animals have been killed by the Park Service, the zealous guardian of Yellowstone wildlife.

"We're participating in a hands-on part of what we know to be the killing and slaughter of the bison," said Marv Jensen, Yellowstone's assistant superintendent. "It's been an extremely distasteful episode."

Since the onset of winter, the Park Service has captured hundreds of bison wandering out of the park. Of those, 464 have been processed for slaughter through park facilities.

The buffalo that avoid Park Service capture are usually shot by Montana Department of Livestock sharpshooters who are summoned by landowners. By natural and unnatural causes, the Yellowstone buffalo have been called to just over 1,000, from 3,500 that roamed the park last fall.



Bison stand in a holding pen at Yellowstone National Park's north entrance Thursday near Mammoth, Wyo. With warmer weather, bison no longer will drift down by the hundreds from Yellowstone's high country, in search of winter forage in Montana pastures, and at risk of shoot-on-sight slaughter.

For Jensen, the experience wounds the very purpose of the Park Service.

"Here's an agency whose mission it is to protect the wildlife within the park, and yet you have a legal system which then boxed us into having to participate in the killing," he said.

The Park Service oversees a cluster of enclosures within a mile-long, barbed-wire perimeter on Yellowstone's northern boundary. There the bison are tested for brucellosis, a disease that can cause cows to abort calves and transmit undulant fever to humans. About half test positive and are shipped to slaughter.

Those testing negative are penned;

they'll remain, fenced and fed, until someone decides what to do with them. "I like bison. Bison are fascinating," said assistant district ranger Lloyd Korge outside the pen. "But when they're continually hazed, shot or shipped — no, it isn't fun."

Bison have migrated out of the park to forage since the 1940s, Jensen said, but never in the numbers seen this season. The winter was harsh, and some say the mass exit was aided by groomed snowmobile trails.

Critics of the killing say the Park Service should establish feeding stations within the park to keep the herd away

from cattle country. But that cuts at the agency's core conservation philosophy of letting nature run its course.

"What we're finding is that, over time, the more that we manipulate, the more out of balance the system gets," Jensen said.

That's why the entire capture apparatus drives agency workers crazy. Everything about it is unnatural, from the routine feedings, to the confinement, to the testing. It is contrary to everything the service believes in, yet it is essential in the minds of its neighbors.

"I do not see this as a capitulation — as much as a helping hand," said Montana Gov. Marc Racicot. "The unfettered roaming of infected animals is just not something that will be allowed by other states or the federal government," namely the

Agriculture Department, which demanded controls against brucellosis infection. Racicot said the Park Service needs to take a hard look at its hands-off bison philosophy and recognize it is an exception, not the rule.

The service actively manages fish populations and has literally carried Canadian wolves back to Yellowstone. If the Park Service can put its hands on one species, Racicot argued, then it can manage another.

What frustrates Jensen and the Park Service is that this whole brouhaha turns on what he calls a questionable assumption — that bison can transmit brucellosis to cattle.

The Agriculture Department ordered

Montana to keep the park bison away from the cattle or risk quarantine decrees. It bases its case "on one incident in Texas in a corral," Jensen said.

"While that's never been proven in the wild, they say that's enough evidence for us to act on the conservative side."

But from Montana's point of view, the question of transmissibility is irrelevant as long as other states believe its beef cattle are at risk. And many do.

Oregon considered restrictions on Montana cattle this past winter. Alabama requires tests on Wyoming herds. And Washington and Texas have asked Montana officials to explain how the cattle are protected from infection.

"The risk, and the appearance of risk, are what are being avoided," Racicot said. Some practical suggestions are on the table for a more lasting solution, and there is considerable hope science can rescue the policymakers. But even the most optimistic researchers say a reliable vaccine against brucellosis infection is still several years away.

Until then, the problem is trying to work out a compromise between incompatible missions: the Park Service's hands-off philosophy and Montana's absolute need to shield cattle.

Awaiting a more permanent solution, rangers will have their wire corrals ready for the next winter migration and a fresh season of bitter irony for the Park Service. "We don't kill them in the park," Jensen said. "But we know where they're going." To the slaughterhouse.

"Here's an agency whose mission it is to protect the wildlife within the park; and yet you have a legal system which then boxed us into having to participate in the killing."

— Marv Jensen, Yellowstone's assistant superintendent

Honor

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window for a new Taco Bell restaurant; a variance for a Mr. Gas convenience store and a zone change for a wood-waste recycling center.

The Taco Bell request from Jim Lash is for a site at 659 Addison Ave. W, across the street from the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

The Mr. Gas request from

James Lynch would allow construction of a new convenience store and gas station at the intersection of Blue-Lakes Boulevard, North Falls Avenue. Lynch is seeking to build inside the minimum setback zones required by the city.

The wood-waste recycling center request is from a new business, seeks to consolidate the zoning

for a site at 270 Victory Ave. The eastern part of the property is zoned R4 for residential use, but Gilbert is seeking an M2 manufacturing designation to accommodate a recycling center.

If approved, the wood-waste recycling center would allow people to dispose of clean scrap wood, tree limbs and other woody wastes without clogging up local landfills.

Sergeant to speak to Wendell chamber

The Times-News

WENDELL — U.S. Army Sgt. Michael Miller will speak to the Wendell Chamber of Commerce during the noon luncheon Wednesday at the Farmhouse restaurant.

His topic is "Army, what it can do for you." The public is invited.

Pomerelle resort remains open for daily skiing through Sunday

The Times-News

ALBION — Pomerelle Ski Resort announced it will operate daily through Sunday.

Pomerelle received 12-16 inches of new snow Friday night, creating some of the best ski conditions all year, a ski resort news release said.

Mountain depths were 69 inches at the base and 122 inches at the top. Runs are machine groomed, and there are acres of powder skiing, as well.

Pomerelle Ski Resort is open 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily. For more information, call 673-5555 or 673-5599.

School

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Twin Falls, said it would be a shame to lose a "classy building like that destroyed."

"And besides, it would take at least 500 loads to the dump because you can't burn it. So at current rates, it would cost as much to tear it down as it would to move it."

"And I know how much the community would regret it forever," he said.

"That building, it's workmanship, the quality, it's a masterpiece."

just can't say enough," he said. "It could never be replaced."

"I'm all for saving it," said

— Bruce Miller, house mover from Twin Falls

teacher who taught second grade in the old building, said, "I really hope we can keep it."

Lisa (Kin- von) Knutz, who donated half of the property for the park in memory of her mother, said she is being sent to "every Castledorf" for further input and she hopes support.

For more information call Kline at 543-5132, Kautz at 537-6678 or Rick Rogers at 537-

Camas

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from the sale of a former rural school site also will be used for these improvements, he said.

"Plant facility, levy money is restricted to construction and the purchase of buses," Mutterer said. "Because of a school facility crunch in Idaho, he said, the district gets no money from the state for repairs."

"A proposed supplemental levy of \$50,000 is to assist the operation of a quality, small high school," Mutterer said. "The supplemental levy has no strings attached at all."

Principal Gus Spiropoulos said the supplemental levy money, \$51 million to \$60 million, mostly from new housing construction. With more property owners sharing the cost of raising the same amount of money, the cost for each will be lower, he said.

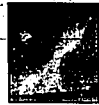
The School Board, at its next meeting, will formally review the requested levies, which are for the 1997-98 school year.

The levies election would be the same day residents vote on two of the five School Board positions May 20.

It's relatively expensive to keep the high school fully accredited because of the low pupil-teacher ratio, Mutterer said.

If the levies are approved, voters under previous levies will see their tax consequences decrease from those of earlier years, Mutterer said. That's

— Times-News correspondent Steve Koehler can be reached in Wendell at 536-2545 in the evening.



Peerless putter: The man with the PGA Tour's best short game won the Freepor-McDemott Classic.

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“I am in a state of ecstasy. Never mind that nonsense about euphoria and so on, it is sheer unadulterated, uncompromising ecstasy.”

—Redskins owner Jack Kent Cooke, during the locker room celebration after Washington won the 1983 Super Bowl.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Major league baseball

Buhl at Minto JV (2), 3:45 p.m.

High school softball

Buhl at Twin Falls Jr. varsity (2), 4 p.m.

High school track

Bad Mathews Invitational at Deedo, 3:30 p.m.

SCOREBOARD

Major League Baseball

Milwaukee 4	Toronto 2
Chi Sox 5	Detroit 3
Kansas City 12	Minnesota 2
Texas 9	Baltimore 3
Oakland 3	N.Y. Yankees 0
Seattle 8	Boston 7 (F-10)
Atlanta 11	Chi Cubs 5
Colorado 6	Montreal 2
Florida 3	Cincinnati 2
Houston 5	St. Louis 2
Philadelphia 3	San Diego 2
N.Y. Mets 4	San Francisco 2
Los Angeles 6	Pittsburgh 3
Cleveland 10	Anaheim 8

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L.A. Clippers 103	New Jersey 96
Houston 94	Vancouver 85
Indiana 94	Minnesota 83
Chicago 110	Orlando 94
Utah 114	Golden State 100
Sacramento 113	Seattle 101
L.A. Lakers 87	Dallas 80

IN BRIEF

Jeff Burton wins Winston Cup in Texas

FORT WORTH, Texas — The inaugural Winston Cup race at Texas Motor Speedway had a teary, happy ending. But that cheerfully watery finale followed a wreckage-strewn, 4-hour, 17-minute extravaganza of destruction that confirmed the fears many drivers had expressed about the track.

The win went to Jeff Burton, an affable 29-year-old from South Boston, Va., whose wife, Kim, sobbed from the time he took the lead until she met her husband for a hug in victory lane. Burton, who had never won in 35 starts, led the final 57 laps and seemed to renew the promise he had shown in winning rookie of the year in 1994.

He accepted his win with fetching humility. “We’ve lost more than we’ve won,” he said. “We’ve given some away. We didn’t give this one away.”

In winning the Interstate Batteries 500, Burton pocketed \$354,350, the fourth-largest purse in Winston Cup history. He did it by running from the field in his Ford Thunderbird, cruising to a four-second victory after nudging Todd Bodine aside on Lap 277.

Burton drove the last laps as smoothly as if he were headed to a Sunday prayer-meeting.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

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Senior tour rookie wins 1st major

The Associated Press

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. — If Gil Morgan's nerves were rugged in the final round of the Tradition, his game was smooth.

Morgan set out the Tradition to protect a five-shot lead with conservative play. Seventeen holes later, he still had four shots on Inso Aoki, and finished in style by eagling the final hole to beat Aoki by six and claim his first major championship.

“I’ve always felt like demons could come out, you know,” he said. “Even though I had a five- or six-shot lead throughout the day, all you had to do was make double bogey and have someone make a birdie. Do that a couple of times, and you’re back to Square One.”

It never happened. In his first appearance in the senior tour’s version of the Masters, Morgan played the narrow, angular Cochise Course at Desert Mountain like a second home.

His 5-under-par 67 in the final round helped set a tournament record at 22-under 266, and he had the best score or tied for it each day. Morgan played the last 33 holes without a bogey and had only three in 72 holes.

Aoki, who lost to Jack Nicklaus in a playoff in the 1995 Tradition, shot a 68 for 272 to finish two strokes ahead of John Jacobs.

“I tried to make a 68 today, and I was feeling really good,” Aoki said through an interpreter. “But that guy (Morgan) was much too good. No bogey today.”

Below them was a gap, silent evidence of the problems others had in three days of rain, cold and, when the sun finally came out, strong breezes.

Larry Gilbert, who closed with a 67, took fourth at 276. Jay Sigal was a shot behind him, and Jim Dent was sixth at 278.

Nicklaus, a four-time Tradition

winner, started the round with no real chance at his third straight title. He shot 73 to finish with his worst performance ever (289) on the course he designed.

Morgan, who set a senior record by claiming his only other senior title 11 days after he turned 50 last fall, won seven times on the regular tour.

But he had never won a major, even though he became the first to reach 10 under in a U.S. Open. Morgan reached that milestone in 1992 at Pebble Beach, where he led Tom Kite by one stroke after three rounds before collapsing with a final-round 81 that left him tied for 13th.

That memory was no problem this time. Although he had to get up and down to save par on three holes, including the 17th, Morgan avoided errors that could have encouraged pursuers. He picked up a \$180,000 check that boosted him to second on the senior money list at \$415,204 in five events.

“Every win is nice and enjoyable, but, from a record-book standpoint, we all look toward the majors,” he said.

When Aoki birdied No. 12 to reach 14 under, Morgan had the antidote: his third birdie of the round to get to 20 under.

