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Sunny Mostly sunny with patchy morning fog.
Afternoon winds from S to 15 mph. Increasing clouds tonight.
High 36, low 22.

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Putting schools to the test

Schools find ways to add special ed students to standardized tests

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Changes in the way Idaho will conduct standardized testing means students such as Kelly Clark will join in testing.

Clark, 18, is autistic, said his mother, Deborah Patrick. His intelligence is normal, but he's unable to learn at a normal pace. His reading skills hover around the second- and third-grade levels, and he says he can do all the easy math. Art is his specialty, and he takes those lessons in a regular classroom.

Clark is among a wave of students that Idaho schools will have to include in all tests used to gauge how well schools prepare children. The state is about two years into a transition to comply with a federal law. By 2000, schools will have to include all special education students in testing.

"It has to do with accountability for all kids in the school," said Jean Taylor, who tracks special education statistics for the state Department of Education.

If schools don't include the lowest-ranking scores in their averages, it doesn't provide a true picture of how they prepare children, Taylor said. Twin Falls School District always has included a large number of its special education students in testing, said Barbara O'Rourke, special education director for the district. But this year it has tested more students than ever.

About 80 percent of its special education students were tested in the fall on the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills, for third-through eighth-grade students, and the Tests of Achievement and Proficiency, for ninth-through 11th-grade students. The test was hard for Clark, he said. But his teacher helped him read the

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Who took the tests?

In fall 1997, roughly 25 percent of all special education students in third through 11th grades were included in Idaho standardized test scores.

The total number of students tested statewide was 156,482. About 3 percent — 4,248 students — were special education students.

In fall 1998, the state asked districts to meet a voluntary goal and test 85 percent of all special education students of testing age.

With most districts reporting, Idaho appears to be nearing its goal, but the state continues to await reports from some of its largest districts. The total number of students tested statewide was 156,536. District reports so far indicate that 23,428 special education students were tested — about 15 percent of the total. That accounts for about 62 percent of special education students within testing age range.

Idaho's rankings

The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and the Tests of Achievement and Proficiency rank Idaho's students on a national scale to show how schools compare nationally.

Scores are ranked by percentiles; the 50th percentile represents the national average. The following percentiles represent combined reading, language and mathematics scores for fall 1998.

Special education scores excluded All scores, including special education		
Grade 3	48th percentile	42nd percentile
Grade 4	50th percentile	48th percentile
Grade 5	54th percentile	48th percentile
Grade 6	54th percentile	55th percentile

Grade 7	68th percentile	59th percentile
Grade 8	67th percentile	60th percentile
Grade 9	57th percentile	51st percentile
Grade 10	63rd percentile	60th percentile
Grade 11	63rd percentile	59th percentile

A change in this year's numbers

Standardized test scores released this year by the state Department of Education were different than those issued in the past.

The state reported to the public scores from the fall 1998 Iowa Tests of Basic Skills and Tests of Achievement and Proficiency that did not include special education students. Special education scores have been incorporated in the past but accounted for a small percentage of total scores. In 1997, special education students accounted for about 3 percent of all scores.

A required change in the way Idaho tests special education students started this year's reporting cycle, said Spivey-Tiel, state testing director.

In the past, schools decided whether to list special education students, and report scores. But by the year 2000, federal law will require districts to test every student. The state encouraged districts to test as many special education students as possible this year. And next school year Idaho will require all students to be tested. The all-inclusive scores will be reported to the public.

Tiel is confident the state is comparing apples with apples, although they may be apples of a different variety, by reporting scores this year — that do not include special education students, she said.



Kelly Clark, a student at Twin Falls High School, ponders the meaning of words used in a short story as he and other students in his special needs class improve their comprehension skills. All special education students will be included in standardized test results by the year 2000.



President Clinton, his daughter Chelsea, center, and wife Hillary walk with Shuky from the White House toward a helicopter as they depart for vacation on route to Martha's Vineyard, Mass., in this August 1998 file photo.

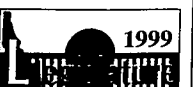
Kemphorne rushes through rocky 1st month

The Associated Press

BOISE — A disagreement over a prison. A flap about Statehouse security. A stir about pricey advisers. A standoff over term limits.

Midway through his first legislative term, new Republican Gov. Dirk Kempthorne has had some tough sledding with lawmakers.

But he makes no apologies, and leaders of the nation's most GOP Legislature are seeking none from a governor on what they consider a fairly normal



learning curve.
"The first six weeks were probably not the way he wanted to see it go, or anybody else in a lot of respects. But it's smoothed out," Senate President Pro Tem Jerry Twigg said. "One thing we need to remember is there's no one else out there."
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Lewinsky legacy lingers

While the trial may be over, the pain lives on

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's not really over. Not for Hillary and Chelsea. Not for many others, either. There is a legacy of pain, anger, humiliation and embarrassment that endures from the year-long scandal that grew out of President Clinton's affair with Monica Lewinsky.

Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter were devastated by the president's betrayal. Lived with sleepless nights and private agony, friends say. They try not

to show their heartsache publicly, but others, like former Sen. Dale Bumpers, describe a relationship that has been "about as decimated as a family can get."

For small and friends, there are huge legal bills to pay. Damaged reputations to be repaired. Shattered trusts and confidences to be soothed.

Some of the president's top aides were furious that he lied to them, then expected them to defend his deception. Some considered quitting but stayed, mostly out of fidelity to the president's agenda. Or loyalty to the first lady.

The president recently acknowledged it had been a strain but said, "I think we've come through the worst."

For many people, it will take a long time to overcome the awful

consequences of Clinton's misbehavior.

One White House official who left described the legal bills as "brutal." Not just for senior staff, either — assistants, associates, friends outside the White House were subpoenaed as well.

The official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said there are mixed emotions among the staff.

Clinton, in a message to his staff Friday, said, "The past year has been especially difficult for you. I know that my actions and the events they triggered have made your work even harder. For that, I am profoundly sorry. In all this, under the most extraordinary of circumstances, you never lost sight of your first obligation — to serve the people of our nation. For that, I am profoundly grateful."

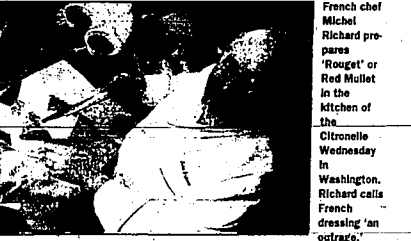
Ethnic foods are as American as apple pie

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — When Italian chef Francesco Tonelli makes pizza, he never tops it with pepperoni. In fact, there's no pepperoni in his country — or even spaghetti with meatballs, veal parmigiana or pasta as a main course.

French chef Michel Richard calls French dressing "an outrage." "You never see a French person serving tomato vinaigrette in his home," sniffs the master chef.

Egg foo yung, chicken chow mein, crispy noodles. Forget it. You won't find them listed on a menu in China, says Chinese chef



French chef Michel Richard prepares 'Rouget' or Red Mullet in the kitchen of the Citronelle Wednesday in Washington, Richard calls French dressing 'an outrage.'

THE REGION

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie High: 24 Low: 3 Mostly sunny with patchy morning fog...

Treasure Valley High: 38 Low: 23 Mostly sunny with areas of morning fog...

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley High: 26 Low: 6 Partly cloudy with increasing clouds tonight...

Eastern Idaho High: 37 Low: 17 Mostly sunny by afternoon with light showers...

Northern Idaho High: 38 Low: 21 Partly sunny with light winds, increasing clouds tonight...

Northern Utah High: 42 Low: 5 Partly cloudy with chance of morning snow...

Northern Nevada High: 49 Low: 28 Mostly sunny in the morning, increasing clouds by afternoon...

Today, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. High/Low forecasts with weather icons.

National weather The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Monday, Feb. 15. Includes a map of the western US and a legend for weather conditions.

INDV INDEX ROAD INFORMATION SkyWatch. Includes sunrise/sunset times and lunar phase information.

ACROSS THE NATION. News snippets from various states including the Northeast, Midwest, and West.

Twin Falls Precipitation. Table with Yesterday, Month to date, Last year, Normal to date, Normal year to date.

Idaho Highs/Lows. Table with Idaho High/Low, National High/Low, Comfort factors for various Idaho locations.

Tests

Continued from A1 questions. "Big words and long sentences don't mix with me," he said. "If they can read it to me, I can do it."

Food

Continued from A1 Shirley Cheng. And that mustard-Chinese mix with the fortune cookie, is actually an American invention.

Kemphome

Continued from A1 preliminary training for being government. They can think about what they want to do but until they land in the seat it's new to them.

WORLD IN BRIEF

Iraq says it can attack U.S., British bases. "We, by help from God and support from the sons of our glorious Arab nation, including true and sincere nationalists..."

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Idaho Road Report. BOISE (AP) - Here are Sunday evening road conditions from the Idaho Department of Transportation.

Idaho Road Report. Eastport, icy spots broken snow floor. Idaho 21 - Boise-Idaho City, wet, slushy spots, snowing, Idaho City-Lowman...

Réunion du groupe de contact Paris-14 Février 1999



U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright rearranges chairs before a meeting of the six-nation Contact Group meeting on Kosovo Sunday in Paris. The Contact Group extended Kosovo peace talks for a second week.

Allies extend Kosovo peace talks

'Nothing has really been solved'

PARIS (AP) — Despite a conclusion that "nothing has really been solved," the United States and five other nations gave rival Serbs and ethnic Albanians another week to consider their plan for ending yearlong conflict in Kosovo.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, intervening directly, brought the two sides together Sunday, face-to-face, for the first time. She reported afterward that the Albanians, at least, thought the plan that would give them self-rule but not independence was a "fair deal."

But the Serbs resisted the prospect of a NATO peacekeeping force deployed in the Serbian province in the event of a settlement, and Albright said even the Albanians had not promised to sign the deal by the deadline of next Saturday at noon.

That's when the United States, Britain, France, Germany, Italy and Russia said the talks extension will end.

"I hope very much the Serbs will see it in their interest also to sign on," Albright said after talking jointly to four delegates from each side at the negotiations site, a 14th-century chateau at Rambouillet, 40 miles southwest of Paris.

If there is no settlement by the deadline, French Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine said at a news conference, "We would, no doubt, undertake an assessment of what is next." He did not repeat the now-familiar U.S. threat to bomb the Serbs, although Albright told reporters separately that "the threat of NATO airstrikes remains real."

"We will hold both sides accountable if they fail to seize the opportunity," the six ministers said in a joint statement.

He also lamented that "progress has been slower than we had hoped for." Vedrine, co-chairman of the talks with British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook, told reporters, "Nothing has really been solved."

The frustration of trying to end a conflict that has claimed more than 2,000 lives with a plan that compromises both sides' goals

was evident through a difficult day of bargaining.

Before flying off to Mexico to join President Clinton at talks with Mexican leaders, Albright said: "I will not be able to say that the path to an agreement is clear or that success is in sight."

And a senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "She walked away with a lot of concern that they may not be able to reach an agreement."

The official said the foreign ministers might consult again, either by telephone or in a meeting, but that the focus of such a meeting would be for NATO to consider military action — despite what the official said was strong opposition from Russia.

Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov said there was no discussion of using force at the meeting of the six Contact Group ministers after Albright met separately and together with Serbs and ethnic Albanians.

The Russian ventured that with "political will" the chances of an agreement for Kosovo are real.

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GOP showcases Elizabeth Dole

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — Elizabeth Hanford Dole has yet to announce her intentions for the 2000 campaign, but the GOP figures there's money to be made in her possible candidacy.

This year's invitation to join the Republican Presidential Roundtable, an elite group of \$5,000-plus donors, showcases Dole as a main attraction. The group "is a powerful organization of only 400 members who have a tremendous faith in America's future," the letter says.

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Hillary Clinton considers run for Senate from New York

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the impeachment trial over, first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton will give serious thought to running for the Senate from New York next year, senior White House officials said Sunday. Democrats and Republicans alike predicted a terrific race if she steps in.

A number of people "have been really urging her to run, and I think she wants to hear them out," White House Chief of Staff John Podesta said on ABC's "This Week."

"There are a lot of people in New York who think she would be a great senator and are very excited about the prospect that she would represent them," added White House communications director Ann Lewis on CNN's "Late Edition." "I do think she would win," she said.

Talk has been circulating for several months of prospects that Mrs. Clinton would run for the seat to be vacated when Democratic Sen. Daniel Patrick Moynihan leaves the Senate in 2000 after 24 years in office. He said New York could probably use some of her "magnificent, young, bright, able, Illinois-Arkansas enthusiasm."

"She's going to be very deliber-

ative about this. This is going to be a major life change," said Democratic Sen. Frank Lautenberg from neighboring New Jersey, adding "I think she would be one terrific candidate."

"It would be an incredible race," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., of a possible matchup with New York's Republican Mayor Rudy Giuliani. "One thing I know about Rudy Giuliani, he'll tangle with anybody," he said on NBC.

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NATION

Trouble at a home for troubled youths

Wyoming couple faces abuse charge

CASPER, Wyo. (AP) — Word of mouth had it that Francis and Robin Beaugureau's ranch on the rocky, barren rangeland east of town was a place where poor parents could seek help for troubled lives and problem children.

The Beaugureaus took in children and sometimes entire families. They shared their gray trailer, their food and their religious beliefs in exchange for tending animals and other chores.

Friends describe a kindhearted, Bible-studying couple who made and delivered meals to the poor.

Authorities, however, paint a nightmarish portrait of a sadistic, domineering couple who took advantage of the poor and abused children under the guise of religion.

Francis Beaugureau, 42, and Robin Beaugureau, 37, who ran the ranch for troubled children, were arrested on child abuse charges.



A child's toy sits along the driveway to the Emanuel Youth Ranch east of Casper, Wyo., in December. Francis, 42, and Robin Beaugureau, 37, who ran the ranch for troubled children, were arrested on child abuse charges.

42-year-old electrician, and his 37-year-old wife on assault and child abuse charges on Dec. 23.

On Thursday, Mrs. Beaugureau pleaded innocent and unfit for trial by reason of mental illness or deficiency. Her husband's arraignment is scheduled for Tuesday.

"These people are not the ogres and the monsters that they're being portrayed as," said Georgia Belving, who has known the Beaugureaus four years. The Beaugureau's friends say the children made up the stories.

"It's like we need to do up some sacrifices, we need to do up some sacrificial lambs here," she said.

Members of Christ First

Missionary Baptist Church, where Beaugureau is a deacon, took up a collection for his bond.

Mrs. Beaugureau's sister, Tracy

Fraze of Phoenix, does not doubt the charges. She said the Beaugureaus abused their own children for years.

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Study shows violent crime against Indians at high rate

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — American Indians are victims of violent crime at a rate more than double that of the rest of the population, according to the first nationwide survey by the federal government has done on the subject.

"The severity of the problem, reaching American Indians of all ages, backgrounds and income levels, surprised even the Justice Department researchers who released the study Sunday. American Indians said that the numbers should prompt a redoubling of efforts to identify the root causes.

"It's a double-edged sword. People don't want to be stereotyped as violent — that's not part of who we are — but statistics like this might also encourage people to take steps toward intervention," said Anna Pasqua, an American Indian who coordinates a domestic violence program with the Inter-Tribal Council of California in Sacramento.

