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## COMPUTERS IN THE CLASSROOM

# The cost of connecting

### Schools, libraries look toward technology fund

By Jennifer Sandmann  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The federal government promises a \$2.25 billion pot of money will help public libraries and all schools, both public and private, catch up with the computer revolution.

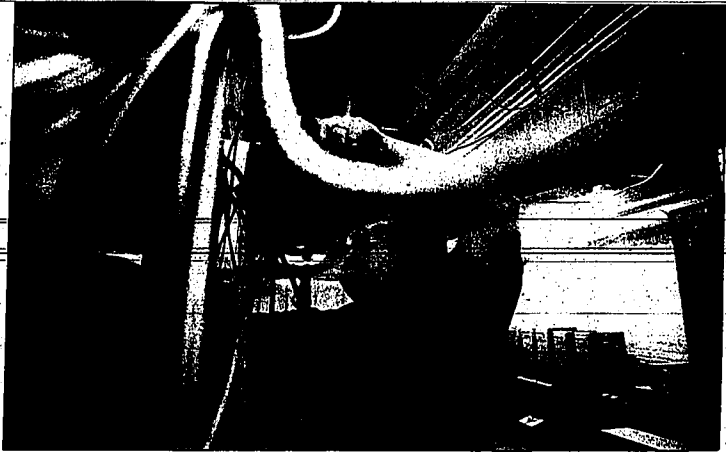
Local schools and libraries are preparing to ask for some of the money. It will subsidize computer networking and telecommunications services.

The Twin Falls School District plans to request \$250,000 worth of services, and the district would have to pay only 30 percent of that, said Dale Thornberry, operations manager. The number of students eligible for free and reduced lunch — 40 percent in Twin Falls — determines the amount of the subsidy.

The district will seek help paying for monthly phone services, Thornberry said. The program could pay \$800 of the monthly \$1,200 bill — the cost for nearly 60 lines. The district also will seek subsidies for fiber-optic cable and other devices to upgrade its computer network.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 deregulates the telecommunications industry and requires companies to pay into the Universal Service Program, known as the "E-rate." Rural areas receive the largest subsidies.

Whether those in the industry, such as phone companies, pass the cost on to cus-



Brad Keller, a computer network manager for Twin Falls School District, installs a switching mechanism to regulate computer traffic between the district's 13 school sites.

tomers is up to them, said Mickey Revenugh of the Schools and Libraries Corp. in Washington, D.C. The Federal

Communications Commission established the nonprofit agency to administer the E-rate. The FCC says deregulation

provides enough cost savings and appropriate. Please see CONNECTING, Page A2

# Family mourns fun-loving teen

By Kent McClairy  
Times-News writer

HEYBURN — The sudden death of a happy, fun-loving Heyburn teenager has left a hole in his family.

LeMar "Mar" Jacob Sanchez — a 17-year-old Heyburn resident, died of a gunshot wound to the head Friday night. Sanchez was in a home in Rupert with a group of teenagers when he was shot, Rupert Police are investigating his death.

Sanchez's aunt, Robin Stark of Heyburn, said the death has hit the family hard.

"He was a good kid hanging with a bad crowd, that's just my opinion," Stark said. "I wish those kids knew how much they took away from us. Nothing can be done to ever make it right, we'll always have that loss. I just wish that kids knew how valuable life is."

Stark said Sanchez was at a home where kids' furniture in Rupert Friday night. Stark said a woman in the house told her that she heard a pop and found kids scattering.

Rupert police received a report shortly before 7 p.m. that the boy had been shot in

the head at a house on South Fourth Street, Rupert Police Chief Kendall Warr said.

The victim, a junior at Minrico High School, was taken from scene to the hospital, Warr said. Warr said investigators

are trying to locate some of them. "No arrests have been made and the case is still under investigation, Warr said.

"We're still trying to talk to witnesses and verify the stories of the people who were there," Warr said.

"The suggestion that Sanchez may have shot himself accidentally doesn't seem likely, Stark said.

"He was real gun smart. He never messed with guns in a joking manner," Stark said. "If he shot himself, it seems like the gun would still be there."

A coroner's report is expected late Monday afternoon, Warr said.

Also Monday, some physical evidence will be taken to Purdue for tests at a state laboratory. That evidence includes blood drawn from the victim's body, and tests on the blood include checking for the presence of drugs or alcohol — a routine test in this kind of case, Warr said.

Police have talked to some neighbors, Warr said, but the investigation of the shooting primarily involves people who were at the house Friday night.

Sanchez was bright and happy, the kind of person who could brighten up a

don't yet have the firearm.

More than nine people were at the house on South Fourth Street at the time of the shooting, Warr said — a group he termed a "gathering." Whether or not it was a party we haven't determined yet," Warr said.

It was unclear to police whether there was a party or whether the house was a place where juveniles came and went continually, Warr said. Police also aren't sure just how many people were at the house because some of the juveniles left before police arrived, and investigators still are

— Robin Stark, victim's aunt

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# Road rage explodes in Northwest

Los Angeles Times

SEATTLE — As soon as her pickup edged into the gutter lane, Cheryl Kyle knew she had blown it. Kyle is a school bus driver she checks her mirrors. But in this case, the small brown Toyota was in her blind spot. She quickly pulled back, and as the Toyota moved up beside her, she and her husband held up their hands and mouths open.

Just the kind of thing you can expect in a place where road courtesy has been an article of faith. Northwest drivers are known for politely ushering pedestrians across mid-block, slowing down so parked cars can enter traffic, almost bowing to other motorists in endless "No, after you!" interchanges choreographies that can infuriate outsiders.

Thus, it was a clear signal that something was amiss Christmas Day on the freeway, when Cheryl and Robert Kyle were returning to their Bush Prairie, Wash., home from a celebration with relatives.

When the Kyle's held up their hands in pained gestures of apology, the Toyota driver didn't smile back. He rolled down his window and fired a 9 mm handgun, striking Robert in the arm. Then he calmly motored on, eventually pulling off onto another freeway and disappearing across the Columbia River.

"He wasn't screaming, he wasn't cursing, he wasn't excited in any way. He didn't even speed away. He just continued about his business," Cheryl recalled. "It's all behind me. I can't even guess as to what might happen out there anymore."

Road rage has become an exploding phenomenon across the country, but nowhere has it been more painful or pronounced than in the Pacific Northwest. Five drivers or their passengers have died since 1993 — there have been three shootings in the last two weeks alone — victims of slaps on the road and slighted drivers who got really, really mad about them.

The image of a gun barrel leveled across a freeway was feared in California. But actual road-rage violence in the Golden State now pales in comparison to Washington. In 1996, the California Highway Patrol documented 49 cases of violence involving firearms; there were 1,100 such cases in Washington during the same period.

Washington officials say that while there is undoubtedly more rage on the roads than in past years, there always have been angry drivers, drivers so mad they were ready to do something about it. "There is an uprising that we're not in regard to it, but I've been a trooper since 1971, and certainly in the '70s, when

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# National Guard rescues storm victims

The Associated Press

National Guardsmen flew over rural areas of the Northeast Sunday looking for families isolated without power or food since last week's ice storm, and temperatures threatened to drop below zero during the night.

Hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses had no electricity across northern sections of New York, Vermont, New Hampshire and Maine.

"I'm a little worried that we're moving into the time when people are starting to lose patience," said Maine Gov. Angus King. "Even though it's sunny now, it isn't over."

Tonight is the night that we're really got to look after one another," King said. New Hampshire alone had more than 500 utility line crews from as far away as Delaware busy cutting through downed trees to get at broken utility poles and drooping lines. They were helped by National Guardsmen.

In one area, in order to connect just two customers, we had to restore about two miles of wires and several poles," said Martin Murray, spokesman for Public Service Co. of New Hampshire. "It's very time-consuming and tedious."

Last week's huge storm caused floods across the South and spread thick, clinging ice across the Northeast and the eastern third of Canada. Eleven deaths were blamed on the storm in Canada, plus two in Maine and one in New York. Seven deaths were counted in Tennessee flood-



Consolidated Edison utility worker John Lindstrom works to restore power along Academy Street in Watertown, N.Y., Sunday afternoon.

ing plus two in North Carolina and one in South Carolina.

Guard helicopters were sent flying across a 7,000-square-mile area of northern New York to search for people isolated and in their fourth day without electricity.

By midday, the helicopter crews had rescued 16 people.

As people were urged to go to public shelters because of the below-zero temperatures forecast, by Monday morning, hospitals in some areas treated people for exposure to carbon monoxide gas produced by home generators, charcoal grills and propane heaters.

"People are getting proud in Maine and they would rather ride it out in their own home than go to a shelter," said Paul Halvachs, a nursing supervisor at St. Joseph Hospital in Bangor, a Maine town.

Two Maine residents died of carbon monoxide while operating generators in their basements without ventilation.

William and Doris Belanger were relying on a kerosene heater in the kitchen of their home at Auburn, Maine.

"We manage. There's no water, no heat, no electricity nothing. So you get along with what you got," said Mrs. Belanger, 73.

She said her husband went out to survey the broken tree limbs and power lines littering streets in their neighborhood. "After that, he told me 'We ain't never getting power back,'" she said.

Utilities estimated 230,000 homes and businesses still had no electricity Sunday in Maine, with 24,500 blacked out in New Hampshire and 9,600 in Vermont. New York utilities estimated about 500,000 people were without power.

Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. said it could be four weeks before it restores service to everyone.

**THE REGION**

**Camas Prairie**

High: 31 Low: 25  
Mostly cloudy, afternoon snow likely, accumulating 2-4 inches. Snow Monday night, possibly heavy Tuesday.

**Treasure Valley**

High: 40 Low: 34  
Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain late in the day. Southwest winds at 10 mph. Tuesday mostly cloudy with a chance of rain.

**Sawtooth Mountains/ Wood River Valley**

High: 31 Low: 26  
Mostly cloudy with chances of snow. Steady rain or snow with gusts to 40 mph. Tuesday mostly cloudy with chance of snow.

**Eastern Idaho**

High: 31 Low: 29  
Mostly cloudy and hazy. Scattered rain or snow after 10 degrees. Wind gusts to 40 mph. Tuesday mostly cloudy with chance of snow.

**Northern Idaho**

High: 40 Low: 34  
Partly cloudy and cool. Southeast winds to 10 mph. Snow likely tonight and Tuesday.

**Northern Utah**

High: 30 Low: 30  
Snow early, possibly mixed with rain. Clearing by afternoon. Chance of rain Monday.

**Northern Nevada**

High: 46 Low: 36  
Showers. Snow level 5,500 to 5,600 feet. Highs lower 40s to lower 50s.

**MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST**

<p><b>Today</b> High: 41 Low: 36 Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of rain late in the day.</p>	<p><b>Tuesday</b> High: 43 Low: 35 Cloudy with a chance of rain.</p>	<p><b>Wednesday</b> High: 40 Low: 30 Rain and snow likely.</p>	<p><b>Thursday</b> High: 40 Low: 30 Rain and snow likely.</p>	<p><b>Friday</b> High: 40 Low: 30 Rain and snow likely.</p>
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**YESTERDAY'S WEATHER**

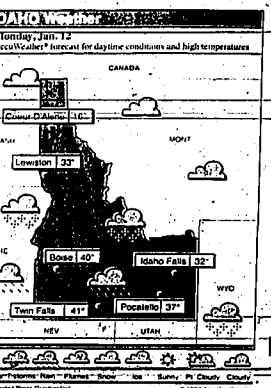
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Normal		15	18
	Water year to date:	2.75	Normal year to date: 3.48

**Idaho**

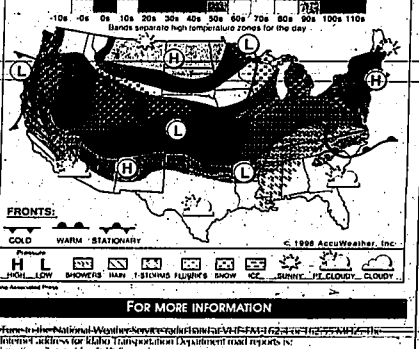
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Jerome	34	20	....	
Lexington	14	10	....	
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McCall	27	25	....	
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Salmon	14	12	....	
Shawley	30	17	....	
Sun Valley	m	m	....	

**The Nation**

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Atlanta	61	35	....
Boston	47	24	....
Chicago	46	9	....
Dallas	48	40	....
Denver	49	16	....
Des Moines	19	10	....
Detroit	32	22	....
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**NATIONAL Weather**



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Minimum: 10  
Maximum: 105  
Rain time: 60 minutes

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Magic Valley: 886-2266  
Pocatello: 233-6724  
Rigby: 745-7276

**SWITCH**

Sunset today: 5:27 p.m.  
Rise tomorrow: 6:45 a.m.  
Lunar phase: Full, Jan. 12; 1st quarter, Jan. 20; New, Jan. 28; Last, Feb. 5.  
Visible planets: Mercury, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn.

**ACROSS THE NATION**

Idaho Snow fell across sections of Washington and strewn eastward across northern Idaho, while southern Idaho had rain.

West: Locally heavy rain fell along the coasts of northern California and Oregon, with heavy snow in the mountains and across Oregon's northwest corner. Several inches of snow had fallen by midday at Portland, Ore., closing the city airport.

Snow also fell across sections of Washington and strewn eastward across northern Idaho, while southern Idaho had rain. Snow also fell in the mountains of northern Utah and Wyoming.

and up to a foot of snow was possible at higher elevations.

South: In the South, a band of showers and occasional thunderstorms stretched from eastern Texas across southern Arkansas, northern Louisiana, northern Mississippi and into areas of Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama.

East: Elsewhere, light snow flurries stretched from northern New York state across northern sections of Vermont and New Hampshire into Maine.

—The Associated Press

**Rage**

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I was working the freeway system. I saw incidents similar to what we see today," said State Patrol Capt. Marshall Pugh. "These weren't shootings involved, but there was a lot of cutting off and fast driving."

The number of drivers intentionally killing or injuring others in traffic disputes has been rising 7 percent a year across the country since 1990, according to the AAA Foundation for Traffic Safety, which analyzed more than 10,000 incidents over a seven-year period.

One reason for the increase

here is the traffic. The Northwest is not a place accustomed to 5 mph freeway gridlock or shouted epithets across a backe-up intersection. But Seattle, the nation's 22nd largest city, has the sixth-worst traffic gridlock. Worker commuting times closely rival Los Angeles, CA employee, Jeffrey C. Thompson, was sentenced to 180 months in prison Friday on a second-degree assault conviction in connection with an incident that began last spring. He lost insurance executive Jim McClure for allegedly cutting him off during

the commute home.

"Two 50-year-old guys. Businessmen. Both generally — but for this — probably decent family guys," recounted Snohomish County deputy prosecutor Paul Stern.

After the initial exchange of hostilities on Interstate 5, he said, "both have the misfortune of electing to get off the same side to go home. McClure stops first at the light. Thompson's behind him. Nice, lovely spring day. McClure walks back to Thompson's car to see what the hell's the problem? There's an exchange of words ... and Thompson pulls a gun to say,

'Hey, I've got this thing. Back off.' McClure jumps off. Thompson's one shot fired that touches the ground, and a second shot fired that hits McClure in the groin area."

Three other people, including a young teenage girl riding in the back of a car that cut someone off, died in separate road-shooting incidents last year in all Washington state police are tallying about 1,100 gun-brandishing incidents on state highways every year — a dramatic increase since 1990, although virtually every state is documenting a rise in road-rage reports.

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ties that companies should not have to charge customers for the program.

The E-rate will be funded up to \$2.25 billion annually for about four years then reauthorized. Revenugh said. Schools make up their "laundry lists." If they are approved, the corporation advertises for vendors to install the services and pays them directly.

Librarian Susan Green said she hopes Burley Public Library can get help to buy a computer server that can cost about \$1,200. That would allow it to network its computers with the building and allow patrons to look for available books at home. Eventually that service could tap into library catalogues throughout the state.

Library subsidies are established with the same formula used for schools. Cassia County School District has about 37 percent of its students on the school lunch program. That makes both the district and the library eligible for a 70 percent subsidy.

Mindock County schools spend \$6,000 a month just on local phone and internet access fees. The district would be eligible for an 80 percent subsidy, because more than 50 percent of its students qualify for free or reduced lunches.

The district is a long way from completing its technology plan, said Kyle Nightingale, district grant writer.

"We're having to allocate a hunk of our scarce resources putting lines in. We have telephone bills that are out of this world. Some of these expenditures that we must have in order to function, we'll be able to subsidize," Nightingale said.

**Connecting**

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That frees up district money for other expenses, such as computers.