After Aoki’s third birdie of the round got him within five shots on No. 14, Morgan laid up with his second shot on the par-5 15th hole, choosing an easy pitch to reach the island green in regulation rather than risk carrying a long iron over water.

But he abandoned caution on No. 18, a 511-yard par-5 with a small bunker in front. Morgan cut the dogleg left with his second shot and got the ball on the green 13 feet from the pin. While Aoki and Jacobs putted out, he waited. Then, without much hesitation, he sank the putt.



Gil Morgan chips his ball from behind a bunker on the par-5 eighth hole during the final round of the Senior PGA Tradition in Scottsdale, Ariz., Sunday. Despite the poor lie Morgan managed to save par and won the tournament by 6 strokes.

BYU coach visits valley

By Dámen Clow
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — This time, there was no mistaking Idaho Falls for Twin Falls. Not even the daylight-saving time change created a problem.

The winningest football coach in Brigham Young University football history finally made it to the Twin Falls State Center on Maurice Street Sunday night to speak to a packed house.

“Talk about your sick feelings,” LaVell Edwards said, reflecting on an ill-fated trip to the same church last month which resulted in the coach and his wife, Patti, arriving in the wrong town.

Last month’s scheduled visit coincided with breaking news that U.S. Senators were considering bringing suit against the collegiate bowl alliance for violating anti-trust laws in its snubbing of BYU in January.

The Cougars won the Western Athletic Conference title with an overtime win over Wyoming, cruising to a 13-1 record and a No. 5 national ranking.

Sill, when the major bowl bids came in (11-0), Florida (11-1) and Florida State (9-2) battled for the national championship while BYU beat No. 14 Kansas State (9-2) in the Cotton Bowl.

The Cotton Bowl, a second-tier bowl that lost out on its bid to become part of the alliance, paid the Cougars and WAC \$2.5 million, while the Fiesta Bowl paid both Florida schools \$8.5 million in the 52-20 Gator romp.

“That whole scenario,” Edwards



LaVell Edwards
BYU’s winningest football coach

began, “with the bowl alliance passing its over, even though we ranked fifth ... as a result, a couple of people got bored and decided to address that issue.”

It wasn’t just a Utah affair. One of the senators was a Kentucky native and Louisville fan, and felt that the Cardinals had been stiffed along with BYU.

“I don’t know that anything will come of it,” Edwards said of the proposed legal action.

In the midst of the post-nub depression and legal tangles surrounding his 1996 season, Edwards recently wrapped

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The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Jack Kent Cooke, the crusty entrepreneur whose Washington Redskins won three Super Bowls and whose personal life was the stuff of tabloid headlines, died Sunday. He was 84.

Cooke was born in northwest Washington and was taken to George Washington University Hospital at 11:54 a.m. He died 35 minutes later.

“He didn’t complain of chest pain, and he suddenly collapsed,” said Dr. Robert Shesser, the hospital’s chief emergency room physician. “When the paramedics arrived on the scene, his heart was not beating. ... We went through every possible scenario to try to revive him.”

Cooke, who had a heart attack in 1973, had long been bothered by angina pain and breathing problems. Last Nov. 10, he became ill in his RFK Stadium box during a game. He spent the next five days in the hospital, where he was found to have osteoarthritis, a degenerative condition found in the elderly.

For Cooke, image was nothing — success was everything. And during his 23 years as majority owner of the Redskins, his success could be measured by his vast financial holdings, his NFL championships and the parade of celebrities that came calling to his stadium box.

“He was a tough negotiator,” said D.C. Mayor Marjorie Barry, who bargained with Cooke for several years over a new

stadium. “He wouldn’t have made all his money if he had been a softie. ... I regret that he didn’t live long enough to see the stadium completed. It was one of his dreams. In fact, he was almost obsessed with it.”

Born Oct. 25, 1912, in Hamilton, Ontario, Cooke sold encyclopedias during the Depression before making his fortune in radio and television companies, real estate and newspaper publishing.

His net worth when he died was estimated at \$825 million, earning him the 170th spot on the most recent Forbes Magazine’s 400 Richest Americans List.

Cooke’s box at RFK was a bipartisan mix of Capitol Hill’s most noted — from presidents to generals such as Colin Powell and much of the U.S. Senate.

“He was one of those rare people who was a tough guy, a super-smart guy, and he was always better when things were at their worst,” said Joe Gibbs, who coached the Redskins from 1981-1993.

Cooke wanted the new stadium, finished in time for the 1997 NFL season. For that to happen, a Washington beltway interchange was built on the tightest time schedule: Cooke even coined a postmark for the venue — Rajon — after his two sons, John Kent Cooke and the late Ralph Kent Cooke.

Redskins owner dies



Johnson’s return bittersweet as Mariners lose



Seattle Mariners starting pitcher Randy Johnson delivers against the Boston Red Sox in the first inning Saturday in Seattle. The start was Johnson’s first since May 12, 1996, just before being sidelined with a back injury.

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Now that Randy Johnson is back, he hopes his injury troubles are over. “I just came off major back surgery seven months ago and I’m not expecting too much right now. I don’t know how my back’s going to respond,” he said after striking out eight in six strong innings Saturday night, his first start since last May 12.

Johnson, who underwent surgery Sept. 12, gave the Mariners’ bullpen a 3-2 lead, allowing a two-run homer to Wil Cordero in the fourth. But the relievers couldn’t hold the lead and Boston won 8-6.

“It was a big thrill being back out there,” he said. “I’m back now, but I still have to continue to make small steps before I can get out there and do the things I used to do. But this was a step in the right direction and I’m pretty pleased with tonight.”

“By the All-Star break I should know how I’m feeling and how this season is going to go. By the All-Star break, I’ll probably have pitched 15 to 16 games. Hopefully, by that

time, I’ll be above water.”

He threw 91 pitches, 57 for strikes, walked none and allowed five hits — four for extra bases.

“Any time your premier pitcher shows no signs of back problems in his first game back, that’s great news,” said Ken Griffey Jr., who hit his fourth homer in four games for the Mariners.

A Kingdom sellout crowd of 57,110 warmly greeted Johnson when he came onto the field and cheered him enthusiastically. The fans remembered how important Johnson was in 1995, when he won 21-8 and the Mariners made the playoffs for the first time.

“Randy looked like he was in midseason form,” Alex Rodriguez added. “It’s great to have him back.”

Johnson’s return makes his second start in Boston next Friday night. He stranded like a pitcher with a score to settle. “I know Wil Cordero now,” he said. “I didn’t know him prior to tonight other than what he was in the National League. I’ll punch him a little different the next time.”

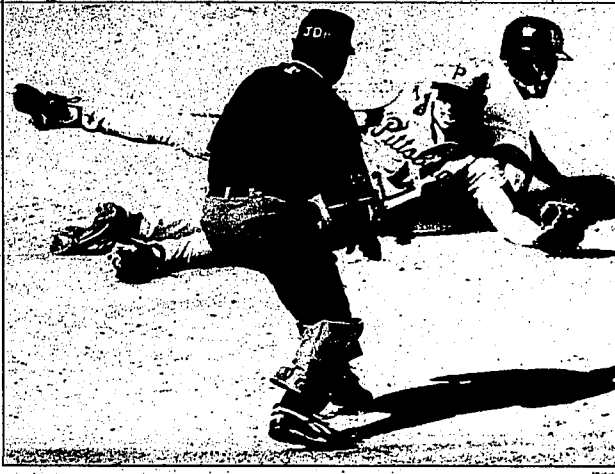
Rockies nip Montreal; Braves win 2

SPORTS IN BRIEF

MONTREAL (AP) — Wally Castillo homered for the Yankees straight game, and Colorado completed its first-ever sweep at Montreal, winning 2 on Sunday.

Montreal reliever Lee Smith appeared in his 1,000th major league game, joining Hoyt Wilhelm (1,070), Ted Kintzler (1,050) and Rick Gossage (1,002) as pitchers to reach the mark. Smith, the career saves leader at 474, worked a perfect ninth.

Colorado, just 28-53 on the road last season, won its fourth straight away from Coors Field. Kevin Ritz (1-1) allowed one run in 6 2/3 innings.



Los Angeles Dodgers' Todd Hollandsworth, back, and Pittsburgh Pirates third baseman Joe Randa walk for the call from umpire Mark Hirschback after Hollandsworth was caught in a rundown in the sixth inning Sunday. Hollandsworth was called out on the play. The Dodgers won the game, 6-3.

Mets 4, Giants 2
SAN FRANCISCO — Brian Bohannon, starting in place of ailing Pete Harnisch, pitched seven strong innings for his first NL victory.

Harnisch, who has been suffering from insomnia, was sent back to New York earlier in the day. Bohannon was recalled Saturday from Triple-A Norfolk to fill the roster spot of disabled pitcher Yorlis Perez.

Bohannon (1-0) gave up two runs on four hits as the Mets salvaged a win in the finale of the three-game series.

Mark Gardner (0-1) pitched seven innings, settling down after allowing three runs in the first.

the seventh inning off Brett Butler doubled off Ricardo Rincon (0-1).

Karros had a two-run single during a three-run sixth for his first two RBIs of the season, and Zelle added a two-run homer off Rich Loeiselle in the eighth, his first as a Dodger.

Darren Dreifort (1-0) allowed one hit over three innings. Todd Worrell pitched the ninth inning for his third save in as many outings.

Braves 6, Cubs 0
ATLANTA — Greg Maddux allowed three hits in eight innings, speeding the Atlanta Braves past the Chicago Cubs 4-0 Sunday in just 1 hour, 47 minutes in the fastest major league game in five years.

Earlier, the Braves beat the Cubs 11-5 in the completion of the game suspended by rain on Saturday night. Chicago dropped to 0-5, the Cubs' worst start since 1983.

Maddux (1-0) walked a batter. It was the fastest nine-inning game in the majors since Houston and Los Angeles played a 144 game on Oct. 4, 1992.

Terry Mullolland (0-2) allowed three hits in seven innings.

Marlins 3, Reds 2
MIAMI — Fitterer Kevin Brown (2-0) drove in two runs in the seventh inning to advance the Florida Marlins to a 3-1 record, including two wins with the bases loaded.

Florida went ahead when reliever Scott Service walked Jeff Conine on a 92 pitch with

two out and the bases loaded in the seventh. Service replaced John Smiley (1-1), who had walked the bases loaded.

The Marlins, who were expected to be much improved this year, concluded their opening homestand with a 5-1 record and sole possession of first place in the NL East.

Astros 3, Cardinals 2
HOUSTON — St. Louis, the defending NL West winner, stumbled to 0-6, the worst start in the team's 106 seasons. Jeff Bagwell overcame a 2-1 deficit with a two-run double in the eighth off John Francstore (0-1).

Tom Martin (1-0) pitched a scoreless eighth, and Billy Wagner worked the ninth for his third save.

Agassi wins 5-setter, helps U.S. beat Dutch

NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — Andre Agassi, handcuffed early by Jan Siemerink's serve-and-volley game, rallied with pinpoint passing shots for the victory Sunday that gave the United States 4-1 win over the Netherlands in a Davis Cup quarterfinal.

The Americans advanced to the semifinals Sept. 19-21 against Australia, a 5-0 winner over the Czech Republic.

It was Agassi's 15th straight Davis Cup singles victory, putting him within reach of Bill Tilden, who won 16 straight for the United States during the 1920s and early 1930s.

Agassi ended the 2-hour, 48-minute match with a crosscourt backhand for a 3-6, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3 victory, then embraced U.S. captain Tom Gullikson as 5,396 cheering fans rose to their feet.

"I just needed to find my groove, and I didn't find it as soon as I should have," he said.

Hings rallies to beat Seles at Family Circle

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. — Martina Hings proved she's come back from difficult situations: Monica Seles thinks she's proved the same thing.

Hings, the world's No. 1 player, was two swings from defeat against Seles before winning 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5) for the Family Circle championship Sunday. It was her sixth straight title and 31st consecutive victory.

For Seles, who is winless against Hings and Steffi Graf since returning to tennis 20 months ago, the loss was another step closer to the top spot she held nearly four years ago.

A week ago at the Lipton Championships, Hings destroyed Seles 6-2, 6-1 in 44 minutes. This time, Hings trailed 5-0 after only 14 minutes.

Grand National to be run today in Liverpool

LIVERPOOL, England — The Grand National, the world's most famous steeplechase, was reset for Monday, two days after it was abandoned because of bomb warnings that forced 70,000 fans to evacuate the Aintree race course.

