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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: The Magic Valley will wake up to morning fog and low clouds. The sun will break through later for partly sunny skies. Highs in the low 40s with lows in the upper 20s. **Page A2**

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PAST CURFEW

Mediation program is key to county juvenile ordinance

By N.S. Nokenntved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A tough new Twin Falls County juvenile ordinance attempts to tighten up curfews.

But at the heart of the ordinance to hold parents responsible for misbehaving juveniles is a mediation program. It's now up to the cities to decide whether to get involved in the pilot program for juvenile "status offenses," funded by a \$100,000 state grant.

Some cities already have adopted the ordinance, and the curfew. The Twin Falls City Council is slated to discuss the issue at its Tuesday meeting, and the ordinance will be read at the Buhl City Council's

(The real strength of the ordinance, what makes it different from earlier ordinances is the program behind it) — "people doing things is what makes a difference."

— Magistrate Judge John Varin

March 9 meeting.

The ordinance targets youths who are incorrigible, truant, violate curfew, or run away.

It establishes an 11 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew for anyone under 18; a daytime curfew would run from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. when

school is in session.

The daytime curfew has caught the attention of officials in Cassia County, who are considering an identical daytime truancy ordinance.

Twin Falls' curfew law on the books in 1984 was considered unenforceable by then-Twin Falls police chief Paul Du Fresno. And teens didn't take it seriously.

But the new get-tough ordinance would hold parents responsible, and it would make repeated violations punishable as misdemeanors and subject to a \$500 fine and up to six months in jail. Offending parents also could be required to attend parenting classes.

Key to the ordinance is a mediation program. Please see CURFEW, Page A2

Road warrior

Boise man tracks history to rediscover lost trails

By Kurt Friedemann

Times-News writer

BURLEY — There are roads in Cassia County Jim Lyons has never seen, but he knows they are there.

History tells him so. In 1805 William Clark wrote about trails he and Meriwether Lewis used to explore the Idaho wilderness. These same small paths were later described by fur traders as they moved from town to town or perhaps traveled by missionaries.

They were mentioned in settlers' journals. **Roadless — moratorium — C1**

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BRAIN TEASERS



CHESSE CHAMPIONSHIP

Ted Hartwell of Twin Falls concentrates on his next move Saturday afternoon during the Idaho Closed State Chess Championship at the Weston Plaza in Twin Falls. Chess players from around the state are competing for the 1998 championship title with the final rounds being played today.

Batt's civil rights view goes back half century

The Associated Press

BOISE — Phil Batt considers it his duty as governor to promote civil rights, and to defend Idaho's reputation. But the issue also strikes a personal chord.

He recently described his experiences growing up on a southwestern Idaho farm: "I saw some rather unusual racial happenings in my youth. My mother was a great believer in tolerance, and she gave me a lot of advice in that respect.

"When I was young the war was on. We saw the expatriation of Japanese-Americans to camps. I can't say I particularly objected at the time; I didn't. I thought it was probably necessary."

"But at that time we had Japanese-American prisoners of war in German prisons, Jamaicans, I saw very few blacks except when they brought the Jamaicans in for farm labor. And then the bracero program from Mexico was the big start of official changes in Idaho."

Braceros, or agricultural laborers, were sent to Idaho after the war from Mexico as part of an agreement to help cover the shortage of workers in the United States during World War II. The program continued into the 1950s.

But the Mexican consulate in Portland, Ore., barred workers from Idaho for two years in the early 1940s after strikes were organized in southwestern Idaho to protest poor housing, food and working conditions.

"I was struck by the different treatment people got," Batt said. "I remember in some business establishments they made it apparent that people of other descents were not welcome — Mexicans and dogs stay away. It was contrary to what my mother taught me."

"Probably the most striking incident was when I went down to the Army, to Biloxi, Mississippi, for my basic training.

"As I say, I'd never hardly seen any blacks in Idaho at the time. I went into the base and they shoved the blacks to the back of the bus. When you walked down the sidewalk they'd have to get off in the gutter so you could pass by. Separate drinking fountains, separate listings in the phone book. "That didn't look right to me. It was probably the most profound influence I had."

Governor sets the record straight

The Associated Press

BOISE — It has become a defining theme of his 33 years in public life. But Gov. Phil Batt knows he has to be careful not to let his campaign for civil rights become white noise defending a lily-white state.

"If you make it a mantra without any feeling behind it, then it has no effect," Batt said. "I have been interested in civil rights all my life, and I have tried to use my views on that judiciously."

But not hesitantly. In recent weeks the 70-year-old Wilder onetime farmer has spoken out repeatedly against what he considers Idaho's undeserved national image as a haven for bigotry and extremism.

In his State of the State address Jan. 12, in his Martin Luther King Jr.-Idaho Human Rights Day speech Jan. 19 and in welcoming 2,600 members of the all-black National Brotherhood of Skiers to Sun Valley on Feb. 1, Batt repeated the same message: Idaho is getting a bum rap "because of a handful of malcontents and scoundrels who have chosen to make their home here."

Most people agree that Idaho's image is tainted and applauded the governor for speaking out against fringe groups like the Aryan Nations, which wants to have an April 18 parade in Coeur d'Alene for Adolf Hitler's birthday.

"When I travel out of state, people know two things about Idaho. They said, 'Oh, you grow potatoes.' And then they say, 'Oh, you've got those right-wing groups there,'" said Richard Baker, a sociology professor who teaches ethnic studies at Boise State University.

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With too much caution, Picabo can claim only 6th

The Associated Press

HAKUBA, Japan — Caution cost Picabo Street big time.

Usually fearless, sometimes even reckless, she decided to play it safe today (Sunday night, MST) and missed making U.S. Alpine history by 17-hundredths of a second.

Germany's Katja Seizinger didn't hesitate at all and became the first downhiller to repeat as Olympic champion.

Seizinger, who edged Street to win at the 1994 Lillehammer Games, finished in 1 minute, 28.89 seconds today (Sunday night, MST) to become the first person to win two Olympic downhill titles.

Fernilla Wiberg of Sweden won her third Olympic medal by placing second in 1:29.18, pumping her fists in the air at the finish area after seeing her time. France's Florence Masnada, who has said she will retire after this season, was third in 1:29.37.

Street, trying to become the first U.S. Alpine skier to win three Olympic medals, was sixth in 1:29.54. Normally an aggressive racer, the 1994 silver medalist in the downhill said she held back on the icy course.

"I just didn't want to risk anything. I don't need to go down again," said Street, who was seeking her second gold medal of these Olympics.

"I tried my hardest to get up there on the podium, but it's not worth risking my health

Race analysis — D3

at this point to maybe either get down here and win a medal or hit the fence. I've hit the fence too many times."

Street is coming back from left knee surgery and began these Olympics still feeling "fuzzy" after tumbling off the course during a race in Are, Sweden, in late January.

That didn't prevent her from skiing to the gold medal in the super-G last week, but it was on her mind during a downhill run under rare sunshine.

Street, who was hoping to become the first American to win two Alpine gold medals in two Olympics since Andrea Mead Lawrence in 1952, said she had trouble controlling her skis in the race.

"The problem was it rained really hard for the last couple of days and they just kept slipping, slipping, slipping," she said. "So it was really hard and grippy."

"Seizinger has a lot of experience and she was hungry. She was mean today," Street added. "I knew that I was really going to have to have me in order to beat her."

There was light fog until just before race time along upper parts of the course, but the finish area was bathed in sunshine — the first day the sun has peeked through since Street won her super-G gold medal last Wednesday (Tuesday night MST).



Picabo Street of Sun Valley rests her head against the railing as her boyfriend, J.J. Lasley of Los Angeles, consoles her after her run in the women's downhill at the Winter Olympics early today in Hakuba. Street opted for caution on the hill and lost a medal by 17-hundredths of a second.

NATION



Accordianist Paul Gluck plays his instrument along with singers and trombone player Carl Stikberg of the Golden Blue Ribbon Singers during a Valentine's Season performance at a nursing home in Holyoke, Mass., Tuesday.

Accordion bounces back from its button-down image

HOLYOKE, Mass. (AP) — OK, so maybe accordianist Paul Gluck isn't very cool in his lederhosens, suspenders and bow tie. But his squeezebox, which has been labeled the nerd's plating since Jimi Hendrix's generation, is slipping back toward hip. Sales are up, and the humble instrument the French call the "poor man's piano" is regaining a foothold in music schools.

The unmistakable hee-haw of its bellows can be heard regularly in ethnic and regional settings like Irish or Cajun, mainstream popular recordings by Billy Joel, Paul Simon and others, commercial singles, accordion festivals from Miami to Washington, D.C., and — where else? — in reruns of "The Lawrence Welk Show."

"The accordion was hurt '70s. It was the image of some kid with two much Vitamins in his hair playing 'Lady of Spain,'" said Marc Sapiro, a well-known Cajun player from Eugene, Ore. "It's now the trend of the world is discovering

ethnic minorities playing this hot, spicy music on the accordion, and they like it."

One recent afternoon, Gluck backed up a chorus as it performed such standards as "Getting to Know You" and "Pennies from Heaven" at a nursing home. Wearing a red vest with gold trim, he suddenly breaks into gold, trumpeting, mile-a-minute instrumental medley of songs with a 95-year-old banjo player.

"He does that shaky-shaky thing that accordions do. I love that!" chorus director Peg Thomson said after the show.

Gluck, a 43-year-old South Hampton restaurateur, says every old folk get into the spirit.

"A lot of times, even in a nursing home, if I play something lively, a lot of them will almost get up and dance," he said.

Developed in Germany and Austria in its modern form during the early 19th century, the accordion lost out a characteristic wheeze as its bellows push air

past vibrating metal reeds.

Gluck took up the instrument about age 9 in the early 1960s. By then, the accordion was beginning to buckle under the weight of musical and social revolution.

The electric guitar was drowning out acoustic competitors. Youth culture was rejecting the Old World ethnic ways and traditional American family mores that gave rise to the mid-century glory days when Myron Floren entertained the country with Lawrence Welk on accordions, accordionists worked in big bands, and accordion schools enrolled as many as 1,000 students.

"The decline wasn't really in the accordion. It was in our cultural attitudes," said Faith Defner, president of the American Accordionists' Association.

Soon after the University of Missouri began its accordion program in the early 1980s, it grew to 28 major in a typical year, but it's now back up to a half dozen.

Intelligence reports track POWs in camps

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of American servicemen were shuttled through a clandestine network of prison camps in China during the Korean War, say formerly secret U.S. Army intelligence reports, which speculate that many died in captivity from malnutrition or lack of medical care.

Rumors have persisted for years that China, which intervened on North Korea's side in the 1950-53 war, took large numbers of U.S. captives for indoctrination in camps inside China and never accounted for them.

Declassified reports in the files of the Army's assistant chief of staff for intelligence now make clear that the United States knew of the prisoners, closely tracked their movements and feared for their lives.

On a visit to Beijing in January, Defense Secretary William Cohen asked top Chinese officials to open People's Liberation Army record archives and other files that might help account for missing U.S. servicemen.

About 8,100 are unaccounted for from the Korean War.

Cohen got no explicit assurances from President Jiang Zemin, but a Cohen aide present at meetings said lower-level Chinese officials indicated Jiang's nonresponse should be interpreted as tacit acceptance.

China has consistently maintained that all POW questions were settled at the end of the war. Chinese troops entered the fray in the fall of 1950 in a surprise offensive that killed and captured thousands of U.S. and other United Nations troops.

"It has been well documented

that China, with Russian help, ran most of the POW camps in North Korea. Less well understood has been the extent of POW camps in China and what became of American and other prisoners held there.

"One of the most significant features in U.N. POW treatment policy is the movement of U.N. POWs into Manchuria and into South China," an Army intelligence summary dated Dec. 15, 1951, said. Its author added that he believed "Manchurian camps house a great many U.S. POWs, and Manchuria is a staging area or collecting point for U.S. POWs."

The report is one in a series of eight written at regular intervals during the war by Army intelligence officers. It is the first attempt to track POW movements. Each is titled "UN Prisoners of War Camps and Conditions in Korea, Manchuria and China," and labeled "secret." They were declassified in 1996 at the request of Mark Sauter, a New York-based reporter for the state-owned TV program Inside Edition, but were not published until now.

The Dec. 15, 1951, report said a "careful assessment" of available intelligence on prison camps led to the conclusion that about 2,500 American POWs were being held in Manchuria, about 1,500 in other parts of China.

"Specially selected groups are sent to China in relatively small numbers to undergo political indoctrination," the report said. "Of those POWs processed in Manchuria, the ones not going to China are apparently being sent to mines and labor camps in Manchuria itself."

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Cuban-Americans agree on sending food to Cuba

Knight-Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — Congress' three Cuban-American lawmakers and the leading exile lobby have agreed to end their dispute over a proposal to send federal food and medical aid to Cuba, in an effort to counteract growing pressure on the Clinton administration to reach out to the island.

The lawmakers denounced what one termed a "bilateral peace" by advocates of friendly gestures toward Havana in the wake of Pope

John Paul II's visit to the island last month and the release this week of Cuban political prisoners.

The issue at hand is a controversial proposal by the Cuban American National Foundation to send U.S. government aid to the island for the first time since the Cuban Revolution in 1959. But in play is something much bigger: what many see as a concerted attempt to undermine the pillar of U.S. policy — the 36-year-old U.S. trade embargo.

"I think that there's a meeting

of the minds that we have to work together," said Rep. Bob Menendez, a New Jersey Democrat. Critics of isolating the Cuban government, he said, "are now amassing what is clearly a frontal and a blistering pace. And we need to respond in kind."

The foundation, which just two weeks ago unveiled a draft of the Cuban Assistance and Relief Act of 1998, is considering shelving the bill and may pursue the aid program through existing channels, sources said.

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By Bob Thaves

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Blondie
By Dean Young & Stan Drake

Pickles
By Brian Crane

Dennis the Menace
By Hank Ketchum

'TVLIVS' is ancient Roman

In Civil War times, a few short telegraph lines were scrounged as grovies. From these, says one scholar, we got "I heard it through the grapevine."

