

THE REGION

Camas Prairie
 High: 41 Low: 28
 Mostly cloudy with a slight chance of light snow showers. Partly cloudy by Tuesday. Mostly sunny, warmer Tuesday.

Treasure Valley
 High: 45 Low: 29
 Partly cloudy with south-
 east winds 5 to 15 mph.
 Becoming mostly clear by
 nightfall. Mostly sunny and
 warmer Tuesday.

**Sawtooth Mountains/
 Wood River Valley**
 High: 33 Low: 10
 Partly cloudy with a slight
 chance of snow showers.
 Tuesday will warm to a lit-
 tle and a few clouds will
 linger.

Eastern Idaho
 High: 33 Low: 18
 Mostly cloudy with isolated
 snow. West with variable high
 clouds. A few snowflakes
 possible Tuesday.

Northern Idaho
 High: 41 Low: 31
 Mostly cloudy with scattered
 rain or snow showers
 late. Partly cloudy with
 a chance of showers.

Northern Utah
 High: 38 Low: 28
 Partly cloudy skies with
 increasing clouds by night-
 fall. Mostly cloudy
 Tuesday.

Northern Nevada
 High: 50 Low: 30
 Mostly cloudy with scattered
 light snow. Fair skies tonight.

Central Idaho
 High: 45 Low: 25
 Partly cloudy with scattered
 snow showers. Partly
 cloudy with a chance of
 snow showers Tuesday.

Southwestern Idaho
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MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High: 45 Low: 25 Partly cloudy with scattered evening snow showers.	High: 45 Low: 26 Mostly sunny and a little warmer.	High: 40 Low: 20 Fair skies. A few clouds here and there.	High: 40 Low: 20 Fair skies. A few clouds here and there.	High: 50 Low: 20s Partly cloudy. Slight chance of rain or snow.

NATIONAL WEATHER
 The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, March 9.

FRONTS: H L
 WINDS: WIND LIGHT BLOWING RAIN STORMS PLURIFORM SNOW ICE
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ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Cloudy skies associated with a low pressure system in the Pacific northwest prevailed across the state Sunday. At mid-afternoon, light snow was confined mainly to the southwest and central mountains.

South: Thunderstorms scattered from the Gulf of Mexico along the Appalachians, hitting parts of Mississippi, Alabama, the Florida Panhandle, Georgia and the Carolinas.

It was the fourth day of heavy rain in Alabama, where a swollen creek burst through a levee and flooded the town of Etas as much as 6 feet deep, forcing many residents to evacuate.

The rain was expected to move into New England during the night.

Midwest: To the north and west, the storm's moisture turned to heavy snow from Kansas across parts of Missouri, Nebraska, Iowa, Wisconsin and Upper Michigan. Thirteen inches of snow fell by afternoon in Iowa; with a foot in Nebraska and northern Missouri and up to 10 inches in Kansas. Snowfalls 8 feet high were reported in parts of Des Moines, Iowa, and blowing snow cut visibility nearly to zero in places.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday 37 23	Month in Twin Falls .45
Last year 46 27	Year to date: .18
Normal 46 27	Water year to date: 6.29
	Normal year to date: 6.21

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Boise	41	32	0.02
Burley	36	22	0.00
Fairfield	29	4	0.00
Idaho Falls	28	18	0.00
Leto	30	6	0.00
Jerome	34	22	0.00
Lawton	44	35	0.00
Malden	32	8	0.00
Malta	37	12	0.00
McCall	27	7	0.01
Pocatello	32	12	0.00
Rainier	28	12	0.00
Stanley	28	4	0.00
Sun Valley	m	m	m

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	62	48	0.00
Atlanta	62	48	3.58
Boston	40	31	0.02
Chicago	40	27	0.00
Dallas	40	38	0.00
Denver	42	31	0.00
Fort Worth	45	36	0.00
Houston	55	51	0.00
Indianapolis	58	41	0.00
Los Angeles	52	34	0.00
Las Vegas	58	37	0.00
Los Angeles	50	29	0.00
Los Angeles	50	29	0.00
Miami Beach	83	73	0.00
Milwaukee	34	34	0.00
Minneapolis	37	31	0.00
New Orleans	69	65	0.00
New York	42	38	0.00
Oklahoma City	39	31	0.01
Oklahoma City	39	31	0.01
Phoenix	65	45	0.00
Philadelphia	51	45	0.00
Portland, Ore.	50	42	0.00
Reno	49	43	0.00
San Diego	62	48	0.00
Salt Lake City	32	14	0.00
St. Louis	59	47	0.00
Seattle	49	41	0.00
Spokane	38	31	0.00
Washington	48	46	0.00

Canadian Cities

City	Max	Min	Cloud
Calgary	16	0	snow
Edmonton	34	21	cloudy
Toronto	30	30	cloudy
Vancouver	50	41	rain

Secretary's words may be pivotal

WASHINGTON — Betty Currie returns to the grand jury this week to testify about her relationship with President Clinton's secretary. Before, now that prosecutors have obtained sworn testimony from President Clinton placing his personal secretary at the center of a scandal involving his relationship with Monica S. Lewinsky, Currie was the first witness to grand jury proceedings six weeks ago, but since then she has been a pipeline over the river and boat the secretary as her main point of contact in the White House west wing.

That deposition gives prosecutors a window to examine Currie's original testimony with Clinton's version of events and explore any contradictions. Most significant

Currie was their secretary of whether it was the president or his secretary who initiated a plan to line up high-powered paid help for Lewinsky at a time when James's lawyers were seeking to question her about an alleged sexual relationship with Clinton.

During his interrogation by James's lawyers, Clinton suggested that Currie may have struck her head in the Oval Office one day late last year to ask if it was all right for her to call presidential confidante Vernon E. Jordan Jr. to seek help from Gale Eisenberg, a New York lawyer. If so, Clinton testified, he would have said fine.

Clinton said he did not remember with certainty whether he gave approval or not. But he insisted he was not the precipitating force for a job search that investigators believe may have been an effort to ensure Lewinsky's silence.

Jordan, who testified for two days before the grand jury last week, has said it was Currie who made the call to him about Lewinsky. However, Jordan told reporters that he kept the president informed about his help for the former White House intern and his lawyer has said that Jordan inferred that Clinton was behind Currie's call.

Now, Clinton's defense appears to rest on the notion that Currie, 58, who worked for the president since his first day at the White House, essentially acted on her own theory that strikes a number of friends and associates as implausible.

Utilities must have plan for nuclear waste

Chicago Tribune

When Commonwealth Edison lowered enriched uranium into the nation's first commercial nuclear power plant in 1959, near Morris, Ill., the federal government warned to dispose of the highly radioactive fuel once it was spent.

Almost 40 years later, all the nuclear waste ever produced by Dresden 1 — some of it as old as an Edsel — remains on the Illinois site, cooling in a deep pool of clear water.

New Edison plans to move the waste from the pool, which is becoming outdated, into massive, high-tech barrels, because the question of when the federal government will take the waste seems as open as it was at the dawn of the nuclear age.



Allison Wilcox and Steve Asley are dwarfed next to the wall of seemingly endless drawers containing boxes at the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History in Washington Friday.

Improvements Irrigation

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• An upgrade for pipes and pumps at Blue Lakes, a spring-fed area on the north side of the Snake River that is the city's primary water supply. The upgrade would replace a pipeline over the river and boost the city's supply from 40 cubic feet per second to its full entitlement of 52 cfs or six cfs equals 449 gallons per minute.

• A new 5-million-gallon storage tank next to the existing 5-million-gallon tank on Washington Street south, a new well and disinfection system also would be added.

• An improved electronic control system to fine-tune water deliveries throughout the city.

Meanwhile, \$2.8 million in revenue bonds would be used to boost water pressure in the southeast corner of town, a square-mile area bounded by Eastland Drive, Kimberly Road, Addison Avenue and Hankins Road suffers from low water pressure on hot days, when demand for city water is high.

Improvements in that area would include three new wells, a 2-million-gallon storage tank, a pressure-boosting station and disinfection equipment.

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Street lines would be torn up for weeks, if not months, and the process would be ugly, painful and expensive.

Authorization for a megamillion-dollar bond issue would be a major decision — probably requiring voter approval — but it would be worth it, said Mayor Gale Eisenberg.

"After we look at all the alternatives, this is the one that gives us the most assurance that we'll have (drinking) water for the future," he says. "There's no question this is a large issue, probably the largest I've faced."

If a secondary irrigation system is approved, "typical" residential users would see their water bills increase about \$7.50 per month.

But on hot summer days, when people are watering lawns, washing cars and playing slide-a-side, demand for city water can hit 32 million gallons a day. It happened last summer, said city Water Superintendent Mike Trabert, "and we were really strapped."

Water levels in the city's 2.5-million-gallon storage tanks dropped steadily during daylight hours, Trabert said. Demand slowed at night and the reservoirs filled a little, but the system was losing ground as the hot weather continued.

City officials were on the brink of declaring an emergency prohibition on all outside sprinklers, but the crisis passed when a new well came online near the storage tank on Washington Street South.

"We have plenty of potable, high-quality water," said Councilman Lance Clow, "but the problem is that we're putting it on our yards."

The first steps on the long road to a secondary irrigation system would be relatively straightforward.

• Developers would have to deed water shares from the Twin Falls Canal Co. to the city before their land could be annexed. So far, the city controls about 2,000 shares, but at least 250 more are needed.

• All future developments would be plumbed for two sets of water lines during initial construction.

The additional expenses would boost the cost of a residential home lot by \$200 to \$250, said Jim Coleman, a consulting engineer with J-U-B Engineers, who was hired to study the city's water problems.

Museum charts Indian bones before turnover

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The spinal column was little more than a heap of raggedy vertebrae piled on top of top of each other, and the end of a darkly pitted arm bone was hugely swollen.

The Indian could not have been older than 40 when he died, and what killed him was unclear. But one diagnosis that anthropologist Allison Wilcox read in the bones was certain: crippling arthritis.

With an annual budget of \$1 million, researchers are quietly working to inventory thousands of Indian bones stored in wood-paneled filing cabinets at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of Natural History, best known to Americans for its dinosaur collection.

The work is part of a larger movement to repatriate to Indian tribes bones removed for scientific or other reasons. The operation grew from federal laws passed in 1989 and 1990 seeking to rectify injustices against Indians by securing the return of ancestral remains and sacred, ceremonial or cultural artifacts from museums, historical societies, campuses and government agencies.

At the Smithsonian's repatriation office, bones tell individual stories but don't always bear the tribal affiliation. Often, anthropologists must rely on other information, such as where the bones were found, but even then identification is uncertain.

The arctic Indian, for instance, is believed to have lived among the Archaics of North Dakota in the 1400s because he

remains were excavated near the tribe's historic villages along the Missouri River.

The Mohagen tribe in southeastern Connecticut planned to display a repatriated burial bowl — engraved with wolf heads symbol — of the tribe — as a celebration of the 400th birthday of Chief Uncas, the noble 17th-century chief depicted by James Fenimore Cooper in his novel, "The Last of the Mohicans."

The tribe, whose members are descended from Uncas, got the bowl back last year from the Slater Museum in Norwich, Conn.

"These objects, they carry the life of those that bore them, and the spirits of those individuals," said Melissa Fewcett, the tribe's historian. "We're getting a little bit of Uncas back with that bowl — and a little bit of who we are."

The Smithsonian's repatriation office already has returned 3,000 sets of bones to tribes. Last year, it completed a list of museum objects subject to repatriation and mailed it to almost 800 tribes and villages.

Now, it is compiling an inventory of 16,000 sets of bones still in storage — from fragments to skulls with intact rows of teeth. That list, to be done by June, also will be sent to tribes.

The anthropologists' work is painstaking. Scientists comb through records and examine bones to see if they fit a particular tribe's profile.

For instance, a bone with green staining — indicating burial with copper objects or jewelry — might be omitted from remains of a tribe whose ancestors did not use copper.

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Assisted suicide divides sisters

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) — John Bement held a spoonful of his wife's lips. It was laced with the drugs she had been hoarding for her suicide.

She sat on a bedside stool, she on a bedside commode. Her daughter, Cynthia Hull, looked on.

It had been seven years since the doctors told Judith Bement that the weakness in her left foot, which had been giving her trouble handling the clutch of her truck, was Lou Gehrig's disease. For the past two years, the once vigorous, hard-working woman of 57 had been paralyzed.

"We've managed before," John Bement would tell his wife of 33 years. "We'll manage again."

But now, according to Cynthia Hull, her mother had given up. She opened her mouth and swallowed the spoonful. And with that, the transformation of John Bement began: from husband to widower to convicted killer, found guilty of manslaughter on Feb. 20.

It was then, too, that a gift began to open between Cynthia Hull and her sister, Susan Randall, who she so distrusts that she helped police gather evidence by secretly taping her conversations with Bement and Mrs. Hull.

Mrs. Hull, a 39-year-old mother of two teenagers, says her suffering was fulfilling a promise she had made out of love when he fed his wife the pudding that would help end her life. Mixed in were cancer pills that her mother had saved for months, even years.

"My dad really didn't want my mother to die," Mrs. Hull said. "And neither did I."

But her sister is not convinced.

Susan Randall says she saw her mother in her last hours on June 28, 1996. She had left Mrs. Bement's home in Springfield, 25



John and Judith Bement, seated at left and center, pose in a 1991 family portrait with their children Susan Randall, standing left, Charles Beck, seated second from right, and Cynthia Hull.

miles south of Buffalo, shortly after her sister arrived for a visit. Her mother had been having a good day, Mrs. Randall said. "My mom would not have left this earth without closure."

Closure was a real big thing for her," Mrs. Randall 38, said. "My mom would not have left this earth without closure."

Mrs. Randall went so far as to help state police investigate the death by wearing a wire to tape her sister and stepfather as they relieved that night.

Judith Bement was once a dynamo with a manicure and a hair-do who had fulfilled her dream of driving big rigs cross-country with her husband in the business they built together.

But then came Lou Gehrig's disease — an untreatable lateral sclerosis — which destroys nerves in the brain and spinal cord. No cure is known.

It had made Mrs. Bement's hands and feet swollen and useless. Her cheeks constantly flushed. She had gained 50 pounds and lost her ability to walk.

She tried everything: exotic diets, a "detoxification" therapy that entailed cupping her neck with porcelain; \$10,000 spent on experimental drugs.

"The disease had consumed her," says Mrs. Hull, a medical receptionist. "She couldn't fight it any longer. She was tired of fighting it. In her mind she had done everything she could."

In 1991, the year Mrs. Bement became wheelchair-bound, she and Mrs. Hull bought "Final Exit," a how-to paperback on suicide.

Here is how Mrs. Hull describes the night her mother died: "Judith Bement started by telling her husband to pick up 'Final Exit' and follow its instructions."

"I ask 'what I want you to do,' Mrs. Hull recalls her mother telling him Bement began thumbing through the pages.

"What you need vodka. I don't have any vodka in the house," he said. "Well, I guess you've got to get some." While Bement went to the store, Mrs. Hull prepared the pills. Soon Judith Bement would be dead.

Agents investigate State Department security breach

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — State Department security agents and the FBI are investigating a bizarre security breach in which a man who apparently knew his way around the building walked into an office on the department's executive floor and helped himself to top-secret documents while two secretaries watched.

The incident occurred during the first week of February, when the Clinton administration was reported in the military press to be reinforcing U.S. military strength in the Persian Gulf region for what appeared at the time to be an imminent bombing campaign against Iraq.

State Department spokesman James F. Rubin, traveling in Europe with Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright and other officials, said Sunday that the incident represented at least a troublesome departure from security procedures.

But he said it is premature to speculate about the consequences of the incident, first reported in the upcoming issue of Time, because it is not known exactly what documents were taken, who the man was who took them or whether the documents were removed from the building.

"No one has drawn the conclusion that this was benign," one official said. "But clearly this did not represent the MO of any spy. It wasn't clandestine. We do not know whether any national security information has been compromised."

