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Battle for the bond levy

Jerome citizens' group fights to pass school bond proposal

By Mark Heick Times-News writer

JEROME — In their fourth attempt to pass a multi-million-dollar bond levy, Jerome school officials have taken a back seat to a citizens' group that is promoting the plan.

"This one is driven by the citizens' committee," said committee member Stan Lott of Jerome. "I think that's helped me sit it down."

A \$12.9 million bond proposal was voted down in September 1996. Two other requests — each for nearly \$14 million, failed the following academic year.

The current proposal is for \$12.6 million, the bulk of which would be used to build a new middle school.

"Our community — just isn't ready to pay for extras," Lott said. Items chopped from the district's wish list by the citizens' committee included improvements to the main entry and a new set of restrooms at Jerome High School, he said.

Still, not everybody is ready to line up behind the bond issue. Jerome County residents Paul and Xenia Williams don't want the tax increase it would involve.

"Every year, we seem to get a property tax raise, whether they need it or not," Paul Williams said.

Raising the state's sales tax by a penny might be a better idea, he said.

"Let the money from that penny go strictly for the schools and school buildings."

Lott said his group knew from the start that some residents just won't accept a tax hike, no matter how it was packaged.

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Students in Keith Farmsworth's art class at Jerome High School gather around a banner they are making to promote a 'yes' vote on the district's fourth attempt at a bond issue election.

Study looks at children of working mothers

Kids suffer no ill effects, it finds

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Children of women who work outside the home suffer no permanent harm because of their mother's absence, a study that evaluated the development and health of more than 6,000 youngsters suggests.

"I found there was no difference between children whose mothers were employed versus children whose mothers were not employed during the first three years," said Elizabeth Harvey, a psychologist at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst. "Being employed is not going to harm the children."

Harvey's study, published in the March issue of the journal *Developmental Psychology*, cast a different conclusion than some earlier studies of the same group of children. The new work examined the children at a later age, 12 years old.

This suggests, said David Eggebo of Pennsylvania State University, who co-authored an earlier study, that problems detected in children of working mothers at age 3 and 4 may have gone away by the time the children were 12.

"Harvey's study suggests that the number of hours spent away from home is not as important as the quality of parenting," said Lindsay Chase-Lansdale, an associate professor of human development at the University of Chicago. She called the Harvey study "an important contribution" but not the final answer on issues relating to children and working mothers.

In the study, Harvey used data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, an in-depth interview study of 12,000 young people between the ages of 14 and 22 that started in 1979. Harvey concentrated on children born to the women in the study after 1980. The children were assessed every other year from 1986 to 1994.

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Blue Cross cuts coverage of breast reductions

By Pat Marcantoni Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — A majority of people seeking breast reductions do so because of back, neck and shoulder pain, area plastic surgeons say.

But Blue Cross of Idaho stopped covering breast reductions this year because customers don't want their premiums paying for "medically unnecessary" surgeries, said spokesman Rich Wright in Boise.

The insurer has 300,000 Idaho customers, most covered under group plans. In October, Blue Cross filed with the Idaho Department of Insurance a new basic group contract excluding coverage of breast reductions.

"The only reduction procedure covered would be related to a federal law that says insurers that cover mastectomies must also cover breast reconstruction and other surgery to make the other breast more symmetrical, such as breast reductions."

No public hearings are held on with the state, Daniels said. "What insurance companies will or won't cover and companies don't have to explain why they want the change in coverage, said Donna Daniels, Insurance Department senior analyst.

Insurance companies just have to file a copy of a new contract with the state, Daniels said. The department reviews the contract to make sure it meets coverage cited in the Idaho code. For example, breast reconstruction

after mastectomies must be covered, but elective abortions are prohibited from coverage.

The state has not completed review of the Blue Cross contract, she said.

As a standard, Blue Cross doesn't pay for cosmetic surgeries, Wright said. But requests for breast reduction have increased substantially.

"It's making it difficult to determine when the procedure is done for medical reasons and when for cosmetic reasons," he said. So the company made a blanket rejection of all breast reductions to ensure fairness for its customers.

No information was available

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Inhalant abuse: The silent epidemic

The Associated Press

MEDIA, Pa. — Five best friends gather to make a high school health video about the dangers of smoking and drugs. Ten days later, the girls are killed when their car plows into a utility pole. In the bloodstreams of four, including the driver, are traces of a chemical named difluoroethane.

Inside the crumpled car, rescuers find a can of "Duster II," a spray used to clean computer keyboards. Its ingredients include difluoroethane.

The coroner's findings put the teens on a list of 240 people who have died from "sniffing" inhalants since 1986, according to the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition.

The parents of the girls remain stunned. Last week, they released a statement disputing the findings and suggesting their daughters might have inhaled "the airborne agent" unintentionally.

But studies and doctors who treat teen-agers say their subjects tell them that sniffing, also called

"sniffing" or "wanging," is the easiest high to get and far easier to conceal than the rush from alcohol, marijuana or tobacco.

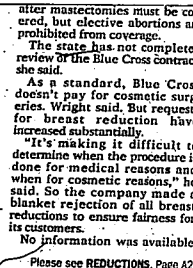
It's cheap. It's tasteless. There are no dealers, no pipes, no needles, no track marks. Some teens paint their fingernails with typewriter correction fluid then sniff their fingers all day. Some soak their sleeves in solvent and sniff away, with no one the wiser.

Wade Heiss' preferred means was sniffing air freshener in the back room of his house in Bakersfield, Calif. Two days before Christmas 1995, his older brother caught him in the act. Wade was startled. Moments later, he fell to the floor. His heart had stopped.

Wade was dead at age 12.

"Yeah, I heard about this sniffing," says Dr. Richard Heiss, Wade's father, a family practitioner. "But even I didn't know the effects of it until my medical doctor. Nobody's telling parents about it. Why isn't someone

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Don Myers, 42, of Clifton Heights, Pa., visits a makeshift memorial at Rose Tree Park in Upper Providence, Pa., Friday. The memorial is dedicated to five girls who died in a car accident last January. The coroner found that four of the five girls who died had traces of a chemical named difluoroethane in their bloodstreams.

President pressures GOP on education

The Washington Post

PARKERSBURG, Utah — President Clinton Sunday turned up the pressure on congressional Republicans to spend more federal money on hiring new teachers.

The president, who is vacationing in this ski resort town, will design a letter to Senate leaders Monday urging Congress to authorize \$1.4 billion to hire 100,000 teachers over the next six years. The GOP-led Congress, contending the federal government shouldn't meddle too much in public school affairs, rejected that proposal last year, although it later agreed to devote \$1.2 billion to hire about 30,000 teachers for one year.

Congress is to take up this week the "Ed-Flex" bill, designed to give states greater freedom in using federal monies for curricula design and other needs. Republicans see the measure as a means of showing their interest in public education, which many voters see largely as a Democratic issue.

Republicans, such as Ed-Flex co-sponsor Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., say the federal government provides only about 7 percent of public school funding but attaches many restrictions and paperwork requirements. Many Democrats support the bill, but want to supplement it with such measures as extra spending on school construction and teacher hires, issues historically left to local school districts.

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MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie

High: 38 Low: 19
Mostly cloudy with scattered morning snow showers. Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday.

Treasure Valley

High: 50 Low: 30
Mostly cloudy in the morning becoming partly cloudy tonight for a slight snow shower. Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 37 Low: 19
Mostly cloudy with scattered mountain showers. Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday.

Eastern Idaho

High: 41 Low: 21
Partly cloudy with a chance of rain showers. Wind 10-20 mph. Mostly clear tonight partly cloudy Tuesday.

Northern Idaho

High: 44 Low: 30
Partly sunny with patchy morning snow. Partly cloudy tonight and increasing clouds Tuesday.

Northern Utah

High: 51 Low: 26
Mostly cloudy and cooler with a chance of rain. Partly cloudy tonight mostly sunny Tuesday.

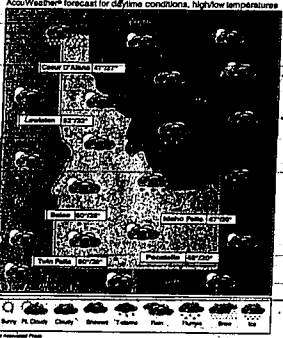
Northern Nevada

High: 48 Low: 26
Partly cloudy today and tonight increasing clouds Tuesday with a slight chance of afternoon showers.

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High: 46 Low: 32 Mostly cloudy with scattered rain showers. Decreasing clouds tonight.	High: 48 Low: 32 Partly cloudy.	High: 52 Low: 29 Rain likely.	High: 48 Low: 30 Cooler with a chance of rain.	High: 47 Low: 29 Slight chance of rain.

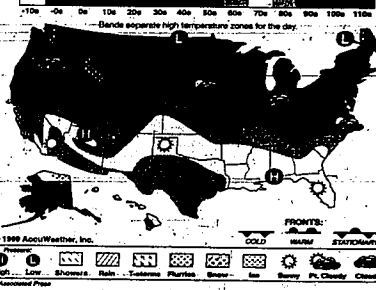
Idaho weather

Monday, Mar. 1
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Monday, Mar. 1



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Twin Falls Precipitation

Yesterday	59.30	Yesterday in Twin Falls	59.30
Last year	46.23	March to date	0.03
Normal	46.25	Water year to date	6.16
		Normal year to date	5.06

Idaho High/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho: High, 62	degrees at Burley,
Boise	56	42	14		Low, 28 degrees at
Blackfoot	62	31			Thermal, Cold, Low,
Blaine	m	m			2 at Pocatello.
Idaho Falls	49	30			Moist
Jerome	m	46			
Ketchikan	60	32			
Malad	60	28			Moist factors
Malta	m	34			Noon humidity: NA
McCall	38	32	53		Noon barometer: NA
Pocatello	31	24			
Salmon	52	32			
Stanley	19	32	25		
Sun Valley	m	m			

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	68	36	
Atlanta	59	54	20
Boston	48	35	87
Chicago	64	26	
Denver	64	26	
Des Moines	64	34	35
Detroit	79	68	
Houston	49	39	14
Indianapolis	74	35	
Los Angeles	67	45	
Los Angeles	65	46	06
Miami Beach	81	59	
Minneapolis	42	37	01
New Orleans	71	54	59
Oakland	71	34	08
Oklahoma City	71	34	
Omaha	71	34	
Phoenix	84	52	
Pittsburgh	42	39	85
Portland, Ore.	55	45	58
Reno	47	34	
San Jose	51	41	
San Jose	52	41	
San Francisco	62	36	
Seattle	60	46	25
Seattle	60	46	25
Washington	48	42	67
Yuma	48	42	

Canadian Cities

City	High	Low
Calgary	45	20
Edmonton	39	28
Vancouver	53	28

INDUSTRY ROAD INFORMATION

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SKYWATCH

Sunset today 6:28 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:12 a.m.
Lunar phases: Full, March 2; last quarter, March 10; new, March 17; first quarter, March 24.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: Mostly fair weather across Idaho Sunday, though there were a few isolated showers resulting from the passing of minor upper-level disturbances. Winds, predominantly from the south, brought a light to heavy spring-like temperature.

Elsewhere: Showers and locally heavy rain moved across the lower Great Lakes through Pennsylvania and New York state into New England, with some northern areas getting a mix of snow, sleet and freezing rain.

Rain also stretched southward along the Appalachian chain and the East coast as far as the Gulf Coast and central Florida.

The wet weather turned to lines of thunderstorms from Virginia southward, with areas from the central Gulf Coast into Georgia reporting strong winds and as big as golf balls.

In the Northwest, rain was scattered across western sections of Washington and Oregon, as well as northern California.

The same weather system spread showers eastward into Idaho and western Montana, with light snow in some mountain areas.

—The Associated Press

Inhalant

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screaming and yelling about this?" Studies rank huffing fourth among all forms of substance abuse by teens. And what many teens and parents don't realize is that huffing can kill, even the first time, says Harvey Weiss, founder of the National Inhalant Prevention Coalition in Austin, Texas.

More than 1,000 products containing "euphoriant" inhalants are widely available, including vegetable oil, nail polish and paint.

"I call it a silent epidemic," Weiss says. "Right now, there's barely any public awareness out there. And in the young person's mind, how can they think this is dangerous if they're not told? They think it's just household stuff."

Most inhalants produce their effects by depressing the central nervous system and slowing the heart, sometimes to an irregular beat. If a user becomes anxious or frightened, the resultant adrenaline rush can lead to heart failure, even more inefficient rhythms, at the point that blood and oxygen no longer reach the brain.

"In a few minutes, someone who seems to be doing fine can be dead," says Earl Siegel, a Cincinnati pharmacist with expertise in inhalants.

A federal study of users age 12 through adulthood estimated that new users of inhalants in 1997 had used an estimated 805,000, from 350,000 in 1991. The study, by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration of the Department of Health and Human Services, said most new users were aged 12-17.

"According to Weiss, seventh- and eighth-graders are the most

main reasons patients want the surgery. Large breasts can create severe back trouble and pain in the shoulder, neck and chest because of the weight on ligaments, they said.

