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'I know we can end suffering.'

- Laurie Simonds, Twin Falls Animal Shelter director



Business at the animal shelter in Twin Falls can get hectic in a hurry but not enough to inhibit "Mama," an cat living at the shelter, from playing as "Malachi" Bartlett, 7, watches in amusement.



Laurie Simonds, Twin Falls Animal Shelter director, enjoys the companionship of five dogs and 11 cats in her home. At work, the numbers jump to a different scale as Simonds advocates the humane treatment of animals.

A battle of love

Twin Falls animal shelter - and its director - wage never-ending crusade

By William Brock
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Crisis comes knocking every day at the Twin Falls Animal Shelter, and its director, Laurie Simonds, answers the door. Simonds and her employees - all women - routinely capture vicious dogs and stand up to the dogs' owners - who in many cases are irate men. They also play matchmaker for people who want to adopt a pet, expound on the responsibilities of ownership and turn dubious-looking people away empty-handed.

"They accept boxes of kittens and lame old dogs. Several times a day, they jab poison-filled needles into animals whose only crime was that someone didn't love them enough."

The number of animals passing through the cramped, cinder-block building is growing 10 percent a year, so there's no end in sight. It is a hectic, stressful and emotionally charged place to work.

"How bad can you feel on a daily basis and still do your job?" asked Simonds, who has been its director since 1988. "I can sympathize with people, but I can't cry with them anymore."



The numbers are enough to make a thoughtful person cry.

More than half of the dogs that enter the shelter - and nine out of 10 cats - are killed. In a typical week, that's about 25 dogs and 40 cats. In a typical month, it's at least three tons of dead critters tossed in the dump, Simonds said.

None of the cats and dogs are killed out of vengeance or blood-lust. The shelter's four full-time and two part-time employees love animals, and it shows: They frolic with the cats and take all but the meanest and infirmest dogs for a walk every day. They know every animal they kill.

Odd as it may sound, the killing is motivated by compassion. The last thing that badly injured animals, or those beaten by brutal owners, or garbage-eating strays, feel is a soft human touch and the price of a needle.

"I know we can end suffering," Simonds said. Companionship is essential, she said, adding that she would rather euthanize an animal than see it adapted by an unending human.

"You've got to find it the right home, or you're doing it a disservice," she said. "Nothing pains me more than a dog that's chained up all day or punished to a life of solitary confinement."

The turning point

Simonds knows a thing or two about hard times. One of seven children born to Italian immigrants, she was 8 when her father died; her mother, who never remarried, struggled to raise the children.

"When we were growing up, we had a dog - Tippy - that I loved to death," Simonds said. "It was sort of an emotional outlet 'cause I didn't have a father."

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Liver disease sparks worry in Gem State

The Associated Press

BOISE - If a disturbing trend holds, a serious liver infection virtually unknown 30 years ago will be one of the most common reportable diseases in Idaho this year.

Some of the nation's top public health officials are calling hepatitis C a silent epidemic because 4.5 million people have it, but only about 3 percent of them know it.

"I think it's so new that we're still trying to figure out what to do about hepatitis C," said Dr. Christine Hahn, state epidemiologist for Idaho. "We know that more and more people are going to come forward with the disease."

So far this year, 216 cases of hepatitis C, which can cause fatal liver damage, have been reported in Idaho, compared with 123 during all of 1997.

The numbers are increasing because Idaho is trying to better track the potentially fatal liver infection. If the pace continues, hepatitis C will be the No. 2 reportable disease in Idaho this year, second only to chlamydia, a common, sexually transmitted disease.

Widespread and in Idaho, public health officials are trying to encourage people who may have been exposed to the disease to get tested. Early diagnosis and treatment could help ward off liver damage.

Hepatitis C is spread through blood-to-blood contact. Soon after contracting the viral infection, victims may suffer flu-like symptoms including fatigue, fever, muscle and joint aches. That goes away, but up to 85 percent of new or infected patients may develop a chronic infection.

Psychiatrists predict more school violence

Heed student warning signs, they recommend

The Associated Press

ESTABLISHED - Like school shootings elsewhere around the nation, warnings apparently were ignored before a 14-year-old boy - nicknamed "Satan" by a friend - killed a science teacher and wounded three other people.

"It is one that this is repeating itself," said Dr. Ben Simpson, director of psychiatry at St. Francis Medical Center in Pittsburgh.

"I really think this has occurred enough times that teachers, principals and guidance counselors need to think about how they would handle students who make these statements about wanting to hurt people."

In the small northwest town of Edenboro, 14-year-old Andrew Worst opened fire at an eighth-grade dance late Friday, killing one teacher and slightly wounding a second teacher and two teen-age boys, police said.

The violence followed school shootings last month in Jonesboro, Ark., in December in West Paducah, Ky., and last October in Pearl, Miss. The toll from all four shootings: 11 killed and 25 wounded.

After a month ago, Worst told classmates he wanted to kill people and commit

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Montana women lived - and died - for their chicken farm

Pair kill themselves rather than suffer foreclosure.

The Associated Press

WHITEFISH, Mont. - Locals in this mountain resort town knew them as the Chicken Ladies. Friends invariably called them "the girls."

Maureen O'Boyle and Thelma Lee came to the Flathead Valley a quarter-century ago and literally carved a new life for themselves out of the lodgepole pine forest. On 100 acres on a lake they logged the timber, cleared the land, built themselves a house, barns and outbuildings and in the early 1980s started an organic chicken farm.

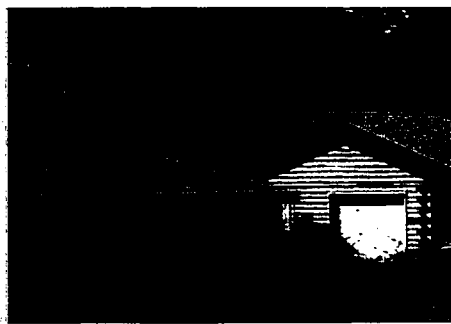
It was a dream spun from disillusionment with big city life. Thelma was divorced and a



Maureen O'Boyle and Thelma Lee

registered nurse. She'd been nursing supervisor at St. John's Hospital in Los Angeles for 17 years. Maureen, a graduate of Carroll College in Hebert, was a Los Angeles hospital nurse, and also worked for the telephone company.

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A chicken coop, left, and the garage of the the O'Boyle and Thelma Lee ranch in northwest Montana are shown in this photograph. Their bodies were found in the garage.

THE REGION

Comas Prairie

High: 58 Low: 26
Sunny today and warmer. Clear tonight. Warmer Tuesday with highs in mid 60s.

Treasure Valley

High: 69 Low: 42
Sunny today and warmer. Clear tonight. Warmer Tuesday with highs in mid 70s.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 60 Low: 28
Sunny today and warmer. Clear tonight. Warmer Tuesday with highs in mid 60s.

Eastern Idaho

High: 63 Low: 30
Sunny today and warmer. Clear tonight. Warmer Tuesday with highs in the high 60s.

Northern Idaho

High: 70 Low: 41
Sunny today and warmer. Clear tonight. Warmer Tuesday with highs in the low 70s.

Northern Utah

High: 62 Low: 35
Sunny today and warmer. Clear tonight. Warmer Tuesday with highs in mid 60s.

Northern Nevada

High: 67 Low: 39
Sunny today and warmer. Clear tonight. Warmer Tuesday with highs in mid 70s.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High: 66 Low: 36 Sunny and warmer.	High: 71 Low: 38 Sunny and warmer.	High: 70s Low: 30s Sunny and warm.	High: 70s Low: 30s Sunny and warm.	High: 70s Low: 30s Sunny and warm.

IDAHO Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, April 27.

Fronts: COLD, WARM, STATIONARY
Precip: H, L, S, R, T, F, P, S, N, I, G, C, D

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Yesterday	Normal	Year to date	Normal
56	32	56	32	63	32
49	37	49	37	49	37
63	37	63	37	63	37

Idaho

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho High/Low available
Boise	62	31	0.00	15/46
Burley	59	31	0.00	Stanley, 15/45
Fairfield	54	20	0.00	97 at Laughlin AFB, Ariz., Low, 15/41
Hagerman	m	m	0.00	Stanley.
Idaho Falls	57	28	0.00	
Jerome	56	27	0.00	
Lewiston	64	37	0.00	Comfort factors
Malad	m	33	0.00	Night humidity(4) pct.
Malla	55	21	0.00	Night barometer(30.2) F.
McCall	54	23	0.00	Pollen count: 9
Pococello	56	28	0.00	(multiple box extend)
Salmon	m	23	0.00	Low, Mid: 750
Stanley	50	15	0.00	(cloud/pressure), low
Sun Valley	m	15	0.00	Courtesy AccuWeather and Idaho Dept. of Health

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Allanquogue	48	42	59
Atlanta	73	49	28
Boston	54	51	33
Chicago	54	34	67
Denver	64	36	16
Des Moines	62	54	11
Detroit	49	44	123
Indianapolis	70	40	70
Kansas City	76	57	01
Las Vegas	75	58	00
Los Angeles	77	52	00
Memphis	77	61	00
Miami Beach	83	70	13
Minneapolis	66	48	08
New Orleans	80	60	36
New York	65	63	107
Oakland	77	52	05
Oklahoma City	80	67	02
Omaha	77	56	05
Phoenix	56	51	151
Pittsburgh	68	40	00
Portland, Ore.	68	40	00
Reno	76	29	00
San Antonio	74	58	00
Salt Lake City	59	38	00
San Francisco	74	52	00
Seattle	64	42	00
Spokane	66	34	00
Washington	70	59	00

Suicides

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After an idyllic camping trip in northwestern Montana, the women, the closest of friends although not directly linked — decided to make the Flathead their home.

For years, their children business had been a question from a dozen employees processing up to 2,000 chickens a week.

But when Marlene and Thelma wanted to expand, and sought a larger home, the decision was to sell. A misunderstanding with bankers — the women said they were led to — cut off their financing and killed their business.

A battle over \$600,000 in unpaid loans staggered on for 11 years. The women persisted doggedly without a lawyer. Too proud to accept charity, they scraped by on Thelma's \$600-a-month Social Security payment. When their finances broke down, they went through the tough winter of 1995-96 without heat, hot water, burning wood in a fireplace and living mostly in their kitchen.

U.S. marshals padlocked their garage Dec. 29 in preparation for seizure of the farm, but they hadn't realized the women were still there and removed the locks three days later. On Jan. 12, U.S. marshals arrested and Marlene wrote the women, expressing sympathy but saying they had to vacate.

Marshals came to take possession of the farm April 7. They found a note from the women on the front gate, leaving their possessions to a friend. Another note on the front door said they were leaving the farm to a friend. The marshals asked the sheriff's office to search the farm. Friends' guess it was approximately March 23 when Thelma and Marlene, who had been in the old pickup truck into the garage and gathered their 13 cars and three dogs inside. They shut the garage door and turned on the engine.



Neighbors gather Tuesday outside St. Charles Roman Catholic Church in Whitefish, Mont., before funeral services for Thelma Lee and Marlene O'Boyle. From left, Mel Kastalia, Billie Howell, Bonita Baker and Joe Howell.

Their bodies lay undiscovered until a friend, concerned about the missing women, opened the garage April 14. The sheriff's deputies had ignored the building because old hornet nests on the doors seemed to indicate the garage was unused.

Friends say they had wondered what the women would do, where they would go when the life they'd built was taken away from them.

"The last time I talked to them, they told me, 'We have a plan,' said Brock Wilson, a deputy who knew the women as a friend and who often played snow from their road in the winter. "It never even entered my mind that they would commit suicide."

Some are convinced that local politics played a part in the women's downfall, that powerful interests covered the top acres of prime real estate with 400 feet of frontage on Blanchard Lake.

"This was one of the biggest tragedies ever to hit this valley," said Dr. David Kauffman, a

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho/West: A high pressure ridge continued to build over the Gem state Sunday afternoon. Winds across the state were generally light and variable with mostly sunny skies and pleasant temperatures being reported.

Areas of scattered rain stretched through Arizona and New Mexico in Colorado and Texas. Along the southern Rockies, the rain turned to snow in the mountains of southern Colorado and north-central New Mexico, and a winter storm warning was posted for parts of the area.

East: Eastern showers and a few thunderstorms

stretched from Wisconsin and Illinois across Ohio into Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and southern New England.

From the main body of wet, stormy weather, a few light showers continued off the west, extending through southern Minnesota and curving northward across the Dakotas. The wet weather was moving slowly northward.

Scattered light showers also developed over the Tennessee Valley and central Appalachians.

Warning — U.S. reviews response to chemical attack

WASHINGTON (AP) — Concerned that the United States may be ill prepared for a chemical weapons attack, the Clinton administration is conducting a review of how the nation would respond to such a threat.

Underway for nearly a year, the review is expected to yield two new directives from President Clinton on enhancing the nation's ability to fend off chemical, biological or cyber-weapons and on responding swiftly if such an attack occurs, according to a White House official who spoke Sunday on condition of anonymity.

The review addresses several "transnational threats" such as terrorism, international crime and attacks on critical infrastructure, the official said. The official would not say when Clinton might issue the directives.

Congress also has been addressing the issue with a series of hearings and reports by the General Accounting Office.

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suaide, said friends Triston Lucas, 14, and Ben Mills, 13. "He had a really sick sense of humor," said Lucas. Neither boy accepted the threats at face value.

"He would, like, laugh when he said it: 'I'm going to go to the dinner dance and kill some people,'" Lucas said Saturday in Edinboro.

Mills said he had nicknamed Wurst "Satan" about five months ago because Wurst was a fan of rocker Marilyn Manson and his dark music.

According to the two boys, Wurst said he was unhappy at his home and became obsessive about girls.

At a Sunday morning news conference, Edinboro police refused to discuss Wurst's motive. They said they were still investigating classmates' reports that Wurst had talked of killing and shooting.

One of the teens accused in the Arkansas killings talked about shooting people the day before he did, but fellow students didn't take him seriously. The 14-year-old accused of shooting into a prayer circle in West Paducah warned friends to stay away from the gathering.

And in Mississippi, the five teens charged with murder allegedly conspired to take over the school and kill their enemies, attorneys have said.

Only after the shootings in Jonesboro and West Paducah did officials there begin talking about how to prevent them from happening. In Arkansas, schools are getting brochures with tips on spotting potentially violent students. Kentucky officials have suggested installing a telephone line to get tips from students about potential problems.

"One of things that parents need to do, I think, is tell their kids that if they hear anything about a kid being joking around about having a weapon, that has to be taken seriously and reported to an adult immediately," said Janet Riggs, who teaches at Gettysburg College.

IRS hearings filled coffers of some GOP candidates

WASHINGTON (AP) — A plan for a new round of Senate hearings into allegations of abuses by the IRS likely will mean money in the bank for some Republicans, who are sending out fundraising letters attacking the tax collector.

House Majority Leader Dick Armey and the National Republican Senatorial Committee are crediting last fall's widely publicized Senate Finance Committee hearings into the Internal Revenue Service for a jump in individual donations immediately afterward.

"That tells us we're beginning to strike a chord," said NRSC spokesman Mike Russell. "The issue of the IRS was a major part of the hearing and we're happy with that response."

"And more importantly, this IRS is one issue that's going to stay with us around the election cycle," he added. He said more letters are coming to keep up the pressure.

An original sponsor of the IRS overhaul package, Sen. Bob Kerrey, D-Nebr., said this fundraising emphasizes that Congress itself remains a significant cause of the IRS' problems. Lawmakers criticize IRS' shortcomings, then sponsor complex tax bills that further burden taxpayers, he said.

"We continue to see people speak out of both sides of their mouths," Kerrey said. "It deepens the American cynicism and skepticism about the Congress."

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, Miss., said this round of IRS letters before last September's hearings. An Associated Press analysis of

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Report: Many allegations were unfounded

WASHINGTON (AP) — Charges from last fall's Senate hearings that the Internal Revenue Service targeted poor people for audits and managers fabricated evidence are either unfounded or unsubstantiated, an internal Treasury Department report says.

The 11-page Treasury report surfaced as the Senate Finance Committee plans four days of hearings this week on the IRS' criminal investigations unit, among other issues.

The report, ordered by then-acting IRS Commissioner Michael P. Dolan, focused on eight dramatic allegations that Houston IRS agent Jennifer Loung delivered under oath in the September hearings. She said she stands by her accusations.

"The allegation that IRS management targets poor taxpayers was not substantiated," it said.

Records Election Commission found several individual donations for Lott's New Republican Majority Fund jumped from \$8,450 that month to \$78,550 in October.

Lott's office didn't return telephone calls to The Associated Press.

retired physician and longtime friend of the two women. "Instead of a going business with 17 employees, we have two dead bodies. And for what? Greed?"

Others see it as less sinister but perhaps equally tragic: two women trying to be their own lawyers in a complicated and protracted federal court battle against the bank and the Small Business Administration, which ended up owning the property.

"I didn't think they had a snowball's chance in hell" representing themselves, said Wendell Dunn, a Whitefish lawyer who handled the case for the women until they decided they could not afford an attorney.

"The women made an indelible mark on those who knew them best. "I'm still expecting her to call," said Gordon Rohlinger, a longtime friend. He said Marlene called often, "telling him for a sounding board for her problems."

It was Rohlinger, accompanied by neighbor Joe Howell, who found the bodies in the garage.

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Tobacco legislation smokes GOP senators

WASHINGTON (AP) — Sen. Orrin Hatch says sweeping anti-tobacco legislation written by his Republican colleague Sen. John McCain is fatally flawed because it would bankrupt tobacco companies. McCain predicted it will pass and gave two reasons why: Senators are patriotic, and they can't resist the money the law will bring in from the tobacco industry.

Hatch, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, and McCain, head of the Commerce Committee, are conservatives who usually see eye-to-eye. But they've been adversaries on the tobacco issue, with Hatch last week saying that McCain's bill was "pitiful."

The Utah senator kept up the attack Sunday on NBC's "Meet the Press," saying the legislation would push the price of a pack of cigarettes up more than \$5 dollars



Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, talks about tobacco legislation during a taping of "Meet the Press" Sunday, and result in black markets and bankruptcy for the tobacco industry.

try. The bill can't pass, he said, because "ultimately it will not work, and if it doesn't work then all of this goes down the drain."

But McCain, of Arizona, said his bill would win Senate approval for reasons both patriotic and "a little crass." Americans expect lawmakers to do something about teen smoking, he said, and "there's a lot of money that is going to be spent there, and politicians are very attracted to that."

The amount of money in McCain's bill, \$516 billion, is well above the \$368 billion the tobacco industry agreed to last June with the attorneys general of 40 states suing it. The McCain formula includes raising the tax on cigarettes by \$1.10 a pack by 2003 and giving the Food and Drug Administration new regulatory powers over tobacco.

Hatch has proposed a \$398 bil-

lion package of public health and anti-smoking programs, which he proclaimed is a "reasonable approach." "I don't want to drive the tobacco companies out of business, which is what his bill will do," Hatch said.

"I guarantee you there is not five votes for what Sen. Hatch just asked for, and that was to go easier on the tobacco companies," McCain replied. He said public health organizations "would be apologetic at Hatch's proposals."

Sen. John Chafee, R-R.I., part of a bipartisan group that introduced a separate, hard-hitting anti-tobacco bill, urged his colleagues to concentrate on the issue. "Attacking each other or making this a partisan battle just takes Congress' eye off the anti-tobacco ball," Chafee said after his colleagues' television appearance.

Video will help grand jurors look at Whitewater story

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hillary Rodham Clinton's videotaped testimony will help Whitewater grand jurors in Arkansas assess the first lady's account and could assist them in deciding whether criminal charges are warranted, legal experts said Sunday.

With the grand jury in Little Rock set to expire a week from Thursday, Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr is "close to a decision one way or the other on Mrs. Clinton, and he would want the grand jury to have a chance to look her in the eye before they signed off on the way or the other," Georgetown University law professor Paul Rothstein said.

"Jurors want to see people's faces, their eyes, their bodies, their movements when they talk," former Iran-Contra prosecutor John Douglas said. "If you can't do it live in front

of a grand jury, this would be the next best thing," Douglas said.

Lawyers familiar with the investigation, speaking on condition of anonymity, said the plan is to present Mrs. Clinton's five hours of videotaped testimony from Saturday to the grand jury in Little Rock. The panel, expiring May 7, has been investigating the roles of Mrs. Clinton and her former law partner Webster Hubbell in a failing Arkansas savings and loan owned by the Clintons' former business partner, Jim McDougal. Mrs. Clinton has steadfastly denied wrongdoing. Clinton defenders said Sunday that Starr should end his investigation of the first lady now.

"I don't think they've begun to find enough that they could indict her on," former White House lawyer Jane Shernburg said.

Ray's family seeks funeral at black church

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — The family of James Earl Ray, the convicted killer of Martin Luther King Jr., wants to hold a public funeral at a black church in the city where the civil rights leader was assassinated.

His brother hopes King's relatives, who believe Ray was not responsible for the 1968 killing, would attend a Memphis funeral. "It will be a memorial to James who he done 30 years for a crime that he didn't commit," Jerry Ray said Saturday in a telephone interview from his home in Smart, Tenn.