Alcohol abuse, tensions with non-American Indians, poor law enforcement services and other factors may all play a part in fueling the high rates of violent crime identified in the survey, American Indian leaders said.

A wave of worsening crime and social ills on reservations in recent years has drawn stepped-up attention from federal policymakers. But the study documents the range and extent of the problem, researchers said, and it details several parallel troubling twists, such as the frequency of assaults by non-American Indians and the extent of alcohol abuse by American-Indian offenders.

"We now know that American Indians experience a much greater exposure to violence than other race groups," Lawrence A. Greenfield of the Bureau of Justice Statistics, co-author of the report, said in an interview.

"I was very surprised," he said. "The common wisdom was that blacks experience the highest exposure to violence. And when we released the (crime) survey results year after year, that was the result. This adds a new dimension to our understanding of the problem."

American Indians number about 2.3 million in the United States, or less than 1 percent of the population, with about a quarter thought to live on reservations. Justice Department statisticians said that they never before had broken out rates of crime among American Indians because the statistical sample was too small. But in response to numer-

ous queries about the extent of the problem, the department decided to review five years worth of data, including 17,350,000 incidents of violence a year and other crimes among American Indians who live on and off reservations.



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Scorpio, prepare for proposals in your future

IF FEBRUARY 15 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are romantic, creative and in your own mind there is nothing that can compare favorably to romance. Taurus, Libra, Scorpio persons play outstanding roles in your life, could have the letters, initials in their names: F, O, X. Lately you've dreamed about happy marriage, pets, children. You'll travel more this year, you'll be free of burden which you should not have carried in first place. August will be most memorable.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Those who attempt to stand in your way will pay a dear price. Endeavor build of confidence, sensuality, sex appeal. Leo will play outstanding role, will prove to be valuable ally.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Focus on direction, motivation, dealings with women in general and specifically with Cancer natives. Marvellous dinner soon, most unusual, you'll be smacking your lips.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Find words to express love to Cancer and another Gemini. You are going places, but don't make too far. Social activities accelerate, you asked for it and now get it—in spades.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): What seemed long ago, far away will be at doorstep, news positive concerning fixing things. Remind others — Napoleon said "impossible" was a word used by fools.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Don't take lightly howls of pain emitted by pet. Your kitty can be more loyal than family members. Write, teach, submit articles. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius in picture.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Music plays, dance to your own

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time. Luxury items, art objects figure prominently. Answer to question: Affirmative, you are loved. Domestic concerns necessary, involves marriage.

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Fireworks are as lethal as war

As many people or more have died in fireworks fatalities as were killed in the American Revolution.

Q. What proportion of the U.S. Senators have served in the military? How about Representatives?

A. Senators, 43 percent. Representatives, 31 percent.

In a study of flirtations, a psychologist reports women start the exchanges in every two out of three instances. With non-verbal cues. Gazing, glancing, giggling, various gestures. This scholarly observer says 52 flirtatious triggers have been listed. If I get the list, I'll give it to you, so you can add them to your repertoire.

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Jennifer Aniston scoffs at reports of engagement to beau Brad Pitt

NEW YORK (AP) — Jennifer Aniston says recent reports of her pending marriage to actor Brad Pitt are greatly exaggerated.

"No! No! And that's what's so amusing — all these detailed stories claiming, "Two sources said" or "I have sources", yet nothing ever comes from the horse's mouth. I just watch and laugh," Aniston says in the March 4 edition of Rolling Stone magazine.

The "Friends" star also refuted allegations by critics who say the couple are trying to attract publicity by denying the relationship.

"No. It's not that at all," she says. "My responsibility to the public is my work — not what goes on in my private life."

Although Aniston was tight-lipped about her private moments with Pitt, she told the magazine: "I'll just tell you that this is the happiest time of my life — that I'm happier than I've ever been. I'm not saying why. It's for a lot of reasons: work, love, family, just life."

Aniston, who just turned 30, says she's not desperate to get married.

"I'm not itching for it. It's something that, hopefully at one time in my life, I'll be able to do," she said.

David Arquette in "Rocky Horror"

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Cowardly Senate refuses to remove Clinton from office

From the Lima, (Ohio) News

It's a dark day for America. The rule of law, the bedrock of U.S. liberties, was dealt a serious blow Friday when the U.S. Senate effectively said the president is above the law.

In a historical irony rarely seen, the U.S. Senate acquitted President Clinton in his impeachment trial on charges of perjury and obstruction of justice on the 190th anniversary of President Abraham "Honest Abe" Lincoln's birth.

Senators apparently feel the rule of law is nothing but a nuisance when dealing with the nation's so-called leaders.

Lincoln, on the other hand, rightly felt the rule of law was paramount to a free and informed people. He said that "reverence for the laws" must become the political religion of the nation.

But the religion of Clinton and his congressional supporters has proven to be nothing but power at all cost. The Senate ignored the serious damage that would do to the rule of law and instead chose the path of least resistance. They sacrificed the rule of law on the altar of expediency and put our freedom at risk. For liberty in this country is based on the rule of law and when a double standard is created one for us and one for the president — despotism can't be far behind.

Many senators who took the cowardly route of acquitting the president thought for political cover in the form of some sort of formal censure. They admit Clinton broke the law but refused to hold him accountable. They sought to appease the electorate and

history by passing a non-binding resolution calling Clinton a bad man. Fortunately, the Senate was unable to pass a censure after the impeachment vote, but that doesn't mean it won't surface again.

Where impeachment was a constitutional procedure, censure is a constitutional crisis. It threatens the very separation of powers that prevents government from becoming too tyrannical.

Censure must not be permitted. Senators who decided to tell all of history that presidential felonies are permissible must now try

to make themselves look good by passing some sort of meaningless censure. The senators cast their cowardly votes and now they have to live with the consequences of their actions.

The next course of action is clear: indictment.

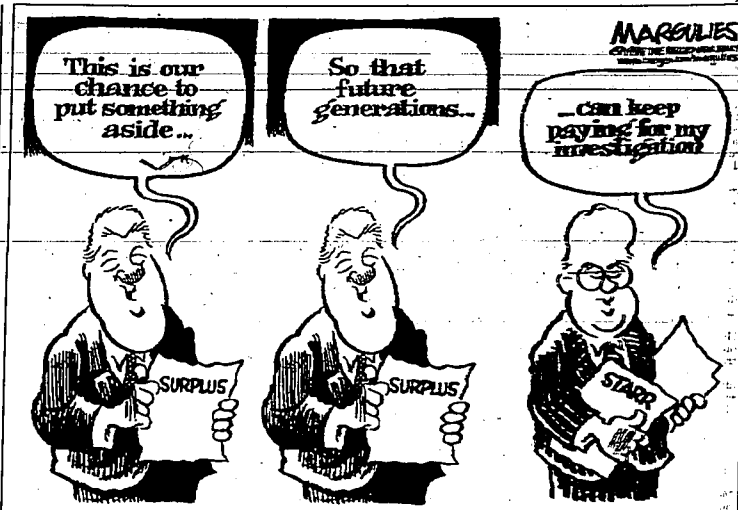
The nation's chief executive does not enjoy any special privilege against criminal action. Nowhere in the Constitution is there freedom from prosecution for any American citizen, even the president. He should be indicted so the courts can work it out. That is the only way to recover from the damage inflicted on the rule of law by the cowardly Senate.

Even though the rule of law was damaged, some good may have come out of the whole process.

He is now the lamest of lame duck presidents. He could declare April 1 as April Fool's Day and still have trouble pushing it through Congress.

Perhaps this is the beginning of a brief respite in the growth and intrusiveness of the federal government. But we doubt it.

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OF THE TIMES-NEWS

'New economy' leaves skilled workers behind

Whether you get your economic news via television, newspapers or magazines, you can't go too long without coming across the notion that the United States has entered an era of a "new economy."

Information technology, we're told, is fueling an ascent to a breathtaking age of prosperity for all.

It's true that increasingly advanced technology now surrounds many Americans in their workplaces and homes, as computers and other high-tech devices are commonplace, use of the Internet has risen at a meteoric pace, and most newspapers have sections each Sunday that list only high-technology jobs.

Even more technological progress is promised, as we're told that our phones will someday have the capacity to relay video and our televisions will function as computers. It's a whole new high-tech world out there — how can it not improve the economy?

We must remember, however, to accept anecdotes for what they are. This story, appealing as it may be, doesn't correspond to actual trends in the labor market.

For instance, a transition to an information- and technology-based economy presumably would lead to better times for educated, highly skilled workers.

But, according to figures from The State of Working America 1998-99, inflation-adjusted wage growth for white-

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collar, college-educated male workers has been lower in the 1990s than it was in the 1980s, despite improvement over the last eighteen months.

This is because the decades-long shift from blue-collar to white-collar employment actually slowed during the current business cycle and projections through 2005 forecast more of the same.

Furthermore, this relatively slow white-collar job growth has been accompanied by historically high rates of white-collar job displacement from downsizing, as well as by greater job instability and insecurity.

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How can the IT "revolution" be expected to lift all our wages when it can't even do so for white-collar workers and young college graduates — presumably the best educated, most computer literate and the flexible segment of the work-force?

Given the failure of the "knowledge economy" to assist its workers, one might want to question whether we are in a "new economy" at all.

Of course, the economy is always changing, reworking and reformulating itself. The question is whether we are ascending to better or more efficient economy.

All in all, there's little factual evidence to indicate that changes in the economy have led to a greater long-term capacity of the U.S. economy to raise incomes or produce growth and services.

Current trends — forecasting job dislocations, economic vulnerability and the stagnation erosion of wages — clearly do not support the notion of an improved economy.

Call it what you want, but for the vast majority of Americans, the vaunted "new economy" will look an awful lot like the old one — seen as unemployment rises due to a recession or slowing economy.

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LETTERS

Don't combine gun contests

I am writing concerning the Minidoka Rodeo Queen competitions. They have one on the Fourth of July and they have one just before the Minidoka County Fair. There has been talk of possibly combining the two into one competition, which I feel would be to our young ladies' disadvantage in this community.

We already have very little for our youth in the Mini-Cassia area to do, and I feel we would be doing an injustice to both sides to discontinue these two competitions. It teaches these young girls and ladies poise, confidence, responsibility, self-control, public speaking and socialization as well as a job. They have to work and practice very hard to compete in these areas, and it helps keep them off the streets and out of trouble.

It seems to me these competitions are getting more and more for the adults running these competitions instead of for the youth that compete. It appears it would be more convenient for the adults not to have to help the youth participate in two competitions. I feel they should both be kept separate and allow the youth two chances to compete without traveling a long distance and at great expense to the parents. Each competition should be conducted on a board of either three, five or seven members to help oversee things and keep rules and regulations.

The young people learn how to control a large animal without force and brutality, which is an admirable quality in itself, considering all the violence in society today.

If rodeo queen rules include a "must" travel long distance, the county

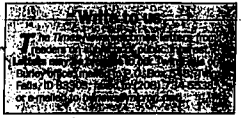


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needs to help pay gas money for the queens to get there. These are young girls representing our community.

I hope this letter stirs this community into action and that we can keep these competitions alive for our youth and our futures. Please call the Minidoka County Fair Board at 436-9748 and let them know you want to keep these competitions alive and separate and that if they must combine them, they combine them at fair time.

It will be a shame to deprive these youth of two local chances for competitions.

CYNTHIA SLACK
Rupert

Aren't cops supposed to help?

I was always led to believe that policemen were to help us good citizens. After being broke down along the road with the hood up getting gas and oil all over us, the kind brand inspector took time out of his busy schedule to help with no problem at all.

While we were gone after parts, a policeman's wife living down the road within sight sent her husband out to have it towed away.

We would have appreciated it if she had sent him to help instead.

VONDA HELSLEY
Jerome

Army's 'insufficient evidence' on Dennis Hastert

Speaker of the House Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., had barely settled into his new office when Army lobbyists concluded he was "likely to be supportive of Army programs writ large," though perhaps not "an overt Army advocate."

The Army's chief legislative liaison, Maj. Gen. Bruce K. Scott, in Jan. 7 memo to Army Chief of Staff Dennis J. Reimer, gave a savvy and detailed assessment of Hastert's reputation among lawmakers.

Hastert's politics were considered, along with his voting patterns, official travel records, potential Army influence in his congressional district and ways the Army might court favor.

Cautioning that there was "insufficient evidence" to come to conclusions, Scott said Hastert's "operational style, based on observation of Army officers who have escorted him, is more tactical than operational or strategic in his approach."

But Hastert "is receptive to change... is calm, measured, and deliberate, not prone to volatility as (Rep.) Bob Livingston would have been."

Hastert's ascension is a mixed blessing, Scott wrote. Former speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., "is the son of an Army lieutenant colonel, had a close personal friendship with General (William) W.

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Hartzog, and certainly had an affinity for the Army. On the other hand, he may have thought he knew all he needed to know about the Army, and was not necessarily receptive to listening to other ideas."

Hmmm. Seems we've heard that about Gingrich before.

The Army "would have had great access to (Livingston's) office through previous established relationships" with the staff of the "pro-defense" almost-speaker. But the Army has little leverage on the new speaker, Scott said.

"His district has a relatively small Army presence," Scott wrote, with just a few National Guard and reserve units "and only 15 active duty personnel — indicating no contingency per se. There are no (military construction) dollars, no acquisition jobs. However, his district does receive \$142 million in total personnel compensation, and there are 33 Army program contracts... which total \$3.87 million, indicating a degree of influence."

"Although Hastert is certainly less well known to most of us, we have an opportunity to gain," Scott wrote, noting the

speaker's travel last year "was exclusively with the Army," including trips to Texas, and to the Pentagon and White House "countering" issues, and no fact-finding for the School of the Americas, of which he is "a staunch supporter."

Scott recommended that Secretary Louis Caldera and Gen. Reimer simply "pay courtesy calls on the new speaker, with no specific agenda other than to offer congratulations, pledge support, and ask if there is anything the Army can do for him." Also, it would be good to "continue to provide professional escort services when the speaker travels," Scott said.

Might be some army travel and a great way to keep in touch.

Asked about the matter, Army spokesman Col. John Smith said during legislative analyses "is what they (Scott and his colleagues) do. It's very routine. Part of the job of being a liaison officer is to brief Pentagon officials on they 'they' how to deal with their civilian masters," he said.

"If Scott wanted to call for a bill about this, Smith said, 'Gen. Scott said he would forego direct contact.'"

Translation: "No."

Al Kamen wrote this commentary for The Washington Post.

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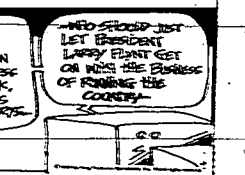
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OPINION

Suing gun makers isn't the answer

"Protect me from what I want," a poet once wrote. That line might well be applied to the cities that have filed an unprecedented wave of lawsuits against gun manufacturers.

A few years ago the notion of suing gun makers for the evil deeds of gun users would have been routinely dismissed as outlandish, unthinkable or, as some gun manufacturers charge, a shameless shakedown. But that was before the tobacco wars. When states and the families of cancer victims began to win huge settlements against tobacco companies, the tide obviously had turned. Now a growing number of big-city mayors and the families of gun victims hope to ride that tide to victories against the manufacturers and distributors of something that many of us want — guns.