Advised a pet authority: "Do not blow on your tarantula."

Could you say about yourself what actor James Woods remarked of himself: "Woe to the man or woman who thinks that the capacity to kill is not lurking behind these civilized eyes."

Q. What's "TVLIVS"?

A. That's how Romans in Caesar's time spelled "telling the truth."

FRANKSTEIN AND SHOES

Q. In 1818, Mary Wollstonecraft Shelley wrote "Frankenstein," and people in the western world started wearing different shoes on their left and right feet. What did shoes have to do with "Frankenstein"?

A. Nothing - left-shoe and right-shoe lasts were invented the same year, that's all.

WHAT'S WHAT?
L.M. Boyd

You can say fish don't have feathers, but not say birds don't have scales, they do. On their feet.

Ninety-nine percent of the truck drivers in India can't read road signs. Such has been reported by a government bureau there called the Central Road Research Institute after a poll of 755 drivers. India's count of road fatalities at last report was running close to 50,000 a year.

Q. What woman is mentioned most in the Bible?

A. Sarah with a count of 56.

Not all successful sales people sign their names with overlarge signatures, but most do.

A helicopter pilot says the engine that raises a five-passenger "copter can be lifted by just about any one of its passengers.

AGROSS

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2. 10 Asian holidays
3. A growing trend
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5. British poet
6. 17th U.S. president
7. Zodiac sign
8. 12th U.S. president
9. William Holden
10. 19th-century author
11. Atlantic food
12. Fish
13. Health resort
14. Up to now
15. Character
16. Swiss peak
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18. Of the arm bone
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Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Executive confides secret - you'll wonder, "What's going on here?" You're ahead of competition. Romantic Capricorn will declare, "I love being with you!" Line up priorities.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Don't stop now! You're on a new distance program. You've taken a detour, during journey you could encounter soul mate. You're being pulled in two directions - stick to familiar ground, reinforce relationship.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Moon phase here's being pulled in two directions - stick to familiar ground, reinforce relationship.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Plenty to celebrate! Long-distance communication verifies vision, removes a barrier. Don't focus on value of art, decision relating to journey. Gemini figures prominently.

NATION

Defense Secretary William Cohen arrives at ABC studios Sunday for his appearance on "This Week with Sam and Cockie" in Washington.



McCain demands deadline for strike on Iraq, others urge delay

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. John McCain said it's time for President Clinton to set a deadline for Saddam Hussein to back down or face U.S. military might. Other lawmakers insisted Sunday the president not act without a vote of support from Congress, which is on vacation next week.

"The president's got to set a deadline, and Saddam Hussein has to understand it," said McCain, R-Ariz., a senior member of the Senate Armed Services Committee.

But Defense Secretary William Cohen, appearing on ABC's "This Week with Sam and Cockie," said a specific deadline is not needed because Saddam Hussein knows he's been in violation of his obligation for some time now.

The president, Cohen said, "will decide if and when diplomacy has failed." White House National Security Adviser Sandy Berger, on NBC's "Meet the Press," also said the

administration "has been very careful not to set an artificial deadline." Repeating what other administration officials have said in recent weeks, he said the timeline for commencing military action is "not measured in days but it's also not measured in months."

Other lawmakers on the Sunday news programs said military strikes should at least wait until Congress returns Feb. 23 from its Presidents Day recess and passes a resolution supporting military action.

Differences over the language of such a resolution stopped Senate and House action last week.

"An attack would be an act of war," Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., said on Fox. "And only the Congress has the authority to authorize that."

"I agree completely," said Sen. Dick Durbin, D-Ill. "The American people have to be in on this decision through their elected representatives." Sen. Key Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, said the president needs to explain what he will do beyond military strikes to interrupt the cycle of continual threats from Saddam. "I think if we're going to show the clear commitment to take these weapons of mass

destruction away from this despot, we've got to take the second step," she said.

Hutchison, on CBS' "Face the Nation," said that could include setting up a Radio Free Iraq and extending the no-fly zone over the country. U.S. warplanes currently are enforcing a ban on Iraqi aircraft activity in the country's northern and southern sectors.

Others have suggested that Saddam should be personally targeted. The Los Angeles Times reported Sunday that the FBI conducted a top-secret criminal investigation of a CIA attempt to murder Saddam in 1995.

Berger declined comment, as did a CIA spokesman asked by The Associated Press, but Berger pointed out that President Ford signed an executive order that remains in place during U.S. government attempts to assassinate foreign leaders.

Berger and Cohen also neither confirmed nor denied a report in U.S. News & World Report quoting a study by a House task force on terrorism that claims Iraq has built chemical weapons plants in Sudan, transferred nuclear materials to Algeria and sent scientists to Libya to work in a biological warfare complex.

Senator says Starr shouldn't be investigator

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Republican senator said Sunday the Monica Lewinsky investigation should have been handled by someone other than Kenneth Starr, because too many Americans "think he's out to get the president."

A Democratic senator said Starr's ethics should be investigated in Congress.

"I think it would have been smarter had the attorney general, looking at the many years of Starr's involvement and the public

perception, which is adverse to Starr... let someone else come in," Sen. Arlon Specter, R-Pa., said.

"Many people think he's out to get the president, and you have this adverse public reaction to Starr," added Specter, appearing on "Fox News Sunday."

Specter's comments came as Ms. Lewinsky's lawyer, William Ginsburg, continued harsh criticism of Starr for alleged leaks of information to the news media in the investigation of an alleged presidential affair. The latest revelation, Ms. Lewinsky's supposed e-mails to friend Linda Tripp mentioning Ms. Lewinsky's unnamed boyfriend, whom she referred to as "the Big Creep," and his wife "Babba."

"All of this goes to this campaign of leaks," Ginsburg said on CNN's "Late Edition." "This particular investigative group under Mr. Starr has managed to trample, and I mean totally trample, on Ms. Lewinsky's 4th, 5th, 6th and 14th Amendment rights" and the e-mails are "just more of the same."

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NASA plans biological defense against possible Mars microbes

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Rock samples that NASA plans to scoop up from Mars could contain live bacteria or viruses, and scientists are making elaborate plans to protect Earth from possible microbial Martians.

Several federal agencies are working together to design and build a high tech laboratory that will protect against a living Mars germ.

Such a germ might pose a risk of disease or infection for the Earth's people, plants or animals when the Martian samples are returned in about 10 years.

"Samples from Mars should be considered hazardous until proven otherwise," Jonathan Y. Richmond, a biological containment expert for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, said Sunday at the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

"The risk is very small, but not zero," said John D. Rumm, NASA's planet protection officer. "We're ignorant (about Mars) and what we've learned in biology is that when you are ignorant, be careful."

Although the site and many details are still unknown, NASA plans to build a laboratory that will quarantine the Mars samples behind the same biocontainment barriers that scientists now use to prevent the escape of Ebola, a highly contagious and lethal African virus.

Samples collected by robot craft on Mars would be sealed on the Martian surface and not opened until the containers are placed in vaults under negative pressure, which permits air to flow in, but not out.

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Meetings Scheduled

on Cleanup of Test Area North

The U.S. Department of Energy, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and state of Idaho are holding public meetings this month to solicit comments on their plans for cleanup at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory's Test Area North. The agencies have completed a two-year environmental investigation at the facility, which represents the last planned Superfund investigation for Test Area North.

From 1954 to 1961, Test Area North was used to support the Aircraft Nuclear Propulsion Program, whose mission was to test the concept of a nuclear-powered airplane. From 1962 through the 1970s, the area was devoted principally to the Loss-of-Fluid Test Facility, which was used to perform reactor safety testing and behavior studies. Beginning in 1980, the area was used to research material from the 1979 Three-Mile Island reactor accident. The area currently supports nuclear inspection and storage operations and a Specific Manufacturing Capability Facility, whose mission is the manufacture of armor for military vehicles.

The main sources of contamination at Test Area North include a mercury spill, releases in disposal (burn) pits and surface ponds/ditches, releases from low-level waste operations and from a fuel oil line, past discharges to an injection well, and wind-blown contamination.

A total of 94 potential release sites are located at Test Area North. Of those 94 sites, 10 pose an unacceptable risk to human health or the environment. The 10 sites that represent unacceptable risk levels have been contaminated with either metals, radionuclides, or a mixture of radionuclides and organics/metals. Two of the sites are also contaminated with low levels of PCBs.

For Test Area North sites categorized as either low-level radionuclide-contaminated soils/sediments or as nonradionuclide-contaminated soils/sediments, the alternatives evaluated include: limited action (control access by fencing, signs, and deer restrictions); containment (covering the contaminated area with a native soil cover or with an engineering barrier); excavation and disposal (removing the contaminated soil and disposing it either offsite or onsite); and removal and treatment (removing the contaminated soil and treating it either by thermal treat offsite, soil washing onsite, or land farming). The preferred alternatives for the sites are as follows:

Soil South of the Turntable	Excavation and Onsite Disposal
Test Area North Disposal Pond	Limited Action
Water Reactor Research Test Facility Burn Pits	Limited Action
Technical Support Facility Burn Pits	Limited Action
Mercury Spill Area	Excavation and Offsite Disposal
Diesel Fuel Leak	Limited Action
Loss-of-Fluid Test Facility Disposal Pond	Monitoring
Water Reactor Research Test Facility Evaporation Pond	Monitoring

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Public Meeting

A 30-day comment period for this project begins Feb. 19, 1998, and ends Mar. 19, 1998. Meetings are scheduled for the following dates and locations:

- Feb. 23, 1998, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Public Library, 2616 Morse, Twin Falls, ID
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- Feb. 29, 1998, 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Public Library, 2616 Morse, Twin Falls, ID
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NATION

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Space becomes a destination for anyone

The Orlando Sentinel

CAPE CANAVERAL — Space used to be the province of super-power nations. Then giant corporations moved in.

Now it's Bud Folyn's turn. Folyn, a student pilot in Sanford, is one of scores of people who have paid \$100 to a Houston company as a down payment on an Alan Shepard-like ride into space on a still-unbuilt rocket.

He's trying to scrape together \$3,500, the full launch price. Other companies have similar future rides for sale at prices reaching \$98,000. A Japanese space hotel is planned. Eight new firms are talking with the Federal Aviation Administration about rocket launches.

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Democrats talk about many topics—except 1

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Democratic donors gathered this weekend to relax under the palms and talk about almost every hot political topic under the sun—except one.

In a speech to the Democratic Business Council Sunday, Vice President Al Gore touted the strength of the economy, the balanced budget, low inflation, high home ownership levels, low unemployment and successful efforts to reduce crime.

But no one wanted to mention the subjects that were hot in Washington: interns, independent counsels and the other "I" word—impeachment.

"There has been no discussion about the hubbub," said Tom Hendrickson, a Raleigh, N.C., businessman and chairman of the Democratic Business Council.

The council includes about 2,000 supporters who contribute a minimum of \$10,000. The group raised \$14 million last year for the

party. Almost 200 members registered for the weekend retreat, twice the total at last year's event.

Hendrickson said donors are trying to ignore the sex allegations and focusing on how to elect a Democratic Congress in 1998. "If we had not had the majority in 1993, we would still be facing endless deficits and a mortgaged future," Gore said.

He pitched President Clinton's proposal to set aside money to stabilize Social Security and incen-

tives to modernize and build schools.

Rep. Martin Frost of Texas, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, told donors that the party has a legitimate chance to gain the 31 seats needed to take control of the House.

Most of the donors said the stress level was higher at last year's retreat. "A year ago in the midst of the fund-raising crisis, it was a tougher time," Hendrickson said.

Townpeople seek answers in killings

NOBLE, Ill. (AP) — Relatives of a teenager accused of bludgeoning five people to death described him as a boy who liked music and poetry, although others saw a different side.

"He's always getting in fights," said Don Johnson, who said he knew the 16-year-old suspect from school.

Kaci Richardson said she saw the suspect at a store three nights before the killings in the small town about 80 miles southwest of Terre Haute, Ind. He bought horror movies, wrestling magazines

and some comic books, she said.

"He was creepy," she said. The decomposing bodies were discovered Friday night. Debra Smith, 35, Jonathan Lloyd, 17, and Smith's three children — Jennifer, 12, Corey, 10, and Kenneth, 8 — died a week ago Sunday. Lloyd was the suspect's half-brother.

The suspect, whose name has not been released because of his age, was arrested at his mother's home a block away early Saturday. He remained jailed Sunday in a youth center, charged with one count of first-degree murder.

Man's affair with lawyer becomes issue

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Marianne Markors has visions of Reginald Powell strapped to a gurney, waiting for the injection of drugs that will execute him for a vicious double slaying. She sees him looking around and seeing only state witnesses, guards and dour-looking prison officials.

"I can't imagine having all these people staring at you and not seeing one face of somebody who cares," Markors said, pushing tears off her cheeks.

Markors can't help but feel partly responsible as Powell's Feb. 25 execution draws near. She was the trial lawyer who could have advised him to accept a plea bargain but didn't, who admitted falling in love with him, who eventually had sex with him.

Because of all that, Powell's current lawyer, Bruce D. Livingston, is asking Gov. Mel Carnahan to commute the death sentence, claiming Markors provided an inadequate defense. A spokesman said the governor was reviewing the case.

The Missouri State Supreme Court has refused to hear Powell's case and no more appeals are pending. "It's so shocking," Livingston said. "Everything in this case is a pathetic tragedy."

Powell, now 29, was sentenced for a killing that took place on Nov. 14, 1986.

He was high on PCP and drunk and wanted more alcohol. Since he was underage, he asked brothers Freddie and Lee Miller, aged 39 and 29, to buy him liquor. The brothers refused.

Later that day, Powell and a group of friends again encountered the Millers and beat the extremely drunk brothers with branches, boards and bricks. Powell's friends backed off but he kept going, jumping on both men so hard that he broke nearly all of their ribs. Then he stabbed them to death and robbed them. He got a total of \$3, and a pack of cigarettes.

In his taped confession, Powell showed little remorse. "You know, we'll say I had the last — the last laugh," he said.