The Rays want to hold the funeral at Centenary United Methodist Church, a 650-member black church. The Rev. Herbert Lester, minister at the church, said Sunday he had not spoken to anyone about the planned funeral, but said, "I'd be open to talking about it."

A spokeswoman for the King family did not return a telephone message Sunday seeking comment on their possible attendance.

Ray, 70, died in Nashville Thursday from liver disease. Though Ray pleaded guilty to killing King and avoided the death penalty, he recanted his confession and maintained his innocence until the time of his death.

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GET IN THE GAME



President Clinton holds up a mock copy of a magazine called "Content" as he roasts the White House press corps Saturday at the White House Correspondents Association annual dinner.

Clinton, media trade quips

Wit, humor grab the best seats at annual White House dinner

WASHINGTON (AP) — For one night, President Clinton was a comedian — and stole the show with a string of one-liners that poked fun at his recent globetrotting and the rhetoric of regret he uttered while abroad.

With Paula Jones watching from a rear table and celebrities like Warren Beatty and Sharon Stone in the room, the president gave hired comedian Ray Romano a run for his money Saturday night at the 84th annual dinner of the White House Correspondents Association.

Of Romano, star of the CBS sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond," Clinton quipped: "Everybody loves Raymond? I can't stand a guy with a 100 percent approval rating."

"All over, TV executives are asking what can possibly fill the gaping hole on Thursday night once 'Seinfeld' goes off the air," Clinton continued. "I've got it: Congress on C-SPAN. Now there's a show about nothing."

He opened with a deadpan spoof of the greetings that he gave in his six-nation African tour — and, in a takeoff of his agonizing over an apology for slavery, expressed official "regret" for a number of things.

"It took until 1930 to welcome Pluto into the community of plan-

"I hardly have any time to read the news anymore. Mostly I just skim the retractions."

— Bill Clinton

ets, and that was wrong," Clinton said. "And I am so sorry about disco. I mean, that whole era of leisure suits and bean bag chairs and lava lamps, ... that was wrong. Then, there's the Susan B. Anthony dollar. It did look too much like a quarter."

He told the crowd of 2,600 journalists and guests in the Washington Hilton ballroom that he was pleased to be visiting America. "This Washington is a very special place, and Hillary and I will never forget our visit here," he said.

"The crowds who greet me here are not quite as adoring as in other nations I've visited lately, but they seem occasionally friendly nonetheless," the president said. "I've even sampled some of your indigenous cuisine. Your hamburgers are quite tasty. Sort of a meat sandwich."

Later, Beatty and his wife, actress Annette Bening, hob-

nobbed at a post-dinner bash thrown by Vanity Fair magazine. So did actors Richard Dreyfuss and Michael Douglas, mystery author Walter Mosley, actress-playwright Anna Devere Smith and Anna Perez, former spokeswoman for first lady Barbara Bush.

Before the dinner, Donna Shalala, secretary of health and human services, schmoozed with former Clinton aide George Stephanopoulos, and Secretary of State Madeleine Albright worked a reception hall just yards away from Henry Kissinger, who was doing the same.

Clinton ignored the presence of Mrs. Jones, who was the guest of conservative Insight magazine. He joked that he hadn't kept up with the news since the Pope's trip to Cuba in January, the same week that the investigation of his alleged relationship with former intern Monica Lewinsky became public.

"I hardly have any time to read the news anymore. Mostly I just skim the retractions," he said. Neither Lewinsky nor her lawyer, William Ginsburg, were present.

A crowd of onlookers screamed and strained against a rope barricade when Mrs. Jones arrived with her husband Stephan and spokeswoman Susan Carpenter McMillan. A few scattered boos were heard.

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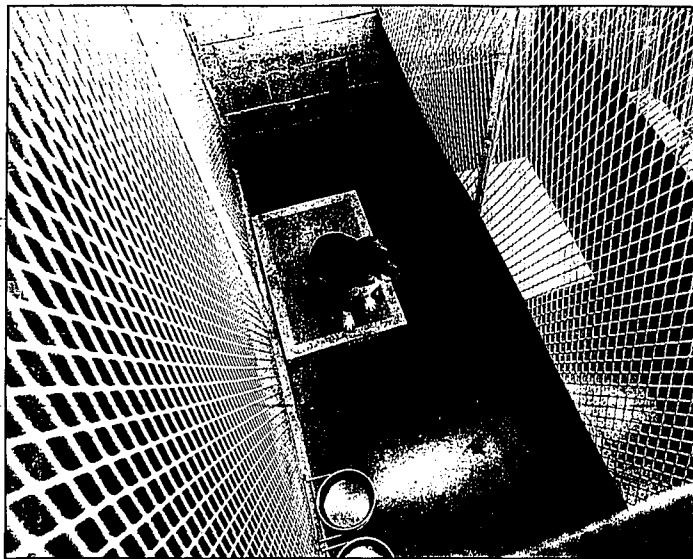
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A wayward beagle waits timidly for someone to take him home before his time at the pound is exhausted. The animal shelter is only obligated to keep strays 48 hours, but that time is extended if there is evidence of an owner.

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Shelter

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Tippy was allowed to run loose and Tippy got run over - by the dogcatcher - when Simonds was 20.

A few years later, when she was living in Palo Alto, Calif., Simonds got her first "own" dog. He was sick his entire life, Simonds said, "and that's when I got used to caring for a sick animal."

Today, at 43, she is shamelessly devoted to animals. She and her husband, local dermatologist Alan Olmstead, and their two daughters tend to a home menagerie of two pygmy goats, two canaries, five horses, five dogs and 11 cats.

A woman who rarely stops talking, Simonds planned to attend law school - then changed her mind to work on a master's degree in special education. Her goal was to become a speech therapist; she completed all of the course work but never wrote the thesis.

While attending the University of Utah, she began picking up strays and taking them to the animal shelter in Salt Lake City. The trend continued after she moved back to Twin Falls, then other people began sending her with entire litters of dogs and cats.

Over time, she began inviting Humane Society officials from Boise to speak to local schools about responsible pet ownership. Over time, the Humane Society officials persuaded her to establish a program in Twin Falls.

The early years

Twin Falls had a "hound pound" in the late 1980s, but it wasn't a very humane place. Simonds agreed to take over, but she was determined to expand the operation to include all of Twin Falls County.

That meant convincing local-government officials to fund the shelter's budget. Simonds prevailed and, these days, the city contributes \$115,000 per year, while the county kicks in \$21,000. Simonds earns \$20,000 per year.

The Twin Falls County Commission wasn't an easy sell. Simonds said, adding that she clashed with then-County Commissioner Norma Blass.

Simonds felt Blass was indifferent to the shelter's needs. The two women aren't friends, but Blass said she respects the job Simonds has done with stray animals.

"They used to be dumped rural.

City ponders Simonds' dog licence suggestion

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Reducing the number of sexually active dogs on the loose is a prime goal for the Twin Falls Animal Shelter and its director, Laurie Simonds.

She has proposed a new licensing fee schedule with hefty incentives for dogs to be spayed or neutered. City officials are drafting her proposal into an amendment for the City Council to consider.

Currently, the city charges \$5 per year to license spayed and neutered dogs, and \$10 for dogs that are sexually intact. Simonds is asking the city to:

- Raise the "unaltered" fee to \$15 for all dogs over six months of age.
- Charge \$30 to license unaltered dogs that are nabbed while running at large; a \$15 rebate would be given if the dog is altered within 30 days of capture.

ly all the time, but since her program got going, you don't see near the amount of dogs dumped off," Blass said.

As for Simonds, Blass said, "I thought she'd burn out on it, because that's a tough job."

Endless supply of animals

Over the years, Simonds and her employees have gotten to know an astonishing number of troublesome dogs and cats - and humans - in the Twin Falls area. She has developed a no-nonsense style and has given negligent owners "dog-at-large" citations after euthanizing their dogs.

"That way, they'll have a memento of their own irresponsibility," she said. "If the dog had to pay with its life, they can pay with some money."

Such incidents are rare, but a single hour on a recent weekday afternoon illustrated how hectic the shelter director's job can be.

A 16-year-old boy tried to claim his young rottweiler, which had been impounded for running at large. The dog had a deep, open wound under one shoulder,

- Require negligent owners to have their dogs neutered or spayed - at their expense - if the dogs wind up at the shelter three times in one year.

There are several reasons for targeting dogs that are sexually intact, Simonds said.

For starters, virtually all vicious-dog attacks are committed by animals that haven't been spayed or neutered, she said. Roughly 85 percent of all dogs put to death at the shelter have not been altered.

Finally, dogs that haven't been neutered or spayed will continue to breed - which means more pups, more strays, more vicious dogs and more dead dogs at the animal shelter.

The only reason not to alter a pet, Simonds said, is if the owner wants to breed the animal. Few people think of themselves as breeders, she said, adding it's common sense to prevent pets from breeding if you're not a breeder.

an adult, was a good match for him. She talked him out of it and the fellow left, empty-handed, but not angry.

"We don't do that here," Simonds said, "but I can give you a \$10-off coupon. It sounds like she's long overdue - what's that? - you didn't know she could get pregnant?"

By this time, the waiting room was filled with people.

One fellow loudly declared he's "getting rid of a wife and her damned pens." Somebody arrived with a stray cat in a trap and, a few minutes later, somebody else arrived with another cat in a trap. A stylishly dressed woman walked in, asking to adopt a cat.

The phone rang again and a visitor remarked that Simonds probably would never catch up.

"Never," she said, "say 'never' to me."

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Mormon leader urges 'great devotion' at Garden gathering

NEW YORK (AP) - Some 24,000 friends and followers of the Mormon church filled Madison Square Garden on Sunday, turning "the world's most famous arena" into a house of worship.

"Some complain that ours is not an easy religion, and it is not," said Gordon B. Hinckley, president of the church. "It is a church that requires great devotion."

For the gathering, "Budweiser" signs were covered and neon lights advertising "Coca-Cola" stayed unlit.

The crowd, the largest assembling ever by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in New York, actually outnumbered the 20,000 estimated number of church members in the metro area. Non-church members who attended included journalist Mike Wallace who once interviewed Hinckley for the television program "60 Minutes."

The service, called a "devotional residence" by the church, touched often on the religion's humble beginnings in 1830 and

how it was able to expand to an institution with 10 million members in more than 150 nations.



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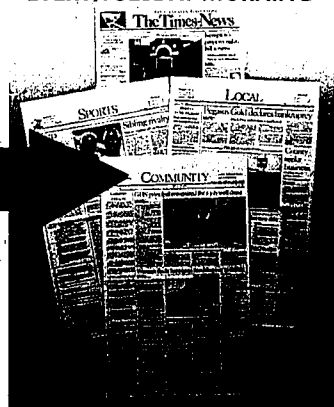
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Catie Follow of Twin Falls cuddles two puppies that were left at the shelter. Follow spends time at the animal shelter walking dogs and caring for animals that hopefully will become someone else's pets.

Pennsylvania Avenue question arises

What is it? Main street, promenade, roller rink or what?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Some think Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House should be the nation's Main Street, central thoroughfare of the capital's bustling downtown.

Others envision a grand avenue, with tree-lined boulevards and carriages for a king — or at least a president.

The Blades of Justice, young downtown professionals with a penchant for inline skating, see the avenue's closed-off 1,500 and 1600 blocks as a perfect roller-hockey rink.

Since the Clinton Service persuaded the Clinton administration to ban skating three years ago, the two-block stretch has become the most congested space in Washington. Last year, some House members even tried to get the money for District of Columbia operations to a requirement that the road be reopened.

The Treasury Department ordered a safety appraisal of the area in 1994, which contained a small plane on the south lawn of the White House and a gas tank opened fire in front of it. The street was closed just after the April 19, 1995, bombing of the World Trade Center Federal Building in Oklahoma City.

Officials say the streets that prompted the closure project. A Treasury Department official said the streets and sidewalks remain "clearly maintained to do historic damage. The capacity for a vehicle laden with a bomb to do harm has not changed."

Restoring to security personnel, the 1600 block of Pennsylvania Avenue has become a haven for cyclists, tourists and runners who fear the broad downtown traffic.

"There's not many places around here you can go and not worry about becoming road kill," said rollerblader Karla Balouras, who skates along the stretch during her lunch break.

Said D.C. Resident John



Pedestrians walk on Pennsylvania Avenue in front of the White House Friday.

Moore, 33, Blades of Justice goalie during off-time from his Justice Department job. "This is really the only place we have to play downtown."

For almost two years, Moore's self-styled roller-hockey team, comprising several Justice employees, have hit the Pennsylvania pavement with their game. They can be seen at midday, scurrying a rubber ball into portable nets.

The National Park Service has grouped a \$50 million plan to redesign the area into a President's Park, incorporating Pennsylvania Ave. into Lafayette Park, which borders it.

According to blueprints, paved roads and shrubbery would help increase the civic space envisioned by Thomas Jefferson but never quite achieved.

Some business groups and lawmakers contend the street closes

ing does more to divide the city than to bring its residents together.

"It has been a concern that having Pennsylvania Avenue closed has broken the city into two," said Tom Wilbur, president of the D.C. Building Industry Association. "There are private offices and restaurants located on the west side of town, but we are just starting to get some of those amenities on the east side."

Wilbur said the closed street hinders downtown commerce, particularly a business improvement district designated between 3rd and 16th streets.

A Treasury Department report released last summer concluded the street closing costs the city about \$400,000 a year in revenue lost from parking meters and higher Metrobus expenses.

Then there's traffic congestion

about 26,000 cars a day are diverted to other streets.

"One of the strengths of Washington is that it's supposed to be easy to drive in the center city," Wilbur said.

Some lawmakers, such as Sen. Rod Grams, R-Minn., have opposed the closing on civic grounds and want no taxpayer money spent on President's Park.

"Tourists come out to see the nation's capital — the symbol of freedom and democracy — and are met with barricades," said Peter Hong, Grams' spokesman.

But an environmental assessment by the Treasury Department concluded the damage done by the closing was are met with barricades, said Peter Hong, Grams' spokesman. But an environmental assessment by the Treasury Department concluded the damage done by the closing was insignificant. The finding gave the National Park Service the go-ahead to pitch its proposals.

Chairman conjures low-calorie budget

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The House Budget Committee, stymied for months by indecision over spending and tax priorities, is nearing completion of a new budget plan that would cut domestic funding by an additional \$154 billion over the next five years to underwrite new tax cuts, increased highway spending and other congressional interests.

The proposed new cuts in domestic programs would be more than twice the amount of savings already required under last year's balanced-budget agreement. The new plan, providing for \$1.7 trillion of overall spending in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, also calls for the elimination of the departments of Energy and Commerce, a reprise of Republican proposals that were rejected during the 1995-96 budget wars between Congress and the Clinton administration.

House Budget Committee Chairman John R. Kasich, R-Ohio, and other senior panel members describe the plan as a work in progress that attempts to reconcile competing interests while advancing Republican philosophy. Kasich intends to unveil the details early this week to the House Republican Conference.

"We're going to have a long

process of talking to everybody in the conference and getting them to say again, yes, we are the party for less spending, less taxes, saving Social Security, and paying down the (national) debt," Kasich said.

But the proposal would provide for more in tax relief and spending cuts than allowed under the Senate-passed budget resolution and has drawn criticism from some House leaders and others who fear the cuts are too draconian and politically unacceptable.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bob Livingston, R-La., said last week the spending bills for the coming year already are tight and he doubted he could win majority support for more cuts.

An aide to Rep. John M. Sprain Jr., S.C., the ranking Democrat on the Budget Committee, warned that "You can't cut more than \$100 billion in nondefense discretionary without cutting key programs like Head Start, law enforcement, women and infant feeding."

Kasich has also come under

Defense secretary warns of furloughs if bills fails

WASHINGTON (AP) — Defense Secretary William Cohen is urging Congress to approve a multibillion dollar emergency spending bill by early May or risk widespread furloughs of civilian military employees.

Cohen also warned Sunday that if the government fails to close military bases it no longer needs — an extraordinarily sensitive issue in Congress — the Pentagon would have to cut back on high-technology weapons at the future.

Appearing on "Fox News Sunday," Cohen said he must decide soon whether to order layoffs. "We may have to furlough some of the civilian workers," he said. "I'll have to make that decision soon, the first week in May, in order to give the appropriate legal notice that certain people will be without work for a week, two weeks, possibly even a month. It's a serious issue for us."

The Defense Department employs around 800,000 civilians.

Justice Department paints bleak picture of inmates in nation's jails

WASHINGTON (AP) — Almost half the female inmates and 13 percent of jailed men have been abused sexually or physically at least once in their lives, according to a profile of the nation's local jail inmates released Sunday.

More than a quarter of the women — 27 percent — and 3 percent of men said the abuse included rape. Large numbers of the inmates grew up in single-parent homes, were children of divorce parents or spent an least part of their childhood in homes in welfare or in public housing. More than a third — 36 percent — said they were unemployed before their most recent arrest.

The study by the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics paints pictures of broken lives and gives clues to why more than half a million people are out of local authorities last year.

"The tragedy is that people who have been victimized often become victimizers themselves," said Eric E. Swearing, president of the Washington-based Criminal Justice Foundation. "It's a cycle we could break, but it involves some expense. As a society, we haven't put our resources there."

Another expert, Raymond Bell of Pennsylvania's Lehigh University, said the study probably understates the frequency of inmates who have been abused. Bell, who has directed two other national studies for the Justice Department, said past studies have pointed to similar findings.

"One of the things coming out in the juvenile courts is more and more boys are reporting sexual abuse in ways that 10 years ago they weren't," Bell said. "It's just the tip of the iceberg."

In the latest study, the bureau said 70 percent of inmates were seeking work, 16 percent were not looking, and "almost half reported income of less than \$600 a month during the month before their arrest."

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OTHER VIEWS

Fox fails to understand worth of academic programs

From the Lewiston Morning Tribune
If Idaho should authorize no higher education programs unless they lead directly to high-paying jobs, as state school Superintendent Anne Fox suggested now can any university justify maintaining a philosophy department? And what about history? What's the average pay for someone with a bachelor's or even a master's degree in history?

If Fox's litmus test of the utility of academic programs prevailed, many if not all of the most traditional of them would have to go.

That's the question Fox raised the other day as the Idaho Board of Education approved a master's degree program in creative writing at Boise State University. "Is there a rhyme or reason to this?" Fox asked about the proposed program. She explained that students might be lured into the program without knowing that most of them won't be able to make a good living with their degree.

Chances are most of them will know better than Fox about that. They will already know more about the value of education, as opposed to job training. Sure, some college and university programs are more professionally directed than others. Engineering, for example. Or teaching. Or journalism.

And yes, most people with diplomas or degrees do find a job market than those without them.

But the idea of the university is not solely to plow warm bodies on the employment line. It is to offer students - young or old, preparing for the work force or retired from it - knowledge they don't have.

If Fox's litmus test of the utility of academic programs prevailed, many if not all of the most traditional of them would have to go. In the humanities and social sciences, for instance, neither bachelor's nor master's degrees are tickets by themselves to good jobs. Doctorates can be, but usually only if the person earning one plans on a career in higher education itself.

And as Fox was questioning the worth of an English department's master's degree in creative writing, did she stop to ask herself about the comparative value of the more customary master's degree in English literature? How many employment ads has she seen for people who can trace the abstract frames in Joseph Heller's "Catch-22" back to Lawrence Sterne's "Tristram Shandy"?

Happily, other members of a board that is more vocationally oriented than most of its predecessors understood this. Maybe next January, Idaho will hire a state school superintendent who does too.

Agency's dollars go into the potty

From the Chicago Tribune
Well, excuse-me use us! Last fall, when word leaked out that the National Park Service had spent somewhere around \$330,000 to build a glorified outhouse, we were in high dudgeon about the price. Now, we regret to say, that figure was wrong.

The privy actually cost more: \$391,040. And when you add in the parking lot and other improvements, the tab comes to \$784,014. Just think what it would have been with running water.

The Park Service clearly spared no expense for the two-toilet facility located at a trailhead in the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area in northeastern Pennsylvania. The toilets are state-of-the-art composting models; even the paint on the walls was custom-mixed at \$78 a gallon.

But, hey, it's the perfect shade to complement the wildflowers (\$720 a

pound for seed) visible through the picture window.

Picture window? Sure, folks here to look at something while they're visiting the facility, but wouldn't a stack of old Reader's Digests have been a tad cheaper?

Apparently that has never been much of a consideration for the Park Service, which reportedly spends 21-most half of its operating budget on designers, supervisors or changes in plans.

That's hardly the wisest course for an agency grappling with a system of overused, deteriorating parks and camp, financially, is not exactly, uh, flush.

In fact, the Park Service has been pormouthing for years because of the desperate need to upgrade its facilities and services.

But boomloggers like those princely potpies in Pennsylvania sure won't help the cause.



All children need protection from drugs

A new survey by the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America (Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America) indicates that parents are increasingly concerned about their children's use of drugs. But many have already succumbed. What can parents do about this?

First, recognize that parents never think their children will use drugs. By the time they discover that's not true, they use disbelieving, frightened - and full of guilt. "It's my fault - I have failed as a parent," is the universal, but false, response. Much like the tobacco industry, which impugns parents to persuade them to smoke similar forces target children to persuade them to use drugs. Because these forces thrive in the adolescent culture, most parents are unaware they exist.