This marked the first time the race had to be called off at Aintree since the showcase event began in 1839.

"Working closely with the police, we are going to great lengths to ensure that we stage the big race on Monday," said Charles Barnett, clerk of the course. "Our staff are sparing no effort in preparing the course and facilities."

Thousands who were stranded when Saturday's race was abandoned left makeshift overnight shelters Sunday, to retrieve their cars from the cordoned off race track.

Hargrove draws 1st ejection in majors

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Cleveland manager Mike Hargrove drew the first ejection of the 1997 major league season during Sunday night's game against Anaheim.

Despite the low tolerance threatened this spring by big league umpires, Hargrove was ejected during the opening week until Scott turned toward the Cleveland dugout and delayed only seconds before throwing out Hargrove. Hargrove then left the dugout and the two had an animated, but not violent, discussion on the field.

Compiled from wire reports

Phillies 3, Padres 2

SAN DIEGO — Curt Schilling (2-0) allowed two runs and seven hits in eight innings and struck out seven, increasing his season total to 18. Darren Daulton, Derrick May and Wendell Magee homered off Joey Hamilton (1-1).

Schilling allowed two runs in the first two innings, including Quivivo Vera's leadoff homer, then shut out San Diego for the rest of the way retiring 16 of his last 18 batters. Ricky Bottalico pitched a perfect ninth for his second save.

Dodgers 6, Pirates 3

LOS ANGELES — Eric Karros and Todd Zelle drove in two runs each and Mike Piazza singled home the go-ahead run in

Mariners trim BoSox in 10

SEATTLE (AP) — Paul Sorrento singled home the winning run with one out in the 10th to give the Mariners an 8-7 win over the Red Sox and avoid a sweep of the three-game series.

Ken Griffey Jr. homered for the third straight Friday, giving him five home runs in Seattle's 10th game.

Alex Rodriguez homered, had four hits and scored four runs, including the game-winning hit.

Rodriguez led off the 10th with an infield single and moved to second on a wild pitch by Rick Cooney (1-1). After Griffey was intentionally walked, Rick Amaral sacrificed. Jay Buhner was intentionally walked to load the bases and Sorrento singled.

Cooney (1-1) pitched the victory despite allowing Darren Bragg's tying single in the ninth.



Rangers 9, Orioles 3
ARLINGTON, Texas — Denn Palmer drove in three runs and scored four hits as the Texas Rangers beat Baltimore 9-3 Sunday and sent the Orioles to their first loss of the season.

Mike Mussina, making his first start since being traded, gave up four runs in the first and wound up allowing seven runs and eight hits in four innings. He was scheduled to pitch on opening day but was pushed back because of calcium deposits in his right elbow.

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Athletics 3, Yankees 0

OAKLAND, Calif. — New York, which had not committed an error this season, booted two grounders as Oakland scored three runs in the eighth.

Third baseman Wade Boggs and first baseman Tino Martinez made the last team in the majors to commit an error in 1997, wasted a stellar pitching performance by David Cone.

Mark Acers (2-0) pitched one-third of an inning for the victory, and Billy Taylor pitched the ninth for his third save. Jeff Nelson (0-1) was the loser.

Royals 12, Twins 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Glendon Rusch allowed four hits in eight innings and retired 19 consecutive batters in his major league debut.

The 22-year-old left-hander struck out four and walked none. He gave up a pair of unearned runs in the first and allowed Ron Cooney's leadoff single in the second, but retired 19 straight until Chuck Knoblauch's two-out single in the eighth.

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up spring training in Provo, where he is confident that he has the ability to change. One key to his success is his senior quarterback Steve Sarkisian.

"The nature of college football is change," Edwards said. "You always have to change. One key to our offense, where we've been successful at that position through the years, is our quarterbacks. Our authorities have also been discussing the possibility of an offensive berth in the bowl alliance for the WAC champion, providing the teams' ranks could "enough" for the

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drove in a career-high four runs to lead the Royals. Brad Radke (0-1) struck out a career-high nine batters. With two outs, Cirillo doubled and Eric Hurt hit 4 1/3 innings. He struck out five and walked one.

Browns 4, Blue Jays 2

TORONTO — Jeff Cirillo doubled home the go-ahead run in the seventh off Pat Hengen.

With the score 2-1, Jesse Levis singled with one out in the seventh. With two outs, Cirillo doubled over left fielder Shawn Green for his second RBI of the game.

John Jaha hit a solo home run off Hengen in the eighth.

Ben McDonald (1-1) rebounded from a shaky first start, allowing two runs and five hits in six innings, and Doug Jones pitched the ninth to save his second straight game.

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Jordan's 37 lift Bulls past Magic

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Michael Jordan scored 37 points to move into fifth place on the NBA's career scoring list as Chicago beat Orlando 110-94 Sunday to sweep the season's series between last year's Eastern Conference finalists.

Jordan scored 13 points in the 24-2 run the Bulls used to break open a close game in the third period. He scored 24 in the second half and moved past Oscar Robertson (26,710) on the career scoring list with 26,726.

Pacers 94, Twolves 83

MINNEAPOLIS — Rick Smiths drew 27 points and 11 rebounds as Indiana downed Minnesota to continue its playoff push.

Antonio Davis added 17 points and seven rebounds and Reggie Miller scored 16 as the Pacers remained two games behind Washington and closed within 14 of idle Cleveland in the race for the final Eastern Conference playoff spot.

Minnesota got 17 points and 11 assists from Stephen Marbury.

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Los Angeles Clippers' Rodney Rogers, center, attempts to drive to the hoop between New Jersey Nets' Jim Jackson, left, and Kendall Gill as Gill goes for the steal during the first half Sunday. The Clippers won 103-96.

Kings 113, Sonics 101

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Center Olen Polynice scored nine of his 15 points in a decisive third quarter Sunday night, lifting the Sacramento Kings to a 113-101 victory over the Seattle SuperSonics.

Guard Mitch Richmond had 27 points as the Kings snapped a seven-game losing streak. Sacramento also had dropped seven in a row and 17 of 20 to the SuperSonics.

Lakers 87, Mavericks 80

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Derek Harper scored Dallas' only two points in the third quarter Sunday night as the Mavericks set an NBA record for fewest points scored in a period.

The Lakers scored the first 24 points of the third period to take a 51-31 lead. Harper snugged the Mavericks' scoreless streak when he sank a pair of free throws with 1:51 left in the quarter.

The old record for fewest points scored in a quarter was four, set by the Buffalo Braves in 1972 and equaled by the Sacramento Kings on Feb. 4, 1987.

Jazz 114, Warriors 100

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Karl Malone scored 30 points and Greg Ostertag tied a career-high with 21 as the Utah Jazz defeated the Golden State Warriors 114-100 Sunday night for their 12th straight win.

Jeff Hornacek added 18 points and John Stockton had 13 points and 13 assists for Utah, which has won 17 of 18.

The Jazz hit 21 of their first 26 shots in the game and pulled away to a 20-point lead early in the second quarter. Utah, which never trailed, led by as many as 26 points in the third period.

Scott McEllen had 16 points and Andrew DeClercq had 15 for the Warriors.

SPORTS

Faxon finishes strong to win Freepoint

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Brad Faxon believes in the old saying — A person who can putt can play with anyone.

On Sunday he proved that the person who can putt can beat everyone, winning the \$1.5 million Freepoint-McDermott Classic with a 16-under-par 272 after a closing 65.

Faxon, the No. 1 putter on the tour last year, used just 101 putts in four rounds to pick up his first victory since the 1992 International.

"I've always been a good putter," Faxon said. "It's just when I practice least, I find a way when I miss a putt to use that positively. I'm a big believer that you have to use all your time believing you're a good putter."

It was a belief that paid off with a third-round 66 that put him in contention and a four-hole final round that sewed up the \$270,000 top prize.

Faxon, who last season set a PGA Tour record for most money won without a victory — \$1,055,550 — bogeyed the first hole, missing a putt by inches. But it didn't matter. Just prior to Faxon's putt, a shirtless spectator ran across the green and jumped into the lake beside it.

"He sounded like Tarzan," Faxon said. "I don't think he's worth talking about. If I'd four-putted it I might have been mad."

Faxon, who missed the cut in three of his first seven tournaments this year and finished fourth in the Players Championship last week, did not miss a cut in 22 starts last year. He finished second five times since his last victory.

"It's getting tougher to win," Faxon said. "Since '92, I've played some pretty good golf. It gets to a point after a while that it starts to bug you."

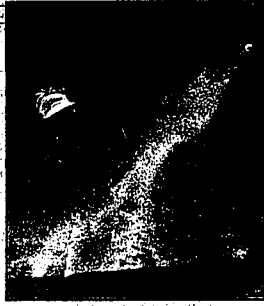
In the third round, Faxon overtook defending champion Scott McCarron, who had shared the lead for the first two rounds. He had a two-stroke lead to start the fourth round, but said he did not feel in control until the 11th hole.

"I sank a 30-foot putt with a double break there and thought that was the swing hole," Faxon said.

Bill Glasson and Jesper Parnevik tied for second at 275. Glasson moved into contention with a third-round 66 and finished with a 67. Parnevik closed with a 66.

"I thought I had a chance until I three-putted on 17," Parnevik said. "After that, Faxon was too far ahead to catch."

McCarron, who had a share of the lead for the first two rounds, tied for fourth at 276 with Kirk Triplett. Russ Cochran was next at 277. McCarron closed with a 71, Triplett a 72 and Cochran a 69.



Brad Faxon blasts from the trap guarding the 3rd hole during final round action in the Freepoint-McDermott Classic Sunday.

Sorenstam wins title in playoff

LINGLON, Calif. (AP) — Sometimes golf isn't enjoyable, even for two-time U.S. Open champions.

Annika Sorenstam knows the feeling. But for the third time this season she reaffirmed her appreciation of the sport she learned 15 years ago in Sweden. She parred the second playoff hole Sunday to beat unheralded Pong Kometani in the LPGA's Longs Drugs Challenge.

"The key is that I love to play golf again," said Sorenstam, the 1994 LPGA rookie of the year who won consecutive U.S. Open titles the past two seasons. "There was a lot of pressure last year. It was almost like I was forced to play."

Sorenstam, who with Kometani finished regulation tied at 3-under-par 285, won her third LPGA tournament at the weekend, and the ninth of her four-year career. She shot a 1-over-par 73 in the final round.

After beginning the round with a one-stroke lead over Juli Inkster, Sorenstam held a three-

stroke margin after two holes. She bogeyed the 15th hole to go to 2 under, but maintained her lead or was tied throughout the remainder of regulation.

Kometani, who had never finished higher than a 27th-place tie in her three-year LPGA career, shot a final-round 70. She moved into a tie for the lead with Sorenstam after sinking a five-foot birdie on the 17th hole.

Both players purged their first playoff hole, but Kometani bogeyed the second and watched as the winner sank her one-foot effort.

"I'm still a little nervous," said Sorenstam, who also has two second places this season through the LPGA's 30 tournaments. "When I bogeyed the 15th, I knew I had to get one back."

Sorenstam birdied the 16th from 15 feet to move into the tie at 3-under-par with Sorenstam, who also birdied the hole.

Sorenstam's \$75,000 winner's share of the \$500,000 purse, increased the tour's leading money winner's earnings to more than \$400,000 for the season.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

AL standings

Table showing AL standings for East Division and Central Division, including teams like Boston, Toronto, Detroit, Cleveland, and New York.

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Table listing local sports events, including football, basketball, and other regional games.

AROUND THE WEST

Idaho student's sketch 1 of 5 to take 1st place

POCAATELLO — The figures are simple. A faceless man and woman. The man has an arm around the woman who cradles an infant in her arms.

The man is Understanding. The woman is Tolerance. The infant is Color Blindness. The family stands in a cemetery where a bouquet of dead flowers rests upon the grave of Ignorance.

This is 15-year-old Patrick Robison's vision of a future without racism.

The sketch is one of five first-place winners in a national contest sponsored by Castle Rock Entertainment and Microsoft Network.

Robison drew the sketch during his honors English class at Irving Junior High School last February.

His entry included an essay explaining his sketch, "From Ignorance to Color Blindness." It won his school a Toshiba computer with Microsoft software valued at more than \$2,500.

His winning sketch and essay are on the Internet.

The other first-place winners were from California, Washington and Arizona.

A similar survey conducted by a national campaign for "Ghosts of Mississippi," a movie concerning the search for justice in the murder of civil rights leader Medgar Evers.