By the time patients consult him, they already have seen orthopedic surgeons or chiropractors, Bass said. So, having the surgery would be less expensive than paying for ongoing pain.

"Of course, plastic surgeons will tell you that," Wright said. In hindsight, when he has reviewed some of the patients' records, he says, "it has become questionable as to whether they were medical necessary."

Bass said most younger people want surgery because large breasts make it difficult to participate in sports.

Breast reduction in men is common, the surgeons said. In those cases, the reason is more cosmetic and psychological. Imagine what

boys with large breasts have to deal with, Mackenzie said.

Some insurance companies have paid for breast reductions based on weight, Bass said. That is, if a surgeon removes 500 grams of tissue from each breast, regardless if a person weighs 150 or 300 pounds.

"The line is a little silly approach or attitude to it all along," he said.

The state's other large insurer, Regence Blue Shield of Idaho, covers breast reduction if there is a medical reason, spokeswoman Georgetown Benjamin said. Blue Shield has no plans to discontinue coverage for its 325,000 Idaho customers, she said.

Mackenzie said she is concerned about the state process allowing insurance companies to exclude medical procedures with little publicity.

"It does not make you think; 'What's next?'" she said.

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But, she noted, "the difference was very tiny and disappeared by the age of five," she said.

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Reductions

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from Blue Cross about the number of surgeries it paid for or whether premiums would be reduced because the procedures are excluded.

"Idaho is facing a crisis when it comes to health care insurance," Wright said. With 13 percent of residents lacking insurance, it's time to focus on procedures that have an ability to save lives, he said.

Twin Falls plastic surgeon Dr. Janet Mackenzie called the exclusion arbitrary. She has alerted other plastic surgeons about the state expressing her concerns. She likened breast reductions to knee replacements, which also are performed to reduce pain and to encourage mobility. Insurance companies still cover knee replacements.

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most important reasons patients want the surgery. Large breasts can create severe back trouble and pain in the shoulder, neck and chest because of the weight on ligaments, they said.

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Battle

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So they decided to shift the focus to people who probably would support the bond issue, but who just hadn't voted in the previous elections.

"It amazes me how many people are 20 to 45 years old, and just not registered to vote," Lee said.

Bond boosters were especially interested in getting parents of Jerome students registered, said Nancy Lee of Jerome. She helped with a telephone and door-to-door registration drive.

Many did not even know they were not registered," Lee said. "They would tell us, 'Yes, we think this is important, please come to our house and help us register.'"

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Missing boy's body found

Searcher spots child close to his home

NORTON, Mass. (AP) — The body of a 9-year-old boy who disappeared while looking for his dog in a snowstorm was found Sunday by a shallow stream about 300 yards from his family's home in an area that had been searched several times before.

The body of Corey Anderson was found cutled in a ball in dense underbrush along the banks of an icy brook that has stripes from his Boston Bruins jacket caught a searcher's eye, police said.

When asked why the boy would be in such a spot — with growth so thick an adult would have to crawl on hands and knees to reach the stream — police said the boy was looking for his dog. Police Trooper Paul Hartley's voice cracked as he responded: "He got lost."

Search crews in canoes made the discovery shortly before noon on the bank of Mulberry Brook.

It was the fifth time the area had been searched. But police said the body was only visible from the creek, and snow that



Corey Anderson was found dead Saturday.

had obscured the body may have melted.

It appeared the boy was trying to stay out of the waters of the swamp next to the creek when he died, Hartley said.

Police said they do not believe Corey drowned, but were unsure of the cause of death. An autopsy was scheduled.

Corey's parents and young sister did not immediately comment.

"Our hearts go out to them,"

said State Police Lt. Paul Maloney. The disappearance during a fierce snowstorm received national attention as hundreds of searchers combed the boy's neighborhood, hoping against growing odds to find the boy alive.

Rescuers used dogs, horses, boats and a helicopter with a heat-seeking infrared device to search woods, cranberry bogs, swamps and a partially frozen lake behind his home.

Corey was dressed warmly, wearing two jackets, a sweater and fur-lined boots when he left his house Thursday during a storm that dumped 7 inches of snow in the area. He was looking for a golden retriever mix named Jasmine that had bolted from the house earlier. The dog turned up an hour later in a neighbor's yard.

The boy suffered from attention deficit disorder and had missed some doses of medication. Corey's parents made tearful appearances on the evening news when the boy vanished. By Saturday morning, the couple was secluded in their home. They had no comment Sunday after the discovery.

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New crosswalk signs feature countdowns

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Ann Johnson, senior director of the Somerville department of traffic and parking, said she decided to install one of the signs after seeing them in Canadian cities.

"Many people feel they don't have enough time to cross and some of them get upset when the 'Don't Walk' starts to flash," Johnson said. "They don't know whether they should try to get across or whether they should turn back."

The \$550 signals by Tassimo in Terre Bonne, Quebec, have been particularly popular in Massachusetts, where drivers are aggressive and busy intersections baffle motorists and pedestrians alike.

"Anything helping pedestrians will be useful," said Nancy Wright, a Somerville resident waiting to cross a multiple-street intersection.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Hospital finances look sound, auditor says

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center had a good financial showing for the first four months of its budget year.

Revenue was \$7.8 million for January, when \$7.6 million had been projected. Income to date also was more than what was projected.

The Canyon View Psychiatric Hospital also fared better than expected, chief financial officer Eric Fry said. The center had budgeted \$1 million for the budget year to date and had an income of \$50,000 over expenses. The result was good because insurers usually don't pay as well for psychiatric care, he said.

Marketing efforts for the psychiatric hospital might have been a factor, he said.

"We're carrying our own," Fry said of the psychiatric operation. Meanwhile, the hospital board's finance committee has voted to recommend to the full hospital board the purchase of a \$50,380 software program for hospital budgeting.

The existing system was not compatible with changes needed for the year 2000, Fry said.

Cassia sheriff's office investigates accident

BURLEY - An early Sunday morning accident on the Burley-Paoli bridge is under investigation by the Cassia County Sheriff's Office.

Kimber Marston, 23, of Burley was driving his car north on the bridge at about midnight. Near the southern end of the bridge, Marston headed toward construction barrels, then swerved away and back into his lane, the sheriff's report said. But the driver lost control, hit a guard rail and then left the scene on foot, the report said.

Marston was later pulled from the Snake River by officers, the report said, although it was unclear how Marston ended up in the water.

Marston was reported in stable condition Sunday evening at Cassia Regional Medical Center. Marston's passenger, LaDonna Gardner, 30, of Rupert, was not injured, the sheriff's report said.

Road reconstruction begins today in Shoshone

SHOSHONE - Motorists can expect to encounter road construction when driving through Shoshone this spring.

Work begins today on an \$800,000 reconstruction project on Greenwood Street - U.S. Highway 28 - to add a new center turn lane and curbs and gutters.

Construction will run about four-tenths of a mile from West E Street to South Rail Street.

Motorists can expect narrow lanes, flaggers on duty, and periods of one-way traffic, the Idaho Transportation Department reported. The department hired Gordon Paving Co. of Burley as project contractor. Roadwork is expected to be finished by the end of June.

Diétrich School Board to bid facilities report

DIETRICH - The Diétrich School Board today will decide whether to accept design plans for four new classrooms and a new gym.

The meeting begins at 7:30 p.m. in the district's business room. School officials plan to phase out the old building and gradually construct a new building - a plan that could take up to 20 years.

The four classrooms and gym would be a start toward meeting that goal, but the district must win voter approval in a bond issue election before building can begin.

Kimberly School Board to discuss real estate

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly School Board will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday in the high school library.

Discussion items include a closed executive session to discuss real estate acquisition, and a study session to discuss a school bond issue.

The Kimberly School District is working to prepare a bond issue to put before voters in May.

Compiled from staff reports

Examining Rock Creek

Public conference looks at bacterial contamination

By N.S. Nokkentved
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - For years, fecal bacteria levels in Rock Creek through the city of Twin Falls have made swimming in the creek unsafe.

Contamination in Rock Creek became a local issue last summer when health officials once again posted signs warning would-be swimmers of the contamination from fecal coliform - bacteria common in the intestinal tracts of warm-blooded animals and also found in soil.

A number of organizations plan an open public conference from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday in Room A-6 of the Evergreen Building at the College of Southern Idaho to discuss the problem and what can be done

to clean up Rock Creek. Sponsors of the conference include the University of Idaho, College of Southern Idaho, Magic Valley Gentlemen's Association, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Twin Falls Soil and Water Conservation District and the Snake River Soil and Water Conservation District.

Fecal coliform bacteria levels are expressed as the number of colonies present in 100 milliliters of water. The limit for swimming is 200 colonies per 100 milliliters with a maximum of 10 percent of

the samples showing 500 colonies per 100 milliliters.

Coliform bacteria are not harmful themselves, but their presence indicates the possible presence of disease-causing bacteria.

Some tests last summer showed fecal coliform at 35,000 parts per 100 milliliters, according to the state Division of Environmental Quality.

The final report of the Rural Clean Water Program for Rock Creek, released in April 1991, identified animal confinement operations and rangeland runoff as the primary source of bacterial contamination in Rock Creek. Since then other possible sources of contamination have been identified, including old irrigation drainage tunnels under Twin Falls and increased

rural residential development.

But Rock Creek has more troubles than just bacteria. Problems include sediment, ammonia, nutrients, oil and flood alterations.

And Rock Creek is not the only stream in the Magic Valley with bacterial contamination. Last year, Cedar Draw, Deep Creek and Mud Creek were added to a proposed list of the state's polluted streams, because of bacterial contamination.

Officials hope to tackle Rock Creek because of its popularity and proximity to a large population and then apply what they learn to cleaning up other creeks.

Times-News staff writer N.S. Nokkentved can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 237.

Council mulls survey results

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls City Council today will review the results of a recent study of municipal services in a dozen Western cities, prepared by the city of Pocatello.

The council meets at 5 p.m. in City Hall.

The Pocatello study looked at numerous aspects of civic services, including how much cities such as Billings, Mont., and Coeur d'Alene spend on street

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SHRED THE MOUNTAIN

Snowboarding event hits slopes at Pomerelle

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

ALBION - Local snowboarders might want to start waxing their boots and getting psyched for Saturday's Boarder X event at Pomerelle Ski Resort.

The event is styled after the Winter X Games on ESPN. Boarders compete against each other for the best times in downhill races, said Jody Burrows, area manager of Pomerelle.

The popularity of snowboarding has increased at Pomerelle. The idea of the event is to give the snowboarders something to compete in, while attracting more business, Burrows said.

"Snowboarding is very popular, and we have a very big clientele here," Burrows said. "We have some very enthusiastic boarders who like these kinds of events."

The event will be on a run visible from the ski lodge. An obstacle course will include a racing track, flags, jumps and a finish line. More than 20 competitors are expected to race.

Pomerelle recently hosted the Big Air competition. Snowboarders went off a ramp of snow, performing stunts for the crowd. The event attracted more than 40 competitors from throughout the Magic Valley.

The Boarder X event comes amid plans for other ski and snowboard events at the ski area, Burrows said.

On March 13, Pomerelle will host the "Alpine Freestyle Bump and Jump," in which contestants fly off the snow jumps and perform tricks much like the Big Air event, but on skis, Burrows said.

Boarder X will include four categories: age 12 and under; age 13 through age 17 and older; and a Ladies Only event.

Trophies will be given to the top three places in each category. The fastest time of the competition will be awarded a "Pomerelle Classic" lift chair. This is one of the original lift chairs used at the resort, Burrows said.

Helmets are not required for the Boarder X games, but are advised, Burrows said. Mason's Ski and Snow Boards Sales loaned more than six helmets for the Big Air competition and would gladly donate some more for Saturday's event if asked, owner Mike Mason said.

"I would advise using a helmet," Mason said. "I wear one for safety reasons and because they are warm."

Pinetree Sports, which loaned out helmets for the Big Air competition, also plans to loan some for Saturday's event, said owner Gordon Hansen.

"I ski with a helmet every day," Hansen said. "I ski fast. I like to go by the trees, and I feel more comfortable and secure when I wear a helmet. People don't realize how fast they go."

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Shawn Hopworth of Burley catches some air at Pomerelle Ski Resort. Pomerelle will host the inaugural Boarder X snowboard race event Saturday.

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Competitions raise safety concerns

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

ALBION - With the snowboarding and skiing competitions coming up at Pomerelle Ski Resort, safety on the slopes is a growing concern.

Pomerelle advises the use of helmets. Local ski shops will loan out helmets for the events, but the problem is getting kids to use them, said Jody Burrows, area manager of Pomerelle.

"We had helmets loaned to us for the Big Air competition, but none were even used," he said. "It's a really good idea to use one."

Price may be keeping down the use of helmets, which sell for \$80 to \$100. But as helmets become more available, the price should come down, said Gordon Hansen, owner of Pinetree Sports in Burley.

Another reason helmets aren't used may be the mistaken notion that they are heavy and block vision, Hansen said.