Dawn Wilson, a telecommunications specialist for the state Department of Education, said districts should be able to begin sending their applications in this week.

Idaho's districts are in good position to be awarded some of the grant money, Wilson said. A district must have a technology plan in place to apply, and Idaho required its schools in 1994 to draft such plans to be eligible for state technology money.

The Schools and Libraries Corp. sent applications to more than 40,000 school districts and library systems.

The corporation thinks enough money will be available to the agencies that seek it, Wilson said, because they must pay a portion of the cost.

"A lot of school districts aren't going to have that money," she said.

The criteria for awarding money is need, but it's not the agency's intent to put all the money in a few places, Revenugh said.

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**Moums**

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Fuel, laundry dry, Stark said. Sanchez liked to hunt, camp and fish, and liked to be outdoors.

Sanchez was born in Boise and spent most of his school years in Burley and Meridian, Stark said. The family moved back about three years ago, she said.

Sanchez and his father Rick were quite close,

and liked to take hunting trips when they could, she said. Sanchez's older sister, Erica, is attending college in Boise, Stark said.

Sanchez loved children and always had time to push his cousins on the swing, or wrestle around with them.

Sanchez had a six-month-old son, Weston Wright, Stark said. "He'll never know who his father was," she said. "I'll be able to tell him

my memories, but he'll never know him."

Funeral services for Sanchez are scheduled for 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel.

"I just wish somebody could get the message to people what life is worth," Stark said.

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# Civil rights pioneer receives honors      Cosmologist offers new idea about dinosaurs' fate

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — James Farmer spent 40 years on a slow march for the shadowy civil rights movement, while a young upstart named Martin Luther King Jr. won fame, then martyrdom. Farmer, a longtime nonviolent protest to dismantle segregation.

This Thursday, however, Farmer will receive his due. President Clinton will present him with the Presidential Medal of Freedom for a lifetime of activism that began when Farmer decided to fight for his rights at doughnuts in a Chicago coffee shop almost 56 years ago.

"It's a vindication," Farmer said Sunday in a telephone interview. "I certainly was ignored and forgotten."

On the day that would have been King's 69th birthday, Farmer will be at the White House receiving his long-delayed prize. It will be a belated gift for Farmer's own birthday. He's 78 on Monday.

King was assassinated in 1968, but Farmer has endured. He is Franklin D. Roosevelt's only both legs amputated due to diabetes. But he remains active, teaching history at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, Va.

"Full of vim and vigor and vinegar," Farmer says in a strong voice. "I'm still going."

Farmer is among 15 people receiving the medal, the nation's highest civilian honor. The award comes after a lengthy campaign by friends, including Sen. Chuck Robb, D-Va., and historian John Hope Franklin, Clinton's lead nominator.

He is the most neglected American of all time," said Val Coleman, a longtime friend of Farmer's. "He should have been recognized dozens of years ago, but he wasn't. This guy is the pivot on which the whole wheel of racial unity began."

Farmer led the NAACP's campaign for the civil rights movement and to think first of Farmer, rather than King, when it comes to nonviolent action. He said there should not be a contrast between the two leaders.

"Everybody had their own responsibility, James Farmer did an effective and important job."



James Farmer, head of the Congress of Racial Equality, talks to reporters Dec. 4, 1965 after conferring with President Johnson at the White House.

Franklin said. "This is the recognition that he deserves."

Farmer, born in Marshall, Texas in 1920, helped found the Congress of Racial Equality, or CORE, in Chicago in 1942, shortly after finishing theology school at Howard University. It was at Howard in 1938 that Farmer came across the teachings of Mahatma Gandhi through his social ethics professor, Howard Thurman.

Thurman had met Gandhi on a trip to India and was corresponding with him. Gandhi's words in one letter inspired the young Farmer to start a movement.

"Gandhi said in his opinion, the act of nonviolent direct action would come in the struggle of black Americans for freedom," Farmer said. "And it turned out to be Gandhi's vision."

Farmer tested Gandhi's ideas

at the Jack Spratt Coffee Shop near the University of Chicago in the spring of 1942. The manager there refused to serve Farmer, but agreed to serve Farmer's friend, a white man — until Farmer reminded the manager of the state's civil rights law.

"He asked me what I wanted. I ordered doughnuts, my friend ordered coffee," Farmer said. "He told us the doughnuts would be a dollar apiece. When we left, he charged the usual 5 cents per doughnut. We decided to pursue it because, obviously, his gentleman had a problem regarding race."

Farmer and CORE activists followed up with the nation's first sit-in: 26 people hogging the counter and all the available booths. Jack Spratt's managers offered to serve them in the basement.

"I told them we were comfortable where we were. They served us," Farmer said. "I wrote them a letter congratulating them on the service and thanking them for their change in policy."

CORE carried out similar protests in other cities through out the 1940s. But the seminal moment for nonviolence didn't come until 1955, when Rosa Parks touched off the Montgomery, Ala., bus boycott that catapulted King into the spotlight.

Farmer didn't join the 1963 March on Washington where King delivered his famous "I Have a Dream" speech. He was in Louisiana at the time. Still, he worked alongside King and other civil rights leaders, leading freedom rides, water testing drives, sit-ins and marches.

Farmer and the university didn't seem to connect. University officials strongly disputed the unfairness charge. The black teacher was at least as qualified as she was and received higher pay because of a shortage of blacks with doctorates, they said.

Farmer's case against affirmative action, if accepted for review by the Supreme Court, could become the springboard for a long-awaited ruling on whether employers might favor minorities to promote racial diversity in the workplace.

This question was set to be argued Wednesday in a case from Piscataway, N.J., where a white school teacher sued after being hired instead of a black teacher of the same qualifications and seniority. But the Piscataway case was dismissed after a coalition of civil rights groups, fearing how the justices would rule, raised most of the \$43,500 the school board agreed to pay to the white teacher as a settlement.

The issue is highly significant because thousands of public and private employers across the nation have long cited diversity as their justification for considering race and gender in making hiring, promotion, layoff and other job-related decisions.

"egg and replacing it with genetic material from the person being cloned. The embryo would then be placed into the woman.

Many scientists and officials involved with science have expressed grave reservations about both the safety and the ethics of human cloning.

"There are concerns about the freedom of the embryo of the child that arises. There are concerns about treating children as objects rather than as cherished beings," Ezekiel Emanuel of the National Bioethics Advisory Commission said on Fox.

**The Dallas Morning News**

**WASHINGTON** — The universe is a pretty popular subject among scientists, but says Sir Martin Rees, the Astronomer Royal of Great Britain. But even Sir Martin agrees that one scientific subject excites cosmology, the study of the universe, in public enchantment.

"Dinosaurs," he says, "are the only subject in science that has gone more popular appeal than cosmology."

Therefore, it stands to reason, there should be one way of generating even more public fascination with science than dinosaurs or cosmology alone — finding a cosmological connection for the dinosaurs' death.

In recent years the mass extinction that wiped out the dinosaurs has been blamed on the effects of a comet or asteroid impact about 65 million years ago. A mere asteroid or comet striking the Earth does not count as cosmological, though. Comets and asteroids come from within the solar system, or around its edges. The universe at that does not need to get involved.

Something more exotic, another feature of intergalactic space, would be needed to make a cosmic connection to the dinosaurs. And nowadays nothing is better blamed on the universe than violent flashes of energy known as gamma ray bursts.

About once a day, devices on Earth detect one of these bursts. Every month or two the right satellite spots one at the right time to get a fix on the burst's location. Astronomers train their telescopes on that neighborhood, looking for clues to the burst's origin. Scientists have persuaded all but a few holdouts that the bursts are explosions far outside the Milky Way galaxy, making them by definition cosmological.

If these bursts come from such great distances, the explosions that cause them must truly prodigious to appear so bright. But since the distances are so great, the bursts pose no more than a nuisance for astronomers. Waves of lightning bolts in your back yard.

However, it is always wise to remember that the Milky Way is also part of the universe, and what can happen in other galaxies can happen here, too. So time back in the distant past, a gamma ray burst explosion might have ignited the skies relatively nearby.

In that case, says Boston University astrophysicist Kenneth Brecher, the blast of radiation could have raked the Oort cloud, the sphere of comets that surround the solar system. Some comets could have been kicked inward toward the sun, creating a comet shower in the inner solar system. One or several of these could have smashed into the Earth 65 million years ago, he said in the magazine last week at the National meeting of the American Astronomical Society.

Based on the known rate of gamma ray bursts, Dr. Brecher calculates that one such nearby burst would be expected within the last 100 million years, so the idea is plausible. Whether that's what happened, of course, is another matter.

It's hard to come up with a good test for this idea, Dr. Brecher says. One possibility is future space missions to comets or moons of outer planets could reveal signs of melting on one side, caused by the influx of gamma rays, he said.

"Now, even among fans of using a cosmological link, dinosaurs are there is another issue of interest here. If some ancient gamma ray burst induced a deadly ray of comets once, perhaps it might happen again."

This is a renewed version of an old death-storm idea — the notion that a string of comets near the solar system might disturb the distant comets and shoot some of them Earthward. But relax. Good news about those killer stars appeared last week on the World Wide Web.

Joy Frugal and Andrew Gould of Ohio State University have analyzed data from the Hipparcos satellite to see if any such death stars are on the way or have passed nearby lately. In this case, nearly means within about a trillion miles, and lately means within the time that it would take a jet airplane to come to make it to Earth — about 180,000 years.

"Our search is sensitive to comets since the past encounters that would lead to a major shower in the future," the scientists write in their paper, astro-ph/9712027, available on the Web. They conclude that it is highly unlikely that a major shower will occur during the next 500,000 years.

If a passing star were undetected, it shouldn't be cause for major worry.

"While it is possible that a close encounter has occurred recently enough to initiate a comet shower that has not yet arrived, any such shower will almost certainly be a weak one," the Ohio scientists write.

## Educator pines another test of affirmative action

**Knight-Ridder News Service**

**WASHINGTON** — Yvette Farmer remembers feeling quiet whenever she discussed affirmative action classes she taught at the University of Nevada.

"I was talking about how education should get you an even playing field," Farmer recalled, "and here I was, standing in front of all those students, telling them now or never it's going to happen — and it wasn't happening for me."

Farmer, a 37-year-old white teacher with doctorate, has co-edited the Supreme Court to hear what might be the next major legal test of affirmative action, a subject of renewed and impassioned debate throughout the nation.

She says she was twice a victim of the university's quest for racial diversity in its predominantly white faculty.

First, the university hired a black male teacher instead of her.

After she was hired, a year later, she discovered she was being paid substantially less than the black teacher for comparable work.

"They were treating me unfairly," she said in a telephone interview. "It made me feel undervalued and the university didn't seem to care."

University officials strongly disputed the unfairness charge. The black teacher was at least as qualified as she was and received higher pay because of a shortage of blacks with doctorates, they said.

Farmer's case against affirmative action, if accepted for review by the Supreme Court, could become the springboard for a long-awaited ruling on whether employers might favor minorities to promote racial diversity in the workplace.

## Opposition to human cloning fails to deter scientist

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — Chicago physicist Richard Seed's denunciation of his plans to clone humans and reaffirmed his determination Sunday to do it abroad if necessary.

Seed stood firm in his resolve to do a child within the next two years, saying he would move his center with him to a country in Mexico, if Congress bans human cloning in the United States.

"My target is to have a two-month embryo, a year and a half," Seed said. "It's not a difficult project."

**U.S. may ease visa restrictions for Iranians**

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The United States will review its current tough visa restrictions on Iran to ease the means of negotiating rapprochement with the Tehran government, U.S. National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said Sunday.

At the same time, Berger said statements of good will toward Americans made by Iran's new, relatively moderate, president have yet to translate into real changes in the country's policies, Berger said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Serious impediments remain to negotiations, he said, including Iran's support for terrorism, violent opposition to the use of nuclear weapons, development of weapons of mass destruction.

"The Chicago physicist is sure to face difficulty in the United States from scientists, ethicists and political leaders who oppose human cloning and say they will work aggressively to block his experiments."

"Dr. Seed will not do human cloning in this country," Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala vowed on CBS' "Face the Nation."

After Scottish scientists cloned the adult sheep Dolly last winter, Clinton said in a news conference that he would ban for at least five years the use of similar procedures to replicate human beings.

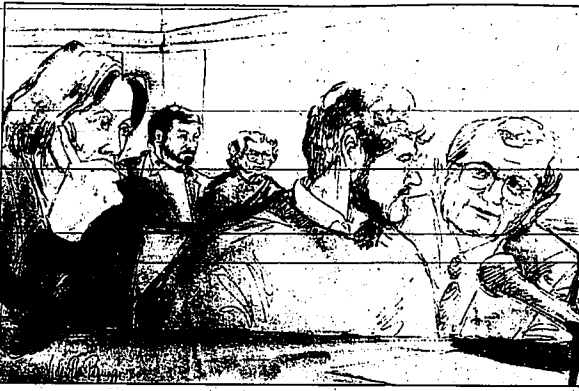
Some congressional leaders were saying Sunday, 24 hours after Clinton demanded quick action, that they will push to pass the legislation.

"I think this is a nasty business, something that we should not be messing in," House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Tex., said on "Fox News Sunday." "We already have that legislation before the House. And even last week, I made the point that we wanted to move that legislation. Seed's endeavor would involve removing DNA from a woman's

States by praising Americans and condemning all kinds of terrorism against innocent people.

The Clinton administration quickly responded by calling for a direct dialogue between the two governments, an idea still being favored by many Iranian hard-liners.

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Unbomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski, center, confers with defense attorneys Quin Denvir and Judy Clarke in this artist's sketch of proceedings Friday in Sacramento, Calif.

## Mentally ill present defense lawyers with difficult challenge

Chicago Tribune

WASHINGTON — Law school deans offer courses on "Defending the Difficult, Delusional or Mentally Ill." But such courses, dramatized last week by the bizarre courtroom behavior of Unbomber suspect Theodore Kaczynski, can be among the most difficult challenges a criminal defense lawyer ever faces, taking countless extra hours with little reward.

"It's the hardest thing you can do," said Larry Pozner, president-elect of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. "When they're sick, you can't explain patiently what the system is about. You don't know what is going to set them off."

Pozner and other criminal defense lawyers say they can combine with Quin Denvir and Judy Clarke, court-appointed attorneys Kaczynski now wants to fire.

The dispute between Kaczynski and his attorneys erupted last week on the eve of opening statements. Kaczynski reportedly resisted their efforts to portray him as having diminished mental capacity and emphatically insisted he is sane.

"I'm doing fine," however, Kaczynski said in an exercise routine, "said Ronald L. Kuby, a New York lawyer who once represented Colin Ferguson, the man convicted of killing six people on a Long Island Rail Road train. "As far as they're concerned, their job is to represent their client and fight the charges every step of the way."

Kuby repeatedly called Ferguson "a crazy man" to the court, but Ferguson steadfastly maintained his sanity and insisted a white man stole his gun and shot commuters.

"Representing delusional people is very difficult," Kuby said. "You end up working around it."

If you know your client is convinced, for example, that some mysterious gunman beamed down into the train and massacred everybody after stealing your client's gun, given that his view, you don't sit around and argue with him about it or suggest courses of strategy that conflict with that point of view.

When a judge ruled that Ferguson was incompetent to stand trial, he fired Kuby and attorney William M. Kunstler and defended himself. If Kaczynski is found competent and insists on doing

constitutes a fundamental decision about the trial or is instead a question of strategy.

"I have long believed and strongly believe that decision has to be made by a lawyer," said Terence McCarthy, director of the Federal Defender Program in Chicago. "But research I did yesterday suggests that many jurisdictions and many people disagree with me."

One is Kuby, who argues that defendants should always determine their defense and that lawyers who disagree should get out of the case.

"As an ethical matter, your job as a lawyer is not simply to get the guy off," Kuby said. "Sometimes the guy doesn't want to get off."

"That can be true in political protest cases, as well as those involving delusional clients," Kuby said he once defended members of a communist organization in New York who burned a flag on the roof of an Army recruiting station. They were charged with a felony for burning the station's flag and with a misdemeanor for recklessly endangering, since they set fire in the room.

Kuby said prosecutors offered to drop the felony if the group would plead guilty to the misdemeanor, but they refused. They were proud of the felony and wanted to fight the misdemeanor, because they didn't want to plead guilty.

"As a lawyer, my job was to help them implement that or get the hell off the case," Kuby said. "You don't have the right to force a competent defendant to adhere to your view of the defense."

But McCarthy said those who would leave it up to the defendant ignore a critical issue.