Fatal accidents have

police-promoting safety

MALAD — Four deaths on roadways near Malad within a few weeks are prompting Idaho State Police officers working Southeast Idaho to encourage motorists to heed posted speed limits and buckle up.

Only 10 percent of Idaho drivers in Malad were wearing seat belts in a traffic survey conducted last month by the Oneida County Sheriff's Department.

Oneida County Deputy Brown Bird oversees the Department of Transportation grant which funds periodic seat belt surveys.

"It's disheartening how many people ignore what's been proven to save lives," Bird said.

A similar survey conducted in December indicated six percent of local drivers buckled up.

One woman was killed March 16 in a rollover accident on Interstate 15, just north of the Malad Summit. The following Friday, March 21, a Tetonia woman and her unborn child died when the woman's vehicle rolled on I-15 34 miles south of Malad. On March 23, a 16-year-old Preston girl was killed in a rollover on East Oneida Highway east of Preston.

In all three accidents, the victims were either totally or partially ejected. None were wearing seat belts.

Idaho State Police officers Jeff Semrad said that with the 75 mph speed limit on the interstate, officers are not seeing more accidents than before the limit was raised, but they are seeing an increase in accidental severity.

Vehicle hit harder, roll faster and crash more violently, he said.

Colleagues praise, rib U of I president

MOSCOW — There were a few tears and a lot of laughter amid the pomp and circumstance of Robert Hoover's inauguration as the University of Idaho president.

Stomped in a crowd of about 2,000 pulled out Kleenex when one of Hoover's former students was emotional during her speech at the Kibbie Dome Friday afternoon.

Charles Rhodes recalled the first class she took from Hoover at Utah State University in the spring of 1979. It was U.S. foreign policy.

"It was the best class I've ever had in my life," she said. Now Rhodes, an associate professor of political science at Utah State, teaches that class. Every spring when it is time to teach it, she said, she thinks of Hoover.

The university had had presidential inaugurations since 1920 to honor the longest-serving arrival and an opportunity to speak about the president's vision for the school.

Boise High School will try block scheduling

BOISE — Boise High School students will see a change in their class schedules as the school experiments with block scheduling.

For the next two weeks, students will have three 45-minute periods on Wednesday and Thursday mornings.

Administrators expect to adopt the two-day block scheduling permanently next fall.

Amy Kohlmeier, who teaches English and Russian, looks forward to the change.

"I'll have more time with students, deal in more depth and have more time to help," she said.

Some teachers say work that can stretch over three days can often be put into a single day. New classes in the morning and afternoon class will allow more time to visit the state legislature next year or conduct walking tours through Boise for history or life sciences.

Schools across the country that block schedule their courses are seeing mixed results, said Ron DeHain, Boise High assistant principal. Administrators go up, disciplinary actions go down and test scores and grades increase.

Compiled from wire reports

NAFTA not lifting all boats in Idaho

The Associated Press

BOISE — For Michael Doohan of KI Manufacturing Co., the last straw was when a company for which he had been making more than 300,000 backpacks a year took its business to a Mexican contractor.

So a year ago, Doohan closed his 100-employee factory in Post Falls. He offered them all work in his two other plants in Washington state, but only about a dozen wanted to stay with the company. (Doohan said late last week the plant will reopen to produce different products. See Page C2.)

The federal government later certified the laid-off employees as victims of increased Mexican imports generated by the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Doohan considers NAFTA the latest attack on U.S. businesses' ability to compete against cheap labor and lax safety, environmental and human rights laws in foreign countries.

"When I bought this company in 1968, there were 4 million sewing operators in



KI Manufacturing closed the doors of its Post Falls plant about a year ago after losing a contract to a Mexico contractor. About 100 workers lost their jobs.

the U.S.," he said. "It's less than 900,000 now."

KI Manufacturing is among 14 Idaho companies whose employees have qual-

ified for NAFTA-related job retraining and extended unemployment benefits. The "Transitional Adjustment Assistance" was authorized by Congress

to help ease the pain of lifting trade barriers between the United States, Canada and Mexico after Jan. 1994.

U.S. Department of Labor figures indicate at least 2,000 Idaho workers at the certified companies alone have been laid off or forced to work part-time because of NAFTA.

And while the Idaho Department of Commerce's top international business promoter considers the pact a boon because of the export opportunities it offers, the state's chief economist conceded that even from the standpoint of jobs it appears to be no better than a wash so far.

"It hasn't been a disaster, and it hasn't been a raging success either," Michael Ferguson said.

David Christensen, administrator of the state Commerce Department's Division of International Business, credits NAFTA with helping double Idaho's nonutilized export capacity from \$120 million in 1993 to \$245 million in 1995. Analysts figure about 1,200 jobs might have been created as a result.

Photo See NAFTA, Page C2

Mormons gather to celebrate faith and sacrifices of pioneer ancestors

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Taking the 150th anniversary of the Mormon exodus to the Great Basin as their theme, church leaders Sunday urged members to emulate the faith and sacrifices of their pioneer ancestors.

"Our forebears laid a solid and wonderful foundation. Now ours is the great opportunity to build a superstructure; all fitly framed together with Christ as the chief cornerstone," said church President Gordon B. Hinckley.

The 86-year-old president of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, speaking at the church's 167th Annual General Conference, recalled the hardships of his own grandfather, Ira Nathaniel Hinckley, who had joined the church in 1843 in Nauvoo, Ill.

Six years later, Ira Hinckley buried his wife and brother-in-law, victims of cholera, in unmarked graves on the Great Plains. With a baby daughter, the 21-year-old widower proceeded by covered wagon to the Salt Lake Valley.

The grandfather of the church's 15th president was one of some 80,000 Mormons between 1847 and completion of the transcontinental railroad in 1869 to make the perilous journey west, a trek that claimed some 6,000 lives.

This year's sesquicentennial celebration is pegged to July 24, the anniversary of Brigham Young's arrival in the barren valley by the Great Salt Lake with the first pioneer party of 143 men, three women and two children.

"This is the right place, drive on," Young is reported to have said.

"Here stood Brigham Young, 46 years of age, telling his people this was the right place," Hinckley said. "They had never planted a crop nor known a harvest. ... Thousands of their numbers were coming behind them and there would yet be tens of thousands."

"They accepted Brigham Young's prophetic statement," he said.

Hinckley contrasted the dire circumstances of the early, polygamous Mormons — driven out of Ohio, Missouri and Illinois — with a rapidly growing church that today numbers nearly 10 million members, has more than 50,000 fulltime missionaries and last year baptized 321,385 converts.

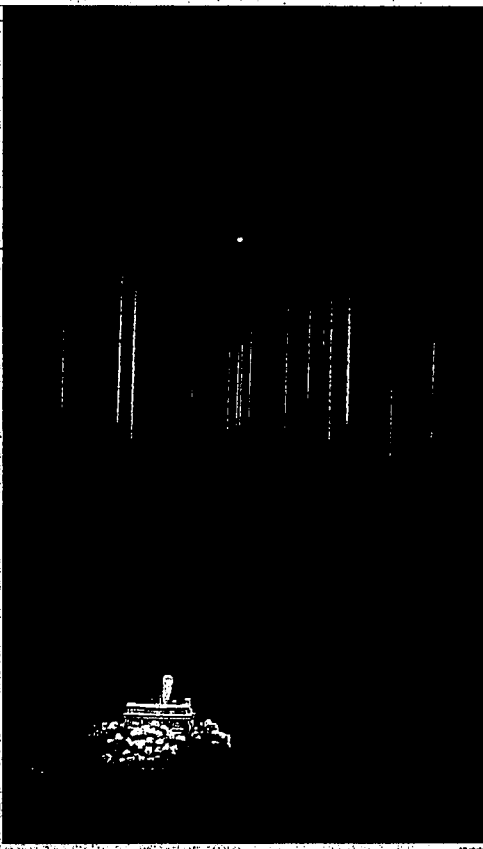
"There we still those who scorn. 'Let us live above it,' Hinckley said. 'There are still those who regard us as a peculiar people. Let us accept that as a compliment and go forth, showing by the fruit of our lives that we are the good seed of the wonderful thing in which we believe.'"

With Mormons depicted positively in the news media, looked upon by government as the world with respect and favor," Hinckley said, "this is our great season of opportunity."

"Let us bring light and understanding and truth to a generation that is prone to its disillusionment to look for other things," he said.

In a video shown at the conference, Hinckley and his two counselors in the faith's governing First Presidency, Thomas S. Monson and James E. Faust, are shown at various historical sites along the Mormon Trail from Nauvoo to Utah, telling the pioneers' story.

Elder M. Russell Ballard of the Quorum of the Twelve Apostles likened the church's growth to "a vine that has longed for a young Mormon missionary today who are deposited in foreign countries with little knowledge of the local language, living conditions or culture."



Mormon Church President Gordon B. Hinckley is cheered by the huge organ pipes of the Mormon Tabernacle as he speaks to a congregation of 6,000 during the 167th Annual General Conference of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Sunday in Salt Lake City.

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Gordon B. Hinckley, president, Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints

"And yet they go boldly as modern pioneers, not fearing the journey, walking with faith in every footstep to bring to people everywhere the good news of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ."

In other remarks closing the two-day conference in the Tabernacle on Temple Square, Hinckley again noted the sesquicentennial year and Mormonism's "great inheritance."

"But the past is behind us. It is the future with which we must be concerned. ... Our critics at home and abroad are watching us. In an effort to find fault, they listen to every word we say hoping to entrap us," he said.

Hinckley counseled church members to "acknowledge the diversity of our society, recognizing the good in all people. We need not make any surrender of our theology. But we can set aside any element of provincialism and parochialism."

The Associated Press

BOISE — Idaho Attorney General Alan Lance is angry that the federal government has decided the names of people who hold leases on Forest Service land should not be disclosed to county officials.

For years, the Forest Service routinely has provided the names and addresses to 21 Idaho counties so they could assess property taxes. Owners of cabins on Forest Service land pay Idaho property taxes on the buildings, although the ground beneath them is public.

The abrupt change this year comes because a government lawyer in Washington, D.C., issued a legal opinion saying leaseholders have a "significant privacy interest" — an argument Lance contends is "just flat wrong."

"It's the people's land," Lance said. After getting no response to two letters challenging the legal opinion, Lance filed requests for the names and addresses under the Freedom of Information Act. If the requests are denied, he said, "we'll make him to court and we'll win. And I would expect to recover my costs and my attorney fees for the taxpayers of the state of Idaho."

Kenneth Cohen, the U.S. Department of Agriculture attorney who wrote the opinion, said, "We recognize the interest of state governments. We're just trying to do our best in applying the law."

Bonner County Assessor Tim Cochran said his county has more than 200 private cabins on federal land, most of them on Priest Lake. Usually, cabin owners record bills of sale with the county when the leases are transferred, so the county does not have to rely on the federal government.

But Cochran said the Forest Service's new policy makes little sense.

"I think that's probably silly, and I'd agree with the attorney general," he said. "It's not every private citizen we have the name and address on our assessment roll. It's open to the public."

Lance said Idaho has been trying to improve its relationship with the federal government, "so something like this chips away at the progress."

"It just seems to me that this adds fuel to an unnecessary fire," he said.

Greene focuses on daughter while determining future

The Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — Former Republican Rep. Emil Greene says she is focusing on the needs of her 19-month-old daughter as she sorts out her own life and an ex-husband. He has filed for bankruptcy, Greene said.

"I won't say when the bank account will run dry, but I need to start getting an income soon," she said in a copyright story of The Salt Lake Tribune on Sunday.

Greene has not yet found a job, but is looking. She also does not know if she will make her home in Salt Lake City or Washington, and said her ex-husband, Joe Waldholz, keeps in touch with their daughter, Elizabeth.

A year ago, Greene decided not to seek re-election to the 2nd Congressional District and investigation into her personal and campaign finances.

Waldholz, who was Greene's campaign treasurer, is in prison for bank, election and tax fraud. He has filed for bankruptcy, Greene said.

Photo See GREENE, Page C2

WEST

Post Falls plant will produce for L.L. Bean

BOISE (AP) — KL Manufacturing Co., which shut down its Post Falls plant and laid off 100 workers a year ago, has decided to reopen the factory to make fleece jackets and pullovers for L.L. Bean.

NAFTA

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And while exports to Mexico actually dropped from up to \$25 million in the years before NAFTA, Christensen blames that on the recession in Mexico and devaluation of the peso.

Critics contend NAFTA has cost at least 110,000 and possibly more than 600,000 jobs nationally, while swinging the United States from a \$1.7 billion trade surplus with Mexico in 1993 to a record deficit of more than \$16 billion last year.