"We certainly take the incident seriously and we are determined to get to the bottom of it, whether it was dangerous or innocuous," deputy spokesman James Foley said.

The documents were taken from the office of the department's executive secretary, which is on the seventh floor of the State Department, six doors from Albright's. That office controls the flow of paper to the secretary of state, including secret material known as "sensitive compartmented information" from the CIA and other intelligence agencies and from the department's own Bureau of Intelligence and Research.

The executive secretary at the time of the incident was William J. Burns. He has since left that position for unrelated reasons, a State Department official said, adding that Burns is being considered for a promotion and is not a subject of the investigation.

Gasoline prices keep falling

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Gas prices have plummeted so low, they are now at the lowest recorded level in the country, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The average all-grade pump price has dropped nearly 3 cents since Feb. 20, continuing a downward spiral of more than 23 cents since September.

When the figures are adjusted for inflation, it means consumers are getting the lowest price ever.

"The decline since September qualifies as a price crash, and the pump price on average is now lower than it's ever been since the beginning of the gasoline market, making inflation an account," analyst Tribby Lundberg said.

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NASA's space station faces another delay, price hike

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A shuttle slipped from 1992 to 1994, and another slipped from 1994 to 1996, and another slipped from 1996 to 1998, and another slipped from 1998 to 2000, NASA officials said Sunday.

The shuttle is the main piece of the station, and the delay is because of all the price hikes and changes — at least \$3.6 billion more, a whopping 21 percent increase from \$17.4 billion in 1992.

Of course, it disturbs me, it's embarrassing," said Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., chairman of the House Science Committee.

In 1993, the Clinton administration set a \$17.4 billion cost cap for the international space station. Through assembly, The National Aeronautics and Space Administration now estimates the U.S. share at \$11 billion.

Neither figure includes the cost of some 30 shuttle flights to assemble the gigantic complex, or the \$10 billion sunk into the program in the 1980s and early 1990s.

Both NASA and Congress have asked independent appraisers to determine the true cost.

"You ask 15 people who are

familiar with the program and you'll get 15 answers," said Sensenbrenner, a Republican from Wisconsin. "I'm not even going to venture a guess."

No one's willing to guess when orbital construction will begin and either.

When President Reagan directed NASA in 1984 to build a space station, NASA promised to have one flying for \$8 billion by 1992.

The only thing souring by then, though, was the price. Russia signed on in 1993. NASA insisted that Russia participate would save the United States money and speed construction.

But once again, NASA faces a delay because of the Russians. Instead of hauling up the initial pieces of the international space station early this summer, NASA is considering bumping the start of assembly to summer's end, possibly even later if work continues to lag on a key Russian part.

NASA is quick to note that it shares the blame this time with the cash-strapped Russian Space Agency, which was responsible for last year's delay of seven months.

Former focal point of Whitewater probe dies

Knight Ridder News Service

WASHINGTON — James McDougal, the wily Arkansas financier and land speculator at the center of the original Whitewater probe against President Clinton, died Sunday.

McDougal died of a probable heart attack shortly after noon in Fort Worth, Texas, where he was serving a three-and-a-half-year sentence for fraud in connection with the original Whitewater land deal.

His death, coming in the midst of allegations of presidential involvement with Monica Lewinsky, a former White House intern, underscores just how long the investigation of President Clinton has gone on and how far it's ventured from its original mandate.

While a final cause of death has yet to be determined, "it appeared to be natural," said Troy Taylor, forensic investigator for the Tarrant County, Texas, Medical Examiner. He said McDougal was 57.

"I am saddened to learn about Jim McDougal's death today," President Clinton said Sunday. "I have good memories of the years we worked together in Arkansas and I extend my condolences to his family."

At one time, McDougal had been a close ally of Clinton's. In 1978, the scheming land developer and the ambitious governor-elect sealed their alliance on the bank notes that were to pay to build homes along the White River for the Whitewater Development Corp. The venture never made money but it cost McDougal his freedom.

Convicted of fraud by federal grand jury in 1989, Starr, he was sentenced to 84 years in prison.

After agreeing to cooperate with Starr, McDougal saw his sentence reduced to 34 years, which

he was serving when he died. What cooperation McDougal offered before his death is unclear. But as the investigation has changed, it is likely to be of only limited use.

McDougal himself changed his own story many times. In 1993, he told the Washington Post the Clintons "were the last goddamn people he'd consult in a business dealing."

But the records that emerged from the failure of McDougal's savings and loan, Madison Guaranty, showed otherwise. They illustrated a lavish lifestyle for the McDougals, campaign contributions to Clinton campaigns and a tangle of loans to Whitewater never repaid. The ultimate cost to taxpayers was the \$50 million price of ballooning out.

After his conviction, McDougal changed his tune one more time, this time suggesting publicly that the president, himself and associate David Hale indeed had collaborated.

"Three people like that can say more in a wink and a nod than Tolstoy can say in 300 pages," McDougal told CNN last year.

The investigation of the president has changed so much since 1994 that McDougal's death is unlikely to alter its outcome. For one, the investigation has left the banks of the White River to become enmeshed in charges of serious misconduct being explored by a grand jury in Washington.

Starr on Sunday had no comment on McDougal's death. And Starr himself is under tremendous pressure even from Republicans to conclude his wide-ranging investigation.

Appearing on television this weekend, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott called for Starr "show his cards" and wrap up his \$50 million probe.

Vietnamese refugees benefit from Clinton administration policy

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — The Clinton administration will bring up to 15,000 former Vietnamese boat people to the United States this year, including thousands to the San Jose area — despite evidence that nearly all fled Vietnam to escape postwar poverty, not persecution.

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He said the administration had not pressed the Hanoi government for details about the 1975 boat Vietnamese with strong refugee claims leave the country. But, he said, U.S. officials are rubber-stamping the cases of the boat people.

The administration's decision to make this program a top priority in Vietnam has been confirmed by officials from the State Department and the Immigration and Naturalization Service. But while critics allege that the U.S. government is spending billions of dollars to help refugees in Vietnam, the State Department defends its criteria.

"The U.S. has a long tradition of assisting people whose lives were impacted by the Vietnam War," said Terry Rusch, the State Department's director of refugee operations. "You can argue that many ways, but the whole thing will be behind us by the end of this year."

"People who were persecuted the least are getting special treatment from the U.S. officials working with the program who spoke on condition of anonymity. It's like a conveyor belt."

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Butcher faces sentencing for first-degree murder

RUPERT - Kody Butcher is scheduled to be sentenced today for the first-degree murder of Blake Morgan Jr.

Fifth District Judge J. William Hart heard testimony from a psychologist and a psychiatrist and a statement from Butcher himself last week at the sentencing hearing.

Prosecutor Rick Bollor is asking for a fixed life sentence; Butcher's lawyer, Randy Stoker, is arguing for an indeterminate sentence. The sentence must be for life, but the department must determine whether Butcher will ever have a chance at parole.

He said Tuesday he hoped to announce his decision today at 1:15 p.m.

Wendell chamber hears from coalition about helping youth

WENDELL - The Wendell Chamber of Commerce will meet at noon at the Fambush Restaurant Wednesday.

The public is invited.

Angela Hoops of the Gooding County Coalition will be the guest speaker at the luncheon meeting. She will discuss what's being done and what else can be done to improve the lives of the area's youth.

Elmore officials consider appointment of new planner

MOUNTAIN HOME - Today will be a busy day for Elmore County commissioners.

The action starts at 8:30 a.m. Anyone who cares to attend is welcome.

At 10:30 a.m., commissioners will ponder the appointment of a new planner and zoning officer. At 11 a.m., Deputy County Executive Ferguson will fill the commission in on waste disposal facilities.

The doors will close at 1:15 p.m. for an executive session on indigent applications on the department heads will stop by at 3 p.m., and commissioners will dig into a discussion of Prairie Landfill at 4 p.m.

Growth limitation, traffic top Halley council agenda

HAILEY - Traffic control and a discussion on growth limitation are two of the top items on today's Halley City Council agenda.

The meeting kicks off at 6 p.m. and is open to the public.

Items on the agenda are naming a new play structure in Hop Porter Park and an update from the flood volunteer committee.

Third-grade teacher will report at schools meeting

SHOSHONE - The Shoshone School Board will meet at 7:30 p.m. today in the media center at Lincoln Elementary School.

Items on the agenda include an SEA report; report from third-grade teacher Heidi Copeland; the district, high school and elementary school financial statements; transportation concerns; 90 percent attendance waiver requests; the 1998-99 calendar; School Board elections for Zones 2 and 3 May 19; a progress report on building construction; personnel resignations and hiring; and principals' contracts.

A closed executive session may be called if necessary.

The policy development session at 7 p.m. includes adoption on the second reading of the support staff salary schedule; library materials selection and adoption; media centers; school library; and the school librarian's and library aide's job descriptions. The board will adopt on first reading the student attendance rules and extracurricular activity eligibility.

Kimberly council will OK accounts payable for March

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday.

Council members will approve accounts payable for March, hear public comment and discuss old business that includes an update on the water tank sale, the J-U-B report on an environmental review, a report on property acquisition and discussion of annexation.

New business includes discussion with Randy Hansen and telephone service to an alarm. Other items include the middle school program.

Domestic violence tops city agenda

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Legal prosecution of wife beaters and other domestic-violence perpetrators is the highlight of today's City Council meeting.

The meeting kicks off at 4 p.m. in City Hall. The public is welcome.

Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb will lead a discussion of the county's domestic-violence prosecution program.

After that, the city's Urban Renewal Agency will meet with the council to discuss financial implications of a nearly \$9 million revenue bond issue that's poised for approval.

The bonds - which have not yet been issued - will provide money for a variety of projects, including basic site preparation for the new Clear Shield National Inc. factory and a controversial railroad switching yard east of town. The bond

issue also would pay for new street lamps in Old Towne and equipment to boost water pressure in the southeast end of town.

The bonds would be repaid through "tax-increment financing," which diverts the increased property taxes on improved sites to debt service. The city of Twin Falls, Twin Falls County, the Twin Falls Highway District and the College of Southern Idaho would not reap any

financial benefit from the site improvements until the bonds are paid off.

In the case of the Clear Shield factory, for example, the four collecting entities will receive the same amount of tax money they got from the land before the factory was built. When the factory is finished, the land will have a higher assessed value than it had before, but the additional tax money will go to pay off the bonds.

THE SOUND OF GENTLE THUNDER



A layer of new snow blankets a pasture near Hollister for a trio of horses. According to the National Weather Service, Twin Falls received more than 8 inches of snow in January and February and more precipitation in those two months than in October, November and December combined.

Schools will conduct student study

Four counties carry out 'developmental assets' survey to deal with problems

By Barb Nelwert
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - In a grass-roots effort to help children steer away from alcohol, tobacco, drugs and premature sexual behavior, schools in four Magic Valley counties soon will administer a "developmental assets" survey.

Rather than strictly measuring students' alcohol and drug use, this survey's focus is profiling student behavior and attitudes and analyzing shortcomings in a community.

"People here are always looking for ways to help other people. Now this group wants to help rally 'round our young people,'" said Phil Eganer, superintendent of the Blaine County School District, which is allowing the survey to be conducted at its high school and middle schools.

Led by state Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum, and Connie Perry, project coordinator for the South Central District Health Department, the survey gained approval from school boards in Blaine, Gooding, Lincoln and Twin Falls counties.

Funding for the project comes strictly from private and corporate sponsorships, and scholarships for smaller school districts. At \$2 per student and a minimum of \$700 for survey results, Twin Falls County District anticipates a cost of \$14,000 while Blaine and Gooding will pay about \$4,000 apiece.

Class time is used to administer the 50-minute survey. Students in grades six to 12 will participate, but only with parental approval.

The survey's focus is to measure the scope of developmental assets children possess.

"On average nationally, teenagers have 15 of these 'assets,'" said Eleanora Mathews, facilitator for Youth Net 2012. But to do well and succeed in life, teens need at least 30 assets.

Developmental assets include such variables as adult support, community's value of youth, family/school boundaries, creative activities, youth programs, constructive time at home, achievement motivation, integrity, responsibility, decision-making, peaceful conflict resolution, personal control and self-esteem.

Perry said the survey's questions deal with adult relationships, conversations with adults, out-of-school activities, thoughts of suicide, alcohol and drug use, sexual activity, relationships with friends and personal beliefs.

All are designed to measure the positive experiences, opportunities and personal qualities teens need to become responsible, successful and caring organizers say. Pinpointing any gaps in youths' assets can lead to filling those gaps constructively.

"Perry said the Blaine County community already is aware there are not as many activities available to children

over 14 as there are for younger children.

This may be one of the gaps which can be resolved through program developers or parental awareness, Perry said.

Homework clubs are gaining popularity across the nation, and this survey may spark organization of such activities in local schools. Other possibilities include centers where teens can hang out and feel safe, mentoring and business internships.

While program development may fill some gaps, there is more the community as a whole can do to help its youth, Mathews said.

"I'm not a genius, I'm a mom, and it's not only my children I'm concerned about, but their friends," Mathews said.

Once the survey is mailed, results will be taken to the communities via chambers of commerce, service organizations, youth groups, schools and parent-teacher organizations.

"This is doable," Mathews said. "We just need to create a common vision and put common sense back into our community."

Surveys will be administered throughout the school districts over the next six weeks, with results ready by September.

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Jerome officials declare time for spring cleaning

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - It's time for spring cleanup - or face city enforcement.

From time to time, the city has to remind property owners of the accumulation of trash, garbage or weeds on their properties, Jerome City Administrator John Cecil said. At the end of winter, properties seem a bit worse.

A visual inspection by city staff identified 167 properties needing attention in Jerome. The city sent out postcards to those property owners during the past two weeks, requesting cleanup of their yards, alleys or streets containing "trash, garbage or weeds, which contribute to deleterious, unsightly or injurious conditions to the public or neighboring residents."

The property owners have 30 days to

clean up their properties or apply for extensions.

The push for a clean city is ongoing, Cecil said.

With spring cleanup under way, the city reminds residents it has a dump truck available for trash removal. Residents can call City Hall to request it. The truck is brought to the resident's property, left overnight or over the weekend and picked up and dumped the next morning.

The city also has a tree chopper available. Residents are asked to pile their sticks and branches near the street before calling the city to come chop them up.

To request a dump truck or tree chopper, call City Hall at 324-8169.

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Rural theft rise prompts measures

Sheriff attributes increase in burglaries, thefts to methamphetamine use

By Leandra Reubie
Times-News correspondent

CATTLEFORD - Lock up your tools, nothing is safe anymore.

Shops and tool boxes mounted on equipment have been high on the hit list since August.

Thefts primarily have targeted rural areas such as Bell Rapids and Three Creek, said sheriff's Staff Sgt. T.L. Peterson. He said they look for a shop away from a house and strip it of anything portable, including air compressors and tool sets. Tool boxes mounted on trucks or tractors left in fields are a favorite, Peterson said. Saddles and tack have been stolen.

Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey attributed the increase in thefts and burglaries to increased use of methamphetamine. He said perpetrators often are looking to make fast money by buying more illegal drugs. Several businesses in Twin Falls advertise for equipment and tools, Peterson said, potentially giving thieves a way to track the tools.

A few years ago, Peterson earned a scholarship to a college in California designed to train police officers in protection of livestock and farm equipment. On his return, he tried to implement the Farm Watch Program but couldn't interest local farmers, he said.

"With the recent thefts, now they're interested," he said. Peterson is talking to civic groups at their request, advising them on preventive measures.

"If you see something suspicious, it probably is," Peterson said. "No one is more familiar with the surroundings than the person living there."

He has residents to keep a record of any unusual events or strange occurrences in their neighborhood and pass it on to authorities. Peterson said he recently solved a case because residents had tallied how many times a truck was seen and a description of the thief while he was hiding his next mark.

Although they are primarily crimes of opportunity, Peterson said, in several cases the thief drove into the yard pretending to be lost or using some other pretext to check out security.

A guard dog isn't much insurance; if the thief gets close, the dog barks and they'll kill or incapacitate the animal. Locks aren't much of a deterrent either, he said; they can be forced or cut off. The county court has the license plates and records stolen from equipment parked overnight at rural job sites.