"They must assume that to make the decision, the defendant is competent. Therein lies the problem with Kaczynski or anybody," McCarthy said. "If anybody needs help making the decision, it's the guy that's got mental problems."

*Representing delusional people is very difficult. You end up working around it.*

— Ronald L. Kuby, who represented a man convicted of 6 murders

the same thing, the law suggests the judge will have to agree.

But criminal defense lawyers say Kaczynski, like Ferguson, is certain to be convicted if he abandons his attorneys and their suggested defense. According to the law, however, the choice apparently is his.

Kaczynski has said he is afraid of being thought of as a "sticker" and is opposed to a diminished mental capacity defense. But Judge Garland-Burrell, Jr. said it was his lawyers' decision, not Kaczynski's, on whether to present evidence of mental illness. That order could be revisited if Kaczynski is found competent to stand trial because the law may be more on Kaczynski's side.

The Supreme Court has said defendants have a right to make fundamental decisions about their defense, including whether to plead guilty, whether to seek a jury trial and whether to testify. Courts have left questions of trial tactics and strategy up to the lawyers.

"Here, the issue turns on whether a mental illness defense

# Environmental group says the world's better, but ...

WASHINGTON (AP) — For 15 January, Lester Brown has declared the planet is reaching the end of its resources. Now, the leading environmental researcher says major corporations and governments are listening.

Brown and co-researcher Christopher Flavin issued their analysis but downplayed in outlining their new report. Both bubbled with enthusiasm over a year's advances in renewable energy sources, corporate moves to shift gears in favor of the environment and increased recognition by governments — notably Denmark and China — of the need for sustainable economics.

"We may be on the threshold of change," Brown said in an interview on the 28-page report published Sunday. His staff's annual global view is translated in 30 languages and used in hundreds of college courses that study environmental trends.

"The thing that's exciting now is that the world is beginning to come around to recognize that the old model is no longer sustainable for the world over the long term."

He cites Toyota's new hybrid fuel-cell car Prius, huge increases in wind power generation and photovoltaic cell use, and investments in nuclear energy by Rep. Ed Royce, British Petroleum and Royal Dutch Shell in renewable energy sources.

"The report also preaches a heavy dose of gloom and doom."

"As the economy grows, pressures on the Earth's natural systems and resources intensify," it says.

The litany is not new. "Forests are shrinking, water tables are falling, soils are eroding, wetlands are disappearing, fisheries are collapsing, rangelands are deteriorating, rivers are running dry, temperatures are rising, coral reefs are dying and plants and animals species are disappearing."

From 1990 to 1997, Brown says, "the use of lumber tripled, that of paper increased sixfold, the fish catch increased nearly fivefold, grain consumption nearly tripled, fossil fuel burning nearly quadrupled and air and water pollutants multiplied severalfold."

All that spells impending disasters, Brown says.

His critics see a different world.

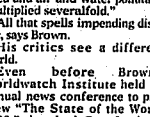
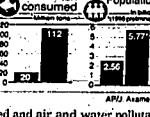
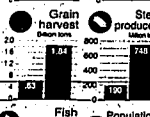
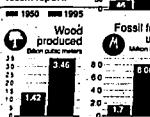
Even before Brown's Worldwatch Institute held its annual news conference to preview "The State of the World 1998," the rival Cato Institute was predicting that Brown would predict and saying he was wrong.

"In every single report in 15 years, he has said we are outgrowing the planet's capacity. For 15 years, that's proved to be absolutely in every way false," said Jerry Taylor, assistant director of environmental studies for Cato.

Taylor points to increased life expectancy, child mortality and nutritional intake as statistics that have steadily improved even

### Global trends

The global economic boom is rapidly depleting the world's resources, according to a report requiring a new global economy based on sustainability, based on a recent report.



as populations grow.

Also carrying the debate for a booming world is business professor Julian L. Simon of the University of Maryland, dubbed the "boom-buster" in a Wired magazine profile last year for his exuberance in taking on environmental "doomsayers" like Brown.

"The only problem is that everything he says doesn't square with the facts as we know them," said Simon who challenges Brown to a wager on any of his projections. Simon won \$576 in such a wager over metal prices with environmental author Paul R. Ehrlich in 1990.

"If economic growth means anything, it means a cleaner and better planet," said Simon, who produced a 1995 book for Cato, "The State of Humanity," that included essays by 64 environmental experts who challenge many of Brown's conclusions.

Although Brown praises China for some progressive steps, much of Worldwatch's concern is focused on the challenge posed by China's rapid economic growth.

"China already consumes more pork per person than the United States, and if the Chinese were to develop a similar craving for beef, it would take as much grain as America produces just to raise cows to feed China."

"If China were to consume seafood at the rate of Japan, the Chinese would demand all the world's oceanic new production."

"If China follows the Western dependence on the automobile, it would need all the world's oil production to fuel cars for its citizens."

Brown, who gets \$15,000-\$30,000 for lectures to corporations and private groups, says that despite the fact some officials and corporate leaders are adopting his view, the overall outlook still is dark.

"We've still got horrendous problems. We'll still add 3.3 billion people during the next half century. There's no easy way to solve the problems."

Worldwatch and Cato both are funded by non-government grants, private donations and sale of their publications.

## Discovery connects black holes to the material they are devouring

WASHINGTON — Every 48 hours, a black hole in the constellation Aquila spits out some of the material it is trying to swallow, astronomers have found.

The discovery is the first time scientists have linked the appearance of huge gaseous jets trailing at nearly the speed of light, to a vanishing of part of the disk of material that surrounds a black hole.

"We've never had a clear picture of how the black hole creates these jets," said astronomer Stephen Eikenberry, last week at a meeting of the American Astronomical Society. "Now we think we have the beginning of an answer."

Observations of the suspected black hole known as GRS 1915-105 suggest that matter spirals into it from a companion star, forming a hot, flat disk shaped like a phonograph record. At the heart of the disk, the black hole — a star so collapsed that its own weight that nothing can escape, its gravitational pull — swallows matter and light.

Some of the matter is being blown away in jets. The jets appear to be made of ionized gas, appearing bright in infrared flares, appearing

Computer models have suggested that the inner part of the disk surrounding GRS 1915-105 just vanishes occasionally. But where it would go, astronomers didn't know.

Now, by coordinating measurements from several different observatories, scientists have found that the inner disk disappears at the same times that pairs of gaseous jets are spit out at high speeds.

Dr. Romalind and Jenn Swank of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center used a NASA satellite to study the X-rays emitted by the hot disk around the inner disk. When those X-rays dropped in intensity, they knew that the inner portion of the disk had disappeared.

Meanwhile, Dr. Eikenberry of the California Institute of Technology, studied the black hole's infrared light, and which the jets show up very well. Bright infrared flares, appearing

just after the X-Rays dropped, showed that the inner disk was being spewed out immediately after the disk was disrupted, he reported at the astronomy meeting.

But soon, the black hole pulled more material from its companion star and re-formed the disk. "We were able to show that the eruptions repeated about every 30 minutes — earning the black hole the nickname OJ 1915-105."

"The researchers don't know what causes the black hole to throw part of its disk off. It may have something to do with strong magnetic fields around the black hole," Dr. Swank said. "But there are many theories, and none of them agree," she said.

"Because astronomers have observed only one of these Old Faithful black holes so far, it's hard to tell whether the phenomenon is common throughout the galaxy, Eikenberry said.

## Report: Prosecution re-opens Kaczynski plea bargain

NEW YORK (AP) — Softening its resolve to seek the death penalty against Theodore Kaczynski, the Justice Department last week secretly re-opened plea bargain talks with lawyers for the Unbomber defendant, Newsweek reported.

Citing government sources, the magazine reports in Monday's issue that Attorney General John Reno may not want to risk a circus trial that could lead to numerous appeals.

Last month, prosecutors reportedly

turned down a conditional offer by Kaczynski to plead guilty in return for a life sentence, and were prepared to open his trial on Jan. 5.

However, Kaczynski threw the proceedings into disarray by telling U.S. District Judge Garland-Burrell that he wanted to fire his lawyers and represent himself at trial. Kaczynski later attempted suicide in his jail cell.

Burrell has put the trial on hold pending a psychiatric examina-

tion, which will be followed by a competency hearing scheduled for Jan. 22.

That week, a special panel of Justice Department lawyers will convene to reconsider whether Kaczynski deserves the death penalty, according to Newsweek.

"We have not and will not comment on any kind of ongoing discussion between the parties," said Leesa Brown, a spokeswoman for the Justice Department prosecution team in Sacramento, Calif.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Winter storm causes havoc on highways

**TWIN FALLS**—A winter storm plugged up two major Magic Valley highways Sunday.

High winds, rain and heavy snow made roads slick and difficult to navigate.

A semi truck rolled over on Interstate 84 eastbound about 2:20 p.m. Sunday, near the State Highway 81 exit, Idaho State Police reports said. Winds blew the truck, which was hauling a modular home out of control when the driver, Robert Evans, 48, of Weiser tried to regain control, the rig rolled, the report said.

The eastbound lanes of the interstate were blocked off while ISP troopers cleared the wreck, the report said. Traffic was rerouted onto Highway 81 around the wreck until 5:11 p.m. when the interstate was opened, the report said.

Meanwhile, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Deputies and ISP troopers had to clear a slew of wrecks and cars that slid off U.S. Highway 33 Sunday evening. Three accidents were reported in heavy snowfall about 6 p.m. on Highway 93 and 3000 North, Sheriff's Department reports said.

### Property, tenant liaison top medical board agenda

**TWIN FALLS**—Selling property, and relationships with tenants in the almost-completed medical office building, are on the agenda of the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center board.

The board meets at 6 p.m. today in the Sage Room of the Education Center building north of the hospital.

The board will consider whether to sell two pieces of property at 526-J Shoup Ave. W. and 526-M Shoup Ave. W. There has been an interest in acquiring the property, hospital officials say. The board's finance committee recommended the board authorize the sale. Some of the activities conducted at the meeting will be relocated to the new medical office building.

The board will clarify a policy for office building tenants. The meeting is open to the public.

### First Security Bank slots economic preview for 1998

**TWIN FALLS**—Officials of First Security Bank will forecast the economic outlook for 1998.

The bank will hold its 30th annual economic preview at 11:45 a.m. Wednesday at Weston Plaza in Twin Falls.

Featured speakers are Pat McMurray of Boise, president and chief executive officer of First Security of Idaho; Spencer Eccles of Salt Lake City, chairman and chief executive officer of First Security Corp.; bank executive vice president and chief economist Kelly Matthews of Salt Lake City; and Steven Benson of Salt Lake City, president and chief executive officer of First Security Management.

Topics include the national, regional and local economic outlooks and a stock market forecast.

If you would like to attend, call 736-1290.

### Buhl City Council holds meeting today at 7 p.m.

**BUHL**—The Buhl City Council will meet at 7 p.m. today at 203 N. Broadway.

Agenda items include the Buhl Joint Fire District Board Safety Awareness Week, Armes Wright's application for home occupation, a door-to-door license for the Silver Sage Girl Scout Council and Scott Bybee's application for a grant.

The meeting is open to the public.

### Kimberly School Board to study: public is welcome

**KIMBERLY**—The Kimberly School Board will meet for a study session at 6 p.m. today at the district office, and the public is welcome.

Attendees will discuss the boundaries for rezoning trustee zones. The meeting is in addition to the regular School Board meeting scheduled for 7 p.m. Thursday in the high school library.

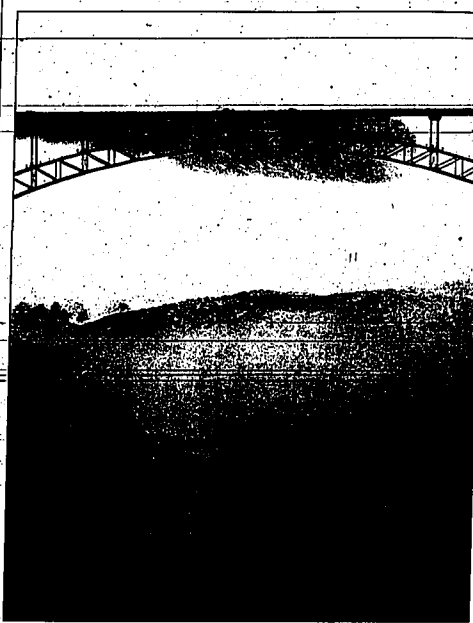
### Ketchum City Council holds special public meeting

**KETCHUM**—The Ketchum City Council will hold a special meeting open to the public, at noon today at City Hall, 480 East Ave. N.

Council members will discuss the Compensation Committee's recommendations regarding the city's compensation program, and consider an ordinance regarding nuisances in the city.

Compiled from staff reports

## MYSTIC BRIDGE



A thick blanket of fog covers the Snake River Canyon and makes the Perrine Bridge appear to float in space. Snowfall and cooler temperatures over the weekend boosted below-average precipitation in the region.

## Twin Falls County takes step to protect water supplies

By N.S. Nakkentved  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS**—The county is one step closer to protecting municipal water supplies.

The Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission Thursday evening approved a wellhead protection ordinance that now must go to the county commissioners for final approval.

The ordinance sets restrictions on activities and uses that could affect groundwater quality. Zones closest to the wellhead are more restrictive.

The key ingredient in the ordinance, however, is public education and getting people involved and aware of the zones they may live within.

"Without community involvement, it's not going to work," said Brad Gilmore, Twin Falls' environmental coordinator.

Within Zone 1A, 100 feet from a wellhead, only water-supply facilities are allowed.

"Times-News staff writer N.S. Nakkentved can be reached at 733-9931, Ext. 237.

## County corrects allocation confusion

By Kurt Frieledmann  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY**—The Oakley Highway District has been losing money.

District legal counsel Richard Smith said a sharp decline in state funds worried officials, who recently brought their concerns to county commissioners.

The county collects vehicle registration fees, which are sent to the state to become part of the money redistributed to highway districts. But the vehicle fees don't always make it back to the district they came from.

"The district can't afford to give up these funds," Smith said. "The process is so complicated smaller mistakes could slip by for some time, without correction."

All highway districts in the state receive money from vehicle registrations for road upkeep and repair. That money is supposed to be used in the district the vehicle is registered in.

But when a county contains more than one highway district, with boundary lines often splitting roads and property in half, it can create confusion.

That means some districts don't receive money they deserve, while other districts in the county get funds they have no right to, said Joe Haynes, an administrator at the Local Highway Technical Assistance Council, which works with highway districts through

allowed. Some uses are allowed within Zone 1B, which is defined as the distance at which it would take a contaminant in the groundwater three years to reach the well.

Zone 2 reaches out to a distance at which it would take contaminants six years to reach the well. And Zone 3 extends that to 10 years.

But the most restrictive zones are within city limits, where most of the prohibited uses already would be restricted, Gilmore said.

The ordinance restricts the siting of landfills, livestock operations, hazardous waste disposal facilities, some waste disposal wells and operations that involve soils or liquids that could affect groundwater quality. Some of those uses may be allowed under a conditional-use permit.

## 'We'll just have to be more thorough in the future'

It is not all that much."

But Withereff recognized that smaller districts need every dollar they get.

"A highway district of that size certainly needs the money," he said.

"The system is set up so that everybody gets their share."

At the state level, misappropriation of money is much harder to catch, Withereff said. State processors don't double-check addresses sent in by counties and don't have the time or resources to do it.

"It's up to the clerks to make sure we get the right numbers," Withereff said. "The system really is pretty good, we process more than 1.5 million registrations a year with very few mix-ups."

But if it happened in Oakley, Smith said, it could happen anywhere.

"These fees are just so hard to track," he said. "If a county has more than one highway district it can happen."

Withereff said it is even harder because district funds will decrease as vehicles get older and people move.

"The question is, is the problem correctable by us?" And how big is it in the first place?"

Times-News staff writer Kurt Frieledmann can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

By William Brock  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS**—Widening Hanks Road and dangling more curtains in front of the next executive director of the city's Business Improvement District are the top items on today's City Council agenda.

The meeting begins at 4 p.m. in City Hall and is open to the public.

The Hanks Road project involves a scenic segment of 2.7 miles adjacent to Kimbers Road. Total cost is estimated at \$205,915; of that, the Twin Falls Highway District is expected to contribute \$164,200, while the city would pay \$41,715.

A similar project on Hanks between Addison and Falls Avenue drew sharp criticism from residents last year. Many feared the improvement would be a precursor for a truck-trailer belt route.

## Cutting costs could cost more

### Balanced budget act hurts home health and taxpayers, providers say

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**JEROME**—Providers in the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 intended to cut Medicare expenses could end up costing taxpayers more in the long run, some Magic Valley home health care providers say.