"Use a helmet, and it's really light," Hansen said. "My whole family wears a helmet when we ski."

But helmets can only do so much to prevent injuries. Many collisions occur because skiers and snowboarders overestimate their skills and go too fast, said Lisa Hills of the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition.

Here's some ways to help reduce the risk of injury:

- Always stay in control and be able to stop.
- People ahead of you have the right of way - you're responsible for avoiding them.
- You must not stop where you obstruct a trail or are not visible from above.
- When starting downhill or merging into a trail, look uphill and watch out for others.
- Always use devices to help prevent runaway equipment.
- Be ready to stop at a moment's notice.
- Before using any lift, you must have the knowledge and ability to load, ride and unload safely.

CSI plans remodeling, repair on former Burley High School

By Lorraine Caver
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The move into the new Burley High School will trigger a game of musical buildings here.

College of Southern Idaho officials are ready to start remodeling the old Burley High School building for more classroom space as soon as it is vacated, said Jerry Beck, CSI's vice president of instruction.

CSI plans \$100,000 worth of remodeling, including repairs on the old high school's leaky roof and heating system.

"Classes will stay where they're until fall. We don't want to confuse students," Beck said. "Classes meet one or two nights a week. Most students are adults and we

are creatures of habit."

CSI will leave its existing Mini-Cassia building on Overland Avenue. That building will then be occupied by Project Mutual Telephone of Rupert, said Charles Creason, PMT's president.

As part of its expansion into Burley, PMT is planning to turn the building CSI will vacate into a customer service center complete with a storefront to sell products, Creason said.

Beck said he expects filled classrooms even when CSI occupies its new home.

"We moved here from a tiny office and found if programs are offered, they will come," Beck said.

CSI won't be the only education center using the old high school, Idaho State University, Boise State University and Vocational Rehabilitation Services also plan to have offices there, Beck said, while the gym and music room will be used by Burley Junior High School.

"More space will allow more daytime classes and more flexibility," he said.

CSI hopes to offer more technical education classes, Beck said. More dual-credit classes also will be available, meaning high school students can take classes there for college credit. CSI also will expand its variety of non-credit enrichment classes such as Western swing dancing, bridge and after-school programs for children.

"This will depend on community needs

and acceptance of the community," he said.

CSI officials recently completed a survey giving them some indication of the type of classes residents want, Beck said, but he encouraged people who have requests to contact them.

Both PMT and CSI have had to be patient for their turns to move, Beck said. The new Burley High School was supposed to be ready earlier this year, but delays put everyone's plans on hold.

"We don't want to evict them (CSI) prematurely," Creason said. "They are doing a great service to the community."

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Glue on ancient bones causes sticky problems for scientists

SEATTLE (AP) — A team of scientists is trying to figure out what kind of glue free-lance anthropologist Jim Chatters used to put together bones of Kennewick Man three years ago. Trying to determine if a 9,000-year-old skeleton is an American Indian, the scientists are being careful before they remove the glue and do 80 key measurements.

They must ask Chatters what kind of glue he used.

"We want to know absolutely what chemicals he used because that will absolutely guide whether we use other chemicals

to reverse it," said Michael Trimble, a conservator with the Army Corps of Engineers.

"If we put on chemicals 'x' and 'y' that are typical chemicals to reverse a typical adhesive, it may have a bad reaction. It could actually — which is what I'm worried about — hurt the bones. And I'm not going to put what we have right now in jeopardy."

College students stumbled upon the remains of Kennewick Man near Kennewick in 1996.

Since then, eight researchers have sued to study the skeleton because, they said, Kennewick Man is distinct from the neces-

sors of modern tribes and could add a new branch to the human family tree.

But a coalition of the tribes wants to reburial the remains and says studying them is a desecration.

Joseph Powell, a physical anthropologist, estimated he may be able to accurately compare one-fourth of one-tenth key skeletal measurements needed to help decide who is Kennewick Man's nearest relative.

That would be more measurements than the oldest skeletons he's examined in the Americas have provided.

Lawmakers see change in F&G's future

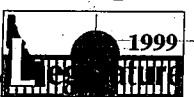
BOISE (AP) — The Statehouse is filled with opinions on how the beleaguered Idaho Department of Fish and Game can improve its standing with the Legislature.

Better communication. More listening. Different attitude. Refocused mission. New commissioners.

The common denominator is change, voluntary or imposed. Without it, Fish and Game will remain the agency many lawmakers love to hate — and hate to help.

"I have to be honest, I think, a more homogenous organization than it is right now, top to bottom, before they're going to gain the respect of the people that they need to work with," said state Rep. Chuck Cuddy, an Orofino Democrat.

That probably means getting



back to basics, and it might mean subjugating scientists to policy makers. But it does not mean change for change's sake.

Considering the possibility that the Fish and Game Commission will fire Director Steve Mealey at this week's meeting in Idaho Falls, legislators indicated that could only hurt the department's chances of winning approval of millions of dollars in fee hikes to financially stabilize the agency.

The lightning-rod director has become a sympathetic figure in the Capitol.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne — a fan of Mealey's since they were Boise mayor and Boise National Forest supervisor, respectively — said it would be good to advise key commissioners to resist the urge to make him a sacrificial lamb.

"He is being pulled in so many different directions and criticized from a variety of fronts that I think it would be difficult for a lot of folks to be effective in that atmosphere. That's why I'm encouraging that we ought to have folks hold back on some of the harsh words," Kempthorne said.

It also may be counterproductive to criticize, as Commissioner Jeff Siddaway of Torreyden did, an effort by lawmakers to move federal Endangered Species Act compliance and planning to the governor's office.

SERVICES

Lucile Aleah Parfitt of Rupert, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call from 9 to 10:30 a.m. today at the Hansen Mortuary Chapel.

William Evan Fuller of Provo, Utah, 11 a.m. today at the Berg Drawing Room Chapel, 185 E. Center St., in Provo, Utah; friends may call one hour before the service today at the chapel. Interment will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Twin Falls Cemetery.

Albert Paul Gunder of Burley, memorial service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Payne Memorial Chapel at Burley.

SERVICES

Dexter Richard Douglas of Moore, 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Baptist Community Church in Arco. Family will visit with friends from 7 to 9 p.m. today at Marvel Memorial Chapel in Arco.

Robert Eugene Hainline of Buhl, graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Filer Cemetery (Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

Pearl A. Litzinger of Halley, 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Wood River Chapel in Halley.

Larry Martin Bryan of Bellevue, memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

SERVICES

Lundell Eugene "Gene" Cunningham of Twin Falls, military honors at 1 p.m. Saturday at Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home with an open house to follow until 3:30 p.m.

Robert Reed Fisk of Twin Falls, memorial service at 11 a.m. Saturday at White Mortuary.

Charles E. Allen of Twin Falls, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Presbyterian Church (White Mortuary).

Charles Benedict Dondoro of Burley, graveside service March 12 memorial service at 2 p.m. at Crestview Memorial Park in Riverside, Calif. (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

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TWIN FALLS

Oscar D. Carlson, 74, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 1999, at Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center in Boise.

He was born Sept. 1, 1924, in Donaldson, Minn., the son of Ed and Marnie Carlson. He was raised in the farming community of Strandquist, Minn., and attended a one-room school house in Minnesota. After high school, he joined the U.S. Navy in 1942 and served in the Pacific Theater of Operations. He was a Seaman First Class, serving on a Sub Tender. He was Honorably Discharged in April of 1946.

He married Lillian Spodin in 1946 and they had two sons and two girls. He worked for Longview Fibro

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Company in Seattle, Washington. He moved to Twin Falls in 1970 and retired from the Twin Falls plant in 1980.

The patriarch of the family, he is survived by daughters, Susan (Earl) Mayfield of Marietta, Ga., and Sheri (Ron) Wales of Kimberly; sons, Michael (Pat) Carlson of Seattle, Wash., Jeff Carlson of Twin Falls, and Steven (Charlotte) Carlson of Twin Falls; eight grandchildren, and Jerry (Mary) Carlson of Warren, Minn.; and sisters, Fern (Virgil) Froomko of Buckley, Wash., Laella Spivack of Lancaster, Minn., and Yvonne (two) of Moses Lake, Wash.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Lillian, his parents and three brothers.

He was a Dad to everyone, well loved by his family and friends. A graveside memorial service will be held 12:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls. Arrangements handled by the direction of White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

BUHL

Robert Eugene Hainline, 74, a member of the community in Buhl, for many years, died Feb. 25, 1999, at home following a long illness with cancer.

Robert was born Oct. 10, 1924, in Boise to Carl Hainline and Mary O. Craton. As a young man, he worked in the shipyards in Vancouver, Wash. where he was called upon to serve his country, and all that he has to offer. As the family grew, the love and respect for the outdoors was introduced to all the

children, with fishing being the favorite pastime for all.

Robert is survived by his first and lovely wife, Flora Hainline of the family home in Buhl;

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sons, Gary Gano Hainline of Poway, Calif., Michael Leo Hainline of Canyon County, Calif., and Robert Craig Hainline of Buhl; daughters, Roberta Elaine Nutz of Spokane, Wash., and Pamela LeAnne Alton Liberman of Half Moon Bay, Calif.; a brother, Leonard C. Hainline of Lava Hot Springs; and a sister, Evelyn Malone. He also is survived by 16 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, California Hainline.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 1999, in the Filer Crematory with full military honors provided by the local VFW. Services are under the direction of Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Road in Twin Falls. You may call 208-733-0011 for further information.

DEATH NOTICES

David R. Dingman
TWIN FALLS — David R. Dingman, 73, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 1999, at his home.

Services will be held 11 a.m. Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls with private family committal services to be held at View Cemetery, Burley. A complete obituary will follow.

Robert C. Peterson
HAILEY — Robert C. Peterson, 86, of Hailey, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 1999, at the Blaine Manor.

Arrangements are pending under the care of Wood River Chapel of Hailey.

Joe Henderson Sr.
BURLEY — Joe Henderson Sr., 84, of Prescott, Ariz. and formerly of Shirley, died Sunday, Feb. 28, 1999, at the Sunrise Land Care Home in Prescott.

Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel.

Ruth Jane Allen Strickling
GOODING — Ruth Jane Allen Strickling, 90, of Boise and formerly of Gooding, died Sunday, Feb. 28, 1999, at St. Luke's Regional Medical Center in Boise.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demary's Gooding Chapel.

Patty Brown
HAILEY — Patty Brown, 69, of Buhl, died Friday, Feb. 26, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center.

Services will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, 1999, at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 1 p.m. until 2 p.m. Tuesday. A full obituary will follow.

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- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3rd - 5 pm - Household - Tools - Antiques - Consignment - March 2nd - Jerome - KLAS AUCTION BARN 208-324-5521
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- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 10th - 11 am - Dennis Harter - Farm Implements - Farm Equipment - Advertisement: Ag Weekly, Feb. 27th & March 6th - The Times-News, March 7th MUESSER BROS. AUCTIONEERS www.mbauction.com
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- THURSDAY, MARCH 11th - 11 am - Kenneth Turner - Real Estate - Farm Equipment - Advertisement: Ag Weekly, Feb. 27th & March 6th - The Times-News, March 7th MUESSER BROS. AUCTIONEERS www.mbauction.com
- FRIDAY, MARCH 12th - 10 am - Joe Freiberger - Farm Machinery - Eugene - Advertisement: March 10th MASTERS AUCTION SERVICE mastersauction.com
- SATURDAY, MARCH 13th - 10 am - Clarence F. Peterson Estate - Real Estate - Furniture - Glassware & Collectibles - Advertisement: March 13th MUESSER BROS. AUCTIONEERS jmauctions@earthlink.com
- SATURDAY, MARCH 20th - 10:30 am - Annual Antiques & Collectibles Consignment - March 18th - Jerome - Advertisement: March 18th ALL AMERICAN TRUCKS 208-734-4557

Ruth J. Hiatt
JEROME — Ruth J. Hiatt, 78, of Jerome, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 1999, at the Capitol Care Center in Boise.

Services are pending under the direction of the Howe-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Harry C. Borchardt
RUPERT — Harry C. Borchardt, 88, of Rupert, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 1999, at the extended care facility at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at the Assembly of God Church at Fourth and 1st Streets with Pastor Jerry Schneider officiating. Burial will follow in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call between 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to the service at the church.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Assembly of God Church.

HOSPITALS

Pearl B. Lee
JEROME — Pearl B. Lee, 90, of Jerome, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 1999, at the Twin Falls Care Center.

Services will be conducted 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 2, 1999, at the Jerome Cemetery.

Jay B. Honeycutt
RUPERT — Jay B. Honeycutt, 78, of Rupert, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 1999, at the extended care facility at Minidoka Memorial Hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 3 p.m. Wednesday, March 3, 1999, at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel with Walt Thompson officiating. Friends may call one hour prior to the service. Private family interment services will be held at a later date.

Mabel C. Reimers
HAILEY — Mabel C. Reimers, 99, of Hailey, died Saturday, Feb. 27, 1999, at the Blaine Manor in Hailey.