The best thing to do, Peterson said, is stamp a label or serial number on everything. Once it's stolen, one looks at it and looks the same as another. Identified with numbers, they can be traced and

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Records: County has paid for Howell road in past

Highway district officials say it has never been enough

By Kurt Friedemann
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Cassia County has been contributing to the maintenance of Howell Canyon Road, since 1980, officials clarified last week.

County records show payments of \$5,357.87 in 1980 and \$15,000 in 1981 through 1983. No county money was spent on the road in 1984 and '85, but commissioners resound payment of \$15,000 in 1986 through 1989.

They skipped 1990, resumed in 1991 and haven't stopped since, the records show.

Those records contradict Burley Highway District records, which The Times-News reported last week. The highway district blames slow county payments between 1983 and 1990.

But even with those payments in the earlier years, the county truck record has been anything but pleasing to the highway district, according to the district's lawyer, Richard Smith.

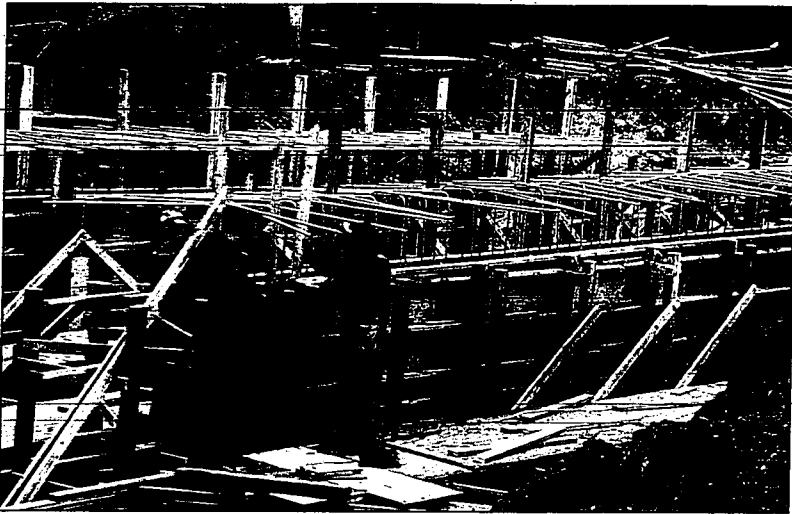
Keeping Howell Canyon Road plowed during winter is essential for public access to the Pomerelle Ski Resort and surrounding areas. Burie's challenging snow conditions have been a problem.

The county's contributions to the task sparked controversy this winter after repeated snowfalls drained the highway district's plowing funds. The account ran dry last week, the county said. Pomerelle in danger of closure until the highway district agreed to continue plowing.

The problem isn't new. In a February 1986 letter to the county, Smith complained that the county had not

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HOW IT'S DONE



Workers from a Blackfoot construction company work on the bridge at Missoula Dam Friday.

Blaine schools will hear curriculum report

The Times-News

HAILEY — The Blaine County School Board will meet Tuesday at the school district office, 115 W. Shaver, to hear a report on curriculum.

A closed executive session starts at 5 p.m. to consider a student's request to re-enroll in the Blaine district after being expelled from the district's participation in AWEIC, the summer youth program, the Community Learning Center grant and a music assessment.

The regular board meeting begins at 7 p.m. Agenda items include accolades for Robert Payne, James Dennis and Liz Lowry. Payne is the Wood River High school teacher, and Dennis and Lowry are resource teachers at the high school. The consent agenda includes approval of high school French and Spanish teacher Lynda Jo Keating's and English Education fourth-grade teacher Joan Emphig's resignation.

negotiation; a child-care leave request for 1983-84; a request for a middle school teacher Jaymie Simms; and retirement for middle school math teacher Robert Miller and high school math teacher Stan Laughlin.

Jim Lewis will present the creation report, which includes the district's participation in AWEIC, the summer youth program, the Community Learning Center grant and a music assessment.

Public comment will be followed by action on an updated budget request, authorizing annual trustee election for Zones 1 and 2 and advertising a call for bids for community supplies. An application for a student standardized group from high school business teacher John Peck is part of the information agenda.

230 Utah dams rank 'high hazard'

But state says they are unlikely to fail

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — About 180 privately owned and 50 federal dams in Utah have been identified as "high hazard" and are in danger of failure in the case of a failure.

But state and federal officials are quick to point out that no dam in Utah poses an immediate threat.

"If there's a dam out there that is an impending threat to the public, then we'll make (its owners) sit down," said Richard Hall, division director for the state Division of Water Rights.

Last year, the state ordered the drawdown of Long Park Dam near Manila in Daguerre County after giant sinkholes formed beneath it.

"At least 41 other dams in Utah are classified as unsafe, meaning they do not meet minimum safety standards to survive a major earthquake or flood."

"By the time the state finishes investigating the high-hazard dams, another 23 dams are expected to be added to the unsafe list."

Being the second-diciest state in the union, Utah relies heavily on hundreds of dams for property, personal and protection.

The Utah dam safety program, which includes the implementation of old dam built at a time when today's safety standards were not in place.

"We're basically going back to the way things were done with wooden hammers and saw teeth" on them, he said.

It is a slow, tedious race against time.

The race began in the mid-1970s, when the federal government ordered reviews of all dams in the aftermath of the Teton Dam disaster, which killed 11 people in southeastern Idaho, and the Kelly Barnes Dam breach, which killed 29 in Georgia.

In Utah, the IEMAD Dam impoundment Delta killed one person and the Fred Lake Dam failure three years later wiped out a large chunk of the state's economy. Highway and damming an important watershed in the Uinta Mountains.

Initiative for 'green labeling' comes to Intermountain West

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Five Rivers, a Boise company that builds some interiors, is the first to market a "green" label for the Intermountain West that can boast its wood comes from sustainably managed forests.

Las Vegas has a twin-engine speed boat — "She-Bear" — that he moored at Lake Coeur d'Alene in northern Idaho.

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the soil and fish streams with silt. They also must show that they have behind old trees of various sizes and well as trees that come that animals and birds depend on.

Wood products from such forests can be processed with FSC-certified labels.

The movement is making headway in northern Oregon, and in California, Georgia, Illinois and Pacific Northwest.

But it's just appearing on the radar screens of the Intermountain West's construction and forestry groups. These informational meetings are planned by the council in Boise, Salt Lake City and Missoula in the coming weeks to reach forest owners, buyers, mill operators and environmentalists who favor certification in all about.

No one predicts a quick conversion.

But they say the trend toward sustainable forestry — the management of forests for the long-term viability of trees, soil, water, vegetation, wildlife, soil and water — has never had more momentum.

Agents build fraud case digging through trash

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) — Federal agents left few stones unturned in trying to tie a Spokane man to an alleged \$15 million bank fraud scheme in western Montana.

Authorities went through John Earl Petersen's household and office trash for five years and installed a video camera near a rental storage unit to build a case against him, according to newly unsealed court documents.

The 45-year-old's trash contained no evidence that he was involved in a real estate fraud scheme, as he has told friends and the IRS, the documents say.

Members of a white-collar crime task force who posed as trash collectors instead found evidence of a lavish lifestyle and forged bank letters, possibly intended to keep drug dealers at bay, documents say.

Petersen lives an extravagant lifestyle and has amassed unexplained wealth, U.S. Treasury agent David Benschneider said in a court affidavit.

Petersen's lawyer, John E. Smith of Missoula, Mont., said his client has been "unfairly painted as a thug" by federal investigators.

Searches of the trash revealed evidence that Petersen paid

dividends an average of \$12,700 a year for four years, documents say. Over the same time, his American Express bills topped \$200,000 a year.

Other items found were shredded letters that appear to be forgeries from three banks, separating suspicious transactions on Petersen's accounts.

The letters indicate Petersen may be holding illegal money for unlicensed traffickers and may have lost at least some of the money gambling, the affidavits say.

Search warrants aren't needed for such searches of garbage, the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled.

Agents also placed a video camera on a pole to record people visiting a Spokane Valley rental facility used by Petersen.

"Those video recordings reveal unusual hour-night activity at this location, the removal of car seats and the movement of boxes," the documents say.

The video tapes led agents to believe Petersen had arranged to convince a federal grand jury to indict Petersen last month on charges of conspiracy, fraud and money laundering.

Authorities allege he is a key figure in the \$10.5 million collapse of the former Mountain

Bank of Whitefish, Mont. He pleaded innocent last week and remains in custody in Missoula, where he is awaiting trial.

Petersen's wife of 14 years, Carol Jo Petersen, is not charged in the indictment.

At a previous court appearance in Spokane, Benschneider said John Petersen is suspected of illegally receiving \$6.3 million from the bank.

Investigators say they know how Petersen spent \$2 million, but they can't trace the remaining \$4.3 million.

Agents have seized property and assets valued at more than \$1 million from Petersen.

Four other people have been indicted, including Werner "Buster" Schreiber, the bank's former president. He and three former bank officers have pleaded guilty.

Investigators say the alleged scheme involved a series of money transfers after diamonds used as collateral for a loan to a Kalispell dentist disappeared and the loan defaulted. Bank officials told investigators the diamonds were to be part of a \$27 million international deal brokered by Petersen.

When that deal failed, checks were drawn on the Montana

bank and Spokane banks, and were deposited in Mountain Bank Money was forwarded to Petersen even though the checks were drawn on accounts without funds, it is alleged.

Court documents make these allegations against Petersen.

—Millions of dollars went through his bank accounts, but he paid no income tax for 10 years.

Petersen had a fleet of cars, including one with the vanity plate "Dough." He had a new, \$120,000 Porsche and a vintage Aston-Martin worth \$85,000.

He regularly purchased jewelry and art pieces listed in his \$365,000 insurance policy for personal property.

In 1996, he bought a home on Spokane's South Hill for \$440,000, and began extensive remodeling.

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Utah joins other states where white, black Masons join in cause

OGDEN, Utah (AP) — Utah has joined a growing number of states where the predominantly white Fraternity of the Masons is recognizing black members of the movement.

"There is no reason we shouldn't have been recognized years ago," said Don Carpenter, a longtime Prince Hall Mason, the organization of black masons, and president of "White" Masonry University. "But it has happened now. And any time people are able to rethink and re-evaluate, it is a good thing."

Last month marked the first anniversary of a compact signed between the two groups — a document that acknowledges the legitimacy of Prince Hall Masonry, a group that white Masons once considered "clandestine."

Both groups share the same tradition of ritual — secret handshakes, passwords and signs — and community service.

Masonry's historical figures — including Benjamin Franklin, Mark Twain, Henry Ford and 13 past U.S. presidents — were Masons. And in the separate but equal atmosphere that has characterized most of American Masonic history, black lodges produced their own leaders, men such as Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall, Cleveland Mayor Carl Stokes and New York Congressman Adam Clayton Powell.

In Utah, the white leaders of the Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masonry say that the past segregation, and the new compact, have nothing to do with race.

"It is not a black/white issue," said Jim Wadley, a spokesman for the fraternal organization. "It's a jurisdictional issue. It's about the Prince Hall Masons and the regular Masons, two different Masonic organizations that did not recognize each other and now do."

African-Americans, Wadley said, are welcome in white lodges. But such an open-door policy has not always been the case and, in many parts of the country, still is not.

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House Minority leader stumps for tax reform

BOISE (AP) — Simpler tax returns, better teacher training and more after-school activities to cut juvenile crime are among the things the top Democratic Congressman told local students he would like to see.

"We have to focus everyone on what it takes to get this done," House Minority Leader Richard Gephardt said Saturday at Boise State University.

Gephardt, touted as a likely presidential candidate, was in Boise to stump for Idaho Democratic and legislative and breathe enthusiasm into the beleaguered state party.

Theft

Continued from A4 returned to their owners. Otherwise, even if a tool is identified as stolen, it's nearly impossible to find the owner.

Langdon Tool Bolt Supply has used tools selectively. It requires two pieces of identification, an address, phone number and thumb print before purchasing a tool. It also records items bought and their serial numbers. Despite the precautions, employee Dave Klug said, a customer identified some of his stolen tools at the "Twin Falls store. The sheriff's department confiscated the tools until ownership could be established.

Petersen has a set of steel die stamps that residents can check out. But, he said, it's better for people to have their own stamps made with numbers they can register with the sheriff's department immediately stamp any new

equipment or tools. Owners don't keep a number, address and placement of the numbers.

Petersen suggests equipment and tools be branded in several places in the tool. One place might be off one bolt mis applied. Briddles and saddles can be branded with a branding seal, and the seal should be placed in a place where that someone it would ruin the appearance.

Brump Knifemaker of Idaho Coin Gallery said it will not accept any tool in the present. The shop's number has been scratched off. It also requires some form of positive identification and makes it clear to sellers that pawn tags are forwarded to police for identification. He said Idaho Coin Gallery doesn't take anything that looks suspicious. "We don't need that kind of stamping," Knifemaker also suggested some

one photographs their equipment and tools, especially if they've been customized.

Petersen eventually would like to have portable surveillance equipment to check out a subscriber.

Some people have been robbed, he said. The thieves give them enough time to replace stolen belongings, then send the replacement. With cameras installed in the shops, he hopes, police would be able to catch thieves on the second burglary.

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Times-News correspondent
Cynthia Smith can be reached at 325-6317.

Road

Continued from A4 explained about the county's spotty participation.

"The Burley Highway District must continue to receive the participation of the county, pursuant to our cooperative agreement, if the effective maintenance of the road is to continue," the letter said. "The road's importance to the community, including the patrons of the Burley Highway District, is well established."

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cost for Howell Canyon road. "They have never responsibly budgeted," he said. "They've always had to be reminded of their obligation."

County Commissioner Paul Christensen said the county's position has never changed.

There is only so much available funding, he said. "But we'll be willing to work as much as we can with the limited funds we do have."

A committee was formed last week to consider the county's dilemma, Christensen said. Commissioner Lyle Woodbury, Albion Highway District Commissioner John Chastburn,

Burley Highway District Commissioner Gaylen Smyer, Pomerelle Ski Resort owner, Woody Anderson and U.S. Forest Service Recreational Planner Zeke Zimmerman make up the committee. They are expected to find a solution for the disagreement that spans more than 30 years.

"However much money the county has spent, it has never been enough," Smith said. "We will undoubtedly be back-for more money."

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“These people are unbelievable. They followed me to the bathroom.”

—Mark McGuire, after leaving the dugout briefly at a writer's dinner in St. Louis

IN-BRIEF

Candleridge Men's Association to meet

TWIN FALLS—The first meeting of the 1998 Candleridge Men's Golf Association will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Candleridge club house, 2097 Candleridge Road, Twin Falls.

Brain Boosters meet tonight in faculty lounge

TWIN FALLS—The Brain Boosters Club meets tonight at 7 in the Twin Falls High School faculty lounge. The meeting is open to the public.

Rain delays Primestar 500, washes out Busch race

HAMPSHIRE—The rain stopped about 12 hours before the race was supposed to start. The cars were rolled out on pit road and uncovered. The four jet dryers and downer wrecker trucks and ambulances quickly circling the track were only about 30 minutes away from having it dry enough for racing.

And then the rain returned, soaking everything and everyone again, so the Primestar 500 was postponed until today. The race was postponed until today. The Winston Cup race takes precedence, so the Busch races were bumped out of their makeup due to Sunday's rain.

Martin places 16th in Nike Tour event in Austin

AUSTIN, Texas—Michael Allen won the battle of survival Sunday at the \$225,000 Greater Austin Open, taking a two-shot victory over Gene Sorenson and Chris Zankel under horrific scoring conditions.

Golfers were faced with winds at The Barton Club that shifted from westerly to a chill factor which dropped to 22 degrees. No golfers were able to break par-72 on the final day after 29 had achieved that on Saturday. The lowest score of the day was 69 by four golfers. The average score was 78.50.