The troubling question is this: How far should our society and our courts go in protecting people from what they want?

Should the government go after the makers of theseburgers, for example, for encouraging clogged arteries and heart attacks? Should it make damages from skateboard manufacturers for the injuries sustained by daredevil kids? Where do we draw the line?

New Orleans Mayor Marc Morial has an answer to that question. Last October, his city became the first to file a product-liability suit against handgun manufacturers. Similar to suits that have charged automakers or toy manufacturers with selling products they knew could be made safer, it contends the gun makers could have provided safer guns that would protect children and other unauthorized users from firing the weapons. Gun makers argue that the

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devices are unreliable. Chicago's Mayor Richard M. Daley followed in November with a suit based on another legal theory that treats gun manufacturers and suburban gun shops — like companies that dump toxic wastes in populated areas. It charges that "negligent distribution" has flooded the suburbs with guns in Chicagoans buy, circumventing the city's ban on gun sales. The defendants contend, as tobacco companies did, that they are only following the law in operating a lawful business.

Bridgeport, Conn., and Miami, Dade, Fla., followed with suits of their own announced in November during a meeting of the U.S. Conference of Mayors in Washington, where numerous other mayors said that similar suits were in the works. In New York City, the families of seven slain victims of gun violence have filed a private suit against gun makers similar to the "negligent distribution" theory of the NRA and gun companies, which argue that gun manufacturers oversupply the market in states with lax laws, particularly in the South. The NRA and gun companies, which tighter gun laws, particularly in the South. The NRA and gun companies, which tighter gun laws, particularly in the South. The NRA and gun companies, which tighter gun laws, particularly in the South.

The answer has to come from society. As Big Tobacco discovered, social attitudes change. Just as the courts turned against cigarette makers, they also turn against gun makers and sell-

ers, particularly in urban areas. Civil suits cannot remove all risk from life, nor should they try. Judges and juries should distinguish between products that reasonably can be expected to make you sick and die and those that become dangerous only through misuse. A little fatty food may be OK. A little is no more.

Distinctions also must be made between business practices that are reasonably safe and those that should be made safe. Companies should be required to disclose risks involved with their products and the availability of safety features that can minimize risks. Tobacco companies, for example, were unteachable in court until new evidence emerged of questionable business practices, such as the manipulation of nicotine content.

Finally, lawsuits should only be considered by the courts when less drastic reform efforts fail. Sometimes the opposition borders on the fanciful. I have no quarrel, for example, with the National Rifle Association's call for strong prosecution of those who use guns to commit crimes. But the NRA and gun companies almost ask for trouble when they oppose such sensible measures as the curbing of gun sales to only one per month.

Virginia, South Carolina and Maryland have passed one-gun-per-month laws. More should follow. Twelve gun purchases per year ought to be enough for any hobbyist, especially when it helps curb the oversupply that feeds illegal pipelines to other states. Cities cannot sue their gun troubles away. But, if pressure from the courts can help curb the gun flood into high-crime areas, it could move us in the right direction. That's something everyone should want.

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Idaho's welfare system needs improvement

Although welfare reform has been touted as one of Idaho's great successes, there are still problems with the system.

Several months ago, a good friend found out she was pregnant. She applied for medical assistance as soon as she found out. Not only did the people at Health and Welfare treat her as a subhuman (I watched her cry several times over such treatment), but they took their sweet time, almost three months, to approve her case. If the TAFI roles are down to 39 people, then please explain why it would take three months or longer to approve assistance? There is no logical balance here and, furthermore, this whole scenario counters the preachings of "self-reliance programs," WIC and a few others. If bureaucratic inefficiency denies a woman medical assistance for three, four or more months, how can she get the prenatal care so vitally important for delivering a healthy baby? It is hard enough to find a doctor who accepts medical cards, let alone a doctor who will see you while waiting for Health and Welfare to finish its lengthy process.

Now before I hear the clamoring of "if she would just get off her butt," let me point out that my friend does work, hard, sometimes conquering 45 hours in a week, going eight days straight without a break. This isn't healthy for someone who isn't pregnant. She is also married, but because of their combined incomes, they still fall below poverty. As for insurance, she has it, but a deductible somewhere in the thousands is not feasible for those who do not make the cover-

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ed \$14-plus an hour necessary to actually sustain life in this state. To top it off, she is not a teenager, a high school dropout or even a high school graduate. Just starting out. She has two certifications which qualify her as having a higher education. I will be the first to admit that I used to have a dim view of "welfare moms" until I saw who Idaho's welfare moms really were. If our teachers, the very

people we trust to prepare our children for the future, are qualifying for WIC, there is something terribly wrong with the configuration of our socioeconomic structure. The reformation of Health and Welfare has been good to an extent, but it and Idaho have a long way to go before we can call ourselves reformed. HEATHER PILKINTON Wendell

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Proud to live in Berger

I am reminded of a wheat crop one year when I think of Twin Falls County commissioners, "big fluffy heads, nothing in them." Berger doesn't exist? Where have they been and who are they supposed to represent? We proud to live in the community of Berger, that's more than I can say about the county commissioners. They can leave us off the map, but they can't remove our history and heritage. Berger is the American dream. Every citizen can have two or three dogs. Come on, Berger, let's given them hell! JOE MILLER Berger

Berger really does exist!

Don't tell anyone but Berger exists. My grandfather owned the Berger store which was moved to Highway 55 when it was brought into existence. Then my dad owned it for 12 years. I have lived in Berger most my life. Some people must have liked it because we have seven new homes in the Berger townsite in the last two years. Maybe we are not here, but according to my birth certificate, I have been here awhile. The Menzoni Church in Filer had Bible school in Berger so God must think there is something worthwhile. We have policemen, teachers, farmers, bankers, nurses, doctors and citizens who go to school who all come from a place that doesn't exist. Come on, commissioners, you can take the name off the map but you can't take the pride out of the hearts of Bergerites. NORMA MILLER Twin Falls

Reform penal system

The Legislature has, for some reason, neglected an area which is in need of reform and that is the Idaho Penal System. Gov. Kempthorne has demonstrated some wisdom in not rushing to complete and open the new prison yet, more wisdom than the Legislature which seems willing to be seduced by the "Prison-Industrial Complex." The Legislature would benefit by reading an article in the December '98 issue of the "Adante Monthly" about the "Prison-Industrial Complex," which is considerably analogous to the "Military Industrial Complex." President Eisenhower warned off in 1961. Putting more non-violent transgressors in prison means more short-term and long-term jobs. One prisoner equals seven jobs. Is an economic factor whether we realize it or not.

In addition, a serious issue in need of reform is the heavy emphasis placed upon "warehousing" prisoners with little emphasis on rehabilitation or correction of the problems and attitudes that got them there in the first place.

The glaring disparity between the "determinate" or "fixed" portion of a sentence and the "indeterminate" portion must be addressed and acted upon. Additional community work centers, establishment of "halfway houses" and the separation of the Idaho Department of Correction and Parole Board must be accomplished so that the original "truth in sentencing act" will have its intent manifested instead of being subverted by a parole board which has had too much power over people's lives in the past. DON FUDER Twin Falls

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NATION

NY shooting has racial tensions at boiling point

Los Angeles Times

NEW YORK — On a cool winter night, Amadou Diallo took a walk outside his Bronx apartment and returned after 12:45 p.m. This is all that is known of his last moments, except that he was suddenly cut down by a hail of police gunfire, 41 shots in all, as he stood in the hallway.

Seconds later, the four police gunmen — who said they were investigating a serial rapist in the area — discovered that the 22-year-old West African immigrant was unarmed. As they hurriedly inquired for assistance, several of the officers appeared dazed and stunned, according to police sources and onlookers who gathered in the seconds after the shooting.

Although few details have emerged since then, the story has shocked New Yorkers and triggered national protests. There have been furious street demonstrations by black leaders and bitter criticisms of Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, who has been accused of running a police department that routinely targets and harasses blacks and other minorities. In recent days, the story has blown impeachment off the front pages of

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— Rudolph Giuliani, mayor of New York City

the city's tabloids, dominating local television and radio coverage.

Indeed, it has become a New York media circus and a defining moment in Giuliani's administration: The Rev. Al Sharpton as their spokesman, and retained O.J. Simpson attorneys Johnnie Cochran and Barry Sheek to represent them. Calling for the four officers' arrest, Sharpton told a rally that the shooting "was not a police action, it was a police execution. ... His (Diallo's) body was riddled with bullets. Not from hoodlums, not from thugs, but from people we pay to protect us."

For his part, Giuliani has tried to keep a cool profile, vowing a prompt investigation and calling for public calm until more facts are known. He has expressed remorse for

the apparently senseless shooting of a man who had no criminal record.

But the 19 bullets that hit Amadou Diallo, a softspoken street vendor from Guinea, have cast a shadow over the record of a Republican mayor who has won national plaudits for greatly reducing crime in the nation's largest city — and who harbors ambition for higher office.

"I feel terrible about what happened," Giuliani told reporters at a City Hall news conference last week. "We're working very, very hard to assist the family and everyone in the community to understand it. But I am not going to subscribe to a notion that the police officers in New York City as some general matter are acting improperly."

Seeking to quell rising criticism, the mayor unveiled new statistics

showing the number of police shootings in New York are down; city officers fired 856 shots in 1998, compared to 1,040 the year before, he said, and the 19 fatal shootings last year was the lowest since 1985.

There is a tendency of some people in our society to blame the police in broad strokes that is just as vicious a prejudice as any other prejudice," the mayor added, defending the department's overall record.

Yet critics are not convinced, suggesting that Giuliani has turned a deaf ear to minorities. From 1993 to 1997, critics noted, new charges of police misconduct rose 45 percent — from 1,567 to 2,266 incidents — and they said the mayor's refusal to address this issue shows he has not built sufficient bridges to blacks, Latinos and other minorities.

"I certainly am not blaming Mayor Giuliani or Police Commissioner (Howard) Safir for the tragedy that took place," said Manhattan Borough President Virginia Fields, who is black. "But there is the sad reality that that the police department treats some communities in this city with more respect and consideration than others ... we need City Hall to listen more."

Officials worry about ethnic violence, cancel festivities

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — A high school is scrapping celebrations of Black History Month and Cinco de Mayo, worried that the ethnic celebrations will spark ethnic violence.

Inglewood High School, 10 miles south of downtown Los Angeles, has been the site of tensions between black and Hispanic students. The campus was forced to close for a day last May after a riot broke out and dozens of police were called in.

A task force found that the fight in May began, in part, because Hispanic students who comprise about half the school population felt slighted. They were angry that a month was set aside to honor black history but only a day to celebrate Cinco de Mayo.

Instead of celebrating Black History Month and Cinco de Mayo, Principal Lowell Winston has told teachers to follow a "multicultural education approach" throughout the school year.

February is marked by many schools around the country as Black History Month, and May 5 is a national holiday in Mexico commemorating an 1862 battle in which Mexico defeated French occupation troops southeast of Mexico City.

Hundreds of flights are still canceled

DALLAS (AP) — Hundreds of American Airlines pilots called in to say they were fit-for-work Sunday, one day after the union was threatened with millions of dollars in fines over a massive sickout at the nation's second-largest airline.

Still, it wasn't enough to prevent 550 flights from being canceled. American spokeswoman Sonja Whitteman said the airline could be 100 percent operational by Tuesday.

The pilots were accused of calling in sick to protest salaries being paid pilots at Reno Air, an airline that American recently bought.

U.S. District Judge Joe Kendall ordered the job action to cease on Wednesday, and on Saturday accused union officials of not doing enough to encourage pilots to return to work.

Kendall scheduled a Wednesday hearing to determine how much to fine the union and two union leaders, whom he found in contempt of court. He said the fine could be in the millions of dollars.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Idaho award goes to Jerome educator

JEROME - Jerome schools Superintendent Jim Cobble received the educational leadership award from the Idaho Association of School Administrators.

Cobble was given the award at the association's convention in Boise last week, said IASA Executive Director Mike Friend.

There were a dozen nominees across Idaho for the annual award, Friend said. The award is based on the winner's accomplishments as a hands-on educator.

"It's not for general management accomplishments, but for things that lead to better classroom education," he said.

Twin Falls School Board to review Y2K

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls School Board on Tuesday is scheduled to review a number of issues, including computer preparedness for Y2K.

Y2K refers to the year 2000 when worldwide computer glitches are expected to hit technology that hasn't been program to recognize the new century.

The School Board also will review the district's annual accreditation report.

The meeting begins at 7 p.m. in the district office, 201 Main Ave. W., and is open to the public. Call 733-6900 for more information.

Ski event to benefit diabetes programs

FAIRFIELD - The second annual downhill for Diabetes will be held on Feb. 27 at Soldier Mountain Ski Area.

The ski event will benefit an ongoing program established to promote awareness, wellness, physical fitness and activities for youth with diabetes in the Magic Valley and Wood River Valley.

Spicing participants' fun, such as school ski clubs, business groups, individuals and families.

The year's event had a total of 45 participants, including two teams from Boise, and raised more than \$8,000 for local teens and children with diabetes. Wellness organizers have set a goal of 100 participants this year, and the format has changed to allow individuals to join.

Skiers and snowboarders of all levels are encouraged to enter. Prizes will be awarded in numerous categories, and skiers of all ages and levels have the same chance of winning great prizes. Local media organizations are encouraged to form a "celebrity team" for a contest. The entry fee will be waived for such a team.

Entry forms and rules are available at Claude's Sports, Recreation Sports and Soldier Mountain. Skiing will be from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., with an awards reception at 4 p.m. at the lodge.

For more information, call Brad Newbury at 733-5038 or Ann Bybee at 733-3700, Ext. 174. The event is co-sponsored by The Diabetes Center Foundation and Soldier Mountain Ski Area.

Apply for Internships at The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Applications are due by March 15 for paid newspaper internships at The Times-News for summer 1999.

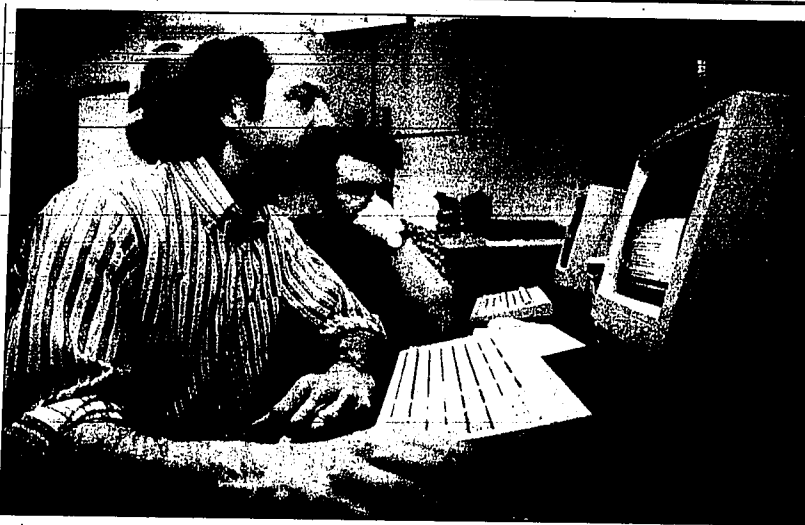
Internships are expected to be offered in news reporting, classified sales and advertising sales.