For 27 years, our organization has taken calls from parents seeking help from drug-using children. They always begin, "I had no idea my child was using drugs." Sometimes they add, "We knew something was wrong and placed our child in the care of a therapist, who ignored the drug use and treated the symptoms. Our child only got worse."

Some parents don't get in call for help. In just two years, 33 young people - male and female, aged 15 to 21 - died from heroin overdoses in Miami, Texas. A video to alert other parents to the dangers features one mother who describes her initial reaction to a phone call saying that her 18-year-old son was dead. She was screaming for help and sending the hospital for even suggesting that her son used heroin. "TimesNew

SUE RUSCHE

sure would never use drugs, let alone heroin."

What can you do to ensure you'll never have to make - or receive - such a call?

First, if your child is using drugs, get help now. Your goal is to free her before drug use turns into drug abuse or drug addiction. Second, if your child is not using drugs, prevent him from starting. Educate yourself about the hazards of drug use. Teach your children that drugs hurt people, particularly adolescents, who must build personal, social, academic and job skills to become productive, responsible adults. Drug abuse prevents them from acquiring these skills.

Tell your children you expect them not to use drugs - period. Tell them there will be consequences if they do and what the consequences are. Let your children know you love them enough to do whatever it takes to protect them. Protecting them means setting limits.

Do not be your child's best friend. Children have many best friends, but only one or two parents. If you won't be your child's parent, who will?

Get to know the parents of your child's three or four best friends. They are your most effective allies. Together, you can establish a set of age-appropriate guidelines you all agree to abide by. You can help each other stick to those guidelines when your teen-agers pres-

sure you for permission to do things that place them at risk, such as attending parties where parents are absent and drugs are present. Many stores break the law and sell drugs - alcohol, tobacco, nitrous oxide and other inhalants - to children. Others break the law and sell drug paraphernalia - crack pipes, marijuana rolling papers and drug-using instruction booklets - to children.

Do not expect the culture to help. Many movies, videos and songs glorify drug use. Moreover, drug legalization proponents dominate the Internet and influence your children in unbelievable ways. Type the word "marijuana" into an Internet search engine and see for yourself. You will be horrified.

You'll find that children can buy marijuana and marijuana seeds over the Internet. You will see a barrage of claims that drugs are harmless. You'll begin to understand why parents and children are on different wavelengths about drugs.

It's hard to say no to someone you love, but you must nonetheless do so sometimes. Your teen-agers will rail, protest, fuss and fume. But one day, after they've made it safely through adolescence, they'll tell you they understand why you imposed limits. They'll thank you for protecting them from the difficult challenges children face growing up in today's world.

Sue Rusche is a co-founder and executive director of National Families in Action, an anti-drug organization. She wrote this commentary for the New York newspaper, Newsday.

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LETTERS

Conflict turns up in coroner's race

If, for one, believe the Twin Falls coroner's job should be full-time. The coroner is paid by the year, and like most jobs, it's never enough. But with Gene Turley it's not about money. He could get any job that pays more but he wants to be coroner, and to do the job right you have to put in the time, but Gene also has six kids - and a wife to take care of.

This has been bashed out before, so I'll talk about the ones remaining for the coroner, especially the deputy sheriff who wants to be a part-time coroner. That spells conflict to me. This deputy is already being paid by the month; when he's working, it's to protect the public. If he is coroner and he's getting

paid by the month and now that he is called out as coroner, he will get paid for that at the same time as he is being paid for a deputy's job.

What about the other deputies that count on him to be there with them for his help? His job is not like working in an office to take off for an hour or so to do the coroner's job. What happens when he has to be gone for a day or two and the sheriff keeps saying he's always short-handed or overpaid, but that's another story. We need all the full-time deputies on the job as deputies, not leaving for a part-time job as coroner at all times of the day and night. Death is at any time and not just one at a time.

But either way, commissioners, let the voters know before they vote - full-

or part-time for the full-time of office.

This is why people don't vote, you dirty dog, you dirty dog, you dirty dog. You don't want well please, not what's right or fair.

Maybe that's why we need time-contracting contracts, instead of time. It's better to talk two weeks a person into thinking your way than put one.

Anyway, you already did it and the coroner so don't do it in the future. We don't have too many of them to lose.

Remember the majority rules, not the minority of three.

Here's hoping Gene Turley gets re-elected. Even if your time, he's the best one running for county coroner, a job that's full-time.

GENE GARNETT
Twin Falls

F&G employees' morale sinks

Regarding your Steve Mealey editorial of April 22nd:

Although the mooning incident has little to do with the current state of affairs within the Idaho Department of Fish and Game, it was totally unprofessional.

I recently heard it even mentioned anywhere, except in editorial.

When the Fish and Game goes to the state Legislature in 1999 asking for an across-the-board fee increase, how can they expect to accomplish it without the support of the Idaho sportsmen? As you stated in your editorial, it barely squeaked by this year's Legislature and no sportsmen supported or opposed it.

A glaring error in your editorial is that Director Mealey was appointed by Gov. Butte. Not so! The director is appointed by the commission.

In talking with Fish and Game employees, I find a common thread; morale is low and headed lower.

Director Mealey "has begun to restore the agency's credibility from many of the Idahoans who use the resource."

I don't think so, not with the sportsmen I talk to.

Perhaps The Times-News should talk to some sportsmen also; obviously it hasn't.

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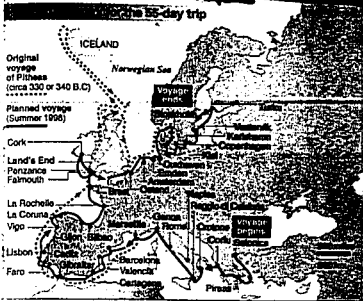
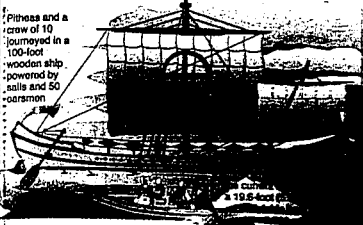
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Greeks retrace ancient sea journey

Retracing the voyage of Pitheas

This summer, two Greek adventurers, Vladimir Levitas and Alexis Daras, plan to follow the sea route of the ancient Greek explorer Pitheas. He is believed to be the first sailor to travel through the Strait of Gibraltar to perhaps as far as Greenland nearly 22 centuries ago.



Young adventurers aim for 'unknown earth' of the north

ATHENS, Greece (AP)—Twenty-two centuries ago, a Greek living in the Mediterranean port of Marseille struggled to find a financial backer to search for sea routes to northern Europe.

The explorer, Pitheas, eventually succeeded and became, according to many ancient historians, the first sailor to travel through the Strait of Gibraltar to the North and Baltic seas. The journey launched a Greek maritime tradition that dates back to earliest recorded history, and this summer two Greeks plan to follow in the explorer's wake by making their own daring voyage. Instead of Pitheas' oaken and 100-foot wooden sailing ship, the pair will travel in a motor-powered, 19-foot inflatable raft from Salonicia in northern Greece to Stockholm, Sweden.

They say the trip is a tribute to a little-known explorer whose accomplishments they compare with those of Christopher Columbus.

"We've had this dream since childhood. We are obsessed with the sea," said Vladimir Levitas, 27, who plans to set out in June on an expected 55-day trip with Alexis Daras, 25.

"We always wanted to circle Europe in a raft," Daras said. "Then we discovered Pitheas. He had done exactly what we wanted to do."

The journey will cost about \$20,000, which the Pitheas 96 team has almost finished raising from the Greek National Tourism Organization and private sponsors. The United Nations Environmental Programme and the municipality of Athens also signed on as non-official sponsors.

Pitheas — pronounced pee-THEE-as — lived in what is now Marseille, France, at roughly the same time Alexander the Great



Alexis Daras, left, and Vladimir Levitas, shown here last month in Athens, will set sail from Salonicia this summer in a 13.5-foot motorboat raft.

was setting out on his conquests from Macedonia. Pitheas left Marseille, which at the time was a Greek trading port, around 330 or 340 B.C. "Pitheas' journey to the 'unknown earth' of the ancients was the first satisfactorily documented voyage to unknown lands made by Greeks," historian Christos Lazos wrote in a 1996 book about Pitheas.

Fragmented accounts establish that Pitheas traversed the Bay of Biscay, put in at harbors in present-day England and Ireland, and made his way through the North Sea to the Baltic. Some people even claim he went as far as Iceland and Greenland.

"Some ancient writers accused Pitheas of being a liar" who exaggerated the extent of his

voyages, said Levitas, a graphic designer.

But the more Levitas and Daras learned about Pitheas, the more their admiration grew.

"The injustice of it struck us. Here was this incredible explorer who had made a journey unheard of for his time," said Daras. "And no one has heard of him."
"We want to teach the world about Pitheas, who should be as famous as Christopher Columbus," Daras added.
If they complete the 6,500-nautical-mile journey, it will enter the record books as the longest made in a rigid inflatable boat — essentially a raft supported by a hard frame. The boats are durable and virtually unshrinkable.

Effects of Afghanistan's protracted war touches U.S., others' interests

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — With the effects of 20 years of war in Afghanistan spilling beyond its borders — from the young nations of Central Asia to the United States — the pressure is on for Afghan warriors to make peace.

Afghanistan is the source of many of the world's Islamic militants and a training ground for Islamic militants linked to terrorist attacks worldwide. Rich oil companies want to move gas through the war-ravaged country.

So the United States sent its U.N. ambassador, Bill Richardson, to Afghanistan earlier this month, and he persuaded the Taliban religious army and its northern-based opponents to agree to their first face-to-face talks. They began Sunday in neighboring Pakistan.

The heat is on for results.

Insurgeries in the new former Soviet Central Asian countries are headquartered in Afghanistan, and their governments fear the Taliban wants to export its brand of Islamic rule beyond its borders.

Taliban leaders have barred girls from the school and women from the workplace and forced men to grow beards and pray since capturing the capital, Kabul, in 1996.

Uzbekistan's border with Afghanistan is patrolled by elite troops guarding against an invasion by the Taliban, which rules 85 percent of Afghanistan. Russia has 25,000 soldiers deployed in Tajikistan along its border with Afghanistan to stop the flow of arms and rebels.

Then there are the drugs: The United Nations says Afghanistan is the world's largest producer of opium, the raw material used to make heroin.

Afghan heroin and hashish are



A Taliban fighter helps guard the front lines, north of Kabul, Saturday. The new leaders of Afghanistan captured the capital in 2396 and instituted strict Islamic law in ruling the 85 percent of the country they control.

sold on the streets of Europe and the United States, smuggled out through Pakistan and increasingly, by through Central Asian neighbors.

The unstable situation also has hurt U.S. interests, which have been targeted by terrorist attacks linked to veterans who sided with

Soviet troops against rebels backed by the United States in 1970s Afghan war.

Ramzi Yusuf, convicted of co-ordinating the 1993 World Trade Center bombing in New York and planning attacks on American worldwide, was a veteran of the Afghan war.

Afghan warriors to talk peace despite fighting near capital

ISLAMABAD, Pakistan (AP) — Afghanistan's warring factions promised Sunday to continue a cease-fire as they opened face-to-face talks in Pakistan aimed at ending the bloody civil war that is devastating their poor nation.

The battlefield, just 18 miles north of Afghanistan's capital Kabul, was silent as a reading from the Muslim holy book, the Koran, marked the ceremonial opening of the two sides' first direct talks. A day earlier, fighting forced a wave of refugees into the beleaguered city.

Negotiators were sequestered for five hours before announcing

they would try to honor an existing cease-fire and negotiations would resume today.

"We should talk about the problems that we have now and find a solution ... we are aware of the historical burden on our shoulder," said Ahmed Wakil Muttawakil, lead negotiator for the Taliban, which controls roughly 85 percent of Afghanistan.

"Any solution that brings two brothers together is acceptable," said Fazl Hadi Shinwari, lead negotiator for the anti-Taliban alliance that controls the rest of the country, mostly in the north.

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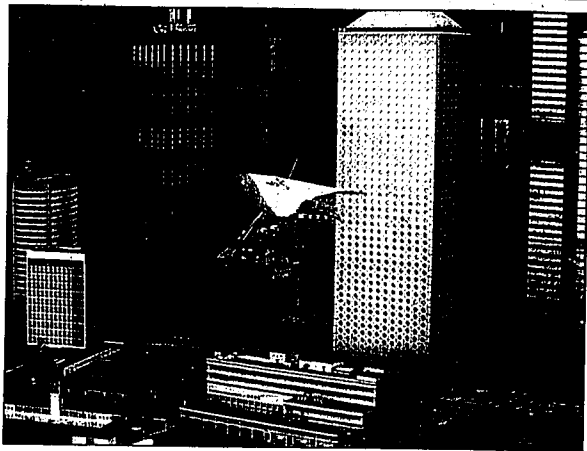
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Voters cast ballots in Russian elections

KRASNOYARSK, Russia (AP) — Russia's former security chief, Alexander Lebed, was locked in a tight race Sunday for governor of a Siberian region, a post he wants as a platform for a presidential run.

With 75 percent of the votes counted in the Krasnoyarsk region, Lebed was leading incumbent Gov. Valery Zubov by 44 percent to 36 percent. A Communist candidate was running a distant third.

There will be a runoff within two weeks if no candidate receives more than 50 percent of the vote. Lebed would appear to have the advantage in a runoff, since he could pick up anti-incumbent votes that went to other candidates Sunday.

Turnout was heavy, at 61 percent of eligible voters. Lebed, a retired general, wasn't among them — as a resident of Moscow, he wasn't qualified.

Elections were also held Sunday in the northern Russian republic of Karelia, where voters

were to choose their new president, and in Simonsk in western Russia, where six people were competing for the governor's post.

National attention focused on Krasnoyarsk.

Pre-election polls had put Zubov ahead, but most observers thought the race had tightened in the final week.

Voters at two precincts in Krasnoyarsk showed support for Lebed, but also a great deal of suspicion of him.

"He's not local," said Vladimir Ivanov, a 62-year-old geologist. "His intentions are temporary — only for two years, and then he intends to run for president."

Twenty-year-old student Paulina Chernobelskaya summed up support for Zubov, a relatively progressive and popular governor: "He's our guy."

Lebed's supporters were impressed by his military record, his relatively untarnished image and a perception of him as a decisive leader.

Kohl suffers setback in eastern German state vote

MAGDEBURG, Germany (AP) — Chancellor Helmut Kohl's strength with eastern German voters plummeted Sunday as voters in a state election channelled their disillusionment into support for an extreme-right party.

The anti-foreigner German People's Union won seats in the Saxony-Anhalt state legislature for the first time, gaining about 12 percent of the vote, according to exit polls.

Kohl's Christian Democrats lost about that much, slipping to 22 percent of the ballots cast. The Social Democrats improved slightly, winning about 37 percent, while the co-communist Party of Democratic Socialism remained steady with about 19 percent.

Beyond the far-right vote, the result signalled the economically depressed region's readiness to dump Kohl in upcoming national elections in favor of Social Democratic challenger Gerhard Schroeder.

"Kohl has been voted out in the east," Schroeder declared from his home in Hanover.

Incumbent Saxony-Anhalt governor Reinhard Hoepfner, a Social Democrat, blamed "the rising surge on voter discontentment with Kohl, the chancellor who united Germany in 1990."

"Whoever deceives the voters and provokes them with such dis-

appointments can't be surprised when the way is paved for such a protest," he said.

Pollsters, however, said the German People's Union appeared to have gained about evenly from the major parties. Support was strongest among voters under 30 — the segment of the population suffering most under Saxony-Anhalt's 16 percent unemployment, nearly twice the national average.

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Solemn ceremonies mark Chernobyl

KIEV, Ukraine (AP) — With solemn ceremonies and rallies, Ukraine, Russia and Belarus on Sunday marked the 12th anniversary of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster that continues to haunt the three former Soviet republics.

Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma declared that his country would adhere to pledges to close the ill-fated nuclear power plant.

"Chernobyl will be closed — that is clear," the president said after a ceremony near the monument to Chernobyl's victims. "We do not have any other choice."

But Kuchma said a definite shutdown date depends on when promised Western aid will arrive.

Chernobyl's reactor No. 4 exploded during a test April 26, 1986, killing at least 32 people in the immediate blast and sending a deadly cloud of radiation across large sections of Russia

and Europe.

In a speech broadcast nationwide, Kuchma estimated the damage suffered by Ukraine at up to \$130 billion, and said Kiev has to spend \$1 billion a year to deal with the consequences of the accident.

The health ministry says close to 3,600 Ukrainians who took part in the cleanup effort have died from radiation exposure. Private groups say the death toll is at least twice as high.

Russian officials say an estimated 10,000 Russian "liquidators" — those involved in the clean-up — have died, and thousands more became invalids.

In 1995, Ukraine and the Group of Seven leading industrialized nations agreed to close the plant in exchange for Western aid. The money would help finish two nuclear reactors to compensate

for the energy that Chernobyl provided.

But the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development is not expected to make a decision on whether to fund the new reactors until late this year.

Ukrainian officials say they are prepared to keep the plant's only functioning reactor open well into the next century if they do not receive the promised aid. It has been under repair since last year and is scheduled to resume producing electricity next month.

In Russia, Orthodox Church Patriarch Alexy II presided over a memorial ceremony at Moscow's Mitino cemetery, the burial site for 28 firemen who died at Chernobyl.

Government officials and victims' relatives took part in the ceremony and consecrated the grounds for a future chapel.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

CSI president receives honorary degree from UI

TWIN FALLS - The University of Idaho is awarding College of Southern Idaho President Jerry Meyerhoeffer an honorary degree, doctor of administration science.

"It's a tremendous honor for me. It's quite humbling. I was moved by the gesture," Meyerhoeffer said.

Meyerhoeffer, who has been CSI president since 1983, received a bachelor's degree in business from UI in 1961. He later received a master's degree in education from Washington State University.

UI recognized Meyerhoeffer's role in using technology to offer distance learning in Idaho. CSI's model subsequently was adopted throughout the state.

Meyerhoeffer joins three other UI alumni to be awarded honorary degrees at commencement ceremonies in Moscow May 16.

Other honorees are former state legislator Edith Miller Klein, Boise's first female lawyer and municipal judge; architect Jack K. Lemley, chairman and CEO of American Ecology Corp. in Boise, who designed and built the Channel transportation system between Englewood and Frances; and John R. "Bob" Stallinger, who has pioneered innovations in the forest products industry.

Red Cross conducts blood drive this week at church

TWIN FALLS - The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Twin Falls this week.

A blood drive is planned for 1 to 7 p.m. today, noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Wednesday at the First Presbyterian Church, 209 Fifth Ave. N.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health.

For an appointment or more information, call 734-4566.

Ketchum planners will consider church's request

KETCHUM - Ketchum's planning and zoning board will meet at 5:30 p.m. today in City Hall.

The agenda includes: Consideration of the Presbyterian church's application to erect an off-site sign; consideration of Video Depot's application to locate a projecting sign within the community core; and design review of "Thunder Springs" sign at Higdon Office Building, Sun and Powder Condominiums' addition, the city's equipment building and sand storage, Zark Park Townhomes, Sun Valley Co.'s Doppelmayr lift and East-Central addition; and discussion of a work session on CC Zone setbacks and guest houses.

Hailey council holds meeting featuring 3 public hearings

HAILEY - The Hailey City Council will meet at 6 p.m. tonight in the council chamber.

The agenda includes three public hearings: EMB Hailey's request for final plan approval for Northridge VI, which would create 29 residential lots; city staff's request for zoning text amendments on the city's design review of "Thunder Springs" sign; and zoning text amendment on bylaws for the planning and zoning board.

Also on the agenda: A wastewater treatment plant update; the Bellevue mayor's address to the council; a public forum; an ordinance approving sale of alternative school property; an ordinance adopting 1997 uniform fire code and urban wildfire protection measures; and auto transportation service licenses.

The meeting is open to the public.

Blaine commissioners offer hearing on Indian Creek request

HAILEY - Blaine County commissioners will meet at 8:45 a.m. today.

The day's agenda includes: An executive session to discuss pending litigation, 9 a.m.; void resolution initiation, 11 a.m.; a public hearing on Indian Creek Ranch Owners Association's stream-alteration permit for construction of two ponds/wetlands on Indian Creek, 1:30 p.m.; and planning and zoning discussion, 2:15 p.m.

The meeting is open to the public. Commissioners also will meet at 3:15 a.m. today in the county courthouse to consider authorizing appointment of a hearing examiner. The public is invited.

Compiled from staff reports

Dangerous ditch tops city agenda

Police program 'Every 15 Minutes' highlights meeting

TWIN FALLS - A worrisome drainage ditch and a police program aimed at dissuading teens from drinking and driving will highlight today's City Council meeting.

The meeting kicks off at 5 p.m. in City Hall. Anyone who wants to attend is welcome.

Also on the agenda are an update on the sewage treatment plant and consideration of a three-year, \$69,402 lease for three new police cars.

The police program, known as "Every 15 Minutes," challenges high school seniors to make mature decisions about alcohol, motor vehicles and the lives of others. Exposing students to the ugly consequences of drinking and driving is

a key goal of the program, as well as breaking down barriers between police and local youth.