Spending caps on home health care also might threaten the range and quality of services to patients, said Merrilee Stevenson, executive director of home health care at St. Luke's Medical Center in Jerome.

Medicare funds home health care involving physician-prescribed treatment by certified nurses, physical therapists or speech therapists, Stevenson said.

Professional home health care has been around since the 1880s, she said. But advances in medicine, technology and a movement away from institutionalized health care have made home health care commonplace, Stevenson said.

Congress apparently used the rapid growth of home health care in the early 1990s as an indicator to hose the spending caps on, said Idaho Home Health and Hospice Inc. President Gary Thietzen.

But the caps freeze Medicare benefits to providers based on each agency's 1994 per-patient expenditures, he said.

That means each of Idaho's 77 home

health agencies now has a different limit on how many Medicare dollars it can spend on each patient, Thietzen said. In some cases, the per-patient Medicare allowances vary by thousands of dollars, he said.

But most patients will have no way of knowing which agencies will get the bigger shares and likely be able to afford to give better service, Thietzen said.

"This is probably the most unfair thing Congress has ever done," he said.

Thietzen and Stevenson said they haven't laid off any employees because of spending caps. But they said they've slowed down their hiring and might have to cut administrative budgets.

Some providers have started to turn patients away because of spending caps, Thietzen said.

"We received one patient (Thursday) who needs twice-daily insulin injections and had been turned away by two home health agencies," Thietzen said.

Gooding care provider Judy Stockham said she is taking a wait-and-see approach in the balanced budget act changes.

"I don't think we're going to know what the real effect is until it's shaker out," said Stockham, executive director of Gooding County Memorial Hospital's home health program.

A petition calling for Idaho's congress-

*This is probably the most unfair thing Congress has ever done.*

—Gary Thietzen, president of Idaho Home Health and Hospice Inc.

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## Road widening, boosting safety top council agenda

By William Brock  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS**—Widening Hanks Road and dangling more curtains in front of the next executive director of the city's Business Improvement District are the top items on today's City Council agenda.

The meeting begins at 4 p.m. in City Hall and is open to the public.

The Hanks Road project involves a scenic segment of 2.7 miles adjacent to Kimbers Road. Total cost is estimated at \$205,915; of that, the Twin Falls Highway District is expected to contribute \$164,200, while the city would pay \$41,715.

A similar project on Hanks between Addison and Falls Avenue drew sharp criticism from residents last year. Many feared the improvement would be a precursor for a truck-trailer belt route.

The latest widening project "is for safety and safety only," said Dave Burgess, director of the Twin Falls Highway District. "It is absolutely not a revenue issue."

"There are places on Hanks where you're dealing with only 21 feet of road," Burgess said, "so when two cars meet, they're basically driving off the (edge)."

In addition to widening Hanks, the improvement project would flatten out the hump where a lateral canal is piped under the road.

Also today, newly elected council member Elaine Steele, who resigned as BBL director to join the Council, is scheduled to present the salary request. Currently, the director's job is less than full-time with no benefits, Steele said in a recent letter to City Manager Tom Courtney. The BBL also knows-

## Professionals give class on dealing with children

The Times-News

**WENDELL**—Two local professionals are offering an inexpensive class on dealing with children's behaviors.

In a course designed for parents and for professionals and volunteers who work with children, Brenda Hall and Angela Hoops will teach how to effectively motivate and interact with children, plus how to deal with arguments, fights, temper tantrums, refusal to do chores and other troublesome behaviors.

Hoops, with a master's degree in counseling, is a licensed professional counselor at Wendell Elementary School.

Hall, a 20-year veteran teacher, holds master's degrees in counseling and special education and is preschool director at Wendell Elementary.

"The two of us intend the class to be fun and include discussion with parents. Class topics include common discipline mistakes; how to effectively give commands and encouragement and express feelings; parent-child contracts; and active ignoring."

The six-week class will be held from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays from Jan. 20 through Feb. 24 at Wendell Elementary's music room. Cost, which includes handouts, is \$15 per family.

For more information, call Hoops or Hall at Wendell Elementary, 536-6611.

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

TODAY

Spring semester begins. Social service credentialing for Head Start will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Taylor 276.

TUESDAY

Twin Falls Canal Co. stockholders meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.

WEDNESDAY

Social studies teachers' workshop will be held at 3 p.m. in Taylor 276.

THURSDAY

Piano sale will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in Fine Arts 121, 133, 136.

FRIDAY

Piano sale continues from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center.

Arts Center

Social service credentialing for Head Start continues at 9 a.m. in Taylor 276.

SATURDAY

Admission testing will be held at 8 a.m. in the Shields Building.

SUNDAY

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Following is a list of governmental meetings scheduled this week in the Magic Valley.

TODAY

Buhl City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall council chambers.

TUESDAY

Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

WEDNESDAY

Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

THURSDAY

Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

FRIDAY

Blaine County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.

Zoning Commission

Kimberly School Board special meeting, 6 p.m., district office.

TODAY

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Grizzly coordinator wonders about future of project

MOSCOW (AP) — New year's budget for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service grizzly bear recovery plan is half of the last year's.

"I'm trying to make do with what we have," he said. "It's always more difficult when you have less money."

species protection must be stretched as far as possible. "Everybody is lobbying for a very small pot of money."

SERVICES

Mrs. Irene MacDonald (Ibabe) Wilson of Kirkland, Wash., and formerly of Gooding, Twin Falls and Weiser, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding.

Elsie LaVell Ruddy Brown of Gooding, 11 a.m. today at the Gooding LDS Church; burial will be at 1:30 p.m. today at the Carey Cemetery (Demary's Gooding Chapel).

Josephine Matilda Vaughan of Rupert, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

Whitney Augustus "Bill" Sowers of Acquia, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Church of Christ in Rupert; family and friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

Addie M. Westendorff-Trent of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Twin Falls Cemetery (White Mortuary).

Louise Davidson of Rupert, memorial service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Myrne Ann Speer, 730 p.m. Tuesday at the First Presbyterian Church, 516 Main in Buhl.

David S. Craythorn of Jerome and formerly of Burley, 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Burley First Presbyterian Church, 2200 Oakley Ave.; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Bertha Stevenson VanLuvan Christensen of Heyburn, 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Paul D. S. 4th Ward Chapel, 300 S. 500 W. in Heyburn; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 321 E. Main St.

Betty R. Hunt of Carey, 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Carey LDS Chapel (Wood River Chapel in Heyburn).

Christine Herman of Burley, 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Zion Lutheran Church, 2410 Miller Ave. in Burley; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the church (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Mary Jane Wall Voute of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Vern Bishop of Buhl, memorial service at 1 p.m. Thursday at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

DEATH NOTICES

Avery Allen BUHL - Avery Allen of Buhl died at his home on Saturday, Jan. 10, 1998. Services are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Iva Smith Hitchler WENDELL - Iva Smith Hitchler, 75, of Wendell, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 1998 at her home. Arrangements are pending.

Steven Taylor Lefeste MALTA - Steven Taylor Lefeste, infant son of Kori and Vendome, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 1998 at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

HOSPITALS

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Released Billie Brady of Jerome.

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL Released Sierra Archuleta of Rupert, Salina Timmons of Burley, and Robert Morris of Heyburn.

MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL Released Steve Arriola of Burley.

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OBITUARIES

HEYBURN LeMar Jacob Sanchez LeMar Jacob Sanchez, a 17-year-old Heyburn resident, left his earth to become an angel of the Heavens on Jan. 9, 1998.

Bertha Stevenson VanLuvan Christensen Bertha Stevenson VanLuvan Christensen, an 84-year-old Heyburn resident, died Saturday, Jan. 10, 1998 at the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

He was born in Burley Dec. 14, 1980, the son of Rick Lee and Alice Ann Sanchez. He attended school in Boise and Meridian, then also the last three years in Rupert. He was a junior at Minico High School. He worked after school and weekends at Snake River Building Supply in Heyburn. LeMar has an enormous amount of family and friends. His best friends were his sister Elena, Phil, Jerry and Ryan, and his girl friend, a lifelong friend Aunt Rose. We will miss our son as will his other family and friends. We will miss his free willed spirit. Who will remember the body was just the vessel for that happy-go-lucky nature, sparkling, twinkling eyes, and honest, refreshing humor. Life is such a short dance across the stage. When children or a young girl step on our toes, when they are big they step on our hearts.

Funeral services will be 11 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 14, 1998 at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel with Pastor Robert Coodige officiating. Burial will be in the Riverside Memorial Park. Friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel, 321 E. Main St. in Heyburn.

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Army reservists receives honor for relief efforts

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Jennifer Meyers will never forget the scary scenes that members of Unit 651st Quartermaster Company happened upon in a spring in flooded, Grand Forks, N.D.

Service Medal for their work in the flood relief operations in North Dakota. Another 12 reservists from the 854th Quartermaster Company in Logan were also honored Saturday with the medal.

Red River over its banks flooding in at least 5,000 homes. "The people were so thankful. It was a wonderful experience. Here we were able to do something for someone," said Meyers.

Time: Missing evidence found in JonBenet Ramsey murder case

NEW YORK (AP) — Police investigating the murder of child beauty queen JonBenet Ramsey reportedly found a missing piece of evidence — a flashlight — while retracing their steps in the front yard of the home where the heavy, black flashlight first spotted on the kitchen counter of the Ramsey home the night the girl was found.

Boulder police declined to comment on the Time article Sunday. "I don't know anything about it," spokeswoman Leslie Aaholm said.

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Javier Ramirez, Joe Blarela Jr. and Jesus Salinas make sure a load of spuds unloads without any trouble Friday at the Sun Valley Potatoes packing facility in Paul.

Attorney: Anti-lesbian laws are backed by God

OREM, Utah (AP) — Spanish Fork teacher Wendy Weaver may have the American Civil Liberties Union to thank for her lawsuit opposing her law as God on his side, according to the attorney for Weaver's angry accusers.

"Miss Weaver is a winner for her lawsuit," said Matt Dillon, a Utah County lawyer. "But a different result will ensue under these laws that were divinely inspired, and that I believe will be divinely enforced."

Hilton made the remarks Saturday on the Eagle Forum, which had its annual convention at Utah Valley State College.

Hilton represents a coalition of Utah County parents who oppose the efforts of Weaver, a lesbian, to continue coaching volleyball at Spanish Fork High School.

After hearing about Dillon's comments, Weaver's attorney likened the sentiment to the 1993 Hills on civil rights during the 1990s.

ing her civil rights. The district last spring forced her to sign an order that bans her from discussing her sexuality and removes her as cox of the school's award-winning girls' volleyball team.

Hilton's group, which represents Spanish Fork High School parents and other Utah County residents, has filed a lawsuit in state court that accuses Weaver of violations ranging from child abuse to salinity to unprofessional conduct.

The Eagle Forum had pushed the Legislature to pass into law three bills that now are key to the lawsuit against Weaver.

The 1993 Constitutional Amendments in the Schools Act, the 1994 Family Education and Privacy Rights Act and 1996 Responsibilities of School Employees and Administrators Regarding School Clubs Act.

"There was divine inspiration in the adoption of this legislation," Dillon said.

"I am not sure we will witness the upstate those laws. I would like to see the state must also guarantee that parents have the right to ensure their children have role models who adhere to the community's moral and criminal code," Dillon said.

Hilton also said the lawsuit does not focus on the fact that Weaver has a lesbian relationship with a coach on staff, but on her duties as a teacher.

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Utah's GOP boss likens gun bans to racial bigotry

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The chairman of the Utah Republican Party, who is also a gun lobbyist, says school officials and business owners who oppose carrying weapons are bigots in the mold of former southern governors who denied blacks entry into state schools.

"If you want to be a bigot on personal private property, you can do that," Rob Bishop said in a copyright story in the Salt Lake Tribune. "You can't do that on private property open to the general public."

Bishop, a paid lobbyist for the Utah Shooting Sports Council (USSC), says business owners and University of Utah administrators discriminate against concealed weapons permit holders.

Bishop equated those policies with the racist tactics of former Mississippi Gov. Ross Barnett and former Alabama Gov. George Wallace.

Barnett fought fiercely to block admission of African American James Meredith into the University of Mississippi in 1961 and 1962, defying repeated federal orders and fueling a segregation riot.

Wallace also strongly opposed federally mandated racial integration of schools in Alabama.

"For the University (of Utah), the analogy fits," Bishop insisted.

Bishop originally included the Salt Lake City School Board in his "bigot" comments. But because the district's recently adopted school gun ban applies only to employees, he

"I look at my work as a crusade to help preserve peoples' rights that are being taken away from them."

— Rob Bishop, chairman of Utah Republican Party and gun lobbyist

Yet the district's action is essentially no different than that taken by Gov. Mike Leavitt in banning state employees from carrying firearms on the job.

But Bishop declined to criticize the governor, a Republican.

"I haven't made up my mind on that one yet," he said when asked if he believed Leavitt had violated the law.

Leavitt had concerns when Bishop was named GOP state chairman last year because of his lobbying activities and potential conflicts, but Sen. Bob Bennett strongly backed Bishop.

The governor refused to comment specifically on whether Bishop has a conflict.

However, he said, "There are situations in which party leaders have a very real obligation to distinguish their own views from party policy."

Bishop insisted he has no conflicts, and that his position on gun rights is consistent with the Republican Party platform on the issue.

"I don't have any personal thing to gain. I don't carry guns and I don't like guns," he said. "But in some respects I look at my work as a crusade to help preserve peoples' rights that are being taken away from them."

Police report that woman says she strangled baby

IDAHIO FALLS (AP) — The 19-year-old mother accused of leaving her baby in a city Dumpster told police she strangled or suffocated the boy after he was born.

Abby Elaine Rhoades said after she gave birth to the baby boy last August, she strangled him by the neck and then heard a "crunch or crack" according to an affidavit from Bonneville County prosecutor — Kipp Manuvaring.

Rhoades said she delivered the baby in a tub and that the boy was born in a city Dumpster.

"She was charged with second-degree murder," Detective Ken Brown said. "She had several arrests before the results of Friday's autopsy are available."

Rhoades remained in the Bonneville County jail on a \$50,000 bond, but her attorney, John Ohman, has said he will ask for that to be reduced.

A man looking for aluminum cans discovered the dead baby in the Dumpster on Thursday. The boy's umbilical cord and placenta were still attached, Police Chief Kent Lively said.

The Dumpster is behind the apartment building owned by Rhoades and her fiancé.

After finding the baby's body, police canvassed the neighborhood for witnesses. Rhoades said she acted alone and her fiancé was not involved.

In Idaho, three newborn babies are found dead in a city Dumpster in 1997. One was in a city Dumpster in 1997. The other two were in 1997.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service plans March effort

LEWISTON (AP) — Plans are shaping up for a sixth woodland caribou transplant in March to rebuild the dwindling herd along the U.S.-Canada border.

"But unlike the other five transplants to Idaho and Washington since 1986, this year's plan calls for the caribou to hoof it across the border themselves."

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has overseen the recovery project for the last free-ranging herd of woodland caribou in the lower 48 states, with help from the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and the Washington Fish and Wildlife Department.

The new wrinkle of releasing the caribou a few miles north of the border reflects a growing recognition that the herd migrates between the Canada and the United States anyway.

Jon Almack, a Washington Fish and Wildlife biologist, said at Sullivan Lake, said the animals winter on the high ridges north of the border, then head south during the summer.

Oath of office will be given to Hailey Mayor Brad Seimer today

The Times-News

HAILEY — The Hailey City Council will meet at 6 p.m. today at Hailey Town Center, and the public is welcome.

The administration of the oath of office to Mayor Brad Seimer will be followed by Seimer's opening remarks, the oath for council members Martha Burke, Susan McBraynt and Jennifer Davis, the appointment and oath for a new City Council member; appointment of planning and zoning commissioners; and appointment of a city attorney, city engineer and city clerk.

Public hearings include the site plan subdivision of the Elmwood replat at 510 Willow St., the preliminary plat of Blake Townhouses, discussion and adoption of the Hailey City Standards and a discussion of a flood migration grant. An open public comment session follows.

The council will adopt an Ordinance setting speed limits on Main Street and ordinances revising the animal control codes. Members also will discuss auto transportation service licenses and alcohol, beverage licenses.

Newsweek: Nichols rejected life-in-prison deal from feds

DENVER (AP) — Federal prosecutors offered convicted Oklahoma City bomber Terry Nichols a chance last summer to plead guilty to murder in exchange for life in prison, but he turned the offer down, Newsweek magazine reports.

Nichols escaped the death penalty in federal murder charges when jurors last week deadlocked on the punishment. But he still could face a death sentence if convicted on state murder charges in Oklahoma.