Preference will be given to students who plan careers in print publications. Applications are restricted to students from The Times-News' circulation area of southern Idaho and northern Nevada.

Interested students should send current resume, a list of references, a current college or high school transcript, work samples and a cover letter. Fee employment drug and alcohol tests are required.

Applications should be sent to Mary Karna, 24 E. Main, (Dist. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303). Applications will be accepted until March 15. Decisions are expected by April 15.

Compiled from staff reports



Ken Bingham, a College of Southern Idaho teacher, helps Dale Laughlin edit a story. Laughlin is managing editor of The Tower, the CSI campus newspaper. Dedicated readers and alumni now can find the paper online.

CSI paper, literary magazine go online

By Rachel Denny Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - The College of Southern Idaho is putting its campus newspaper and magazine online.

The student paper, The Tower, is online and ready to be accessed. The magazine, Silo, should be up and running sometime in March.

Silo will be an online magazine, with content coming from CSI students and Magic Valley residents.

"It's going to be a showcase for CSI student writers," said English instructor Jim Irons, one of the organizers. "We're trying to incorporate artists and writers from the community."

The magazine will not just feature poetry and essays, but also art, photography and a comic strip by local artist Rick Kuhn.

"I just wanted to create something for people to share their literary talent," Irons said. "I think there's a lot of talent here."

Although Silo didn't receive as many initial submissions as Irons would have liked, he hopes as the word gets out, and once the page is up, people will send more material.

Silo will begin accepting more submissions after April.

The online project has been a vision of Irons for four years. After the web site is up and running, he's considering putting together a book.

"I think every community needs something like this," he said. "We're near Sun Valley and starting to make movies here. Twin Falls is growing and we need something to represent us. Something that shows we do have sophistication and taste."

Silo's selection process routes each submission through three editors, two of those editors have to approve the piece before it's published. Names are removed before the editors read the submission.

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Show to feature latest in beans

Annual industry show updates trade information

By Damien D. Rodriguez Times-News writer

RUPERT - Bean growers will have an opportunity to learn about the newest growing and planting techniques and how to improve their businesses on Feb. 22.

That's when The University of Idaho Cooperative Extension System hosts the annual Southern Idaho School and Trade Show at the Rupert Elks lodge.

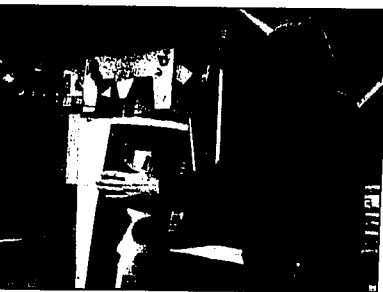
Those attending the show will come away with more knowledge of where the bean industry stands," said Christi Folen, Minidoka County extension agent.

The day-long event will cover topics ranging from weed control implications to chemical control implications, said Ray Tway, executive director of the Idaho Bean Commission.

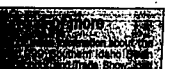
"One of our main commodities in Idaho is beans, and the show will offer updated information on new technologies, research and programs in the bean industry."

The Idaho Bean Commission works to improve bean growing conditions and bean improvement. "Through research, the commission has developed a drought-resistant bean plant, a disease-resistant plant and a plant that grows faster during the growing season, Tway said. These are some of the topics to be discussed at the show.

Thirty-seven million bags of bean seeds are grown in Idaho and the seeds are sent to bean



Wendy Broadhead of Rupert bags beans at the Kelley Bean Company, which will be one of the sponsors at the 1999 Southern Idaho Bean School and Trade Show Feb. 22



Beans throughout the United States and Canada, she said. Idaho is the only state that grows the seeds while bean growers in other states grow beans for food sales.

The show will end with a panel of industry and grower representatives discussing production, planting dates, varieties and crop management. They also will address concerns about specific bean issues.

Idaho Department of Agriculture recertification cred-

its will be available at the show. "In order for producers to use chemicals, they need to be certified," Tway said. "If they attend the show, they can get their certification by attending the workshops."

Bean growers need a license when using restricted chemicals. Folen said. If licenses are not updated, they can be renewed at the show.

Along with the licenses, certified crop advisor credits will be available for field consultants.

"This is our annual opportunity to update producers and everyone else involved in the bean industry in Idaho on the latest research and promotions," Tway said.

Times-News staff writer Damien D. Rodriguez can be reached in Burley at 677-4042.

BE HEARD

Whom to contact, and how to do it

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Bending the ear of your legislator is as easy as dialing a 1-800 number or clicking the mouse.

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Mail: Address a letter to your legislator c/o Idaho State Legislature, State Capitol Building, P.O. Box 83720, Boise. The ZIP code for the Senate is 83720-0081; for the House, it's 83720-0038.

Here's a rundown of the area's legislators, and their committees:

• District 20, Elmore and Owyhee counties

Sen. Robbi King, R-Glenns Ferry; Judiciary and Rules (vice chairman); Commerce and Human Resources; Health and Welfare. Phone: 332-1339.

Rep. Frances Field, R-Grand View; Agricultural Affairs (vice chairman); Appropriations; Please see CONTACT, Page B3

Replacing director proves difficult

By Mark Helms Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Finding a replacement for former Twin Falls City Economic Development Director Dave McAlindin is turning out to be a tall order.

So tall, in fact, there's talk about privatizing the position.

"It's a Ying and Yang thing," said KMVT-TV General Manager Lee Wagner, who worked closely with McAlindin through his last days in the position.

McAlindin held his post with the city for a decade before leaving in October 1998. The city has retained him on an as-needed basis. A permanent replacement can be found, City Manager Tom Courtney said.

"McAlindin said that under the contract he's paid \$35 an hour. Courtney said response to the city's advertisements for a replacement has been slow and the number of intriguing candidates has been thin. So far, about 20 resumes have been sent to City Hall during the last couple of weeks, two candidates who could qualify for interviews filed for the job, he said.

Wagner said he offered a salary of \$39,312 to \$53,184. When McAlindin left, he was near the top end of that pay scale, Courtney said.

It could be the city just can't afford to compete for a real crack-jack development specialist, said Wagner and Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Vice President Kent Just.

"This is an opportunity to revisit the position" and consider privatizing it, Wagner said.

A private development corporation or branch of the chamber could probably offer a fatter salary, he said.

So far, there's been no resolution on the privatization idea. Just said. But the chamber has taken on some of McAlindin's former duties and would like to see a new director at work soon, he said.

McAlindin said the city would do well to play up any incentives it can offer good ideas, but shouldn't lose focus on substance.

"Businesses don't make a bad deal good," he said.

As development director, McAlindin also wore the hat of executive director of the urban renewal authority, a private board of city-appointed advisors.

Whether the two positions should be merged is now entirely up to the city, McAlindin said. Since nailing down a \$9 million bond for various projects around town, the urban renewal agency hasn't been very active, Wagner said.

So merging McAlindin's former two major jobs might be a good idea.

No matter who is hired or who does the hiring, the job's chief focus will remain what McAlindin did: a private new business for Twin Falls, Courtney said.

"Business recruitment is an extremely competitive, complex process," he said.

About 10,000 municipalities and similar entities across the nation try to woo in business, and people with McAlindin's brand of talent are scarce and fiercely sought after, Courtney said.

A good economic developer not only has to understand business and industry inside and out, but an intimate knowledge of a city's infrastructure and social make up is also indispensable, he said.

"We need someone who, for all practical purposes, can come in and hit the ground running," he said.

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

MAGIC VALLEY

SERVICES

Robert F. Adolf of Buhl and formerly of Hagerman, 10 a.m. today at St. John's Lutheran Church in Buhl (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Margie E. Dowd of Boise and formerly of Rupert, 11 a.m. today at the Alden-Wagoner Funeral Chapel in Boise, graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Rupert Cemetery.

Maxine Sparks Simpson of Carey, 11 a.m. today at the Carey LDS Chapel; friends may call the hour before the service at the church (Wood River Chapel in Halley).

Hyrum Vern 'Ted' Sweatt of Nampa, inurnment service at 11 a.m. today at the Heber City Utah Cemetery (Ancient Funeral Services Home in Meridian).

Patricia 'Pat' Joann Boss of Wendell, 2 p.m. today at Demary's Wendell Chapel.

LaMar Stone Hanks of Burley, noon today at the Step LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel; friends may call 11 to 11:45 a.m. before the funeral today at the church (Payne Mortuary).

Virginia Lee Council of Paul, 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Chapel; family and friends may call from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Phyllis J. Martinez of Wendell, graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Wendell Cemetery; friends may call from 10 to 11 p.m. Tuesday at Demary's Wendell Chapel and meet at the cemetery.

Mmanuel Luna Sr. of Heyburn, Twin Falls, inurnment service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; service at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the church (Hansen Mortuary).

Rupert Chapel. Earl Wesley Leatham of Hagerman, 10 a.m. Thursday at the Hagerman LDS Church; family and friends may call from 7 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Demary's Gooding Chapel and 10 a.m. today at the Hagerman LDS Church. Clifford E. Brown of Rupert, 11 a.m. Friday at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls; visitation will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home.

Francis 'Frank' J. Sireci and Barbara Lynn Sireci of Filer, home of their daughter in Mission Viejo, Calif. (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICES

Leo Wayne Crown. BELLER - Leo Wayne Crown, 61, died in native and residence of Filer, passed away quietly at home Sunday, Feb. 14, 1999, surrounded by his family, following a several day illness. Burial services are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Dorothy F. Jamison. BURLEY - Dorothy F. Jamison, 85-year-old Burley resident, died Saturday, Feb. 13, 1999, at the Cassia Regional Medical Center in Burley. Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday at the Payne Memorial Chapel in Burley.

Richard McInerney. RUPERT - Richard McInerney, 84-year-old Rupert resident, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 1999, at the Parke View Care and Rehabilitation Center. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Chapel in Burley.

Ronald M. Meskley. JEROME - Ronald M. Meskley, 62, of Jerome, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 1999, at his home, following an extended illness. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome. Una Parrott. BOISE - Una Parrott, 76, a Hagerman resident, died Sunday, Feb. 13, 1999, in Boise. Services are pending at Demary's Gooding Chapel.

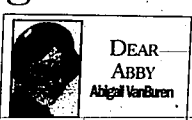
Ruth Amanda Peterson. HEYBURN - Ruth Amanda Peterson, 94-year-old Mayfield, Utah, and former Heyburn resident, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 1999, in Mayfield, Utah. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Chapel in Burley.

Elizabeth Robbins. RUPERT - Elizabeth Robbins, 88-year-old Rupert resident, died Sunday, Feb. 14, 1999, at the extended care unit at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Chapel in Burley.

Debbie Van Ostrand. TWIN FALLS - Debbie Van Ostrand, 43, of Twin Falls, died early Sunday, Feb. 14, 1999, at her home following an extended illness. Arrangements are under the direction of Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls.

Barking dog saves woman's life

DEAR ABBY: When I read the letter about the importance of keeping one's medical information readily available in case of an emergency, I was reminded of an incident that happened to me. My name is Maxine, and one of my dogs is named Maxwell. We both answer to the name of "Max."



DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren

I am a diabetic and have had several kidney stones removed. One night I awoke in terrible pain but was unable to get up and call someone. Both of my dogs knew something was wrong. My collie went to the front window and barked incessantly, until the neighbor across the street woke up and realized something was wrong because I never let the dogs bark without getting up to see what they are barking at. My little dog, "Max," climbed up on the bed and licked the cold sweat off my arm. My neighbor called my daughter and told her something must be wrong because my dog was barking for so long. My daughter arrived within 15 minutes. She found me unconscious and called an ambulance. The technician asked her if I was taking any medication and she said yes - that it was on the kitchen

counter. He rushed to the kitchen, grabbed the small bottles, put them in a plastic bag, and away we raced to the hospital.

About a half-hour later, the technician came out with a big grin on his face and told her he didn't think it was her mother's medicine. The label read: "For Max, for scratching his back and biting his tail." We have laughed about it ever since, but I now wear a diabetic bracelet with all the information on it. My doctor told me later I was lucky because the dogs probably saved my life. If I hadn't had immediate attention, I could have died of uremic poisoning. I learned the hard way to have everything written down, to carry the information in my wallet, and also to post it on the refrigerator. —MAXINE L. VAN TORNHOUT, ST. PETERSBURG, FLA.

DEAR "MAX" and "MAX" (I'm all maxed out here): I'm pleased your story had a happy ending, and that you've settled around to pamper and praise your canine heroes. As amusing as the story is, it's a graphic reminder that medical information should be kept readily available, because the need for it can strike with little or no warning.

AUCTION CALENDAR THROUGH MARCH 20

- MONDAY, FEBRUARY 22 - 10 am Kaval Farms - Farm Equipment - Marange, Idaho - Auction Advertisement: Feb. 23 - Ag Weekly Hoopla Auctions - 208-772-5207
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - 6 pm Household - Tools - Antiques - Consignment Auctions - Marange - KLAS AUCTION SERVICE 208-314-5521
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23 - 12:30 pm 4th Annual Community Appreciation Day Auction - Farm Equipment - Marange Advertisement: February 13 - Ag Weekly Hoopla Auctions - 208-772-5207
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - 10 am Kenzie Auctions - Farm Machinery - Buhl Advertisement: February 17 - MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE mastersauction.com
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - 10:30 am McGraw Community Center Benefit Auction - Merchandise - Services - Misc. Tools, Furnishings - Rupert Advertisement: Feb. 13 & 17 CARL VAN TASSEL
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - 9 am 4th Annual Community Appreciation Day Auction - Farm Machinery - Buhl Advertisement: February 13 - MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE mastersauction.com
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - 11 am Budget Services Auction - 22 Storage Units - Twin Falls Advertisement: Feb. 18 & 20 BUDGET BOOKERS 208-734-5293
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - 11 am 4th Annual Community Appreciation Day Auction - Farm Machinery - Buhl Advertisement: Feb. 13 & 17 BUDGET BOOKERS
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - 10 am GBK Farms - Farm Machinery - Marange Advertisement: FEBRUARY 20 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE mastersauction.com
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - 10 am JKD Ranch - Ass. Equip. - Marange Co. Advertisement: February 21 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE mastersauction.com
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - Raymond Ulrich - Farm Machinery - Twin Falls Advertisement: February 23 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE mastersauction.com
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - Norma & Joe Miller - Farm Machinery - Marange Advertisement: February 24 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE mastersauction.com
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - 11 am JKD Ranch - New & Used Farm Equipment - Tools - Misc. Equip. - Fairgrounds - Rupert Advertisement: February 25 MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE mastersauction.com
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - Annual Jerome Community Auction - New taking consignments - Jerome - Idaho SULLIVAN AUCTIONS 208-324-3118
TUESDAY, MARCH 23 - 11 am Jerry & Beth Doughty - Farm Retirement Auction - Jerome Advertisement: Ag Weekly Feb. 20th, Times News Tid 208-734-5293
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24 - 10 am ANTIQUES and COLLECTIBLES SALE Taking consignments - Twin Falls HUNT BROTTERS AUCTIONS 208-784-2548
SATURDAY, MARCH 26 - 10:30 am Annual Jerome Community Auction - Consignment - Twin Falls Co. Fairgrounds ALL ABOUT AUCTIONS 208-734-5293

HOSPITALS

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Admitted Angel Evans, Consuelo Gomez and Diane Maria Stockdale, all of Burley; and Florence Dahlberg of Rupert.