In other safety matters, several neighbors have asked city officials to do something about an open drainage ditch along the 1800 block of Shoup Avenue East. The ditch is steep and deep; neighbors say, and it poses a threat to children, adults and animals.

The neighbors want the city to pipe the ditch's water to the Perrine Coulee, but city officials are reluctant to change

things because the ditch traps sediments that would otherwise end up in the Snake River. Moreover, the cost of piping is estimated at around \$42,000.

City engineering officials want to fence the street side of the ditch with a 4-foot mesh fence topped by barbed wire. The upshot would be a 5-foot fence at a cost of \$2,500.

The ditch would continue to trap sediments, and backhoe operators could reach over the fence for dredging and other maintenance.

Storyteller stirs the imagination

Artist in residence at Bickel helps students learn vocabulary, communication skills

By Kelly J. Seitz
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Storytelling is a hit with Bickel Elementary School students.

Rebecca Hom, artist in residence at the school this year, entertains students with her storytelling and through activities helps them increase their vocabulary and communication skills.

"Rebecca is a professional, a master storyteller," a school librarian Joan Hayes said. "She makes the story come alive for the children, and she's wonderful. Special funds were made available for this program, some of which come through our PTO."

Hom has completed nine of 10 half-hour sessions with Bickel students this year. They included: visualizing the story, understanding and being understood, telling exercises and "literary leaps."

Each session aims to enhance students' self-esteem, academics and social skills, and to teach skills such as maintaining eye contact, vocal projection and control, and dramatic improvisation. The goal: Learning to help others understand you by your telling skills.

"The world of reality has its limits;

the world of imagination is boundless," Hom said.

Hom, an Iowa native and Twin Falls resident, has entertained students and others professionally throughout the Northwest and Canada for many years.

"Storytelling is an art," she said. "There's no certification process or hierarchy. I guess it's just something you find you have a knack for and that people endow on you."

"I feel that my storytelling provides a springboard for the students to make the leap from oral to literary education," Hom said.

"This has been a particularly successful project at our school," Principal Gordon Armstrong said. "We've had a positive response to this program and have enjoyed having Rebecca here. She makes the stories come alive for the children, and I believe that helps the learning process."

Times-News correspondent Kelly J. Seitz can be reached in Filer at 326-4104.

At right, Ashley Bevacqua relates a wish to her classmates when she is passed a waiting star at Bickel Elementary School. Storyteller Rebecca Hom uses the star in her program designed to enrich students' vocabulary.



Drop by the Roper and don't see 'Harvey'

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Elwood F. Dowd is insane. At least that's the opinion of most people around him, especially his sister.

People think Elwood - the main character of Mary Chase's "Harvey," opening Wednesday at Twin Falls High School - needs to be committed to an asylum. That's because Elwood has for a friend a 6-foot white rabbit, or pooka, named Harvey.

The only problem with Harvey is that only Elwood, played by Chris Sanders, can see him.

"It's a fairy spirit in animal form that's always very large," Velasquez said. "Pooka appears here and there, now and then, to this one and that one at his own caprice. (It's) a wise but mysterious creature, who is very fond of romps and crockpots."

The 57-year-old comedy was a

Elwood and hutch

- What: The Twin Falls High School Drama Department will present "Harvey."
- Where: Roper Auditorium.
- When: Wednesday through Friday, 7:30 p.m.
- How much: Tickets: \$4 for adults and \$2 for students with activity credit; will be available at the door.

Broadway megahit - it ran for 1,775 performances between 1944 and 1949 - before actor James Stewart put Elwood on film in 1950.

Stewart was nominated for an Oscar, but the pooka got snubbed by the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences.

Elwood and Harvey are supposed to be best friends, the play's advertising director Mercedes Opheim said.

"Elwood's sister tries to get him (Elwood) committed for seeing this (Harvey)," Opheim said. "It's just a big adventure from there."

Elwood is in his early 40s and a drunk.

"He's a drunk pretty much, but he's a nice drunk," Sanders said. "He goes into bars and tries to help people. He listens to people's problems and then he introduces them to Pooka. (Harvey) is bigger than anyone else's problems so it makes them happy."

Sanders said Elwood is not really like he is, but that's the point of acting.

"That's why I like this part," Sanders said. "I have to act, I have to get into his world. I have to focus on his style."

And as far as the play itself, Sanders thinks the cast will pull it off, maybe not without a hitch, but it will get there.

"I think we work hard," Sanders said. "Other members of the cast are: Jenny Davis, Wendy Rae St. Clair, Chris Sanders, Mikki Benuregard, Shantell Scheaf, Nicole Jacobson, Ryan Fox, Brad Wright, Christina Sorensen, Angela Spracher, Melissa Cheslik, Laura White, Eddie Cabello, Kim James and Tabitha Miller."

Times-News correspondent Rachel Denny can be reached through 733-0931, Ext. 223.

Debate over dairy regs is countrywide

By Gregory Hahn
Times-News writer

CHESTERTOWN, Md. - In Kent County, on the sliver of land between the Chesapeake Bay and the Atlantic Ocean, county commissioners must reconcile the agriculture that has long sustained the region with the health, welfare and quality of life of people who hope to live there long into the future.

Within the past year, Kent County commissioners have applied for permits to operate there.

The first, a 2,000-head hog farm, was denied. The second, a Sunrise Organic Farms dairy that could one day house 1,000 cows, was approved.

Both decisions were made, Hawkins said, with the agricultural economy, residents' wishes and the environment in mind.

The decisions are not unique, most Southern Idaho county commissioners will attest.

No isolated question

Across the country, livestock confinement operations are growing, and so are regulations.

As Idaho continues statewide toughening of dairy standards, and Gooding County and the Idaho Dairymen's Association go to court to decide how much a county can control agriculture, the state's issues echo discussions else-

About this series

Livestock regulations are a hot issue not just in Cassia County, where tighter daily regulations are under consideration, but nationally, Sunday and today, The Times-News looks at the issue more closely. Sunday: The local perspective. Cassia County residents' wishes and the environment in mind.

Farmer works to restore wildlife area

Habitat near Gooding provides welcoming home

By Steve Kohler
Times-News correspondent

GOODING - Songbirds, upland game birds and big game stand to benefit from Bill Novinger's endeavors to create wildlife habitat on a farm six miles northwest of Gooding.

"This used to be a great valley, a tremendous pheasant-hunting area," the Gooding farmer said. "But it's not now because their habitat has been destroyed. (Farmers) have destroyed a lot of wildlife habitat to make farming more efficient."

Novinger and his partner, Twin Falls attorney Evan Roberson, are developing several wildlife-habitat sites on farmland purchased a year ago. The land includes parts of Dry Creek and



To improve wildlife habitat, Wendell fifth-graders - including Tyson Schoenastler, left, and Tony Cox - and adults plant shrubs and trees between a corn field plot and Black Canyon Creek on Bill Novinger's farm northwest of Gooding.

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

THIS WEEK AT CSI

The Times-News
The following is a schedule of meetings and events that will take place this week at the College of Southern Idaho.
TODAY Student Senate will meet at 3:15 p.m. in Taylor 256.
TUESDAY Stop Smoking Support Group will meet at 8 p.m. in Shields 112.
WEDNESDAY Arts on Tour presents "Golden

Bought" at 7:30 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.
THURSDAY Vaccines for Preventable Diseases seminar will be held at 9:30 a.m. in Taylor 276.
Alcoholics Anonymous will meet at noon in the Center for New Directions 118.
FRIDAY School counselors will meet at 5 p.m. in Taylor 255.
Narcotics Anonymous will meet at 7 p.m. in Desert 112.

Radio licensing test will be held at 7 p.m. in Shields 107.
Magic Valley Symphony pops concert will be held at 8 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.
SATURDAY School counselors will meet at 8 a.m. in Taylor 258.
Military testing will be held at 8 a.m. in Shields 208.
CSI Health Department student recital will be held at 2 p.m. in the Fine Arts Center auditorium.

Civil rights group honors Navajo president

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Navajo President Thomas Achity, who says blacks and Indians share the common bond of discrimination, has been awarded the Medgar Evers Award by the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.
The Region I Western Conference of the NAACP wound up its meeting here over the weekend with the award in the name of Evers, a civil rights leader slain in 1963.

"We must work together to eliminate that unwillingness of people to accept as we are, to see where we can contribute — and have. We must form a partnership on our issues and realize that we place ourselves in a position of being part of America, part of the world family," Achity told those at the NAACP meeting.
The award was presented by NAACP President Kwame Wilmore. "We believe colored people

cannot be in "two colors," said Wilmore in an impassioned speech extolling NAACP members to continue the fight against the racism that persists in the 1990s.
"Those who are calling for more aggressive action to meet the goals and necessities and to undo disparities in wealth and economic opportunities," he added, warning such affirmative action groups "we will be your worst nightmare, and we will be there night and day."

ON THE AGENDA

The Times-News
Following is a list of governmental meetings scheduled this week in Magic Valley. This list is compiled from advance schedules.
The Times-News suggests you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.
TODAY Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Elmore County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Council chambers.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., courthouse.

Ketchum City Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.
Lincoln County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
Mindenoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m. in Taylor 255.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

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Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administrative office, 201 Main Ave. W.
Wood River Medical Center Board, 5:30 p.m., medical center in Haley.
Wendell Planning and Zoning Commission, 8 p.m., City Hall.
WEDNESDAY Cassia Regional Medical Center Board, 5 p.m., board room.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
THURSDAY Gooding County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
FRIDAY Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

SERVICES

Many Lou Shelby of Kimberly, 11 a.m. today at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.
Violet Hansen of St. George, Utah, and formerly of Burley, 11 a.m. today at the LDS Star 1st Ward chapel, 100 S. 200 W. in Burley; friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).
Edwin E. Anderson of Burley, 11 a.m. today at the View LDS chapel; friends may call one hour before the service at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).
Muriel "Sue" Moss of Buhl, graveside service or Chapel service if weather is inclement at 1 p.m. today at the West End Cemetery (Farmer Funeral Chapel).
Bertha Amanda Peas Flegenbaum of Kimberly, 1 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.
Martha Snyder Davis of Oakley, 1 p.m. today at the Payne Memorial Chapel in Burley; friends may call one hour before the service at the funeral chapel.

George C. Beatty of Nampa, Ore., and formerly of Kimberly, 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Kimberly United Methodist Church; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. today at White Mortuary, Kimberly Chapel. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Nysse High School.
AMJ Joe Brunswick, Maine, and formerly of Buhl and Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Thursday at the Peace Lutheran Church in Buhl; (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).
George "Jack" Kelley of Elk River, Minn., and formerly of Kimberly, 222 Birch St., S., LDS Church, 11 a.m. Friday; friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary, Kimberly Chapel; and from 10 to 11:45 a.m. Thursday at the Church.
Belmont R. "Del" Kerby of Boise, 11 a.m. Thursday at the Peace Lutheran Church in Buhl; (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

DEATH NOTICES

Alexis W. Johnson
RUFERT — Alexis W. Johnson, 57, of Rupert, died Sunday, April 26, 1998, at Mindenoka Memorial Hospital.
Funeral Services are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary-Rupert Chapel.
Newton Thomas "Tom" Harrell

Ramona Yvonne Barton
BARTON — Ramona Yvonne Barton, 52, of Burbanck, died Sunday, April 26, 1998, at her home in Burbanck.
Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0933, Ext. 278, between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. weekdays or Ext. 262 between 2 and 5 p.m. Saturdays. Deadline is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

KIMBERLY
Portrait of George Jack Tilley.

NAMPA
Portrait of Neil Grisham.

Portrait of George Jack Tilley.

Portrait of Neil Grisham.

resided in Burley where Beulah worked as the kitchen supervisor for J.R. Simplot Co., a position she held for many years. Her husband, Cecil, died in 1965 and in 1968 Beulah moved to Twin Falls where she resided at the time of her death.
Survivors include four children: Lana (Mike) Pillaris of Lakoside, Calif.; Karolyn (Gail) Hymas of Twin Falls; Twila Hardy, and Cecil D. Williams both of Henton, Wash.; one sister Alice Wolfe of Burley, Idaho; 8 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren who was preceded in death by an infant son Cecil Edward, a son John, one brother, and one sister.
A memorial service will be held Tuesday, April 28, 1998, at 11 a.m. at Reynolds Funeral Chapel with Bishop Randy Hanson conducting. Burial will follow in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley.
The family suggests contributions to Beulah's memory to a favorite charity of the donors choice.

JEROME
Portrait of Nelsa Raymundo Lopez.

George Jack Tilley
George Jack Tilley, 84, of Kimberly, died Saturday, April 25, 1998, at his View Care Center in Kimberly.
He was born January 31, 1914, in Welch, Okla., the son of George Merion and Clara Goldsberry Tilley. He was the second oldest of seven children.
He served in the U.S. Army during WWII. He married Lucille Marley in Elko, Nev., on May 20, 1946. He had a long career in mining with the Anaconda Mines in Rio Tinto, Nev., and Darwin, Calif. He retired from Anaconda in Orange, Calif., in 1978. He loved fishing and hunting.
Survivors include his wife, Lucille Marley Tilley of Kimberly, daughters, Jan and Bill Evans of Hanson, and Gail and David Skuttie of Newark, Calif.; sons, Jack Tilley of Boise, and Jerry and Hollie Tilley of Parowan, Utah; sisters, Arleta Goodman of Miami, Okla., Louise Spars of Palos Verdes, Calif., Lois Miller of West Minister, Calif., and Emmaline Inman of St. George, Mo.; nine grandchildren and thirteen great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a sister.
Services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, April 30, 1998, at the 2nd Ward LDS Church in Kimberly, 222 Birch St. S., with committal services at Restland Cemetery in Pocatello. Friends may call Wednesday, April 29, 1998, from 4 to 8 p.m. at White Mortuary, Kimberly Chapel and from 10 to 10:45 a.m. Thursday at the Church.

TWIN FALLS
Portrait of Beulah May Williams.

Nelsa Raymundo Lopez
Nelsa Raymundo Lopez, 36, of Jerome died Tuesday, April 21, 1998, at St. Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.
She was born in La Democracia, Guatemala on June 18, 1961; the daughter of Epifanio and Elena Ramirez Raymundo. Nelsa lived in Guatemala helping a doctor do missionary work until moving to California for a short time and then to Idaho 10 years ago. She married Jesus Lopez Rodas on December 22, 1989.
Nelsa had worked for Burger King, The Holley Homes and was currently employed at Moss Greenhouses here in Jerome. She even found time to do volunteer work, helping hand out food for the needy as well as being a translator when those services were needed.
She was a devoted mother and enjoyed gardening, and loved raising cats, goats and even chickens. She is survived by her husband Jesus; four children Gerber, Daisy, Cindy and Jesse all of Jerome; and her father Epifanio Raymundo of Guatemala.
Services were held on Saturday at the Howe/Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome, with Pastor Charles Stout officiating.
Family suggests donations to the Nelsa Lopez memorial fund.

HOSPITALS
MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
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Admitted
Wayne Joslin of Elmore.
Released
Gualadupe Celaya of Rupert; and Leo Holcomb of Twin Falls.
MINDOKA MEMORIAL HOSPITAL
Some names are omitted at patients' request.
Released
Seymour Godfrey of Burley.

Regents say they're in the dark about virtual university

PRICE, Utah (AP) — Members of the Utah State Board of Regents say they've been left out of the loop concerning plans for a Western Governors University, the on-line university being planned by western governors.
"We've not come to grips with the WGU," said Regent Pamela Atkinson. "We haven't been kept up to date. We don't know where it's going."
The virtual university is the brainchild of Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt and Colorado Gov. Roy Romer. It was formed last year and the goal is to offer courses and degrees to students taking classes over the Internet and other telecommunications systems.
The regents, however, are devising a master plan for the state's nine colleges and universities, and are uneasy because they don't know the potential effects of the virtual university. They've had only occasional contact with officials of the virtual university.
WGU expects to roll out an electronic catalog of course offerings within the next two months, but they can't say how many there will be.
There will be tremendous curriculum implications for us," said Salt Lake Community College President Frank Budd.
The regents met with Friday at the College of Eastern Utah here, also are unclear about how another Leavitt initiative, the Utah Electronic Community College, will affect higher education in the state.
Earlier this year, lawmakers appropriated more than \$100,000 to launch that project. Initially, it will serve only the state through all Utah community colleges.
Among the issues being considered as the regents work on a master plan are institutional funding approaches, admissions standards and whether growth in student populations should be met with new buildings, more campuses or new schools.

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CHRYSLER - Pontiac - Buick - Oldsmobile - GMC - Cadillac
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 28 - 11 a.m.
CHRYSLER - Pontiac - Buick - Oldsmobile - GMC - Cadillac
THURSDAY, APRIL 29 - 5 p.m.
HONDA - Toyota - Acura
FRIDAY, APRIL 30 - 11 a.m.
U.S. Fleets - Buick - Oldsmobile - GMC - Cadillac
SATURDAY, MAY 1 - 10 a.m.
CHRYSLER - Pontiac - Buick - Oldsmobile - GMC - Cadillac

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JUST THAT TIME OF YEAR



Chris Stoker, 34, takes care of the yard work this weekend at his home between Deelo and Burley.

Magazine rates Pocatello behind Boise

POCATELLO (AP) — Pocatello and Boise have been rated as world class manufacturing communities in a recent issue of Industry Week, a leading U.S. trade magazine.

Ranked 16th overall, Pocatello was seventh in the nation for manufacturing job growth of 22.3 per-

cent between 1992 and 1995, just behind Boise, which came in sixth with 23.7 percent growth.

Boise was ranked 17th in a list of the top 25 world class manufacturing communities in the United States, based on the city's quality of life, educated work force and low

business costs. While Pocatello's overall ranking was lower, the manufacturing employment growth rate is an important indicator of which cities manufacturers think are the most attractive, said Professor Edward Hill, who compiled the rankings.

Dairy

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where: How much should confinement operations be regulated? At what level — local, state or national — should rules be formed?

About a month ago, the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition and Forestry held a public hearing on one of two bills now before Congress that would step up national standards regulating livestock waste. That the discussion isn't unique to Magic Valley is made clear by the number and variety of witnesses who traveled to Washington.

Water quality knows no geographic boundaries, Maryland Gov. Parris N. Glendening told the committee.

Glendening described Maryland's recent fight against pesticides, which disfigured and killed fish in rivers throughout the state, forcing a large-scale study that eventually pointed blame at the region's thriving poultry industry.

The virus, which caused some human health problems too, is especially boosted by excessive nutrient levels in water that start in New York and run 450 miles through four states before reaching Maryland and eventually emptying into the Chesapeake Bay, he said. Maryland has taken "bold steps" to remedy the problem, Glendening said, but he urged the committee to consider imposing stricter standards nationwide.

"Water quality, and the impact of toxic pesticides on animal life and human life, are problems in Maryland," he said. "But they are not Maryland problems."

Dewey Biss agreed.

Nationwide regulations?

Boris, of Raleigh, N.C., grew up on a small Alabama dairy and is director of North Carolina's Division of Soil and Water Conservation.

North Carolina produces more milk than any other state, he said. Its hog population alone produces waste equivalent to 45 million people's.

This state has taken drastic measures as well — including a plan to phase out all anseebic lagoons and spray fields, Boris said. But he said at least one-third of the states are "grappling with the same issues," and national policy makers have a responsibility to step in.

"Farmers should be allowed to measure a fair living and choose how they do it," he said, "but their systems should be sustainable to society and our natural resources."

"It makes everybody up," said Mary Parten, chief of the state department's Bureau of Dairy, Egg and Livestock. "It's been a

"The one thing I want to do on my farm is leave the land better than I received it," he said.

Besides, he said, the Clean Water Act leaves much authority with the states, and many have used that to strengthen their own rules.

Model state programs, such as Nebraska, Kansas and Texas, where nearly 70 percent of all beef cattle are currently fed," he said, "have manure management plans and restrictions on land application of natural, organic fertilizer in addition to their permit programs."

Idaho's action

One of the toughest recent livestock-regulation overhauls was in Idaho.

Committee member Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, introduced Idaho Department of Agriculture head Pat Takasugi at the hearing to talk about what Craig called "the toughest dairy pollution standards in the nation."

Craig told the committee he opposed the bill because he doubted a national standard could accurately regulate livestock operations in places as geographically different as coastal Maryland and southern Idaho's high desert.

Takasugi, though, advocated creation of national standards, but said the bill seemed to split authority between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Environmental Protection Agency. He added the best way to toughen rules is to give states the authority and assistance to do it themselves.

About two years ago, that's exactly what Idaho did. The state's dairy industry was rapidly expanding and was regulated only by "blitzing" about 50 dairies during one week of inspections a year. In response, state and federal agencies signed an agreement with the Idaho Dairy Producers' Association to create what Takasugi called "a proactive, results-oriented program that would protect surface and groundwater and provide an environmental climate that allows dairymen to play an economic role in Idaho."

When the program started, about half the state's dairies were found to have "serious noncompliance conditions." But the program was designed to foster compliance through cooperation, and Takasugi estimated noncompliance dairies today are fewer than 4 percent.

And the program has teeth. The state regulations are tied in with a dairy's license to sell milk for human consumption. Since the department toughened up, more than 60 farms have had permits temporarily revoked.