Newsweek, citing unnamed sources, said in the edition that came out Monday that Nichols rejected a deal from federal prosecutors to plead guilty and avoid a death sentence.

The magazine said prosecutors also tried to persuade Oklahoma City District Attorney Bob Macy to agree to a plea arrangement for Nichols. But Macy has said he will seek the death penalty against Nichols and co-conspirator Timothy McVeigh for 160 counts of murder.

Army judges McVeigh and Nichols were convicted separately in federal trials in Denver of the April 19, 1995, bombing of Alfred P. Murrah Building. The explosion killed 168 people and injured more than 500 others.

McVeigh was convicted of killing eight federal agents and sentenced to death. Nichols was convicted of conspiracy but acquitted of murder.

Instead, the jury convicted Nichols of conspiracy and involuntary manslaughter, but couldn't agree on the extent of his involvement or on a sentence.

District Judge Richard Matsch will sentence Nichols, but no date has been set. He can't sentence Nichols to death only a jury can. McVeigh remains in a federal case.

Avalanche briefly buries 2 skiers

POWDER MOUNTAIN, Utah (AP) — An avalanche set off by two skiers in an out-of-bounds area briefly buried them, but witnesses quickly rescued the two, who were not injured.

Jeff Malan, emergency services director for Weber County, said the 2 p.m. slide covered a 30-yard area near the Powder Mountain Ski Resort east of Ogden, and briefly covered a service road.

"Two people, a teenage boy and girl, were out-of-bounds skiing and set it off. Witnesses saw it and dug them out," Malan said.

The road was quickly cleared, but with near-blizzard conditions late Sunday afternoon officials decided to close the resort.

While the boy and girl, whose identities were not immediately available, escaped the avalanche, search and rescue crews were busy Sunday night looking for a missing skier in an unrelated incident.

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signal delegation to act against the changes recently circulated through Gooding, Stuchlik said, but she's willing to give the new system a chance.

"The home health care industry already was slowing on its own, growing only 4 percent in 1997, according to a statement by Ted Sleight, treasurer of the American Foundation of Home Health Care Agencies.

On average, the daily cost of home health care is \$88 per patient, Sleight said. The average daily cost for the same level of care is \$334 at a nursing home or \$1,872

in a hospital, he said.

Many home health patients are chronically ill and can't survive at home without the service, Stevenson said. So cuts in home health care could drive them into hospitals or nursing homes, driving up health care costs for everybody, she said.

The balanced budget act also cut reimbursement for home health care as a qualifying service, Stevenson said.

Patients who get regular blood drawing as part of their treatment for a qualifying condition, such as diabetes, won't lose the benefit, she said.

But people who need only venipuncture no longer qualify for home health treatment, she said. So they will have to go to hospitals or clinics, where blood drawing is usually more expensive, Stevenson said.

Legislation is in the works to get venipuncture back on the books as a qualifying service, Thierman said.

The National Association for Home Care is prepared to sue the federal government to change the balanced budget act's home health care provisions, he said.

Several Congressional delegates — including Rep. Helen Chelover,

Ridaho — are considering amendments to the home health care provisions. Thierman said.

"It might take a legislative fix on this to change it," said Chenoweth's press secretary, Chad Hyslop.

While Chenoweth hasn't promised specific action yet, she supports home health care because she thinks it saves tax dollars and can keep patients with tight budgets financially solvent and off welfare, Hyslop said.

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

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Historic Downtown Twin Falls, would like to make it a full-time career position with a competitive salary and benefits package, she said.

The desired salary package is \$30,000 to \$35,000 per year, plus benefits, she said.

To fund that, the BID board is seeking to budget up to \$7,500 from its downtown parking revenues. The City Council will hear the request because it must approve the BID's budget.

In related news, the city's Old Towne area is working to create a main street, but wants split the executive director's position with Historic Downtown Twin Falls.

Old Towne merchants don't have a budget yet, so they are asking the city to contribute up to \$10,000 to fund the joint project for one year, Steele said.

Times-News staff writer William Brock can be reached at 733-0911, Ext. 264.

COMICS

Peanuts comic strip by Charles M. Schulz. Panels 1-3. Characters: Charlie Brown, Lucy, Linus.

For Better or For Worse comic strip. Panel 1. Character: Slurp.

Blondie comic strip by Dean Young & Stan Drake. Panels 1-4. Character: Blondie.

B.C. comic strip by Johnny Hart. Panels 1-3. Character: B.C.

Wimble comic strip by Brian Cran. Panels 1-4. Character: Wimble.

Dennis the Menace comic strip by Hank Ketchum. Panels 1-4. Character: Dennis.

Garfield comic strip by Jim Davis. Panels 1-3. Character: Garfield.

The Wizard of Id comic strip by Brent Parker & Johnny Hart. Panels 1-3. Character: Wizard of Id.

The Family Circus comic strip by Bill Keane. Panels 1-4. Character: Family Circus.

Hi and Lois comic strip by Chance Browne. Panels 1-3. Characters: Hi and Lois.

Neat the Horrible comic strip by Chris Browne. Panels 1-3. Character: Neat.

Checkers was chess for some comic strip by L.M. Boyd. Panels 1-2. Character: Checkers.

Beetle Bailey comic strip by Mort Walker. Panels 1-3. Character: Beetle Bailey.

Frank and Ernest comic strip by Bob Thaves. Panels 1-3. Characters: Frank and Ernest.

Horoscope Sydney Omar. Text: IF JANUARY 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... Cancer, Leo, Virgo, Libra.

The Bom Lover comic strip by Art Sansom & Chip. Panels 1-3. Character: Bom Lover.

Checkers crossword puzzle. Across 1-10, Down 1-10.

Checkers crossword puzzle. Across 11-20, Down 11-20.

Frank and Ernest comic strip by Bob Thaves. Panels 1-3. Characters: Frank and Ernest.

Checkers crossword puzzle. Across 21-30, Down 21-30.

Checkers crossword puzzle. Across 31-40, Down 31-40.

Frank and Ernest comic strip by Bob Thaves. Panels 1-3. Characters: Frank and Ernest.

Checkers crossword puzzle. Across 41-50, Down 41-50.

Checkers crossword puzzle. Across 51-60, Down 51-60.

Frank and Ernest comic strip by Bob Thaves. Panels 1-3. Characters: Frank and Ernest.

Checkers crossword puzzle. Across 61-70, Down 61-70.

Checkers crossword puzzle. Across 71-80, Down 71-80.

Frank and Ernest comic strip by Bob Thaves. Panels 1-3. Characters: Frank and Ernest.

Checkers crossword puzzle. Across 81-90, Down 81-90.

Checkers crossword puzzle. Across 91-100, Down 91-100.



# Montana town feels the curse of chichness

Red Lodge residents say town isn't the place it used to be

RED LODGE, Mont. (AP) — Rancher John Kelly and Mayor Brian Root don't agree on what these days. But both local boys of this bustling resort town concur: Red Lodge just isn't the place it used to be.

"It's not like the old days when you knew everyone," Root says. "The flavor of Main Street has changed. The people here are different."

Different and transplanted, Kelly says. And everything from the municipal sewer plant, which state officials say has reached maximum capacity, to sheriff's deputies, who say they can't keep up with the demands of patrolling more and more seasonal homes, is creaking under the weight of a larger and different population.

Newcomers have been pouring into Red Lodge and the surrounding county northeast of Yellowstone National Park for the past five years, town and county planners say, changing the face of this once-sleepy mining town and putting new social and economic pressures on old-time infrastructure.

Sky-high rents, basement-level psyches and a bloom of seasonal ranchettes have many wondering if Red Lodge will grow up to be another Aspen — with folks paying the price. Others say the town can't stop growth and question how dramatically Red Lodge has really changed.



Orval Boyers, the Red Lodge, Mont., public works director, stands near the sewage pond which serves the growing community recently. Growth in the area has begun to strain the once quiet town.

new City Council, including the new mayor and city planner, is a newcomer to Red Lodge, he said.

"They don't know what it used to be," he said. "They have no idea. They're coming in here and bringing their ideas with them."

But if incoming Mayor Al Miller and city planner Don Kinney aren't Red Lodge lifers, they surely aren't alone.

All told, the county, with static town boundaries, maintains a population of about 2,300, according to city statistics. But subdivision applications in the surrounding county have increased from just one application in 1990 to 38 six years later.

The city of Red Lodge, with a population of about 2,300, according to city statistics. But subdivision applications in the surrounding county have increased from just one application in 1990 to 38 six years later.

All told, the county processed 154 subdivision applications between 1991 and 1997, compared to just 19 in the previous seven years. All those new homeowners want new septic systems, said part-time county planner Mike Fahley, pushing the number of new drain fields in the county from 29 in

1987 to 124, 10 years later.

Surrounding ranchers complain of sewage-scented irrigation ditches from water that passes through areas of dense residential development, Kelly said. No one knows for sure how pure the groundwater under areas of increased development really is, Fahley said.

The state doesn't demand periodic groundwater testing and, with three other county responsibilities, (he's also the county sanitation, emergency management coordinator and flood plane administrator) he doesn't have the time or the money to check groundwater monitor wells.

"We're certainly one of the most impacted counties in terms of growth," Fahley said.

But the last time Carbon County wrote a growth plan was 1976, so Fahley said the reliance mostly on state water standards, common sense and science.

"Generally, we do the best we can with our resources," he said.

If members of the public are concerned about sprawling subdivisions, they haven't told the county commissioners, he said.

As a non-elected county employee, Fahley said he can't ask for the time off and the cash to launch a new county master plan without community support.

"We're not doing any long-term planning," he said.

People will continue to move to Red Lodge, Fahley said. It's just a popular spot.

"This is a great place to live," he said. "We see the out-of-state people moving here. We're seeing more and more of the big money, too."

Police Chief Tony Krumbeuer isn't seeing it, though. In the last year, he's lost one full-time and two part-time officers — all three citing higher salaries and better benefits elsewhere.

"My officers aren't paid for what they do," he said. Crime rates have actually dropped in

recent years, he said, but with a budget of about \$200,000, he can't afford to pay officers for much overtime and periodic raises.

One statewide peace officers agency won't include Red Lodge in its annual salary survey because the mountain town's wages drag down the state average, he said.

To get all their reports done, Krumbeuer's men work overtime or at home for free.

The new officer Krumbeuer hired in December can't afford a house in town and plans to commute from Kelly, about 15 miles away, he said.

The Carbon County sheriff's office just down the road has a budget about three times that of the municipal police, but Sheriff Alvin McGill said they're busier than ever, too.

"There's so many empty homes," he said. "With present manpower, it's pretty near impossible to provide adequate patrol."

## Mystery mom gives birth, disappears

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — On Christmas Day, a very pregnant woman and her boyfriend arrived at Cottonwood Hospital. She told nurses she didn't remember the left her identification at home.

The woman rattled off a Social Security number, an address and a name — Lesa Snyder.

"She didn't miss a beat in doing that — right off the top of her head," hospital spokesman Jess Gomez said. "Twenty minutes later the baby was born."

The woman gave birth to a 5-pound, 8-ounce baby boy in an emergency C-section, the next day, she slipped outside for a smoke — and never returned.

A nurse seen to tell the mom that a drug screen had proved positive and we were required to notify DCFPS," Gomez said. "A short time later — still suited from a C-section, in her hospital gown and blue booties — she took off, leaving her baby boy behind."

But the Salt Lake City Division of Child and Family Services took custody of the infant the day after Christmas and named him "Charles."

"We're concerned for the baby and the birth mother," says DCFPS spokesman Randy Ripplinger. "At this time, we would like to work through the issues and reunite this mother and her baby. Our plea is she would contact us."

Authorities found Lesa Snyder quickly — but it turned out that the woman who came to the hospital was someone else entirely.

According to police, the woman had been memorizing Snyder's vital signs Dec. 5 — the day the real Lesa Snyder's pulse was stolen from her car while taking her 2-year-old boy to a West Valley City day care.

The robbery occurred at 7 a.m. By 9:30 a.m., Snyder — who is seven months pregnant — had canceled her credit cards and ordered the bank to stop payment on 17 checks. Since Dec. 5, 10 of those checks have been used to buy more than \$1,000 worth of goods at various Salt Lake County stores.

Snyder's holiday took an additional turn for the worse on Jan. 2 when she opened a letter from DCFPS which said Snyder was being investigated for child abandonment and child abuse because her 2-year-old boy had been found with drugs in his system.

"We arranged a meeting with the real Lesa Snyder at which time we found this woman was seven months pregnant," Ripplinger says.

### Pocatello company plans expansion

POCATELLO (AP) — A local industrial engineering and fabrication company has received more than \$1 million in financing to build a new state-of-the-art facility.

Premier Technology, Inc. anticipates its expansion will create 50 full-time jobs in three years that pay from \$8 to \$21-an-hour. It currently has 50 employees.

The company, founded 15 months ago, has received a \$200,000 grant and a \$400,000 loan for equipment from the Regional Development Alliance.

The alliance provides financing from Gov. Phil Batt's nuclear waste agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy and the U.S. Navy.

Idaho Company, a state-chartered business and industrial development company, also has contributed loan money for construction of the 24,000-square-foot facility in tandem with a loan from the U.S. Small Business Administration.

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## Meetings Scheduled on cleanup of Naval Reactors Facility, Argonne National Laboratory-West

The U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state of Idaho are holding public meetings this month to solicit public comments on their plans for cleanup at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory's Naval Reactors Facility and Argonne National Laboratory-West.

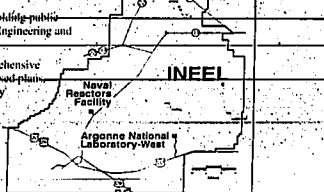
The agencies have completed two-year, Superfund environmental investigations — called comprehensive remedial investigation/feasibility studies — at both facilities and will publish comments on proposed plans which outline proposed cleanup actions. A comprehensive remedial investigation/feasibility study represents the last planned Superfund environmental investigation for a facility.

**Naval Reactors Facility**

The Naval Reactors Facility operated prototype reactors for reactor plant development and in training of naval officers and enlisted personnel. No reactors are currently operating. The facility also supports research and development efforts on reactor materials by preparation and examination of irradiation test specimens and by examination of expanded fuel from naval reactors. The Naval Reactors Facility is operated by Westinghouse Electric Company with oversight by DOE-Naval Reactors.

The comprehensive remedial investigation/feasibility study for the Naval Reactors Facility identified nine sites that pose potential adverse impacts to human health or the environment. In addition to the nine sites of concern, there are 62 other identified release or potential release sites at the facility that are considered nonaction or further action sites.

The contaminants of concern identified at the nine sites include such radionuclides as cesium-137 and strontium-90 and the heavy metal lead. The alternatives considered for the sites of concern include no action; limited activity; limited excavation, disposal and containment; and complete excavation and off-site disposal. Limited excavation, disposal and containment is the agencies' preferred alternative. This alternative would involve removing contaminated debris and disposing of it at a disposal facility, excavating and consolidating contaminated soil and placing engineered covers over contaminated areas.



**Public Meetings**

Public meetings are scheduled for Jan. 20 in Boise (Boise High School Library; 6001 Cassia), Jan. 21 in Moscow (University Inn; 1516 Pullman Rd.) and Jan. 22 in Idaho Falls (Shilo Inn; 780 Lindsay Blvd.). All meetings will begin at 7 p.m. following a 6:30 p.m. informal question and answer session. A 30-day comment period for these projects begins January 12, 1998 and ends February 10, 1998.

Written comments may be sent to: Jerry Cole, Office of Program Execution, DOE/Idaho Operations Office, Idaho Falls, ID 83403-9901

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**Argonne National Laboratory-West**

Argonne National Laboratory-West, located in the southeast portion of the INEEL, was established in 1957 to test various types of nuclear reactors and reactor safety systems.

Five sites were identified during the comprehensive remedial investigation/feasibility study as posing a potential adverse impact to human health or the environment. Contaminants of concern include radionuclides (cesium-137) and inorganic metal contaminants.

Five alternatives are being considered to reduce or eliminate unacceptable risks: no action with monitoring; limited activity, which would control access by fencing, sign and restricted restrictions — placing the contaminated area in an engineered landfill and covering them with a durable cover; excavation and disposal — excavating contaminated soils and placing them in either an on-site or off-site disposal facility; and phytoremediation — using plants to remove contaminants from soil. The preferred alternative is phytoremediation. It is the agencies' preferred alternative. This alternative would involve removing contaminated debris and disposing of it at a disposal facility, excavating and consolidating contaminated soil and placing engineered covers over contaminated areas.