Cheap Canadian imports were to blame for Channel Lumber Co. shutting down last November after 38 years in Creston, B.C.

Now only three people remain as Channel Lumber looks for a buyer. The town of 500 depends on the farming than timber, but the loss of any business is a blow.

"We're trying to find some enterprise that might want to come into this area, use the facilities at least until the buildings and things," clerk Roger Ball said.

Mark A. Buchanan, a visiting professor at Boise State University who specializes in international trade and investment law, said NAFTA undoubtedly contributes to some business downturns. But it is not the only way he sees the world economy and global economics also play a role.

"In most cases it's going to be a variety of factors, and whether NAFTA is largely responsible depends on the industry," Buchanan said.

U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth, who visited Canada and Mexico with a House Agriculture Committee trade mission during the past week, said NAFTA didn't work for Idaho in 1995 and '96 but that this year is looking a lot better.

Chenoweth sees impressive opportunities in the growing exports under NAFTA, particularly selling grain to Mexico. But she acknowledges some businesses are at a competitive disadvantage when it comes to labor force in Mexico or other countries.

Greene

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The judge said the (declaring bankruptcy) because of the judgment against him. Greene said that he was not aware of Waldholz's mother, Greene's father and Greene on behalf of her 1994 campaign.

"The beautiful part of it is it's a three-year contract, and steady year-round, because this business has been plagued with layoffs," said Doolhan, who expects the business to last beyond the initial contract.

His company, which also makes outdoorwear at plants in Spokane and Chewelah, Wash., shut down the northern Idaho operation in April 1996 after Levi's took a contract to Guatemala and Jansport, for which KL Manufacturing had been making more than 300,000 backpacks a year, took its business to Mexico.

As a result, the U.S. Department of Labor certified that the company's laid-off employees were victims of increased Mexican imports generated by the North American Free Trade Agreement.

Idaho victims

Here are the Idaho companies controlled by U.S. Department of Labor in the last five years who were laid off by imports from Mexico.

Without using the problems that some companies have had to face, on balance it has been substantially favorable for Idaho," he said.

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Inspired vision or hallucination?

61-year-old monument has residents baffled

SIMI VALLEY, Calif. (AP) — For 61 years people have looked at the Dante-Irene Monument with a collective scratch of the head.

Dozens walked away confused by this tribute to Alfred Hirschi's wife, Irene, 14th-century Italian poet Dante Alighieri and Dante's masterpiece, "The Divine Comedy," at its unveiling on Easter Sunday in 1936.

Today, the bronze cenotaph sits at the back of Strathmore Historical Park and Museum, about some 50 miles northwest of Los Angeles, and tour guides rarely stop to explain it.

"It's almost indecipherable to what I would consider the typical mind... I've been dealing with it for years and I can't make it clear," said Patricia Havens, museum director and city historian.

"I don't seem to recall it... I think she's a very interesting thing," she added. "I've grown attached to it in the last few years after I got more acquainted with Dr. Hirschi (through research)."

Alfred Hirschi was an oil company geologist who planted a citrus orchard and Simi Valley's first encinoes after moving to the city with his wife around 1920. He quickly earned a reputation for being a reclusive man; His mail carrier, Havens' mother-in-law, Charlotte, 73, often told stories of Alfred hiding when he saw her.

John Schreiber grew up across the road from the Hirschis. "On occasion, as a young person, I would see (Alfred) out in the orchard," said Schreiber, 74. "He was very quiet. He kept to himself. He didn't seem to come in and see him up there."

The couple did invite a few select guests to dinner at their modest home. And Eric J. York, who worked on the couple's ranch until a couple of years ago, told people he heard a radio for the first time at the Hirschi home.

"The couple could be generous. We found records that listed him a little yard wagon one Christmas to replace the baby buggy he had been delivering milk in. And when the Simi Valley Women's Club moved into their clubhouse, the Hirschi paid for the trees and the gardeners to tend the garden. Alfred combined the church's money for the plants after she died."

"Alfred became more reclusive after Irene died in 1933 at the age of 50," Havens said. In May 1934, Alfred had built a house in the Santa Susana Mountains in the area where he had been working.

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The Dante-Irene Monument, in Simi Valley, Calif., was opened by Dr. Alfred Hirschi for his late wife, Irene, in 1936. It was dedicated to have a special ceremony every Easter, but only had one, according to Patricia Havens, far left, museum director at Strathmore Historical Park in Simi Valley.

the early 1920s. In one spot, he thought he saw Christ's hands and other characters mentioned in the Paradiso passage of "The Divine Comedy," an epic about hell, purgatory and heaven that Dante wrote as a memorial to a woman he loved who had died young. In another area, Alfred saw a skull and other figures from the Inferno. The next month he recalled the Purgatorio passage among the rocks.

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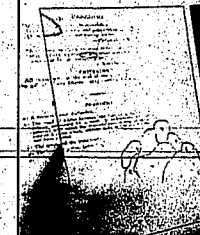
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Dr. Alfred Hirschi of Simi Valley, Calif., shown in this undated photo in the rock garden his wife Irene built, believed that the outline of the rock formations, at left in the photo, showed the head of Jesus Christ and characters from Dante's 'Divine Comedy.'

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Death calls prson's use of restraint into question

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Murray Valley's attorney says the Utah State Prison has a long-known and questionable practice: the restraint of unruly prisoners in chairs, their bodies bound and hands bound for hours, even days.

Valent, 29, and schizophrenic, and March 20 when a blood clot in his lungs shortly after the prison guard strapped in the man, who was in the chair for 16 hours, and a national television news program and national media and inmate advocates.

"They question the use of Utah prisons to restrain inmates in chairs for simply too long for a human to sit in one spot."

"And 16 hours isn't even the longest stretch that 94 mentally ill inmates are normally restrained have been strapped in since the Utah prison system bought the first of its five chairs in mid-1995 to replace restraint beds."

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policy sets no limit. "If they are mentally ill and unruly and they're being kept this way, that's barbaric," said Dr. Robert Cohen, a New York physician who spent five years at the Utah State Prison in the 1960s.

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Imamte Adrian Hickey thinks he has the answer. "I'm sure the chair," said Hickey, who said he spent two days and nights in the restraint chair, which had been wheeled into his Utah State Prison cell in December 1995.

"Hickey said he is mentally ill and needs medication to prevent the violent episodes that sent him into the chair. Though he previously was declared ill, prison doctors now say he's faking and won't advocate him.

"The chair, Hickey said, is much worse than the restraining bed, which is used in the Utah State Hospital in Provo for mental patients who can't otherwise be controlled."

"An inmate can't sleep in that chair," Hickey said. "The guards literally pull my teeth in that chair, trying to get me out."

"The inmate said he was kept in the chair for hours after he told doctors he was calm and would stop being restrained. "We're going to leave you here until we can come out of your control," he said.

"At one point while in the chair, Hickey said, he bent his head to his chest and chewed through a strap. Guards then swaddled him in chains as he sat in the chair. About a week later, Hickey said, he was placed in the chair again. He began banging his head against the wall of his cell."

"The reason given for placing me in the chair was that I was a danger to myself and others," he said.

cialis is a 17-year-old consent decree they say makes it too onerous to force an inmate to take medication. Corrections attorney Frank Mylar said the decree requires the prison to first convene a hearing before an administrative law judge, who can take days, Mylar said.

Kathryn Collard, the attorney in the 1980 inmates lawsuit that spawned the consent decree, said it got "torn out of a morbid hole since people assumed it marked a grave. To get it out of the way, they moved it behind a shed at the back of the park."

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Virgin Mary seen on traffic signs

SUNNYSIDE, Wash. (AP) Images of the Virgin Mary were reported on at least four traffic signs in the lower Yakima Valley...

A patrol dispatcher said people were checking signs on Interstate 82 freeway in the Sunnyside area...

Chair

But the policy does vary from the station's recommendations. The commission recommends that "restrained inmates every 15 minutes..."

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Seize the day, savor each previous hour

"This is the beginning of a New Day," writes an anonymous author. "God has given me this day to use as I will. I can waste it or grow in its light and be of service to others. But what I do with this day is important because I have exchanged a day of life for it. When tomorrow comes, today will be gone forever. I hope I will not regret the price I paid for it."

Each of us, in our lifetime, has only so many hours to spend, and because we can't anticipate our lifespan, we will never know how much time we have in our "banks." In that sense, every hour is like gold in our hands.

And, if we could somehow convert our hours into "money" — that is, something concrete we could literally see and feel with our hands — most of us would, be extraordinarily careful about how we spent whatever we had.

In fact, we might even budget our "money" ever so carefully so we could treasure every minute of every hour.



PSYCHOLOGY

Joann Larsen

But such spending would take concentrated effort. It may be, as Storm Jameson has said, that "the only way to live is to accept each minute as an unrepeatable miracle, which is exactly what it is — a miracle and unrepeatable."

So how do we begin to value and treasure our hours and minutes — and how do we allocate those hours and minutes to choices that — as we look back — have given our lives profound meaning?

Perhaps one way is to savor the happiness we feel each day.

Many times, we are beset with problems that "take us over" — that keep us from finding the little happinesses in our days — one week or year.

And yet, to neglect those little islands of cheer is to never find happiness, for happiness occurs moment by moment in one's life.

"No matter what looms ahead, if you can eat today, enjoy the sunlight today, mix good cheer with friends today, enjoy it and bless God for it," Henry Ward Beecher reflected.

Do not look back on happiness — or dread of it in the future. You are only sure of today; do not let yourself be cheated out of it."

J. Harvey Howells speaks of a lifelong commitment to savoring daily happiness and begins by telling of a nightly ritual established with his son, but one he had momentarily forgotten.

"As he bent to kiss his son good-night, the boy reminded me of his commission: 'You forgot to kiss me what was the happiest thing that happened today,' the lad said."

"I'm sorry," Howells replied. "So I did." "It was 'Catching that sand eel,' the boy said. "My first day."

Howells's son then snuggled into his pillow, murmuring, "Night, Dad," as he drifted off to sleep.

"When and how it started I do not know, but this prayer-like ritual has been my own private blessing since beyond memory," Howells said. "There is a moment of complete loneliness that comes to everyone every day. When the last good night has been murmured and the head is on the pillow, the soul is utterly alone with its thoughts. It is then that I ask myself, 'What was the happiest thing that happened today?' The waking hours may have been filled with stress and even distress. But no matter what kind of day it has been, there is always a 'happiest' thing."

"It's rarely a big thing," he continued. "Mostly it's a fleeting loveliness. 'Waking to the birds of Canada geese on a crisp fall morning,' an unexpected letter from a friend — a cool swim on a broiling day — camellias in the snow in an amazed New Orleans."

"There's always something, and as a teacher I have never had a sleeping pill," Howells said. "I doubt if my son will ever need one either — if he, too, remembers that happiness is not a goal dependent on some future event. It is with us every day if we only make the effort to recognize it."

Developing "new eyes" to savor all around us would add to our happiness and the meaning of each hour and minute.

Helen Keller spoke of this possibility. "I have often thought it would be a blessing if each human being were stricken blind and deaf for a few days at some time during his early adult life," she said.

"Blindness would make him more appreciative of sight, silence would teach him the joys of sound."

Imagine what she would most like to see if granted sight for three days. Keller writes that, on the first day, she would like to see the peace and kindness that her relationship has made my life worth living.

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A strawberry picker carries a load of the crop in Watsonville, Calif. State officials last week repeated assurances that the crop are safe following an hepatitis-A outbreak in Michigan caused by tainted strawberries from Mexico.

More produce contaminated; what's safe anymore?

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Does the very thought of E.coli in your Caesar salad chill you like a serving of hepatitis-infested frozen strawberries?

Then Greg Bohach has some bad news for you. "In some situations, the only protection you have is the reputation of the restaurant where you're eating or, in the case of frozen fruits, the supplier where you buy them," said the University of Idaho bacteriologist. "There's always a potential risk of foodborne infection."

That risk came home to Idahoans on Friday when the state Department of Health and Welfare announced that the same batch of frozen strawberries that sparked a nationwide hepatitis-A scare last week was in Idaho, too.

"It is unlikely the suspect frozen strawberries made it to local grocery stores because usually, these large containers are delivered to a specific clientele, like institutions," Don Brothers, food program supervisor for Health and Welfare, told the Associated Press.

According to federal Food and Drug Administration reports, the strawberries entered Idaho in large containers and were distributed primarily to institutions and food service establishments such as hospitals, nursing homes, jails, restaurants and schools.