"It makes everybody up," said Mary Parten, chief of the state department's Bureau of Dairy, Egg and Livestock. "It's been a

very positive tool for us to get voluntary compliance."

Next step

The program has impressed the EPA. But Loiselle from the EPA's Seattle office was in Idaho last week to review it.

"They're using the right balance of compliance assistance and enforcement," he said. "Not that there isn't going to be headaches and heartaches along the road."

It's the most aggressive program Loiselle has seen and could become a beacon for other states. "If they keep this high on the radar screen," he said, "they will be setting some national precedents."

Now that compliance for discharges is so high, the coalition is studying what Parten calls "phase two," developing a nutrient management plan for each farm. The next driving force, he predicted, will be complaints about flies, odor and dust.

And that's another question. "What is 'stinks too much'?" Parten asked.

Night now, the department recommends practices that reduce odor and flies, but finding the regulatory balance among what's appropriate, reasonable and fair, he said, is much harder.

"It may have a basic health issue related to it," Parten said. "Flies, dust — it's possible for them to impact health, and certainly quality of life."

And rules governing large-scale confinement operations may not even address the smelliest, dirtiest dairies, Parten said. How a dairy is managed — regardless of size — can dictate how unpleasant it is for its neighbors.

Counties' role

Looking out for neighbors is where many say counties come in.

Don Farley is lead counsel for Gooding County in the Idaho Dairyman's Association's challenge to Gooding's Ordinance 62. In what has become five over-flowing court files, Farley and the Boise firm representing IDA have traded paper arguments debating where the county's authority ends.

From a legal standpoint, Farley said, a county's ordinances need only be "reasonably related to the goals of the county." Planning and zoning decisions have to consider the "best interests of all residents, and promote the health and welfare of the county as a whole," he said.

"In existing areas such as dairy farming," Farley said, "the counties have the right to try to look to the future." As commissioners in southern Idaho and those in Kent County, Md., can attest, that makes for tough decisions.

Utah voters in no mood for change, poll reveals

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A recent survey found that half of Utah's voters plan to vote for the incumbent in their legislative districts races.

The copyright Deseret News poll published Sunday does not bode well for the state's Democratic Party, whose leaders claim to have put together what they believe is the best legislative candidate field ever.

Democrats hold only 20 seats in the 75-member House and have just nine in the 29-member Senate. But pollster Dan Jones & Associates also found nearly half say that having the Democrats control one house in the Legislature would make no difference in how the state is run.

The poll of 526 adults was taken April 6-11 and has a 3.1 percent margin of error.

Jones found that 50 percent of Utahns say their incumbent House and Senate member have done a good enough job to be re-elected. Thirty-five percent say "someone new should get a chance."

Asked if they plan to vote for the Republican or Democrat in their legislative races this year, 45 percent said the Republican, 24 percent said Democrat and 31 percent didn't know or mentioned another party.

Democrats have criticized the majority Republicans over how freeways are being rebuilt and funded. They have also blasted Republicans for not raising the sales tax from food during the huge state revenue surplus years of the mid-1990s.

Elmore commissioners will designate polling places

The Times-News

MOUNTAIN HOME — Elmore county commissioners will meet at 8 a.m. today.

The morning agenda includes designating polling places; sign plan

for Pollman Subdivision; public defender program; planning and zoning amendment; Primm's Health, personal complaint; and animal damage control.

The afternoon agenda includes Executive session for indigent ap

provision of Communications; Board of Education — Budget; Board of Education — Communications; Board of Education — Finance; Board of Education — Personnel; Board of Education — Planning; Board of Education — Public Safety; Board of Education — Transportation; Board of Education — Utilities; Board of Education — Zoning; Board of Education — Other.

The agenda includes Executive session for indigent ap

Habitat

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its tributary, Black Canyon Creek.

"Bill is big into wildlife," said Idaho Department of Fish and Game habitat biologist Dave Musil. "He understands the big picture, rather than just producing."

Fish and Game, in its study of riparian habitat, Musil said, has found a nest after the first cutting of an alfalfa field, Musil said. The first harvesting happens when eggs are ready to hatch, a time hens are more protective of nests and aren't apt to escape.

The birds don't have secure nesting sites, Musil said. If there were more old areas not farmed, such as corners of pivot-irrigated fields, the game birds would do better.

"Farmers really don't like to live with trawls," Novinger said, "which are nice places for habitat." To provide permanent nesting and roosting sites, plus winter

feed for birds, deer and elk, Novinger is working with Fish and Game, the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Gooding Soil Conservation District. On ground needed with fence, he planted about 1,800 shrubs and trees in a couple of two-acre strips — one bordering Black Canyon Creek.

The other between his property and the creek, planted last year. Wendell Elementary High School did much of the planning and watering last week, as part of their science curriculum.

Musil designed the plan, but put out so the fence can be moved, and the trees and shrubs accommodate wintering.

He included juniper to provide winter cover for upland game birds. The shrubs are for nesting sites for ornamental songbirds such as orioles, woodpeckers and kingbirds, said Musil.

Added to the new plantings are piles of brush which Novinger will grow wildlife feed. Fish and Game's Habitat Improvement Program pays farmers \$2,500 per

acre to plant these plants. Under this program, one in a five-acre plot must be harvested until area shrubs can help birds survive winter.

Novinger didn't think to include the plants, planted last year. But he said they attracted deer and elk.

In a third wildlife habitat area, Novinger will plant shrubs and trees in conjunction with the Gooding Soil Conservation District. The conservation district will provide the plants this year prior to harvesting.

The Gooding Soil Conservation District awarded Novinger \$2,000 to help pay for the habitat plants, said conservation district clerk Don Beatty.

The money is from a \$2,500 grant the conservation district got from the Natural Resources Conservation Service. The remaining \$2,500 will be used for public education, including trees at Novinger's property.

Times-News correspondent Steve K... was reached in Wendell

A large grid of small images and text snippets, likely a political or legislative update section, with various headlines and photos.

MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

I guess they'll be getting a lot of take signs.

Seattle's injured star Edgar Martinez, after a Martinez split squad situation, is for an excellent performance.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school schedule: Wilson 3:00 pm vs. Rainier 5:00 pm.

IN BRIEF

Pleasant Valley Men's Association to meet

PLEASANT VALLEY - Pleasant Valley Golf Course's Men's Association will meet at 6:30 pm Wednesday at the clubhouse.

City beats Chang, wins U.S. Clay Court crown

LARGE BUREAU, Wis. - Jim Courier, coming back from an arm injury and a quality balling routine, beat opponent Michael Chang to win the U.S. Clay Court championship Sunday.

Spaniard wins title in Monte Carlo Open

MONTRE CARLO, Monaco - In an upset win, Andre Agassi won the Monte Carlo Open tennis tournament Sunday.

20 cars damaged in major crash at Tallahassee

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - A fiery 1997 Chevrolet van, carrying a driver and a passenger, crashed into a brick wall Sunday, causing a major crash at Tallahassee.

CSI in driver's seat Win over N. Idaho sets up pivotal series

By Damon Clow Times-News writer TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho basketball team headed to Coeur d'Alene last month with the difficult task of winning three games in four days.



Once again, the big bats of CSI's lineup stayed quiet, the lone exception being Adam Manley's eighth home run of the season, a two-run blast to left off of NIC's Ryan Banks that tied the score at two.

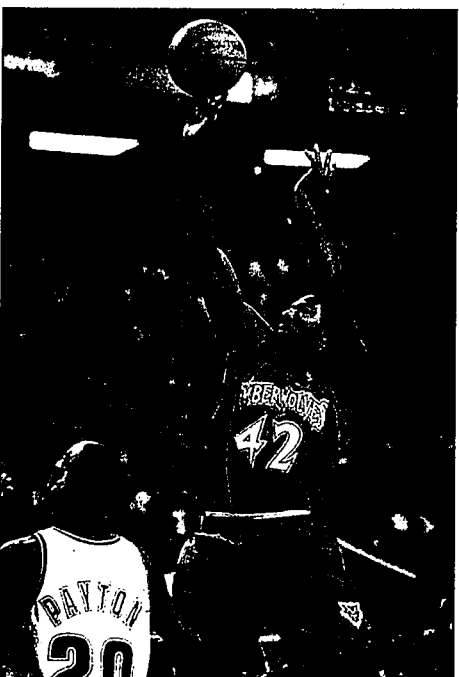
Cold night, hot racing for Metz

By Lynn Baird Times-News correspondent TWIN FALLS - Fans at Magic Valley Speedway braved cold and windy weather, but had some hot racing to keep them warm.



T'wolves beat Sonics, even series

The Associated Press SEATTLE - It took nine years, but the Minnesota Timberwolves finally won a playoff game.



Minnesota's Sam Mitchell shoots over Seattle's Gary Payton during first-quarter playoff action in Seattle Sunday night.

NBA roundup - Page B5

Friday night, got 21 points from Terry Porter, a surprise starter, and a playoff career-high 18 from Sam Mitchell, the last remaining member of the original Timberwolves.

Golf roundup - Page B5

Las Vegas - Hale Irwin is used to running away with golf tournaments. On Sunday, he nearly let one get away.

Malay, Rupert win Oasis title

TWIN FALLS - Joe Malay and Bret Rupert turned Saturday's one-on-one lead into Sunday's four-stroke victory in the championship flight of the Oasis 2-Person Best-Ball tournament.

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Masingill and Jim Malay finished in a second-place tie with Mickey Dugger and Ben Matis in 137. In the ladies' championship flight, Mary Ann Kay and Chris Sterling shot a net 60 but missed Julie Astorquia and Marge Tilley's two-day 131 by one stroke.

Irwin toys with field, wins

The Associated Press LAS VEGAS - Hale Irwin is used to running away with golf tournaments. On Sunday, he nearly let one get away.



Hale Irwin tips his visor to the gallery on the 18th green after he clinched the Las Vegas Senior Classic championship Sunday.

Completed from staff and wire reports

Radke shuts down M's; Rickey's slam lifts A's

SEATTLE (AP) — Brad Radke shut out Seattle for six innings and Terry Seaverback and Marty Cordova drove in Minnesota's runs in the seventh inning Sunday, leading the Twins to a 2-0 win over the Mariners.

Radke (3-1) combined with Mike Timmer Jr., Greg Swindell and Rick Aguilera as a stabilizer — Minner's first shutout this year. Aguilera pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Seaverback hit an RBI double and Cordova had a run-scoring single in the seventh to break open a pitcher's duel between Radke and Jamie Moyer (1-3).

Dan Wilson had two hits for Seattle, which was blanked by Boston's Pedro Martinez on April 11.

Seattle's best scoring chance came in the sixth when it had runners at the corners with one out, but Radke got Edgar Martinez to hit into a double-play

American League

Wilson had twice reached as far as second base, following an infield single in the third and a double in the fifth.

Moyer allowed only one baserunner into scoring position in the first six innings. With two outs in the fourth, Paul Molitor singled and moved to second when David Ortiz walked, but Ron Coomer grounded out to end the inning.

Athletics 12, Orioles 4

BALTIMORE — Rickey Henderson hit his second career grand slam, his first since July 1991, and Jason Giambi drove in three runs as the Oakland Athletics defeated Baltimore 12-4 Sunday — the Orioles' eighth loss in 11 games.

Tom Candiotti (2-3) allowed four runs — three earned — and five hits in seven innings for his second straight win.

Rangers 11, Royals 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Aaron Sele (5-0) became the first five-game winner in the majors and Juan Gonzalez homered twice and drove in four runs.

Gonzalez, who drove in five runs on Saturday night, has 32 RBIs in April, two shy of Tim Lincecum's record for the month, and 33 all year.

Sle (5-0) allowed four runs and eight hits in five-plus innings. Chris Haney (2-1) gave up six runs and eight hits in 5-1/3 innings.

White Sox 5, Blue Jays 5, tie

CHICAGO — Albert Belle hit a solo homer and Ray Durham hit a three-run double in a

game ended by rain after six innings. The game, called after a 1-hour, 49-minute wait, will be replayed in its entirety as part of a doubleheader on July 15. All records from Sunday count.

Carlos Delgado drove in three runs for Toronto with a two-run double and an RBI single.

Angels 2, Devil Rays 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Jim Edmonds homered and Damon Mashore snapped a six-hitting tie with a RBI single, giving Anaheim its fourth straight victory and a sweep of the three-game series against Tampa Bay.

Omar Olivares (1-0) got the victory with 3-2/3 innings in relief of Jack McDowell, who left the game after three innings because of a sore right elbow. Tony Perovich pitched a perfect ninth for his fifth save, completing six

Dodds claims 1st tour win

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Trevor Dodds parried the first playoff hole Sunday to become another comeback winner at the Great Lakes area's Chrysler Classic, edging Scott Verplank for his first PGA Tour victory.

Dodds, who battled testicular cancer last season while playing the Nike Tour, became the 15th different winner this season in as many PGA Tour events.

Golf roundup

It was the second straight year the \$2.2 million Greensboro tournament had two or a playoff hole. Last year, Frank Nobilo rallied from five shots back to defeat Brad Faxon on the first extra hole, played in a virtual moonzone with temperatures hovering around 50 degrees. This time around the weather was in sharp contrast on the par-77, 6,662-yard Forest Oaks Country Club course, with the sun shining and temperatures in the 80s. But a tricky wind got going to 25 mph frustrated player after player down the stretch.

Neumann cruises to 3-shot LPGA win

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga. — Lisette Neumann became the third double-blower on the LPGA Tour this year, cruising to a three-shot triumph in the Chick-fil-A Charity Championship on Sunday.

Speedway

The legend cars made their first appearance at Magic Valley Speedway on Saturday night. Last year, feature with a caution, Jeff Kelley won the feature race, followed by Matt McPhilly and Burton Sanden. The cars will return to the Speedway race as part of the support show for the Pepsi 100.

Next week, racing action will feature all five NASCAR classes at Magic Valley Speedway. Racing starts at 7 p.m. with time trials at 6 p.m. The action is continuous this year as final practice for the modifieds occurs after the time trials and continues to race time.

San Diego — Jon Linder allowed three hits in eight-plus innings and Doug Strang's RBI single snapped a string of 20 scoreless innings for Pittsburgh.

Reds at Mets, ppd.

NEW YORK — The Mets' game against the Cincinnati Reds was rained out and will be made up as part of a doubleheader on May 19.

CSI

Continued from B4 game, allowed three singles, and left the game with the lead at 1-0.

Rinberg came in and got the first out as Holmes bunted the runners into scoring position. Gables threw Matt Mason out at first on the next ground ball, and Bryan Miller popped up to end the threat.

"I don't have enough praise for J.D. Rinberg," Walker said. "He hit the game-winning home run, and (Nick) Stelzner shut the door on them."

Stelzner picked up his third save of the season after entering the game in the eighth and retiring all five batters he faced. "Even as bad as we struggled, we found a way to win," Walker said.

The Golden Eagles, who swept the four-game series with the Vikings at the end of March, ended the Reuberg series four games ahead of their hosts. A win in any of the four games gives CSI the North Division title and Frontier Field the Region 18 tournament.

A Vikings sweep sends the regional tournament to Reuberg, because CSI was the last North Division team to lose.

Dodgers' bullpen comes through

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Todd Zelle hit a two-out RBI single in the 12th inning Sunday and Los Angeles' bullpen pitched five more scoreless innings as the Dodgers defeated the Chicago Cubs 4-3.

Eric Young opened the 12th with a single off Marc Pasmorer (0-1) and Roger Cedeno sacrificed. After Paul Montez struck out, Zelle grounded a 3-2 pitch through the middle.

National League

Rookie Matt Luke hit his first major league homer as the Dodgers completed their first three-game sweep of the Cubs since 1992, and their first over Chicago at Dodger Stadium since 1991.

Brad Clontz (1-0) got his first victory as a Dodger by pitching the 12th.

Clontz was not allowed a run in 8-2/3 innings, and the Dodgers' bullpen has now pitched 29 2-3 consecutive scoreless innings.

The Cubs, playing their third and final regular-season game at Dodger Stadium this year, staged starter Steve Lachuz to a one-run lead for the third time in the game as sixth-inning doubles by Mark Grace and Jeff Blumey against Ramon Martinez shut for the third time. The lead squandered the lead in the bottom of the inning.

Eric Karros, who missed the Dodgers' first 71 games after arthroscopic surgery on his left knee, singled for his first hit in six at-bats since coming off the disabled list on Friday night.

Bleeders 12, Diamondbacks 6

MIAMI — Claudio Johnson hit two long homers to help the Marlins beat the Florida Marlins 12-6 Sunday. Cliff Floyd hit a three-run homer, his seventh, and matched his career high with four RBIs. Gary Sheffield hit a two-run homer in Florida, which won a 4-2, fifth-inning deficit.

Floyd's four homers tied a team record. But he was out of the game after a double play.

Lanck (2-2), making his first start since April 8 when he sustained a stress fracture in his back, allowed four runs — three earned — and six hits in five innings.

Astros 15, Expos 0

HOUSTON — Brian Lincecum capped a productive week by striking out five batters in the ninth inning Sunday.

After allowing five RBIs on Friday night against one of his former teams, went 3-for-6 and scored three runs as the Astros completed a three-game sweep of the Expos.

Sean Burges (2-1) and Trevor Miller combined on a five-inning. Burges allowed four hits in six innings. Miller pitched three innings for his first start.

Richard Hidalgo had four RBIs and Sean Berry went 3-for-4 and scored four times for the Astros.

Phillies 9, Cardinals 3

PHILADELPHIA — Chase Utley struck out 13 and Mike Lieberthal homered and drove in four runs for the Phillies.

Schilling (3-0) fanned Mick McGwire three times



Chicago's Lance Johnson is safe at the plate as Los Angeles catcher Tom Prince attempts to make a tag during the Dodgers' 4-3 win Sunday.

and increased his major-league leading strikeout total to 65 for the Phillies, who improved to 9-3 at home this year.

Schilling, who had lost his last two starts, allowed three runs and eight hits in eight innings. It was his fourth double-digit strikeout game this season.

The Cardinals had lost four of their last five.

Rockies 7, Braves 6

ATLANTA — Vinny Castilla homered twice to take over the major league lead with 11, and the Colorado Rockies took a storm lead against Greg Maddux in a 7-6 win Sunday over the Atlanta Braves.

Castilla was 4-for-4 with five RBIs, hitting a two-run double off Maddux in the fourth-inning, a two-run homer in the third and a solo homer in the eighth off Mike Cather. Castilla, who raised his average to .273, leads the NL with 32 RBIs.

Maddux (2-2) was pounded for six runs and 10 hits in five innings. It was the most runs and hits he had allowed in 60 starts.

NBA playoffs

The Los Angeles led to seven points with 3:35 remaining, but that was as close as the Blazers would get.

The Blazers didn't attempt their first four shots until 8:12 remained in the second period. By that time, the Lakers had taken 19. Portland finished 17-of-21 while Los Angeles was 34-of-52.

Fox, held to nine points in Game 1, scored 12 in the first quarter as the Lakers took a 25-21 lead.

Chicks 96, Nets 91

CHICAGO — It was another shaky finish for the Chicago Bulls, yet still another playoff victory over the New Jersey Nets.

Maddux had gone as many 217 starts since June 30, 1991, without allowing as many as four runs in the first inning.

Giants 8, Brewers 7

SAN FRANCISCO — Stan Javier and Charlie Hayes hit solo homers off Doug Jones in the ninth inning, and Barry Bonds hit a grand slam as the San Francisco Giants rallied to beat the Milwaukee Brewers 8-7 Sunday.

Bonds drove in five runs for the Giants, who overcame a 6-0 deficit and won consecutive games for the first time since a three-game streak from April 12-14. San Francisco had lost seven of nine coming in.

With the Giants trailing 7-6, Javier connected off Jones (5-1) who blew a save for the second time in 10 starts. After Rich Aurilia flied out, Hayes hit for Steve Kocs (1-0) and homered over the left field wall.

Joe Valentin and Maquies Grissom homered in a six-run third for Milwaukee.

Pirates 6, Padres 0

SAN DIEGO — Jon Linder allowed three hits in eight-plus innings and Doug Strang's RBI single snapped a string of 20 scoreless innings for Pittsburgh.

The Pirates became the first team to shut out the Padres and win a series against San Diego this year, losing two of three. Pittsburgh was held scoreless in the final 14 innings of Saturday's 15-inning game, won 4-3 by the Padres.

Al Martin hit a three-run homer off reliever Don Wengert with two outs in the ninth, and Tony Womack went 3-for-5 for the Pirates.

Lieber (1-3) had lost three straight starts before cooling off the Padres. He struck out eight and walked two.



L.A. Laker Shaquille O'Neal and Portland Trail Blazer J.R. Rider scrap for a loose ball during NBA playoff action in Englewood, Calif., Sunday.

NBA playoff action in Englewood, Calif., Sunday. Sam Cassell, were sick and injured.

Van Horn and Cassell were not factors again Sunday. But Douglas, Kerry Kittles and Tyson Williams, who was playing with a broken thumb, nonetheless grabbed the two-time defending champions with a fervor.

after three quarters.

The Nets cut the lead to seven early in the fourth before Steve Kerr hit a 3-pointer, made a steal and Koc hit a pair-of-baskets to run the lead back to 14.

But the Bulls could not put the Nets away.