**Additional Information**

Additional information is available in the Administrative Record file for Operable Units 8-08 and 9-04. The Administrative Record is located at the DOE Reading Room of the INEEL Technical Library in Idaho Falls. Copies can be found at the Shoshone-Bannock Library in Fort Hall and University of Idaho Library in Moscow. The Administrative Record may be accessed on the Internet by typing <http://zaa.nsl.gov/home.html> on the command line.

## OTHER VIEWS

### College tuition savings plan could help families now

From the Idaho Statesman, Boise

With today's college tuition rates going through the roof, are you wondering how you will be able to pay your kids through college in 10 or 15 years?

The Idaho Board of Education has a good idea that just might help. The board will ask the Legislature to authorize a college tuition savings plan with tax incentives.

Here's the way it would work: Parents, grandparents and spouses could deposit up to \$5,000 a year in an account at a bank or other financial institution and the money would not be counted as taxable income on April 15. When the money is drawn and used as intended — for postsecondary education — it can be spent tax-free.

If the money is not used for college, taxes and penalties would have to be paid, much like a typical IRA.

The fund could be used at any college or university, private or public, in Idaho or out of the state.

The \$5,000 figure deserves a second look. Is it too high? Lawmakers should give the measure a thorough airing so that acceptable legislation can be drawn up and approved this year.

Parents facing enormous college bills in the future can use the help right now.

Related measures have not had success at the legislature in years past. Student lobbyism in 1995 pushed a plan to give parents a tax break on education savings accounts. And Treasurer Lydia Justice Edwards wanted legislators to allow parents to pay into a state account that would apply later toward a child's costs to attend a state university.

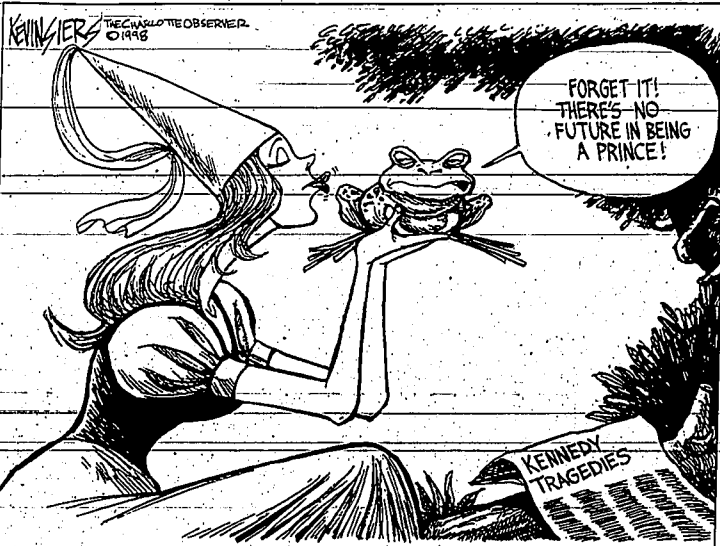
But this year's proposal is good because it allows maximum flexibility for families who may not be sure exactly where their child will go to college. That can be hard to predict when a kid is only 5 years old.

But every family can predict one thing for sure: The cost will be far higher than it is today.

Fees and tuition are growing faster than the rate of inflation, and students today are burdened with an average \$15,000 of debt when they graduate.

Who knows what costs will be in 2013? Middle-class families deserve help in their struggle to give their children the education they need to succeed in our increasingly complex and competitive world. The college savings account plan is a good way to provide it.

*Middle-class families deserve help in their struggle to give their children the education they need to succeed in our increasingly complex and competitive world.*



## No one likes taxes, but we can't cut 'em

Our Man Gramm was out giving and sound bite the other day about the president's plan to expand Medicare. (at no cost to us, he claims) by letting 62-year-olds buy into the program.

"When your mother is on the Titanic and it's sinking, your first preoccupation ought not be getting more people on the Titanic," quoth my home state's senior senator. It was such a timely allusion to the big, new film that the sound bite wound up all over the network.

While, as Ronald Reagan used to say, if Medicare is sinking, how come the Republicans are so keen to put another gain in the other side of the ship by cutting taxes? Let's keep our metaphor in order here: If, indeed, Medicare and Social Security face ballooning deficits as a result of the baby boom generation coming up for retirement, how does cutting taxes do anything to help?

Speaking of cutbacks (seven-eighths of the problem is under water), let's take a look at the effects of the tax cuts that the Republicans put in place just last year.

As we all know, the tax cuts in addition to being limited to the very wealthy, were (as they say in Washington) "backloaded." What that means is that the tax cuts, like Medicare, will balloon in the future, costing the Treasury more each year. When the budget was passed last August, many claimed that it was a balanced package of social spending and tax cuts. Increased funding for child health insurance, job training and restoring some benefits to el-



MOLLY IVINS

derly, legal immigrants who had been cut off by welfare "reform" supposedly balanced cuts in the capital gains tax, estate taxes and the corporate alternative minimum tax. If you have a problem with the notion of balancing new spending by cutting taxes, speak to the 'boxers in D.C. — it's not my job to explain such thinking.

*"When your mother is on the Titanic and it's sinking, your first preoccupation ought not be getting more people on the Titanic."*

— Sen. Gramm

But the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, an outfit whose work has been right on the money for some time, points out this little hitch in the get-along: "Within a few years, tax cuts targeted primarily on very high-income individuals will far exceed the combined cost of all the program initiatives in the new legislation. For example, by 2007, the estate tax reductions alone — which will benefit the heirs only of the wealthiest 2 percent of individuals who have died — will cost more than all the social program initiatives combined."

Turns out that the social spending in the new budget is cleverly set up to de-

cline over time — from \$46.7 billion in the first five years to \$39 billion in the second five years. "By contrast," reports the Budget Center, "the tax cuts targeted primarily on wealthy individuals expand substantially as the years go by. Three major tax provisions focus the lion's share of their benefits on the top 5 percent — and especially on the top 1 percent — of the population. These are the capital gains and estate tax cuts and the reduction in the corporate alternative minimum tax. These provisions lost \$14.4 billion in revenue in the years through 2002, but \$61.1 billion in the five years after that. Looked at on an annual basis, these tax cuts lose just \$1.7 billion in fiscal year 1999. By 2007, they lose \$15.7 billion more than seven times their 1999 level, after adjustment for inflation. Their cost continues to rise significantly after 2007."

What to have here is another good reason not to cut taxes; the old budget will not be in the red balance for 10 minutes, at this rate. This is particularly unhelpful at a time like this the old jer: "Ah, you liberals just love taxes — you just like to increase taxes." Speaking for myself, I can safely say that I have never exercised any fondness for taxes. This is not about some silly, paroxysm or ideological nonsense about who "likes taxes" — these are crucial questions about how to allocate resources wisely at a time when resources are visible ahead. Now let's see how responsibly the Republican Congress responds.

Molly Ivins is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

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## LETTER

### There's still time to ban plutonium

As reported by *The Times-News* on Jan. 9, plutonium can move in groundwater. We still have a chance to ban the chemical and plutonium even Idaho's water supply, where it has already leaked to 240 feet down in this flood zone. While Pl 9 sits and Lockheed demands more money, there is time to stop the insanity.

I'd like to share this letter I wrote to our "leaders." If you want to encourage their help, our state deserves ideas that can collect toll free at 1-800-626-0471. Pl 9 is one acre of our 88-acre dump, but we're heading down a deadly road.

To Sen. Kemphorne; Rep. Crapo; state Sens. Noh, Stubbs, Simpson, Hawkins and Stennett; Gov. Batt; Kathleen Trexler and Richard Stallings (former congressmen).

I enclosed a new, extremely important study documenting the transport of insoluble plutonium in groundwater from our area neighbors in Nevada.

I am asking you to reconsider interlocking in the Pl 9 Record of Decision

which reburies untreated plutonium into the pit. Two percent or 3 to 4 pounds of plutonium will be reburied into the pit presently. The Department of Energy has admitted it may cap the Radioactive Waste Management Complex with dirt and leave all the buried plutonium. I refer you to another 1993 U.S. Geological Survey study I enclosed, warning of the mixed waste-mixing some of the plutonium — and therefore even more mobile. DOE admits it may choose to leave the buried plutonium and may open a new 200-acre plutonium dump.

In light of this new evidence, should we not fight to ban the substantial plutonium? Shouldn't our federal representatives introduce state veto power with the "Nuclear Rights Amendment" to the Constitution? Via the tri-party agreement and state air-quality permits, shouldn't the state stop copper-mine reburial of plutonium?

Can we please work together to save Idaho's water from plutonium? Please respond.  
DR. HEYER RICKARDS  
Twin Falls

## Plan to barge more young smolts is lethal for Idaho's anadromous fish

Although it will be another three months before Idaho's salmon and steelhead smolts begin their journey to the Pacific, the 1998 migration season is already shaping up to be a disaster. According to the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, only 350,600 wild chinook salmon smolts will leave Idaho this spring. Based upon recent return rates, 80% of those fish will return as adults in the year 2000.

That would be the weakest chinook return Idaho has seen since the Ice Age.

To add insult to injury, the National Marine Fisheries Service, the federal agency charged with protecting salmon and steelhead, will soon release a draft biological opinion for steelhead that will put the final nail in the coffin for Idaho's

### READER COMMENT Scott Bosse

anadromous fish. The crux of their plan will be to reduce the percentage of smolts spilled over the dams and, instead, barge every juvenile fish they can around the eight mainstem dams between Lewiston and Astoria. They will claim the latest research shows barged fish have higher survival rates than fish left in the river and that technological improvements can boost barging survival rates even more.

Shamefully, they will hide the truth about fish barging.

Juvenile fish barging began amidst the dam-building frenzy on the lower Snake River in the early 1970's. It started as an

experiment after scientists conceded that federal dams had made the river too lethal for ocean-bound salmon smolts. Simply put, too many fish were being killed as they passed through the dams' turbines — 15 percent at each of the eight mainstem dams for a cumulative mortality of 95 percent.

Two decades later, the barging experiment has proven a dismal failure. Studies have shown that instead of saving smolts, barging kills young fish by literally stressing them to death in high-pressure bypass tubes and jam-packed holding tanks. Those that survive this trauma often succumb to diseases that run rampant in barges.

Even if barged smolts survive the detour around the dams, they never return to their natal streams to spawn. Scientists believe this happens because juve-

nile fish must "imprint" on the river that leads them out to sea. In 1994, steelhead smolts barged from McNary Dam had a return rate of 0 percent. Amazingly, the Army Corps of Engineers is now pushing to include steelhead barging at McNary in the new draft biological opinion.

Scientists agree that for Idaho's salmon and steelhead runs to recover, 2 to 6 percent of outmigrating smolts must return to their spawning streams as adults. Yet, after spending \$3 billion on techno-fixes in the past 15 years, even the lowest end of that range has never been achieved. In 1997, a mere one-quarter of 1 percent of wild Snake River chinook made the return trip to Idaho.

It is time for our elected leaders to face the cold, hard truth that all the barging and hatchery production in the world will never resurrect Idaho's once-magnif-

icent salmon and steelhead runs. According to our own state fish and game agency, the only scientifically credible hope of rescuing Idaho's salmon and steelhead is to turn the lower Snake River back into a river.

We are left with two options in determining the fate of our fish. We can be heroes and breach the four lower Snake River dams that are killing them, or we can be cowards and stand idly by as the federal government barges them into extinction.

To voice your opinion, write Gov. Batt and Idaho's congressional delegation. Ask them to show leadership in the fight to save Idaho's fish by publicly opposing the federal government's forthcoming biological opinion.

Scott Bosse of Boise is a conservation scientist with Idaho Rivers United.

### Doonesbury

By Garry Trudeau

### Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley



# Quake in China rattles thousands

NANTAN, China (AP) — Scrambling to head off frostbite, Chinese aid workers rushed winter sweaters, quilts and tents Sunday to tens of thousands of earthquake victims in northern China's east into the bitter cold when their houses were reduced to rubble.

The devastation from Saturday's quake in Hebei province was worse than originally thought, with about 1,440 people injured — nearly 2,500 more than previous estimates, Xinhua, China's state-run news agency, reported. About 1,200 of the injured were seriously hurt.

The death toll from the temblor that rocked scores of villages in two counties near a section of the Great Wall rose to 50 from 47, said Tan Xianfeng, an official at the State Seismological Bureau.

The magnitude 6.2 quake struck when many people were indoors preparing lunch, and was so strong that it rattled apartment buildings in Beijing, about 150 miles to the south.

A doctor at a hospital in the city of Zhangbei, near the epicenter, said people were assisted by firefighters, scalded by stoves and burned in fires sparked by the quake.

Tens of thousands of buildings fell across Zhangbei and Shangqi counties, north of a section of the Great Wall that runs along the rugged terrain of the Yan Mountains. More than 44,000 people were homeless, Xinhua said.

The wall, which is 2,200 years old in parts and crumbling with age in many areas, did not appear any worse for wear following the quake.

Aftershocks — more than 200



An unidentified boy reacts as he looks at earthquake damage to farm sheds in his village in China's Hebei province, 150 miles northwest of Beijing, Sunday.

of them as of Sunday evening — jarrred the area, with the strongest reaching magnitude 4.6, the State Seismological Bureau said. It said no more major quakes were expected, and that the aftershocks would not affect Beijing.

Xinhua said that economic losses from the quake were estimat-

ed at \$28 billion. Farmers in scores of villages huddled in hastily built shelters to survive subzero nighttime temperatures. The state-run China Youth Daily quoted a local official as saying that frostbite was expected. "We need a lot of tents," he added.

Throughout Sunday, convoys of

trucks, vans and buses carried relief supplies to the stricken area. Aid delivered on its way included 1,200 tents, 21,085 winter overcoats and quilts, and food and medicine, Xinhua said.

Military units in Beijing sent four helicopters to airlift 30 tons of food to the area Sunday morning, state-run television reported.

# Gunmen kill 24 in graveyard massacre

LAHORE, Pakistan (AP) — As he prepared to hand out copies of the Koran during a memorial service in a Shiite Muslim cemetery Sunday, prayer leader Allama Akhtar Abbas Najvi paused to offer a warning. "We must be very cautious," he said. "We are not safe here in Pakistan."

Moments later, he proved prescient: Two gunmen on a motorcycle roared up to the service in Lahore and hurled their rifles on the mourners, killing 24 people and injuring more than 30 in an attack officials fear was religiously motivated.

The gunmen scrambled for cover: Children hid behind the gravestones, some beneath colorful cloths, and monks, draped over the stone markers. Screams and pleas for the gunmen to stop filled the air.

"We were in the middle of our prayers," said a trembling imam, Hassan, 52. "Everyone started screaming and trying to find a place to hide, but they just kept on firing."

Most of Pakistan's 140 million people are Sunni-Muslims who hold no grudge against their Shiite brethren. Small, well-armed militant groups have

emerged, however, and the two sides routinely clash.

No one has claimed responsibility for the attack, but police suspect the gunmen belonged to the Sunni group known as the Sipah-e-Sahabah, or the Friends of the Guardians of the Prophet.

"There is no doubt that Sipah-e-Sahabah was involved in the firing and there will definitely be repercussions," said Hasan Tarabi, a leader of the Tehrik-e-Taliban or Movement for Shiite Muslim Law in Pakistan. Contacted by The Associated Press by telephone, he would not elaborate.

The massacre came as nearly 100 Shiite Muslim worshippers were kneeling at the white marble grave of their former leader and teacher, Muhammad Hussain Rizwan, during a ceremony marking his death two years ago from natural causes. As the gunmen sprayed bullets over the crowd, two accomplices kept watch from a log.

After the killers fled, survivors hurried from the cemetery, stopping cars, motorized rickshaws and motorcycles, pleading with them to rush the injured to the nearest hospital.

# Hoping to wreck cease-fire, Protestant group kills Catholic leader Adams

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Gunmen killed a relative of Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams outside a nightclub early Sunday, marring peace negotiations on Northern Ireland's future that are to resume this week.

The Loyalist Volunteer Force, a Protestant group trying to wreck cease-fires by the main British Protestant paramilitary groups and the Catholic-based IRA, claimed responsibility.

Bouncer Terry Enright, 28, who is married to Adams' niece, was shot and killed outside the Spice nightclub in downtown Belfast around midnight.

He was the third Catholic whose murder the Loyalist Volunteers has claimed since Dec. 27, when their leader was shot dead in jail by gunmen of the Irish National Liberation

Army, a dissident offshoot of the IRA, comforted his niece, Deirdre Enright, and her two young children Sunday at their home in Catholic west Belfast, where Enright led a community youth worker.