Cathy Martin, involved in a well-chronicled dispute with the PGA Tour over the use of prosthetic legs in tennis because of a debilitating leg problem, shot a 78 to tie for 16th place and earn \$3,031. He again rode in a cart for the Nike event.

Pole vault record falls; Szabo sets 2,000 mark

SCHNELFELDEN, Germany—Stacy Dragula of the United States and Daniela Baruta of the Czech Republic both cleared the 14 feet, 6 inches, to break the women's world indoor pole vault record Sunday.

Mississippi, Gabriela Szabo of Romania cleared the 14 feet, 6 inches, to set the women's 2,000 meters, clocking 5 minutes, 43.33 seconds.

It was the third time the pole vault record fell in three days, with Baruta breaking it twice.

Baruta, a former gymnast, cleared 14-7 1/2 at Berlin Friday, breaking the mark of 14-7 1/4 by Anzhelika Balabanova of Ukraine on the same day.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Goin' to the dance, baby!



University of Detroit basketball coach Perry Watson, seated, and members of his team celebrate the news of their at-large bid to the men's NCAA basketball tournament.

A few surprises in men's field; Gonzaga snubbed

KANSAS CITY, Mo.—While there was little doubt about the No. 1 seeds for the NCAA tournament—North Carolina, Duke, Kansas and Arizona—the field of 64 still offered some surprises.

The top seeds were considered the four best teams in the country for most of the season, but a few of the 34 at-large teams didn't know their fate until Sunday.

Among the surprise picks were Detroit, Florida State, which set seven of its last 10 games, including the play-in game of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament; Western Michigan, which had an RPI ranking of 59; and Miami, which split its last 10 games and had an RPI ranking of 48.

"You have beauty marks and warts on all of those teams," Selection

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Committee chairman C.M. Newton said of the schools that were considered for the final at-large berths.

He cited the strength of schedule and quality wins for Florida State and Miami. Florida State beat Arizona and Connecticut, while Miami also beat Connecticut.

The teams that certainly merited some attention from the nine-member selection committee but were not picked included Gonzaga, Arizona State, Wake Forest, Hawaii and Vanderbilt.

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Women's top 4 solidify strong women's brackets

Tennessee, Old Dominion, Stanford and Texas Tech received the No. 1 seeds Sunday in the NCAA women's basketball tournament brackets, which held spots for Connecticut and several other schools.

Connecticut got only a No. 2 seed in the East Regional after the Huskies had been expected to be a No. 1 despite the loss of star Mykisha Sales to a repeated Achilles' tendon lacer in the season.

UCinn won the four games it played without Sales, including the Big East tournament championship game. But the selection committee apparently took the injury into consideration in seeding the third-ranked Huskies (31-2), who have lost only to Tennessee and Rutgers but didn't have the schedule strength of the top seeds.

North Carolina, Alabama and Duke joined Connecticut as the No. 2 seeds

NCAA FINAL FOUR
Tennessee (33-0), a dominating team all season long with All-American C h a n e l H o l d e n and a talented freshman class, was the top seed in the Midwest Regional.

That means the Lady Vols would not have to leave the state to earn a berth in the Final Four in Kansas City. Their first two NCAA games would be at home, and the regional semifinals and finals will be played in Nashville.

Coach Pat Summitt's team is trying to become the first to win to win three consecutive NCAA titles. Summitt has guided the Lady Vols to five national championships in all.

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IHSAA misses the point at tourney

Mothers of teenaged athletes, you can rejoice in knowing that the Idaho High School Activities Association is on a mission to protect your babies.

The organization showed the single-mindedness of a female grizzly bear protecting her cubs in guarding your young ones at the state basketball finals Saturday.

The executive director of the IHSAA, Bill Young, stated the concern of the governing body of Idaho prep athletics as security and safety of the students.

Raising that protection to the highest level yet seen in Idaho high school sports, IHSAA and Idaho Events Center representatives protected your loved ones Saturday when they:

- Showed a newspaper photographer and two television cameramen off the basketball court after the Class A-3 title game between Declo and Kimberly.
- Kept at least one mother from ducking under the rope cordoning off the court to give her son a hug after he walked off the floor when the game ended.
- Denied lockerroom access to the Hagerman football coach, who was on his way to give words of support to the team after the Pirates lost in the finals.
- Now all you moms, especially the ones from small towns like Kimberly, Declo and Hagerman, have to admire the brutal efficiency with which the event staff kept you separated from your children.

COMMENTARY

Mike Mallor

children; there was former Wood River coach Norm Cook, a representative of the IHSAA, pushing Times-News photographer Andy Arnez off the court. Cook has about a 60-choseburger advantage in bulk over the trim Arnez, and Arnez was no doubt stunned by the action, so it wasn't much of a contest. The two TV cameramen slipped on the court after Arnez and got in about 30 seconds of potential abuse to your kids before the security forces caught up to them.

Now, Hagerman football coach Jason Warr is a different story. He's as big as an NFL lineman. He certainly could have won a shoving match with any three of the working goons. But he chose to remain polite and swallow the care he felt for the Pirates players. You see, 11 of the 12 members of the basketball team worked through a long and emotional football season with him only to finish as state runner-up there also. Warr thought he was a part of those kids' lives, but the IHSAA knows better.

Mothers, well you waited with other fans in a back area of the facility for up to 30 minutes before players and coaches came within talking or touching distance. By that time, especially anyone felt towards your children, certainly had dissipated. They were safe from you.

When asked about committing the public relations blunder of treating the

press and fans like an invasion of cockroaches, Young said that the games were managed strictly for the kids.

Sorry Mom. And Grandpas. And Uncle Fred. And the next door neighbors. And the student body that turned out with painted faces and silly hats. And the folks over on Millberry Street who have attended every home game for the last 24 years. You aren't a part of the game.

In Chicago a while back, they had a safety problem at high school games. People came in on the court after some games or got into trouble outside of the gym. To solve the problem, school district officials quit announcing the date, time or location of games. They simply loaded the players and coaches into buses in the middle of the afternoon, drove them to a gym somewhere and played before an empty house. And no one got hurt.

Of course, postgame incidents in some neighborhoods of the city get a bit more life-threatening than those in Declo, or even Hagerman, or Kimberly. But mothers, these are your children's lives we're talking about. We can't be safe enough. So, just in case, you might ask the powers at the IHSAA to hold next season's state championships in a YMCA gym somewhere. Only coaches and players allowed. No annoying photographers. No pesky football coaches. No motherly hugs. No community.

Just the players. Just the way the IHSAA said it wants its tournaments.

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Sprewell: 'I wasn't trying to kill P.J.'

The Associated Press

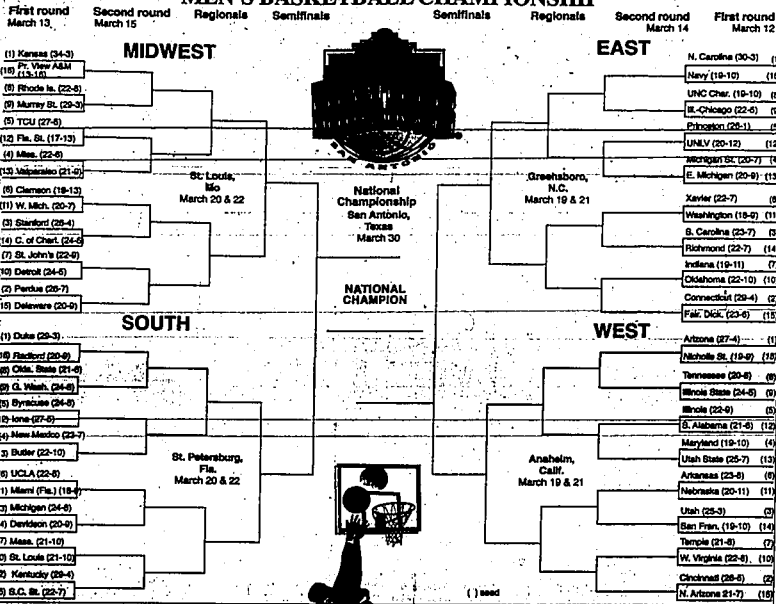
Though he admits he had his hands around the neck of his coach, Latrell Sprewell insists he never choked P.J. Carlesimo and he does not need anger counseling before returning to the NBA.

In a transcript of an interview broadcast Sunday night on CBS' "60 Minutes," Sprewell said the marks on Carlesimo's neck were made by his nails and prove he wasn't choking the Golden State Warriors' coach. "I wasn't choking P.J. I mean, P.J., he could breathe. It's not like he was losing air or anything like that. I mean, it wasn't a choke. I wasn't trying to kill P.J.," Sprewell said in his first public comments since an arbitrator reduced his punishment Wednesday.

"If you're choking someone, you don't get scratches. You get welts totally around your neck. It's not like I was going to sit there and kill the man. No, I would have stopped, definitely," Sprewell attacked Carlesimo at practice Dec. 1. Two days later, the Warriors terminated the remaining three years on Sprewell's \$32-million contract. The following day, the NBA suspended Sprewell for a year.

Arlington, Texas, judge ruled the dual penalties were too harsh. He reinstated the contract and reduced the suspension by five months.

MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



West regionals start in Sacramento, Boise

The Associated Press

Arizona will return to California to begin defending its NCAA title. The Midwest, seeded first in the West, will hope things go another time.

Their 19-game winning streak ended with a stunning loss to Southern California during last week's trip to Los Angeles, where UCLA nearly beat them, too.

But many eyes will turn to the City of Trees - Boise, where Cincinnati (26-5), who wasn't even ranked until late January, earned the No. 2 seed by winning the Conference USA tournament on its first try last week. The Bearcats have won nine in a row and will make their seventh straight trip to the NCAAs.

Now, if they can just change the location of Friday's game against Northern Arizona (21-7). "They're blaming it on me, saying it's Boise, we're going back to Boise," said guard Brent Forns, who doubled as a receiver on the Bearcats football team that won the Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, Idaho, last December.

Forns said, "I've never been to Boise. I don't know much about it. It'll probably be cold."

One person who's probably happy to return to the steak-and-potatoes city is Utah coach Rick Majerus. He visited many of the local restaurants when his team played there in the 1995 tournament.

The Utes (25-3) received the No. 3 seed after a surprising 54-51 quarterfinal loss to UNLV in the Western Athletic Conference tournament. They play San Francisco (19-10) in the first round on Saturday.

The Dons are back in the tournament for the first time since 1982, thanks to their victory over Gonzaga for the West Coast Conference championship.

Women's selections not any easier than men's

DALLAS — Never easier as the NCAA women's tournament selection committee of being a bunch of softies.

Fifteen minutes after the 64-team field for the women's tournament was announced on ESPN, selection committee chairwoman Jen Lentz Possetto got on a conference call to take about a million questions from reporters — and one from an actual college coach — in towns and cities whose teams did (and did not) make it.

Or what teams somehow got cheated in the seeding process.

Talk about rotten jobs. Midway through the teleconference, a guy named Thacher called in with a question. He wanted to know why American did not make the tournament. Thacher just happens to be American's head coach. Someone gave him the number. It was kind of embarrassing.

"Unfortunately," Possetto told him, we have to make some tough decisions."

Tough and courageous decisions. You have to credit the people sequestered in a Kansas City hotel for making them. Possetto had an answer to everything, and her answers were measured and reasonable.

Tough Decision No. 1: Connecticut was seeded second in the East-Region-behind-Old Dominion despite the Huskies being ranked third in the country.

Reason: Connecticut won't have Nylesha Gules for its tournament. Gules — was — the Huskies' best player. The seeding committee is allowed to take that into consideration. It did. Connecticut got dropped. This is why the ball is in seeding committee, not an acclamation-by-past-performance committee.

Tough Decision No. 2: Louisiana Tech, ranked No. 4 nationally and a potential No. 1 seed, was plopped into a No. 3 seed in the Midwest Region, behind Texas Tech and Alabama.

Reason: The Lady Techsters play in the weak Sun Belt Conference. They played only nine games against teams ranked in the top 50 — and lost three of them. Tennessee, the No. 1 seed in the Midwest, played 16 games against top 50 teams.

COMMENTARY
 Dave Caldwell

It's difficult when you're trying to compare Louisiana Tech with the other top teams in the country," Possetto said.

Tough Decision No. 3: Texas Tech was given a No. 1 seed in the Midwest even though the Lady Raiders are not only ranked No. 6 in the nation, but are hosting the regional tournament in two weeks in Lubbock.

Reason: Tech earned the top seed in the West. Her RPI was high. Their performance during the Big 12 regular season and the conference tournament was terrific.

Tough Decision No. 4: The WAC is sending five teams to the tournament, but the Big 12 is sending only four. Even though Possetto called the Big 12 one of the best five conferences in the country, the Big 12 sent six teams last year, but Oklahoma State, which looked like a sure thing, was snubbed this year.

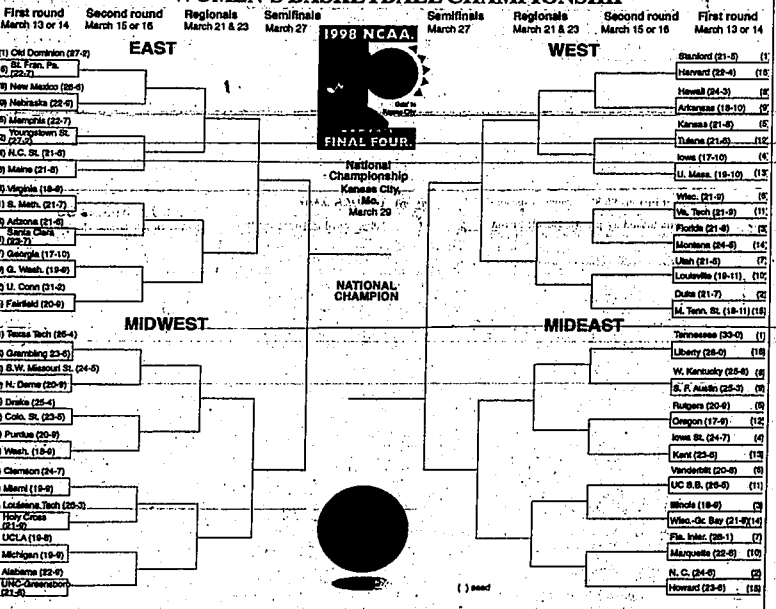
Reason: Oklahoma State had only one victory over a top-50 team (Nebraska) in the Big 12 quarterfinals. More WAC teams deserved to go, although Rice and UT-El Paso were not among those selected.

Reason: Texas Tech was really good run and had some nice wins throughout the year," Possetto said.

On and on it went. Well, guess what? It won't matter. Here are two things you need to know: Texas Tech is playing in the toughest regional, and all 57 games that don't include Tennessee was a matter anyway, because the Lady Vols will cruise to an unprecedented third straight national title.

Dave Caldwell writes for The Dallas Morning News.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP



Men

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Big East, Big Ten and Southeastern Conference — white teams are sending four each: Big 12, Pac-10 and Western Athletic Conference. The Midwestern Collegiate Conference and Conference USA each had three.

Four schools — Illinois-Chicago, Prairie View, Northern Arizona and Radford — are making their first tournament appearances. Prairie View, which is 263rd of 306 Division I schools according to the RPI ratings, has the lowest ranking of any team ever to make the NCAA tournament.

Miami hasn't been to the NCAAs since 1950, but the 39-year absence includes 15 years — 1971-85 — when the school didn't have a team.

North Carolina exceeded its 20-year absence in its 24th consecutive appearance, while Arizona tied Georgetown for the second-longest streak with 19 consecutive selections. Georgetown's run was from 1979-92.

North Carolina, which won its 19th consecutive top-ranked game, was given the top seed in the East region. The Tar Heels would play the regional

semifinals and finals in Greensboro, N.C., if they win their first two games.

Duke was put at the top of the South region, while Kansas, the only one of the top four seeds not to be ranked No. 1 at some point this season, was placed in the Midwest and defending champion Arizona was placed No. 1 in the West region.

North Carolina (30-3) will open against Patriot League champion Navy on Thursday in Hartford, Conn.