Van Horn, recovering from the flu and slowed by foul problems, made a basket with 22 seconds left to pull New Jersey into a tie.

After Jordan missed one of two free throws for the second time in the final half-minute, Douglas hit his 3-pointer.

Kittles scored 23, Douglas 20 and Williams had 11 rebounds, 10 fewer than Friday — to go with 10 points.

Knicks 96, Heat 86

MIAMI — With a burst of emotion and a balanced attack that was missing in Game 1, the New York Knicks landed a counterpunch Sunday against the Miami Heat.

John Starks scored 25 points, Allan Houston had 24 and Larry Johnson 22 as the Knicks rallied from a 14-point deficit to beat the Heat 96-86 and even their best-of-five series at 1-1.

Terry Cummings, who didn't even play in Game 1, grabbed 14 rebounds, including five on the offensive end, and point guards Charlie Ward (seven assists) and Chris Childs (a clinching late 3-pointer) combined to shut down 11th hardaway, holding him to 15 points on 4-for-15 shooting to prevent a repeat of his 34-point performance in Game 1.

Game 3 will be Tuesday at Madison Square Garden, where the Heat's career record is 3-22.

SCORES AND STATS MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

BASKETBALL

NBA playoffs

Table with 3 columns: Team, Points, Rebounds, Assists, Steals, Blocks. Rows for Eastern Conference (Miami Heat vs Orlando Magic) and Western Conference (Los Angeles Lakers vs Utah Jazz).

NBA box scores

Box score for Miami Heat vs Orlando Magic, showing player stats for both teams.

Lakers 106, Trail Blazers 99

Box score for Los Angeles Lakers vs Portland Trail Blazers.

Rockets 95, Heat 86

Box score for Houston Rockets vs Miami Heat.

Timberwolves 98, SuperSonics 93

Box score for Minnesota Timberwolves vs Seattle SuperSonics.

Late NBA box scores

Summary of late NBA game results.

PHILADELPHIA

Table with 3 columns: Player, Points, Rebounds, Assists, Steals, Blocks.

AL BOX SCORES

TWINS 2, MARINERS 0

Box score for Minnesota Twins vs Seattle Mariners.

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Box score for Anaheim Angels vs Tampa Bay Devil Rays.

BLUE JAYS, WHITE SOX 6, Red Sox

Box score for Toronto Blue Jays vs Chicago White Sox.

INDIANS 7, BRANGERS 6

Box score for Cleveland Indians vs Texas Rangers.

RANGERS 11, ROYALS 4

Box score for Texas Rangers vs Kansas City Royals.

ATLANTICS 12, ORIOLES 6

Box score for New York Yankees vs Baltimore Orioles.

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GOLF

Table with 3 columns: Player, Score, Par, Holes in One.

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Table with 3 columns: Team, Goals, Assists, Points.

AL STANDINGS

Table showing AL team standings (Twins, Angels, Blue Jays, Indians, Rangers, Yankees, Orioles, Phillies).

NL BOX SCORES

PIRATES 6, PADRES 0

Box score for Pittsburgh Pirates vs San Diego Padres.

DOODGERS 4, CUBS 3

Box score for Cleveland Indians vs Chicago Cubs.

ASTROS 15, EXPOS 0

Box score for Houston Astros vs Montreal Expos.

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Table showing NL team standings (Astros, Braves, Mets, Phillies, Cardinals, Cubs, Expos, Pirates).

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Table listing TV and radio programs for MLB.

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Table listing TV programs and times.

LATE NL BOX SCORES

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ROCKIES 7, BRAVES 6

Box score for Colorado Rockies vs Atlanta Braves.

GIANTS 8, BREWERS 7

Box score for San Francisco Giants vs Milwaukee Brewers.

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Box score for Cleveland Indians vs Chicago Cubs.

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Table listing baseball players and their statistics.

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AROUND THE WEST

Judge lowers bond in eastern Idaho case

IDAHO FALLS — The Ricks College nursing instructor who allegedly attacked a woman while she was out jogging is free on bond.

Madison Dee Murphy, 32, of Rexburg, posted bond Friday after a judge reduced the amount from \$100,000 to \$5,000. He is charged with battery with intent to commit rape.

In Idaho Falls, Murphy is accused of approaching a 24-year-old woman and grabbing her by the neck on April 16. When the woman began to struggle and scream, the man wearing a ski mask ran, police said.

A witness followed the attacker to a car and wrote down its license plate number. That information led police to Murphy.

When detectives questioned him, he admitted he was in Idaho Falls on April 16 and was teaching at the local hospital, Bonneville County Deputy Prosecutor Molly Huskey testified Friday.

Police found a ski mask in Murphy's car, Huskey said. Murphy told them he was out jogging and he simply tapped the woman on the shoulder to get her attention because he wanted to run with her, she said.

Reputed neo-Nazi historian speaks at Washington school

VANCOUVER — Using the organizational name "Northwest Historical Society," an organizer was able to rent the library at Prairie High School for a speech by a reputed neo-Nazi historian.

David Irving, a controversial British historian, spoke to about 45 people at the event April 18.

He called the Holocaust a hoax, challenging the number and manner of Jewish concentration-camp deaths under Adolf Hitler's regime. He also argued that British Prime Minister Winston Churchill should have made peace with the Nazis in 1940.

Irving is author of "Goebbels: Mastermind of the Third Reich."

The Columbian newspaper said Battle Ground School District officials were unaware of the topic until asked by the newspaper on Thursday.

Acting superintendent Ken Crawford said the district would have refused the meeting request if the nature of the topic had been known.

The district approved the rental just two days before Irving's appearance.

Racial issues overshadow decision on tenure at WSU

PULLMAN, Wash. — The denial of tenure to a West African assistant professor is fueling discontent over minority faculty hiring at Washington State University.

After eight years of teaching political science and comparative American cultures at WSU, Abdoulaye Saïne plans to leave next month.

A faculty committee told the 46-year-old that he wouldn't be guaranteed a permanent post at the WSU because he hadn't published enough academic articles.

The denial of tenure has turned into a rallying point for students, staff and faculty who have demanded more diversity on campus for years.

In recent months, they've held meetings and rallies. Last week, protesters marched across campus carrying a coffin to signify "the death of diversity."

During a time of high turnover for WSU's minority faculty members, the university should keep Saïne on campus, critics say.

"The administration doesn't seem to care," said David McElroy, a graduate student who took part in last week's protest. "They say they're committed to diversity, but..."

Mormon president says temple set for central Ohio

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The leader of the Mormon church said if a suitable location is found, a temple will be built in the Columbus area within 12 to 18 months. It would be the denomination's first temple in Ohio since the 1830s.

Gordon B. Hinckley, president of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, told a gathering of about 6,800 people at Polaris Amphitheater on Saturday that the temple will be "small, but beautiful."

The temple will handle about 80 people at one time, Hinckley said. The buildings are not places of regular worship, but are instead for certain rites, such as special wedding ceremonies.

The Mormon church recognizes the validity of civil marriages but teaches that they are invalid before death. Church doctrine says the only way for marriages and families to be united for eternity is for a special marriage to be performed in a holy temple by the authority of the holy priesthood.

Compiled from wire reports



J. McKim Malville, University of Colorado astronomy professor, examines a petroglyph in the Wujiji area of Chaco Canyon, N.M., last month. The rock is near sites that align with the sunrise during the winter solstice.

Ancient culture looks to the sun

Researchers seek evidence ancient peoples used astronomy in daily lives

The Associated Press

NACEEZI, N.M. — High above Chaco Wash, hidden among the rabbit brush and prairie grass, ochre rocks the size of small trucks tease astronomers and archaeologists with petroglyphs and clues to ancient mysteries.

The rocks on Chacra Mesa and the massive cliffs miles away across the canyon to the northeast may hold further evidence that the Chacoans used astronomy to guide their farming and religious ceremonies.

Two days after the spring equinox, 11 students from the University of Colorado explored a part of the Chaco Culture National Historical Park open only to researchers. The students, part of CU professor J. McKim Malville's "Ancient Astronomies of the World" class, were joined by park rangers from Mesa Verde National Park and Chaco Culture National Historical Park.

The group hiked to meet astronomer Tony Hall at the first large rock with petroglyphs as a faint tease of sage hung in the breeze.

The sun rises on the winter solstice, the first day of winter, in a notch across the canyon and is aligned with a rock to the north of the petroglyphs says Hall, making the case that the rock next to him was a sun observation point.

"There are very few objects in line with the sun when it rises," Hall says. Hall points out four holes on the rock. Malville quizzes his students on which constellation the markings represent.

"Corvus," Malville confirms, also known as the Crow in Greek or the Man with His Feet Ajar in Navajo culture.



A translucent arrowhead is one of several artifacts found near an almost-invisible kiva in Chaco Canyon, N.M.

"This is consistent with early Navajo rock art."

Also consistent with Navajo art are the Yei symbols on the rock, Hall says.

Those, and the ancient Zia symbol dominating the rock face, are in the same condition when they were first found and documented in 1849, Hall adds.

Another rock, 100 feet to the northeast, has a spiral similar to rock inscriptions atop Fajada Butte and other

inscriptions throughout the canyon, Hall says, which could make it part of the Chacoan culture. "All of the rocks would seem to be related to equinoxes and sunrises," Hall says.

G.B. Cornucopia, a seasonal ranger at the park, says there is a strong Navajo presence in this part of the canyon, a 200-foot climb to the top of Chacra Mesa.

Malville, Cornucopia, and Greg Munson, a ranger based at Mesa Verde National Park, agree that the six- and

eight-sided cairns were likely early Navajo lookout stations.

"Watch out for rattlesnakes," Cornucopia warns at the start of a scramble through rocks near the top of the cliff.

At the top of the mesa, students stop at a figure-8-shaped depression in the ground.

It may be a big kiva, the round and sometimes-underground ceremonial chambers associated with the ancient pueblo people, or a pit house. "It says huge pit house to me," Munson says, adding there's no evident masonry.

To the east, ants, perhaps as busy as the ancient Indians were in the valley 1,000 years ago, have built a mound. Scattered across the top are tiny beads which Munson explains came from the ocean, evidence that the Chacoans traded with others far distant.

Another part of Chacra Mesa, reached by a two-mile hike into the valley and again onto the butte, safeguards additional petroglyphs and more evidence of astronomical observation, Malville says.

Along the trek, students — as they have all day — take compass and global positioning satellite readings. At the base of the cliff atop the mesa are several small grinding areas, depressions about a foot long and 6 inches wide.

Malville says these are characteristic of Mesa Verde and other sites to the north and were unlikely for food preparation. "They point in the direction of the rising sun," he says. "Therefore, the theory is these are for offerings. This is really one of the small number of sites in Chaco where they point towards the sun."

5 ALARM?



Ontario, Ore., Fire Chief Randy Simpson, right, and firefighter Jon Kruek need a bit of extra protection from their 'four alarm chill' at the chill cook-off Saturday in the eastern Oregon town.

It's checkout time for another famed Las Vegas hotel/casino

The Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Elvis and Priscilla married there.

Nell Diamond opened its famous theater.

Wayne Newton and Johnny Carson once jockeyed to buy it. Newton bested Carson but faced national television reports he had help from the mob. He won an enormous defamation suit against NBC but lost it all in an appeal.

Tonight, the famed Aladdin Hotel-Casino, shuttered since November, will check out of its 32-year-old Las Vegas Strip address in a spectacular implosion.

The 17-story, 1,100-room Aladdin is the fifth local icon to be blasted into oblivion in the last five years, all succumbing to the city's megareport mania. Since 1989, 10 of the huge hotels — boasting 2,500-3,000 rooms and costing \$80 million to \$2 billion apiece — have gone up, and five more are planned or under construction.

The Dunes was imploded in October 1993, making way for the \$1.6 billion Bellagio resort, scheduled to open this fall. The Landmark was felled in November 1995, replaced by a convention center parking lot. The venerable Sands dropped a year later, and the \$2 billion Venetian resort is rising in its place. The

Hacienda came down in a 1996 New Year's Eve spectacle, and Mandalay Bay resort will open on that site next spring.

Once the Aladdin's prime 35-acre site is cleared, construction will start on a new 2,600-room Aladdin Hotel and Casino, a second hotel-casino with 1,000 rooms as a joint venture with parent Aladdin Gaming Ltd. and Planet Hollywood; and a shopping complex named Desert Passages. The 7,000-seat Aladdin Theater for the Performing Arts will be spared in the demolition and renovated. The three projects carry a price tag of \$1.3 billion, with completion scheduled two years from now, said in an interview.

Richard Goeglein, president and chief executive officer of Aladdin Gaming, says he isn't worried that the city is gaining 25,000 new hotel rooms in just three years, a 25 percent increase that will boost total room inventory past 125,000. "We have an incredible market here," Goeglein, an 18-year industry veteran, said in an interview.

Goeglein anticipates a feeling of deja vu Monday when the Aladdin falls. He headed management at the Dunes in its waning days.

"My team turned off the lights, we locked the doors when the place closed," he said. "There were a lot of tears."

'My team turned off the lights ... there were a lot of tears.'

— Richard Goeglein, Aladdin Gaming

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ITEM 1. A CONDITIONAL USE BY OAK Paving, Inc. on property consisting of twenty (20) acres located in Section 16 on Township 11 North, Range 18 East, B.M. Also known as being located 5.25 miles south of Kimberly Road on the Lakes Boulevard and addressed as 3000 East and 3300 North, Twin Falls, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone.

ITEM 2. A CONDITIONAL USE LAND DIVISION BY Otis & Julie Turner on property consisting of 3.9 acres located in Section 14, Township 10 South, Range 16 East, B.M. Also known as being located 1.5 miles West and 1/2 mile South of Fire and addressed as 3498 North 2000 East, Twin Falls, Idaho in the Agricultural Zone.

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DATE OF MEETING: April 7, 8, 1998. On the morning of May 7th, the Commission will hold their Fourth Grants Dinner. The meeting will start at approximately 1:30 p.m.

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ROUTES IN THE
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Apt. Complex for:
400 blk. Caswell Ave. W.
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bath, 2200 sq. ft. over size
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DINING TABLE with chairs... MATTRESS - King size... MATTRESS - Queen size...

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FREE - 2 yr old male, Gold... FREE male, 8 mos old... FREE - White semi long...

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HAY approx. 35 tons tested... HAY for sale, Dairy he...

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PIANO 8 rebuilt, Refin... USED PIANOS... Don't buy Junk Come to...

KITTENS - SHAMBE sale... LABS - Chocolate AKC registered...

LABS - AKC Chimp bloodline... LABS - AKC Chimp bloodline...

WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH... Vulnerable: East-West Dealer: North

DIAMOND ENGAGEMENT RING... HAY, Alfalfa hay, 2 string...

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TRAILER camping, hunting... TRAMPOLINE frame in good...

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LEAD WITH THE ACES... South holds: East South West North

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813 LAWN & GARDEN... AAA ROTOTILLING... ADAM'S ROTOTILLING...

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816 LAWN & GARDEN... AAA ROTOTILLING... ADAM'S ROTOTILLING...

817 MISC. SALE... COUCH - multi pastel, 6 pc...

818 LAWN & GARDEN... AAA ROTOTILLING... ADAM'S ROTOTILLING...

819 LAWN & GARDEN... AAA ROTOTILLING... ADAM'S ROTOTILLING...

820 PETS & SUPPLIES... AKC LAB PUPP 9/16 lowback...

821 TOOLS/SAWRY... RADIAL ARM SAW 10" Delta...

822 APPLIANCES... FREEZER - upright, Kenmore...

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WANTED TO BUY: good...
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HONDA 4 Wheeler, used in good condition...
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OLD TRAPS - Wanted old traps, bear traps, traps w/teach & small traps...
WANTED - Used transmission for a Dodge/Colt Vista

WANTED - Winchester 22 mag, lever action rifle and Ruger Vaquero 357 Mag

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WANTED: Cookware, perter Reverse Vase...
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WANTED - RIFLE for beginner...
WAR RELICS Collector buying WWI, WWII, Korean...

PIANOS - Want to sell or trade...
RIFLE, BKS, 7.62X39, wanted to buy...

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RIFERFORM 78, 178 1/2 inch...

RIFERFORM, 1977, 85 hp motor...
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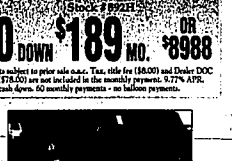
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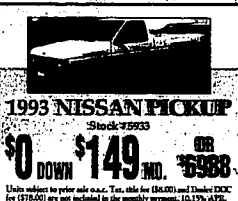
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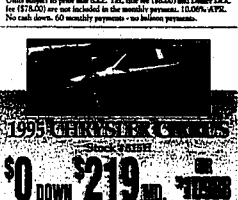
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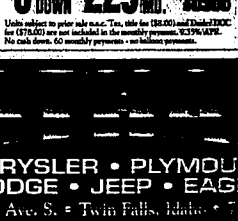
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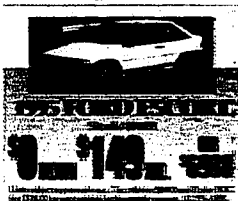
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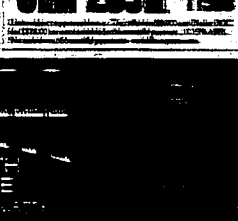
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Watch out for those frisky manatees

As a nature-lover, I enjoy seeing animals in their native wilderness habitat, provided that it is within 20 yards of plumbing and food. So recently I toured into the heart of the city of Miami (groined motto: "No Top Elected Officials Indured So Far This Week") to see the wild manatees.

Manatees are large, benign, vegetarian mammals that spend their lives in the water, although they are mammals, just like whales, or dolphins, or human beings who have not graduated from law school. A full-grown manatee, which can weigh more than a thousand pounds, looks like the result of a genetic experiment involving a walrus and the Goodyear Blimp. We are not talking about active, otter-like animals, here. We're talking about animals that generally display the same level of politeness as the Chrysler building. If manatees kept their schedules on those little organizers that businesspersons are always consulting, a typical working day might look like this:

11 a.m.-2 p.m. — Eat three to four blooping, aromatic bubbles of manatee gas.

HUMOR
Dave Barry

2:15 p.m.-dark — Canine floating.
This schedule may not look productive, but it puts manatees ahead of most branches of the federal government. The manatees have pursued this lifestyle for eons, and things were going pretty well for them until the Earth's climate changed, allowing the emergence of one of the most dangerous forces in all of nature: the recreational motorboat. I used to do some recreational motorboating, and I can tell you for a fact that there are recreational boaters out there whose musical alertness is such that they would not inhale manatee gas if they drove their boats into a shopping center food court.

The result is that boaters often hit manatees. Nevertheless the manatees return, over and over, to the same boat-infested areas, because they are big believers in tradition, and also because it is diplomatically, if the animal kingdom were an elementary school, the manatees would not be in the gifted class.

Fortunately, the manatees have friends, including a Miami group called The Manatee Project. A researcher who works for this organization, Kit Curtin, offered to take me to see a group of manatees who hang out in one of the waterways that pass through downtown Miami, on the condition that I would not reveal where the hangout is. Kit wanted to keep it a secret because, aside from boats, the other big threat to manatees is the public. It's a well-known fact that manatees are sometimes called a "hangout" neighborhood, in the sense of, if you were there alone at night, you would be chugging your underwear often. There's a fair amount of criminal activity, although Kit said she has seen the same criminal elements are quite protective of the manatees; when these elements are not threatening to kill people over drug deals, they are helping to preserve the planet's delicate ecological balance by threatening to kill people who hassle the manatees. Al Gore take note!

The day I visited the Secret Hangout, there were maybe 30 manatees, most of whom Kit said are sometimes called a "hangout" because almost all of them have large, distinctive propeller scars, some of them also boast colonies of barnacles, which can easily latch on to a manatee because they are so dependent on speed. Among the manatees on hand were Olivia, Kory, Rosa, Fred, Tera, Bogger, Napoleon, Mr. Slash, Tim, Leonardo, Mr. Kite, Rita, Hollywood, Pennur and (Bill Clinton take note) Manatee.

They were following the standard manatee schedule, floating and blooping and thinking manatee thoughts, which I imagine would mostly be along the lines of, "I'm glad that the sun is so nice and it's a shaggy mating season, when the males, consumed by manatee lust, gather around a

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Anti-impotence pill Viagra hits

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

But is it really a wonder drug?

TWIN FALLS — Urologist Dr. Richard Zobel cautions that the new drug Viagra may turn out to be impotence what Rogaine is to growing hair.

"What I'm hearing from patients is that it helps in about 50 percent of cases," said Zobel, who works at Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. "But I'm sure getting a lot of requests for it."

Viagra, hyped by its manufacturer as the new magic bullet for impotence, has already peaked up life for Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. The value of the drug-maker's stock bolted by 8 percent in a

single day last week.

"I've had patients asking about Viagra since it was released (early this month)," Zobel said. "But in the last couple of weeks, it's just taken off."

Viagra, a diamond-shaped pill that's supposed to be taken an hour before lovemaking, is the first oral medicine for impotence. At \$7.50 to \$10 per dose, it doesn't cause an erection unless the man is sexually stimulated.

The pill has been hyped as a sexual savior for healthy men seeking to increase or improve their activity or per-

formance. Despite warnings from experts that Viagra works only in men with a medical problem, patients are swamping pharmacies to get it.