Adams, who was shot five times by Protestant extremists in 1984, comforted his niece, Deirdre Enright, and her two young children Sunday at their home in Catholic west Belfast, where Enright led a community youth worker.

The Sinn Fein leader's press aide, Richard McAuley, said few people would have known of the Enright-Adams connection and the gunmen appeared to have fired shots at all the nightclub's bouncers.

The attackers' car was later found torched in Protestant east Belfast.

# Defense chief assures Asia of stabilizing U.S. presence

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — Treading lightly on the hot coals of Asia's financial meltdown, Defense Secretary William Cohen began a tour of the region Sunday to demonstrate that America remains an ally "in good times and bad."

He said his aim in Asia is to shore up confidence. "Essentially it is to convey and reinforce to the peoples of the region that the United States is a friend and a solid ally in good times and bad," Cohen said. "We are here to stay and to play on

the political, economic and security issues."

Cohen added a Treasury Department official to his entourage at the last minute but said he brought no proposals for additional U.S. military aid and no advice on how to cope with the region's financial turmoil.

About 100,000 American troops are based in Asia, mostly in Japan and South Korea. In recent years Southeast Asia has become a bigger buyer of American weaponry, but the region's economic crisis already

is killing some arms deals such as Malaysia's plan to buy \$500 million worth of U.S. Apache helicopters.

The itinerary for Cohen's first visit to Southeast Asia as defense secretary takes him to countries that are among the hardest hit by currency collapses and credit crunches: Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Singapore. He will wind up his 12-day trip with stops in China, Japan and South Korea. Of greatest worry to the Clinton administration is Indonesia, where financial

upheaval has raised questions about the stability of President Suharto's government. It is an open question whether Suharto, who has ruled the country since the late 1960s, can retain the full support of the powerful military.

Cohen is the highest-ranking Clinton administration official to visit this region since its once-vibrant economies began slipping last summer to reach the point of collapse in recent weeks. He said he hopes his presence will provide reassurance despite his lack of suggestions for fixing the crisis.

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Section B

## Bon appetit and the Big Beef Bang

Today's topic is The Art of Cooking. Cooking was invented in prehistoric times, when a primitive tribe had a lucky accident. The tribe had killed an animal and was going to eat it raw, when a tribe member named Woog tripped and dropped it into the fire. At first the other tribe members were angry at Woog, but then, as the aroma of burning meat filled the air, they had an idea. So they ate Woog raw.



**HUMOR**  
Dave Barry

Yes, cooking can be hazardous. I learned this lesson from a dramatic true incident that occurred in my childhood. My family was at home, waiting for company to arrive, my mom was cooking one of her specialties, creamed chipped beef, in a double boiler. There was a knock on the door, and we all went to the living room to greet our company, which was fortunate because at exactly the instant we opened the door, the double boiler exploded in a shower of steam, which seemed like thousands of gallons of creamed chipped beef flying in all directions with tremendous force. I believe that if there are intelligent beings elsewhere in the universe, one day their astronomers will detect traces of this particular entree spreading out across the cosmos at nearly the speed of light, and they will be extrapolating backward, calculate the time, and conclude the Big Beef Bang took place on Earth in 1958.

The point is that, as a safety precaution, you should never cook anything, including toast, without wearing a welding helmet. Also you should choose a recipe that is appropriate for the individuals who will be eating it. For example, you do not need to make an elaborate dish if the individuals are dogs. A dog will eat pretty much anything, but the reason why there are no restaurants for dogs is that the customers would eat the menus. So a dog will happily eat the same recipe forever. You can feed a dog "kibble," which is actually compressed dirt, every single day for 15 years, and the dog will consider you to be the greatest cook in world history. It will lick the ground you walk on.

The situation is similar with guys. Guys generally like to find a recipe that works for them and stick with it. For example, I know a sports writer named Bob who, to my knowledge, has never in his life cooked anything except Stouffer's frozen French bread pizza. This is all he has in his freezer. If he has a Thanksgiving dinner, he'll serve a large Stouffer's French bread pizza, stuffed with smaller Stouffer's French bread pizzas. At the Stouffer's factory, they probably have a whole department devoted exclusively to Bob, called "The Department of Bob," which monitors Bob's pizza consumption and has a fleet of loaded respaly trucks ready to roll when he runs low.

If you're not cooking for guys or dogs, you should use a more elaborate "gourmet" type of recipe, which you can find in magazines such as Bon Appetit (literal translation: "Chow Down"). The problem here is that the people who are creating these recipes are also smoking down cooking wine to the gallon, and as a result they start making up words. Take "fennel." There is no such thing as "fennel," yet many of your gourmet recipes call for it. Other examples of imaginary ingredients are "shallots," "capers" and "arugula." So what frequently happens when you try to make a gourmet recipe is, you're progressing briskly through the steps, and suddenly you come across an instruction that the gourmet chef obviously dreamed up moments before putting out facedown in the beanstee sauce, such as "Carrieffie eight minced hamoui kleebers into a reduction of blanched free-range whilk corness."

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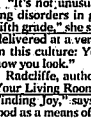
## But is women's fixation with figure wrecking lives?

**By Steve Crump**  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — Not many women look like the Spice Girls, or other goddesses of popular culture.

There's a reason for that, says Rebecca Ruggles Rudicoff, a national lecturer on emotional eating and body image.

"Only about 5 percent of women are normally as thin as the models you see in fashion magazines," she said. "For 95 percent of women, being that thin is neither realistic nor healthy."



Rudicoff, who will be the keynote speaker at the 10th Annual Wellness Seminar at the College of Southern Idaho later this month, believes our national obsession with svelte is producing nothing but misery.

"It's not unusual anymore to see eating disorders in girls in the fourth and fifth grade," she said. "The message gets delivered at a very young age to women in this culture: Your worth depends on how you look."

Rudicoff, author of "Dance Naked in Your Living Room: Handling Stress and Finding Joy," says many Americans use food as a means of dealing with stress.

"Most of us have never learned what to do with feelings," she said. "They overwhelm us and so we reach for food to shut them down. That is why we lose control."

"There are a lot of ways to cope," Rudicoff continued. "You can eat, you can binge, you can use alcohol and drugs, you can gamble too much, you can work too much — they all work. The problem is, those methods don't work

**Wellness seminar**

- What: The 10th annual Wellness Seminar will feature Rebecca Ruggles Rudicoff, a national lecturer on stress, emotional eating and self-esteem.
- Where: College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium.
- When: Rudicoff will deliver the seminar's keynote address at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 29, preceded by a performance by Twin Falls singer-songwriter Suzanne Just.
- Tickets are available at the door from 9 a.m. until noon on Jan. 30.
- How much: \$5 for the Jan. 29 session and \$10 for the Jan. 30 workshop.

The seminar is co-sponsored by CSI, Blue Cross of Idaho, Blue Shield of Idaho, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, the city of Twin Falls, Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital and the Walker Center.

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It is images like this fashion photo of Posh Spice (left) and Sporty Spice that may put unreasonable expectations on females to be thin.

very well, and they have some very serious consequences."

Much better, she said in a telephone interview from her office in Prior Lake, Minn., is to focus on individual abilities.

"Rather than concentrating on creative energy, which could benefit our own lives and those of others, women don't feel good enough, smart enough or pretty enough because of the unrealistic images that define beauty."

That's because for too many women, beauty equals success, Rudicoff said.

Students, for example, nurture themselves through stressful events, she said. They find themselves eating to cope with pressures, but they inevitably break promises to be "good" because food is a way to unwind and find a few minutes of peace.

"As they gain weight, their self-esteem drops, creating an even greater need to self-comfort — and to diet," Rudicoff said. "So the cycle accelerates. When you add the pressure of exams, extra parties, extra food, relationship

problems and budget crunches, no wonder we use food to handle stress."

"It all starts at a very young age," she said.

"If you're a parent 'Who doesn't want your daughter to go through that agony, the most important thing you can do is focus on what she does and who she is, not what she looks like," Rudicoff said. "We tend to say to little girls, 'You look so pretty in that dress.' What we need to be saying is, 'You drew such a pretty picture.'"

For adolescents and adults — she suggests drawing up a personal list of stress management strategies.

"This way, we have a healthier approach to the challenges life sends us without expending food or anything else to solve all our problems."

"It can be different," she said. "But we have to learn what makes us eat before we can change."

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## Rudeness proliferates in busy health clubs

**Waenau, Greer, Calif.** — Emily Post's treatise on proper manners may be considered the bible of etiquette, but one chapter is sorely missing.

Appropriate fitness club behavior.

Stick a group of scantily clad adults of varying degrees of sweatiness in a

crowded, windowless gym and you tend to end up with a breeding ground for boorish behavior.

In fact, gym managers estimate that anywhere from 10 percent to 40 percent of their clientele could stand an attitude adjustment. And one area fitness director believes that as many as three-fourths of the patrons of her upscale

club are guilty of minor etiquette infractions.

Apparently, the renegades many of us were taught in kindergarten — share, pick up after ourselves, play nicely — have gotten lost on some members of the general population.

"Sometimes, consideration goes out the door," says Bruce Thomas, general

manager of Lakeridge Athletic Club in Elkhart, Calif.

In some instances, the clubbies are veteran gym-goers attempting to take liberty with club regulations. But often the etiquette gaffes can be attributed to sheer ignorance — first-time gym members just not knowing any better, says

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## LOOKING GOOD

### Some trends boast staying power

**The Dallas Morning News**

Fashion's minute-by-minute upheaval seems never to slow. But in the last years of the '90s, several significant changes have profoundly altered the way we shop, what we wear and how we wear it.

Some of the biggest fashion changes of this decade promise to continue into the next. Here's a look at several trends that turned out to be more-than-passing whims.

The athletic wear boom. Boys from the 'hood in the newest Air Jordans. Trends in trainers and track pants. Seniors in silky jogging suits. Athletes aren't the only ones dressing for sport these days.

As the nation's preoccupation with sports and casual dressing has grown, active wear has morphed into everyday wear. A 73 percent increase in women's sports participation during this decade also has helped fuel the boom.

Running shoes, the top-selling type of athletic footwear, have been joined on shelves by shoes for every specialty from skateboarding and mountain biking to river rafting. But 80 percent of all athletic footwear is worn primarily for activities other than sports or fitness, according to The Sporting Goods



It's very clear that casual workplace attire is here to stay.

Manufacturers Association (SGMA). Apparel isn't much different: The SGMA says that more than 80 percent

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## HEALTH NOTES

**Write this down**

Hospital-acquired infections are a well-documented additional risk for patients in the hospital. Among the sources of "infection" that "have been studied in the past are thermometers, stethoscopes and unclear hands. And now doctors' pens. Austrian researchers retrieved writing implements from 42 doctors at a Salzburg hospital and rubbed a sterile cotton swab over each pen. They then streaked the swabs across laboratory plates; grew whatever germs were there and identified the microorganisms present in 48 hours. Fifteen different types of microbacterial organisms, in writing styli, ballpoint and ballpoint pens, were isolated from the 42 pens swabbed off the pens. Only 1 percent of the 42 pens were uncontaminated.

**Uterine-disease tests**

Women, biopsies are far superior to ultrasound in detecting serious cases of uterine disease. Biopsy tissue samples has long been the standard means of screening for diseases of the uterine lining. Ultrasound imaging held out the possibility of a method that was less

invasive and uncomfortable. However, ultrasound gives a high number of false positive results, making it a poor screening test, says a study led by Robert Langer of the University of California at San Diego.

**Salt this away**

Fruits and vegetables contain a type of potassium salt, potassium citrate, that appears to lower blood pressure and may reduce the risk of stroke, according to a recent study in hypertension-prone rats at the University of California-San Francisco. Common table salt (sodium chloride) tends to increase blood pressure in many people, ostensibly because of the sodium, so those with hypertension (high blood pressure) are usually cautioned to cut back on salt.

On the other hand, patients taking diuretics for high blood pressure are often prescribed supplements of potassium chloride, since potassium is considered beneficial.

But the new research suggests that at least in some people, chloride — whether it's combined with sodium or with potassium — also may raise blood pressure.

Compiled from wire reports

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HEALTH & FASHION

Gym do's and don'ts

**Do:**

- Warm up after yourself—Return and rack weights when you're finished with them.
- Share. Allow others to "work in" on your "or take turns"—while using weight equipment.
- Be mindful of personal space. Give men and women lifting heavy weights enough room to exercise. Trust us, you don't so will hurt you more than it hurts them.
- Respect a person's privacy. Understand that not everyone desires to strike up conversations while exercising—no matter how interesting you think you are.
- Make proper eye contact, which means no GOLF SHOES, TOM'S SHIRTS or open-toed shoes. (We're not even going to address the issue of wearing those workout wear without shorts.)
- Be on time. Showing up late for fitness classes or appointments with personal trainers is just plain rude.
- Make reservations for child care so that the gym staff will be expecting your little monster or angel and can plan accordingly.
- Don't bring broken equipment so that gym managers can fix it promptly. Don't!
- Leave a sweaty mess on equipment. No one person is dealt with. In a word, it's gross.
- Leave towels/newspapers/water bottles/assorted trash on the gym floor or the locker room. Think about it if you don't want to pick up, what are the chances someone else does?
- Come out on equipment, spending too much time on machines while others are waiting. Many gyms have 20- or 30-minute time limits on car-

**don'ts/equipment during peak hours:**

- Drop weights on the floor. It's hard on the weights and hard on our ears.
- Cuss or make weird grunting noises while lifting weights. We'd prefer you go on in the privacy of your own home.
- Forget your deodorant.
- Wear too much jewelry to the gym. It can get in the way of distracting or forgetting deodorant.
- Bring food into the gym. Besides the safety factor, food attracts the worms. Be polite—no eating, even on-site.
- Monopolize several pieces of equipment at the same time. This isn't a preschool.
- Go past the time allotted for using racquetball and tennis courts. The group waiting behind you will thank you.
- Be a "spot snatcher" in exercise classes. Many regulars to the classes have spaces in the room where they prefer to work out and don't take kindly to aliens encroaching upon their turf.
- Stand in front of the dumbbell rack while doing your exercises. It makes it hard for others to reach the equipment.
- Stand in front of people who are trying to look into the mirror in front of them while exercising. In most cases, weight lifters do this more out of the instructor's directions than vanity.
- Talk excessively during fitness classes to the people around you. Some of us need to hear every word of the instructor's directions to stand a chance at ever getting the moves down right.

—NIGHT RIDER News Service

Foundation to meet

**TWIN FALLS**—The Diabetes Center Foundation will meet at 7 p.m. today in the meeting room at the Heritage and Welfare building on Pole Line Road.

Guest speaker will be Dr. Michael Adcox, a specialist in high blood pressure and kidney diseases. This topic will apply to all people with diabetes, regardless of age or other health problems.

For more information, call Ann Bybee at 733-3700, ext. 174 or Barbara Hollivay at 736-8336.

Red Cross sets classes

**TWIN FALLS**—The American

Trends

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of the money spent on sports apparel is for items that men'll see much activity at all. Unless it's night riding.

• The casual world. Workers have demonstrated they're more than happy to give suits the boot.

A majority of American office employees—more than 40 million people, in fact—are now permitted to dress casually during the work week, according to the latest national survey commissioned by Levi Strauss & Co.

Just two years ago, casual business wear wasn't an everyday thing for even a third of employees. But the latest survey indicated that 53 percent now can dress down whenever they choose. Occasional casual attire is allowed for 87 percent of workers today.

As more people continue to wear more casual clothing,

retailers, manufacturers and designers must produce apparel for a less-dressy world.

• The catalog craze. The mailbox has become the mall for millions of people.

This year, catalogs such as J. Crew, Lands' End, L.L. Bean, Brooks and hundreds of others pulled an estimated \$48 billion from Americans' pockets, a 6.6 percent increase over last year.

Birth course offered

**TWIN FALLS**—A childbirth refresher course will be offered at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Education Center at MVRMC.

Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2900.

Tuesday course set

**TWIN FALLS**—A prepared childbirth course will be offered at 7 p.m. Tuesdays beginning Jan. 20 through Feb. 17, in the Education Center at MVRMC.

Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2900.

Class set for seniors

**TWIN FALLS**—The 55 Alive

Mature Driving Course will be offered at 9 a.m. Jan. 27 and 28 in the Education Center at MVRMC.

Participants must attend both sessions.

Free is \$8 per person for materials.

Early registration is advised. Call 737-2065.

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 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

Rude

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Frank Lagini, fitness director of Clayton Valley Athletic Club in Concord, Calif.

And during this, the busiest time of the year for health clubs, Lagini tends to get much, much worse.