Funeral services will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday, March 4, 1999, at the Community Baptist Church in Hailey with Rev. David Geske speaking. Cremation will precede the services.

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Do not stand at my grave and cry,
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The following is a schedule of meetings and events that will take place this week at the College of Southern Idaho.

TODAY Golden Eagle Booster Club meeting, noon, Taylor 277. Magic Valley Volleyball monthly meeting, 7 to 9 p.m., Shields 115.

TUESDAY Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition steering committee meeting, 7 to 9 a.m., Taylor 258.

CSJ Ag Department ag forum, noon to 2 p.m., Taylor 258. Percussion Ensemble rehearsal, noon, Fine Arts 121.

Wind Ensemble rehearsal, 3 p.m., Fine Arts 121. Parent Project class, 6 to 9 p.m., Shields 108.

Discussion on coliform in Rock Creek, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Evergreen A06. Gay, Lesbian and Bisexual (GLB) weekly meeting, 6:30 to 9 p.m., Taylor 258.

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

WEDNESDAY

University of Idaho and Idaho Potato Commission meeting, 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Taylor 276.

Northwest Disability Veterans interviews, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 258.

Phi Theta Kappa meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 114. Region 18 basketball tournament begins - men's games at noon, 2, 6 and 8 p.m.; Golden Eagles play the 8 p.m. game.

Twin Falls Police Department family academy, 5 to 11 p.m., Canyon 119.

THURSDAY

Region 18 Presidents Athletic Directors meeting, 8 a.m. to noon, Taylor 276.

VITA tax help for the elderly and low income, 2 to 5 p.m., Evergreen C93.

Region 18 basketball tournament continues - women's games at noon, 2, 6 and 8 p.m.; Golden Eagles play the 8 p.m. game.

Baptist Ministries Campus Crusade for Christ, 7:30 to 10 p.m., Taylor cafeteria.

FRIDAY

Region 18 basketball tournament continues - women's games

at noon and 6 p.m., men's games at 2 and 8 p.m. Japanese Club weekly meeting, noon, Shields 103.

Health and Wellness weight management presentation, "Don't Be Myself - What Really Works," noon, Taylor 277. "More Than Meets The Eye" showing, 7 p.m., Herrett Center Foulkner Planetarium.

U.S. MEP/COM military festing, 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Shields 206.

Area superintendents meeting, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Evergreen A20. Training Effective Literacy Tutors, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Meyerhoeffer Building 202.

Music Department concert recital, 1 to 6 p.m., Evergreen Atrium.

"How To Build A Plane!" debuts, 2 and 7 p.m., Herrett Center Foulkner Planetarium.

Region 18 basketball championship games - women's game at 5 p.m.; men's game at 8 p.m. Dilettante rehearsal, 7 to 10 p.m., Fine Arts 121.

"Rusty Rocket's Last Blast" showing, 4 p.m., Herrett Center Foulkner Planetarium.

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

TODAY Accequia City Council, 8 p.m., Mayor Larry Wall's home. Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 p.m., county office.

Burley City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall. Dierrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Hansen Community Library Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., Hansen Community Library, 120 W. Maple.

Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse. Ketchum City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.

Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

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TUESDAY Albion City Council, 7 p.m., city office. Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Council chambers.

Friedman Memorial Airport board, 5:30 p.m., courthouse. Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.

Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., City Council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., community center.

Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Shoshone City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.

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

8:30 a.m., courthouse. Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W.

WEDNESDAY Minidoka County Fair Board, 8 p.m., board office at the fairgrounds.

Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main. Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

THURSDAY Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall. Fairfield City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.

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

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

Official says forest does have 'tank traps'

The Associated Press

After criticizing Rep. Helen Chenoweth for accusing his agency of building "tank traps" to halt motorized vehicles on national forest roads, a top government official says it is not true.

Jim Lyons, the U.S. Agriculture Department undersecretary, on Thursday told the U.S. Senate that the Tarpatche National Forest in fact use the term "tank traps" to describe large holes and berms it digs to shut down the roads.

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Chenoweth spokesman Chad Hyatt said the representative was glad to see the mistake corrected but would continue to watch Forest Service administrators.

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ments Mr. Lyons made on Tuesday that he has no clue about the local impact on national policies," Hyatt said.

The dispute arose during a hearing over the Forest Service's road obliteration budget. Lyons "disputed the term quite vehemently," Hyatt said.

"Tank traps" - consisting of a mound of dirt as much as 15 feet high and a hole as much as 15 feet deep, are much larger than the more commonly known "kelly hump" used to close roads.

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Astronauts visit Craters for 75th anniversary

ARCO (AP) - Astronauts

Edgar Mitchell, Eugene Cernan and Joe Engle will return this spring to Craters of the Moon National Monument and see out their experiences at the park as part of its 75th anniversary celebration.

Dave Clark, the monument's chief interpreter, said park officials thought bringing the astronauts would help spark interest in Craters of the Moon and its geology.

Thirty years ago, the trio, all members of NASA's Apollo space program, traveled throughout the country studying geology. At the time, astronauts were trained pilots, not scientists, and NASA wanted them to be able to describe what they would see on the moon in geological terms.

One of the locations they chose to study was Craters of the Moon. The astronauts' visit will kick off the monument's anniversary, which officially is May 2.

This weekend, NASA sponsored a two-day workshop for area teachers who want to learn more on the history of the site and its geology in anticipation of the eighth of questions they likely will face during scientific field trips to the park during its anniversary celebrations.

First family hits Deer Valley slopes

Clinton rests while first lady, Chelsea ski

PARK CITY, Utah (AP) - President Clinton relaxed at a borrowed mountain lodge home Sunday as his wife, Hillary, and daughter, Chelsea, went skiing on an abnormally sunny day.

The first lady and Chelsea were spotted on the slopes by photographers and cameramen. Mrs. Clinton was overheard expressing irritation that Secret Service agents about someone who had skied too closely.

The Clintons had a private dinner and a birthday cake Saturday night for Chelsea as she turned 19.

The Clintons are staying at the posh home of Hollywood producer Jeffrey Katzenberg, who lent the president his gated, multimillion-dollar estate in the Deer Valley Resort. Katzenberg has several interlocking ski runs just off his backyard.

The first family arrived Saturday and are staying until Tuesday.

Clinton does not ski. He tried it once 15 years ago in Sun Valley, Idaho, where he took repeated tumbles and finished the day with torn ligaments in his left knee.

The president said he planned to spend the long weekend reading and might make a trip into town for coffee. "He's at home," spokesman Barry Toiv said. "I suspect he's doing exactly what he said he was (going to do), which is reading. Work is low on the totem pole today as far as his priorities. He's on vacation, and it happens to be on a ski slope."

Toiv said Clinton gets a national security report every day but Sunday, but that a national secu-



Hillary Rodham Clinton skis down one of the slopes Sunday at Deer Valley ski resort near Park City, Utah. The first family is spending the weekend in Utah at Chelsea's request. Chelsea celebrated her 19th birthday Saturday.

Steven Spielberg and David Geffen in DreamWorks SKG is a big donor to Clinton and other Democrats. The former Walt Disney Co. studio chief is a frequent guest at the White House. Clinton has stayed at his home in Malibu, Calif.

Katzenberg, co-partner with

quency of debilitating fractures. The transplant study appears in the March issue of the scientific journal Nature Medicine.

"We have not cured the disease," said Edwin Horwitz, who directed the experimental transplants. "Our goal was to reduce the severity of their symptoms."

The new method, tested at a Bone marrow transplantation is an arduous procedure most commonly used to kill late-stage cancer. After heavy doses of chemotherapy, patients are infused with stem cells that spawn new and healthy immune and blood cells.

The new method, tested at the St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., infused a different group of stem cells known as mesenchymal cells, or MSCs, that develop into bone and cartilage.

the 137-acre Wright Subdivision near Sligoup Avenue West and County Street.

Consider parking restrictions on Elm Street North and Cheney Drive.

Look at bids for a proposed airport rescue firefighting building.

Review the parks and recreation section of the city's strategic plan.

Present Peace Officers Standards and Training basic certificates to David Weight and Brandon Harkness.

Teens use experiences to win contest

SPOKANE (AP) - In his 15 years as director of the Idaho Juvenile Detention Center, Rafael Gray has seen many sad stories.

"A lot of times," said the juvenile corrections officer, "we see all the bad stuff."

Broken homes, repeat offenders, drug use. It can run you down and burn you out, he said.

Then something uplifting happened. Dignity came from an unlikely place.

The African American Education program at Eastern Washington University sponsored an essay contest. The topic was dignity. Two residents of the detention center submitted essays. Both won honorable mentions and attended the Black History Month Banquet at the Spokane Ag Trade Center.

Ahleigh Rhodes and Emmanuel Sullivan, both 17, were shocked. Neither expected any recognition.

"In my 15 years, it's the first time I've seen anything like this," Gray said.

Rhodes is out on probation for an assault charge and already has a dress picked out for the event. Sullivan is still in detention for an indecent liberties charge. Judge Neal O'Reilly signed an order allowing Sullivan to attend the ceremony.

"Is this unusual? You bet it is," O'Reilly said. But when given a chance to reinforce a positive experience that could help a youth turn around, and the community's not at risk, he said he's all for it.

The staff also received permission to escort Sullivan without hindrances or leg restraints. They felt it was important considering the essay topic was dignity. "It's extremely unusual to have those students participate, that's what's so exciting," said Nancy Nelson, director of Eastern's African American Education program.

Rupert council meets Thursday

The Times-News

RUPERT - The Rupert City Council will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall, and hold a third and final reading of a proposal to increase animal control fees.

Other agenda items include: A request by the Rupert Renaissance group to water

plants along Oneida Street.

Choosing a date to canvass results from Tuesday's wastewater bond issue election.

Transferring a beer and wine license from B & B Market to the Stinker Station convenience store.

Discussing a proposal for interim financing of a water project.

Burley council to discuss parking ordinance

The Times-News

BURLEY - The Burley City Council will meet at 5 p.m. today at City Hall instead of its usual 7 p.m. meeting time.

The council will discuss a proposed parking ordinance. The ordinance would give City Engineer Leon Bedke the authority to post parking signs and designate parking areas in the city,

City Attorney Randy Stone said.

The council will also discuss moving a boxcar, located north of an old caboose off U.S. Highway 30. The boxcar is an eyesore and should be moved or hidden, said Dennis Peterson, director of the Burley Parks and Recreation Department.

If the boxcar cannot be moved the city will plant trees around it to hide it, Peterson said.

Advertisement for Pat Parks Pick of the Week. It features a black and white photo of a young boy, Pat Parks, and the text 'Pat Parks Pick of the Week' and 'NEW! NEW! NEW!' with a Ford logo at the bottom.

Council

Continued from A4 maintenance, and how many municipal employees they have per 1,000 residents.

Twin Falls was included in the study on the Cayote-Klamath and City Manager Tom Courtney trumpeted some of the more positive results during their "state of the city" address at a recent Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce meeting.

In other business, the council will:

Consider final approval of

- Pro basketball
- Pro football
- Pro baseball
- Pro golf
- Idaho college sports
- Idaho high school sports

SPORTS

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“If you want to be a good basketball team, then you have to be unselfish. You have to bite your tongue and your pride and just go out there and win.”

— Dennis Rodman

IN BRIEF

Jerome's McDowell falls to former world champ

PHOENIX — Racing in the NHRA Truck's Nationals this weekend, Jerome McDowell qualified for the round of 16 before losing to former world champion Chris Pedregon. McDowell edged Pedregon, who was driving a Pontiac Firebird owned by former NFL coach Joe Gibbs, off the starting line. Then a cylinder lost fire, allowing Pedregon to advance to the Nitro Funny Car quarterfinals.

To get the 15th seed in the 16-car field, McDowell ran the grandstand quarter-mile in 5.29 seconds at 286 mph.

McDowell will be in action in mid-April, defending his NHRA Northwest Division Ignitor title at Firebird Raceway in Boise. The event will be shown on TNN via tape-delay next Sunday at 11 a.m.

Jerome American Legion team to meet Tuesday

JEROME — The Jerome American Legion Baseball Team will hold an important meeting on Tuesday at the Jerome American Legion Hall on North Lincoln.

All players and parents with an interest are encouraged to attend. For more information, call 326-3131 or 326-5900.

Kid's Wrestling registration starts Tuesday at TFHS

TWIN FALLS — Registration for Kid's Wrestling for K-6th Grade will take place at 5 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at the Twin Falls High School's new gymnasium. The cost is \$12 for city residents and \$15 for non-residents.

Practices will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The younger group will practice from 5 to 5:45 p.m., and the older group will go from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m.

A schedule of the matches will be handed out at registration. Matches will be held on Saturdays, beginning March 6 and ending March 27.

For more information, call the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department at 736-2265.

Candleridge owner records season's first hole-in-one

TWIN FALLS — Candleridge Golf Course owner Gary Vano 'Van Engelen' earned the 151st No. 7 hole Sunday with a 6-iron. It is Van Engelen's first ace in 20 years of tee offs and also the first hole-in-one on the season at the course.