Markors, now 45, was a public defender who had never taken a death penalty case to trial until she was assigned as Powell's attorney.

She was an educated, white lawyer. He was a borderline mentally retarded black man. He ran away from home at 10, tried to kill himself at 14.

Yet despite his horrific crime, Markors was taken in by his kindness.

"She was kind of under stress because so much had happened to her," Powell said in a telephone interview from prison. "She had a client that tried to hang himself and a few other things that had happened to her."

His sexual affair with Markors began after his conviction but before the penalty phase. Their first sexual encounter was in a courthouse holding cell.



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Tea, and how to wear it tastefully

Recently, I took part in a High Tea, which is a ritualistic British type of light meal involving a large quantity of etiquette.

Generally, I do not get involved with any level of tea, even Low Tea. Generally, when I am in the market for an afternoon beverage ritual, the one I select is Cold Beer. But in this case I had High Tea because I was invited by famous etiquette expert Marjabelle Young-Stevens who is on a life-long crusade to get Americans to use good table manners and for God's sake take off their baseball caps indoors. She had come to Miami to promote her new book, "The New Etiquette," which is for sale.

I got to know Marjabelle in 1989, when she released her annual survey listing the Top Ten Most-Polite Cities, and the No. 3 city was — get ready — New York. This surprised me, because I have lived in New York, and I know for a fact that during rush hour you cannot get into a subway car without the aid of a machete. So I called up Marjabelle to ask her, politely, if she was out of her mind. But she turned out to be a perfectly sane, relentlessly cheerful lady, who believes in saying nice things about everybody, including New Yorkers, and who believes that the most important thing in the world is good manners. Do you remember the plane that crashed in the Andes, and the survivors had no food? It is not saying that if Marjabelle and her friends, those people would not have eaten their deceased fellow passengers. But I AM saying that they would have used the proper utensils.

I met Marjabelle for High Tea at a restaurant in the Marriott hotel in downtown Miami. When I arrived, Marjabelle was busily instructing the staff on how to set up the table. The key ingredient turns out to be "dishes." I estimate that there were 300 doilies of various sizes deployed on the table, underneath a vast array of teapots, little plates, cups, saucers and spoons. For all I know, I estimate that there were 300 doilies, although of course I was too polite to ask.

Marjabelle introduced me to her friend, Dorel Eaton, and we chatted about Miami. Marjabelle said Miami had come "pretty close" to making her 1998 most-polite-cities list. I said I thought that was pretty bizarre, unless the key criterion was cleanliness of handbags. Dorel agreed with me. She said to Marjabelle: "I think the people here are mean-spirited." Then she said: "Ouch!" Then she said to me: "She pinched me under the table!" Marjabelle continued to smile at me with radiant politeness.

Next we had our tea and our tea sandwiches, which are cute sandwiches too small to be seen by the naked eye, although you still have to make them in last two bites, according to Marjabelle. Also you need to lift your teacup in a certain way so as to indicate that you are a classy individual.

While we ate, we discussed current events. Marjabelle told me that a medical journal had recently reported that "people with beautiful manners don't get colds." As she explained it, "it's the immune system that doesn't think in Miami you should 'get colds!' I asked her what she thought of the movie "Titanic."

"It was a great etiquette lesson," she said. I asked her how she handles rude manners.

"If they give you a bad signal — you know, that naughty thing they do — you just blow them a kiss and drive on," she said. "I don't think in Miami you should blow them a kiss," observed Dorel.

I asked Marjabelle what she thought was the biggest problem facing the nation. "It's not what it is, it's the way we think," she said, and she was not kidding. (She gave me a demerol lesson, and I found that I have many problems with my technique. Among other things, I was using the throw method, and making my turn way too early. I also tend to say the word, rather than stroke it. Knife and fork usage turns out to be an extremely complex topic. The main thing to remember is: Whatever you're doing it now, it's wrong.)

At the end of our High Tea, the chef who had prepared our sandwiches, Larry Kenny, turned out to be a very interesting man. We got to talking, and Larry told me that he also plays blue harmonica, and he's trying to market a pilot TV show called "Larry Kenny's Blues." He said that he had been that each week he had great musicians perform songs and prepare their favorite dishes. ("On today's show, Ozzy Osbourne will show us how to make Roast Heron of Beef.")

Marjabelle, who thinks pretty much everything is wonderful, said she thought this concept was wonderful. So do I, if you are a TV producer. If you want to contact Larry and take him to lunch. Make sure there are plenty of doilies.

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HUMOR Dave Barry

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Almost every day, Dr. Paul Workman tells somebody what can go wrong in the operating room.

"In the interest of informed consent, we have to — and that can be pretty scary for the patient," said Workman, a Twin Falls surgeon. "But the vast majority of people come through (surgery) without complications." And those who "best," Workman adds, tend to be those who believe they'll be OK.

"On the basis of my experience, I think attitude as a lot to do with outcome," Workman said. "People with good attitudes just seem to recover faster, experience less pain and run into fewer problems."

That observation, shared by many surgeons and anesthesiologists, is turning gurney-side manner into a subspecialty in some hospitals across America. One — Imperial Point Medical Center in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. — has even started offering a formal program of mental preparation for surgery, through its Center for Healing Arts.

Other hospitals have similar but less detailed classes.

"There's nothing worse than operating on patients who think they're going to die, who think things are going to go badly," Dr. Edgar Hitt, a Florida surgeon, told the Sun-Sentinel, South Florida newspaper.

Two basic body methods, "You're making the patient feel good. You're preparing them. You can't lie to them and tell them it won't hurt. But they will deal with it better if they are prepared. They can teach themselves to handle it better."

How to do that? Many methods exist. The two basic concepts are to relax the body and to visualize the healing.

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LOOKING GOOD



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Designing for ice is tough

Knight-Ridder News Service

NAGANO, Japan — Call it a work in progress.

The designers at Donna Karan do that. That's why the person most likely to walk off with the gold at the 1998 Olympic Winter Games isn't necessarily going to be Michelle Kwan, Tara Lipinski or Nicole Bobek.

It very well could be Karan. The New York-based fashion designer won't be setting a foot on the ice; in fact, Karan won't even be at the Olympics. Design chores and previews for her multiple fall '98 collections are keeping her in New York during the 17 days of Games.

However, Karan's clothes may seem to be everywhere. Her designs will be visible whenever the CBS cameras focus on Jim Nantz, Andrea Joyce and the rest of the network's indoor commentating team. Given that CBS is scheduling 128 hours of programming, including more than 50 hours of prime time, that's a lot of potential exposure for Karan.

Additionally, Karan's designs and DKNY logo will be visible on the entire

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Donna Karan



For surgery candidates who have never been inside an operating room, the images conjured by Thomas Eakins' 1875 masterpiece, "The Gross Clinic," seem only too real.

Skating togs 101



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Designing for the ice is a science unto itself.

Not only do the costumes have to interpret the music and mood and the spirit of a program — for her short program to music from Anastasia, for example, Tara Lipinski wears a Russian-inspired outfit that's a fusion of a couple of dresses from the movie — but they also have to withstand all that athletic movement. And they have to make the skaters look great, to boot.

"You can't believe the technology and handwork that go into these little bitzy dresses," costume designer Vera Wang said back when she was outfitting Nancy Kerrigan. "This isn't some dress you're going to stand around in at a cocktail party. It has to survive a flying sit-spin."

There have been some infamous instances when they haven't survived — the back of Tanya Harding's dress bursting open mid-performance a few years back, for instance, or Katrina Witt's camel spin in the '80s that bared too much skin.

But designer Lauren Sheehan thinks every girl's biggest fear is a big wedgie: "Once that dress has gone on the back (and gotten caught), you can't take your eyes off it."

Want to live longer? Walk briskly 6 times per month

The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Taking brisk, half-hour walks just six times a month appeared to cut the risk of death by 44 percent among twins in a study researchers say is the first to separate the influence of heredity and exercise on longevity.

The study tracked almost 16,000 healthy men and women in a national registry of twins in Finland for an average of 19 years. The authors, led by Dr. Urho M. Kujala of the University of Helsinki, reported their findings in Wednesday's issue of The Journal of the American Medical Association.

The researchers found that even occasional exercisers — those who did less than the equivalent of six brisk, half-hour walks a month — were 30 percent less likely to die than their sedentary twins during the study.

Vigorous exercisers — those who did at least the equivalent of six brisk walks or jogs lasting 30 minutes each month — were 44 percent less likely to die.

"Even if you have bad genes, this study strongly suggests that increasing physical activity can help you live longer," said exercise physiologist Steve Farrell, associate director of the Cooper Institute for Aerobics Research in Dallas. He was not involved in the study.

The purpose of the study was to clarify the relationship between those factors influencing how long people live that can be modified and those that cannot.

The importance of family history — locked-in trait — has gained attention in recent years with the identification of specific genes that make people susceptible to such illnesses as heart disease and cancer. But much research also makes clear the importance of exercise in lowering the risk of early death and disease.

"We have a large body of evidence that suggests that the more physically active people are, the less likely they are to die," Farrell said. "But this study is unique because it was able to separate out mortality due to genetics vs. mortality duo to fitness."

HEALTH NOTES

Work is pain

Whatever your occupation, it probably has a hazard. So says the Wall Street Journal, citing a University of California at Berkeley Wellness Letter report on a recent meeting of radiologists. Attendees discussed an ailment known as "housemaid's knee": inflammation of bursae (fluid-filled sacs) around the knee. Carpet installers get it, too. Also discussed: "gnomekeeper's thumb" — an injury to thumb ligaments traditionally caused by twisting a wounded rabbit's neck.

Accurate Pap smears

Some women may soon have their Pap smears read only by a computer. Earlier this month, a Food and Drug Administration advisory panel recommended unanimously that the agency approve an application by NonPath Inc. to allow AutoPap, the company's computerized Pap smear screening system, to be marketed to laboratories as the initial examiner of Pap smears. Under the proposal, a lab could use AutoPap to check all of its routine Pap smears; the 25 percent that the machine selected as "most normal" would not be further examined by a human being. The other 75 percent would still have to be viewed

under a microscope by technicians.

One-shot deal

The millions of children who develop ear infections each year now have a new treatment option: The Food and Drug Administration recently approved a simple injection of the antibiotic Rocephin for therapy in youngsters with middle-ear infections.

Life after menopause

"Sex and Menopause: What's Age Got to Do With It?" is the title of a new brochure intended to help women understand and respond to changes in their health, sexual life and body image. The brochure addresses the myths surrounding menopause and offers information on the use of estrogen pills. How to deal with psychological changes that can accompany menopause. Produced by Prime Plus/Red Hot Mamas, a menopause education program, and Pharmacia & Upjohn, the free brochure is available by calling 1-888-800-8548 or by writing to "Sex and Menopause: What's Age Got to Do With It" brochure, c/o Advance Future, 1363 West Little Ave., Grand Rapids, Mich. 49509.

Compiled from wire reports

HEALTH & FASHION

TO DO FOR YOU

Friends of bereaved meet

TWIN FALLS - Friends of Bereaved Families will meet at 7:30 p.m. today in the annex at the Office of Aging, 998 Washington Blvd. For more information, call 734-5216 after 5 p.m.

Red Cross slots classes

TWIN FALLS - The American Red Cross schedules two classes: Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid Recertification classes at 9 a.m. each Tuesday and at 1 p.m. each Friday. If your certificate is about to expire, call the office to register for the class that is suitable for your schedule. To register or for more information, call 733-6464 or stop by the office at 718 Shoshone St. E. Pre-emption is required for registration in all classes.

Check your cholesterol

TWIN FALLS - In recognition

of National Heart Month, Cardiac Risk Profile Coupons are available to check cholesterol (LDL and HDL levels), triglycerides and cardiac risk factors. Cost is \$13. For more information, call Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Outpatient Services at 736-1675.

Parkinson group unites

TWIN FALLS - The Parkinson Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the KMVTV Community Room. A video, created by Dr. Ronald Young on tremors and how to control them, will be shown to the group. For more information, call Don Arrington at 733-8868 or Ray Clark at 324-5013.

You can learn infant CPR

TWIN FALLS - An infant CPR class will be offered at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Education Center at MVRMC.

Pre-registration is not required.

Pacesetters set meeting

TWIN FALLS - The Pacesetter's Club will meet at 7:30 a.m. Wednesday at the Magic Valley Mall. Scott Baggett, MVRMC paramedic, will discuss the topic "Are You Prepared For An Emergency?" For more information, call 737-2065.

Healthy heart talk set

TWIN FALLS - A healthy heart program, "Get Heart Smart," will be held at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. The program, sponsored by MVRMC and the American Heart Association, will include discussion of "Exercise For A Healthy Heart: Ways to Increase Your Activity" by Sharon Gerberding, cardiovascular coordinator for South Central Health District, and

Joe Cotterell, physical therapist for MVRMC. Admission is free.

Childbirth refresher offered

TWIN FALLS - A childbirth refresher course will be offered at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Education Center at MVRMC. Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2900.

MVRMC offers CPR class

TWIN FALLS - A CPR class will be offered at 8 a.m. Saturday in the doctor's meeting room at MVRMC. To register, call 737-2007.

9-hour course starts

TWIN FALLS - A community first aid and safety (infant, child and adult CPR) nine-hour course will be offered at 8 a.m. Saturday at the American Red Cross. Fee is \$40 and pre-payment is required. To register, call 733-6464 or stop by the office at 718

Shoshone St. E.

MVRMC board sets time

TWIN FALLS - The MVRMC Auxiliary Board will meet at 9:30 a.m. Feb. 23 in the doctor's meeting room.

Red Cross offers class

TWIN FALLS - A standard first aid (adult CPR and first aid) six and one-half hour class will be offered at 6 p.m. Feb. 24 and 25 at the American Red Cross. Fee is \$35 and pre-payment is required. To register, call 733-6464 or stop by the office at 718

Shoshone St. E.

CPR class set Feb. 24

TWIN FALLS - A CPR class will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Feb. 24 in the doctor's meeting room at MVRMC. To register, call 737-2007.