"It started out as a blood-pressure medication," Zobel explained. "Then some of the guys reported this nice side-effect."

The number of impotence prescriptions filled in the United States has nearly tripled since Viagra's release early this month, to 54,474 for the week ending April 10. Viagra now accounts for eight of every 10 new impotence pre-



To learn more about Viagra and impotence, visit The Times-News Online at: www.timesnewslink.com and click on NewsLinks.

scriptions, according to IMS America, a research information company that publishes *Pharm*, Page D2

Massage for the soul



Massage to be like Lisa Randall, a client of Kelly Willis, receives a massage. Willis has a contraption called a Body Plates that enables her to work on people, including pregnant women, easier.

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — You can't touch stress unless you get your hands on it, some Magic Valley massage therapists claim.

"Ninety percent of all human illnesses can be helped, if not cured, by regular massage," said Kelly Willis, who owns GIFT of Touch in Twin Falls. "Many illnesses are stress-induced."

The therapeutic massage practiced by Willis is at the center of the fast-expanding galaxy of alternative medicine, but massage extends to conventional healing as well. It's an element of physical therapy, and massage is sometimes recommended by medical doctors, chiropractors and mental health professionals to help ease a variety of ailments.

But it's the stressed and the aching who account for much of local the massage therapists' clientele.

Alternative medicine's hands-on therapists claim they've got a handle on stress

Stress comes from three places, said Zed Pevlar, who runs Muscle Therapy in Wendell — the physical, mental-emotional and spiritual.

The physical stress is usually hormonal, he said. "You can manipulate the plates in their head to take the pressure off the pterygus (muscle)," Pevlar said. "It gets the plates in line and takes the stress off."

In order to alleviate mental-emotional stress Pevlar uses a visual technique that helps the client file his or

her memories.

"If someone thinks something is a pain in the neck, pain will show up there," he said. "When it's that kind of stress it has a heart and you can feel it."

Spiritual stress involves the nervous system, Pevlar said. "The type that usually involves the spiritual is a type of nervous breakdown," he said. "It involves not being able to cope with things like church, and being lost. I use positive reinforcement and bring in more of the positive reinforcement so they can handle

more things.

"I've used a program to fix, but it gives them the strength to help themselves out."

Willis uses a patented technique of deep-tissue massage called Wing Wing Wing Gong, a Chinese method developed 3,200 years ago, allows the health practitioner to relieve the client of muscular tension, Willis said. But he or she has to act in work, he added.

"The philosophy I follow is that when people experience different stresses, it weakens the immune system," Willis said. "Through Wing Wing Gong, it helps release those stresses without causing more stress for the people."

Willis received his massage certification in Washington and then received his training in Wing Gong at a cape cod treatment center.

"I was working Nevada security and a neighbor asked if I would like to come

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Priming the pump

Only a heel would wear just one kind of shoe

DEAR FASHION POLICE: My co-workers and I have an ongoing disagreement about the pump. While they indulge in the latest fads, I'm faithful to what I consider the classic: high-heeled pumps. This shoe is timeless, and depending upon the cut, can go from sexy to savvy and from seductive to conservative.

Even I have to admit that some other styles are cute, in a goofy sort of way. But as a woman in my mid-30s, I'm not too interested in looking like an envoy. They say that women dress for other women. But if you want to test my theory, ask your boyfriend, husband or any member of the opposite sex what they prefer. I already know the answer!



ing steak every day. Sure, steak is good, but every day? What about mashed potatoes? Asparagus? Cheeseecake?

But OK, Miss Smarty Pants, let's put your theory to the test. Gentlemen? What'll it be? High-heeled pumps or some other kind of footwear? (For those not familiar with fashion lingo, your basic pump covers the back, sides and front of the foot and doesn't have any straps or laces up top. If you're clueless, ask any female; she should know.)

We'll let you know the results. DEAR FASHION POLICE: I have two questions I'm dening going to be in Vogue for a while? And are the longer styles of dresses in for a while? I love them both.

— JONES FOR JEANS
DEAR JONESY: Yes and yes.
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HEALTH NOTES

A real atomizer

Some day we may truly be able to make colds. Researchers say they've moved a step closer to curing the common cold by creating an image of the doorway used by the cold virus to infect human cells. Reporting in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences, the scientists say they used X-ray crystallography to make an atomic map of the receptor, a kind of chemical doorway, that the virus uses to infect cells.

Dead wrong

Even a living will's no guarantee your dying wishes will be honored. In about a third of cases, close relatives don't make treatment choices that terminally ill patients would want, a study says. "Having the piece of paper doesn't make a difference," says Daniel P. Sulmasy, lead author of the Annals of Internal Medicine study. "Talking is the most important thing. Talking about what you want helps the loved one to understand what it is you would want in those circumstances."

Big snack attack

Gnawing cookies when you're under stress may have more to do with bur-

esses than hunger. A preliminary Yale University study, reported at a Society of Behavioral Medicine meeting, suggests our levels of the hormone cortisol may be why some people, especially day workers, eat more and gain weight during times of high stress while others eat less and lose weight.

Steroid use questioned

The common practice of giving steroids to premature infants at two weeks of age to help them stem from weakness is being called into question after a large, federal study found that treatment so early in the child's development increases the risk of infection and slows growth. About 7 percent of the infants born annually in the United States weigh less than 3.5 pounds at birth, according to the National Center for Health Statistics. About 1 percent weigh as little as 2.3 pounds when they are born, sometimes as just 25 weeks of gestation, or nearly four months short of full-term. Infants with very low birth weights are often treated with dexamethasone, a corticosteroid that has been shown to help them overcome underdeveloped lungs and immature gastrointestinal tracts.

—Compiled from wire service reports

HEALTH & FASHION

Study: Depression undermines alcohol treatment

The Washington Post

People who are depressed when they go into treatment for alcohol problems tend to relapse and resume drinking much sooner than nondrinking patients, a new study suggests.

Researchers followed 101 patients enrolled in an alcohol-dependence treatment program at McLean Hospital, a private psychiatric facility near Boston. The follow-up continued with monthly interviews for a year after treatment to determine whether — and how quickly — patients started drinking again.

Nondrinking patients in the program were able to abstain

from drinking for a median of 125 days — meaning that half of the patients relapsed sooner than that and half stayed sober longer. For depressed patients, the median time until relapse was for shorter: 39 days.

"These data suggest that simultaneous treatment of concurrent major depression and alcohol dependence improves drinking outcomes" by preventing or delaying a relapse into alcohol use," the study concluded.

The finding that depression may bring on a quicker return to drinking applied equally to men and women in the study. Some previous research had suggested that the effect of depression on

alcohol treatment was more powerful in men than in women.

Of the 101 patients in the McLean study, 38 were diagnosed with major depression when they entered treatment for alcohol dependence. Most of those were prescribed antidepressant medication when they left the alcohol-treatment program. Among the depressed patients, use of antidepressants appeared to help delay resumption of drinking. Nearly all of the depressed patients discharged without antidepressants resumed drinking within 100 days, whereas 20 percent of those taking antidepressants remained abstinent for at least a year.

around, the better chance of sustaining an erection.

"Its advantage is that it works to improve blood flow in the penis, and you don't have to inject it," Zobeid explained. "Viagra works about as well as the shots but is more discreet and less painful."

And the drug may be just the first step toward a more effective impotence pill, Zobeid said.

"This isn't a drug to take if you just want to spice up your sex life," he said. "It's intended to treat impotence."

Viagra doesn't mix with heart medications that contain nitrates because together they can lower the blood pressure too much, Zobeid said. And Medicare doesn't cover it.

"Some insurance companies do, but others won't," he said. But whether it's with Viagra or

some other method, Zobeid points out that impotence is treatable.

Yet few of the 30 million men who suffer from erectile dysfunction do anything about it. The problem gets worse as men age.

Two men in five have problems getting an erection at age 40. Nearly seven in 10 do at age 70. Pfizer estimates the number of men with impotence worldwide at 140 million.

"This drug is worth looking at if a man has trouble with impotence," Zobeid said. "As long as he understands that it doesn't work for everybody."

— The Associated Press contributed to this report

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Viagra

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released the figures last week.

Many analysts expect it to bring in more than \$1 billion in annual sales after 2000, according to the Associated Press. Dr. Martin Hagger, an analyst with Deutsche Morgan Grenfell, told AP that Viagra should bring Pfizer \$300 million in sales during 1998 alone.

That would put Viagra in the same financial league as Prozac, Tagamet and other world-class money-spinners of the drug industry.

Known chemically as sildenafil, Viagra works by blocking an enzyme found mainly in the penis. That enzyme is responsible for quelling an erection after sex by breaking down a chemical called cyclic GMP that is produced during sexual stimulation. The longer cyclic GMP stays

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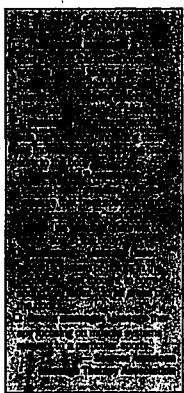
to work with him," he said. "I figured I would do a little bit for women who had been raped or battered. He started training me in massage therapy. He taught me how vital trust is. That's the most vital part of the person seeking help can't trust the practitioner, they're wasting their time. I learned hands-on. I follow my own set of guidelines."

Because of Willis' experience working with rape victims, he learned about a vital aspect of massage.

"Many many considerations of my clients is their sense of personal privacy and modesty," he said. "I require clothing to be worn on the table. I'm always respectful of a person's body and their feelings. I'll ask permission before going into another body part."

"(The rape crisis center) taught me to be very empathetic toward the people I'm working on," he said. "It taught me the inner strength of people. To see what humiliates people, to be tough and still carry on. It taught me great respect for people. The strength of human frailty is almost as strong as the human character."

Peavler agrees with Willis'



ideas of trust.

"(When you go to a massage therapist) you want to talk to the person and get a feel for what they're like," he said. "If you're uncomfortable you're not going

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to get any benefit from the massage. Ask them: What do they have that will help your condition? Are you continually looking for new ways to help your pain?

Some (massage methods) make people uncomfortable. You have to find someone that will tailor make their massage to what fits you. You want to get someone to speak your language so you understand so you can help yourself."

"I can't heal people; I'm not God," Willis said. "Your body holds the key to its own recovery. I just enable them to get the key."

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female to show her what studs they are, and she picks out the most desirable one.

"I don't know what they base that on," said Kit.

"I have to agree, the males all looked equally desirable to me, although I'm sure that, when female manatees gossip among themselves, they single out certain males ("That Mr. Kite is hot!

Did you check out the size of his banana colony?"

But as far as I'm concerned, all of the manatees are beautiful. Smelly, but beautiful. So if you're a recreational boater, please watch out for them. And if you're a nature-lover who would like to help them stick around for some more eons, you can contribute to The Manatee Project, Miami Museum of Science, 3280 South

Miami Ave., Miami, Fla. 33129, or Save the Manatee Club, Adoption-Manatee Program, 500 N. Maitland Ave., Maitland, Fla. 32751; (800) 432-5646. Please do not send pizza.

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TWIN FALLS - Information is available on Lifeline, a personal emergency response system, for senior citizens who want to live independently. Call 737-2065.

TWIN FALLS - Standard First Aid (adult CPR and first aid) six and one-half hour class will be offered at 6 p.m. today and Tuesday at the American Red Cross.

Fee is \$35. To register or for more information, call 733-6464 or stop by the office at 713 Shoshone St. E. Pre-approval is required for registration in all classes.

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

TWIN FALLS - The Big Kids Club will meet at 10 a.m. Saturday in the Education Center at MVRMC. The program is designed to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby.

To register, call 737-2900.

HAILEY - The Benton Sisters "Health Improvement Program" will be held from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the Wood River Valley Seventh-day Adventist Church, 701 S. Main St. in Hailey.

The Benton Sisters have published two vegetarian cookbooks, and their weekly television series is broadcast via satellite to North America and Europe.

To register, call 788-2153.

TWIN FALLS - The Arthritis/Lupus Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. May 5 in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC. Guest speaker will be Dr. Hefer, pharmacist, who will discuss "Medication Update."

For more information, call 737-2050.

TWIN FALLS - A childbirth refresher course will be offered at 7 p.m. May 5 in the Education Center at MVRMC.

Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2900.

JEROME - Childbirth and parenting classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, starting May 7 through June 4, at the St. Benedict's Family Medical Center snack bar.

The classes, taught by a registered nurse, will emphasize preparation for labor and birth changes during pregnancy and newborn care. The second class in the series will qualify as a refresher course for mothers who previously have taken the class.

Wear loose, comfortable clothes, and bring two pillows and a blanket (optional) to each class.

Cost is \$30 for the five classes (\$6 per class). Bring payment to the first class.

To register, call St. Benedict's at 324-4301.

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. Make notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

Fashion

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We don't anticipate that denim will go out of style any time soon — can you imagine people willing to give up their jeans? They'd sooner do without double decaf lattes and cell phones! So unless there's an Attack of the Killer Weevils From Outer Space that wipes out the world's cotton crops, denim will be hanging around for a while.

And so will long skirts and dresses. As we've said before (and will probably say again), fashion is no longer so restrictive that there is only one hem length per season.

ATTENTION, ALL PETITE-HEADED WOMEN: Recently a woman wrote seeking hats for her small head because most department stores stock only one size. We suggested contacting a milliner to have hats custom-made.

Since then, our loyal readers have sent in still more ideas. Several recommended scoping out children's departments and stores for smaller sizes. They said some kids' styles are surprisingly sophisticated, not just cutesy caps that profess a love for Barney. One woman suggested sewing your own from patterns in Vogue, Butterick, Simplicity, McCall's and others. If you don't sew, find a seamstress or ask your local fabric store to recommend one. You

could also knit a hat or ask a yarn shop for someone who can.

We also found another milliner — in Pittsburgh, Mickey

Kampsen of Hatsapalooza makes custom styles in straw and felt, most around \$50, and orders can be taken via telephone. She started her business out of frustration at not being able to find hats for herself — she has a large head. But she sympathizes with the

plight of every odd size. Contact her at (412) 741-5805.

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High-tech lifestyle may create sitting wounded

The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Take a peek into your computerized world. You'll see a future filled with mind-boggling technological advances, a wonderful world humming with electronic machines that provide instant information to the computer-literate masses.

Look again. Look more closely. Do you see the people wearing wrist and hand braces because of carpal tunnel syndrome and other repetitive-stress injuries? Do you see the people suffering from chronic neck, shoulder and back pain? Do you see the people squinting because of eye strain?

Do you see a generation of frustrated computer-users who have discovered it's hard to cruise the Internet with numb fingers, glazed eyes and killer headaches?

Sure, it's an imaginary scenario. But that doesn't mean it can't happen, that we won't become a population of walking — or is it sitting? — wounded.

As subsequent generations become more reliant on keyboards, mouses and display monitors, people naturally will become more susceptible to the physical maladies that sometimes accompany excessive or improper computer use.

"It's going to be a problem," says Lisa Molitor, an occupational therapist at Pikes Peak Pain Program in Colorado Springs. "But I don't think we really know how big a problem, because it's just starting."

Today's children are particularly vulnerable, because they're the ones who will spend the bulk of their lives working, playing and communicating in cyberspace.

Dr. Richard Blankinship, a Colorado Springs area pediatrician who recently retired after three decades, says he never treated any children or teens with computer-related health problems.

"But in the last few years, I've seen scores of young mothers who were wearing those (wrist) splints when they brought their children in," he says. "It's a logical conclusion that the problems will increase. It's as predictable as all those young adults who have hearing impairment because they have Walkmans or radios blaring in their ears constantly."

While some computer-oriented health problems are to be expected, there's no reason it has to become an epidemic, says Marilyn Joyce, an ergonomics expert with Joyce Institute/Arthur D. Little Inc., a workplace consulting firm in Seattle. She says it's up to parents and schools to make sure children learn proper usage habits and have access to ergonomically sound workstations with appropriate equipment (like mouses designed for smaller hands).

Widow dating widower expects vacation fireworks will fizzle

DEAR ABBY: I met a very attractive widower I'll call Bob a few weeks ago at an RV park for seniors. He lost his wife eight years ago. My husband died three years ago. Bob and I spent most of that week in each other's company during the day, and since we've returned home, we have had lunch together several times.

Last week, Bob revealed that he's had surgery and radiation treatment for prostate cancer. I also have been treated for cancer. We are both nearing the time we will be considered cured.

Abbey, we are planning to vacation together this summer. I keep expecting to perform sexually, but because of his inability to perform sexually, he hasn't. To tell you the truth, sex is not all that important to me. In fact, I would rather skip that part of a relationship.

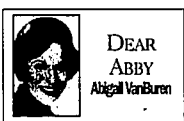
Would I be out of line to let him know in advance that I am not expecting any skyrocket or Roman candles on our vacation?

DEAR HESITATING: Perhaps Bob has said nothing about his inability to perform sexually because his sex life is not yet over. Although I advocate honesty in relationships, I think that letting him know you expect no rockets and Roman candles could be potentially embarrassing and presumptuous.

DEAR ABBY: I recently started a new job that I enjoy very much. Yesterday, however, I discovered I am working in an office with someone I never expected to meet. She is the wife of a man with whom I had a brief affair more than two years ago.

I saw "Bill" only a couple of times before I realized he was lying to me about being separated and in the process of a divorce. The second time we got together, I'm pretty sure it was at the home he shared with his wife, in their bed. He told me it was his mother's house. After I saw pictures of his two children on the dresser, I ended the relationship.

My problem is I am very uncomfortable in the presence of Bill's wife. She seems to be a very nice person, but I can't carry on a conversation with her the way I can with my other co-workers. I'm



DEAR ABBY: I can understand "Growing Old in Florida's" dis-

sure it is only a matter of time before Bill comes to visit his wife at work, and I can't imagine how to act when that happens. Please help.

— TRYING TO FORGET

DEAR TRYING: You were wise to end this no-win situation as quickly as you did. Now it is time to forget it. Your initial discomfort in the presence of Bill's wife will lessen over time. If Bill shows up, treat him as though you've never seen him before — which is better than he deserves.

DEAR LENORE: That's a tactful solution, and I hope your letter is posted everywhere discounts are offered.

DEAR ABBY: I can understand "Growing Old in Florida's" dis-

tress with the persistent and none-too-sensitive food server. Of course, the server was only trying to be helpful, and not everyone who is entitled to a senior discount is comfortable asking for it. I know I wasn't, early in my "career" as a senior.

"Senior citizens" doesn't sound nearly as dreadful as OAP (Old Age Pensioner), the term they use in England. THAT can take the starch out of you! Wouldn't it be better to educate salespeople, food servers, etc., to simply ask their patrons, "Are you eligible for any of the discounts we offer?" This shouldn't offend anyone, and those who deserve it will get their discounts without having to ask.

— LENORE MATHER, WAYERLY, N.Y.

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Chair lifts
While sitting, push down on the handles of your chair and your feet will be raised and your elbows are slightly bent. Slowly return to sitting position.

Hip abductions
Place your left hand on the edge of your desk and slightly bend your left knee. Slowly lift your right leg to the side, keeping your heel higher than your toes. Repeat with other leg.

Desk push-ups
Stand and lean facing your desk with your hands on the edge. Slowly straighten your arms until you're in a standing push-up position.

Leg lifts
Sit down and grip the seat of your chair. Slowly move your leg upward while keeping your foot flat.

Book lifts
Sit down with a book in each hand. Keeping your feet straight, lift them to shoulder height.

Hold a book in one hand. Lean over and place the book between your legs with your arm straight. Then lift it to your chest.

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Study: Mandated folic acid level may be inadequate

The Associated Press

The level of folic acid that the government requires U.S. manufacturers to add to cereal, bread and pasta may be inadequate to protect people against heart disease or birth defects.

Folic acid deficiencies have been linked to birth defects of the brain and spine as well as to high blood levels of the amino acid homocysteine. Homocysteine, in turn, has been linked to heart attacks and strokes.

Previous studies have shown that 400 micrograms a day of folic acid can cut the risk of birth defects in half and restore homo-

cysteine to normal levels.

Folic acid is in leafy green vegetables, beans, eggs and grains, but few people get enough through diet alone. So Food and Drug Administration guidelines that took effect Jan. 1 require cereal, bread and pasta to be enriched so the average adult gets about 140 micrograms of the vitamin daily.

But a study in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, conducted before the guidelines took effect, found little change in the homocysteine levels of heart disease patients who ate breakfast cereal enriched with an entire day's amount of folic acid.

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Peanuts By Charles M. Schulz

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Dilbert By Scott Adams

DOGDEAT THE CONSULTANT I CAN GIVE YOU EXCELLENT ADVICE FOR \$50,000 PER MONTH... IF BUDGET IS A PROBLEM, I ALSO OFFER BAD ADVICE FOR THE LOW PRICE OF \$45,000 PER MONTH... THAT'S NOT A GOOD SIGN.

B.C. By Johnny Hart

HEAVEN! SAINT PETER... YES, SOLE... TAKE MY HUSBAND... PLEASE.

Garfield By Jim Davis

I HAVE BOTH FEET IN THE SAME SLIPEE... I THINK IT'S BEST TO KEEP WALKING.