Park Avenue driving range opens for golf season

TWIN FALLS — Park Avenue Golf Driving Range is open for the season, operating from 9 a.m. to dusk each day, weather permitting.

PGA professional Al Rohwedder will give golf clinics and private lessons by appointment.

Weber State's loss ends ISU women's basketball season

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. — Northern Arizona's victory over Weber State on Saturday sent the Lumberjacks into the Big Sky Conference basketball playoffs as the sixth and final seed and kept the Idaho State University women's squad home.

Weber State led by eight at halftime and 53-47 five minutes into the second half before NAU mounted its comeback, taking its first lead with three minutes remaining and holding on for a 81-77 win.

The conference playoffs begin Thursday with No. 3 Montana State playing NAU and No. 4 Weber State against No. 5 Montana.

As the conference's top two seeds, CS-Norridge and Portland State receive byes into Friday's semifinals.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Time to come to Twin

Region 18 tourney tips off Wednesday

By Doreen Chase
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The Ricks College women's basketball team didn't get any help from the College of Southern Idaho last week.

At least a minor thought in the minds of the Vikings as they packed their bags for this week's regional tournament Twin Falls, knowing that if they want somebody to beat Dixie in CSIS' house, they might just have to do it themselves.

The Golden Eagles' home loss to Dixie Friday night let the Rebels and Vikings tied for the conference lead with one game to go and Dixie in possession of the tie-breaker — and thus, the conference title — having taken both season games with Ricks.

The next night, as Dixie finished off last-place Treasure Valley Community College, the Vikings set their team in a seven-point loss to travel partner North Idaho College, whom they beat by 26 points.

Scenic West Athletic Conference	
Final Standings	
Men	Women
Boise State	25-1
Idaho State	23-3
Idaho	22-4
Boise State	21-5
Idaho State	20-6
Idaho	19-7
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Idaho	16-10
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Idaho	10-16
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Idaho State	8-18
Idaho	7-19
Boise State	6-20
Idaho State	5-21
Idaho	4-22
Boise State	3-23
Idaho State	2-24
Idaho	1-25



Boise State guard Roberto Bergesen, left, pressures Idaho guard Devon Ford Sunday at the Kibbie Dome in Moscow.

Idaho sweeps BSU, 64-59

The Times-News

MOSCOW — Senior guard Avery Curry went out in style Sunday afternoon against Boise State.

Playing in his final home game in a University of Idaho uniform, Curry exploded for 26 points as the Vandals defeated the Broncos 64-59 before 7,323 fans — the largest crowd at the Kibbie Dome since 1992.

“He did a lot of things extremely well,” said second-year Idaho coach David Farrar. “For the last month and a half, he’s communicated much better (to his teammates).”

The Vandals (16-10, 11-5 Big West), who earned the No. 3 seed from the Eastern Division in the conference tournament, will play Long Beach State on Thursday at Reno, Nev. Boise State (19-7, 12-4), which had already clinched the division's No. 1 seed, will play No. 4 seed Cal State Fullerton.

The Vandals led 51-48 with 5:25 left in the game before Curry and Gordon Scott burst Boise State with 3-point shots, giving Idaho a comfortable 57-48 advantage. The Broncos hit just 1-of-6 from the field in the final two minutes.

Idaho controlled much of the game, as Boise State's biggest lead — a lead was 26-24 late in the first half.

The Broncos' Roberto Bergersen, a candidate for Big West Player of the Year, was just 5-of-24 from the field and 1-of-11 from 3-point range. Boise State shot 36 percent for the game, while the Vandals hit 51 percent.

“I stuck as close to him as I could,” said Scott, who guarded Bergersen most of the game. “He’s one of the best offensive players I’ve had to guard.”

Scott, who had 17 points, was 4-of-6 from 3-point range. Curry proved even better from 3-point territory, converting 5-of-9. Idaho shot 10-of-19 overall from behind the 3-point line.

“Idaho did a real nice job of defending,” said Boise State coach Rod Jensen. “They were also knocking down big shots all night long.”

Freshman forward Abe Jackson topped the Broncos with 18 points, shooting 7-of-8 from the floor, along with grabbing 10 rebounds. Bergersen and Scott also had 13 points each.

For Idaho, Kaniel Dickens came off the bench to pull down seven rebounds in just 11 minutes. He later sprained his ankle in the second half. Dickens' status for the tournament is undetermined.

“It's time to go to the tournament and figure this thing out,” Jensen said. “Anything can happen.”

Lakers win star-studded affair

Jordan sits courtside; Lakers' Fox has big game

The Associated Press

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Michael, Scottie and Dennis showed up at the Forum, and it sure wasn't like old times.

With Michael Jordan watching from courtside, Dennis Rodman's energy and Rick Fox's big fourth quarter helped Los Angeles beat Seattle 106-90 for the Lakers' first win in four nationally televised Sunday games this season.

Rodman, playing 26 minutes in his second game for the Lakers, had two points, 10 rebounds and two assists in addition to playing effective defense as Los Angeles raised its record to 2-0 since Kurt Rambis was appointed head coach.

Fox, who didn't play in the first half, scored 15 of his 21 points in the first 8:55 of the fourth quarter to spark a 19-8 run that gave the Lakers a 96-80 lead — the biggest of the game for either team to that stage.

Fox, who played 19 minutes, made all seven of his field goal attempts — including four from 3-point range.

Shaquille O'Neal led the Lakers with 22 points and seven rebounds, and Kobe Bryant added 18 points.

Hakeem Olajuwon led the Rockets with 22 points and eight rebounds. Pippen had 16 points, six rebounds, eight assists and five steals along with five fouls, and Charles Barkley had 14 points and six assists in his first game since undergoing knee surgery.

The Rockets trailed by two points at halftime, but went on a 14-4 run to start the third quarter for a 62-54 lead.

O'Neal then spearheaded a 15-2 sprint by scoring seven points to give the Lakers a 64-49 advantage when they went on top the rest of the way. It was 77-72 entering the final period.



Los Angeles Lakers forward Dennis Rodman fights for a rebound against Houston Rockets center Hakeem Olajuwon during the fourth quarter Sunday in Inglewood, Calif. The Lakers won the game 106-90.

More NBA

Jordan, who announced his retirement in December, was seated, took his seat next to Jack Nicholson just before the opening tipoff. Only five minutes earlier, Nicholson seemed uncertain as to whether Jordan would join him.

Suddenly, several photographers appeared to snap pictures of Jordan, reminiscent in a dapper gray suit and silver-rimmed glasses. He continued to wear a bandage on the right index finger he sliced open with a cigar cutter a week before he retired, an injury that required surgery.

Finally, with a break in the action and 2:01 left before halftime, Jordan was shown on the video scoreboard and stood to acknowledge the roaring fans.

Jordan and Pippen led the Chicago Bulls to six championships in an eight-year span including the last three when Rodman was also a key member of the mix.

After Jordan retired in January, the Bulls traded Pippen to the Rockets and made it clear that without coach Phil Jackson and Jordan, they couldn't invite Rodman back.

After three weeks of uncertainty, Rodman finally signed with the Lakers and played his first game with them Friday night, getting 11 rebounds and six assists in 26 minutes of a 99-83 win over the Los Angeles Clippers.

The game also marked the return of Barkley, who underwent arthroscopic surgery to repair a tear of the medial meniscus in his left knee on Feb. 14.

Barkley, who averaged 19.2 points and 17.0 rebounds in five games before sitting out the last eight, played 19 minutes.

The game was played before a crowd of 17,505 — sixth, sellout in the eight Lakers' home games.

Maggert a perfect Match, pockets \$1M

The Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — Jeff Maggert will no longer be remembered as the player who could never close the deal. Call him the comeback kid of the Match Play Championship.

A hard-luck runner-up 13 times since 1993, Maggert showed the grit of a champion under the intense pressure of match play on Sunday, chipping in for birdie on the 38th hole to beat Andrew Magee and win the \$1 million first prize, the richest in tour history.

With such a dramatic finish, the absence of Tiger Woods, David Duval or any other of the big names in golf were soon forgotten.

From the first cut of rough behind the par-3 11th, Maggert left the pin out and sent the ball on its way. It swirled against the back of the cup and disappeared, and Maggert showed more emotion than he

birdie chances to keep the match from going extra holes.

“I’ve been around this game a long time, and I’ve seen a lot of things good and bad happen,” Maggert said. “I know if I could hang in there long enough, something good could happen. And something did.”

It was the first time Maggert had the lead since the fourth hole, a fitting tribute to a player who had to come from behind in five of his six matches this week at La Costa Resort.

Maggert is now 7-1 in match play as a professional, and the \$1 million is more than he has ever earned in any of his eight previous seasons on the PGA Tour.

Magee, a four-time winner but not since 1994, earned \$500,000 for the biggest check in his career. Still, it was a bitter ending for the 36-year-old full of guts. He took the lead on the fifth hole in the morning round of 18 and had three

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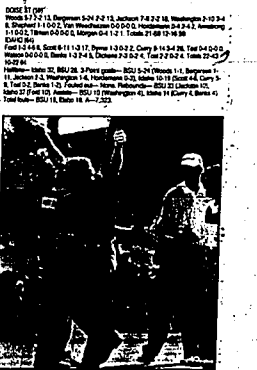
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This meant more than money to Maggert. His lost opportunities have come in just about every kind of tournament, from the Houston Open last year to the U.S. Open at Congressional in 1997, but he always struggled to get a lead.

He has either had the lead or been within five strokes of it 37 times in his career, but managed to squeeze out only one victory. And even that one — the Disney Classic in 1993 — carries a peculiar note. He had to set up floodlights to beat the darkness, making Maggert the only player to win a tournament at night.

This match looked like it might go on forever until Maggert's deft touch on the 20-foot chip.

“It's been a long time since I've been in the winner's circle,” he said. “What a time to get back in.”

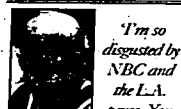


Jeff Maggert raises his arms triumphantly after beating Andrew Magee, right, Sunday in action at the World Match Play Championships in Carlsbad, Calif.

SPORTS

Sir Charles barks about Lakers U.S. world team versatile, deep

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Charles Barkley ripped into the Los Angeles Lakers on Sunday...



I'm so disgusted by NBC and the L.A. press. You guys make me sick. I'm sick of NBC showing the Lakers every week and saying how good they are. They're a glamour team.

— Charles Barkley

That was before the game. Rick Fox scored 15 of his 21 points in the first 6:55 of the fourth quarter...

games before having surgery to repair a tear of the medial meniscus in his left knee...

like our team a lot. We're going to be good. We've got a lot of good pieces. We were playing really well before I got hurt.

When asked if he ranked the Lakers fourth in the West, he smiled and said, "I don't rank 'em. They don't get anything for coming in fourth."

Barkley, who turned 36 on Feb. 20, brought career averages of 22.5 points and 11.7 rebounds into the season. He has never played on a championship team.

When asked about new teammate Scottie Pippen, who played on six championship teams with the Chicago Bulls and Michael Jordan, Barkley said, "He's not the guy (with the Rockets) right now. For the guy who I'm healthy. He was in Michael's shadow because he was supposed to be."

About returning to action two weeks after undergoing surgery, Barkley said, "I worked hard on my rehab. The main reason I came back is my contract. As me. We struggled without me."

ATLANTA (AP) — A team replete with experience led by Olympic gold medalist Greg Devers, Charles Austin and Dan O'Brien will represent the United States next weekend at the World Indoor Track and Field Championships.

Austin, the 1997 world indoor champion in the 100-meter dash, now we're a team with youth and inexperience, now we're a team with youth and experience," men's coach Russ Rogers said Saturday after the American squad for the competition was completed at the USA Championships.

Women's coach John Millar of Notre Dame also was satisfied with his team.

"The people we pinpointed early in the season made the team, so there's not a lot of surprises," he said. "It's a strong representative team."

Austin, the jump champion in Atlanta, and O'Brien, the decathlon winner at the 1996 games and the world record-holder, will spearhead the team.

and Olympic silver medalist John Godwin. "I'm excited to be here," he said.

To emphasize the strength and depth of the U.S. team, none of those five won Saturday, O'Brien had a legitimate excuse in that he didn't compete because he was in the world in the multi-events, he was handicapped by the organizers to compete in the heptathlon, an event he won in 1993.

Austin, the American outdoor record-holder in the high jump, the 1997 world indoor champion and the 1997 world indoor champion finished off for third, at 7 feet, 3 inches, behind Henry Paterson, 7-6 1/2, nor Smith met the qualifying standard of 7-7 this season, so Austin will be the lone U.S. men's high jumper.

Little missed his American record of 20.40 by 0.01 second in the 200, but finished second to Rohsaan Griffin, the 1996 NCAA outdoor champion from LSU. Griffin broke the record shared by Little and Jeff Williams, clocking 20.31.

Greene also fell 0.01 second shy of his world record in the 60 in winning his semifinal heat in 6:40

— the year's fastest time in the world. But a horrendous start ruined his chance for victory, and he finished second to Tim Harden in the final, 6:44 to 6:49.