Picture a man stripping to his skivvies to weigh himself in a very public area of a crowd gym. Envision another gentleman walking into a fitness club with a bag of fragrant french fries and burgers. You can even imagine a woman making suggestive body gyrations while atop an exercise machine.

Over time, however, many quickly learn the rules—written and unwritten—which stand opposed to such behavior.

But "some people never lue

in," Mathis says.

In the past, club rules have primarily governed hours of operation, check-in procedures, guest reservations and on-site smoking. Now an increasing number of gyms are delving into the stickier issue of how members are expected to behave while in the fitness club premises.

Clayton's San Ramon, Calif., has drafted a list called "Fitness Center Etiquette," which it has posted throughout the facility and included in member brochures. In an effort to make the guidelines truly hit home, club trainers go over the tips with new members at part of their orientation. And youths ages 13 and under must view a mandatory 20-minute video that explains weight room manners before they are eligible to use the club, says fitness director Claudia Mosse.

Sulk, says Mosse, "it's really hard to teach adults what proper etiquette is. You have to teach them something they think they should already know."

Barry

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This is to be a successful cook, you need to learn how to adapt gourmet recipes to the "real world" by making substitutions.

For example, recently I was looking through the December issue of *Food & Wine* and found a recipe called "Sweet Potato Soup with Lobster and Orange Creme Fraiche."

I was very interested in making it because the problem was that some of the ingredients, such as "leeks," were obviously imaginary, whereas others, such as lobsters, were members of the cockroach family. No problem! I simply looked around my kitchen for appropriate substitute ingredients, and I was able to adapt the *Iron Appetit* recipe to meet my specific needs, as follows:

**SWEET-POTATO SOUP WITH LOBSTER AND ORANGE CREME FRAICHE**

1. In a medium room, remove wrappers from eight medium Three Musketeers bars left over from Halloween.
2. Eat bars.
3. Feed wrappers to dog.

With a little ingenuity, you can achieve results very much like this in your own kitchen. I bet that when word of your culinary prowess gets around, people will be flocking to your door! Let's hope they're bringing pizza.

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald.

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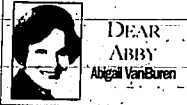
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—INHERITED TO THEM, LAKEWOOD, CALIF.

**DEAR INHERITED:** Your parents' reward comes from seeing what a fine young woman you have become. Parents are very forgiving. Your present behavior can make up for the past. However, it wouldn't hurt to talk to your mother and stepfa-

ther and tell them how you feel. Apologize, and tell them you will spend the rest of your life being a credit to them. Let them know you love them, and continue being the caring, contributing member of your family and community that you have become.

## PERSONAL TRAINER

A sports fanatic and physically addicted to an alcohol or a drug abuser, but the consequences can be as painful. Here's what a survey of 500 intense sports fans and their spouses found:

**More ways than ever to indulge**

- Many didn't exist 15 years ago:
  - Neighborhood office and Internet sports pools
  - Fantasy sports leagues
  - Radio sports shows and game broadcasts
  - Computer and video sports games
  - News papers and magazines
  - Sports on local TV channels, cable channels

When things get out of hand

The fan "becomes a different person" while watching a game:

- More emotional or aggressive
- Quicker to become angry
- More intolerant of deflections

The fan's mood is taken hostage by sports:

- It rises or sinks from week to week according to a team's fortunes
- A losing season or loss of a big game can drive the fan into depression — or a rage
- The fan may not realize, or may deny, that there's a pattern

The fan gets hooked on sports' emotional highs:

- It's important, so it's less messy than family matters or the demands of an intimate

The fan's schedule revolves around games:

- Sports take priority over events with family or non-sports friends
- The fan doesn't realize how much time sports are consuming

**NOVEMBER**

**A SIGN OF THE TIMES**

More TVs in hospital delivery rooms so husbands of women in labor and the medical workers taking care of the women — won't miss any games

SOURCES: "Not Now, Honey, I'm Watching the Game About to Be Born" Sports Center, Detroit Year and Yearly Mail; by Kevin Quinn, ABC News, www.abc.com

**DEAR ABBY:** I am a 21-year-old female student living at home. During my middle and senior school years, I was more than a handful, to put it mildly. I was angry and depressed, and caused my mother and her new husband a lot of problems. I did some horrible things. I got kicked out of several schools, received failing grades and ran with a bad crowd. I am very ashamed of my behavior.

I know I have deeply hurt my mother and the rest of my family — I am doing well now but don't know how to apologize to them and thank my mother for her support and for all she's done for me. I wake up every morning and thank my lucky stars that I wasn't thrown out on the streets. My mother and stepfather have worked diligently to help me turn into the caring young

## Leave baking soda in the kitchen

**DEAR PAULA:** You have said that mixing baking soda with Cetaphil makes a good face cleanser. In the July issue of Cosmopolitan, Michael Hemphill suggests mixing baking soda with shampoo. I have two questions. First, would this make an effective scalp exfoliator? Second, how would this affect my color-treated hair?

—DANIELLE

**COSMETICS Q&A**  
Paula Begoun

**DEAR DANIELLE:** Baking soda for the hair. Baking soda can dry out the hair shaft (as would any salt product) and is difficult to wash off the hair. Just like sea water, it can cause problems for the hair. A good scalp massage, lightly with fingernails, does a far better job of exfoliating than rubbing baking soda on your scalp.

**DEAR PAULA:** I've noticed an intriguingly strange product being offered on one of the home shopping channels: Essence of Time. This face cream, which comes in a retinol blend and an original blend, purports to have skin-preserving essence of "Lindsey Peat Moss," a peat from a bog in England in which a 2,500-year-old man was found with his skin very well preserved. Anything to this?

—JANET, SAN DIEGO

**DEAR JANET:** If peat moss is preserving dead skin, that's all well and good, but that doesn't have

anything to do with live skin. (They use formaldehyde to preserve dead bodies you don't want to drink that stuff either!) In terms of retinol, according to studies from the University of Michigan, it takes 20 percent retinol to produce an improvement in skin that is comparable to that produced by Retin-A; however, there are no cosmetics that contain that much retinol.

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## Straight to San Diego



New Jersey Nets' Keith Van Horn would appreciate everyone dropping the "Great White Hope" tag he has been given this NBA season.

### A star is born in Nets' Van Horn

By Lisa Olson  
New York Daily News

DIAMOND BAR, Calif. — The problem was there were never enough courts. Keith Van Horn and his buddy Blake Johnstone would pile into Keith's red pickup truck at 7 a.m. on hot summer days and drive around suburban Los Angeles, looking for a game.

They might start at Chapparral, the middle school up the way, and then head over to Ronald Reagan Park, or cruise down to Long Beach State and play with the college dudes; or maybe go into L.A. for some inner-city ball.

Their friends would spend the day checking out the babes at Newport Beach or hanging out in the air-conditioned Brea mall activities that seemed as appealing to Van Horn and Johnstone as cutting off their arms.

They were quite a pair, Keith and Blake. Van Horn, 6-4 by the time he was 16 but still skinny as a fishing rod, was all wild limbs and skin so pale it would burn from the rays reflecting off the water's windshield.

Johnstone, an African-American, was shorter by about seven inches. He was younger by two years, but the louder of the duo.

Some times they would walk up to a court carrying a ball and wearing their Nikes, and Johnstone would have to convince the others that his pal was for real.

"Keith didn't look like Keith and go, 'No, I don't think so.' It would take him about three minutes to prove them wrong," Johnstone says now. "He'd do stuff in parks that would blow your mind. Stuff like cross-overs or throwing it back over his head. He was like the silent assassin. People would say, 'All the time, Dang, he plays like a brother. He plays like he's black.'"

Keith Van Horn was 8 when he told his mother he was going to play in the NBA. May Van Horn nodded politely, then filed away the memory. She was busy now, some 14 years after her son was the No. 2 pick in the 1997 draft, and recalls with precise alacrity the details of this defining moment.

"He was coming out from our little court next to the house, carrying his ball," she says. "He just told me he was going to the NBA like he was telling me when he was going to have for lunch. Once he makes up his mind, you can't stop him. He's a pretty determined person."

Diamond Bar, the sleepy suburban community where Keith was raised, has all the comforts a boy could hope for. Fifty minutes by freeway to the Forum, 30 minutes to the beach. Some of the mansions on the hills overlooking the main thoroughfare are so massive they have elevators to get from one floor to the next, but the Van Horns' place was more of a sprawling ranch-style adobe, spacious but not ostentatious.

Kenneth Van Horn was a mountain of a man, 6-8 and 230 pounds, on his high days. He played basketball at Lincoln High and later ran an on-site fire-sprinkler business. Blake Johnstone remembers how every time he and Keith would come home from a bag day of cruising the SoCal courts, "Mr. Van Horn would be sitting there in his special chair — the dad's chair — wanting to

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A herd of Denver Broncos fans embrace wide receiver Rod Smith, center, after the Broncos claimed the AFC Championship game Sunday.

**NFC Championship**  
Green Bay 23,  
San Francisco 10

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Denver 24,  
Pittsburgh 21

## Green Bay, Denver to meet in Super Bowl

### Packers look for repeat

By Curt Sylvester  
Knight-Ridder News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Substitute the rain for the sleet and snow of Wisconsin.

Replace the frozen tundra with the soggy turf. Make it El Nino instead of Old Man Winter. And you still get the brutal truth: Whether they're at home on Lambeau Field or playing at 3Com Park, the Green Bay Packers are still the best in the NFL. They proved it Sunday with a waterlogged 23-10 victory over San Francisco in the conference title game.

The defending Super Bowl champion Packers will get a chance to make it two in a row when they meet AFC winner Denver in Super Bowl XXXII on Jan. 25 in San Diego.

The Packers (15-3) beat the 49ers for the fourth straight time, including playoff games the last three years.

Green Bay scored on Brett Favre's 27-yard touchdown pass to Antonio Freeman, Dorsey Levens' five-yard run and three field goals by Ryan Longwell, and relied on their defense to do the rest. Levens ran for 114 yards — the first time the 49ers allowed a 100-yard game this season.

Gary Anderson kicked a 26-yard field goal late in the second quarter and Chuck Levy scored on a 95-yard kickoff

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### Broncos hope for better

By Drew Sharp  
Knight-Ridder News Service

PITTSBURGH — As John Elway walked off the Three Rivers Stadium field and toward his fourth Super Bowl, hipster Sunday's game ball in the air, he spotted another open receiver. This time it was a woman leaning over the stadium railing, wearing Elway's No. 7.

Elway flicked the ball toward her, but it fell terribly short. "I kind of underthrew it," Elway chuckled afterward. It was one of his few poor throws.

Elway was brilliant when necessary in the AFC title game, and the old teacher gave the young pupil a valuable lesson in handling championship pressure as the Denver Broncos beat the Steelers, 24-21.

The potential heir to Elway's comeback artistry, Kordell Stewart, showed his inexperience, with three interceptions and a lost fumble.

After tossing an interception on the game's second play, Elway was virtually flawless, with two touchdown passes. But perhaps his biggest play was a third-down strike to Shannon Sharpe from the Denver 15 just before the two-minute warning.

It gave Denver a first down and thwarted what was begin-

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Brett Favre celebrates during the Packers' NFC Championship game victory over San Francisco.



Phil Mickelson fired a 68 on Sunday to claim the Mercedes Championships.

## Mickelson holds off a charging Tiger

By Ron Slink  
The Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — The explosive roar greening the eagle by Tiger Woods rattled off the hills at the La Costa Resort and pushed Phil Mickelson to victory in the Mercedes Championships.

"I was right next to the ninth green when Tiger made that eagle," said Mickelson, who was on the seventh tee at the time.

"After I saw him make eagle, my mind set changed," Mickelson said. "I started to attack and try to make birdies."

Despite some shaky play on the closing holes, Mickelson finished with 68 in Sunday's final round to be at 17-under-par 271, one stroke ahead of Woods and Mark O'Meara, both of whom closed with 64s.

Mickelson's bold response to the hard-

charging Tiger showed that the storyline of the last half of the 1997 PGA Tour fits carried into the new season.

Woods has demanded a new level of performance and the players are giving it to him — both the young and the old.

The 27-year-old Mickelson didn't back down when Woods put up a 64 in the final round, and neither did the 40-year-old O'Meara.

And it made for an exciting opening to the new PGA Tour season as Mickelson missed David Duval early and held off Woods late to win the Mercedes Championships for the second time in five years.

Mickelson gave up the lead with a three-putt on the first hole — missing a 2-foot putt after twice being bothered by a ringing cellular phone on the first tee — but

made birdies on Nos. 3 and 4 to pull away from Duval, who was trying to become the first person since Ben Hogan in 1953 to win four consecutive PGA Tour starts.

Then Mickelson opened the throttle wide after Woods made his eagle. He made four birdies in five holes beginning on No. 9 to stay ahead of Woods, who was playing with O'Meara three groups in front and was lighting up the La Costa course and electrifying the crowd. Duval shot a 73 and finished at 277, six strokes off the lead.

"This was an important day for me," Mickelson said. "I knew some guys were going to go low, but I didn't know who they were going to be," he said.

It was Mickelson's 12th victory as a professional and it was the seventh time the San Diego native has won on the West Coast swing in his career.

SPORTS

Bronco victory would avoid futility mark, end NFC streak

By Barry Winer The Associated Press

No team ever has lost five Super Bowls... The Denver Broncos will have to snap the NFL's 14-year winning streak...

record. "I think the AFC is going to the Super Bowl and will win it." To do so, Denver (15-4) must deal with a Green Bay Packers...

we're really San Francisco... Both coaches, Green Bay's Mike Holmgren and Denver's Dan Reeves...

Their opponents for the first time: Denver rushed for 114 and Terrell Davis had 139.

"We met some great ball clubs in this tournament and stuck together to win and no doubt we deserved them."

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SPORTS

Tyson: I want another chance

LONDON (AP) — Mike Tyson has been training for a possible rematch with Evander Holyfield, saying he doesn't want to go on a boxing history page as a fighter who bit off a chunk of the champion's ear.

Rugby player suffers bitten ear

BATH, England (AP) — In an eerie similarity to the recent Mike Tyson-Evander Holyfield heavyweight title fight, a rugby player had part of his ear bitten off during a match.

drug dealers and pimps, the ones who had the diamonds. "That's not an excuse, but I have to explain there were no rules. You just had to survive, hurt someone who wanted to hurt you."

Women in the ring: A card of their own

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (AP) — The round card of women's winter-wildfight, rebranded as one-piece leotard with shoulder straps.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Messier hits NHL assist mark

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Mark Messier learned a long time ago that there is no room for selfishness in professional sports, at least not if winning is your first priority.

that must be first on the agenda for all of us." He outlined some challenges: • to ensure a continuing dialogue with student-athletes; making sure that student-athlete advisory boards are giving athletes an opportunity to be heard.

Maier leads Austrian ski sweep

SCHLANSDORF, Austria — Hermann Maier led a 1-2-3 Austria sweep of a World Cup super giant slalom Sunday, his second victory in a week on this course.

NCAA: Keep focus on athletes

ATLANTA — Amid the rising popularity and revenues for college sports, the chief focus must remain on the student-athletes themselves, the NCAA's executive director told delegates to the organization's convention Sunday.

Gerg edges Koznick in slalom

BORMIO, Italy — Hilde Gerg burst the dreams of Kristina Koznick and Yvna Nowen by winning a World Cup slalom race Sunday.



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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

"As we go, so do we, and as we go, so is it done to us... are the builders of our fortunes."

North: 10 12 4 3 4 10 8 3 J 3

West: 10 6 9 10 10 4 8 2
East: K J 8 7 9 2 6 5 2 7 6 4

South: A 1 2 4 3 1 2 7 5 4 3 10 5

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: South

"I had no escape against that lead," explained an unhappy South. "Whether Lover West's spade to doesn't matter either way, I lost two spades, a trump and a club."

"What play to save his game did South overlook?... South covered with dummy's spade queen at trick one and took East's king with it. Then he led a spade to 10, leaving in reach dummy's diamonds. However, West wasn't buying. He hopped up with his club ace and led another spade. East's ace spades and led a fourth spade to exact maximum punishment. South ruffed with his jack, but West alerted. Later, West got two trump tricks and the game went down."

The bidding: South West North East
1♥ Pass 1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass 4♥ All pass

Opening lead: Spade 10

Lead with THE ACES
J 8 7 3
A Q
K J 10 4

ANSWERS: Diamond ace. The bidding makes it obvious the opponents have investigated slam possibilities and have stopped because neither has a diamond commander. Take advantage of the exchange.

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