Hi and Lois By Chance Browne

I GIVE UP! I'M HOPELESSLY OUT OF SHAPE... YOU SAY THAT EVERY YEAR WHEN YOU PUT YOUR SUITING SUIT ON FOR THE FIRST TIME... I KNOW! BUT NOW I CAN'T EVEN GUCK IN MY GUT FOR MORE THAN A FEW SECONDS!

The Wizard of Id By Brant Parker & Johnny Hart

COULD YOU TELL ME HOW TO GET TO MICKLEBURG? JUST FOLLOW YOUR NOSE... THAT'S EASY FOR YOU TO SAY.

Hagar the Horrible By Chris Browne

FAREWELL, MY DEAR! TODAY I PLAN TO PLAY POKER DOWN AT THE TAVERN WHILE WATCHING BEAUTIFUL DANCING GIRLS... I'D BE SHOOTING YOU IN THE BACK.

Beetle Bailey By Mort Walker

BEEBLE, YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO BE CAMOUFLAGING YOURSELF! NOT WALKER... IF I WAS THE SNEYW, WHAT DO YOU THINK WOULD BE HAPPENING RIGHT NOW?... I'D BE SHOOTING YOU IN THE BACK.

Frank and Ernest By Bob Thaves

ATTORNEY... I NEED A THUMB FOR THE SCALES OF JUSTICE.

The Born Loser By Art Sansom & Chip

WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS TALK OF SCIENTISTS CROSSING A MAN WITH A PIG? THEY'RE A LITTLE LATE!

For Better or For Worse By Lynn Johnston

ARE THEY STOPPING AT US? YES! YOU BURE? POSITIVE... THEY ARE PEELING US MAN! THEY HAVEN'T STOPPED LOOKING... BY LYNN JOHNSTON MEN!!

Blonde By Dean Young & Stan Drake

LOOK AT THIS! OUR COMPANY IS LIKE THE TITANIC! THERE'S A BIG DIFFERENCE BETWEEN US AND THE TITANIC, BOSS... WHAT WOULD THAT BE? THE TITANIC HAD NO WAY DOWN!

Pickles By Brian Crane

I HOLD ON, NELSON! LET ME COMB YOUR HAIR BEFORE YOU GO TO SCHOOL... LOOK AT THIS MOP YOU ARE SUCH A LITTLE TOWHEAD... PEOPLE USED TO CALL ME A TOWHEAD TOO... NO, IT WAS BECAUSE MY HEAD WAS SHAPED LIKE A BIG TOE.

Denise the Menace By Hank Ketcham

I DIDN'T HAVE ANY PENNIES, SO I THOUGHT YOUR CREDIT CARD WOULD DO JUST AS WELL.

The Family Circus By Bil Keane

Grandma says I'm REALLY strong. When she was little it took two grown men to carry \$20 worth of groceries.

Starfish babies are all male

A sales expert advises: "Sell the big item first, then the small. Sell the suit, then the tie. The car, then the upholstery. The house, then the drapes. True, we see this pattern so often we think nothing of it. But it's a basic principle of successful sales."

All baby starfish are males. If both husband and wife are quite attractive physically, they have to work harder to preserve their marriage. So say students of matrimony. Our Love and War man has about 14 pages of explanation, but the crux of it is they're both more accustomed to getting special treatment than to giving it.

Not until the 1950s could reporters quote a U.S. President without explicit permission. It was the Foreign Minister of Portugal who invented that remarkable surgical procedure called the frontal lobotomy. Quite so, the Portuguese surgeon Antonio Caetano de Abreu Egas Moniz (1874-1955) served as his country's Foreign

WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

Minister from 1918 to 1919. He won a Nobel Prize in 1949. For his work in medicine, including treatment of the then-incurable mental disorders. Were you aware kangaroos are born before they have eyes?

Q. What's India doing to stop the pollution of the sacred Ganges River?

A. Building electric crematoria thereby.

If you're a woman, typically, you like it when a man opens a door for you, providing he's not putting on some sort of performance. If you're a man, typically, you don't like it when a woman opens a door for you, unless she's putting on some sort of performance. So say psychology researchers after an extensive study of the matter.

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IF APRIL 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY. You are capable of making people laugh, are factious in language, possess secret of universal appeal. You are better at helping others than solving your own dilemmas. Aries: Libers individuals play extraordinary roles in your life, could have these letters, initials (name) and R. During May you will be finished with obligation not your own first place. June highlights fresh start in new direction exciting romance.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Shake loose from shackles of financial malaise. Virgo: individual fanfare with monetary counterparts appears in nick of time. Written message confirms, "You are out of control."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Cycle: high, people comment on your artistic talents and R. During May you are overcome temptation to consume sweets. Emphasis on where you live, dining utensils, decorating, price with monetary counterparts appears in nick of time. Written message confirms, "You are out of control."

CANCER (June 21-July 22): Stress: responsibility, pressure, timing, need for understanding person is back in your life. It is determined to be eccentric. Will? Comes true in fantastic manner. "You know everything."

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Added recognition due, accolades received from overseas. You'll solve complex problems, especially those involving personal relationships. Aries: individual declares, "You know everything."

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Lunar aspect coincides with education, publishing, advertising, promotion of exciting, gains shown as result of words, verbal, and written. Present fresh ideas; ready to fall into trap of doing things the easy way about accounting procedures, necessary requirements.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Emphasis on dual lives that leads ultimately to physical attraction, finally to change of marital status. Focus on social activities, valuations where whimsical promises.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Refuse to be blocked by those who hinder, factious in language. Literary happenings behind scenes - what you don't know could hurt you. Visit friend confined to home hospital facility.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You'll conclude turn of seasonality; text appeal. Gains shown as result of words, verbal, and written. Present fresh ideas; ready to fall into trap of doing things the easy way about accounting procedures, necessary requirements.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Attention revolves around home, delicate dual lives that leads ultimately to marital status. Property value involved; do not give up something of value where whimsical promises.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Make terms crystal-clear - what was secret will be revealed in dramatic manner. Subsequent involved. Question concerning legal document will be answered. Virgo: Places involved.

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Down syndrome blood test works early in pregnancy

BOSTON (AP)—A new combination of blood tests may allow doctors to screen fetuses for Down syndrome early in pregnancy, rather than waiting for the second trimester.

Doctors from the Foundation for Blood Research in Scarborough, Maine, found that a combination of two blood tests could spot about 50 percent of fetuses with this genetic disease. That is about the same rate of accuracy of screening that is routinely done now in the second trimester.

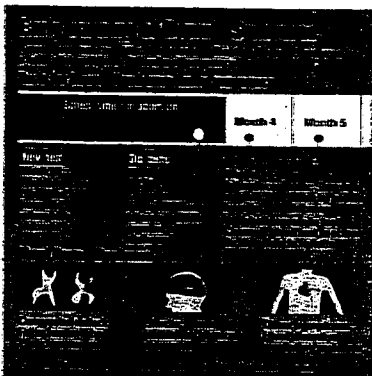
The study shows that accurate Down screening is possible between nine and 15 weeks of pregnancy, but the researchers noted that some fetuses have to be checked before this routine.

Blood testing for Down syndrome is typically done on women not considered to be at high risk, such as those under 35. Older women often have amniocentesis or chorionic villus sampling — invasive tests that give much more definitive answers.

"You would like to determine any problems as early as possible. There are advantages for both the woman and the family," said Dr. James E. Haddow, who directed the study, published in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine.

Among them is the possibility of performing less complicated abortions earlier in pregnancy.

The doctors based their conclusions on the blood tests done on 4,412 women who were also



Uninvasive chorionic villus sampling or early amniocentesis. Every one of these pregnancies were affected with Down syndrome. They found that checking levels of two substances — pregnancy-associated protein A and human chorionic gonadotropin — could spot more than half of all Down pregnancies with few false alarms. While human chorionic gonadotropin screening is already available, tests for pregnancy-associated protein A are not. Screened for use in the United States.

Olestra-laced chips taste good, but what about the 'digestive effects'?

The Associated Press

About 1,100 people showed up at a suburban Chicago multiplex on two winter nights for a "chips movie." The deal: Eat free chips. Drink a free soda. Watch a free movie.

The study showed with a specially coded jumbo bag of a 32-ounce soda and a few instructions. Eat as much or as little as you want. No sharing.

Actually, the moviegoers were subjects in a tightly controlled medical experiment — one that millions of Americans have since duplicated in front of the tube in their own living rooms, although probably without realizing it.

A couple of days after the show, the doctors next phone call. Had they noticed anything odd, unusual? Some gas, perhaps? Cramps? Loose stools?

At the same time, not even the researchers knew who had eaten what. But when all the results were deciphered, it turned out that 16 percent of olestra chip eaters reported odd effects. It had been not quite right, digestively speaking.

Evidence that this stuff really does affect the plumbing? No.

For it turned out that 16 percent of those who'd eaten regular chips also complained of gas and such.

"People have a lot of GI problems, and if you ask about it, you'll hear about it," said Dr. Lawrence J. Cheskin of Johns Hopkins University, who conducted the study.

To those who make and sell olestra, this is one more piece of evidence that digestive ills are a fact of life, and olestra is no more likely than many other things to be the cause.

Yet neither this nor the 150 or so other olestra studies sponsored by Procter & Gamble, its creator, are likely to sway an impending government regulation.

"It is a foreign substance that the body certainly isn't used to," said Dr. William Comor of Oregon Health Sciences University. "We don't know what the long-term effects will be. I don't see the need of it."

That "F" word — so, what good is fat?

Like carbohydrates and proteins, dietary fat is an important nutrient and source of energy for the body.

■ Fat is important for the physical development of children and healthy skin.

■ Fat deposits some energy reserves in the body and supports and cushions organs.

■ The largest amount of fat is stored in adipose (fat) cells.

■ Fat is the body's most efficient source of fuel.

■ The average person carries an excess of 100 pounds of fat per day.

■ Excessive accumulation of fat in adipose tissue is called obesity and can threaten health problems, from heart disease to type 2 diabetes and reproductive dysfunction.

■ For adults, the goal is to maintain a healthy weight, which means eating a diet that is low in fat and high in fiber.

■ For children, the goal is to maintain a healthy weight, which means eating a diet that is low in fat and high in fiber.

■ For infants, the goal is to maintain a healthy weight, which means eating a diet that is low in fat and high in fiber.

Now, a very large-scale experiment of olestra's use effects is under way. About two weeks of test marketing in several Midwestern states. Olestra chips began to reach grocery stores everywhere in February.

First on the market were Frito-Lay's *Wow* brand corn and potato chips. In the first eight weeks, people bought 20 million bags. Shoppers with olestra will come out this summer. Nations is still test marketing *Rite* crackers and *Wow*. There's *Wow* with olestra.

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DEAR PAULA: I have seen a product being advertised in fashion magazines claiming to keep lipstick on indefinitely. Is it true? It's fairly expensive, so I don't want to jump in unless it's a sure thing. I've bought so many "all day lipsticks" before that didn't make it past breakfast.



Lip Ink's claims, such as being hypoallergenic, which is a completely meaningless, unregulated term, especially given the burning sensation they warn about (but play down by calling it tingling). They also claim their products are "93 percent formulated from natural herbs and botanicals." Actually, that could be true, though I strongly doubt it, but the company did not provide ingredient lists with the products I purchased, and they have not been cooperative in getting them to me. It is illegal in this country to sell cosmetics without complete and accurate ingredient lists, but this company doesn't seem to care.

ARLINGTON, VA. DEAR DEBORAH: The product you've probably been seeing called Lip Ink, and it does guarantee indelible lip color, or as close to it as you can get anywhere in the cosmetics world. According to their ads it lasts 50 percent longer than any other lipstick.

Well, hold on to your lips, because this product delivers, and maybe lasts even better than 50 percent longer than its competition!

Despite the name, it's not ink, just a very strong, semipermanent lip stain that doesn't rub off or easily wear off. Mine lasted a full day and a half — through meals, a shower, bedtime, and past the next morning. Basically, Lip Ink is a quick-drying liquid lip color that feels very wet when applied, and after it dries — and you must let it dry — it feels like nothing on the lips. What is left behind are fully colored, dyed lips.

Unfortunately, Lip Ink doesn't add a drop of moisture, so if you have dry, cracked lips, using Lip Ink will give you fully colored, dry, dry, cracked lips. To that end, the Lip Ink Starter Kit (\$55) includes Lip Ink Shine, which is an exfoliating lip gloss, to keep the lips from drying out. Surprisingly, that gloss doesn't compromise the staying power of the lip color, but it will rub off on anyone you are smooching up to!

By the way, Lip Ink claims that Lip Ink Shine contains light reflectors to reduce signs of aging. Any gloss can provide a dewy, moist effect, but Lip Ink's smoother; they make theirs sound unique, and it isn't.

I know this all sounds great, but I have a few warnings about the product that you should know about.

First and foremost is that it isn't easy to use. There are some excerpts from the instructions that come with the kit:

"Always start with clean, dry

How fake fat works

The Associated Press

Olestra is like no fat found in nature. Ordinary fats in the diet are called triglycerides. They contain three fatty acid chains attached to a core of glycerol. Digestive enzymes separate the fatty acids from the core so they can be absorbed into the body.

Instead of glycerol, olestra has a core of sucrose, which has more attachment sites. It carries between six and eight fatty acid chains. Because of the olestra molecule's size and shape, digestive juices cannot get to the core and break it down as it passes through the digestive tract.

Procter & Gamble first sought Food and Drug Administration approval for olestra in 1975 as a drug to lower blood cholesterol.

In 1981 it again asked the FDA to approve olestra, this time as a replacement for fat in shortening and cooking oil. Three years later, it asked to use olestra solely for salty snacks, such as potato chips and crackers, and the FDA approved this use in 1996.

lips. Then, before applying Lip Ink Color, massage a small amount of Lip Ink Shine into the lips until the shine disappears. (This isn't really necessary if your lips aren't dry, and it can make the color bleed.) Shake the vial three times against the palm of your hand before using. When open, always keep the vial vertical and remove the applicator slowly. (If you do this, it will spill or splatter and make a mess.) Apply with long, smooth strokes in one direction only, not back and forth. Allow 20 seconds between layers of the paint. When your lips are dry do not blot or pucker your lips during this time. After each application you will feel a refreshing mint-like tingle on your lips. It felt like burning, not tingling, to me, and caused my lips to feel swollen and irritated.) After the third layer is dry, apply a small amount of Lip Ink Shine to your lips. Once every two weeks, take a paper towel and wipe the Lip Ink applicator tip free of any oil, wax, or food particles that may have accumulated."

Like I said, this product definitely takes work! You have to be careful about applying it perfectly, or your mistakes will be semipermanent.

Lip Ink also insists that you are not to combine their product with any other lipstick products because they are not compatible. I did not find that to be true in the least. If anything, I found that it helped provide a lasting base and I could experiment over it with other colors. Of course, those color came off, but the Lip Ink did last.

I was also disturbed by a few of

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HEALTH & FASHION

Use of pain relief during childbirth becomes more common with women

The Hartford Courant

Call it a back-to-nature backlash, or the unstoppable march of technology. In many hospital delivery rooms, all-natural childbirth is passe.

Twenty-five years ago, some women felt like lions if they asked for pain medication while giving birth. Not the mother-to-be of the '90s, she finds no shame in demanding drugs in pursuit of a less painful delivery.

"I'm not a hero," explains 32-year-old Erin White of Manchester, Conn., who recently gave birth to her first child. "It seems silly to me to encourage someone to go through pain that isn't necessary."

The reason for the shift can be summed up in one word: epidural.

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Childbirth Costs vary by type of care

Mainstream childbirth costs are significantly higher than alternative. A look at the latest data available.

Hospital delivery

For 1991	vaginal delivery	Cesarean delivery
Hospital costs	\$3,095	\$5,590
Doctor fees	\$1,025	\$2,238
Total	\$4,120	\$7,828

Includes typical charges for hospital, physician, anesthesia, and other services.

Birth centers vs. hospitals

One-day stay, for 1992

Birth center	\$2,000
Hospital	\$3,000


Charges include labor and birth, hospital room, prenatal visit, postpartum care, physician, counseling and other services.

Midwives' fees

For 1989

Total U.S.	\$394
Metro	\$1,080
Non-metro	\$845

Charges include prenatal care, delivery, Lamaze classes, supplies, medications.



Education Association, an organization for 9,000 childbirth educators in the United States and Canada.

She, too, in recent years has seen a surge in women choosing childbirth with medication. But a "fair number" of women still make the choice of no medication. "The pendulum keeps going back and forth."

Cristina Kennedy, 28, had planned on a natural childbirth when she had her first baby 2 1/2 years ago. Her own mother had all five of her children without pain medication.

But Kennedy's plans changed. "I was in agonizing pain," the

East Hampton, Conn., resident says. "As soon as the epidural started to work, it changed the whole experience for me. I could actually say it was a pleasant experience."

"Some people say it's nice to feel the pushing and the baby coming through. I think it was nice not feeling anything," she says.

In the '50s and early '60s, women who wanted pain medication were often given general anesthetics, including a combination of morphine and scopolamine, known as "twilight sleep." The drug, which sedated both mother and baby, obliterated the memory of childbirth.

Treatments frequently used for pain during labor

Some common pain medications used during labor:

- Epidural:** An anesthetic delivered by injection in the area near the lower spine. It numbs the lower body, allowing a woman to remain alert but more comfortable during childbirth. An epidural cannot be administered until labor is under way. It is allowed to gradually wear off as the delivery approaches so that the mother can feel enough sensation to be able to push the baby out. A woman is not allowed to walk after getting an epidural, because it often numbs her legs.
- Walking epidural:** An anesthetic that blocks the pain of labor but does not numb a woman's legs. This allows a woman to walk around during labor, which can be more comfortable and hasten labor.
- Sedative:** A narcotic that helps a woman in labor relax and better tolerate pain. Usually administered before an epidural.
- Paracervical block:** An anesthetic that numbs a woman's cervix during labor to deaden the pain of contractions. Not used much today because studies have suggested it may not be as safe as an epidural.

—Source: Dr. Anne-Marie Proffitt and Dr. Stephen Curry

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Taming migraines: Understanding brain pain

The Washington Post

About 10 times a month, Cara Acosta feels one coming on. Usually it starts with an "aura," an hour or so before the hammering pain. Suddenly everything seems juggedged and too intense: lighting, sounds, talk, motion, pictures on the wall, traffic on the street. "Like sitting too close to a movie screen," she says. Straight lines go slanted, overhead lights flare like fireballs. She becomes disconcertingly aware of her own swallowing and pulse. Her left arm gets tingly, her shoulder stings and she feels the headache "creeping up behind my eye."

"I get very quiet," says Acosta, 37, office manager of a Washington law firm.

Later, if quiet and a little white 50-milligram pill doesn't do the trick, the pain strikes. At its worst, she says, it feels "as if someone" drove an icepick through that eye and spends the rest of the day pulling it out and punching it back in."

But these days, Acosta counts herself lucky. Nine times out of 10, the migraine doesn't reach that point. She can usually abort the impending pain with a single dose of sumatriptan (sold as Imigran). Four years ago, she was probably a highly skilled user of aspirin and other pain relievers — and still unable to fend off a nearly continuous headache.

Advances in the medical understanding of migraine and a recent flurry of new medications

Heads can hurt many different ways

"Headache" is a catchall term for a baffling variety of pain.

In a medical review last year, neurologist Kenneth Moore of the University of Mississippi Medical Center described 50 different types of "major headache syndromes." They range from several kinds of migraine to benign cough headache (brought on by roughed end-toxic vesicular headache (caused by fever). Here are the major categories of headache:

- **Tension:** By far the most common. Occurs on both sides of the head, less intense than a migraine. Caused in part by tightening of the muscles of the head and neck.
- **Migraine:** Intense, throbbing pain, usually on one side of the head. May be accompanied by nausea and vomiting; heightened sensitivity to light and sound; tingling in the arms. Lasts
- four to 72 hours. Sometimes preceded by an "aura," with dizziness and visual disturbances.
- **Cluster:** Similar to migraine, but when more episodes occur, the pain is focused on one eye or temple. May recur up to 20 times a day for several weeks (during the month, the attacks are long periods).
- **Sinus:** Often dull pain in the nose, eyes and cheeks, usually congestion and inflammation of the sinus cavities. Often associated with migraine or cluster headache. Pain is persistent and may occur with coughing or motion of the head.
- **Rebound:** Dull, moderate pain similar to that of a tension headache, but caused by overuse of pain relievers or caffeine. May be almost continuous, until the over-the-counter medicine is taken.

have given migraine sufferers more choices and more hope.

"I used to be doctors just blew them off," says Thomas Ward, a neurologist and headache specialist at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, N.H. "Now patients won't put up with that."

As recently as a few years ago, Ward says, "you took a couple of Cafortol (an early anti-migraine drug) and lay down and toughed it out. Now there's a whole parade of new drugs." In the past few months alone, half a dozen new medications for migraine have been approved by the Food

and Drug Administration, and more are in the testing and regulatory pipeline.

"Just because their mothers had crippling headaches 30 years ago doesn't mean there's nothing new for them," says Judith E. Lussing, a neurologist and director of the headache center at Georgetown University Medical Center.

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- 5. **Monthly MVRMC Board Meeting:** Monday, May 4, 6 p.m., Sage Room of the Education Center.
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