The other games at that site are: eighth-seeded North Carolina Charlotte against ninth-seeded Illinois-Chicago; fifth-seeded Princeton will play 12th-seeded UNLV, which won the Western Athletic Conference tournament; and fourth-seeded Michigan State, the regular-season co-champions of the Big Ten, will face 15th-seeded Eastern Michigan.

In the other East opening rounds, to be played in Washington, D.C., second-seeded Connecticut, the Big East regular-season and tournament champions, plays 15th-seeded Fairleigh Dickinson. The other games at the MCI Center feature third-seeded South Carolina against No. 14

Richmond; No. 6 Xavier against No. 11 Washington; and No. 7 Indiana, looking to break a three-year first-round losing streak, against No. 10 Oklahoma.

Arizona (27-4), which has the top eight playing back from last year's championship team, will play 16th-seeded Nicholls State on Thursday in Sacramento, Calif.

The other matchups are: No. 8 Tennessee, against No. 9 Illinois State; No. 5 Illinois, which tied Michigan State for the Big Ten regular-season title, against No. 12 South Alabama; and No. 4 Maryland against No. 13 Utah State.

In the West's other opening-round games, in Boise, on Thursday, second-seeded Cincinnati faces No. 15 Northern Arizona. Sixth-seeded Arkansas will play No. 11 Nebraska, No. 3 Utah faces No. 14 San Francisco, and seventh-seeded Temple plays No. 10 West Virginia.

Kansas (34-3) opens in Oklahoma City on Friday against 16th-seeded Prairie View, the "Southwestern Athletic Conference champions and all 13-16 the only sub-500 in the tournament.

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In an interesting first-round pairing, Tennessee will meet the only other team that went unbeaten this season: 16th-seeded Liberty of the Big South.

Utah Tech in the Midwest has an even better record than Tennessee because the Lady Raiders, the 1993 national champions, wouldn't have to leave home to earn a Final Four berth. Their first two games would be at home and the Midwest Regional is on their court in Lubbock.

Tech opens against Grambling. Stanford in the West would have to leave its state either because the West Regional is just across the Bay in Oakland and the Cardinal would get their first two games at home. The Cardinal (21-5) meet Ivy League champion Tech open against Grambling.

Old Dominion is the only No. 1 seed that would have to make a lengthy trip: The East Regional is in Dayton, Ohio. The Lady Monarchs face Florida in their first game. The top four seeds in each region are the host schools for subregionals of four teams each. Those games will be played Friday and Sunday or Saturday and Monday.

All of the regional games are on TV. The national semifinals in

Kansas City will pit the Mideast against the West and the East against the Midwest.

Another surprise in the bracketing was Louisiana Tech, ranked in the top four all season, getting only a No. 3 seed. Although the Lady Techsters are 26-3, their poor playing suffers from playing in the Sun Belt Conference.

Illinois in the Big Ten also received a No. 3 seed despite faltering down the stretch and losing in the quarterfinals of the league tournament. But Illini got a boost from a schedule that included Stanford and Tennessee. Regular season Big Ten champion Iowa Tech will meet champion Purdue who were No. 4 seeds.

Arizona and Florida were the other No. 3 seeds, while North Carolina State and Iowa State were the No. 4s.

Iowa State got a place among the top 16 only one year after making its first NCAA appearance. The Cyclones finished second in Texas Tech in the regular season Big 12 race and reached the semifinals of the conference tournament. Iowa has to lose to Georgia to have ended their hopes at a No. 4 seed.

Stanford came a long way to claim No. 1 seed, winning 19 of 21 games. The Colonial Cardinal might be going into the

tournament without Vanessa Nygaard on their No. 3 scorer and top outside shooter. Nygaard injured her left knee in the regular-season finale at Oregon State on Saturday and will miss the NCAA play which was uncertain.

The Southeastern Conference, as usual, included the most teams in NCAAs, with only six: Tennessee, Alabama, North Carolina, Georgia and Vanderbilt. The Atlantic Coast, Big Ten, Pac-10 and Western Athletic all have five teams in field of 64, while the Conference USA has four teams, and Big East, and Big 12, have three. Tennessee and Louisiana Tech will represent the NCAAs appearances to 17, the only schools that have been in every NCAA women's tournament. Two schools made it for the first time: New Mexico and North Carolina Greensboro.

Among the teams left but were Butler (25-5), which won the regular season conference title, and Connecticut but lost in the league tournament final to Wisconsin-Green Bay, Toledo (23-6), a division champion in the Mid-American Athletic Conference (22-5), which tied Holy Cross for first in the Patriot League; and American (23-6), the runner-up to Ohio State in the Colonial Athletic Association.

OTHER VIEWS

Blood-alcohol-limit should be standard throughout U.S.

From The Salt Lake Tribune
Congress should set a national standard for the blood-alcohol content to determine drunken driving. The Senate can take the first step on that road as it debates a massive transportation bill this week.

he has consumed and how quickly. Other variables are a person's weight and metabolism, and how much food is in the stomach.

The National Highway Traffic Safety Administration came up with a computer program which estimated that a 170-pound man would not reach .10 unless he downed five beers in an hour. A 140-pound woman could consume four in the same amount of time. Someone who consumed the same number of 1-ounce mixed drinks in the same period of time would reach about the same level of intoxication.

A national blood-alcohol limit standard of .08 would not be unreasonable, and it would help travelers to know the laws regardless of where they are.

In fact, most people who are cited for drunken driving have moved considerably beyond Utah's legal limit. Federal safety officials argue that driving is impaired in virtually everyone who has exceeded the .08 level.

Some groups in Utah have argued that the standard should be tightened even further, to .04. Police officers and prosecutors have argued, however, that such a change would be futile, since most drunk drivers are way beyond that standard, and a stricter one would only create enforcement headaches. That's no doubt true.

A national standard of .08 would not be unreasonable, and it would help travelers to know the law regardless of where they are. After all, it is dangerous to drive with a BAC of .08 in Utah, it is just as dangerous in Nevada or Massachusetts.

Editor's note: Idaho's blood-alcohol limit is .08 percent, the same as Utah's.

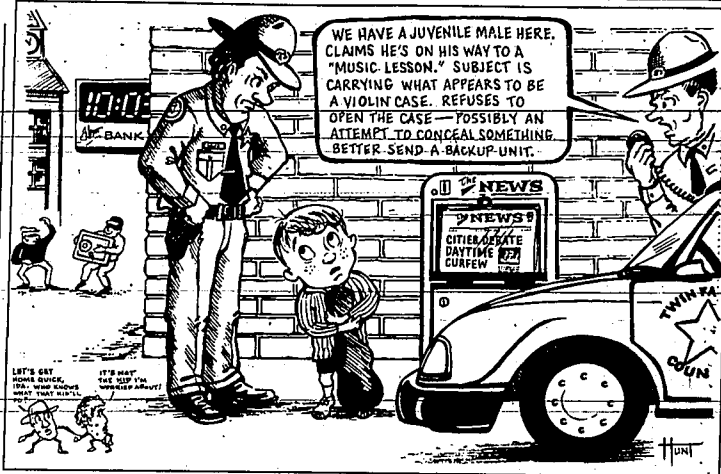
Each state now sets its own blood-alcohol content (BAC) standard. Utah is one of 15 states that share the most stringent measurement of .08 percent. Thirty-three other states, plus the District of Columbia, use 10 percent. Two states, Massachusetts and South Carolina, do not set a standard at which a driver is presumed to be legally drunk.

Of the states surrounding Utah, only New Mexico and Idaho share the Utah standard of .08. Arizona, Colorado, Nevada and Wyoming all impose the less restrictive measure of .10.

So, a person presumed to be legally sober when he walks out of a casino in Wendover, Nev., could be intoxicated under Utah law the moment he drives over the state line, headed down I-80 for Salt Lake City. A national standard would eliminate such discrepancies.

If it is agreed that a national standard is preferable, the next question is whether to draw the line. The .08 measure has proved workable in Utah and other states. Contrary to the arguments of some in the hospitality and beverage industries, it is not so unenforcing as to preclude responsible social drinking.

A person's BAC depends on a variety of factors, including how many drinks



LETTERS

Mentally ill need health care

Once again, lobbyists have convinced legislators to vote against important legislation - the Mental Illness Parity Bill. This time it was the insurance lobbyists. Idaho legislators failed to pass a bill that would require insurance companies to provide parity of coverage for mental illnesses equal to that for "physical" illnesses. Ironically, biologically based mental illnesses are "physical" illnesses. Is a chemical imbalance in the brain not a physical illness? Those legislators who voted against this important bill have demonstrated their profound ignorance of what mental illness is and how seriously it affects the lives of those suffering from a brain chemistry disorder. Mental illnesses are treated by psychiatrists - medical doctors who've chosen biochemical brain disorders as their specialty. Yet when it comes to health insurance coverage for a mental illness, the most generous policy only provides a lifetime maximum benefit of \$30,000, as opposed to a lifetime "medical" maximum benefit of \$1 million. Outpatient coverage is generally limited to \$200 annually.

Mental illnesses are most analogous to diabetes: Once the disorder manifests itself, there is no cure and it requires daily medications to keep the victim alive and functional. Would we tell a diabetic, "Sorry, no health insurance coverage for your illness. You'll have to pay for treatment yourself or die"? Absolutely not. Why then should a brain chemistry disorder (as opposed to a pancreatic disorder) be covered any differently?

The sad truth is that people with schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or major depression are, without treatment, often unemployable, on Medicare or Medicaid, in state mental hospitals or in jail. What is the cost to society (that's us, folks) to allow the sick to go without proper medical care and adequate insurance? Sadler still is the fact that there are excellent medications available that enable the patient to live a normal life if only he can afford them.

One legislator is quoted as saying, "I kept thinking about how many single moms that need a medical policy, if it goes up 10 percent, how many people it drives out of that insurance." I guess this legislator doesn't realize that the mentally ill are already driven out of insurance because the coverage isn't worth having. At least a single mom is capable of working and her life isn't ruined by an illness that she can't afford to have treated.

Think again, folks. This makes no sense!
KATHRYN L. OLSON
Halley

Fire that man for doing a good job

The day has finally arrived! I thought I would never see it happen in my lifetime but I guess I was wrong. You never cease to amaze me with your "good ol' boy" business-as-usual attitude. Ya'll even want to fire a man for doing his job too well, namely Stan "against the grain" Conway.

Let's think about the people who are doing the complaining. Would they have occasion to criticize Stan fairly if they hadn't picked his suspicions in the first place? If they were scrupulously obeying all the laws, would they even have occasion to talk with Stan at all?

Face it, you finally ran into someone who does it "by the book" instead of cutting slack for a friend or neighbor. Face it, you have a fine politician doing his job as it is supposed to be done and you can't handle plain, blunt, uncensored honesty. Face it, there should be more like Stan.

Hang in there Stan, right is right and wrong is wrong and you're not afraid to make the distinction for those who suffer from near-sightedness.
STEVE MAAY
Jerome

Thou shalt not commit adultery

After reading Tyver Smith's letter to the editor in the Feb. 25 edition of The Times-News, I have decided now is as good a time as any to make my first attempt at discussing politics and religion in a public forum.

If my limited memory serves me correctly, the United States of America was established by our forefathers after leaving England because the people there were tired of not being able to practice the religion of their choice. And please correct me if I am wrong, but the main religion to be practiced was that of Christianity.

What do most "Christians" look to as a guide for their lives? The Ten Commandments. One of which plainly states: Thou shalt not commit adultery. If the fact that previous presidents of this country committed adultery make it right? In my book, two or more wrongs do not make a right. How can we as a country founded on the principle of freedom of religion, the Christian religion, think it's OK for our president to break one of the most basic of commandments, that of being faithful to your spouse?

Whether Democrat, Republican, Independent or otherwise, it seems to me that if the president can't keep the Ten Commandments, how can he be faithful and honorable in defending this country against any enemy, foreign or domestic?
SCOTT PETERSEN
Rupert

Garbachev didn't end the Cold War

To claim Garbachev ended the Cold War is like claiming Saddam ended Desert Storm. The Reagan administration sent the Soviet Union on an economic death march. Reagan cut off low-interest loans, restricted technology exports and forced a high-tech arms race the Soviets could not afford. And we had the KGB files to prove how effective it was.

Garbachev did his best to keep the "evil empire" alive by sending tanks into Lithuania, troops into Moscow to prevent pro-U.S. demonstrations and hand-picked the eight party hardliners who eventually led a coup against him and Yeltsin. He ordered his military to

launch a brutal, but expensive, two-year offensive in Afghanistan that failed. When Reagan armed the Mujaheddin, with stinger missiles and intelligence, Garbachev ordered a crackdown in Poland, but Solidarity survived with U.S. funds and equipment that eventually led to free elections in 1989.

It is too simplistic a belief that the Soviet demise was inevitable or that communism destroyed communism. Gorbachev deserves no more credit for Perestroika than Pharoah for letting the Israelites go. Gorbachev couldn't save his bankrupt empire from collapsing into the "ash heap of history." Ronald Reagan was the true author of Perestroika, and it is his greatest legacy.
JAY SNEDDON
Twin Falls

3rd party intrudes into health care

I am not an avid supporter of Mr. Lloyd J. Walker's politics notwithstanding, I must laud him for the views expressed in the proposed Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. He even ally led to free elections in 1989.

The basic underlying problem, in my opinion, is one of many of the health-care delivery systems in our country that can be traced back to a common etiology: the intrusion of a third party into health care. Many years ago when I first began in the practice of medicine, there were only two parties involved: the patient and the doctor. If the patient was indigent, the doctor either provided free services or the local government (city or county) reimbursed him a pittance for his services. Hospitals were owned and operated mostly by either churches or local government entities. Profit from running a hospital was never the bottom line, which, as it should be, was always the proper care of the patient.

The federal government can be faulted for being the first huge third-party intruder into the system, beginning with the passage of the Medicare Act by the President Lyndon Johnson era. Today, there is, additionally, health maintenance organizations, medical insurance companies, private for-profit hospitals, Medicaid and private consortia all operating as third parties in the medical-care delivery system. Unfortunately, this has often resulted in the bottom line being profit rather than what is best for the patient. It has also resulted in too often in rules and regulations being made by these third parties that are not in the best interest of the patient and that would better be made by the health-care profession.

I would sincerely hope that the county commissioners and the hospital board would keep patient care uppermost in their minds, whatever decision they ultimately make concerning MVRMC.
DR. WENDELL PETTY
Twin Falls

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LETTERS

School system needs major help

The Citizens for Better Schools Committee has been working diligently to determine the facts regarding the needs of our educational system in Joint School District No. 261. The facts, as determined by the committee, are available at the office of the superintendent of schools and may be had by any interested resident of the district. Just for the asking. There is a fact sheet on the middle school and a fact sheet for the high school.

Digesting these fact sheets and other pertinent data brings me to the irrefutable conclusion that major surgery is required now (after the failure by just a few votes of our two previous efforts) and that further delay will only exacerbate the condition. It is long past the time for us, as responsible citizens, to "bite the bullet" and provide our board of education with the "where-with-all" needed to correct the serious and deficiencies in our most important community asset - our school system - and its product - our children - our future.

Let me urge our parents and other voters of the school district to review their priorities before March 26 and make the effort to vote in the bond election. The window of opportunity is fast closing in upon us. The time to act positively is now! Let us all put our shoulder to the wheel and push for the success of this third effort to provide our school system with the "fighting" chance in the new millennium which is just around the corner.
TOM MAHAN
Jerome

Be thankful for Officer Conway

A trailer with a speed readout on it would be nice for the drivers in the city

of Jerome, but if they can't read their speedometers, how will the trailer help them?

Stan Conway is a good officer; he does his job and is not swayed by arguments from guilty traffic offenders. Isn't that what you want from your officers?

You complain that they are not doing their jobs when they are at a local coffee shop. When they are in their vehicle and doing their jobs, you complain about that. Do you want him just to ticket certain people and let others go, or would you complain about the ticket?