Goodrich of Murtaugh; Alex Mackenzie and Mavis Mathews, both of Declo; and Thelma Murphy of Hazelton.

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER Admitted Barbara Heffelfinger of

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For Details Call: Pacific Coast Clinical Coordinators (208) 346-6213 Monday through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

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For obituary rates and information, call 733-0921, Ext. 208, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadlines is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are at a separate cost and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

TWIN FALLS

Wilford T. 'Mike' Webb Wilford T. 'Mike' Webb, 58, of Twin Falls, passed from this life Friday evening Feb. 12, 1999, at the Twin Falls Clinic and Hospice. Mike was born April 22, 1910, in Wilford, Idaho, and married Margaret Webb. As a small child he moved with his family to the Dan where he grew up and attended school until the age of 12, when the family moved to San Francisco. Mike completed his education and moved to Hayward, Calif. He worked for General Motors for a time and later during the War worked in the shipyard and in the war effort. He then moved to Livermore, Calif., and started his own poultry business, a career he continued until his retirement in 1969, when he moved to Twin Falls. Mike married Lyona Bush in Hayward, Calif. on Aug. 18, 1928. She preceded him in death in 1950. He married Martha W. Campbell April 4, 1961, in Oakdale, Calif. He was an active member of the LDS Church, having served as Bishop and member of the High Council. At the time of his death he was a High Priest in the ward. He was a gifted speaker for many occasions. Survivors include his wife, Martha, of Twin Falls; his son, Dave Webb, and daughters, Carol Ann Fernandez, Joan Havens, Pauline (Scott) McCracken, Curma (Grove) Binham and Leslee (David) Lee, 20 grandchildren and 28 great-grandchildren. Mike was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, five sisters, two brothers, and one grandson.

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McDonald and two nephews. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 17, 1999, at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls with Rev. Dale Metzger officiating. Interment will follow Sunset Gardens. Friends may call Tuesday evening at Reynolds Funeral Chapel from 5 to 8 p.m.

Wesley H. McDonald

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M-C schools work to improve test scores

Reading programs are among revisions

By Lorraine Cameron
Times-News Staff

BURLEY — Score one for the students and school districts. Schools in Cassia County have been trying to focus on basic academic, and it has really paid off. Jerry Duggert, acting superintendent.

"Test scores indicate we are moving in the right direction," he said.

A few years ago, primary grade scores were low in Cassia County and the district revised the entire curriculum, Duggert said.

A new content program was introduced last year into elementary schools. The Accelerated

Reader, a program where children read books and are tested on comprehension, is also being used.

Every five years, Cassia County curriculum is rewritten, based partly on what is learned from statewide testing.

In Minidoka County, test scores took a dip in recent years. As a result, the district analyzed the education its students are receiving and successful programs in other states to try to find what will work on what is best scores in the district, said Nick Hallert, superintendent of Minidoka County schools.

Parents, principals and teachers recently returned from a trip to Chattanooga, Tenn. where they visited the Twenty-First Century Learning, a school with a minimal reputation for achievement. The district has been implementing

strategies from that academy to in Minidoka County schools.

The district also uses the Accelerated Reader program.

"That has been effective on raising reading ability," said Terry Garner, district test coordinator.

In math, meanwhile, ninth graders had scored high last year. "We lost ground during this year," Garner said.

Overall, scores of county students were higher than the year before and have increased steadily over the past three years, he said.

Longitudinal scores in Minidoka County, which are scores of staff those students who have stayed in the district over a period of years, show a general progression in the lower grades, Hart said.

In the past, the state had

allowed scores of special-education students to be excluded from testing, but a new ruling requires those scores be included in statewide testing. The state is developing an alternative test for special-education students.

Cassia and Minidoka County schools plan to follow the alternative testing guidelines.

Hallett said he thinks the new guidelines will make test scores between districts more comparable.

"Some districts were excluding way too many kids. One large district excluded more than half their kids," he said.

Hallett said he hopes all districts will follow the new guidelines.

Times-News staff writer Lorraine Cameron can be reached in Burley at 677-0442.

VALLEY IN BRIEF

Heyburn man suffers eight stab wounds

BURLEY — A Heyburn man was stabbed eight times Saturday night during an apparent argument over a stolen car stereo, authorities said.

Kevin LeGault, 21, was stabbed in the back, head and left arm by another man during the confrontation in the 100 block of West 16th Street, Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal said.

LeGault was recovering Sunday at Cassia Regional Medical Center, where he was listed in stable condition.

The man suspected of stabbing LeGault, Jesus Marcus Ortiz, 22, of Rupert, was arrested and charged with aggravated battery. Ortiz was being held in jail on a \$25,000 bond from an unrelated warrant, Crystal said.

Burley woman dies in car wreck

ALBION — A Burley woman died late Saturday in an auto accident on Idaho Highway 77.

The accident occurred at midnight near the Pomerelle Grade, according to the Cassia County Sheriff's Office.

The woman's name was not released because some relatives had yet to be notified.

Cassia to award telephone, 911 bids

BURLEY — Telephone system and 911 system enhancement bids will be awarded at the Cassia County commissioners' meeting Tuesday at the Cassia courthouse.

The phone bids are scheduled for 10 a.m. and 911 bids for 11 a.m. The enhancements will improve the systems' quality and function.

Also, Tom Dyer of the Bureau of Land Management and Peter Peterson of the U.S. Forest Service will meet with the commissioners to discuss land matters. The public is welcome.

Burley to discuss 'Enough is Enough'

BURLEY — Mayor Doug Manning will talk about the "Enough is Enough" drug-awareness program for Cassia and Minidoka counties at the City Council meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

The "Enough is Enough" program promotes a drug-free life through education, awareness and self-commitment, Manning said.

Readings also will be heard on the proposed parking and tree ordinance in the city. Dennis Peterson will make an announcement about the status of the city's caboose off U.S. Highway 30.

The meeting is open to the public.

Compiled from staff reports

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
Campus offices are closed for Presidents Day.

TUESDAY
Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition steering committee, 7 to 9 a.m., Taylor 258.
ALTEC Foundation grant meeting, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Herrett Center classroom.
Congressional internships with Sen. Larry Craig — lunchtime, noon, Taylor 277.
Personnel Ensemble rehearsal, noon, Fine Arts 121.
Agriculture Forum, noon to 2 p.m., Taylor 276.
Wind Ensemble rehearsal, 3 p.m., Fine Arts 121.

Alcohol and Traffic Safety School, 6 to 10 p.m., Shields 113.
Water Quality Seminar, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Shields 117.
Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual

CLATSOP meeting, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Taylor 258.

"Rusty Rocket's Last Blast" showing, 7 p.m., Herrett Center Faulkner Planetarium.

WEDNESDAY

ARTEC based meeting, 7 to 9 a.m., Taylor 276.
Idaho Department of Agriculture — Nutrient Management Certification course, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 258.
U.S. military testing, 5 to 9:30 p.m., Shields 208.
Rural council board meeting, 6 p.m., Desert 113.
Mid-Snake Watershed Advisory meeting, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., Shields 117.

THURSDAY

Idaho Department of Agriculture — Nutrient Management Certification course, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 258.
KMTV Agri-Action, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Expo Center.
Phi Theta Kappa meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 117.
WIEA tax help for the elderly and low-income, 2 to 5 p.m., Evergreen CSI.

Magie Valley Babe Ruth monthly meeting, 6 to 9 p.m., Shields 104.
Magie Valley Choral rehearsal, 7 to 10 p.m., Fine Arts 121.

FRIDAY

Ag Advisory task force with Congressman Mike Simpson, 8 to 11 a.m., Taylor 276.
Idaho Department of Agriculture — Nutrient Management Certification course, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 258.
KMTV Agri-Action, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Expo Center.
Region 18 meeting, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Taylor 258.
Idaho Pork Producers Association annual meeting and banquet, 11 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., Taylor 277.
Japanese Club weekly meeting, noon, Shields 103.
"More Than Meets the Eye" showing, 7 p.m., Herrett Center Faulkner Planetarium.
Arts on Tour present "Quartetto Gelato," 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
Golden Eagles play Utah Valley State College in Orem; women play at 6 p.m., men at 8 p.m.

SATURDAY

U.S. military testing, 7 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Shields 208.
Co-ed volleyball, 7 a.m. to 10 p.m., gymnasium.
Superintendents of Instruction meeting, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Evergreen A20.
Idaho Pork Producers Association annual meeting, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Taylor 277.
Magie Valley Youth Symphony rehearsal, 10 a.m. to noon, Fine Arts Auditorium.
KMTV Agri-Action, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Expo Center.
"Rusty Rocket's Last Blast" showings, 2 and 7 p.m., Herrett Center Faulkner Planetarium.
"More Than Meets the Eye" showing, 6 p.m., Herrett Center Faulkner Planetarium.
Golden Eagles play Salt Lake Community College in Salt Lake City; women play at 5:30 p.m., men at 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY

Multiple Sclerosis Society support group meeting, 12:30 p.m., Shields 103.

ON THE AGENDA

The Times-News

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

Rupert

Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Shoshone City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administrative office, 209 Main Ave. W.

TODAY

Bliss School Board, 7:30 p.m., school library.

TUESDAY

Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
Burley City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.
Filer Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Council chambers.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hailey Town Center.
Hansen School Board, 7 p.m., school district's office.
Jackpot Advisory Board, 5:30 p.m., Jackpot Fire Station training room.
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., City Council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Jerome School Board, 7 p.m., Jerome Civil Club Memorial Building.
Ketchum City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.
Magic Valley Regional Airport Advisory Board, 11 a.m., Joslin Room at the airport terminal.
Minidoka County School Board, 7 p.m.; school district office in

Blaine City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Blaine County Hospital Board, 7:30 p.m., hospital conference room.
Filer School Board, 7 p.m., Filer Elementary School library.
Glenns Ferry School Board special meeting, 5 p.m., administrative office, 820 Old Highway 20.
Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 8 p.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 8:30 a.m., conference room.
Gooding County Memorial Hospital Taxing District Board of Directors, 8:30 a.m., conference room at the hospital.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Representatives vote for small business waiver

States News Service

WASHINGTON — The following bills above were senators and representatives voted on key bills and amendments within the last week. A "Y" means the member voted for the measure; an "N" means the member voted against the measure; a "P" means the member did not vote; and a "M" means the member would not vote.

Senate

Bill number: Perjury
The Senate on Friday failed to convict President Clinton on charges of perjury with a 45-55. Supporters said the president lied in his Grand Jury testimony and should therefore be convicted and removed from office. Opponents said there was no proof that Clinton committed perjury, and that he should not be removed from office. A "yes" vote favors removing Clinton from office.
Sen. Larry Craig Y
Sen. Mike Crapo Y

House

Bill number: Private
The House on Wednesday approved, 274-149, a bill that would make it easier for members to defeat legislation they think will cost the private sector at least \$100 million. When a bill contains a \$100 million mandate on industry comes up for consideration, a member can request an immediate 20-minute debate that would be followed by a vote to remove the bill from consideration. Supporters said the bill would make members accountable for imposing such a significant cost. Opponents said the measure would make it hard to enact environmental legislation.

How they voted



A "yes" vote favors the bill.
Rep. Helen Chenoweth Y
Rep. Mike Simpson Y

Bill number: Small business
The House on Thursday approved, 274-151, a measure that would grant small businesses a six-month waiver for inadvertently violating federal paper-work requirements, unless a federal agency determines that the violation poses a threat to public health or safety. Supporters said the bill would make it easier for small businesses to cope with federal red tape. Opponents, including the White House, said the measure puts the public health and safety at risk. A "yes" vote favors the bill.
Rep. Helen Chenoweth Y
Rep. Mike Simpson Y

Attendance

The attendance record tracks the cumulative attendance of members to date when they are physically present for roll call votes.

Senate attendance: Present and Voting
Sen. Larry Craig 100.0
Sen. Mike Crapo 100.0

House attendance: Present and Voting
Rep. Helen Chenoweth 100.0
Rep. Mike Simpson 100.0

Avalanche kills one in Washington

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (AP) — One person died and another was missing Sunday as a massive snowstorm was sweeping across the Mt. Baker ski area, officials said.

The avalanche occurred at 12:30 a.m. on a north-facing slope known as Rumble Gulch. The Whatcom County Medical

Examiner had removed a body from the avalanche site, said Terry Corne, a nursing supervisor at St. Joseph Hospital in Bellingham.

Search crews worked to locate a second victim on the mountain, but the Whatcom County sheriff's department said.

Officials try to burn remaining fuel

COOS BAY, Ore. (AP) — Demolition experts attempted to burn the remaining fuel from a heavily-laden tanker on Sunday, estimating that 50 percent of the oil has been burned off the grounded freighter.

Contact

- Continued from B1
- Resources and Conservation.
Rep. Sher Schuman, R-Mosier: Health and Education; Judiciary, Rules and Administration; Local Government.
- District 21, Blaine, Camas, Lincoln and parts of Elmore and Gooding counties
Sen. W. Clinton Stromatt, D-Ketchum: Senate minority leader; Agriculture and Forestry; Local Government and Taxation; Resources and Environment. Phone: 332-1351.
Rep. W. Wesley Inspect, D-Ketchum: House majority leader; Environmental Affairs; Judiciary, Rules and Administration; State Affairs; Ways and Means. Phone: 332-1130.
Rep. Tim Ridinger, R-Shoshone: Commerce and Human Resources; Revenue and Taxation; Transportation and Defense.
- District 22, Gooding County and part of Twin Falls County
Sen. John Sandoz, R-Elgin: Senate Assistant Majority Leader; Agriculture Affairs; State Affairs; Ways and Means. Phone: 332-1305.
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SPORTSQUOTE

“Just recently, I have accomplished what some doctors told me was impossible. I stood up and took a few steps. This injury does change you if you let it. I won't let it.”

— Former Washington State Cougar and Detroit Lions lineman Mike Uley, who will take several walking steps today after a 1991 football collision crushed his sixth and seventh vertebrae, leaving him paralyzed

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- College baseball**
CSI at S. Nevada (C) Tournament in Las Vegas
- Boys' basketball**
A-1 Region III tournament
Jerome at Wheatley, 7 p.m.
Minico at Burley, 7 p.m.
A-2 District tournament
Word River at Kimberly, 7 p.m.
Gooding at Bluff, 7 p.m.
Wendell at Filer, 7 p.m.
A-3 District tournament
Glenns Ferry at Valley, 7:30 p.m.
A-4 Northside sub-district tournament at Carey
Cameo County vs. Decath, 6 p.m.
Careys vs. Shoshone, 7:30 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Jerome Boosters to host state send-off buffet

JEROME — The Jerome Booster Club is hosting a buffet dinner for the state tournament-bound Jerome girls' basketball team Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. at the El Sombbrero Banquet Room. A wide variety of dishes will be served and all are interested is encouraged to attend. Help support the Lady Tiger team. Cost is \$8.50 for adults and \$6.00 for children. For more information call Joann Hamann at 324-3125, or Deb Martens at 324-4044.