"No one ever picks me to win," Harden said. "I've never won here and I've never been a favorite, but my win is no surprise to me."

Despite the disappointment between the sprinters, Rogers is confident they will combine to do well at the championships.

"I think we'll go 1-2 with Maurice and Harden," Rogers said.

Rogers also has high hopes for 60-meter hurdler Reggie Torian, who won the 1997 world indoor and won the national title with a 1999 world best of 7:38.

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points in the conference opener Dec. 5.

Under the current system, next year's regional tournament will be played in St. George, Utah, site of this year's women's conference champion.

There are still rumors floating about that "BIS" system will change as early as the off-season. But barring any miracles, there is no chance of next year's regional tournament being played in Rexburg — where both men's and women's programs won regional titles last season and advance to the NJCAA tournaments in Kansas.

"I think one of next year's tournament is on the back burner

throughout the Scenic West Athletic Conference, which sends its top eight men's and women's teams to Twin Falls this week to battle for Region 18's lone berth in the national tournament.

Play begins Wednesday with four men's games, followed by four women's games Thursday, four semifinals Friday and Saturday night's championships.

In Wednesday's men's games, Utah Valley State College takes on Treasure Valley at 2 p.m., Dixie meets Salt Lake Community College at 2 p.m., Snow plays North Idaho at 6 p.m., and CSI takes on Ricks at 8 p.m.

In women's action Thursday,

Salt Lake meets Snow at noon, Dixie meets UVSC at 2 p.m., Dixie meets Colorado Northwest Community College at 6 p.m., and CSI plays North Idaho at 8 p.m.

The women's finals will be at noon and 6 p.m. Friday, with the men playing at 2 and 8 p.m. and the women at 4 and 8 p.m.

Coming Tuesday: A complete look at all 16 teams in the tournament, with schedules and brackets.

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Billikens coach expected to resign

records of 16-14 and 11-18 before Hughes decided to say hello in part because of his ailing younger brother. Otherwise, Spoonhour has lost recurring battles for the top talents.

In 16 Division I seasons, Spoonhour is 318-70. Before coming to Saint Louis, he produced a 100-20 record in two seasons at nine seasons at Southwest Missouri State.

Team spokesman Doug Hughes said he could not confirm reports that the school was ready to make a change after seven seasons under Spoonhour.

But rumors have circulated for months that Spoonhour, who has four years to go on a contract that pays him \$325,000, has been talk-

ing about resigning or retiring. KSDJ in St. Louis reported Sunday night that Spoonhour would quit after the Billikens' season ends, and that he would recommend longtime assistant Greg Lackey to succeed him.

Spoonhour downplayed the talk after a victory in mid-January in an interview with the Associated Press.

"Every time we lose, I think about it," Spoonhour said. "Then we win and I think I could coach it over."

He also said that nothing would be decided until the season is over.

Spoonhour made no mention of his future at the team's annual awards banquet Sunday night.

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Williams sisters take tour titles

The Associated Press

Playing a continent apart, teenage sisters Venus and Serena Williams have been e-mailing each other all week, e-mailing they had plenty to say, becoming the first sisters to win WTA Tour events on the same day.

First, Serena defeated Amelie Mauresmo 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (7-4) for her first WTA Tour victory in the Gaz de France Open in Paris. Then Venus defeated her rival, defeating Amanda Coetzer 6-4, 6-0 at the IGA SuperTour Tennis Classic at Oklahoma City.

"This is just totally unreal for us," said Richard Williams, the girls' father and coach, who accompanied Venus in Oklahoma City.

"It makes me think about where we came from, out of the ghetto (of Compton, Calif.). To have them both win... it brought tears to my eyes."

Serena escaped a third-set jam when she blew a 4-1 lead and then was unable to close out Mauresmo when she served for the match at 5-4.

The trouble was only temporary. The 17-year-old regrouped to defeat Mauresmo, who was finalist at last month's Australian Open and defeated Martina Hingis earlier in the week.

"I have always dreamed of winning Grand Slams and this is a start," Williams said. "It is good to win a smaller tournament because when I get to the big events I will have the experience."

Because of the time difference, the Williams knew how her kid sister would feel. Serena went out to face Coetzer in Oklahoma City.

"I found out that she won before I came out to play the match, so I really felt that it was my duty to come out here and win," Venus said.

It completed a perfect tournament for the Williams sisters. No. 5 player in the world, Serena



Serena Williams returns a shot against France's Amelie Mauresmo Sunday at the Gaz de France Open in Paris. Williams won the match 6-2, 3-6, 7-6 (7-4) to claim her first-ever WTA tennis title.

Pro tennis

will advance from No. 24 to No. 21. Venus did not lose a set in her four matches this weekend and finished each match in less than an hour.

Richard Williams thought Serena might have given Venus more trouble than any of the opponents his older daughter faced.

"I don't think anyone challenges the ball like Serena does," he said.

"I really think Serena would have been the one to win this tournament last year if her knee wasn't hurt."

"No one hits a forehand like Serena. Her code takes a lot of a serve as well as Serena."

Serena said Mauresmo's strokes were powerful, but nothing like the shots she faces when she practices with Venus.

Krajicek beats Rusedski in Guardian Cup final

LONDON — Emotion-filled Richard Krajicek outgunned Greg Rusedski — who briefly gave way to a ball girl — in a close match between hard-serving players Sunday to win the Guardian Direct Cup.

The fourth-seeded Krajicek had 31 aces to the British left-hander's 11 in a match that lasted 2 hours, 5 minutes in a wind-battered giant tent at London's Battersea Park. The Dutchman, who got his first tournament win in London, defeated Rusedski 7-6 (8-6), 6-7 (7-5), 7-5.

Malone, Jazz burn Spurs 101-87

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Karl Malone scored 30 points and Utah maintained its league dominance with a 101-87 victory Sunday over the inconsistent San Antonio Spurs.

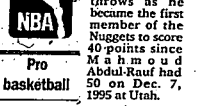
Malone scored 17 of his points in the first two quarters, pushing Utah to a 14-point halftime lead that the Spurs couldn't overcome despite 21 points and 13 rebounds from Tim Duncan.

Jeff Hornacek added 18 points for the Jazz, while John Stockton scored 14 points and had 10 assists.

Nuggets 116, Grizzlies 112

DENVER — Antonio McDyess had career-highs of 46 points and 19 rebounds and the Denver Nuggets got two 3-pointers by Chauncey Billups in the last minute.

McDyess was 16-for-25 from the field and 14-for-18 on free throws as he became the first member of the Nuggets to score 40 points since M a h m o u d Abdul-Rauf had 50 on Dec. 7, 1995 at Utah.



Pro basketball



Philadelphia 76ers guard Allen Iverson cuts between Milwaukee Bucks defenders Tyrone Hill, left, and Robert Traylor Sunday in Milwaukee.

76ers 87, Bucks 76

MILWAUKEE — Allen Iverson overcame a slow start Sunday with 25 points and Larry Hughes added 17 as Philadelphia won its fourth straight.

Iverson, the NBA's leading scorer, missed 10 of his first 13 shots and the 76ers gave up 13 straight points to trail 13-4 after six lead changes. He finished 8-for-24 from the field and 9-of-11 on free throws.

Matt Geiger added 16 points for the 76ers, who led by as many as 17 in the fourth quarter.

Ray Allen led the Bucks with 16 points.

Pistons 89, Knicks 68

AUBURN HILLS, Mich. — Joe Dumars continued his hot streak with 22 points to lead the Detroit Pistons. The Pistons are now 4-0 since Dumars, playing in his 14th and final season, returned to the lineup after suffering injury. He is averaging 20.5 points and four assists in the winning streak.

Lindsey Hunter added 16 points for the Pistons, while Jerry Stackhouse scored 13 off the bench.

Allan Houston led the Knicks with 13, while Larry Johnson scored 12 — but only two after the first quarter.

Heat 84, Magic 78

MIAMI — P.J. Brown hit a 12-foot jumper with 13.4 seconds to play and then added a key steal as injury-depleted Miami overcame a 20-point deficit.

Alonso Mourning paced Miami with 24 points, despite hitting just five of 20 from the field. Nick Anderson led Orlando with 25.

Suns 102, Warriors 89

PHOENIX — Cliff Robinson scored 20 points and Phoenix held Golden State to an NBA record-tying six points in the fourth quarter.

After trailing by 15 with 5:12 minutes left in the third quarter, the Suns held Golden State to the lowest-scoring quarter in team history.

Jason Kidd had 17 points, 11 assists and seven rebounds for the Suns. Tom Gugliotta added 20 points for Phoenix but only five in the second half.

Bulls 90, Raptors 88

TORONTO — Randy Brown made a 19-footer as the buzzer sounded in overtime to give Chicago its first two-game winning streak of the season.

Brown finished with 17 points and nine rebounds. Brent Barry, who replaced the injured Mark Bryant in the starting lineup, led Chicago with 19 points. Toni Kukoc had 18 points, six assists and six rebounds and Dickey Simpkins added 17 points.

Spartans blast Purdue 60-46

WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. (AP) — Matt Peterson doesn't mind coming off the bench and his unselfishness is paying off for Michigan State.

Peterson, who leads the Spartans in scoring, has been the only starter three of their 30 games, sparked a second-half run that sent No. 3 Michigan State to its second straight victory. The Ten victory, 60-46 over No. 23 Purdue on Sunday.

Greg McQuay, the former College of Southern Indiana star, led Purdue with 12 points and pulled the Boilermakers to within 42-34 with 10:09 remaining. Purdue was unable to draw any closer.

Michigan State (26-4, 15-1) won for the 22nd time in 23 games heading into the conference tournament for a third straight year. The Spartans are hoping to lock up a No. 1 when NCAA bids are awarded next Sunday.

No. 4 Connecticut 70, No. 24 Syracuse 58

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Like his Connecticut teammates, Khalid El-amin wasn't about to forget what Syracuse did to the Huskies a month ago.

What the Orangemen (19-10, 10-8) did was soundly beat them 59-42, handing UConn its first loss of the season. On Sunday, the Huskies, who played that first game without injured starters Jake Voskuhl and Richard Hamilton, swept the first game with an aberration.

"We wanted to come out and show we're really the best team in the Big East," said El-Amin.

Tennessee 68; No. 13 Kentucky 61

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tony Harris paced Tennessee with 18 points Sunday as the Volunteers upset No. 13 Kentucky 68-61 to sweep the Wildcat's first game in time in two decades and capture the Southeastern Conference East Division crown.

No. 17 Coll. of Charleston 77, App. St. 67

GREENSBORO, N.C. — College of Charleston fans came with brooms in hand. The red-hot Cougars made sure they used them.

The victory was the 25th in a row for the Cougars (22-1, 10-1) as they moved to the NCAA tournament.

College basketball

ment as the Southern Conference's automatic bid.

Massachusetts 57, No. 24 Temple 49

AMHERST, Mass. — Monty Mack hit five 3-pointers and finished with 18 points as the Minutemen held the Owls to just two baskets for nearly the entire second half en route to a 57-49 upset on Sunday.

Murray State 62, SE Missouri 61

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Twice this season Southeast Missouri had a victory over Murray State within reach and twice Aubrey Reese has turned those wins into losses.

It was the third straight OVC championship for the Racers (27-5), who are heading to the NCAA tournament for a third straight year. It also was their 15th straight victory over the Indians (20-9).

Women's Games No. 1 Purdue 72, Ohio State 59

COLUMBIANA, Ohio — Stephanie White-McCary played strong, but No. 1 Purdue showed off some other weapons while advancing to the finals of the Big Ten Conference women's basketball tournament.

No. 6 Connecticut 82, St. John's 58

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — The quick run to start the game is just what Connecticut wanted from No. 6 Connecticut. The 28 turnovers and the periods of little play after that was out of character, and the Huskies' coach took the blame.

While the victory advanced the top-seeded Huskies (25-4) to the semifinals on Monday night against Georgetown (18-10), Ariemma said his team needs to improve if it wants to win a sixth straight conference tournament.

No. 7 Rutgers 79, Miami 53

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Rutgers didn't do anything surprising to

beat Miami for a third straight time. They played defense, except with a little more intensity this time.

No. 10 Notre Dame 83, Villanova 53

PISCATAWAY, N.J. — Niele Ivey scored 19 points and hit two consecutive 3-pointers to ignite an early 16-3 spurt that led No. 10 Notre Dame to victory in the quarterfinals of the Big East Conference tournament.

The seed-seeded Irish (24-3) led by 19 points at halftime and poured it on in the second half in advancing to a semifinal game against No. 7 Rutgers (26-4) on Monday night. No. 6 Connecticut (25-4) will play Georgetown (18-10) in the other semifinal.

No. 16 Clemson 76, No. 8 Duke 71

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Coast 19 to the Atlantic Coast Conference women's title game on the line Sunday, the best offense in the league was no match for the top defense.

Duke (24-6) once again came up short in its quest for its first league championship.