I think the fact that he cited a 72-year-old female is good. He didn't just scold her and send her home (age and height are factors in guilty or not guilty of speeding). She will think twice about speeding in Jerome city. The officer has done his job. Bottom line is, if you are not breaking the law, they will not stop you. If you feel you have been cited and are not guilty, go to court; that is the way the system works.

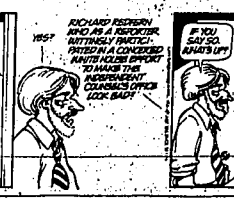
Wake up, Jerome residents. You have a very good, professional officer. Why don't you slow down and keep him around?

As far as your Chief Dahl goes, I have worked for many police officers, and Chief Dahl is No. 1 in my book. He does a good job for the city of Jerome. He does his best work with everyone in a fair manner, including Mr. Moore. Chief Dahl has done a lot of good for the city of Jerome, and you residents should be proud to have him on your side. Be glad that you have an officer and a chief that care about the welfare and safety of the public and are willing to take your criticism and do their jobs. Shame on you.
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Doonesbury



By Gary Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley





Horbert Jensen, left, and Michael Savage of Stoughton, Wis., dig themselves out of a ditch with their hands and shovels after going off the road along Interstate 90 Sunday in Lincoln, Wis.

Storm paralyzes central Plains, heads across Midwestern states

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — More than a foot of wind-driven snow paralyzed travel across the central Plains and Midwest on Sunday, filling roadside motels with killed motorists and stranding others in their cars. One traffic death was blamed on the storm.

A 25-mile stretch of Interstate 80 across Nebraska was closed for a second day, with other roads closed in Kansas. Snow carried by 40 mph wind cut visibility nearly to zero in places and drifts were reported up to 8 feet high in Des Moines, Iowa.

Many churches called off services.

"It's nasty out," said Chris Robertson, 46, a clerk who managed to get to work at an Omaha convenience store. "I luckily have chains for the car to drive and without them I wouldn't have gotten here."

The northern Plains has had an unusually mild winter because of the weather pattern set up by El Niño, said National Weather Service meteorologist Dave Fobert in Omaha.

However, meteorologists could not pin this specific storm on El Niño because Nebraska usually gets a major snowstorm in March and even April.

The snow caused both cars and snowplows to get stuck. Highway departments pulled their plows off the roads in southeastern Nebraska and part of Iowa.

"It's drifting back (on the roads) as soon as we get them plowed

off," said Harold Jensen, engineer in Iowa's Story County. "We're saving our plows for the (Monday) morning."

An undetermined number of people were snowed out in their cars along a highway near Nebraska City, southeast of Lincoln in the state's southeast corner, said Diana Gonzalez, a spokeswoman for Gov. Ben Nelson.

She said there was no immediate word on how long they had been stranded. State and local authorities organized rescue missions.

The snow blew out of the central Rockies on Saturday, closing some roads in Colorado and by Sunday stretched from Kansas to Upper Michigan.

Town evacuated as flood pours through levee

ELBA, Ala. (AP) — A creek swollen by four days of rain burst through a levee Sunday, flooding this southeast Alabama town and forcing about 2,000 people out of their homes. Five deaths were blamed on the weather.

Water also closed many roads across southern Alabama, and

emergency officials warned of continued flooding for the next couple of days.

Gov. Fob James declared a state of emergency in the southern half of the state and ordered the National Guard out to help with evacuations and sandbagging.

Water from Beaver Dam Creek, a tributary of the Pea River, rushed into downtown Elba during the morning. Five streets up to 6 feet deep. Fire Chief Lloyd Driggers said.

He said he was forced to abandon his own vehicle when water rose past the windows.

Annan: U.S. must consult U.N. before attack on Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.N. Secretary General Kofi Annan said Sunday that, contrary to U.S. assertions, the United States would need to consult with the U.N. Security Council before mounting a military strike against Iraq.

"If the United States had to strike, I think some sort of consultation with the other members would be required," Annan said on ABC's "This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts."

Annan stressed that if Iraq breaks the agreement on full access for U.N. weapons inspectors he reached with President Sam Hussein, "it would be much easier to get agreement in the council to take military action."

But he noted that three permanent members of the Security Council, Russia, France and China, have objected to giving the United States carte blanche to launch military action.

Young math whiz wins scholarship

WASHINGTON (AP) — Christopher Mihelich said it took a cunning mind to make him a prize-winning mathematician.

"You can actually prove things in mathematics," the high school junior from Indianapolis said. "I like the perfect certainty and also the discovery it takes to prove things with perfect certainty."

Mihelich won the \$40,000 top prize Sunday in the 57th Westinghouse Science Talent Search with a system of equations in number theory. Close to 1,600 high school students entered the scholarship competition, which 30

winner were announced at the National Academy of Sciences.

The young math whiz, who received the prize on his 17th birthday, began taking college math courses as an eight grader. With perfect scores on the SAT exam, Mihelich plans to go to Stanford from Indiana's Park Tudor School a year only. "I've exhausted most of the educational opportunities in my area," he said.

Mihelich said he taught himself much of the mathematical knowledge he used to complete his project, which took him 17 typewritten pages to explain.

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The return of Monty Python

ASPEN, Colo. (AP) — It was a full Monty, Python, that is, if you counted Graham Chapman.

The legendary English comedy group that started smashing taboos three decades ago appeared on stage together Saturday night for the first time since 1981, announcing plans for a reunion tour and showing that nothing — even the death of a member — is sacred.

John Cleese, Eric Idle, Michael Gilliam, Terry Jones and Graham Chapman appeared at the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival with an unannouncedly containing the remains of Chapman, who died of AIDS in 1982. What was billed as a tribute so Chapman turned into a performance when his pals knocked over the urn and scrambled over each other to sweep and re-bury their friend.

Later, Palin chatted with the

urn, chiding Chapman to keep quiet.

In between comedy bits, the group announced plans for a reunion tour next year to mark the 30th anniversary of "Monty Python's Flying Circus," the British Broadcasting Corp. show that offended many and became a worldwide hit.

The show was broadcast in Britain from 1969 to 1974, but Monty Python continued garnering fans on both sides of the Atlantic through reruns, specials and six movies.

The group disbanded in 1983, although several members collaborated on films including "A Fish Called Wanda" and the Gilliam-directed "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen."

Idle told reporters that a tour "would be fun if we could still be funny."

Cleese said previous attempts to get the group together failed because they focused on a movie and that would take too much time.

"We could probably find 10 weeks for a tour," Cleese said, adding that the production would likely go to London and some American cities.

The show and movies launched classic comedy hits that fans know by heart, like the lumberjack who in addition to cutting down trees, "puts on women's clothing and hangs around in bars."

Or the fumbling Roman Catholic cardinal who bursts in on an unsuspecting couple: "NOBODY expects the Spanish Inquisition!"

Several cast members said they want the tour to focus on new material, because their old stuff, so popular that audiences shout it out before they do.

Thirty years ago, the initial reunion program was made up of old-stage performers, and they thought they were going to see a circus."

Trial set for defendant in brutal killing of pregnant mom, children

WHEATON, Ill. (AP) — Debra Evans, eagerly awaiting the imminent birth of her fourth baby, was preparing her three youngsters for bed on a chilly November night when assailants invaded her apartment.

The attackers killed her 10-year-old daughter, shot Evans in the head and slashed her throat, then cut her open and ripped the fetus from her womb.

They abducted the full-term baby along with Evans' 7-year-old boy, leaving her 1-year-old son alive amidst the carnage in the apartment.

The older boy lived long enough in captivity to tell others of the terror he'd witnessed.

"I'm he was killed and dumped in an alley. The boy ripped from the womb survived and is now 2."

"You could not give a horror writer a better script," said DaPage County State Attorney

Joe Birkett.

This week, the first of three defendants in the Nov. 16-17, 1995, killings is going on trial.

Opening statements are scheduled Tuesday for Jacqueline Annette Williams, who prosecutors allege instigated the crime because she wanted another child.

Williams is charged with first-degree murder for the killings of Evans, 10-year-old Samantha and 7-year-old Joshua, and with aggravated kidnapping for the abduction of Joshua and the newborn baby, Elijah.

Codefendants Fedell Caffey, 25, and Lavonne Ward, 26, will be tried separately later. The defendants are expected to implicate each other.

Ward is both a cousin of Williams and the father of Evans' two youngest sons, including the child ripped from his mother's

womb.

At first glance, Williams had much in common with Evans. Both were 28-year-old unemployed, single mothers struggling to raise three children in Chicago's suburbs.

There the similarities end.

Evans was a former honor student from a religious Chicago-area family who got mixed up with a tough crowd after a teen pregnancy.

Williams, an Alabama native, is described by her lawyers as borderline retarded, a drug abuser with a severely depressed personality.

Some of the most pivotal testimony at her trial will come from the 1-year-old Judge Peter Buckley is allowing prosecutors to use statements Joshua whispered to friends of the defendants who cared for him briefly before he, too, was killed.

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Life skills can be learned at the track

As a parent, I believe it is my responsibility to help my son develop the skills he will need to become a responsible and productive member of society. So I took him to the horse races.

Specifically I took him to Gulfstream Park, a very nice track in Hallandale, Fla., where you can bet on horses and feel comfortable wearing clothing styles dating back over 45 years. You remember during the Disco Age, when men wore shiny pants in highly patterned colors and patterns, so that the wearer looked as though he has been wading naked to his waist in a massive toxic polyester spill, and it dripped on his body? Those pants were still the height of style at the racetrack. We are talking about an older crowd, including guys who, at some point in their betting careers, bet on a Trifecta involving Spartacus.



HUMOR
Dave Barry

I enjoy the racetrack crowd. It's a more sociable group than you might think. You generally sit, but you'll go to the track, often find myself having conversations with total strangers. I'll be standing idly near a bank of TV monitors showing horses racing, possibly at this track, possibly at some other track, possibly in a race that took place in 1973 — and a man standing next to me will suddenly yank his cigar out of his mouth, turn to me, and say: "Can you believe that?" "No," I'll say. "What the (bad word) is he doing?" "The man will say: 'He's (bad word) crazy!'" I'll say! "I'll say, wondering whom we're talking about. A horse? A jockey? News Gossip?"

"You're (bad word) right he's (bad word) crazy!" the man will say, glad to be encountered somebody else who knows what's going on. Then he'll walk away, still talking, leaving behind no clear message at a small puddle of cigar drool.

I began the process of educating my son, Rob, by showing him how to pick a horse to bet on. The key is to have a system. I use what is known as a "two-step" system, as follows (you might want to write this down):

1. I look at a list of the various horses.
2. I pick one.
Using this system, I selected a horse named "Yield To Maturity," which seemed appropriate because it's something that I always urge me to do. After I placed the bet, we went into the grandstands to watch the race. Tension mounted as post time drew near, and then the announcer came over the loudspeakers: "They're off!" "Come on, yield to maturity!" I shouted.

"Where are the horses?" asked Rob. "I don't know," I said, and then the key of the problem with horse racing is that key parts of the race take place several miles away, so that even if you can find the horses, they look like a herd of stampeding giraffes. I think the sport will be better if the horses stayed directly in front of the grandstand, perhaps on a treadmill.

Eventually the horses showed up, and although I specifically yelled "Yield To Maturity to win, he (or possibly she) did not look the least bit upset about losing. In fact none of the horses seemed to take the race seriously. Laughing and popping, they trotted gaily off the track and headed for the horse locker room to call their brokers. They're all into conservative mutual funds.

"Next I took Rob outside to show him how to 'look over' the horses that would be running in the next race.

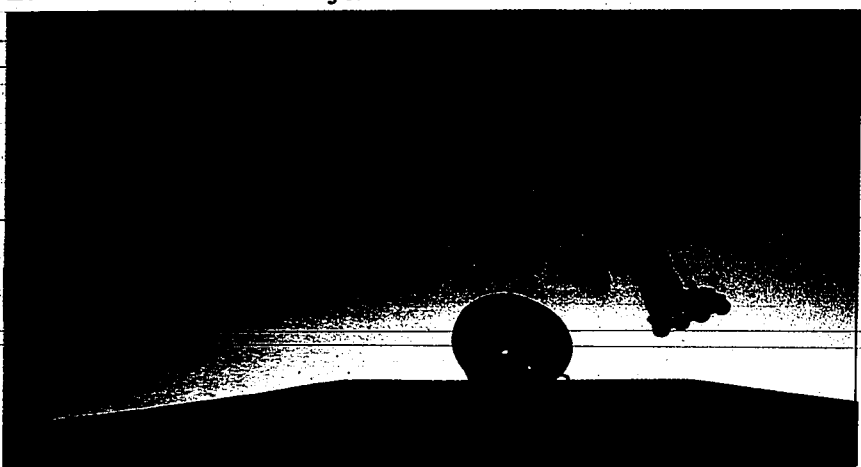
"What are we looking for?" asked Rob. "Hips," I said. A hippo indicates to the stock market that it's generally a camel, which means it will run slower than the horses. Or possibly faster, I can never remember which.

At this point I decided — and this is exactly the problem with young people today, they don't want to learn anything — that he was going to ignore my system and pick his own horse by (Get this!) studying the racing form. I told him that a racing form, in fact, because the so-called "racing form" in fact has nothing to do with racing: it's a means by which espionage agents send each other messages in secret code. Here's an actual quote from the form that Rob was studying:

"Magic Way has the biggest bettor in the field, which is a nice starting point at the betting board. He has a good eye. He's a Ephyraean mottak wears linen jodhpurs." While Rob was flipping away his time trying to decipher gibberish, I implemented another proven marketing system, known as the "bet on most of the horses in the race system." Perhaps you think that it is impossible to bet on six horses in an eight-horse race and still win, but it's only money.

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JUMP FOR FITNESS



The key to getting kids to exercise is making it fun.

Raising active kids

Parental example is key to motivating children to exercise

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

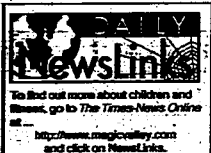
TV NEWS LINKS — What are your kids' favorite exercises? Do they catch and throw a ball?

You'd get better ones in Jacksonville. Children between the ages of 2 and 11 average 22 hours watching television a week. Factor in video and computer games, and it's 25 hours.

Average time exercising? A shade over four hours a week. TV just forces its ployline. And that number declines steadily through the teen-age years.

"It's hard to get kids motivated to exercise unless they're imbedded in something that's fun, something they like to do," said Julie Heithecker, a physical education teacher at Morningstar Elementary School. "That's why organized activities are so important."

But that's not necessarily Little League or basketball, Heithecker adds. Kids are more apt to get into sports if their parents can play for a lifetime.



"In my class, we haven't done baseball or basketball for a couple of years," she said. "We try to emphasize sports that you don't need a team to enjoy."
"The skills needed for football, baseball and basketball require agility, speed and power, but are not particularly fitness-enhancing," says Dr. Bruce Epstein, who writes on children's fitness column. "In addition, those children who cannot throw a football or catch a baseball will get turned off to the all exercise by their lack of ability in those activities."

Epstein advocates combining fun with some kind of aerobic exercise — defined as an activity done without stopping for 20 minutes that increases a child's heart rate and make him breathe harder — every day. Swimming, bicycling, jumping rope, roller skating or roller-blading, playing soccer and dancing are a few.

"I think how interested a child is in exercising depends a lot on the parent's attitude," Heithecker said. "If Mom and Dad are couch potatoes, chances are pretty good the kids will be too."

That's complicated by the fact that unhealthy behavior tends to produce health problems that run in families.

"Up to 50 percent of kids are not getting enough exercise to develop healthy hearts and lungs," Epstein said. "Twenty percent of 5-to-9-year-old children show at least one risk factor of heart disease — elevated blood pressure, high cholesterol or physical activity."

In that kind of home environment, the experts agree, physical fitness

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LOOKING GOOD

Hair mascara appeals to teens, adults

Lighter than ever

Hair mascara is streaking through the beauty industry.

Identical in concept to traditional mascara, hair mascaras are adding a dash of hair pink, purple or blue to black, brown and red hair.