Those are precisely the places where consumers are at the greatest risk, according to Dr. Christine Hahn, Idaho's state epidemiologist.

"We eat out more and more, and that means we have little control over where the food we're eating comes from or how it's handled," she said.

But increasingly, even clean restaurant kitchens and conscientious school lunch workers aren't a guarantee of safety.

The frozen strawberries, which sickened 175 people in Michigan with hepatitis-A, came from Mexico and were falsely labeled as U.S. fruit to get them accepted by the government's school lunch program.

The Mexican growers and the California company that processed the berries are pointing fingers at each other over who's responsible for the contamination.

It's just the latest in an escalating string of reports of bacteria- or virus-contaminated produce and frozen foods, ranging from a Boise Chili's restaurant two years ago to contaminated natural apple juice produced by a California company last year.

"Fresh vegetables and fruit always have posed a threat of foodborne illness, and I don't believe it's any worse now than it's been in the past," said Michael Davidson, food microbiologist and professor of food science and toxicology at the U of I. "But there are a lot

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Wash those veggies

If you're looking for better protection against microbes than washing fresh vegetables in running water, there are a few other options:

1. **Blanching** — Boiling vegetables in water for a few minutes can kill some bacteria.

2. **Acid wash** — A vinegar-based disinfectant wash used by restaurants for produce ranging from lettuce to eggs. Mix one-fourth ounce with 2 1/2 gallons of water. Available at restaurant supply businesses.

3. **Chlorine bleach** — A solution of one part of bleach to four parts of water. Mix one-half ounce with three gallons of water.

But regardless of how the vegetables are treated, thoroughly wash them before eating — and preferably twice.

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Tainted strawberries

About 151 students and teachers in Michigan were sickened after eating frozen strawberries and may have been exposed to the hepatitis A virus. In Los Angeles, up to 9,000 youngsters and adults may have been exposed. The U.S. Department of Agriculture provided the fruit to 15 states and the District of Columbia.



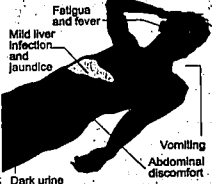
The strawberries were grown in Mexico, then frozen and processed by Andrew and Williamson Sales of San Diego last spring.

Symptoms of hepatitis A

The virus can be transmitted orally or through human waste, often by food handlers with poor personal hygiene. Though undercooked shellfish from infected waters or through tainted water or ice. Symptoms appear about 28 days after exposure and may include:

Medical precaution

California health officials planned to offer protective gamma globulin shots later this week. Gamma globulin is very effective if given before exposure and within two weeks after.



AP/Wm. J. Costello

LOOKING GOOD Barber: Men clueless about shaving

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Gentlemen, lay down your Bli.

The Barber to the Stars says that most of you aren't shaving properly.

"Men have no clue," says Ian Matthews, the personal chiseler to the British royal family, noted blue bloods and a few hot-blooded American celebrities. "Honestly, they haven't a clue."

Women might want to get a clue, too. Your typical boyfriend will probably confide that there's something intensely sensual about exposing one's neck to a lover.

In his decades hovering over the barbers' chair, Matthews has smoothed many such necks. His tender touch has even mastered the famous mugs of Mel Gibson, John Travolta and Jeff Goldblum.

But Matthews doesn't just whisk a razor perfunctorily across these famous faces — he gets his trained hands on them at all.

"The only way you can judge it is how it feels," he says. "It's just feeling it and knowing it. I'm using my fingers and I'm



Ian Matthews, personal barber to the British royal family and other noted celebrities, runs two grooming shops in Britain and the 122-year-old London barber shop George F.

He cradles a man's head through some paste-like foam using a Gillette Sensor disposable cartridge loaded onto a weighted frame. Matthews then lightly shaves upward from throat to chin.

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HEALTH NOTES

A real brainstorm

You've heard of a heart pacemaker, but a brain pacemaker? Yes — a powerful device implanted deep in the brain can help people with Parkinson's disease and other tremor sufferers who get no relief from drugs. An advisory panel has recommended that the Food and Drug Administration approve it for such use.

Contact-lens pitfalls

If your contact lenses are starting to feel like a bumpy road, you may not need new lenses. What you may need, Men's Health magazine says, is a new diet. Researchers at the Contact Lens Research Foundation have found that people with a high-fat diet or one that includes too much alcohol may weaken their eyes' ability to block lipids (fat deposits) from sticking to the lenses.

A natural-born man

You can't manipulate someone's gender identity. That's the conclusion of a new study of a man whose genitals were accidentally burned off during an operation when he was a baby and who was subsequently raised as a girl, taking hormones and wearing dresses. But as an adolescent he rebelled, and now, he's a

married man in his 30s, reports the study in the Archives of Pediatric and Adolescent Medicine.

Salty snacks

Lunchables, a package of meat, cheese and crackers that some kids take to school, contains enough salt to raise blood pressure in certain laboratory rats and may pose a health risk to some humans with a family history of high blood pressure. So says a report by a Medical College of Wisconsin researcher released at an American College of Cardiology conference. But Kraft, the product's manufacturer, called it "junk science at its worst."

Insulin pill under study

Children and adults someday may be able to swallow a pill or squirt an insulin spray into their noses to reduce their chance of developing or slowing the most disabling type of diabetes, leading researchers say. The insulin pill and spray are under study in the United States and Australia. They were among the advances generating excitement at an international conference in Greece on Type 1, or insulin-dependent, diabetes.

Compiled from wire reports

HEALTH & FASHION

Larsen

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living. I do not know what it is to see into the heart of a friend through that window of the soul, the eye."

On the second day, after rising with the dawn to "see the thrilling miracle by which night is transformed into day," she would devote the day to a hazy glimpse of the world, past and present. She would "see the pageant of man's progress" through museums of all kinds, seeking to probe into the soul of man through his artifice, history, and creations.

On the third day, after again greeting the dawn with awe and reverence, Keller would place herself "in the workaday world, amid the haunts of men going about the business of life."
She would stand on a busy street corner, merely looking at people, trying by sight to gain understanding of their dayness — experiencing through that same sight the smiles, the determination, and the suffering of

man. She would also visit the slums, the factories, the parks where children play, where their eyes open wide to the sights of happiness and misery — this so "that I may probe deep and add to my understanding of how people work and live."
Keller offered advice to all with their full five senses.

"Use your eyes as if tomorrow you would be stricken blind. Hear the music of voices — the song of a bird, the mighty strains of an orchestra, as if you would be stricken deaf tomorrow. Touch each object as if tomorrow your tactile sense would fail. Smell the perfume of flowers, taste with relish each morsel, as if tomorrow you could never smell and taste again."
In every respect, she finishes, "make the most of every sense and glory in all the facets of pleasure and beauty which the world reveals to you."

Joann Larsen, who grew up in Kimberly, is a Salt Lake City family counselor.

About hepatitis A

Caused by a virus, hepatitis A is a common liver infection. It is usually spread through contaminated food or water. Symptoms include fatigue, loss of appetite, and jaundice. Most people recover within a few weeks.

About E.coli

Escherichia coli (E.coli) is a common bacterium found in the intestines of cattle. Some strains can cause a serious illness.

Food safety tips

- Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water before and after handling food.
- Use separate cutting boards for raw meat and vegetables.
- Cook meat thoroughly to the proper temperature.
- Refrigerate perishable foods promptly.

Careful

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more fruits and vegetables available to consumers today that weren't grown in the United States.

"That's problematic, Hahn said, because domestic processors and wholesalers have no control over how that produce is handled before they get it."

"There's some question whether using manure (on fields) during irrigation might be the source of some foodborne illnesses," Davidson said.

"The Mexican growers may say they irrigate their fields with 200-foot-deep wells, but we have no way of knowing that for sure," Hahn said.

Many kinds of potentially harmful bacteria, such as E.coli, have been suppressed for years, but are making a comeback as more strains become resistant to antibiotics.

"There's some evidence that may play a role in foodborne illnesses," Davidson said.

The experts agree that fresh produce purchased in a grocery

story poses the least risk.
"The piece of fruit you buy today may have been hanging on a tree in South America a week ago," Hahn said. "But at least you have an opportunity to wash it."

"At our end, we have several programs in place to protect produce from contamination," said Jenny Enochson, spokeswoman for Albertsons, which operates 31 stores in Idaho. "And we only buy produce from growers who have a longstanding reputation for a reliable product."
But Albertson's recommends that consumers wash, core or peel produce before they eat it, she said.

"It's a sensible precaution," Hahn said.
"Cooking is going to kill harmful microbes in frozen vegetables, but most bacteria aren't destroyed by freezing," Bohach said. "It's the risk is very slight, but with some foods, you have to take your chances."

Barber

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Against the grain! Imagine that.

"Yes, but how does it feel?" he demands impatiently. "I wouldn't go against the grain unless I know what I was doing."

You have to hand it to him, it does feel soft and smooth as a chamomile. The man with the oh-so-smooth British accent clearly knows what he is doing.

And that visage, Matthews despairs, is often a mess.
"He's got Kleeenox on his face, he's got scratch marks and blood," he says. "Most men look like they've been attacked by a dog."

Another prickly subject: ingrown hair.
"What you have to do is tease the hair from under the skin — but not pull it out. If you use tweezers, you're just not giving the hair a chance to get out."

the bathroom mirror a little longer.

"It's two minutes that are so important in your life. I'd rather people cut back on something else. You know, maybe just have one cup of coffee," he says. "At the end of the day, the coffee's not going to help them, but the face is on show."

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As general manager of the venerable 122-year-old London barber shop Geo. F. Trumper, Matthews has also emerged as an advocate for the lost art of men's grooming.

Royal double threats like Princes Charles and Andrew employ his services several times a week, and the sought-after Matthews is a frequent visitor to British Prime Minister John Major.

"I go to Downing Street five times a week," he says matter-of-factly.

"On this side of the pond for a decent bit, Matthews was supplying up some Yankee faces at Manhattan's elegant alter to all things manly, a shop called, appropriately, the Art of Shaving."

So, Jan, what's the skinny on Mel Gibson's ingrown hair situation?

Matthews deftly sidesteps any attempt to get intimate details from the celebrity faces he's shorn.

"Well, one of things you can appreciate is discretion," he demurs. "It's always what keeps me as being a No. 1 kind of barber."

Oh, well. Hair today, gone tomorrow.

The average man, according to Geo. F. Trumper, spends a total of 3,350 hours of his life shaving and removes 27 feet of whiskers in a lifetime. Matthews would like to change that.

To look like a freshly pampered celebrity, the stars' shaver counsels hanging out in front of

Dental X-rays may show chance of stroke

The Washington Post

Routine dental X-rays can sometimes turn up a key sign of vulnerability to stroke, a University of Buffalo study shows.

The X-rays also detect potentially dangerous calcium deposits in the carotid arteries in the neck, which supply blood to the brain. Calcification of the carotid arteries is a sign of advanced atherosclerosis, a major cause of stroke.

Researchers said dentists should look for evidence of calcium deposits in the carotid arteries shown on X-rays and should refer patients with such evidence to a physician. Most of the 550,000 people who suffer a stroke each year in the United States do not have obvious symptoms beforehand.

Use of dental X-rays could become an important way of detecting patients who are unknowingly at risk of having a

stroke, said Laurie Carter, associate professor of oral diagnostic sciences at the University of Buffalo School of Dental Medicine, who led the research.

The finding was fortuitous, Carter said.
In screening the X-rays of 2,752 new patients at University of Buffalo dental clinics over a two-year period, researchers found evidence of calcification in the carotid arteries of 143 patients, or 5 percent. All were told of the results and referred to a doctor.

The findings were presented March 21 at the annual meeting of the International Association of Dental Research.

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- Cancer Support Group * Thursday, April 10, 7-9 p.m., Cancer Center Reception Area. For more information call 737-2161.
- Infant CPR Class * Thursday, April 10, 7-9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.
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Here's some top-of-the-line tax advice from an expert

It's time for my annual tax advice column, which always draws an enthusiastic response from my readers.

"Dear Dave," says a typical letter. "Last year, following your advice, I was able to receive a large tax refund simply by claiming \$10,000 in business deduction for my 'paste.' I am currently chained to a wall in federal prison, but they tell me that, with good behavior, in 25 years they'll release the small screws. Thanks a lot!"

Yes, helping people is what this column is all about. That's why today I'm going to start by answering a question that taxpayers are constantly asking, namely: "When writing a letter to the IRS, should I use hyphens?"