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. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83203, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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Surgery

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Boston therapist Peggy Huddleston, who is studying mind-body methods at Harvard Medical School, has developed a formal program for surgical patients called "Prepare for Surgery, Heal Faster" (Angel River Press, \$30). First, she teaches meditation exercises that control breathing and clear the mind. Patients practice so they can relax themselves as they go into surgery. Simply lowering the breathing rate from the normal 12 breaths a minute to 12 a minute will relax at least half of the muscles in the body, nurses say. Next are visualization exercises to help the mind "instruct" the body how to heal. This can be as detailed as imagining brightly colored switches that turn off pain or turning the skin erasing an incision. Huddleston also urges patients to enlist friends or family to imagine, at the moment of surgery, the patient "wrapped in a pink blanket of love" or a similar positive thought. But the key to the program is for the patient to list four or five very specific positive outcomes from the surgery, and to have the anesthesiologist or nurse say them aloud while the patient is unconscious on the table. The patient's mind hears the subconscious suggestions and embraces them, Huddleston says. Evidence suggests that it works. In four published studies since 1988, patients in New York, Atlanta, London and Glasgow, Scotland, who were given the suggestions needed less painkilling

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medicine and left the hospital sooner. A 1993 California study in the Western Journal of Medicine showed that patients went to the bathroom sooner after surgery and went home 1 1/2 days sooner if they were given a suggestion to do so. A 1986 California study in the journal Anesthesiology showed that patients lost 44 percent less blood if they heard a suggestion.

Locally, the approach is much less formalized. Workman starts by making sure that surgical patients know precisely what's going to happen to them and when. "A lot of anxiety is just fear of the unknown," he said. "If people know what's going on, they tend to be less anxious." For those who are still upset, he said, there's always the option to sedating them before they go to the operating room - not while they're lying on a gurney looking up at strangers wearing green masks. Very few people who undergo surgery in the Magic Valley die as a result. Higher-risk operations

Helpful hints
Five steps to help the mind prepare the body for surgery:
1. **Relax.** Learn relaxation techniques, such as controlled breathing and mental imagery, that will help you calm yourself in the minutes before surgery. Doctors say overly fearful patients do not heal as well.
2. **Visualize healing.** Picture your surgical wound healing, right down to the stitches. Tell your body to heal perfectly. Mental exercises can help you do this.
3. **Organize your own personal support group.** Ask friends and relatives to help with household problems starting the night before surgery and on the day of the operation and to picture you wrapped in a

heart bypasses, for example - are done in Boise and Salt Lake City.

"Surgery is neither risk-free nor painless, but with the advances in anesthesiology, it's gotten a lot safer," Workman said. "Typically, surgical patients don't stay in the hospital very long, and many procedures are done on an outpatient basis." For a lot of operations, the patient is awake enough to talk to the doctor. Local anesthesia is preferred by a growing number of surgeons.

"If you're going to have surgery and you're anxious, talk to your doctor and tell him so," Workman said. "Ask them exactly what's going to happen, how long it will take, how much pain you're likely to experience. If you have the answers to those questions, you're probably going to be

more at ease. "This is not something you just have to endure," he said. "A surgical patient should be a partner in his treatment." - The Sun-Sentinel, South Florida contributed to this report
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Ice

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U.S. Figure Skating team, including coaches and officials. She is providing the official team warm-ups as well as active warm-ups from DKNY line as part of a five-year agreement with the U.S. Figure Skating Association. The icing on Karan's cake came when Todd Eldredge and ice dancers Liz Funsalun and Jerod Swallow, who wore her designs in competition last week. Kwan, Lipsinski and Bek, who will skate this week, are staying with the various seamstresses who specialize in designing ice-skating costumes, although Lipsinski has signed on as a spokesperson for the DKNY Kids line. The payoff for Karan is likely

to come in two ways: recognition and sales. "This will make her even more known than she is right now," says Richard Valenza, president of Ward Rhode Management Corp., with offices in Los Angeles and New York. Valenza serves as a matchmaker between designers, retailers and networks. His resume includes coordinating the 1992, 1994 and 1996 Olympics, in addition to this year's Games. "Four years ago more than 200

million people watched the Lillehammer Games, and when you consider the investment Karan has made with CBS and the figure skating team, she'll be very visible. And with the credits at the end of each broadcast, it will hit an awful wide audience across the United States," Valenza says. Most competitive skaters are dressed by seamstresses long familiar with the demands of skating, often from firsthand experience as skaters themselves.

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 Pacesetter's Club * Wednesday, February 18, 7:30 a.m., Magic Valley Mall. Scott Baggett, MVRMC Paramedic, will pose the question "Are You Prepared For An Emergency?" For more information call 737-2065.
 "Get Heart Smart" Healthy Heart Program * Wednesday, February 18, 7 p.m., Education Center. Sharon Gerberding, Cardiovascular Coordinator for the South Central Health District and Joe Cotterell, Physical Therapist for MVRMC will discuss "Exercise For A Healthy Heart: Ways To Increase Your Activity." Admission is free, courtesy of MVRMC and the American Heart Association.
 Childbirth Refresher Course * Thursday, February 19, 7-10 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
 CPR Class * Saturday, February 21, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. To register call 737-2007.
 MVRMC Auxiliary Board Meeting * Monday, February 23, 9:30 a.m., Doctor's Meeting Room.
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Cosmetic companies tout vitamins as the newest anti-aging treatment

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—HELEEN, BOISE
DEAR HELEEN: Like the face, the neck and chest get a lot of sun exposure and are subject to the same ravages of sun damage. That's why the exact same products and routine you use on your face are appropriate for your neck and chest.

A gentle cleanser; sunscreen with avobenzone, titanium dioxide, or zinc oxide; Retin-A or Renova; a well-formulated AHA product; a well-formulated skin lightening product; and a lightweight moisturizer are the best options possible.



COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

You do not by any stretch of the imagination require a special product that doesn't help with sun protection, deal with exfoliation, or improve the appearance of pigmentation problems.

DEAR READERS: I just got off the phone with a woman who has tried everything from Retin-A to Renova and AHAs in every imaginable concentration in hopes of finding something that won't cause her skin to become inflamed and seriously irritated. She loves the way her skin looks when she uses them, but in no time the redness and dryness become impossible and she has to quit. She was wondering if her dermatologist's suggestion of a BHA product would be better.

It's always hard to tell what will cause skin to react, but in this case it is likely that the irritation produced by the exfoliation and the unavoidably low pH of these products is too much for her sensitive skin.

The notion of using BHA (salicylic acid) because it may be less irritating is only a theory, and I doubt BHA used on a regular basis will prove less irritating in the long run.

The reason BHA is coming to the foreground is because of its related to aspirin, which means it has some analgesic (numbing) effect on the skin and may be anti-inflammatory. But numbing the skin doesn't eliminate the overall irritating effect of exfoliating deeply in the pores and skin (which is what BHA does best) and doesn't penetrate the outer layer of skin better than AHAs do, which is irritating in itself.

Knight-Ridder News Service

Millions of people pop vitamins into their mouths each morning and hope the little pills will help keep them healthy. But more and more these days, people, especially women, are also smoothing vitamins onto their skin with the fervent hope they will help ward off and even diminish the visible signs of aging.

Vitamins are hot topics in the research and development world of cosmetics.

Indeed, there is some evidence that topical application of certain stabilized vitamins can be antioxidants for the skin, battling the damaging free radicals in the same way that eating broccoli and cabbage is thought to be good for the body. The idea is that they protect against the ravishes of the environment, including the sun, and some vitamin forms are credited with slowing down the repair or rejuvenation of the skin.

Should you try such a cream? There are no guarantees, but there are good reasons to consider the option. "You might as well," says Paula Begoun, author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" and "The Beauty Bible" (Beginning Press).

Walk through a drugstore's skin care department and you'll find testimony to the current marketing preoccupation. The shelves are lined with packages touting the inclusion of E, C, A and Retinol, a form of vitamin A.

To put it in perspective, the beauty world was always under siege with one fad or another in the old days. You may remember, for instance, the rages of hormone creams, bovine and collagen creams of the '70s and '80s. They ultimately went the way of Corium shims.

But times have changed.

The analgesic effect may put off the irritating effects, but for how long is the question; there are no studies on this issue.

However, trying a well-formulated BHA product like Almay Time Off Revitalizer is definitely an option. I also suggested that she consider trying a dermatologist-applied BHA peel once or twice a year. She could get the longer-term effect she is looking for, impressive short-term results, and a definite difference in skin texture, all without the daily struggle with irritation.

Paula Begoun is the author of several books on cosmetics, including "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (Beginning Press, \$15.95), a non-recipe paperback guide to brand-name cosmetics.

PERSONAL TRAINER

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- Avoid frostbite**
1. Wear hat and gloves; add scarf, ski mask if necessary. 2. Avoid windburn. 3. Use moisturizer on exposed areas.
- Stay hydrated**
1. Drink plenty of fluids to prevent hypothermia. 2. Avoid alcohol and caffeine.
- Ease into it**
1. Let others know your route and the time you expect to return. 2. Warm up with stretching or light activity before exercising; cool down afterward.
- Watch your footing**
1. Shoes should be one size larger than normal to fit heavy socks. 2. Wear shoes with plenty of traction to prevent falls.
- Play it safe**
1. Exercise indoors if it's too cold or icy. 2. Avoid icy patches.

SOURCES: Mayo Clinic Health Library, "Dressing for Winter" (Winter '98); The Civil Protection Administration, "How to Avoid Frostbite" (Paula Begoun, research by ADAM STALE)

Rev up your sex drive with testosterone replacement

New York Daily News

Testosterone, the male hormone that puts hair on a man's chest, deepens his voice, builds rippling muscles and spurs sex drive (at once assuring human reproduction and rewarding the effort) wanes as men age.

For years, nobody did much; a recent Gallup survey shows that men don't usually ask doctors about declining desire and, even worse, doctors don't mention it.

Now, with estrogen replacement therapy (ERT) for post-menopausal women almost commonplace, doctors and drug companies are targeting men for testosterone replacement.

At least 25 to 30 percent of men older than 65 are low in testosterone, or hypogonadal, say experts from the American Association of Clinical Endocrinologists. Two of the culprits that may contribute to lower testosterone, researchers think, are alcohol and stress.

The symptoms aren't handsome/fatigue, bad moods, less muscle and sex drive, and—over time—a bone loss that can lead to crippling, even deadly fractures. Nothing is simple, however. As

with ERT, there are risks as well as benefits to testosterone replacement.

Studies indicate that synthetic testosterone, available by injection and in skin patches, restores libido and diminishes pot bellies. It may (or may not) protect the heart and bones.

Ross Brunetti, 64, says that a few years ago he found he was tired, listless and missing what he delicately terms "funny drive in the personal department."

The retired Utah engineer, who was willing to speak publicly about the subject, said his first doctor wouldn't listen, but another found he was deficient in testosterone.

The injections were literally "a pain in the butt," says Brunetti, who drives long hours as a consultant. "And using a skin patch "was like feeling reborn."

Brunetti's wife knows if he forgets the patch because he gets grouchy, he says.

The downside of testosterone replacement is that it can enlarge the prostate, "and if a man has any cancer cells, it can stimulate that," says Dr. David Jacobs, chief of endocrinology at Lenox Hill Hospital in New York City.

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New you call Tomorrow, February 17, the College of Southern Idaho will offer a series of discussions covering vital issues facing aging Americans and their families. Topics include healthcare, housing, living independently, financial planning, wills and trusts, pre-nuptial planning, hospice, and end of life wishes.

Over the course of nine successive Tuesdays evenings you will hear from professionals including a physician, home health specialist, pharmacist, financial planner, lawyer, Alzheimer's specialist, housing specialist, geriatric nurse, and funeral director.

The series is entitled *Caring for Your Aging Parent, Spouse or Self*. Time: 6:30-8:40 p.m. Place: CSI campus - Aspen Bldg. - 108; Cost: \$15 total for entire series. Register at class. Call CSI Office on Aging tomorrow for more information: 208-736-2122.

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New news has been coming out such a fast rate that even skin specialists acknowledge it is a challenge to keep track. Indeed, women find many choices for improving the look of the skin. But what works and what is worth the money when prices range from \$6.99, say, for a vitamin E-infused cream to \$125 for La Prairie's Cellular Defense Shield Vitamin C Cream?

Because substances tend to work differently on different people, "the bottom line is to try something on your skin," says Mark McCune, an Overland Park, Kan., physician and skin specialist. If you don't see some improvement in two to three months, or if it irritates your skin, give it up. (Many retailers will take back a product in a reasonable time, especially if it is irritating the skin. Some companies offer samples.)

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HEALTH & FASHION

Drug testing now commonplace

The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — The Home Depot has a simple message for job applicants: If you want to be on the payroll, you have to pass a drug test.

We are a family-oriented company, and I don't condone the use of drugs," says Penny Erickson, district assistant for Home Depot's Central Florida stores. "And don't overlook the safety issue. That has to be a primary concern for our employees and our customers."

Drug tests were especially popular during the early 1980s, when President Ronald Reagan declared his "war on drugs," says Andy Kayton, legal director for the American Civil Liberties Union of Florida. The U.S. Navy has randomly tested sailors since 1982. A number of Central Florida employers, such as Orlando Sentinel Communications and Lockheed Martin Corp., implemented drug-testing policies in the mid-80s.

"Clearly it is an economic decision made by private employers," Kayton says. "I can't speak for costs that are incurred by employees who are inspired by the use of drugs or alcohol. Obviously, they can create dangerous conditions for themselves or others, for which a company can be liable."

Unless you're in a "safety-sensitive" position such as bus driver, McKenzle, government agencies can screen for illegal substances if they have a reasonable suspicion that you're using drugs. Safety sensitive government workers, like police officers or school bus drivers — can be tested anytime.

The rules are different for private employers. Unless you're protected by a collective bargaining agreement that limits drug testing, private employers can test you for drugs at will. That means besides asking you to take a pre-employment drug test, private companies can test you for drugs at random, after you've been involved in a job-related accident or just to make sure you are fit for your job.