You see the application, larger than the ones found in eye mascaras, to stroke through a few strands of hair at a time if you want to make a bang statement, or sometimes even in a wide swath to dye color on an entire chunk of hair.

The colors are temporary, washing out with the first shower, even with chemically treated or bleached hair.

Christina Dior seized the trend with the May debut of its Mascara Flash in a choice of seven shades, called FERON, for ferocious and fierce, described by trade publication Women's Wear Daily as "blazing sea of department stores," and sales of more than a half-million tubes in the first six months, did not go unnoticed by others.

Today there are more than a dozen hair mascara brands at cosmetic counters and on drug store shelves. The new line is selling Head Lights for \$25.50, L'Oréal's Hair Mascara in \$4, Avon's Hair Mascara in \$3, Revlon's Starburst Hair Mascara in \$4 and only Revlon Supply stores are carrying four brands.

including Hair Highlighters for \$5.99.

"The response has been phenomenal. Customers appreciate the ability to highlight areas of their hair as well as to correct a gray strand or two," said Mark Seiver, public relations coordinator for Avon, which launched hair mascara in November.

Eric McCraw, vice president of merchandising for the 1,500-store Sally Beauty Supply chain, echoed others in the industry. "We thought originally it would appeal to teens, and the intense color selections were driven toward that younger client." However, he said, the mascaras are also being snapped up by adult women using them for streaking and highlights and to touch up gray roots between salon visits.

The most popular shades on the West Coast are golds and bronzes, said McCraw, with the brighter colors like blue and green more popular in the Midwest.

Franklin Cleghorn of the Body Shop Chain said in the chain's 300 stores in the United States, "the most popular shade is Copper. It was really well in blond hair, looks great in black hair."

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HEALTH NOTES

Staying Insured

Under the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, most insurers cannot deny pregnancy-related care if a woman is pregnant when she enrolls in a new plan; deny coverage to newborn or newly adopted children with medical problems; or use genetic information as a basis to deny coverage. The Women's Legal Defense Fund has released a brochure, "Guide to HIPAA: What the Health Insurance Reform Law Means for Women and Their Families." To order a free copy, send a self-addressed, stamped business-size envelope to Health Insurance Fund, Women's Legal Defense Fund, 1875 Connecticut Ave., NW, Suite 710, Washington, D.C. 20009.

Not working out

Many of you don't give your exercise equipment much exercise. More than a third of owners surveyed by the Fitness Products Council admitted they were leaving their exercise equipment gather dust. Of those, 42 percent said they found the equipment was boring to use and 41 percent said they did not have time. And more than 88 percent of the users surveyed said they would not buy home exercise equipment in the future.

A mental image

How do we remember where it is? It's once we stop looking at it? It

turns out humans have a separate region in the brain, about the size of a penny and located above the eyes, that's specifically for remembering the position of objects, researchers report in the journal Science.

A long morning

A "morning after" pill to prevent HIV infection is available, but it makes for a very long morning: a full month of triple-drug dosing that costs about \$1,500 and often causes severe fatigue and nausea. About a half-dozen post-exposure prevention clinics have sprung up around the country. Private physicians also sometimes use PEP to prevent infection in those who have been exposed and who can afford and can tolerate the treatment.

Zyban? No sale

Most insurance companies won't reimburse you for Zyban, the most promising smoking-cessation drug to come along in years. Ironically, Zyban is the chemical twin of the antidepressant Wellbutrin, which is routinely covered by insurance. Although insurance companies say they're anxious to help members quit smoking, most see little value in reimbursing members for smoking-cessation products that are successful less than 50 percent of the time.

Compiled from news reports.

HEALTH & FASHION

Introduce fitness to your kids

Turn off those video games and get your children into shape! They need at least 30 minutes of physical activity every day. Here are some ideas on how to get them worked up.

A family affair

- Get outside. Take your family to a park or a local sports field.
- Run with your children. Hide their shoes along the way.
- Do not eat before or after your children's physical activity.
- Play on the park's jungle gym.
- Play "favorite kids' games" like tag or Frisbee.

A healthy milk

- Watch the health and interesting:
 - 1. Try out different activities.
 - 2. Discover what your child likes.
 - 3. Try out new sports and activities.
 - 4. Involve your child in the decision-making process.

In the details

- Do these things to:
 - 1. Walk your children to the bus stop or school.
 - 2. Take the stairs instead of the elevator.
 - 3. Park further out at the mall.
 - 4. Turn off the TV when you're in a house or car.

Fun first!

- Don't stress. Skills over fun.
- Instead of lecturing, make positive suggestions.
- Don't keep score. Let your children win sometimes.
- Let your children choose their own winners.

Never too young

- Keep it simple for toddlers.
- Have your toddler run and jump.
- Use simple games like tag.
- Use simple toys like a ball.

Follow the leader

- Be a good example:
 - 1. Turn off the TV when you're in a house or car.
 - 2. Turn off the radio or bike ride.

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New medications hold hope for headache sufferers

The Hartford Courant

"I have a headache." For 45 million Americans, those words mean much more than take-two-aspirin-and-you'll-feel-better. For them, the harrowing pain of migraines or chronic tension headaches can last for days.

There are dozens of different kinds of headache. Two of the worst, migraine and chronic tension headaches, have symptoms that overlap. Many headache specialists who once believed the migraine and tension headache were separate disorders now

believe they may be caused by similar mechanisms in the brain.

The introduction five years ago of sumatriptan, marketed as Imitrex, changed the lives of millions of these people, who found relief from migraines for the first time. But Imitrex doesn't work for everyone, and for others it loses effectiveness over time. Doctors hope that a half a dozen new prescription drugs in various phases of development will dramatically improve the outlook for people tormented by headaches.

Many of the new medications, described by doctors as Im-

like, are the result of brain research that identified serotonin as a cause of migraines. The drugs — with names like naratriptan, zolmitriptan, rizatriptan and eletriptan — are designed to stop migraine headaches with few side effects. Some are expected to be available as early as the next few weeks.

"They're the next generation of Imitrex. They make work faster," said Dr. Alan M. Rapoport, founder and director of the New England Center for Headache in Stamford, Conn., and the co-author of several books on headaches.

including the recently published "Conquering Headache."

One new product, Migraanal nasal spray, got a very public try-out at the Super Bowl Jan. 25 when Denver Bronco running back Terrell Davis retreated to the sidelines with a migraine.

Davis, who has suffered from incapacitating migraines since he was 7, used the spray, a new form of a 50-year-old injectible migraine drug known as DHE, and returned to the game. He went on to become Most Valuable Player as the Broncos beat the Green Bay Packers.

Mascara

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and copper highlights look great in brown hair. With African-Americans, the Spice Plum is extremely popular."

However, at three Body Shop stores in the San Francisco Bay Area, Blue is the biggest seller, said Patricia DeNardi, co-owner with her husband Eric Sanguinetti of the three stores. "I thought the subtle colors would be selling best, but blue is," she said.

One of the ways young people are using the mascara is to pay homage to high school and college sport teams. "In the Louisiana State University area we can't keep the blue and gold colors in stock in our stores. We're selling three to four dozen each week. It's amazing," McCraw said.

Men have been buying, as well as women, said Aveda's Seljvar. "It's a good pick-me-up between color services," he said, adding that Brown Topix "is helpful in covering gray streaks."

How long hair mascaras will remain popular is the question manufacturers and retailers are asking themselves. Will it become a permanent part of the cosmetic industry or fade away quickly, as it did the first time around a decade ago?

Ciatrol, which introduced a sim-

ilar concept 10 years ago, has no plans to enter the market this time. L'Oréal, which also launched a similar product at the same time, views today's hair mascaras as strictly "a promotional item" said Sarah Shaw in the company's public relations department.

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Kids

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can't be imposed — like ordering a child to make his bed.

"If you want to get a child to be active, get out of the house and be active with them," Heithecker said.

Epstein suggests starting by taking a walk around the neighborhood in the evening with your kids and talking about their day.

"Encourage children to walk or ride their bikes to school," he said. "Limit television — Public Enemy No. 1 in the battle to develop fit children. Buy toys that give children a good physical workout as well as fun."

Ask them what they're doing in P.E. class, he adds. Then plan family-activities to complement what's going on at school.

"You know, at school I almost never have trouble getting kids motivated to exercise," Heithecker said. "That's because it's fun, everybody else is doing it, and kids want to be a part of it."

"It seems to me that's what you need to do at home, too."

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Barry

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Perhaps you are a tidier.

"I will not beat around the bush. When the day was over, I had picked no winning horses, no placing horses and no showing horses. I had picked horses that, if you were to cut them open — and I don't let me stand in your way — would have turned out to be powdered by pairs of seriously obese men walking backward. Rob had picked three winning horses and ended up making money. He thinks this could be a good career path. He does seem to have a knack for it. I just hope, if he becomes wealthy, that he remembers who showed him the ropes."

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The Pap smear — one of medicine's oldest and most reliable tests — has entered a new era of fine-tuning, with both a better understanding of when to do the procedure and the introduction of technology that promises to improve it.

But a huge debate, brewing for several years, has mushroomed over whether new technologies are worth their price tags. They cost an additional \$5 to \$50 per test and aren't covered by many insurance plans. The national implications are even larger. Altogether, the tests could add \$1 billion a year to the nation's health care budget, according to one manufacturer.

The Pap smear usually is very accurate in detecting cervical cancer, doctors say. But because detection of abnormal cells that could be earlier signs of cancer is tedious and prone to error, several manufacturers have begun to offer new devices that promise a profit per test of \$10 and greater reliability. A further dispute with doctors has emerged because some companies advertise directly to consumers, painting the Pap test as imperative.

"I don't know the price tags of the new technology, but I know I need medical care for the rest of my life and it already has cost \$100,000," says Carol Arment of Toms River, N.J., a cervical cancer survivor and founder of the Center for Cervical Health.

The Hematology and Pathology Devices Panel of the federal Food and Drug Administration is reviewing studies by Neopath Inc., a Radmon, Wash., manufacturer of computer technology, to improve the Pap test. The company is seeking federal approval to pave the way for broader acceptance of its AutoPap program.

"We believe that use of the technology, in conjunction with the Pap smear, will establish a new standard of care," says William Scott, vice president and chief financial officer of Neopath.

Meanwhile, doctors and medical students are trying to decide what they say is the needed in the debate. Several have been critical about the costs of the new devices and question whether they significantly improve detection.

Last week, in the Jan. 21 issue of *Journal of the American Medical Association*, Air Force doctors reported on a study of PapNet, another computer program to improve detection. It involved 5,478 women tested at 12 women's clinics in the United States and Japan. The team concluded that PapNet found very few additional abnormalities that people didn't spot under a microscope.

The cost of manual rechecking

Some commonly asked questions

Q: How is the best performed 12.54 days after the onset of the first menstruation? Is this the best time to check for infection? Do Pap smears work better if they are taken before sex for 24 to 48 hours before the test?

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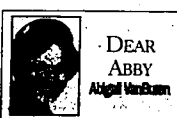
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Live-in girlfriend not yet family

DEAR ABBY: My son is angry. He demands that I apologize because I said his live-in girlfriend is not really family. This is a girl I would welcome as a daughter-in-law, but unless they marry, I do not consider her one of the family.



They are both divorced and think marriage is just a "cheap license and a few minutes in front of a minister."

—Disagree:— I think marriage is very important. It shows commitment that living together does not.

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What do you think, Abby?

DEAR ABBY: I am writing in response to the letter from Mike Smith, who was concerned that Veterans Day is no longer recognized.

—DEBORAH L. BLAND, ROCKDALE, TEXAS

DEAR UPSET: I agree with you. The difference between a live-in arrangement and a marriage is the difference between night and day.

DEAR ABBY: I have written a response to the letter from Mike Smith, who was concerned that Veterans Day is no longer recognized.

My husband and I recently joined a new church. We met a wonderful lady there whose friendship we would like to retain.

—Next of kin, a spouse can automatically make decisions about medical care should his or her mate become unable to do so.

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PLEASE, NO SALE

In some states, living together for a specified number of years confers common-law marriage. In those states, it is legal and binding. However, not all

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of Pap slides, resulting in detection of an abnormality, was \$1,065, compared to \$337.81 for each abnormality found when rechecked with the PapNet system, said Dr. Timothy O'Leary, the lead author, with the Air Force Institute of Pathology in Washington, D.C.

A bigger fear is that technology may price Pap smears out of reach of the women who need them most.

Nationwide, 54 percent of American women have annual Pap smears; 50 million Pap smears are performed annually in the United States.

Some doctors ask: Wouldn't money spent on new technologies that may not be vastly superior to conventional Pap tests — or, at least now — be better spent on

expanding educational campaigns, or even providing free tests for women who can't afford conventional Pap tests? Who are most at risk of cervical cancer?

"Why shouldn't we spend all this money, and probably less, for manual screening of underserved populations?" asks Dr. Michael Stanley, chairman of the department of pathology, Hennepin County Medical Center, Minneapolis, in an editorial this month in the *American Journal of Clinical Pathology*. Stanley says enough questions have been raised by scientists studying the new technologies that "unless the industry has major surprises," most computer Pap technologies are "an idea that's time has not yet come."

Whitaker said the age range apparently is a "critical developmental period, just as it is for language development or capacity for listening to music or any of a number of things."

The finding has no immediate practical implication, Whitaker said. But more research could reveal strategies to help early rebounders avoid obesity.

A researcher not associated with the study agreed.

"In terms of understanding causes and possibly understanding intervention points, this is potentially very important," said Aviva Must, a childhood obesity researcher at New England Medical Center in Boston.

Meanwhile, federal researchers reported Monday that the number of overweight children continued to increase through 1994.

At young children, for example, there was no significant rise in calorie consumption correspond-

ing to the rise in overweight children, said epidemiologist Richard Troiano of the National Cancer Institute.

"There needs to be a healthy diet, but rather than trying to figure out what foods to take away and restrict, I find it is a more positive message to encourage more physical activity," said Troiano, the lead author of the report in a supplement on childhood obesity published by the *American Academy of Pediatrics*.

Troiano's report classified children as overweight if they had a greater body-mass index — which combines weight and height — than 95 percent of children their age had in the mid-60s.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Got 5 minutes? Color your hair

DEAR PAULA: What can you tell me about the "new" five-minute hair colorings? I know the new women's versions are the same as the older men's versions, but in larger bottles. How do all these work?

—PATTI, SALT LAKE CITY

DEAR PATTI: I've done some interesting things, and here is what I can tell you.
Basically, the five-minute hair dyes cover the entire head, so you don't have to separate the hair. They offer fewer color choices and less control, but can be done more frequently. For men and women with shorter, darker hair, they can be a great option.

They are less appropriate for someone with long hair who just wants to color the roots. Repeatedly saturating the rest of the hair with dye will make it too dark over time. If you want precise coloring, wish to avoid coating the length of the hair with dye, and want to cover the gray thoroughly, these five-minute dyes are not the way to go.

For example, I recently cut my hair short and am finding that my short hair is less manageable than my long hair. I am currently using extra-control hold gel, but it isn't heavy enough to keep the frizziness and the "wandering" layers under control. I have been given numerous recommendations by friends and hope you will be able to help me to make a good, informed decision. The products recommended are: Aveda Pureform Brilliant Anti-Humectant Pomade; Kiehl's Creme with Silk Groom, Phytoherathrie Phytoefrisant, Redken One to One Hair Straightener, and John Frieda's Frizz Ease.

—MARIETTA

DEAR MARIETTA: It's possible that product choice isn't the issue, but rather the styling tools you are using.