Xavier 86, Virginia Tech 79

PHILADELPHIA — Good shooting will do it every time. Xavier hit 58 percent from the field and 50 percent from beyond the 3-point arc to knock off No. 9 Virginia Tech 86-79 in the Atlantic 10 Conference semifinals on Sunday night.

No. 13 North Carolina 83, No. 19 Virginia 70

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — North Carolina needed just 5 minutes, 10 seconds to erase a 15-point, first-half deficit, and the 13th-ranked Tar Heels went on to an 83-70 victory against No. 19 Virginia in the Atlantic Coast Conference semifinals Sunday.

Illinois 77, No. 15 Penn State 75

INDIANAPOLIS — Tauja Catchings' jumper with one second left sealed a 77-75 victory for Illinois against No. 15 Penn State in the Big Ten Conference semifinals Sunday.

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OTHER VIEWS

Breaching four Snake dams isn't only step to save salmon

From The Idaho Statesman (Boise) — About 2,000 people rallied in eastern Washington recently in support of keeping four lower Snake River dams. Their concerns are legitimate.

Many people will be affected if the dams are breached. That's why the current \$20 million U.S. Army Corps of Engineers study should include a complete mitigation plan for communities and families that would be affected by breaching.

Dam breaching, as dam supporters point out, isn't a "silver bullet" for saving Idaho's salmon and steelhead. Other steps must be taken.

Such a plan will be imperative if decision-makers follow scientific evidence and breach the dams. Breaching, as dam supporters point out, isn't a "silver bullet." Other steps — a moratorium on fishing, closing hatcheries, continued habitat clean-up, etc. — must be taken. But breaching and a return-to-river conditions similar to those in the 1960s are the most imperative steps.

The fish won't come back without them. And clearly breaching is not a painless solution to bring back Idaho's salmon and steelhead runs. There are consequences, which opponents duly noted during their rally.

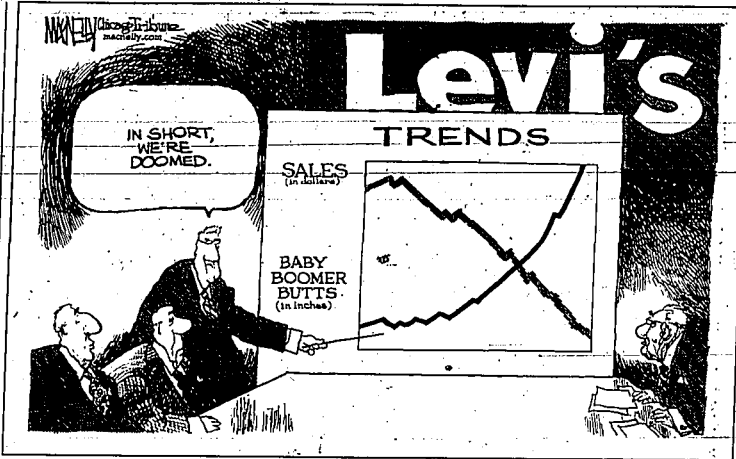
But too often the benefits of breaching are forgotten or ignored: A restored fishing industry in Idaho.

The protection of Idaho water, as the need to flush juvenile salmon to the sea will be eliminated. With recovery, the end of Endangered Species restrictions. An end to taxpayers' and electricity ratepayers' burden of fixing dams, paying for salmon restoration and subsidizing river navigation. Salvation of an important part of Idaho culture with restored fish runs.

Those individuals who rallied in favor of the dams must not be ignored. They will need help making the transition.

According to a study by the ports, Lewiston has experienced modest growth at best since the ports were built. It can be argued that the ports are dependent on segments of the economy not likely to grow tremendously in the future, such as timber and agriculture.

Still, people will be affected with breaching and the end of the ports. They are dependent on the ports. The Corps' study is a good place to look at mitigation and how people and communities can be helped if breaching takes place.



Uncool Wall Street puts Levi's through wringer

MARIE COCCO

What do you say when the nice guy finishes first? The business pages said the other day that Levi Strauss & Co. was closing off 5,900 workers. The work is going overseas, to Asia and Latin America, probably. The analysts quoted in the business pages said this was an obvious step and obviously a good one.

Teen-agers have stopped buying Levi's because they aren't baggy enough, or aren't cut down to the hip, or don't have enough pockets running down each leg to fit everything you might need to run away for a few days. So Levi's sales and revenues are down.

Levi Strauss pays about \$8 or \$10 an hour to unionized American workers, before benefits. None of its competitors, the blue-jean companies that stitch on the name of a famous designer who has a house in the Hamptons, does any manufacturing in America.

Levi Strauss pays its American workers decent wages, gives them health benefits, even takes pains to be involved in

their communities, funding things like education for inner-citys who are trying to become citizens. "They're a model company," said John Mort, a spokeswoman for UNITE, the Union of Needle Trades, Industrial and Textile Employees.

Such a model that the termination package the laid-off workers are to get includes extended health benefits, severance pay and even a special fund from which the people who beat over sewing machines all day can draw as much as \$6,000 for re-training or even to start up their own small businesses.

That is another thing about Levi Strauss that is different and that makes the company either worthy of special recognition (in my view) or a corporate chump (in the analysts' view). It does ask.

It was the first company to write a code of conduct for its network of subcontractors around the globe so that the descendants of Levi Strauss, the Bavarian immigrant who started the company, could

sleep at night. Knowing what goes on in the overseas factories is something Levi Strauss felt compelled to include in its own code of conduct, written in 1991: "We will not utilize child labor... We will not utilize prison or forced labor... We will not utilize business partners who use corporal punishment or other forms of mental or physical coercion... We will not use contractors who, on a regular basis, require in excess of a 60-hour week."

The company says it will stick to this code as it finds factories abroad to do the work of the 5,900 unionized workers being let go at home. This is not fashionable, this worry over whether a 40-year-old girl in Mexico is getting a warped spine and going blind because she is stitching jeans all day and into the night.

Levi Strauss seems determined to be old-fashioned, even as it re-fashions itself.

But how does a business square its urge to do right with its obligation to do all right at business? How long will it be before the company's last 11 plants in the United States and Canada are shut? We are happy now because in this global economy union workers are paid almost nothing so inflation is low and our mills are full of teen-agers who can buy jeans made by kids their own age. This is perfect, economically speaking, according to the analysts.

They do not comment on what it means when a good company like Levi Strauss has to give up some goodness to survive.

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'Watchdog' downplays plutonium

Your tax dollars pay \$60,000 a year to Kathleen Trever to be the state's nuclear watchdog. Her long letter to *The Times-News* on Jan. 20 was typical of her efforts to deceive and mislead the people of Idaho instead of protecting us.

Let me be specific in response to *The Times-News* editorials that praise her efforts at the Farm Bureau and Congressional Chenoweth opposing the "cleanup" plan that will open a new nuclear dump over our water. Trever states she could "save money" for the federal government! She admits the "cleanup" plan will open a new 54-acre nuclear dump over our water, but nowhere does she mention the word plutonium! In fact, she purposely only talks about the cesium lasting 24 years. The billions of cesium-causing plutonium particles to be buried last 240,000 years, so why are they not mentioned? Is she a watchdog or a watchdog?

The plutonium has already leaked 240 feet deep in this flood zone, so why not ship it out of state like they promised? Trever claims there is no public opposition to opening this new dump!

When I said the "Get the waste out" deal allowed the reburial of plutonium, Trever and our politicians denied it. Now, before your eyes, they are trying to justify how much money it will save to dump it on site. Dirty deeds done dirt cheap. I will debate Trever anytime, anywhere.

This rape of Idaho can still be stopped, but not if you let your politicians lie to you. Please consider asking our state legislators to speak up and ban the reburial of plutonium. You can call them toll free at (800) 626-0471. I know they are busy stuffing in your dollars around to pay for Dirk's education adviser, but hey, maybe they could spare a minute to save our water from plutonium.

As reported by Charles Lemmon of KMYT, boxes of important nuclear documents have come up missing at the Department of Energy. As a member of the Centers for Disease Control's advisory panel, which is commissioned to reconstruct the health effects of radiation ex-

posure from the many accidents and intentional nuclear releases, I am not surprised. These boxes of documents were their possession from the on-going document destruction effort of the DOE. Oops, can our politicians say "paper shredder" — sure they can.

One nation, under God, with liberty and justice for all — maybe someday.
DR. PETER RICKARDS
Twin Falls

Editorial shows folly of breaching

Thank you so much for restoring my faith in Idaho newspapers. Your editorial on the folly called "dam breaching" was more accurate and clearly stated than anything I've read in any newspaper to date. The only thing I questioned was your assertion that the "close cousins" of Idaho salmon are flourishing "in streams from California to Alaska." Recent information I've seen indicates that salmon populations from here to Alaska are suffering, too. I find that remarkable since most of their native streams and rivers have no dams on them whatsoever, indicating that dams in the NW do not harm their demise or their recovery.

I applaud your courage in speaking the truth. I'm sure you have been bombarded with a stack of complaint letters from those who keep confusing "political" science with "verifiable, peer-reviewed" science. Even Will Stelle, the director of the Northwest Regional office of the National Marine Fisheries Service, says those that have publicly declared that "the science is in" and that have chaired the Scientific Review Panel as recommending dam breaching as the best way to save salmon are not speaking the truth. Stelle says there's a long way to go before the scientific puzzle takes shape, and he says we must refrain from jumping to conclusions and continue to work together to build robust salmon runs and a strong regional economy for our children and grandchildren. Sounds just like what you're saying. Thanks again.

TOM DAYLEY
Idaho Farm Bureau
Pocatello

Teens and sex: The lure of forbidden fruit

JAMES WAGONER

In the United States, why do about 700,000 teens become pregnant each year? Why do 3 million teens contract a sexually transmitted infection each year? Why do 50 percent of new HIV cases occur among young people under the age of 25? Why, despite recent declines, is the U.S. teen birth rate three times that of Germany, nearly six times that of France, and over seven times that of the Netherlands?

Advocates for Youth led a fact-finding team of experts and graduate students to Germany, France and the Netherlands to examine the different approaches to teen sexual health, hoping to find a solution to teen pregnancy, abortion and HIV infection.

Could it be a mass media campaign like those that boast a single, consistent message — safe sex or no sex? How about public health systems that make contraception available confidentially, at little or no cost? Or maybe it's all about communication — the open, honest and early conversations about sexuality that families, educators and health-care providers give with teens?

We discovered that success does not rest on a single program or strategy. Values and attitudes are equally important. The German, French and Dutch nations present sexuality as a normal part of growing up. These countries spend little

time and effort trying to scare young people about sex. Instead they focus on educating and empowering young people to think and act responsibly in regard to sex. Is this a formula for lax morality and promiscuity? No. Dutch teens — growing up in the most open and liberal system — begin sexual intercourse later, have fewer partners and experience a teen birth rate eight times less than ours.

"In the Netherlands, teen-agers can find out anything about sex," says Cindy Grotzinger, a 16-year-old Dutch student living in Washington, D.C. "We are open about it, because the shame has to be ashamed of. Teens shouldn't have to explore sex to find out what it means."

These societies subscribe to the three R's: respect, responsibility, rights, responsibilities and respect. Young people have rights to accurate information and confidential health services. In return, they are expected to behave responsibly by postponing sex until their later teen years and by protecting themselves and their partners when they become sexually active.

In the United States, we are uncomfortable discussing sexuality and, espe-

cially, teenage sexuality. A recent Kaiser/ABC poll found that 63 percent of Americans believe we are "upright about sex, and 69 percent believe that if we talked more openly about sexual issues, unplanned pregnancy and STDs would be less of a problem.

We send confused and conflicting messages to teens. Advertising and entertainment programming too often send messages that seem to say, "Just do it!" Meanwhile, the congressionally mandated, government message to students is: "Just say no until you're married," despite the fact that the average age of marriage is nearly 26, and 69 percent of marriages of teens have had sexual intercourse.

"Because of all we see and hear about sex in France, it is less of a forbidden fruit," said Marianne Malicot, 18, at a Capital Hill hearing on adolescent sexual health. "The temptation and the curiosity might be reduced by the knowledge."

Maybe we can use the experiences of the Dutch, the Germans and the French to help us find more balanced approaches to adolescent sexual health — approaches that really work.

James Wagoner is president of *Advocates for Youth*, a national non-profit organization that works to help young people reduce teen pregnancies, HIV/AIDS, and STDs.

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OPINION

LETTERS

Victim feels violated

On Feb. 24, I was at my child's preschool having lunch with my child. When it was time to go home, I found that my purse was missing from the classroom. The staff and I searched the whole building, trash cans and even the students, etc. No purse was found.

I feel that I have been violated. I guess I can't understand how people are so desperate to take other people's personal belongings. I don't really care if you want the money, that is not so important to me. It's the other things that were inside my purse.

So I hope that you really need my purse and the belongings and you made good use of it. I guess this should let people know that no matter where you are, you cannot trust anybody.

ANGEL ORR
Twin Falls

Photos give dogs chance

I would also like to thank *The Times-News* for publishing photos of adoptable dogs. Without at least that, some dogs do not have a chance. I responded last month to a photo that I believed was my missing dog. It fooled my daughter and I fight up to entering the dog's cage. At that point, the dog clearly did not know us.