Not if you can help it. I base this advice on a Washington Post news item, sent in by alert reader Tom Fack, concerning an internal memo distributed by the IRS counsel's finance and management division. This memo, according to The Post, stated that the deputy chief counsel, Max the Gross, does not want to receive any memorandums, letters, etc. with hyphenated words." This was followed by a



HUMOR
Dew Barry

second memo, which stated that Gross "does not want hyphenated words in letters, memos, unless it is at the end of the sentence."

The Post item does not say why the deputy chief counsel is so strongly about hyphens. But it's quite common for people to develop hostility toward certain punctuation marks.

I myself fly into a homicidal rage when I see business names featuring apostrophes on either side of the letter "n," such as "The Chew 'n' Swallow Cafe." Many historians believe the 1970 U.S. invasion of Cambodia was a direct result of the fact that Richard Nixon received a memo containing a semicolon. The important thing for you, the taxpayer, to remember is that if you write a letter to the IRS finance and management division, and you must use a hyphen, you

should place it at the end of the sentence, as shown in these two example sentences provided by the American Association of Tax Accountants Wearing Suits:

WRONG: "You fat-heads will never catch me!"
RIGHT: "You'll never catch me, fat-heads!"

Speaking of finance and management, I have here an Associated Press story, sent in by many alert readers, concerning a congressional audit of the IRS. The key finding, according to the story, was that the IRS "cannot properly keep track of the \$1.4 trillion it collects each year." Isn't that ironic, taxpayers? The IRS — the very same agency that expects you to maintain detailed records of everything but your roanell clippings — can't keep track of \$1.4 trillion! Although I'm sure there's a good reason for this. They probably have their eyes glued all the time, what with this hyphen crisis.

But enough about punctuation. Let's answer some other common taxpayer questions, using the popular Q-and-A format.

Q. Are you saying that, as a tax-

payer, I don't have to maintain detailed records of my toenail clippings?

A. Not if they account for 4.7 percent or less of your Adjusted Gross Monthly Debts, which you are of course required to report quarterly on Form 2038-YUK. (Not available) unless you are a single taxpayer filing jointly or vice versa, whichever comes first.

Q. Are we ever going to have a federal tax system that regular people can understand?

A. Our top political leaders have all voiced strong support for this idea.

Q. So you're saying it will never happen?

A. Right.

Q. At 9 a.m. today, I made large cash contributions to both major political parties. As of 1:30 this afternoon, the federal government had still not enacted special tax-break legislation just for me. What kind of country is this?

A. Unfortunately, because of the high demand, the federal government can no longer provide "same-day services," but if you do not see action by noon tomorrow, you should contact your personal con-

gressperson; or, if you are staying in the Lincoln Bedroom, simply stomp on the floor.

Q. I have been trying without success since 1962 to get through on the IRS Taxpayer Assistance Hot Line. I understand that the IRS now also has a help site on the Internet.

A. That is correct. Now, in addition to failing to receive help by phone, taxpayers can fail to receive additional help by trying unsuccessfully to connect with the IRS World Wide Web site at <http://www.bunchoffletters.gov>.

Q. If I could get through to that web site, what would I see?

A. Photographs of Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, naked.

Q. When you write columns like this, don't you worry that the IRS is going to get ticked off and audit you with an electron microscope?

A. No, because the guys and gals at the IRS are a fun bunch, and they know I'm just kidding around. "Ha-ha," is their reaction, unless they work in the finance and management division, where their reaction, if they know what's good for them, is "Ha ha."

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Keep hot, irritating materials off face pimples

DEAR PAULA: Help! I'm desperate! I am a 27-year-old female with acne. I have tried everything I can think of to bring it to a head. I have tried this. Sometimes they come to a head within one to two weeks, and sometimes they don't. They turn purple in color, and bleed. I have been told the reason for the discoloration is the blood inside. Then they leave an ugly scar, whether they come to a head or not. I have never had problems with acne or pimples, even when I was a teenager, so I don't understand where this has come from, and makeup does not hide the scars at all. I have tried almost everything. I am currently using Neutrogena On-the-Spot Acne Medicine and the hot cloth treatments. Once a week I apply a mask, I use Retinol, Alpha Hydroxy A3. What do you suggest I use or do?



COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

to cystic acne. Nothing could be further from the truth or potentially more damaging to the skin. Blemishes can happen to anyone at almost any age. The notion that they are only associated with teen-agers is another myth. Likewise, soda pop, cigarettes, vitamins, and eating healthy or unhealthy foods have nothing to do with acne—unless you have a skin sensitivity to a particular food. Nuts, shellfish, and dairy products are more suspect than cigarettes or general nutrition, but it takes experimentation to find out if there's a difference when you eliminate those items.

There can be many reasons why you are getting cystic acne. You may have developed an allergic reaction to fluoride in

your toothpaste, which might explain the breakouts on your chin. You may have a new man with a beard in your life, and that irritation could be causing the blemishes.

The L'Oreal mask is not worth your time and money. It is neither disinfecting nor anti-inflammatory, and it doesn't absorb oil. (Notice I didn't say "dries up oil," because drying up anything on the skin is terrible for all skin types.) Disinfecting, reducing inflammation, and absorbing oil are essential components for treating any type of acne.

Please consider the following line of attack: Do not use anything irritating on your skin. Wash your face with Pond's Foaming Cleanser and Toner. Use one or Moisturizer Sensitive Skin Cleanser twice a day.

Purchase a small bottle of Cetaphil Lotion, mix it with a little baking soda, and gently massage blemishes, then rinse well. Follow this with 3 percent hydrogen peroxide patted over blemishes with a cotton ball. You can do these steps twice a day.

Neutrogena-On-the-Spot Acne Gel is clearly not helping, so stop using it immediately.

Two or three times a week, use a facial mask of plain milk of magnesia. Milk of magnesia is just pure magnesium, and it absorbs oil beautifully, disinfects, and reduces irritation and redness. If you don't see a difference in your skin after two or three months, it is essential that you see a dermatologist. Cystic acne is a serious skin disorder, and often the cosmetics industry's products and my recommendations are not enough to handle the problem.

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

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Does jewelry, swimwear mix?

Knight-Ridder News Service

Q. I've been told it's tacky to wear jewelry with a bathing suit. What do you think?

A. It depends on the jewelry — and where and why you're wearing the bathing suit.

If you're planning on doing some serious swimming — doing laps in the pool or body surfing in the ocean — forget tacky. It's just plain silly to wear jewelry. Anything bigger or less secure than a simple ring or stud earrings could slow you down, get lost, jam up the pool filtration system or get stepped on by another swimmer and cause injuries.

But if you intend just to lie out by the pool or wander along the beach, jewelry can be fun with a swimsuit. Mind you, we're not talking rhinestone tiaras.

Swimwear is casual and sporty — and calls for casual, sporty costume jewelry. Something along the lines of big bangles in wood, faux tortoise or clear lucite, big hoop earrings with a metallic or copper finish, a heavy sport watch or a pretty ankle bracelet. And don't forget the two accessories that look stylish while offering protection from the sun: sunglasses and a sandy hat.

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2. Is there someone in the business after you're gone who can keep the wheels turning and customers coming?
3. Do you need life insurance to fund cash flow needs or an owner buyout?
4. Can family members be kept from killing the goose that's been laying the golden eggs?

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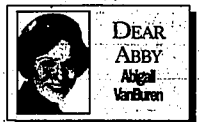
HEALTH & FASHION

Suitor has problem with dead husband's ashes on mantle

DEAR ABBY: I am a 70-year-old man whose wife died two years ago. For the past year, I have been dating a spry widow whose husband died about the same time as my wife. We have a lovely relationship and have talked about getting married.

The problem is her dead husband's ashes. She keeps them in a fancy casket on the mantle of her fireplace. I just recently found out what is in the box, and I think this is morbid. Sometimes she stands in front of the box and reads letters about her dead husband. Her family tells me that she has requested that her husband's ashes be placed in her coffin when she dies. I find this so disturbing.

I had a serious talk with her, so she knows I object to having the remains of her husband on the



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadaver

mantle. I would like a permanent relationship, and she told me she loves me and is interested in getting married. However, she is not willing to remove the ashes from the mantle.

Abby, do other people keep ashes of the dead in their homes? How can I get her to remove them?

—ASHES IN AUDUBON, N.J.

DEAR ASHES IN AUDUBON: It is unusual but not unheard of

to keep the ashes of a loved one in one's home. It may be that your ladyfriend needs more time to completely resolve her loss. Your understanding would only enhance your relationship with her. However, I suggest that you ask her to please keep the ashes in a more private place—a spare room or in her personal closet. Her degree of willingness to compromise should tell you volumes about the future of a relationship with her.

I would like to hear from others who have kept the ashes of their beloved mate.

DEAR ABBY: I just had to write after I read the letter from "Confused in San Diego," whose tightwad boyfriend presented her with a bill for money he had "loaned" her over their year-long

relationship.

A number of years ago, my boyfriend "Martin" and I were bicycling on a back-country road on an island in Canada. We were miles from anywhere when I got a flat tire. It was just getting dark and threatening to rain, and I was not looking forward to waiting alone while Martin rode to the campground to get our car so he could drive back and get me.

Suddenly, as if out-of-nowhere, a man on a bicycle rounded the corner. He stopped and offered us a brand-new inner tube he had recently purchased. I asked him how much we owed him. He said he had paid \$3.65 at the local store. I pulled out an American \$5 bill to give him when Martin stopped me. "Wait a minute," he said, "with the exchange rate for American money, that makes it

only \$2.73." He then insisted the man give us the appropriate amount of change—20¢ for the penny. I was mortified! The lady man was good-astounded about the whole incident, gave Martin a change, and rode off.

Fortunately, after many more embarrassing incidents, I finally dumped Martin and his penny-pinching ways. Abby, your com-

ment, "This one is not above using the yinno strategy to try to control you," was right on the money.

—PENN-CWISED UP

DEAR PENNY WISED UP: I wasn't sure whether to file your letter under "The Kindness (and Tolerance) of Strangers" or "Miserly Morals," so I printed it instead!

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First Aid course starts

TWIN FALLS—The American Red Cross is offering a first aid and one-half hour Standard First Aid (six and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation) course from 6 to 9:30 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9, at 1133 Falls Ave. The course is \$35 and pre-registration is required.

Also, being offered are two nine-hour Community First Aid and Safety (First Aid and Infant, Child and Adult CPR) courses scheduled for 6 to 10:30 a.m. on April 15 and 6 to 10:30 p.m. April 22. The fee for each course is \$40 and pre-registration is required.

The American Red Cross has scheduled twice-weekly CPR and First Aid recertification courses on Mondays and 1 p.m. on Fridays. If your certification is about to expire, call the Red Cross office to register for the class that is suitable for your schedule.

Call 733-5464 of stop by the office at 718 Shoshone St. E. Pre-registration and pre-payment is required for all classes.

Series focuses on widowhood

TWIN FALLS—Widowed Information and Consultation Services is planning to hold a series of meetings on "Coping with Widowhood."

The eight-week series will meet at the College of Southern Idaho Office on Aging. It will be designed to help widowed persons receive information and support in dealing with problems of being widowed.

Dates and times have not yet been set.

Plants prove effective cleaners

Chicago Tribune

Some insider information: The Environmental Protection Agency ranks indoor air pollution as one of the top five threats to public health in the World Health Organization estimates that 30 percent of new buildings have indoor air-quality problems, usually due to sealing off outside air and using mechanical ventilation systems. But B.C. Wolverton, a retired NASA research scientist, continues to grow his own idea: House plants can clean the inside air.

Wolverton and his colleagues came up with the concept in the 1980s, when they worked for the country's space program. "We were developing ideas for a permanent lunar base that would have to be a closed ecological system," he said. "We discovered there was no way to mechanically clean the inside air.

Learn how to deal with anger

TWIN FALLS—A four-week seminar on dealing with anger problems will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. today in Suite 3 of the Falls Professional Center (across Falls Avenue from Hastings), 1133 Falls Ave. E.

Instructor will be Howard Carroll, M.Ed., Licensed Professional Counselor. The fee is \$60. Classes are limited to the first 15 people who register and pay their tuition. Call Carroll at 734-1330 or 1-800-388-3761.

Parenting class set Thursdays

JEROME—St. Benedict's Family Medical Center will host a postpartum/parenting class at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Benedict's Conference Room.

Informational highlights of the class include:

- Breastfeeding help and support.
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To register or for more information, call the medical center at 324-4301.