Rupert American Legion baseball meetings set

RUPERT — Meetings for ninth-graders interested in playing baseball will be held Tuesday at 8:10 a.m. at West Minico Junior High and Wednesday at 8:10 a.m. at East Minico Junior High in the school libraries. The American Legion Baseball meeting scheduled for Monday has been changed to Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. Anyone interested in helping with American Legion Baseball is invited. For more information call Russ Wright at 436-4721 ext. 134, or 436-6875, or Doyle Price (for American Legion) at 436-3010.

ISU soccer, football sign additional recruits

POCATELLO — The Idaho State soccer program has signed three more individuals for the upcoming season, bringing the total to six new players for the squad that finished 2-1-1 in its first season. The recruits include Pocatello High School's Nikkie Hitchcock and Highland High School's Ashley May, both members of the Portneuf Valley Soccer Club United team. The football program has signed five more recruits, bringing the spring recruiting total to 26. Signees include wide receiver Chris Brinnah, a 5-9, 185-pound junior transfer from Dixie College; freshman Clifton Backway, a 6-1, 235-pound defensive lineman from Bonnevile High in Ogden; Utah freshman Jermain Canfield, a 6-2, 180-pound wide receiver from Oakmont HS in Roseville, Calif.; freshman Anthony Houston, a 6-4, 255-pound defensive tackle from North Torrance HS in Carson, Calif.; and freshman Eugene Mirador, a 5-7, 160-pound running back from Milpitas (Calif.) HS.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Daytona 500 delight

'Kid' Gordon bests Earnhardt

The Associated Press
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — The finish was the one nearly everyone wanted — The Kid and The Intimidator going bumper-to-bumper. Even Jeff Gordon and Dale Earnhardt wanted it that way at the Daytona 500. Use the type of daring moves Earnhardt has made so many times. Gordon won NASCAR's premier event on Sunday in a thrilling late-race shootout with the man he called "The Master."
"He's taught me so much out there," Gordon said. "He's probably going to tell you I learned too much from him."
Earnhardt, who finally won his first Daytona 500 last year in his 26th try, did everything he could to catch Gordon on the last lap around the high-banked, 2 1/2-mile oval. His black No. 3 Chevy moved high on the banking and low on the banking but couldn't find an opening.
"Trying to keep him behind me is one of the hardest things I've ever done at Daytona," said Gordon, who also won the Winston Cup season-opener in 1997. His rainbow-colored No. 24 Chevy passed Earnhardt with one of his breathtaking moves 13 laps from the finish and took the lead with another two laps later. "I knew if he got out front after that there wasn't anybody who was going to get by him," Gordon said.
His winning move came when he ducked under leader Rusty Wallace heading toward the first turn on lap 190. He ran squeaked past the slowing-japped car of Ricky Rudd at close to 150 mph, drawing a gasp from the standing crowd of 185,000.
Mike Skinner, Earnhardt's teammate, moved alongside Wallace on the outside and the three cars drove side-by-side into the third turn as the crowd roared.
With Earnhardt bumping him from the back to help him get by, Gordon came out in front at the flagstand, followed by Wallace and Skinner.
"I couldn't have done it without his help," Gordon said of Earnhardt's aid.
Earnhardt then made his own charge, as he had done so many times in his 25-year career. He moved to Gordon's rear bumper two laps later, setting up one of the closest finishes in the 41 years of racing at Daytona International Speedway.
"I could have just got to Gordon in the corner, I might have got under him, but I just couldn't get there," Earnhardt said. "I got beat."
Earnhardt eased off the accelerator driving off turn two on the final lap and took a run at Gordon on the back straightaway. But the seven-time series champion just couldn't catch him.
"I couldn't even get to his bumper," he said. "I could have, maybe I could have done something with him. But he was strong."
The 27-year-old Gordon, the two-time defending Winston Cup champion, had a



Above, confetti flies through the air in Victory Lane around Jeff Gordon's No. 24 Chevrolet at the Daytona 500 Sunday at the Daytona International Speedway in Daytona Beach, Fla. Gordon won NASCAR's most celebrated race beating runner-up Dale Earnhardt by 1 1/2 car lengths. Below left, Gordon claims the checkered flag in front of Earnhardt's No. 3 Chevy.

'Intimidator' has no answer

The Associated Press
DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. — He darted in, he darted out, he darted in again. But not even Dale Earnhardt could intimidate Jeff Gordon on Sunday. Or beat him. Trailing Gordon by inches with one lap left, everyone sat waiting for that final dramatic passing attempt as Earnhardt tried to defend his first Daytona 500 title. He appeared to be getting ready for yet another vintage Earnhardt moment: wait until the end and figure out a way — any way — to get to the front when it counts. But with his foot all the way to the floor and Gordon setting the pace in front, there was no move to be made.



Dale Earnhardt

"I still think the decision was fine," said Wallace, who led 102 of the 200 laps.
"Looking back on it right now, maybe

The car — limited by the restrictor plates used by all drivers at Daytona — had nothing left to give. And not even Earnhardt could make a race-winning move over those conditions. "I couldn't really muster much on 'Jeff,'" Earnhardt said. "His car was stronger from the center to the corner and I just never could get to him. I never got a chance to get a bump on him. It just wasn't meant to be, I reckon."
So, there was no repeat for Earnhardt, no using his car to carve donuts in the grass, the way he did last year when he finally took the only major championship to elude him over his 25-year career.
And there was no repeat, a la John Elway, the Denver Broncos quarterback who won two Straight Super Bowls and inspired Earnhardt.
Instead, it was a fifth second-place finish at Daytona, making him the all-time. Please see INTIMIDATOR, Page B6

If I would have had a little bit more grip in the tires it might have been able to hold that bottom line a little bit better. Please see DAYTONA, Page B6

Woods gets 1st win since May

The Associated Press
SAN DIEGO — Tiger Woods' nine-month victory drought ended, fittingly, back home in sunny Southern California. Woods won the Buick Invitational by two shots Sunday when he sank a 15-foot eagle putt on the 18th hole at Torrey Pines South, finally putting away pesky Billy Ray Brown with two parred and counter-punched much of the round.
Woods simply needed to play well here to assure that he'll keep his No. 1 spot on the Official World Golf Ranking, which will determine the 64-man field for the \$5 million Andersen Consulting Match Play Championship at La Costa Feb. 24-28.
That wasn't foremost on Woods' mind. "I haven't won on the PGA Tour since May of last year," Woods said. "But to finally win again, that feels a lot better than any world ranking."
Woods had gone winless in 14 tournaments since his last victory at the BellSouth Classic.
"It means a lot to me to do this in front of, in a sense, a hometown crowd," he said after his round of 7-under 65, which came in perfect weather on the heels of his Torrey Pines South course record at 65 on Saturday, which also happened to be his best round as a pro.
Woods will have plenty of support the next two weeks, when he plays in the



Tiger Woods hits out of the bunker during warmups for the Buick Invitational Sunday in San Diego. Woods ended up winning the event by carding a 7-under 65 final round to beat Billy Ray Brown by two strokes.
Nissan Open at Riviera in Los Angeles, then at La Costa, which is just north of Torrey Pines.
Brown, whose only top 10 finish in the last six years was a win at the Deposit Guaranty Golf Classic in 1997, shot a 66 Sunday to finish at 268. Bill Glasson was alone at third at 270, while Chris Perry, Omar Uresti and Kevin Sutherland tied for fourth at 273.
Brown said he had a fun round until a bad second shot on 18.
"It was Tiger's tournament to lose," Brown said.
But Woods found himself in a daylight. A bogey on the par-4 No. 4 and a 35-foot eagle putt on No. 9 left him two strokes up on Brown, who birdied Nos. 8 and 9.
Woods and Brown both had scrambling pars on No. 15 after errant drives, and Woods was visibly upset after a fan took a picture on his downsweep. He drove deep into the trees on the left, but had an opening and recovered nicely with a cut 5-iron shot.
Brown tied Woods at 20-under with a 6-foot birdie putt on the par-3 16th, where Woods' 15-footer lippled-out.
After both again saved par with great up-and-downs on 17, they went into No. 18 tied. Woods mastered the par-5 all weekend. His drive landed on the first cut of the rough, which he followed with "a perfect 7-iron" onto the green.
Brown, meanwhile, was indecisive with his 3-iron second shot, hitting it fat but nonetheless lucking out when it landed just to the right of the big pond that fronts the green. His approach shot landed outside of Woods' ball, leaving him a two-putt for par.
All Woods had to do was putt for his second eagle of the round and third of the weekend.

CSI splits double bill

The Times-News
ST. GEORGE, Utah — CSI starlet Nick Aiello pitched seven scoreless innings, giving up only two hits while striking out 10 North Idaho batsmen in an 8-0 blanking of the Cardinals Sunday to complete the two-game weekend sweep of NIC and run its record to 6-2 on the young season. Saturday night, the Golden Eagles took care of business by scoring 11 runs in the fifth and sixth innings to break open a close affair.
"Nick was the whole story," said CSI assistant coach Boomer Walker. "He was just locating the fastball good and he really put on a clinic on how to pitch."
Earlier in the day, the Golden Eagles dropped their second game of the year in a 16-5 rout at the hands of Quincy, Calif.'s Feather River College.
Walker said All-American pitcher Craig Modler, who is suffering from "the flu" started the game and gutted out three innings before tiring. The Eagles defense was also down, committing seven errors in the outing.
"That was one game we'd like to forget," Walker said.
One bright spot was Adam Mantley's fourth home run of the season. CSI ends their trip in St. George today with a matchup against Prairie Baseball Academy out of British Columbia, Canada.
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Kerr returns; Spurs win, 89-76

CHICAGO — Steve Kerr's emotions were flowing. He embraced his family for the first time in three weeks, got his third championship ring and received a warm standing ovation in an arena holding so many memories.

Then, from a heavy chest cold that had him wheezing on the bench, he took the floor at the United Center and helped beat what's left of his former team.

"It was a great day. To get the ovation I did was an absolute thrill," Kerr said after hitting back-to-back 3-pointers in the fourth quarter to spark his new team, the San Antonio Spurs, to an 89-76 victory Sunday.

Before Sunday, when he hit all three of his 3-point attempts in scoring 11 points, he was just 3-of-13 from 3-point range.

The loss marked Chicago's first three-game losing streak at home in five years — since Michael Jordan was off playing baseball.

The Spurs held a one-point lead when Kerr hit consecutive 3-pointers — the second right in front of the Bulls bench — to give San Antonio a 68-61 lead in the final minutes.

"I was happy to see him play well. But I wasn't happy to see him play well," Bulls guard Ron Harper said.

Grizzlies 96, Mavs 92

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — The only way to cool down Sam Mack was to wrap him in ice afterward.

Mack hit eight 3-point shots, three shy of the NBA record, and scored 25 points to lead the Vancouver Grizzlies beat the Dallas Mavericks 96-92 Sunday.

"I'm a little bruised, but I'll be all right," said Mack, who had ice bag perched on the back of his neck and one wrapped around his right knee.

Otherwise, Mack was red hot as he eclipsed his career high for 3-point shots in a game by three and also set the team record.

Dennis Scott of Orlando set the NBA record of 11 3-pointers



Former Chicago Bulls guard Steve Kerr, now with San Antonio, played against his old team Sunday where the Spurs beat the Bulls 89-76.

against Atlanta on April 18, 1996, when the line was only 22 feet. Brian Shaw of Miami holds the record of 10 3-pointers from the longer distance of 23 feet 9 inches.

After draining five 3-point shots in the first half, Mack hit three more in the third quarter as the Grizzlies pulled away, mounting a 23-5 run.

Steve Nash, a native of Victoria, British Columbia, led the Mavericks with 18 points and nine assists.

Sam Bradley had 10 points, 10 rebounds and four blocks coming off the bench.

76ers 78, Hawks 70

PHILADELPHIA — Allen Iverson scored 32 points, including 15 in the first quarter, and the Philadelphia 76ers survived a golden-state fourth quarter to beat the Atlanta Hawks 78-70 Sunday.

Iverson, coming off a 46-point performance Friday night, hit a key basket with 1:09 remaining after Atlanta pulled within four points.

Matt Geiger was the only other double-figure scorer for the 76ers with 11 points. He also caught Dikembe Mutombo in the eye with an elbow.

Steve Smith scored 14 points for the Hawks, who shot just 34 percent.

Alan Henderson had 12 points and eight rebounds, and Mutombo and Ed Gray had 11 points apiece. Mookie Blaylock added 10 points and seven assists.

Mutombo was injured with 3:10 left in the third quarter when he took an elbow to the left eye from Geiger. Atlanta's Laphonso Ellis received a technical foul on the ensuing Philadelphia possession for pushing Geiger in retaliation.

Magic 85, Bucks 82

ORLANDO, Fla. — In a matchup of surprising division leaders, Orlando held Milwaukee to four points over the final five minutes Sunday to "knock" the Bucks from the ranks of the unbeaten with an 85-82 victory.

Benny Harndaw scored 18 points and rookie Matt Harpring added 15 for the Magic, who lead the Atlantic Division and the Eastern Conference with a 5-1 record — Orlando's best start since winning seven of eight to begin the 1995-96 season.

Torrell Brandon had 20 points and Glenn Robinson 15 for the Bucks, who began the day as one of only three unbeaten teams in the NBA.

Pacers 101, Lakers 99

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Kobe Bryant's 30-footer gave the Lakers one last chance, but his 25-footer at the buzzer wouldn't go down.

Reggie Miller scored 26 points and reserves Jalen Rose and Antonio Davis had strong fourth quarters to lead the Indiana Pacers to a 101-99 victory Sunday over the Lakers.

Miller's foul shot with 3:07 remaining and 3-point shot 31 seconds later gave the Pacers a 94-90 lead. Miller appeared to clinch the victory by making two free throws with 8.6 seconds left to make it 100-90, but Bryant's 3-point shot — he was closer to mid-court than he was to the 3-point line — with 4.8 seconds left cut Indiana's lead to one point.

The Lakers (9-3), are considered one of the best in the West, and are expected to add Dennis Rodman to their roster any day now. But rebounding wasn't their problem in this game as they won the battle of the boards 48-33.

Twolves 95, Clippers 73

LOS ANGELES — Kevin Garnett had 24 points and 11 rebounds as the Minnesota Timberwolves extended their winning streak against the Los Angeles Clippers to eight games, with a 95-73 victory Sunday night.

Anthony Peeler, back in the Timberwolves' starting lineup after missing two games because of swelling in his left knee, finished with 12 points in 22 minutes and had three assists.



France's Jerome Golmard returns the ball against Germany's Nicolas Kiefer in the final of the Dubai Open in Dubai Sunday. Golmard won his first ATP Tour championship, winning 6-4, 6-2.

Philippoussis has easy ride to Sybase title

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — Mark Philippoussis had it easy.

The Australian cruised to a 6-3, 62 victory over qualifier Cecil Mamiit in the Sybase Open final Sunday. But it wasn't just his booming serve and calm composure that won the \$325,000 event.

Philippoussis got a bit of help from Pete Sampras and Andre Agassi.

Sampras, the top seed and No. 1 player in the world, withdrew from the tournament shortly after Friday's semifinal against Philippoussis because of a strained tendon above his left ankle.

Sampras was playing in his first tournament after a 10-week layoff. He hurt his leg during his quarterfinal victory over Bernd Karbacher on Friday night.

Earlier in the week, second-seeded Andre Agassi defaulted in his second-round match against Mamiit because of repeated cursing. Agassi won the Sybase last year by beating Sampras.