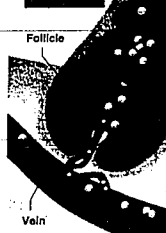
People worried they will be victims of false-positive drug tests can ask for retests. However, although most companies pay for initial drug tests, individuals usually have to pay for retests.

"The type of recourse you have will depend on where you are employed," says Kayton. If you work for the government, you

Tests for drugs

Most hair samples from job applicants for federal or local government jobs. How this controversial procedure is done.

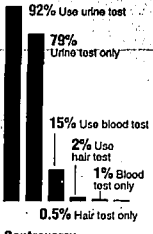
Telltale traces trapped
Drug having bloodstream is trapped permanently by follicle inside core of hair strand.



■ Hair grows about 1/2 inch a month
■ 3-inch strand contains 6-month record of drug use
SOURCES: Harvard Magazine, American Management Association

■ Chromatography for drug traces
■ If first test is possible drug, more precise mass spectrometry test is performed

Urine test still king
Types of drug tests used by employers, from a survey of 628 companies



Controversy

■ Thick dark hair, many scientists say, more likely to hold drug traces than light blond hair
■ Exposure to drug without ingesting it (touching tainted money, for example) may produce positive test

could try to challenge the validity of the drug tests methods used, he says. "Many private employers also have those same types of processes in place."

The fate of people who test positive for drugs — and don't challenge the results — rests with their employers. While some companies support on-the-spot dismissals of anyone who fails a drug test, others sponsor treatment programs for admitted substance abusers.

Most drug tests are based on urinalysis, which can detect the presence of cocaine for three or four days after use and marijuana for about three weeks after use.

Construction companies and other private blue-collar indus-

tries have long tested employees for drugs. For example, people eager to work for Kelsey Construction in Orlando have to pass pre-employment drug tests, as well as subsequent tests "if there is a reason," says office/personnel manager Marcine Wells.

White-collar companies have caught the drug-testing bug too. "We have a zero-tolerance policy when it comes to drugs," says "Universal Studios," Florida's spokesman Tom Schroder. Even so, the company does not screen job applicants for drugs but tests employees "if there is an incident or an accident, or if the manager has a suspicion about something happening in the workplace," he says.

Here's what to expect if called in for a drug test

The Orlando Sentinel

If you're going to take a urine-based drug test for the first time, here's what to expect:

• Be ready to prove your identity by producing a drivers license, passport, employee badge or other official-looking picture identification. For a job-related drug test, your supervisor can vouch for your identity in person.

• The person administering the test starts "chain of custody" procedures to limit tampering opportunities. You provide some basic personal information, like your Social Security number and address, and the person administering the test breaks the seals on the collection kit. "You're allowed to see that the kit hasn't been tampered with," says Christine Claussen, owner of RN Expertise Inc., a drug-testing company in Altamonte Springs.

• You have to remove any coats or hats and empty your pockets. "You don't have to strip, but they have to take off their outer garments," says Pat James, health services and facilities consultant superior for the state Agency for Health Care Administration in Tallahassee, Fla.

• Next you will be led into a bathroom, where you'll have to wash your hands with soap.

• After that, you might be led into another bathroom — one that has a container anything that could dilute the sample. "The toilet has to have bluing in it so you can't dilute the sample with the water from the toilet," says Barbara Bauer, supervisor of Florida Hospital Corporate Health, a drug-testing company in Orlando. Other water sources, such as the tap of the toilet tank and the sink spigot, should be covered with tamper-evident tape.

• In most cases, you will be allowed to do your business in private, but the test administrator must stay close. "We listen at the door for any rustling," Bauer says, adding that test-takers have as long as three hours to produce a sample. "If they cannot supply a specimen, then it's assumed that they choose not to supply."

• You will be told not to flush the toilet when you finish. "You might be able to dilute the sample with fresh water if you flush," Claussen says.

It's hard to believe sweet words



DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 38-year-old woman. When I was in my mid-20s, my doctors told me I could never have children. At that time I was dating "Doug" and told him about my infertility. He said it didn't matter to him. We became engaged and I started planning the wedding. After all of the plans were made, Doug changed his mind about wanting to marry me. He said that after thinking it over, being a father was very important to him. I was devastated.

I have now been dating a very nice man for two years. He has told me that the fact I can't have children does not affect his feelings for me, and that if we decide we want a family we can always adopt. He says that he'll never let me go. But...

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Exercise may reduce breast cancer risk

WASHINGTON (AP) — Exercise is one of the few things a woman can do to reduce her risk of breast cancer, many researchers now believe.

They're still unsure about how much exercise and when in a woman's life it would be most valuable. But a number of research and a meeting of scientists indicate an emerging consensus.

"I see it as good news, because there are things people can do," said researcher Marilene D. Gannnon of Columbia School of Public Health in New York City.

Biological risk factors that are virtually out of a woman's hands include an early age for the start of menstruation and a late age for the start of menopause. However, weight gain and alcohol use can be controlled,

and the experts think exercise may be added to this list.

In Gannnon's review of 16 studies on recreational exercise, 11 found a risk reduction ranging from 12 percent to 60 percent. Her report was published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute.

And a research task force recently concluded that physical activity may prevent breast cancer. The issue was discussed by a working group of the National Action Plan on Breast Cancer, a coalition of government and private organizations. However, workshop attendees agreed that the evidence is not yet conclusive.

The fact that a sizable minority of studies found no clear benefit could be blamed on problems in the research, Gannnon said. The

studies asked women to recall how much they exercised, and many could have forgotten, she said.

However, recent studies increasingly support a benefit.

One such study in Norway followed women who filled out physical activity questionnaires in the 1970s and early 1980s. The report in the New England Journal of Medicine in May 1997 found that, among women who exercised at least four hours a week, the risk of breast cancer was about one-third lower.

A study at the University of Southern California, published in the Journal of the National Cancer Institute in 1994, found a reduction of 40 percent with 3.7 hours a week of exercise. Both were cited in Gannnon's review.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

State police identify car crash victims from Halley

HALEY - The victims of a Saturday night car crash that has been identified by the Idaho State Police.

Lon Beery, 46, and Deborah Miller, 39, both of Halley, were killed when their Volkswagen Jetta with another vehicle. Beery was pronounced dead at the scene. Miller was pronounced dead at the Halley Medical Center.

Internet makes it easy to find INEEL information

BOISE - Data from monitoring of operations at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory now can be found on the Internet.

Information on weather and environmental conditions is available via a computer program available at the Internet site. Once the program is installed, information is available on current conditions and on historical files.

The information is provided by the INEEL Oversight Program, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the U.S. Department of Energy and the Shoshone-Bannock Indian Tribes.

Snow removal, sanding, limo service hit Ketchum agenda

KETCHUM - Ordinances regarding nuisances, snow removal and sanding and a limousine service are on the agenda when the Ketchum City council meets today.

The meeting will start at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall and is open to the public.

Geoffrey Schultz, who does business as Sun Valley Hosts, has requested a non-exclusive franchise for a limousine service within the city.

The council also will consider authorizing an agreement with architect Richard Meyer for services on construction of a street department equipment and sand storage building.

Among new-business items, the council will consider the appointment of William C. Cassell to replace Guy P. Coles on the KART board.

2 public hearings will be held at Halley planners meeting

HALEY - The Halley Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Halley Town Center.

Two public hearings are on the agenda: a meeting to discuss the final plat approval of a new multi-family townhouse development in Woodside Subdivision. The property is on the west side of Woodside Blvd. and just north of the Snow Mountain Apartments and in the general residential district. Blake plans a 10-unit, single-family, attached-living complex with unattached double-car garages.

Daryle James, represented by Tobin Dougherty, has applied for a planned-unit development and subdivision near 205 W. Clay St. James plans to divide the property, which is occupied by an existing residence, into four duplex townhouses, with the eight units each owned separately. The property is in the general residential district.

Commissioners will discuss and may adopt bylaws governing the how the commission operates, including appointment of members, terms of memberships and conduct of meetings.

The commission may discuss the energy portion of the Halley Comprehensive Plan.

Graduate students invent equipment for handicapped

LOGAN, Utah - A wheelchair made from bicycle parts?

Magic Valley residents can call Utah State University's Assistive Technology Development and Fabrication Lab to see whether it might be able to find inexpensive solutions to help handicapped persons operate more independently.

Professor Rick Escobar and his graduate students strive to create low-cost assistive devices, the university said in a news release. They refer exercise bikes, children's toys and other items donated or found at Deseret Industries.

Escobar and his students helped a couple in a nursing residence date by creating a motor-powered outdoor swing, the university said. An all-terrain vehicle fitted with a joystick control allows handicapped individuals access to nature and hiking. A hand-powered bicycle gives mobility to an adult with spinal bifida.

Escobar is available at (435) 797-1432.

Grant money could be found to pay for specific projects, said Susan McLean of the university's public relations office.

Compiled from staff reports

What does 'roadless' really mean?

By Kurt Friedemann
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The U.S. Forest Service's proposed 18-month moratorium on building any new roads in national forests would not halt logging or recreational use, said Bill LeVerre, Sawtooth National Forest supervisor.

"The heart of this policy is not a roadless policy but a road policy," said LeVerre, refuting U.S. Rep. Helen Chenoweth's accusations that the proposal would cripple the logging industry in Idaho and cut off wilderness access. "The Forest Service has a \$10 billion backlog in road reconstruction needs; we simply can't afford these roads."

A spokesman said Chenoweth is wor-

Officials see problems in road moratorium

ried that in the next two years the plan will halt 73 million board-feet in timber sales because the trees are in roadless areas.

"This was a behind-the-scenes operation," Chenoweth spokesman Chad Hyslop said.

He said Forest Service chief Mike Dombeck didn't allow public comment before the decision to halt road construction was made.

Idaho Sen. Larry Craig recently obtained a promise from Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman to hold hearings in the West to get public comment on the proposed moratorium.

"There was no public input or congressional input for this decision," Craig

spokesman Mike Tracy said. "This plan would have widespread effects on rural Idahoans."

But discussion about the use or abuse of "roadless" areas may be moot, said historian-for-hire Jim Lyons.

Lyons is an independent contractor in Boise that tracks down roads for Idaho counties. He said the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management have not done an adequate job in inventorying all their roads.

"This means the 'roadless' definition may not actually mean what it says. "There are roads they haven't mapped," he said.

Lyons cites an article in the Multiple

Land Use Review's April 1997 issue that says: "The failure of federal land managers to do their lawfully mandated work has resulted in areas like the Deadwood in the Boise National Forest of 44,000 acres of 'roadless' area proposed for wilderness when it contains 200 miles of roads, plus trails."

LeVerre shrugged off the article and said "roadless" had already been defined in previous evaluations done by the Forest Service - and all Forest Service roads were identified.

"There has always been a debate over what is a road in land management plans," he said. "But that has been settled for some time."

Times-News Staff writer Kurt Friedemann can be reached in Burley at 677-1042.

Pulled in by tractors

Man's old farm equipment will be displayed at mall

By Sharon Metcalf
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - When Patry Applewhite's husband suggests a Sunday drive, she knows to take along some reading material.

If he spots an old tractor, Mark Applewhite will be out of the car, bargaining with the owner.

"Once we ended up taking the trailer and he loaded it," Patry Applewhite said. "I read the Sunday paper four times from front to back while I waited."

Mark Applewhite, a member of the Magic Valley Antique Tractor Pullers Association Inc., has found most of his tractors on Sunday drives. The hobby began when he bought a 1938 Allis Chalmers B for restoration. Six years and 23 tractors later, he has invested countless hours in making the machines better than new.

Some of his tractors will be displayed through Feb. 22 at the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls.

"I like hearing the stories about the hardships and the good times people have had. That history is what really caught this area to grow," he said.

Once he displayed a restored 1954 Ford tractor at the mall with before and after photos. The former owner saw the tractor and said, "It's better than when



Mark Applewhite says every bearing, gasket and seal was replaced or restored on his 1937 John Deere. Several of Applewhite's restored tractors will be displayed at the Magic Valley Mall in Twin Falls beginning Thursday.

it was new. I remember that was the only tractor my wife liked to drive because it had power steering," Mark Applewhite reported.

Most of his collection is stored on property owned by Ron Crozier, a fellow enthusiast.

"Ron" tells his wife that the tractors out at his place are Mark's, and Mark tells me the tractors here are Ron's," Patry Applewhite said. "We don't know how many they have."

Mark Applewhite once spotted a tractor behind an empty house in Twin Falls. He ended up buying the house, and the tractor was thrown in as part of the deal. His wife suspects that was the

clinch.

Mark Applewhite has paid as little as \$190 and as much as \$1,500 for tractors that were put out to pasture. He says 99 percent of them are in need of repair, with cracked blocks or frozen motors, but he likes to restore them as close to original condition as possible.

Besides displaying the finished products, Applewhite enters them in tractor pulls.

The antique tractor pullers' association is affiliated with Early Day Gas Engine and Tractor Association, Branch 38, said secretary Doyle Hitt of Burley, and has about 50 members in the area.

Hitt said about 40 tractors will be at

the mall, and the association looks forward to hosting the EDGE Northwest Regional Show July 10-12 in Filer. People will be able to see a large collection of old farm equipment and engines in use before modernization caught up with agriculture.

An antique eight-stroke cycle engine, which only fires every eighth time the engine turns over, will be raffled at the Filer show. It's worth upwards of \$1,200. An unrestored but running Oliver tractor also will be raffled.

Times-News correspondent Sharon Metcalf can be reached in Gooding at 934-5292.

Batt, congressional delegation will honor local students

TWIN FALLS - Gov. Phil Batt and Idaho's congressional delegation will stop by Vera C. O'Leary Junior High School today to recognize students' personal achievement.

The ceremony will be held at 4 p.m. in the school auditorium at 2350 Elizabeth Blvd.

Thirteen students will receive Bronze Congressional Awards. They must meet personal goals in the areas of public service, personal development, physical fitness and expedition or exploration.

Bronze medalists must complete 50

hours of public service, personal development and physical fitness and at least one overnight stay for their expedition or exploration requirement. Silver medalists must double that amount, and a gold-medal winner must in turn double a silver medalist's effort.