Parkinson group gathers

TWIN FALLS—The Twin Falls Parkinson Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. April 15 at the KMVT Community Room. Please wear

Magic Breathers meet

TWIN FALLS—The Magic Breathers' Club will meet from 2 to 3:15 p.m. April 15 at 998 Washington St. N. (on the College of Southern Idaho Campus behind the Office on Aging in the Senior Annex building).

The speaker will be Lynne Calhoun, L.R.D., dietitian for the Public Health Department and Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. The topic will be Breather Easier—Nutrition Tips.

The meeting area is wheelchair accessible and accommodates oxygen units. First member to arrive should ask someone in the office to open the annex room.

The MBC is a support group for people with respiratory disease. Family and friends are welcome. The club is sponsored by the American Lung Association of Idaho and receives additional support from local hospitals and oxygen-medical supply businesses.

For more information, call Fanny at 423-4958, Mardo at 734-6507, Kurt at 734-9330, or Flo at 733-8532.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion section. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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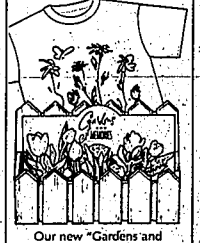
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Q. What is the best way to pack clothes when I travel? I can't figure out how to fold my jackets so they lie flat. I have tried folding them the same way I do my shirts. Also, I always end up with horizontal crease across the high area of my trousers from sliding them in half.

Study: Circumcision no major health aid

WASHINGTON — Parents debating whether to have their newborn sons circumcised must balance conflicting medical advice, religious considerations and the desire to conform. A major medical study being released Wednesday adds another factor: circumcised men were found to have lower rates of sexual dysfunction than those who are uncircumcised — and to engage in a wider range of sexual behaviors, including oral sex and masturbation.

circumcision, the existing of the foreskin on the penis, offered no significant health benefits. Also, the study found, the procedure did not protect men from sexually transmitted diseases, one of the major reasons why many men's circumcision was widely promoted in the 19th century.

Hospital in Denver, who has studied the medical and social aspects of circumcision and faced the dilemma himself with his three sons, said parents' primary worry wasn't medical. They didn't want their sons to be teased in locker rooms.

social factors that predispose some families to circumcise may also promote their sons' seeking of sexual variety. Another theory, Laumann said, was that circumcision reduced the penis' sensitivity. "People who are circumcised may engage in a larger variety of self-manipulation as foreplay, because they need to do it."

'To be made fun of,' parents 'don't want their child up for that one.'

—Mark Brown, Denver pediatrician

Patients try hypnosis in place of anesthesia in operating room

MIAMI — Surgeons and nurses, scalpels at the ready, hunched over the woman awash in the harsh light of Operating Room 8S. Welding a trauma drill, they bang on her hand, making at tendons and bones and flesh. It is a delicate, intricate operation. Amid the whine of the drill and the bleats of the medical machinery, the woman's eyes flutter open. A few words rustle from her lips. And no one inside the operating room at Miami's Jackson Memorial Hospital is surprised.

leaped from a van. "I jumped out, and I heard my wedding ring go ding, ding, ding on the floor," Pizel said. "I thought to myself, 'I'd better get this ring, or I'm going to be in trouble.' So I put the ring back on my hand, and when I did, I said, 'That didn't feel right.' That's when I noticed my finger was sitting on the ground."

py in the operating room. Twice a week, Pizel was undergoing a painful procedure that involved scrubbing away dead flesh and cleaning and dressing the reattached finger. Because other methods of blocking pain didn't work for him, doctors were having to place him under general anesthesia.

Advertisement for movie theaters: MALL CINEMA, JEROME CINEMA, TWIN CINEMA 12, listing showtimes and phone numbers.

Doctors like E. Anne Ouellette — a renowned hand surgeon, with very proper medical background — now count themselves among the converts to using hypnosis for anesthesia. They believe because they have seen. Selling the idea to other doctors can be daunting. So Ouellette uses numbers to prove her point: Studies at Jackson, the major South Florida hospital using hypnotherapy in surgery, show that patients who choose it over a drug-induced deep sleep have half as many post-operation complications.

Instead, she told him to fight, told him that he was the only one who could save his finger. "Then she told me that she wanted to hypnotize me," says Pizel, who had dropped out of chiropractic school because of what he calls voodoo medicine. "I have to tell you when she said, 'I'm going to hypnotize you,' I looked at her to see she had five heads—at least."

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COMICS

Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

Panel 1: YES, MA'AM, I THINK OUR ROOF IS LEAKING AGAIN...

Panel 2: IS IT KEEPING ME AWAKE?

Panel 3: SARCASTIC DOES NOT BECOME YOU, MA'AM.

Dilbert By Scott Adams

Panel 1: ALICE, YOUR PERFORMANCE IS GOOD, BUT YOU MUST LEARN TO DEAL WITH AMBIGUITY.

Panel 2: DID I JUST GET BLAMED FOR YOUR INDECISIVE LEADERSHIP?

Panel 3: I'M NOT INDECISIVE, I'M FLEXIBLE. THAT WOULD EXPLAIN HOW YOUR HEAD GOT WHERE IT IS.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

Panel 1: A LARGE PIZZA WITH DOUBLE PRUNES, PLEASE.

Panel 2: TO GO?

Panel 3: WHY ELSE?

Garfield By Jim Davis

Panel 1: I'VE DECIDED TO TAKE UP GOOGING.

Panel 2: WHICH WILL GO WELL WITH MY OTHER HOBBY...

Panel 3: ...LYING.

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

Panel 1: GOSH! DID YOU SET ANOTHER ONE OF THOSE ENDSIBESTAKES THINGS?

Panel 2: NO, THIS IS FROM THE NEW CHURCH OVER IN SEASVILLE.

Panel 3: YOU MAY ALREADY BE A SINNER!

The Wizard of Id By Brian Parker & Johnny Hart

Panel 1: WHAT DID THE DOCTOR SAY?

Panel 2: HE SAID I WAS HEALTHY AS A HORSE.

Panel 3: HOW OLD A HORSE?

Harold the Horrible By Chris Browne

Panel 1: HEN'T IT WONDERFUL? THE SPRING LEAVES!

Panel 2: THE SPRING FLOWERS!

Panel 3: AND THE SPRING THAW!

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

Panel 1: I HOPE YOU UNDERSTAND THAT MY ACTIONS ARE FOR THE GOOD OF THE ARMY AND OUR GLORIOUS COUNTRY.

Panel 2: AND THAT YOU WILL BENEFIT FROM THIS INSPIRED LEARNING EXPERIENCE.

Panel 3: OF COURSE YOU WILL HAVE TO READ A LITTLE INTO IT!

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

Panel 1: I DON'T HAVE TO WATCH FOR THE LIGHT TO TURN GREEN. THE CAR BEHIND US WILL LET ME KNOW.

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

Panel 1: I'M NOT SURE I CATCH YOUR DRIFT...

Panel 2: ARE YOU IMPLYING I SERVE NO PURPOSE AROUND HERE?

Panel 3: IF THIS OFFICE WERE A DONUT, YOU WOULD BE THE HOLE!

For Better or For Worse By Lori Johnston

Panel 1: EVERY TIME I GO TO THE GYM I GET SO MUCH TALK I END UP GOING ON LINES!

Panel 2: MY NO SIBER LEADS TO TIGHTwad LIKE BEING A GIRL USING A GYM BAG TO HIT MY DUMB BELL IS GOING TO BE A DAD!

Panel 3: IT IS SO UNPICKY TO BE A GIRL USING A GYM BAG TO HIT MY DUMB BELL IS GOING TO BE A DAD!

Panel 4: BUT YOU KNOW YOURSELF, YOU CAN'T GET ANYTHING DONE!

Blondie By Dean Young & Stan Drake

Panel 1: MR. DITHERS? GORRY, HE'S STILL AT LUNCH. WHAT?

Panel 2: TELL HIM I'VE GOT A LITTLE TIGHTWAD WITH CHEESE DOG LEGS FOR SOAKS? CAN'T DO THAT. I WORK FOR HIM. WHY DON'T I CALL HIM BACK AT 2:30?

Panel 3: AND LET'S SYNCHRONIZE OUR WATCHES. I WANT TO BE HERE WHEN YOU CALL.

Pickles By Brian Crane

Panel 1: DID YOU MULL THE GARDEN PLOT YOU TALKED ABOUT YOU WOULD?

Panel 2: NOT YET...

Panel 3: BUT I PROMISE... IT'S ON MY LIST OF THINGS TO DO.

Panel 4: SO IS READING THE COMPLETE WORKS OF... BUT THERE'S NOT MUCH CHANCE OF THAT BEING ANYTHING EITHER.

Dennis the Menace By Hank Ketcham

Panel 1: Mr. Wilson says all his channels are pay-TV, and I gotta have a quarter.

Panel 2: I feel obsolete. When Billy has a question, he checks it up in the computer encyclopedia.

Tickle tomatoes to keep 'em short?

WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

It has been said that most of the two-pack-a-day cigarette smokers reach for a cigarette every time they answer the telephone.

Pearls decay.

Q. It is true the Pentagon in Arlington, Va., has twice as many bathrooms as it needs, why?

A. It was built in the 1940s when the State of Virginia still had segregation laws stipulating separate toilet facilities for blacks and whites.

Big hens don't necessarily lay big eggs. Not from Aesop, this. Merely a chicken coop fact.

Q. What does a bricklayer mean by a "headline"?

A. A brick laid upright.

Our Love and War man says you also can end your letters with this gentle Brandy Brandon line: "I ways feel better when I have your picture in my frame of mind."

Q. What's an "arborescent"?

A. An virus spread by mosquito.

ACROSS

- Burn slightly
- Tender
- Music sound
- Acting part
- Cheek coloring
- Beard
- The Fed
- Rippled tire
- Wine
- Decays
- Doornay
- Flies in secret
- Film
- Explosive
- Hair cream
- Wine
- Distinct entity
- Dashing youth
- Median checker
- Instate
- Stop
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- statesman
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Saturday's Puzzle solved:

DOWN

1. One-and-a-half
2. And/or
3. Landed
4. Factor over
5. Chilly
6. Citrus fruit
7. Swallow organ
8. Blend together
9. Self
10. Deserter
11. Circle
12. Poker state
13. Unkly state
14. Total up
15. Lingerie trim
16. Clear
17. Gothic native
18. Spool
19. Pungent bulb
20. Factories
21. Circle and inlay
22. Train type
23. Make happy
24. Singing voice
25. Head cover
26. Sward container
27. Pack
28. Parity
29. Phases
30. Digest of
31. Feast
32. Formal dance
33. Cattle and fever
34. Digest of
35. Sign
36. Leafy vegetable
37. Exinct bird

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

IF APRIL 7 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are introverted, subject to moods, for some reason are usually late on secrets. You can be discreet when necessary, even if you feel "I want to talk the world." Pisces, Virgo persons play unusual roles in your life. Current cycles are not good. Lack courage of convictions, ability to accept and work with different set of circumstances. Look for a dose of financial success. Cancer individual plays key role.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): New opportunities coincide with lunar phase - cycle high, take initiative, take chance on areas of life previously dark. Financial success. Cancer individual plays key role.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Diversify, experiment, let chips fall where they may. New Moon sheds light on areas of life previously dark. Lucky streak starts - treat as precious commodity. Sagittarius involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): People will say, "You don't sound like yourself." Infer that by your tone you mean business and are planning about it. Focus on income, locating lost articles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Designate where action will be - don't be touted off without by one who lacks the ability. Make sure you are in control. "This is my way and how I will play it!"

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Love light, shine bright! Take forward steps, behead to be lost. Focus on initiative, independence, original presentation of material. Background music enhances romance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Obtain hint from Leo message. What you seek is done by her cover. Look for household means. Focus on love, household means.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Emphasis on added responsibility, pressure of deadlines. Cancer and Leo focus on plan, let you know about it. Confidence expressed by others - program is set in motion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Those who thought you lost your post will be in for a rude awakening and look for immediate, display ability to predict the future. Aries, Libra persons in fantastic roles.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Welcome back! You'll hear those words over and over. Focus on love, romance, fresh start, return to place where love blossomed. Leo, Aquarius individuals run with the ball. Focus on love.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Attention revolves around personal environment. Expression of love by family member who recently appeared distant. Financial potential highlighted - new ideas, new concepts.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): New Moon emphasizes ability to solve puzzles over the wall. Focus on love, initiative, display ability to laugh at your own follies. Gemini will make surprise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Aries makes declaration of loyalty - helps you with the wall. Focus on love, initiative, display ability to laugh at your own follies. Gemini will make surprise.