For example, using styling agents without the right blow dryer and brushes will only make your hair's stubborn nature more apparent. You need a blow dryer with a high wattage (over 1,700) it can be too strong and will blow the life out of your hair. If the wattage is too weak (less than 1,200), it won't blow hot enough to reshape your hair. However, if your hair can take it, using a blow dryer with higher heat (meaning watts) offers better control for those with coarse, curly hair. Both Revlon and Vidal Sassoon have introduced higher-wattage blow dryers (both over 1,875 watts) to help women create the ultra-straight do's that have taken over hair fashion in the past two years. Both are worth checking out, and they are both about \$20.
When styling, always use the



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Paula Begoun

highest heat setting (high heat isn't the best for keeping hair healthy, but it will make the hair go in the direction you want it to), and use a round bristle brush with a metal base. The bristles should be soft, but not so soft that they don't hurt the scalp. The metal base helps heat up the hair closest to the scalp, so the part away from the direct heat can get recharged. Do not use a vent brush or a wide-toothed brush. Using them won't help reheat the hair shaft; it will only blow air through the hair, which can help it dry faster, but won't help with control.

All of the products you mention have different benefits and can work for different hair types.

Aveda Pureform Brilliant Anti-Humectant Pomade is best for coarse, dry, damaged hair, but it won't hold hair in place very well. Kiehl's Creme with Silk Groom is best for dry, damaged hair, but it also won't hold stubborn hair in place very well. Phytoherathrie Phytoefrisant is a good silicone product, but not much of a styling agent.

Redken One-to-One Hair Straightener is a lightweight styling product that adds softness with a small amount of hold. John Frieda's Frizz Ease is strictly a silicone oil that helps make hair very soft and combable; it is not a styling product in terms of hold and shape. The straightening product from Redken is your best choice for making hair feel soft and adding control.

Paula Begoun is the author of several books on cosmetics, including "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (Beginning Press, \$13.95), a nononsense paperback guide to brand-name cosmetics.

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Doctors peer elsewhere for heart disease signs

The Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Passing a physical exam doesn't mean there's no danger of heart disease. In fact, research suggests the standard exam may not be thorough enough.

Scientists estimate that 25 percent of people who have heart attacks have none of the traditional risk factors such as high cholesterol, a smoking habit, or high blood pressure.

So to figure out why people who pass their physicals fall when it comes to heart disease, researchers are looking for other warning signals.

"If we can figure out who's at higher risk, we can do a better job of preventing heart disease," said Dr. Paul Ridker, a cardiologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston.

One day, doctors may be expanding the list of blood tests for heart disease to include much more than the standard cholesterol measurements. Scientists are investigating a host of molecules present in the bloodstream that may increase the risk of heart disease. Researchers are also working to pinpoint genes that seem to factor into the complicated equation that predicts who develops heart disease and who doesn't.

For a test to become standard fare in annual physicals, researchers say it has to do two things. First, the test has to provide information above and beyond what current tests show. For example, a test that measures a particular blood component linked to heart disease is useless if the cholesterol readings also indicate the same problem. In such a scenario, cholesterol readings would tell doctors all they need to know.

Second, doctors have to be able to help patients whose test results show potential problems. So even if, say, molecule X were the best predictor in the world for heart disease, it wouldn't be worth testing for if doctors couldn't do anything to change its levels.

One bloodstream molecule that researchers are investigating is known as C-reactive protein. The protein, associated with inflammation, is produced by the liver in response to an infection. But some people — those who

apparently have chronic, low-grade inflammation — have higher levels of the protein. In a study published last year in The New England Journal of Medicine, Ridker and his colleagues followed men at the upper end of the normal range of C-reactive protein.

The researchers found that eight to 10 years later, the men were three times as likely to have had a heart attack and twice as likely to have suffered a stroke. Aspirin, a drug known to control inflammation, reduced the risk for heart attack in the men with the highest levels of the protein.

What's interesting about C-reactive protein, Ridker said, is that it does tell doctors more than the standard cholesterol tests and a variety of others. And, he said, the connection between inflammation and heart disease makes some sense.

Inflammation "activates immune system cells, which are thought to help provoke the buildup of plaque that clogs arteries.

When those plaques rupture, clots can form, which can block blood flow to the heart muscle and cause a heart attack. But just because traditional risk factors don't account for all cases of heart disease, doctors say that's not a reason to ignore the basics.

"Across the board, Americans smoke too much, weigh too much, and exercise too little, and have too high a level of cholesterol,"

Ridker said. "If you want to reduce your risk, lose weight, stop smoking, reduce your cholesterol."

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- CPR Class * Monday, March 9, 4 - 7 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. To register call 737-2007.
- Prepared Childbirth Course * Tuesdays, March 10 - April 7, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
- Cesarean Childbirth Class * Wednesday, March 11, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.
- Cancer Support Group * Thursday, March 12, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Cancer Center Reception Area. For more information call 737-2800.
- Infant CPR Class * Thursday, March 12, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.
- CPR Class * Saturday, March 14, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. To register call 737-2007.
- Childbirth Refresher Course * Tuesday, March 17, 7 - 10 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.

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Study: Most dog-bite victims are under 14

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Jonathan Silver was walking home from the bus stop last October when a neighbor's 46-pound dog knocked him to the ground and bit him so many times that he needed 10 stitches.

Today the 8-year-old Chevy Hill boy refuses to play — or even walk — alone on the line outside his home. "It was a very traumatizing incident," said his father, Marc Silver.

Each year, about 4.5 million people in the United States are bitten by dogs. About 334,000 of them end up in emergency rooms across the country, according to a report by Allegheny University researchers in Wednesday's *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

Like Jonathan Silver, half of the victims are under 15 years old. The highest incidence of dog bites occurs in boys between the ages of 5 and 9. "Considering the risk to large parts of the population, especially to children, it is necessary that effective preventive strategies be developed and applied to reduce the painful and costly burden of dog bites," wrote researchers Harold Weiss, Deborah Friedman and Jeffrey Cohen in the journal. "We know little about which strategies work or don't work."

The researchers estimated

emergency room costs to treat bite injuries exceed \$100 million a year. The costs are highest when additional medical care, such as cosmetic surgery and follow-up visits, are needed.

The Allegheny researchers, who work in Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, examined nationwide emergency-room data for 1992 through 1994. They found that dog bites are seen more often in ERs than injuries stemming from playground accidents, in-line skating or horseback riding.

The study did not address whether dog bites were on the rise. But surveys taken in 1986 and 1994 by the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) found a 23 percent increase in the number of dog bites requiring medical attention. said Jeffrey Sacks, medical epidemiologist with the CDC's Center for Injury Prevention and Control.

TO DO FOR YOU

Learn about breast cancer

TWIN FALLS — The Facts About Breast Cancer: Breast Screening Education program will be offered free to the public through the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Outpatient Services, 526 Shoup Ave. W, Suite J.

The program will include facts about early detection, self-breast examination, examinations by clinical specialists and mammography. For more information or to make an appointment, call 736-1675.

Caesarean birth class set

TWIN FALLS — A caesarean childbirth class will be offered at 7 p.m. Wednesday in the Education Center at the MVRMC. Pre-registration is not required.

Cancer Support Group meets

TWIN FALLS — The Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the Cancer Center reception area at MVRMC. For more information, call 737-2800.

Education Center at MVRMC. Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2900.

Brothers group gathers

TWIN FALLS — The Magic Breathers Club will meet at 2 p.m. March 17 at the College of Southern Idaho Senior Annex Room, 998 Washington St. N.

Susan Beck, certified massage therapist, will discuss therapeutic massage for relief of chronic long-stress. Gentle stretch-band exercises will be demonstrated.

CPR, first aid classes set

TWIN FALLS — The American Red Cross schedules twice-weekly Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid Recertification classes at 9 a.m. each Tuesday and at 1 p.m. each Friday. If your certification 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-payment is required for registration in all classes.

Infant CPR class starts soon

TWIN FALLS — An infant CPR class will be offered at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Education Center at the MVRMC. Pre-registration is not required.

Saturday CPR class begins

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.

Red Cross offers classes

TWIN FALLS — A community first aid and safety (infant, child and adult CPR) nine-hour course will be offered at 8 a.m. March 21 at the American Red Cross.

Cost is \$40 and pre-payment is required. To register, call 733-6464 or stop by the office at 718 Shoshone St. E.

Adult CPR, first aid class set

TWIN FALLS — A standard first aid (adult CPR and first aid) six and one-half hour class will be offered at 6 p.m. March 25 and 26 at the American Red Cross.

Cost is \$35 and pre-payment is required. To register, call 733-6464 or stop by the office at 718 Shoshone St. E.

Hospital offers CPR class

TWIN FALLS — A CPR class will be offered at 9 p.m. Friday in the doctor's meeting room at MVRMC. To register, call 737-2007.

Learn first aid and CPR

TWIN FALLS — A standard first aid (adult CPR and first aid) six and one-half hour class will be offered at 9 a.m. Saturday at the American Red Cross.

Cost is \$35 and pre-payment is required. To register, call 733-6464 or stop by the office at 718 Shoshone St. E.

Childbirth refresher course set

TWIN FALLS — A childbirth refresher course will be offered at 7 p.m. March 17 in the

Childbirth course begins

TWIN FALLS — A prepared childbirth course will be offered at 7 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning this Tuesday through April 7, in the Education Center at MVRMC. Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2900.

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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 83403, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

Are depression, heart disease linked?

The Washington Post

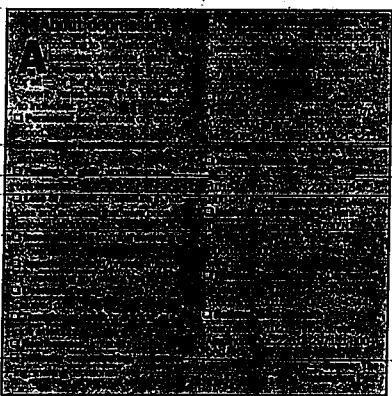
"My life ... sinks down to death, oppressed with melancholy."
— Shakespeare

Through the centuries, poets and writers have poignantly described how extreme sadness — what is now called clinical depression — can lead to illness and even death. In classic literature, tragic characters took to their beds and died, felled presumably by the intensity of their depression.

Many doctors have also long recognized the role that emotion plays in illness, noting that the will to survive can make a huge difference in survival. They also know that illness can have a profound psychological effect on patients. Now new research suggests that depression and heart disease are inextricably linked in a potentially fatal combination.

"Depression is a disease with an enormous impact on many people," said Alexander Classman, co-author of a review article on depression and heart disease published last month in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*. "It takes an appalling toll, and now we see that not only does it affect your psychological health, it affects your physical health too."

In their article, Classman and Peter A. Shapiro from Columbia University's College of Physicians and Surgeons point to five studies published in the past two years



that found that physically healthy people who suffered from clinical depression were significantly more likely to develop heart disease than their non-depressed counterparts. In addition, a number of studies have shown that depressed patients face nearly double the risk of a heart attack that those who are not depressed have.

Depression also seems to help

determine how long people with heart disease will survive. Patients who are depressed after suffering a heart attack — either because they had previously suffered from depression or develop it as a result of their heart problems — also have a worse long-term prognosis. Their risk of suffering a second heart attack is about three times higher than their happier counterparts.

For these reasons, "the need to find a safe and effective treatment for depressed patients with heart disease has intensified," said Bruce G. Pollock, director of the geriatric psychopharmacology program at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine and a co-author of a report on a multicenter trial of drug treatments for depression and heart disease published last month in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

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Ban trampolines from yards, docs urge

Knight Ridder News Service

Decrying an "epidemic" of broken legs, shattered arms and banged-up heads, a top medical journal is calling for a far-reaching ban on trampolines and urging parents to banish them from their backyards.

A study appearing in the March edition of the journal *Pediatrics* reports that trampolines are responsible for nearly 250,000 visits to U.S. hospital emergency rooms by children from 1990 through 1995.

That prompted the recommendation by the journal, the nation's premier magazine of pediatric medicine, that trampolines should not be sold for private recreational use.

"Trampolines were designed to be gymnastic training devices — they were never designed to be used as a backyard toy," said the study's author, Dr. Gary A. Smith, director of emergency medicine at Children's Hospital in Columbus, Ohio. "It really is horrifying to think that by virtue of putting down \$250, a parent is

able to take these home, put them up in their backyard and consider themselves trained gymnastics experts."

That is not a view shared by Bud Nichols, the general manager of a company called Jumping, the nation's biggest manufacturer of trampolines.

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Worse yet, if nephew gets in trouble with judgment creditors, a bankruptcy trustee, the IRS, or an angry wife — you'll find yourself in the same unenviable spot. Best advice: "just say no" to real estate joint tenancy!

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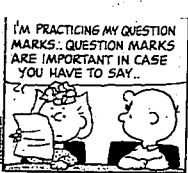
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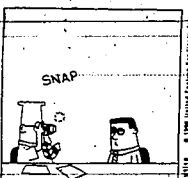
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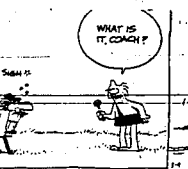
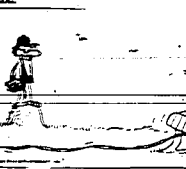
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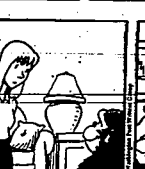
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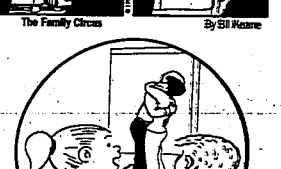
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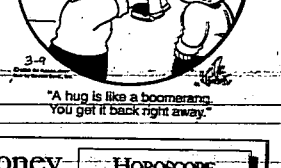
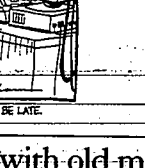
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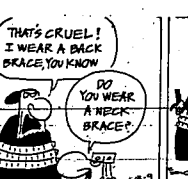
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Bank heats with old money

It was in 1917 that O.F. Rohwedder invented the bread slicer, and it turned out to be the most important invention since... How many bones your cat has depends on the length of its tail... The United States manufactures about 70 percent of the world's aspirin...

WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

buckets of ice cubes are delivered to Congressional offices every day... Almost always, the grocery store the ice on salad bears is kale... You don't find hosts like John Singer Sargent anymore...

HOROSCOPE Sydney Ozaner

IF MARCH 9 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY... Before March is finished, you will benefit tremendously... ARIES (March 21-April 19): You'll be called upon to settle deep-seated issues... TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Examine position emphasizes basic values...

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

Saturday's Puzzle Solver with a grid and solutions for words like 'FLAMING', 'SLOTTED', 'MILKMAID'.

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THE ACES ON BRIDGE

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"Stolen sweets are best."

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West didn't get off to his best lead against today's spade game, but it didn't matter. South missed 15 his opportunity to press advantage.

With his worthless holding, West chose to lead a trump rather than risk trapping one of partner's key honors. In return, South's lead would have worked best, but how was West to know that?

Seeing little danger ahead, South took a card from East's East's king, and East made the obvious switch to clubs. South took dummy's king, led a trump to his nine, and led his second 10 for a finesse. East won his diamond 10 and led another club, and South was headed for defeat. The club defense took two diamonds, a defunct and a trump for one down. Where did South go wrong?

He was careless about counting his possible losers. He could afford to lose two diamonds and a trump, but he couldn't afford to lose a club.

South can virtually clinch his game by winning dummy's trump lead and a low diamond low club, his 10 at trick two. (Crossing to his heart king and passing his diamond 10 will also work.) East wins his diamond 10 and leads a club, but it's too late. South wins his club ace to lead a second diamond, establishing a diamond finesse in dummy. On this he discards his losing club and another club. East wins only three tricks.

Three key cards were offside for today's South. Nevertheless, East's hand didn't fall because of bad luck; it failed because of poor execution.

NORTH 30-34			
A 10 7 5			
K A 7 J			
K J 3			
K 8 5			
EAST			
K 8			
10 8 5			
Q 10 4			
Q J 10 7			
SOUTH			
Q J 9 6 3			
K Q 6			
10 8 4			
A 4 3			

Vulnerable: Both
Dealer: North

The bidding:

North	East	South	West
1NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Spade deuce

LEAD WITH THE ACES

South holds:

♠ K 10 8 3
♥ A 3 7 4
♦ Q 10
♣ 10 9 8

East South West North
1NT Pass 3♠ 4♣ Pass Pass

ANSWER: Only 10. Against a partscore no-trump contract, it's best to be passive. Force declarer to do his own work.

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