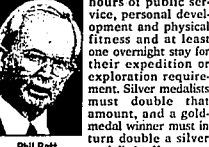
Idaho ranks second among the United States for participation in the Congressional Award Pro-

gram, said O'Leary principal Wiley Dobbs.

"We've had several students who have been awarded their bronze and are moving on to their silver," he said.

While the award is about personal achievement, Dobbs said he thinks it will help students get ahead in college admissions or employment. It will set them apart.

Recipients are Gayanne Avgvngimyan, Ellen Feussharsens, and Adam Jusod, all of O'Leary; Molly Smith and Valerie Ash, both of Robert Stuart Junior High School; Matthew Krumm, Kami Lentz, Alyssa Patterson, Geoff Gable, Jonathan Brumback, Victoria Bagdasaryan, Shawna Keith, all of Twin Falls High School; and Joseph Tateoka of Valley High School.



Phil Batt among the United States for participation in the Congressional Award Pro-

Kids with cancer get a little help from peers in Acequia

'Mathathon' benefits children at St. Jude's

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

ACEQUIA - Fifteen students at Acequia Elementary School put on their thinking caps to raise nearly \$2,000 to help children with cancer.

The students mobilized sponsors who pledged anywhere from 1 cent for each math problem successfully completed to \$100 for finishing a book of about 200 questions.

Students earned the money for St. Jude's Children's Medical Center in Nashville, Tenn., said fifth-grade teacher Julie Stewart. It's the third year Acequia has sponsored the "mathathon."

Stewart almost didn't continue the mathathon this year, she said. The fundraiser last year generated only \$600, down from the first year's \$1,200. She thought it might bring in even less this year, but the Nashville cancer-center



Acequia Elementary School first-graders Alyssa Franco, 6, left, and Ashley Hufert, 7, discuss a math problem. The students earned the most pledges for the school's mathathon. Franco earned \$258, and Hufert, \$175. She thought it might bring in even less this year, but the Nashville cancer-center is receiving treatment there. She thinks the local significance in part helped revive the fund-raiser, she said.

While the mathathon reinforces math skills, that isn't the fund-raiser's catalyst, Stewart said. She hopes it will teach children about helping others.

"I'm hoping it will plant a seed of compassion for other people," she said. "The main reason I do this is to let them see there is more to this world than themselves and their thoughts and feelings."

The students insisted the mathathon was fun. Their hands shot up to show that, you see like many others.

But third-grader Jake Pelton, 8, said getting a T-shirt was the good part.

"The only fun thing is when you get stuff. The tough part is when you have to do the work," Pelton said.

First-grader Alyssa Franco, 6, brought back the most pledges - \$258 worth - and won a boom box. Each child who earned \$75 or more won a T-shirt and a durable bag. Students who earned \$35 or more won T-shirts.

Fifth-grader Nathan Eames, 11, said he participated to raise money to help kids.

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MAGIC VALLEY/IDAHO

THIS WEEK AT CSI

The Times-News

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

TODAY College is closed for the holiday.

TUESDAY Stop Smoking Support Group meets at 8 p.m. in Shields 112.

WEDNESDAY Superintendents' Association will meet at 10 a.m. in Room 2076. The Instructional Council will meet at 2:30 p.m. in Taylor 256. Military training will be held at 5:30 p.m. in Shields 208.

CSI drama production will be held at 8 p.m. in Fine Arts 119.

THURSDAY KMW's Agri-Action will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Expo Center. Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at 7 p.m. at the Center for New Directions 118. CSI drama production will be held at 8 p.m. in Fine Arts 119.

FRIDAY Agri-Action continues from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Expo Center. CSI basketball vs. Utah Valley will be held at 6 p.m. and men at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium. The Standards will present a concert at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Arts Center auditorium. CSI drama production will be held at 8 p.m. in Fine Arts 119.

SATURDAY Military setting will be held at 8 a.m. in Shields 208. Agri-Action continues from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. in the Expo Center. Idaho Parents Unlimited will meet at 8:30 a.m. in Taylor 276. CSI basketball vs. Salt Lake Community College will be held at 6 p.m. and men at 8 p.m. in the gymnasium. CSI drama production will be held at 8 p.m. in Fine Arts 119.

SUNDAY Faculty concert will be held at 3 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.

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

TODAY Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library. Buhl School Board, 7 p.m., school district's office. Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., school district's office.

TUESDAY Blaine County Commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse. Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Goodaleford School Board, 7 p.m., school library. Filer Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City

Council chambers.

Filer School Board, noon (executive session), 12:30 p.m. (regular session), school district's board room. Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Hingerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall. Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hailey Town Center.

Jackpot Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., Jackpot Fire Station training room. Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., City Council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. Ketchum City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall. Jerome School Board, 6 p.m., Jerome Civil Club Memorial Library. Magic Valley Regional Airport Advisory Board meeting, 11 a.m., Joslin Room at

airport terminal. Minidoka County School Board, 7 p.m., school district office in Rupert. Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Shoshone City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls City Council, 4 and 6 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

WEDNESDAY Bliss City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Blaine County Hospital Board, 7:30 p.m., hospital conference room. Regional Board meeting, 7 p.m., at dispatch-center, 911 E. Ave. H in Jerome. Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 8 p.m., courthouse. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

THURSDAY Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall. Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7 p.m., conference room. Kimberly School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school library. Sun Valley City Council, 4 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

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

IDAHO ROAD REPORT

BOISE (AP) - Here are Sunday evening's road conditions from the Idaho Department of Transportation. Interstate 84 - Oregon line-Calwell, dry; Caldwell-Nampa, dry; Boise area, dry; Boise-Mountain Home, dry; Mountain Home-Gemma Ferry, dry; Gemma Ferry-Twin Falls, dry; Twin Falls-Burley, dry; Burley-LSJ-486 Junction, wet; LSJ-486 Junction-Union-Idaho, wet; Union-Idaho-86 - Salt Lake City-Raft River, slush; Raft River-American Falls-Pocatello, wet, slush. Interstate 15 - Utah line-Pocatello, dry; slush; Madala Pass, wet; McCommon-Fort Hall, wet, slush; Fort Hall-Idaho Falls, wet; Idaho Falls-Dubois, wet, slush; broken snow floor; Monida Pass, icy, snow floor. Interstate 20 - Washington line-Coeur d'Alene, wet; 4th of July Pass, wet, slush; Cataldo-Wallace, wet; Wallace-Lookout Pass, broken snow floor. Idaho 55 - Boise-Horseshoe Bend, wet, icy spots; Horseshoe Bend-Donnelly, wet, slush; Donnelly-McCall, wet, icy. US 25 - Oregon line-Parma, dry, wet; Parma-Payette, dry; Payette-

Cambridge, dry; Cambridge-New Meadows-Rigging, wet; Rigging-Whitebird Hill, dry; Whitebird Hill, dry; Grangeville-Winchester, icy spots; Whitebird-Idaho Falls, icy spots; Caldwell-Lewiston, icy spots; Lewiston Hill, dry; Lewiston Hill-Moore, slush; Moore-Beneva County line, wet; Beneva County line-Plummer, wet; Plummer-Coeur d'Alene, wet; Coeur d'Alene-Sonner County line, wet; Bonner County line-Sandpoint, wet; Sandpoint-Candary County line, wet; Boundary County line-Junction US 2, dry; Junction US 2-Canadian border, dry. Idaho 21 - Boise-Idaho City, dry, wet; Idaho City-Lowman, slush, icy spots, broken snow floor; Lowman-Banner Summit, slush, icy spots, broken snow floor; Banner Summit-Stanley, snow floor. US 12 - Lewiston-Junction Idaho 3, dry; Junction Idaho 3-Konahe, wet; Konahe-Lowell, wet; Lowell-Powell, wet; Powell-Lolo Pass, icy spots. US 20 - Junction Hite-Cat Creek Summit, dry, wet; Cat Creek Summit-Junction Idaho 75, icy spots; Junction

Idaho 75-Carey, wet; Arco-Idaho Falls, snow floor; Idaho Falls-Ashton, wet, slush, icy spots; Idaho Falls-Montana line, icy, snow floor. Idaho 77 - Shoshone-Junction U.S. 20, wet; Junction U.S. 20-Ketchum, wet; Ketchum-Galena, broken snow floor; Galena-Franco, broken snow floor; Clayton, snow floor; Clayton-Challis, icy, broken snow floor. US 31 - Nevada line-Twin Falls, wet; Twin Falls-Shoshone, wet; Shoshone-Crofton, wet; Crofton-Craters of the Moon-Arco, broken snow floor; Arco-Challis, icy, broken snow floor; Challis-Selmon, icy, broken snow floor; Selmon-Lost Trail Pass, icy, broken snow floor. US 30 - Wet, slush. US 30 - McCommon-Soda Springs, wet, slush; Soda Springs-Mooreville, wet, slush; Mooseville-Wyoming line, wet, icy spots. US 20 - Junction US 20-Blackfoot, icy spots; Idaho Falls-Ririe, broken snow floor; Ririe-Wyoming line, snow floor. Idaho 51 - icy spots, broken snow floor. Idaho 28 - Broken snow floor.

How Idaho lawmakers voted. House: Chenoweth, Crapo. Senate: Craig, Kempthorne. Includes '21 CITIZENSHIP OF VOTERS' section.

HOSPITAL. MINIDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL. Released. Richard Nottle and Nancy Olmos, both of Rupert. Includes 'Take a trip to the market with a look at our classified advertisements!'.

SERVICES

Thelma M. Elsner of Nampa, 10 a.m. today at Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise; service also at 3 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel. Viewing will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. today at Demary's Chapel.

Bonnie Merrill of Jerome, 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Home.

Robertson Funeral Chapel; friends may call from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Fern Pratt Dunn Brown of Rupert, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel; friends may call one hour before the funeral at the mortuary.

Thelma M. Elsner of Nampa, 10 a.m. today at Cloverdale Funeral Home in Boise; service also at 3 p.m. today at Demary's Gooding Chapel. Viewing will be held from 1:30 to 3 p.m. today at Demary's Chapel.

Robertson Funeral Chapel; friends may call from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

Kenneth Or Higginbotham of Jerome, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Jerome LDS 3rd Ward Chapel, 825 E. Ave. B; friends may call from 10 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and from 9:45 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday

at the church. Bernice Merrill of Jerome, 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Home.

Robertson Funeral Chapel; friends may call from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

IBL Sudweeks Allen

TWIN FALLS - Ila Sudweeks Allen, 75, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998 at Rock Creek Rehabilitation and Medical Center. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Kimberly LDS 2nd Ward. Friends may call from 2-4 p.m. Monday at White Mortuary's Kimberly Chapel, and from 1-1:45 p.m. Tuesday at the church.

at the church. Bernice Merrill of Jerome, 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Home.

Robertson Funeral Chapel; friends may call from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

E. Ellis Fuller - TWIN FALLS - E. Ellis Fuller, 80, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Feb. 15, 1998 at his home. Arrangements are pending under the direction of White Mortuary

at the church. Bernice Merrill of Jerome, 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Home.

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TWIN FALLS

brothers. Services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1998 at the LDS 6th Ward Chapel on Elm Avenue, Boulevard, with Bishop John Cox conducting.

at the church. Bernice Merrill of Jerome, 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Home.

Robertson Funeral Chapel; friends may call from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

RUPERT

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Robertson Funeral Chapel; friends may call from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

Lee Kennie Smith

Leo Kennie Smith, 83, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 14, 1998 at Bridgeway Estates. He was born Jan. 16, 1915 in La Moine, N.D., the son of Herman and Almeta Williams Smith. During World War II, he received a Purple Heart for injuries sustained in battle. He was a member of the Disabled Veterans.

at the church. Bernice Merrill of Jerome, 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Home.

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WORLD

Liberian warlord becomes president

And keeps habits of intolerance

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — For seven years, Charles Taylor was a ruthless warlord, commanding thousands of soldiers in a civil war that left much of Liberia in ruins.

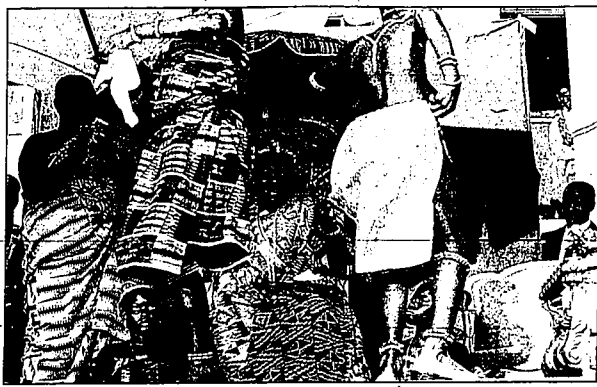
Now, he is the president. And six months after taking office, there are signs he has hung on to his old habits of tolerating no criticism and handing out harsh punishment to those who anger him.

Opposition politicians have been harassed, journalists have been arrested and radio stations closed. One of the country's most prominent opposition figures, a former Taylor ally, was murdered last year, and one of the men charged was an official in the government security force.

For some Liberians, the heavy-handedness threatens to overshadow the praise Taylor has taken to get the country going again and rebuild a feeling of national unity. They especially fear that the fledgling security services may not be properly trained.

"I'm very worried about what could happen," said a Monrovia businessman, who like most people who discussed the issue would speak only on condition his name not be used. "The people who were doing the looting and fighting, now they're the security."

Taylor, 50, is a Boston-educated descendant of freed American slaves who helped settle Liberia. He served in the government of former dictator Samuel Doe, fled to the United States when Doe charged him with embezzlement and broke out of a U.S. prison while fighting extradition. On



Liberian President Charles Taylor gives a peace sign as traditional dancers honor him during a ceremony in Monrovia in this recent but undated film picture where Ghana immigrants crowned him Chief Okatakyo, 'The Greatest of Warlords.'

Christmas Eve 1989, he led supporters into Liberia to begin a war against Doe's ethnic Krahn dictatorship.