Those two events helped pave the way for Sunday's somewhat lackluster final.

Philippoussis, the third seed, was his steady self, using his 120 mph-plus serve to overpower Mamiit, who is eight inches shorter than Philippoussis at 5-foot-8.

Philippoussis, ranked No. 14 in the world, defeated the Australian to win the Sybase since Darren Cahill in 1991.

Golmard defeats Kiefer to win Dubai Open

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — Frenchman Jerome Golmard won his first ATP Tour championship, beating Germany's Nicolas Kiefer 6-4, 6-2.

Bogey costs Sorenstam

GLENDALE, Calif. (AP) — The birdie everyone expected to win didn't.

Annika Sorenstam missed a 3-foot par putt on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff, giving fellow Swede Catrina Lulhammar her first LPGA victory in the Valley of the Stars tournament Sunday.

"That's what it takes to beat me. That's what it takes to have a little bit of luck," said Nilmark, who earned \$97,500 in her first career playoff.

Sorenstam, a fifth-year pro whose previous best finish was a third-place tie, ended regular play tied at 22 under par. Sorenstam shot a final round 5 under 67, while Nilmark had a 71 at Okonkum Country Club.

The playoff began on the 18th. Nilmark's approach landed in the bunker. She hit out and the ball came to a rest below the hole. Her birdie barely did just on the right, leaving her an easy par putt.

Sorenstam chipped from the fringe on her third shot, with the ball stopping 4 feet above the hole. Her birdie attempt to win also went right of the hole, and a frustrated Sorenstam banged her putter against her cap.

Nilmark stood watching with her arms folded as Sorenstam stood over a 3-footer for par that would have continued the playoff. Sorenstam missed and a gasp went up from the crowd as the ball hung on the lip of the cup.

"It's really very very surprising," Nilmark said of the miss. "It didn't even enter my mind that could happen. It took a few seconds before my body turned around and said, 'You won.'"

Fleisher wins second on the Senior Tour

SARASOTA, Fla. — Bruce Fleisher made it 2-for-2 on the Senior PGA Tour.

Pro tennis

onship, beating Germany's Nicolas Kiefer 6-4, 6-2 in the \$1 million Dubai Open Sunday.

"It's a dream I've just realized," Golmard said. "I've crossed a new horizon and I won because I played each match as a final."

Unlike Golmard, who was well-versed, Kiefer played the final less than six hours after playing the semifinal against Andre Bie. "I was a little tired but that is not an excuse," Kiefer said. "He played a very good match."

Nagyova beats Farina in Nokiá Cup final

PROSTEJOV, Czech Republic — Henrieta Nagyova of Slovakia beat Silvia Farina of Italy 7-6 (2), 6-4 Sunday in the final of the Nokiá Cup women's indoor tournament for her fifth WTA title.

Rosset wins convincingly at St. Petersburg Open

ST. PETERSBURG, Russia — Switzerland's Marc Rosset won his 14th career title, defeating David Prinosil of Germany 6-3, 6-2 Sunday in the final of the St. Petersburg Open.

Rosset, seeded second, was runner-up last year, losing to Richard Krajicek of the Netherlands.

The pivotal point Sunday came in the second set, when they were tied 3-3 and Prinosil lost a key volley.

"I was losing concentration," Prinosil said. "I made some simple mistakes. I was trying to go to the net because he wasn't making any mistakes at the baseline."

Pro golf

Fleisher shot a final round 3-under-par 69 Sunday and won the American Express. Spence birdied three shots over Larry Nelson.

With the victory, Fleisher became the first player on the Senior Tour to win his first two events.

Last week, Fleisher won in Key Biscayne, Fla., in his Senior Tour debut, joining Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus, Gary Player and George Archer as first-time winners on the 50-and-over circuit.

Spence edges Norman for Aussie Masters title

MELBOURNE, Australia — David Spence birdied the final hole to beat Greg Norman and win his first pro title in the Australian Masters Sunday.

Spence started the final round two shots ahead of Norman and shot his idol for the first time on the opening tee Sunday.

He was given a hug by Norman at the end of the round and walked off the green in tears.

The two were tied at the final hole, where Spence hit a 4-iron from 180 yards to 2 feet from the hole.

Norman, a six-time winner of the tournament, sent his second shot to 35 feet from the pin and two-putted.

"Well done mate, you deserved it," Norman told Spence.

Howell wins Dubai Desert Classic

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates — David Howell of England earned the biggest paycheck of his golfing career with a four-stroke victory in the Dubai Desert Classic Sunday.

No. 4 Bearcats drop 3rd straight game

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Virgil Cobbin scored 20 points and Ryan Luechtfeld added 18 to give St. Louis a 69-57 victory over No. 4 Cincinnati on Sunday, the third straight loss for the Bearcats.

The Bearcats ended their 10-game losing streak against Cincinnati.

Melvin Levert had 19 points for Cincinnati, who had a 1-1 record in a row since Feb. 19-March 2, 1995, when it lost to Maryland, Alabama-Birmingham and Memphis. The Bearcats also fell out of a first-place tie in the conference's American Division with Louisville.

No. 18 Syracuse 75, Pittsburgh 67

PITTSBURGH — On a day when his teammates had all the impressive statistics, Syracuse's Allen Griffin made the biggest play in an important game for the slumping Orangemen.

Women's games

No. 1 Tennessee 71, No. 17 Auburn 63

AUBURN, Ala. — Chamique Holdaway, who has scored 13, grabbed 14 rebounds and supplied Allan Houston as Tennessee's career scoring leader in a women's game ever at Mckee Arena saw quite a show, as second-ranked Purdue pulled away early for an 88-58 victory over Ohio State (59-86).

Camile Cooper matched her

College basketball

career-high of 19 points and had a career-high 13 rebounds as the Bulldogs ended their 1-4 Big Ten) capitalized on turnovers to extend the school record for consecutive victories to 21.

No. 3 Louisiana Tech 79, Arkansas St. 63

JONESBORO, Ark. — Amanda Wilson scored 20 points and had five assists Sunday to lead No. 3 Louisiana Tech over Arkansas State.

No. 5 Colorado St. 69, Southern Methodist 52

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Becky Hammon scored 27 points as No. 5 Colorado State beat Southern Methodist 69-52 Sunday for its 13th consecutive win.

No. 19 Clemson 80, No. 17 Duke 75

CLEMSON, S.C. — Itoro Umoh and Natasha Anderson scored 24 points each as No. 19 Clemson handed second-ranked Duke its first conference loss of the season, 80-75 Sunday.

No. 20 Georgia 57, Vanderbilt 66

ATHENS, Ga. — Two weeks ago, Georgia was 18-1 and looking like it would be a top seed in the NCAA tournament. The waltz before the Lady Bulldogs lost four games in a five-game span.

No. 11 Virginia Tech 64, Rhode Island 62

KINGSTON, R.I. — Katie O'Connor made two free throws with 12 seconds remaining, leading No. 11 Virginia Tech over Rhode Island 64-62 Sunday in the



Atlantic 10.

No. 12 UCLA 76, California 61

LOS ANGELES — Maylana Martin led No. 12 UCLA with 13 points as the Bruins beat California 76-61 Sunday.

No. 14 North Carolina 82, No. 18 Virginia 80, OT

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Nikki Tensley scored 24 points, including 13 in the game-winning jump shot with 1:09 left in overtime, to lift No. 14 North Carolina over No. 18 Virginia 82-80 Sunday.

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Which way should the car seat face?

Babies of up to one year and 20 pounds should ride facing the rear. Children over age one and at least 20 pounds may ride facing forward.

What is the best way to install the car seat?

The safety belt must stay tight around the safety seat. If your safety seat can be used facing either direction, make sure to put the seat belt through the right slots. Harness straps go over the child's shoulders and should be adjusted so you can slip only one finger underneath the straps at your child's chest.

Until what age should a child restraint be used?

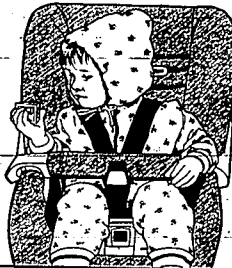
Keep your child in a safety seat as long as possible, at least until 40 lbs. Then use a booster seat to make the vehicle's belt fit better. Most children this size are much too small to fit correctly in safety belts.

What about older children?

The child must be tall enough to sit without slouching, with knees bent at the edge of the seat. The lap belt must fit low and tight across the upper thighs. The shoulder belt should fit over the shoulder and across the chest. Never put the shoulder belt under the arm or behind the back.

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Let women kill their own spiders

From time to time I receive letters from a certain group of individuals that I will refer to as "spatula killers" or, in better term, as "women." I have such a letter here, from Susie Walker of North Augusta, S.C., who asks the following question:

"Why do men use a spatula and say, 'Where is the spatula?' Instead of, you know, looking for it?"

This question expresses a commonly held (by women) negative stereotype about guys of the male gender, which is that they cannot find things around the house, especially things in the kitchen. Many women believe that if they were to find something from a man, all you have to do is put it in plain sight in the refrigerator, and he will never, ever find it, as evidenced by the fact that a man can open a refrigerator containing 463 pounds of assorted meats, poultry, cold cuts, condiments, vegetables, frozen dinners, snack foods, desserts, etc., and ask, with no irony whatsoever, "Do we have anything to eat?"

Now I could respond to this stereotype in a snide manner by making generalizations about women. I could say, for example, how come your average woman prepares for virtually every upcoming event in her life, including dental appointments, by buying shoes even if she already owns as many pairs as the entire Riverdance cast could point out that, if there were no women, there would be no such thing as a Leonardo DiCaprio-type male who a woman would walk up to a perfectly innocent man who is minding his own business at a certain basketball and demand to know if a certain pair of pants makes her butt look too big, and then, no matter what the answers, get mad at him. I could ask why she is willing to let the scientific estimates, 93 percent of the nation's severely limited bathroom-stove space is taken up by decades-old, mostly empty tubes labeled "antacidizer." I could point out that, to judge from the covers of our favorite magazines, the two topics most interesting to women are (1) Why men are all disgusting pigs, and (2) How to attract men.

Yes, I could raise these issues in response to the question asked by Susie Walker of North Augusta, S.C., regarding the man who is asking whether she could be looking for the spatula. Could it be that he needs a spatula to kill a spider, because, while he was innocently watching basketball and minding his own business, a member of another major gender — a gender that relies on personality-kill spiders but wants them all dead — was crawling on the wall spider, which nine times out of 10 turns out to be a male spider that was minding his own business, and you realize how many men arrive in homes every few minutes every year, sometimes still gripping their spatulas, suffering from painful spider-bite injuries? I could ask you the exact statistics right here, but I bet they are nothing. As I say, I could raise these issues and resort to the kind of negativity indulged in by Susie Walker of North Augusta, S.C., and I choose not to. I choose, instead, to address her question seriously, in hopes that, by improving the communication between the genders, all human beings will come to a better understanding of how dense women can be sometimes.

Reason why a man would use a spatula, drawer and, without looking for the spatula, ask where the spatula is: The man does not have time to look for the spatula. Why? Because he is busy thinking, very busy, always thinking. When you look at a man who appears to be merely scratching himself, you can assure that inside his head, his brain is humming like a high-speed computer, processing millions of pieces of information and producing important insights such as, "This feels like a spider."

We should be grateful that men think so much, because over the years they have thought up countless inventions that have made life better for all people, especially men. The shot clock in basketball is one example. Another one is underwear-venting. I don't know about this thanks to the many alert readers who sent me an article from "New Scientist" magazine stating that Russian scientists — and you know these are the best — are trying to solve the problem of waste disposal aboard space stations by "designing a cocktail of bacteria to digest astronauts' cotton and paper underpants." It is a funny picture, isn't it? I can't imagine, when a man's briefs are dirty, they will simply dissolve from his body, thereby freeing him from the chore of dealing with dirty briefs. I can't imagine the intensive, time-consuming method he now uses, namely, dropping them on the floor.

I'm not saying that guys have solved all the world's problems. In fact, I'm saying there are solutions out there, and if, instead of harping endlessly about spatulas, we allow guys to use their mental talents to look for these solutions, in time they will find them. Unless they are in the refrigerator.

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him care of The Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami FL 33132.

The Brassiere
Most American women are guilty of buying the wrong size of bra. Are you?



Ever wondered how the dames in those 1940s movies — think Lauren Bacall — got that smooth look under those gossamer, shoulder-draped dresses? The answer is: The proper underthings.

Bra fitness
Here are some helpful tips:
Take measurements while wearing a bra.
To get your band size, measure around your rib cage directly under your bust then add five inches.
To get your cup size, measure around the fullest part of the bust, take the difference between this size and the band size then follow these guidelines: If the difference is 1 inch or less, you're an A; if the difference is 2 inches or less, you're a B; 3 inches is a C; 4 is a D; 5 is DD and so on.
— Source: The Providence Journal

The Providence Journal
You know, there's nothing easy about being a woman. Take a simple thing such as buying the proper brassiere.

It starts with that first formal fitting for the dreaded "training bra" and goes downhill from there. American women spend millions of dollars each year on bras, a fair portion of the \$11.3 billion lingerie industry, experts say.

Despite spending that kind of money, somewhere around 70 percent of us are wearing the wrong size bra. That means straps that fall down or dig in, cups that spill or bind, bands that ride up.

"People take the bra for granted," says Karen Bromley, spokeswoman for the Intimate Apparel Council, the industry's trade group. "They guess their size."

While industry experts cannot pin down with precision why people wear the wrong size, intensive research by the Journal reveals two culprits: ignorance and vanity.

"Maybe a woman gets fitted once in her life, then never again," says Carolyn Avila, spokeswoman for Playtex.

Carol Schewbel, owner of Ruth's lingerie store in Cranston, R.I. explains it this way: "You wear the same thing you always wear."

The thing is that a woman's body goes through tremendous changes. Just think, how many times in the past few years have you changed the size and style of jeans you wear? "You could have a baby, your back size can expand through exercise," Avila says.

Or you could gain weight, lose weight, nurse your baby, go through menopause, fight gravity. To think that these changes will have no effect on your bust line "is crazy," says Avila.

"If the straps dig in, if it's too tight, if it chafes in any way, chances are it is not the right size," says Bromley. "If the straps fall down all day or the cup pukes or the band rides up to the back, chances are the bra is too big."

Why would someone keep wearing something so uncomfortable? First, your mother told you you need to wear one in public. And if you've never been fitted properly, you probably don't know how much better a bra could feel.

"A lot of people resign themselves to the fact that it is not comfortable. They just say, 'Oh well, that's the way it has to be,'" says Bromley. "It's amazing how little common sense people apply to the most basic things."

A short history of the brassiere

There were at least a half dozen patents filed for "breast supporters" between 1863 and 1912, but bras didn't catch on until a New York socialite named Mary Phelps Jacobs was invited to an upscale party in 1913. Phelps had just bought herself a sheer evening gown, and it didn't look good with the accepted undergarment of the day, the whalebone corset. In the 1920s, when flat-chested flappers were the rage, a Russian immigrant named Ida Rosenthal and her husband, William, founded a bra-manufacturing company that had the idea of making bras possible for fashionable and developing bras for the sake of life (puberty to menopause).

The invention of the 1950s bra late 1930s led to styles, styles and eventually Playtex's "push cross-your-heart" sports bra. The invention of the 1960s Wonderbra, the most famous bra supports that ever came along in the early 1990s.