The war, fought mostly by soldiers who were barely teen-agers, quickly degenerated into factional fighting that flared through cycles of brutal warfare and tenuous peace agreements. After seven years, about 200,000 people were dead and half the country's 2.6 million people were homeless.

A peace treaty finally held, how-

ever, and Taylor was swept into power in July 1997 with a landslide election victory. Taylor's years as a military commander were marked by tight control over his soldiers, and he appears to be keeping a close eye on post-war Liberia as well.

"I don't think much can happen in the country without Taylor knowing about it," said Kofi Woods, one of the country's best-known human rights activists.

The Special Security Service works out of the executive man-

sion. Its officers are a common sight in Monrovia's stores, bars and offices, swaggering men in well-pressed slacks carrying walkie-talkies.

While denying any intention to muzzle the press, Taylor's government has shut down a number of media outlets.

The most prominent independent radio station, Star Radio, was closed for nearly a month because of a disagreement about its license and for sending news on the Internet without permission.

Few allies are as willing as Britain to attack Iraq

The Washington Post

WARSAW, Poland — With the exception of Britain, few U.S. allies appear as ready to help in U.S.-led military strikes against Iraq as those waiting to join the West's premier military alliance.

Polish government ministers who have years have lobbied the United States to join NATO are now openly talking about how many and what kinds of troops they would send to the Persian Gulf. In the Czech Republic one newspaper called Iraq policy a test of Czech mettle.

In Hungary, Foreign Minister Laslo Kovacs returned from

Washington and called on parliament to fall in line — if diplomatic efforts fail — with what the United States wants to open Hungarian airspace and allow U.S. warplanes in the event of military action against Iraq.

It comes and his counterparts from Poland and the Czech Republic were in Washington to seek Senate support for ratifying agreements granting them membership in NATO. All three were careful to follow the Clinton administration's lead on Iraq.

"It's a unique situation," said analyst Eugene Gering, director of the Institute for Strategic and

Defense Studies at the Hungarian Military University. "We're not yet in NATO, but we have to behave as if we are already in NATO."

"Surely this small country has to do something," Gazdag said about the U.S. bid to unite its allies. "It has to prove capacity. It has to demonstrate its intentions. It has to show — and help explain to its public — that NATO means having rights and obligations."

Defense analyst Jan Gazdik, writing in Prague's Mlada Fronta Dnes newspaper, saw an apparent Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright as a test of

loyalty. NATO allies expect "a helping hand" in emergencies "without speculation about the advantages ... and its consequences." He wrote.

The three NATO aspirants — who have hundreds of troops participating in peace efforts in Bosnia — were allies in the last battle with Iraq.

About 270 Czech soldiers, some of the best chemical-detection experts in the world, patrolled the northern Saudi Arabian desert. Hungary opened its airfields and sent a small medical unit. Poland sailed two hospital ships into the region with hundreds of medical personnel.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Cleanup crews search for cause of crash

YAOUNDE, Cameroon — Cleanup crews gathered corpses Sunday from around two charred oil tanker cars that derailed, exploded and caught fire, killing as many as 100 people outside Cameroon's capital.

The victims were mostly drivers who flocked to the ruptured tankers to scoop up the gushing oil to use in their cars. When the fuel ignited, flames engulfed the crowd of up to 5,000.

The circumstances of Saturday's accident were unclear. State-controlled television reported the tankers ruptured after colliding with a second train. But investigators would not confirm that there had been a collision, or a second train. Reporters were barred from the scene.

Police investigator Robert Tiani Ntem said Sunday the tankers had cut loose from their train and suggested they derailed on their own.

Attacks in Algeria result in 32 deaths

ALGIERS, Algeria — Armed men killed 32 people in three week-end attacks in Algeria, including 17 people whose throats were slit, security forces said Sunday.

No one claimed responsibility for the attacks, but authorities lay the blame for violence warring Algerian on Islamic insurgents trying to topple the military-backed regime.

A statement by the security forces, read on state-run radio, said armed men slit the throats of 17 people early Sunday near Saida, 275 miles southwest of Algiers. Seven others were wounded in the attack, the radio said.

Some of the victims were members of a self-defense group. Such groups, armed by the government, are prime targets for insurgents, as are their relatives.

Helicopters arrive to aid quake survivors

RUSTAQ, Afghanistan — The leader of the military alliance that controls northern Afghanistan visited a remote region devastated by a Feb. 4 quake and appealed Sunday for more help for stranded survivors.

Burhanuddin Rabbani arrived in Rustaq, a town in the heart of the worst-hit region, in one of three helicopters delivering blankets, food and plastic sheeting to areas inaccessible by road because of quake damage, snow and mud.

It was the first aid to reach some villagers since the 6.1-magnitude quake, which crumpled entire towns and killed more than 5,000 people. Thousands more are missing.

"If an hopeful we can carry through this tragedy with the help of the Afghan people and our friends abroad," Rabbani said after praying at a mosque in Rustaq. "We are doing our best to ease care of these innocent people, but we need more help."

Relief teams have donated a few tons of the aid that is needed. Rain and snow has flooded the nearest runway, forcing aid workers to rely on helicopters to bring in supplies that have been piling up in Central Asia.

Farrakhan urges Aborigines to rise up

SYDNEY, Australia — Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan accused Australia's government Sunday of allowing drugs and alcohol to crush the Aborigines so they could not reclaim their country.

Farrakhan led his entourage on a walk through the Aboriginal section of inner-city Sydney known as "The Block," greeting residents on their doorsteps.

Farrakhan — who had to give a written pledge that he would not incite racial hatred before being allowed into Australia — later told reporters he hoped the government would hear his message.

"Here I see, I see the mentality of a government that would allow the owners of this land, the aboriginal people of the earth, to be in this condition when everything you have you took from them," he said.

Compiled from wire reports

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TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College baseball**
CSI at Dixie, 12 p.m.
- Boys' basketball**
A-1, Region III tournament
• Minico at Highland, 7 p.m.
• Burley at Twin Falls, 7 p.m.
A-3, Canyon Conference tournament at Gooding
• Wendell vs. Glens Ferry, 6:15 p.m.
• Kimberly vs. Gooding, 8 p.m.
A-4 Northside sub-district tournament at Shoshone
• Dionich vs. Ketchum-Sun-Valley, 6 p.m. (loser out)
• Carnas County vs. Carey, 7:30 p.m.
A-5 Southside sub-district tournament at Filer
• Oakes vs. Raft River, 6:30 p.m.
• Hansen vs. Castledale, 8 p.m. (loser out)

IN BRIEF

Nampa AAU basketball tourney approaches

NAMPA — The City of Nampa, Amateur Athletic Union and Coca-Cola will sponsor the 8th annual AAU U-mike River Association Basketball Championship at the ends of February and March.

The first tournament will be for boys ages 10-14, girls ages 12 years of age and will be Feb. 27-March 1. The second tournament will be for boys ages 15-17 and girls ages 13-18 and will be March 20-22.

Deadline for the first tournament is Monday, Feb. 23 and deadline for the second tournament is Monday, March 16. For more information, call Kari Riley at 465-2215.

Hoop tourney for various ages converges on Spokane

SPOKANE, Wash. — The 11th Annual North Spokane AAU Basketball Classic will be held on two weekends in March.

March 20-22 will feature boys in grades 5-8 from high school classification B, A or 2A with girls in the same classifications plus 12-14-year-olds.

All participants must come from schools feeding the same high school. The tournament fee is \$150 with four games guaranteed. There will be electronic scoreboards in each gym and only registered association officials will be used.

For more information, call Daryl Triplett at (509) 238-6807.

Ethiopian distance runner sets 2,000-meter mark

BIRMINGHAM, England — Haile Gebrselassie of Ethiopia set a new world-best Sunday for the indoor 2,000 meters, clocking 4 minutes 52.86 seconds to better the 4:54.07 by Ireland's Eamonn Coghlan set 11 years ago.

Gebrselassie made the mark in the BUPA Indoor Grand Prix with the 24-year-old Gebrselassie's 12th in his career. He also holds the world indoor 5,000-meter record of 15:59.04 set last year.

Gebrselassie, the Olympic champion at 10,000 meters, is also the former world-record holder at 5,000 and 10,000 meters outdoors and won the 10,000 in the world championships last year in Athens.

Kent Graham signs with Giants, Dave Brown out

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The New York Giants told Dave Brown to start looking for work on Sunday, less than 24 hours after free agent quarterback Kent Graham signed a reported three-year contract.

“Dave talked with (coach) Jim Fassel today and he told him they had signed Kent Graham and it was in his best interests to find another team to play for,” said Brown's agent, Leigh Steinberg, in a telephone interview with The Associated Press.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

500 reasons to smile



Dale Earnhardt sprays champagne in celebration of his Daytona 500 win Sunday. Pictured with Earnhardt are his wife Teresa and an unidentified member of his pit crew.

Earnhardt's frustration ends with Daytona win

By David Poole
Knight-Ridder News Service

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — At last. Dale Earnhardt ended two decades of frustration in the Daytona 500 Sunday, scoring a heart-pounding victory to stop the most maddening streaks of his racing career.

Earnhardt had won 30 races at the 2.5-mile mother church of stock car racing, but never Winston Cup racing's biggest event, the season-opening 500. He also had gone 59 races, almost two full seasons, without winning anywhere.

Both streaks were washed away in his 20th start in a race he had led four times before with 10 laps to go, only to lose it heart-rending fashion.

“All right!” Earnhardt said as he lapped off head out of the black No. 14 Chevrolet in Victory Lane. “Yest Y’all Yes!”

Earnhardt's average speed for winning the race was 172.712 mph, making this the third fastest Daytona 500.

His average speed for his trip down pit road to Victory Lane, though, was one handshaker per second. In a remarkable show of respect, members of virtually every team lined up to congratulate Earnhardt's seven-time Winston Cup champion on his 71st career victory.

“I cried a little bit in the race car on the way to the checkered flag,” Earnhardt said. “Well, maybe not cried, but at least my eyes watered up.”

“Everybody over the last week has said this is your year. Man, they were just so adamant about it. They knew something I didn't reckon.”

Earnhardt's victory, worth a Winston Cup record \$1,059,105, was assured one lap early.

He took the lead by passing Richard Childress Racing teammate Mike Skinner in Turn 4 of Lap 140, and held it after stopping for fuel and right-side tires under yellow with less than 20 laps to go.

After the green flag flew on Lap 178, Earnhardt was chased like the rabbit at a dog track by a swarming nest of challengers determined to deny him this long-awaited moment.

On Lap 199 of 200, Jimmy Spencer's Ford embarked into John Burton's Pontiac shrouded a tire and the leaders made pit stops on the ensuing yellow flag, the game was on.

Earnhardt and Skinner jostled with another pair of teammates — Mayfield and Rusty Wallace in Penske Racing's Fords — as the race fell away. Others — Labonte, Jeff Gordon, Ernie Ivan and a host of others — poked their way in and out of the fray at times.

Nagano organizers pull off alpine 'trifecta'

The Associated Press

HAKUBA, Japan — The trifecta paid off. After an unprecedented Olympic tripleheader in Alpine skiing, the schedule is amazingly, back to normal.

Taking advantage of a small window in an expediting series of weather woes at the Happo-one ski area, Olympic organizers completed the men's super-G, women's downhill and women's combined downhill in less than four hours Monday.

“We are within the schedule again,” said Gian Franco Kasper, secretary general of the international ski federation. “Never give up.”

The flurry of races ended a scheduling nightmare. A week ago, when the Olympics began, the snow was no big deal. Then came more snow, and rain, and sleet, and wind,



and lightning, and fog.

In eight days, not one race went off on schedule. On five days, there were no races at all. Now it's so bad that officials had to schedule three races for today (Sunday night EST) — the tripleheader or Olympic Alpine history.

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“Why shouldn't it be an emergency if you have to do everything and you're in the last week of the Winter Games?” said Guenter Hujar, women's technical director for the international ski federation.

“We all see it's getting tight now. That's why we work all around the clock. We do what we can do. We do what's even thinkable.”

No one wanted to utter the unthinkable: that the games might end without all the races being run. It happens routinely in World Cup events, but never in the Olympics. But with eight Alpine races to fit into six days — or seven days, if they race on the day of the closing ceremony — there was hardly any room for more weather disruptions.

“I don't think about that,” Hujar said. “We go for tomorrow, and at the end we will be lucky.”

Until today the luck was mostly bad.

After a stubborn fog refused to lift to allow the men's super-G to be run on Sunday, organizers pulled their final big hole card. They scheduled the unprecedented triple: the men's super-G, women's downhill and women's combined downhill. Those races were set to go off within a six-hour period coinciding with a small predicted window of sunshine — before the next storm arrived.

The sun broke through the clouds 10 minutes before the start of Monday's super-G. Fog delayed the start for 45 minutes, but finally, with visibility still a bit murky at the top, the race began.

Just 15 minutes after the last super-G race had finished, the women's downhill began. Less than two hours later, the women's downhill continued was underway.

Huston sets record in Hawaii

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — In rewriting one of the oldest records on the PGA Tour and giving the final Hawaiian Open an appropriate farewell, John Huston wasn't thinking about the mark.

Huston put his stamp on the Tour on Sunday with a birdie on the 72nd hole to close out the 33-year-old tournament with a 28-under-par 260.

That broke the Tour's 27-year mark set shared by Ben Hogan and Mike Souchak and easily breached past the 23-under record for the tournament.

The Tour record for total score for a 72-hole event, 2575, wasn't quite within Huston's reach.

“It's been a fantastically,” Huston said. “I kept in control and gave myself a chance for birdies.”

“It's a good feeling. It's been a long time (last victory came in 1994) so it's a great feeling to win. And to finish the way I did copped off a great week.”



John Huston, holds up the Hawaiian Open trophy he won Sunday in Honolulu.

In placing an exclamation point on the last Hawaiian Open, which will be replaced on the Tour calendar by the Sony Classic in Hawaii in 1999, Huston rolled in a three-foot putt on the 72nd hole to claim the mark.