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HEALTH NOTES

A Freudian slip
To sleep, perchance to dream — of a hidden wish. That's why Sigmund Freud said we dream.

Dog bites not only send several hundred thousand Americans to emergency rooms each year, they also keep 6,000 in the hospital. The medical costs by \$165 million annually, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The estimates are a follow-up to a report last year by University of Pittsburgh researchers that about 4.5 million dog bites occur each year nationwide, killing 17 Americans and bringing 334,000 to hospital emergency rooms.

Drug recalled
A muscle builder. A fat burner. A sleep aid. An aphrodisiac. A natural "high." Claims like those helped boost sales of gamma-butyrobetaine (GBL), a dietary supplement that the Food and Drug Administration asked manufacturers to recall last month because of at least 55 cases of serious illness, including users who suffered seizures, coma and respiratory arrest. At least one person has died after taking GBL, which the FDA considers a dangerous, unapproved drug.

Great expectations
Speaking of family planning, women who struggle to shed extra pounds after pregnancy could be fighting an uphill battle because the weight gain may be hereditary, says a report in the Journal of Epidemiology and Community Health.

The best of cream-to-powder bases

DEAR PAULA: I have been noticing lots of new cream-to-powder foundations, being sold. Do you have any favorites to recommend? — DENISE, PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR DENISE: Cream-to-powder foundations are, for the most part, best for someone with normal to slightly dry skin. If your skin is too dry, the powder part can make the skin look flaky. If your skin is oily or prone to breakouts, the cream part can be too greasy. Some of the best cream-to-powder foundations to check out are:

Prescriptives Photofix Compact Makeup SPF 15 (\$35) is supposed to have light adjusting pigments that minimize the appearance of lines. I see absolutely no more evidence of that with this cream-to-powder makeup, or any makeup for that matter. But you can test this out for yourself if you want because Photofix does happen to be a very good, titanium dioxide-based with a great SPF. If you do have a smooth, even though somewhat dry finish, which is best for normal to slightly oily or slightly dry skin. Almost all the colors are excellent; the only one to avoid is Warm Toffee.

Maybelline True Illusion True Illusion Liquid Powder Makeup SPF 10 (\$7.99) is not a



Cream-to-powder foundations are, for the most part, best for someone with normal to slightly dry skin.

skin tones. By the way, the SPF 15 is pure titanium dioxide, and that's great!

If you have more oily skin, the exception to the "cream" worry are the following foundations from Lancôme and Borghese:

Lancôme Cool Finish Foundation (\$46 for the foundation insert and \$25 for the compact) definitely isn't too cool. This liquid-to-powder finish is an exceptional and unique hybrid. It's a combination of the oil-soluble pump and then dried to a sheer, even, soft powder finish. It also doesn't have a greasy after-feel like many cream-to-powder foundations do. Lancôme has a great group of colors to boot. The only colors to avoid are Bronze IV, Bronze V, and Beige III.

Molto Bella Liquid Powder Makeup (\$29 for the compact) like the Lancôme foundation, is a wonderfully unique way to apply foundation. This is a liquid that dries for a satiny smooth powder. It has one of the most beautiful textures and isn't the least bit greasy. It is worth a stop at either the Borghese or Lancôme counter to give these a test drive.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (4th edition) (Barrington Press, \$19.95).

Ability to quit smoking may be linked to genes

The-Washington Post

The gene for a brain chemical that influences novelty-seeking behavior also helps to determine how difficult it is for a person to quit smoking, according to two new studies.

Dopamine, a chemical messenger in some brain circuits, is released by nerve cells to transmit messages to adjoining cells. It then is picked up and carried back into the cells that released it by a protein—called the dopamine transporter. Subtle, inherited differences in the gene coding for this protein may influ-

ence the likelihood that an individual will smoke as well as the likelihood of success in quitting, according to studies in the January issue of the journal Health Psychology.

Georgetown University psychologist Caryn Lerman and colleagues studied the dopamine transporter gene, called 5T2R2, in 289 smokers and 233 nonsmokers.

Everyone inherits two copies of the gene, one from each parent. Lerman and colleagues compared the frequency of two versions of this gene (called the "9 allele" and the "10 allele"),

which differed only in the number of times a short segment of DNA was repeated. They found that people who had at least one copy of the 9 allele were significantly less likely to be smokers, less likely to have started smoking before the age of 16 and more likely to have quit successfully.

A team headed by molecular geneticist Dean H. Hamer of the National Cancer Institute looked at the gene in a larger sample of 1,107 nonsmokers, current smokers and "former" smokers. They confirmed that people with the 9 allele were 50 percent more likely to have quit smoking. In per-

sonality tests, those with the 9 allele also scored significantly lower than others on novelty-seeking, a trait influenced by dopamine.

Hamer said the dopamine transporter gene is probably one of many genes that contribute to smoking behavior. He said news that a gene influences success in quitting doesn't discourage smokers from trying.

People with a genetic propensity to smoke, Hamer added, "may have to try that much harder. (They) may want to consider trying some drugs to help" with smoking cessation.

Brassiere

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uncomfortable my bras were. I threw out all my old bras!"

And then there is the issue of variety. It seems that some women just don't want to pay for their true size. (The retail industry is well aware of this. Look at all the trouble the military is having trying to update uniform bras. And the big fashion houses refuse to give up their vanity sizing—sizing that transforms a size 10 waist to a smaller size when she buys a designer outfit.)

"Some days it's aggravating," acknowledges Kay Reed, who has worked as a fitter at Rudy's for 16 years. "You try to do your best, try to help people. And then you have the 44 DD who will never admit that she is not a 34."

Though she is discreet, Avila, from Playtex, also has been witness to bras disasting.

"I've been on the road. I've assisted fitters and I've seen some things," she says ominously. "People want to have a certain look."

Apparently, it does not matter that they are not able to actually carry off the look.

"I saw a young woman yesterday. She was wearing a tight knit top and underneath, a bra that was too tight. You could see the folds of her breasts popping out at the top," says Bromley. "Hello, don't you know that doesn't look good?"

She sighs. "Some women do not want to admit that they have gone up a size," she says Avila.

In addition to the clear-cut sides of squishing out-of-the-tops and sides of your ill-fitting brassiere, there are other aesthetically pleasing bras to wear.

Have you always wondered how the dames in those 1940s movies—think Lauren Bacall—got that smooth look under their great fitted, shoulder-padded dresses? The answer is: The proper underthings.

"It is very important piece of wardrobe," says Bromley.

The bottom line is that the way your undergarments look has a profound effect on how your outerwear looks.

Take those women who insist on wearing a lacey bra under a knitted sweater or T-shirt.

"It looks crunchy on the outside," says Avila.

Or the very small-busted woman who wears a super padded, push-up bra. When some might feel that it is "false advertising," others really want that look, says Avila.

The lingerie business—which includes everything from pajamas to undies—is an \$11.3 billion industry. Of course, this should come as no surprise to anyone who has shelled out \$50 for two bras—that's about as much fabric as would fit into a brown paper lunch bag.

"It is an industry which," with Victoria's Secret stores leading the way, has doubled in the last eight years, Bromley says.

On average, women buy three bras a year, ranging in price from \$9—at discount shops—to \$50, Bromley says. "I used to be 12."

That all changed with the advent of those upscale boutiques playing light classical music.

"Victoria's Secret opened consumers' eyes," she says.

Opened their eyes to the wide range of choices in bras: Ranging from light support to super-firm support, from bras designed for sports to smooth look ones for under T-shirts and push-up, backless ones for evening dresses.

The problem today is that the service of yesterday's is no longer de rigueur.

Today in department and boutique stores, it seems as if it is every woman for herself with nary a tape measure in sight.

Not only are sales help help-

ful, as a recent foray into a nice department store revealed, but they can be downright frightening.

"Make sure the door is locked" offered one saleswoman after she barged in on a half-dressed customer.

Bromley says that all of the major stores do have trained fitters—it's just a matter of finding out when they are on duty.

"Ask, when is your fitter coming in?"

Industry experts, as well as the fitters at Rudy's, emphasize education is the key to comfort and fit. All agree you should get fitted once a year, preferably by a professional.

While there is no law against measuring yourself, Avila's

advice is to have someone—anyone—else do the measuring.

"You could slip if the numbers are not what you expect," she says. (If you don't believe her, try taking your own waist measurement sometime—it is the same syndrome.)

Kay Reed always makes her customers sit down after they try on a bra. "You have to make sure it's comfortable," she says.

Other rules: You can wash your bra in the washing machine, but make sure it is hooked together. And don't ever put it in the dryer.

"Heat breaks down the spandex," says Bromley. "The bra gets a lot of wear and tear anyway. Keep it away from the dryer."

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Beauty of winter?

Tell it to people with dry skin and frizzy hair

The Hartford Courant

It's the middle of winter, and our bodies slow it. From dry skin to limp hair, cracked nails and hands as rough as sandpaper, these are the effects of cold, dry air.

If you move to a warmer climate isn't possible, experts say that reversing the ravages of winter is definitely possible.

Dry skin comes as no surprise in New England, said Dr. Beila Zubkov, a Glastonbury, Conn., dermatologist.

"The cold weather is harsh on the hands and face. It's physically traumatizing," Zubkov said. "Indoors, it is very hot and dry. We tend to take a very hot shower and a longer shower, and that dries up the skin as well."

Zubkov offers these tips to combat these effects:

- Add moisture to your house or apartment. Use a humidifier, put pots of water on radiators, or set house plants on a bed of pebbles on a tray with water.
- Anything that makes the air drier will also help decrease coughs, dry noses and throats.
- Shower with warm, not hot water and use a moisturizer.

- "No luffa sponges or scrubbies made of net," she said. "They can harbor bacteria and need to be changed frequently." When you get out of the shower, pat yourself dry, and apply moisturizer all over while you are still damp to seal in moisture.

- Check the labels on the soaps you use, and find one with a moisturizer. Deodorizing soaps are harsh.

- Skin creams don't have to be expensive, Zubkov said. Even petroleum jelly or vegetable shortening can be used — as long as they are greasy and rub off. Look for products with dimethicone, a moisturizing ingredient.

- Sunscreen is essential, even in winter, when harmful UVA rays can be found even on snowy

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Winter skin care

hair, winter can be particularly harsh on the skin. Experts say that reversing the ravages of winter is definitely possible.

Outdoors

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or overcast days. Look for sun-protective products that contain either titanium dioxide, zinc oxide or parsol.

Hair, which is squashed by hats and caps and gets frizzy because the air is dry, often loses its sheen because of the lack of humidity. And frequent washing only makes hair problems worse. A haircut and frequent conditioning are easy remedies, said Lillian Lemoine, co-owner of Essentials Beauty Salon in West Hartford, Conn.

"The best conditioner in the world is a haircut," she said. Using conditioner regularly is also important. "It doesn't have to be the most expensive. You can use just a little bit, and rub it into the ends of your hair," she said.

Don't shampoo daily unless your hair is very oily. Instead, rinse it thoroughly before blow-drying it.

Hands need extra care as well. Keeping your nails from cracking and splitting is hard, but a nighttime routine of cream or oil can prevent chapped hands and brittle nails.

Massage your hands and cuticles with cream or oil, and wear thin white cotton gloves to beat if your hands are really dry, said Roberta VanDeCar, a manicurist.

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Operation puts snoring to bed for good.

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — Victor Gonzalez says that when he used to doze off for a nap in his rocking chair, he was told it sounded like a Concord jet was preparing to take off from his living room. "I snored like a jet engine," said Gonzalez, 53. "My wife would wake me up, saying, 'There's something wrong with you.'"

Gonzalez said his snoring was so loud, he sometimes woke himself up. And when he did, he felt like he was suffocating.

With the results of a detailed history and physical, and preliminary tests, doctors at the Sleep Disorders Center at New York Methodist Hospital in Park Slope determined that Gonzalez was a good candidate for a procedure recently introduced there: somnoplasty.

The procedure, done on an outpatient basis under local anesthesia, put an end to Gonzalez's snoring.

Gonzalez said the procedure was practically painless. And after it was done, he could successfully machine at night to prevent sleep apnea.

"This has been a miracle for me," Gonzalez said.

Snoring occurs when tissue in the airway relaxes during sleep and vibrates.

Dr. Gerard Lombardo, chief of division sleep medicine at Methodist, said snoring is a simple annoyance on one end of the spectrum and a symptom of a life-threatening condition such as sleep apnea on the other.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Fiber becomes latest victim of nutritional flip-flops

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Red wine is good for you. Or maybe it isn't. Oat bran reduces cholesterol. Or maybe it doesn't. The recent announcement that fiber may not help prevent colon cancer after all is just the latest instance of researchers reporting results that seem to debunk popular health and nutrition beliefs. It isn't expected to be the last. As scientific research methods slowly evolve, scientists are likely to continue to flip-flop over whether butter is better than margarine, whether milk really does a body good, or whether wheat is the staff of life — or a veritable poison.

"That's how science is done," said Dr. Charles Fuchs, an oncologist at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston and lead author of the new fiber study. "As we get better at studying things, sometimes we alter our beliefs. Sometimes we outright contradict them."

Fuchs and a team of researchers from Harvard University have contradicted conventional wisdom that a diet rich in fruits, vegetables and whole

grains guards against colon cancer.

Which doesn't mean fiber lacks other health benefits.

Examining the eating habits of more than 88,000 female nurses over 16 years, Fuchs and his colleagues determined that women who ate a high-fiber diet were no less likely to develop colo-rectal cancer than women who ate little fiber. Their findings were reported in Thursday's issue of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Mixed messages from researchers abound. A 1998 Swedish study on alcohol and cardiovascular disease undercut previous work touting red wine's benefits. The buzz on oat bran has gone back and forth.

Over the past 40 years, for example, studies comparing butter with margarine generally concluded that margarine was better than butter at lowering cholesterol.

But a 1997 Harvard study that appeared in the New England Journal of Medicine suggested that margarine is worse for the heart than butter — while stressing that both should be avoided.

While milk is considered a good

source of calcium, many people are lactose intolerant and can develop gastrointestinal problems. Nutritionists advocate grains and rice in daily diets, but studies have shown that at least one in every 250 Americans has a severe allergic reaction to wheat.

Short of giving up on nutrition altogether, what's a health-minded consumer to do? Doctors and dietitians recommend taking every research study with a grain of salt — which, of course, may or may not boost blood pressure.

"None of the studies is ever definitive. It's one angle, one piece of the picture," said Christopher Gardner, director of nutrition studies at the Stanford Center for Research and Disease Prevention.

While the latest study on fiber is being viewed by many nutrition experts as credible and sophisticated, some research projects are seen as poorly designed or are too small for sweeping generalizations to be considered accurate.

Another problem hindering sci-

entists' ability to determine what is an optimal diet is that nutrition is inherently difficult to study. But even if Fuchs' study had suggested fiber had no redeeming qualities whatsoever, nutritionists believe that wouldn't be cause for Americans to overhaul their diets completely.

Balanced, healthy diets are considered by nutritionists to be high in fruits, vegetables, grains and legumes, while low in fats, oils and refined sugar. Although in moderation, it is thought to reduce the risk of heart disease, but it could also increase the risk of developing certain kinds of cancer.

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