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Collapse puts Caray in California hospital

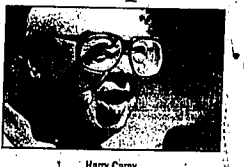
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RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Harry Caray — the beloved Chicago Cubs broadcaster known for his exuberant “Holy cow!” — collapsed at a nightclub while having a Valentine's Day dinner with his wife.

Caray, 78, was listed in critical but stable condition Sunday at Eisenhower Medical Center. Hospital spokesman Jim Ellis said Caray's wife, Duchie, asked that no further details be released. Caray's stepdaughter, Tunie Wells, said doctors said he definitely did not have a stroke.

Duchie Caray told WGN radio, the Cubs' flagship station, that her husband collapsed Saturday night after he leaned on a table that gave way. Wells told Chicago radio station WMAQ that Caray put his hand on the table when he stood to acknowledge the crowd after someone pointed out he was in the restaurant.

“He simply put his hand on the table, probably just for balance ... and the table was not secured, and it came up



Harry Caray in critical but stable condition

and knocked him,” she said. “I do not believe that he suffered a heart attack and fell. I believe he fell and if his heartbeat stopped it was because of the trauma to the head.”

Caray's son-in-law, Coley Newell, told The Associated Press by telephone from his home in Mundelein, Ill., that Caray was still unconscious but was breathing on his own.

The feeling amongst the family is that there is no grave concern yet because he is stable, Newell said.

Flu bug bites Olympic athletes

NAGANO, Japan (AP) — A flu going around Nagano has struck the athletes' Village, sickening about 200 people and forcing at least two athletes to pull out of the games.

The flu forced top German figure skater Tanja Szewczenko to withdraw Sunday from competition, after she was bed-ridden for five days with a high fever. It also kept Norwegian speed-skater Adne Sundraal, gold medalist in the 1,500 meters, from skating in the 1,000.

Canadian pairs figure skaters Marie-Claude Savard-Gagnon and Luc Bédard both caught the flu, said Janet Ames, chief medical officer for the Canadian team. Savard-Gagnon couldn't finish her

routine, and the 1997 Canadian champions ended up in 16th place in the competition Tuesday.

Six athletes on the U.S. team have been affected, but two coaches got the flu.

Through Thursday, the infirmary at the Olympic Village, where more than 3,000 athletes and officials are staying, had received 150 visits. Of those, 212 were for cold-like symptoms, and 61 people had a 99-degree fever or worse, doctors said.

In a mid-games report, the International Olympic Committee's medical commission said those treated for upper respiratory problems, including athletes, media and other staff, totaled 1,482.

7th isn't heaven for pair

By Filij Bondy
New York Daily News

NAGANO — They were seventh after the first compulsory ice dance in the Olympics, the Golden Waltz. They were seventh after the second compulsory dance, the Argentine Tango.

They were seventh after the rock 'n' roll original dance on Sunday. They likely will be seventh after the free skate today, the way they were seventh at the 1998 World Championships. Seventh is their karma once again; their unlucky ordinal, as assigned by a voting bloc of French, Italian and Russian judges.

Elizabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow of the Detroit Skating Club cannot escape their fate, no matter how well, or how poorly, they skate. It is the nature of ice dancing, the last of the "fixed" sports at the Winter Olympics.



American ice dancers Elizabeth Punsalan and Jerod Swallow compete during the compulsory segment of the competition Sunday in Nagano.

"This sport has been like this since its inception — glacial changes," Swallow said. "I don't know where it's going. We have to learn to deal with it, because it's always been there."

"There's a more divine judge that we skate for," Swallow said. "Not the nine who are out there."

It has been 22 years since an American couple medaled in ice dancing at the Olympics. With the Russians locked in at the top, it may be another few decades before the next U.S. pair breaks through the glass ceiling.

Punsalan, 26, and Swallow, 30, are elegant national champions. They have to be somewhere in the world. They have run out of competitive time, moving on to the Tour of Champions this spring, after the world.

There's been a rude adventure for both of them. They met while skating at the same rink in Colorado, then became an avante-garde dancing couple, Pasha Grishuk and Evgeny Platov of Russia. On Sunday, they rocked flirtatiously in red and black costumes to pop music, crossing and uncrossing arms.

They got their usual scores ranging from 5.3 to 5.6. They finished the night — where else? — seventh.

"If you relaxed watching us, then we have done our job," Swallow said. "That's what we're trying to do. Make it look easy. We've worked a lot on the smoothness of our dance."

That much, they can control. The judges are something else. Swallow was a skater growing up. Punsalan played some basketball. They know that not all sports results are written in stone, but they wouldn't change vocations, anyway.

"All sports have something," Swallow said. "Even basketball has referees."

"When we're out there, everything else goes away," Swallow said. "Even the judges."

Wishing doesn't make it so.

Mountain defeats Street in Round 2

HAKUBA, Japan — The mountain scared Picabo Street. She looked at it and saw bumps where bumps shouldn't be and, just moments before she was to be crowned the fastest skier from Austria wiped out and, damn, if that didn't have her fretting even more.

Picabo went down the mountain. But cautiously.

"She didn't fling herself down, not in that usual kamikaze style of hers, and when she got to the bottom she looked at the big score board with the times on it and she was fourth in the women's downhill. It's her best race on most days, but not this one. Later, two others beat her time and she finished sixth. So, there would be no medal for Picabo, no chance to triumph over the mountain. She can't make her place among the Olympic immortals.

"She had already won the women's Super G, and that would have meant, for her, her immortality. For her country.

America could have used another hero. Picabo would have been a tonic, a respite from harsh realities. This plucky, freckle-faced embodiment of grit would have come along at just the right time to divert attention from Monica Lewinsky, Saddam Hussein, El Nino and everything else that is doing the world.

She was born in Triumph, Idaho, you know.

"Triumph?"

"Now how perfect is that? How perfect would it have been if she'd won again, if that blasted mountain didn't raise up the hairs on the back of her neck?"

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Roads would've been named after her. You'd be somewhere in your car, make a turn and suddenly find yourself on Picabo Street Avenue or Picabo Street Boulevard. Or maybe Picabo her probably would've been out by, oh, Friday, Noon, because she has just one goal. It probably won't be out until sometime next week.

The tabloids would've looked to dig up dirt. The World Weekly 'News' would've claimed her parents were aliens. The truth is even better. Her parents were hippies.

Her father was there on the mountain. Ron Street was up in the stands, on his feet waving a flag that is found on flagpoles in front of town halls all across the nation. He began waving the flag when Picabo came out of the gate and he didn't stop until she'd come down the mountain and he looked at her time. Then he balled up the flag and sat down.

Sadly, it would not be another red, white and Picabo day.

"I drove it as hard as I could, but to me it's not worth risking my neck," she said.

She leaned over a fence at the bottom of the mountain as she spoke her piece, and she smiled. She had a genuine smile that if Edison had ever seen he might not have felt a need to invent the light bulb.

It didn't push the envelope too much," she said. "It was really scary, really dangerous. I didn't

Agassi continues comeback, defeats Sampras at Sybase

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Continuing his dramatic comeback after falling out of the top 100 last year, Andre Agassi defeated Andre Agassi easily upser No. 1-ranked Pete Sampras 6-4, 6-4 in the Sybase Open final Sunday afternoon.

Despite Sampras' strong serves, Agassi controlled the match with power and placement to win his fourth Sybase title. He also won in 1990, '93 and '95.

When Sampras hit long for match point, a jubilant Agassi raised his hands in victory and blew a kiss to the fans, as with Andre Agassi's cheerer wildly and the crowd gave him a standing ovation.

"Today, looking across the net and seeing Pete, it felt great," Agassi said. "I was hitting the ball really hard and feeling confident and making the big points."

Sampras, the top seed and two-time defending champion, appeared sluggish despite 17 aces. He seemed stunned after the match. "I was a little bit off."

Agassi went up 2-1 in the first set, with a cross-court backhand for break point. He broke serve again to go up 4-1, and kept control the rest of the way on the fast surface at the San Jose Arena.

Plagued by broken strings, Sampras used five rackets during the match. Down 5-2 in the first set, he continued with broken strings, then playfully retorted he was about to throw his racket into the crowd when he lost the point. Even Agassi laughed.

Tennis roundup

Krajcek wins St. Petersburg Open
ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — In a match between two of the hardest servers in tennis, Richard Krajcek regrouped late in the first set and beat Marc Rosset 6-4, 7-6 (7/5) Sunday to capture the St. Petersburg Open. Krajcek, the No. 1 seed from the Netherlands, said he was troubled by Rosset's big serves early on.

"Then out of the blue the match changed," he said. "In the first half I thought I had no chance. But in the second half he made lots of mistakes and made it pretty easy."

Rosset, the No. 4 seed from Switzerland, had no explanation for his change in play.

"It's strange," he said. "I was leading 4-2 (in the first set) everything seemed to be OK in the game. I cannot really tell you."

Rosset's confidence ebbed as the match wore on. His serve began to fail, his number of faults increasing.

The match featured two of the taller players in the game, with Rosset at 6-foot-7 and Krajcek at 6-5. Krajcek stayed moody with his traditional serve and volley while Rosset stuck to back of the court.

In doubles, Nicklas Kulti and Mikael Tillstrom of Sweden downed South African duo Abner Barnard and Brent Haygarth 3-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7/3).

Eggeling wins LPGA event in playoff

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — New clubs and an attitude adjustment have meant more enjoyment for the golf course for Dale Eggeling.

They've also meant success.

The 22-year LPGA veteran shot a 3-and-par 69 Sunday, then made a 15-foot birdie putt in the first hole of a sudden-death playoff with Hiromi Kobayashi of Japan to win the rain-shortened Los Angeles Women's Championship.

Kobayashi, who lost the lead by bogeying the 14th and backing off, forced the playoff by making a 15-foot birdie putt on the par-5 18th hole to give her a second-round score of 74 and a 36-hole total of 141.

The pair played the 18th again, and Kobayashi hit her third shot into a greenside bunker. She left a 30-foot shot short of the green and her putt from the fringe didn't come close.

Eggeling, meanwhile, hit a 36-foot putt from 15 feet from the hole and sank the winner.

"I can't describe it. I cried when I made that putt," she said. "This really really felt good."

The win was worth \$97,500 from the purse of \$650,000 in the third LPGA tournament of the year. Kobayashi earned \$60,510 for a second-place finish.

Eggeling, who finished her round over an hour before Kobayashi, birdied the 14th and 15th before paring the 16th and final three holes for her 69 — only the third sub-70 round of the tournament.

The others were a first-round 67 by Kobayashi that gave her a three-shot lead entering the final

Golf roundup

round, and a 69 on Sunday by a 36-year-old careerist, who finished two strokes off the pace.

The tournament at the 6,276-yard, par 36-72 Oakland Country Club, Oct. 5 to 36 holes, because heavy rain Saturday wiped out what was supposed to be the second round.

The rain had been forecast for Sunday, but it turned out to be a pleasant, sunny day although the wind picked up in the afternoon.

Albus wins GTE Classic with final round of 70

LUTZ, Fla. — Two injury-filled seasons left Jim Albus wondering if he would ever see the winner's circle again. With a three-foot putt on the par-5 18th hole Sunday at the GTE Classic, Albus was back.

A final round of 70 gave Albus a three-day total of 6-and-par 207. The Senior PGA Tour event over Jose Maria Canizares, Kermit Zarzyka and Simon Hobday.

"You wonder what's going to happen and you wonder about your golf condition," Albus said. "You can't help but question yourself. It makes this a little more special."

Second round leader Brian Barnes, who ended tied for ninth at 3-under, fell from contention with a final-round 75 that included three birdies, five bogeys and one double bogey.

Barnes' back-nine included

Stroms delay outcome of S. Africa PGA event

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — Tony Johnstone of Zimbabwe saw his lead narrowed to three shots ahead of world No. 3 Ernie Els on Sunday as rain prevented completion of the final round of the Alfred Dunhill PGA Championship.

Johnstone and Els, both of South Africa, completed eight holes of their final round and will come back Monday to finish the tournament, but his schedule thrown off by three days of intermittent storms.

Only 36 golfers finished their final round Sunday, meaning most of the field still must complete play.

Johnstone began play at 17-under but was completed by seven strokes back of Johnstone but picked up two in completing his third round. He had two birdies on the last two holes of the rain-shortened final round to move within three shots of Johnstone before failing light ended play after a lengthy rain delay.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

McCoy quits UCLA basketball

LOS ANGELES — UCLA center Jelani McCoy, the school's career leader in blocked shots in late September and reinstated in late December, quit the team Sunday, citing "intense media scrutiny" in the past several months.

McCoy, a junior, was suspended for violation of athletic department policies and team rules in late September and reinstated in late December.

School officials never specified what those violations were. News reports indicated that he was suspended for using marijuana.

McCoy stated that the intensive media scrutiny and pressure that he has endured for many months has eroded a toll on himself and his family which was proving disruptive to his ability to concentrate on playing basketball. He has been suspended from the team for 15 games this season, averaging 9.9 points and 7.1 rebounds off the bench for the No. 9 Bruins. He had four points and three rebounds in a season-long 13 minutes during UCLA's 87-84 victory over California on Saturday.

Ewing improves, not ready to play

NEW YORK — A cast was removed from Patrick Ewing's injured right wrist Sunday, but his coach was not holding out any hope that the star center could return for the playoffs.

"I want Patrick to be as positive as possible because I think that goes a long way in rehab, but I'm going with what the doctors tell me — he needs to keep doing Jeff Van Gundy said prior to the Knicks' game against the Cleveland Cavaliers on Sunday night.

The case had been in place for eight weeks since Ewing fractured his right wrist Dec. 20 when he fell hard to the floor in a game at Milwaukee.

Surgery was performed a few hours later to repair a dislocation of the lunate bone and torn ligaments.

"It was a long eight weeks, but I'm glad the cast is off," Ewing said.

U.S. soccer team falls to Mexico

LOS ANGELES — The United States' record six-game winning streak ended Sunday in a 1-0 loss to Mexico, with Luis Hernandez scoring on a header in the first half of the CONCACAF Gold Cup championship game.

The loss before a lively, heavily pro-Mexico crowd of

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