When asked why they did not call to notify us of this animal that very much fit our dog's description, they said, "We find lots of dogs and cannot call everyone who notifies us about their missing pet. Besides this dog does not have a red collar." The sheltered dog had no collar at all. Well, collars fall off.

Oh, by the way, the reason we even have this dog that climbs our fence is because it helped us get over the deaths of our two puppies that the Twin Falls

Animal Shelter put to sleep 15 minutes after they arrived from Kimberly in January a year ago. The shelter was even notified by us that they would be arriving. They had been in the Kimberly pound for three days. We were gone to a funeral in Utah and our attendant did not notify us that they were missing we discovered it upon returning home. The Kimberly pound was notified immediately. They said the dogs were on their way to the Twin Falls pound. We called the Twin Falls pound and talked to Misty. She said the dogs would be noted as having owners. Well, guess what: They arrived at 1:10 and were dead at 1:25. It's the Twin Falls pound's policy to kill all outlying animals.

The Twin Falls pound is run by a bunch of loose cannons. The city needs to revamp this organization. We indeed made and still probably will make mistakes concerning our animals, but you would think that any organization that can snuff out life would error on the side of life. Killing an animal 15 minutes after arrival is bloodletting. Maybe my headline should have been "Dead dogs don't lie, except at the dump."

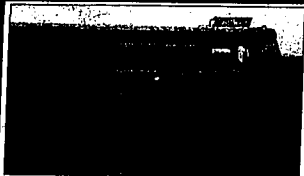
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Kimberly

Jerome deserves money

In business dealings we had as private business owners, with the city, Jerome. We are convinced that the current administration is very conservative. It is easy to come to spending tax dollars. The need for the proposed bond to build a new middle school is well documented. It is easy to say no; however, we ask you for find a reason to say yes.

Please join with us and vote yes.
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Jerome

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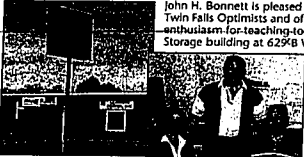


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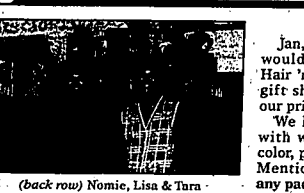
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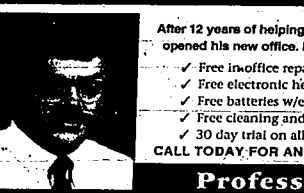
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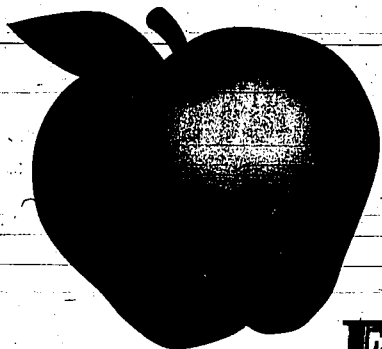
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It's Mr. Nobody, and he's flying nowhere

Lately there's been a lot of talk about an Air Traveler's Bill of Rights. This idea got a big push in January, when a snowstorm forced some scheduled planes to sit out on the Detroit airport runway for as long as eight hours, during which several passengers were eaten by wolves. This incident provoked national criticism of the airline involved, which I will not identify here other than to call it The Diametrically Opposite of Southeast Airlines. In its defense, the airline issued the following statement:

"We are experiencing mechanical difficulties with our statement.

I personally have had good luck with Diametrically Opposite Airlines, which — this is true — recently flew me from Miami to Traverse City, Mich., via Detroit, for free. I fully intended to pay for the trip. I purchased what I thought was a ticket, and I used it to board the Miami-Detroit flight. But when I got to Detroit and tried to board the Traverse City flight, the gate agent told me my "ticket" was not a ticket. She then looked in her computer and told me, quote, "You're not in the system."

"But Pan-Here," I pointed out. It was true. I was there.

"Well, there's no record that you're here," the agent said. She called a supervisor, who checked the computer and also concluded that I was not there. I continued to insist that I was there.

but I could tell they both believed the computer. Finally, just to get rid of me, they put me, with no ticket, on the flight to Traverse City. Where there was no record of my existence. I'm wondering if this is what happened to Amelia Earhart. All I know is, I was never charged for either leg of my trip to Traverse City, which is a very nice, tourist destination, featuring an annual ice-fishing festival, where this year, the most popular attraction by a far way — I swear, I am not making this up — is giant, pilot-carved from ice.

But my basic point is that air travel has become less and less pleasant, as more and more passengers are being crammed into planes that appear to have been configured to transport bait. This is why there is talk of an Air Traveler's Bill of Rights, which would require airlines to determine their fares on some basis other than lotto drawings, and serve food that is not made from the same material as flotation devices, and provide seats that allow for the possibility — however remote — that some passengers might have both arms and legs.

As a frequent flyer, I am for these basic rights, and would urge them to be expanded to include the following:

1. A pilot has the right to know that the passenger is alert and in good physical condition. If the passenger is not, the passenger may check the pilot's reflexes by challenging him to a game of "slaps."

2. If the in-flight movie is "The Wrath of Kane" and it has been on the movie on the past four consecutive flights that a passenger has been on, the passenger has the right to demand that the pilot fly the plane into a mountain.

3. If a passenger is standing at the ticket counter with some hideously complex airline problem that has caused the other airline passengers to be sucked over, one by one, until they are all gathered in front of the problem passenger, staring in bafflement at the computer terminal, and this has been going on for 25 minutes, then the passengers waiting in line behind the problem passenger have the right to emit a hoarse cry of rage, rush forward in a mob and stuff the problem passenger into the little box that indicates the maximum size of carry-on baggage.

4. If, during the flight, a passenger hears a furry noise and asks the flight attendant what it is, the passenger has the right to not be brushed off with some condescending statement such as "that's a hydraulic compressor, it's perfectly normal." The flight attendant should just admit the plane is going to crash and everybody is going to die. Likewise, during the preflight safety lecture, the passenger has the right not to hear that same information. In the event of a water landing, the flight attendant should say, "you are Purina Crab Chow."

5. Passengers changing planes in the Dallas-Fort Worth airport have the right to be provided with some way to travel the average 17-mile-to-they're-connecting-gates distance. If the passenger is in a car that travels at the speed of fingernail growth and at one point passes through Mexico. Also, the Miami, Atlanta and Detroit airports should be renovated with nuclear weapons. The Denver airport is nice but should be moved to the same state as Denver.

So those are my views on Air Traveler's Rights. If you're a frequent flyer, and you want to share your thoughts on this topic, I'd love for you to get in touch with me. Unfortunately, there is no record of my existence.

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



Winter under your skin?

One-two punch of low humidity, temperatures doesn't have to wreak havoc on your face

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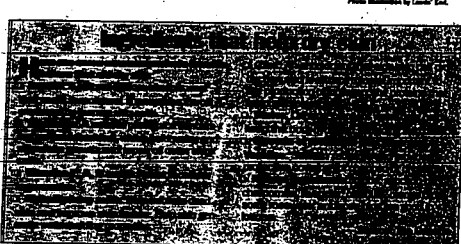
Does your skin feel like crawling scales? Does it look like the hide on an aged elephant?

Are you itchier than a dog at a flea circus?

You're not alone. Dry skin is a common problem for many people, especially during these cold winter months when both the humidity and temperatures are at their lowest. From New Mexico to Idaho, January, February and March are the driest and coldest months of the year, according to the National Weather Service.

"A lot of people think it's (dry skin) because of the altitude, but it's really because of the low humidity," says Dr. James McCoy, Colorado Springs, Colo., dermatologist. People who move to the interior West from warmer, wetter climates find their skin conditions can change dramatically in just one year.

"In winter, things get worse because



we are living in an indoors environment where the heat bakes out what precious little moisture there is in the air to begin with," he says.

Factors such as humidity in the air and moisture only slightly. Adding a cool vaporizing humidifier in rooms where you spend the most time — kitchen, family room, bedroom — can help.

Over-the-counter, your exposed skin is assaulted by wind, cold and sun, which speed the evaporation of moisture from skin surfaces. Without proper care, the result is cracked, flaky and itchy body parts, McCoy says. In addition to the face and hands, the knees, elbows and heels — which rub against clothing or shoes — are the driest spots.

Aging is another factor that leads to dry skin because older skin, particularly skin that has had years of exposure to the sun, loses its natural ability to produce oils, McCoy says.

The National Institute on Aging says 85 percent of older people develop "winter itch" because they spend so much time in overheated indoor air. The condition can also be aggravated by ailments, like diabetes and kidney disease and by some medications.

The best solution to dry winter skin is to prevent dryness in the first place by regularly using moisturizing lotions, especially right after a shower or bath, and drink plenty of water to stay

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Your rebellious hairline is trying to tell you something

DEAR PAULA: I've been having a terrible time with breakouts along my hairline. It's unsanitary and annoying. Is there anything I can do to make a difference?

—LISA, MADISON, WIS.
DEAR LISA: If you've been having problems with breakouts along your hairline, you need to be sure you're not having problems with your shampoo or conditioner. Change to a shampoo with no conditioning agents (such as aloe, lanolin or vitamins) and use only the smallest amount of conditioner on the ends. Do this for a few days and see what happens. If the breakouts seem to be clearing up, you'll know you were using products that were too clogging for your scalp. Also, be sure the styling products you're using, especially, are oil-free. Gels and mousses aren't coming into contact with your skin. Styling products are a sure way to encourage breakouts, as the film-forming ingredients are great pore cloggers!

DEAR PAULA: Axye, blyd for those of us with thick, curly, kinked, or damaged hair!
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COSMETICS Q&A

Paula Begoun

DEAR EVELYN: If your hair is thick and coarse and you're just aging, you may want to consider getting a bit more from your conditioner. Rather than investing in deep-conditioning products, take your regular conditioner and mix in a drop of M Professional Shine Oil Laminant, a pure silicone serum and a drop of squalene oil. Rub that mix just at the ends of your hair and not the roots — unless you have a dry scalp or very fall hair you're trying to control, in which case the roots can take this treatment too — and let the mixture soak in for a while. Depending on your hair type, you can wash this mixture out or just move it off.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (Doubtful), (Doubtful Press, \$29.95). Write to her at 3073 Gateway Drive, Suite 300, Tukwila, Wash. 98168 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com

Hypnotherapy: Probing what's on your mind

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS — One day Renny Vickers' phone rang when it was unplugged.

She had been immersed in three years of meditation, prayer and scripture study after becoming disillusioned with the nursing profession.

After a series of events she discovered that she was "meant" to go into the field of hypnotherapy.

And that's exactly what she did. In the field of psychology, many traditional psychologists and psychiatrists question the validity of hypnosis.

But some however are starting to put more faith in it, said Dr. Kayne Kishiyama, a Twin Falls psychologist.

"Maybe 30 or 40 percent would question the validity," he said.

With hypnotherapy — as with any therapy — different things work for different people. Hypnosis is not the solution for everyone, Vickers said.

"If they don't have a positive feeling it won't work for them," she said.

"Hypnosis has to be constant of your mind to let me work with you. If that person is willing, their mind can be changed. But you have to want to change."

Hypnosis is used to bypass the security system of the mind and really find the root of people's problems, she said.

"It is one of the most effective ways to get to the root of the problem," Vickers said. "Our mind is so wonderful that we can actually find out what's going on without even having to ask them."

Instead of a doctor having time to get to the root of the problem, they're just put on medication. When does the medication stop?

Kishiyama believes that is one definite benefit to hypnosis.

"We all have these defenses we put up that will bar things from coming into our consciousness," he said.

"Hypnotherapy will sometimes help you get past those."

But the thing that is the beneficial about hypnotherapy can also be a danger.

"It can be dangerous because you get somebody into a trance and they have these repressed memories," Kishiyama said. "Inexperienced therapists can go in there and uncover these and that can be dangerous because there is a reason the patient has suppressed them. It can be dangerous in the wrong hands."

False-memory syndrome can also come about through hypnosis, which is why many people have recently shy away from the technique, Kishiyama said.

"You have to be very careful with what you say in hypnosis because the brain will interpret it differently," Vickers said.

And false-memory syndrome doesn't just happen with hypnotherapy.

False-memory syndrome can also happen in talking therapy, Kishiyama said. "When the therapist is talking to the patient they can actually influence the patient to believe they were abused."

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No faith healing

Faith and religion may offer comfort to the sick and dying but there is no medical evidence that they cure disease or improve health. That's according to Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center researchers, who write in the British medical journal The Lancet that "Even in the best studies, the evidence of an association between religion, spirituality, and health is weak and inconsistent."

Look who's talking?

Parents who boast that their babies started talking at the age of six months may not be exaggerating. A study in the Journal Psychological Science shows that babies that young can not only babble out "mama" and "dada" but seem to understand what the words mean. But any younger, and the little geniuses are indeed just babbling. Ruth Taxel and Perer Juszyk at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore said.

When the fur flies

Spending of communication, by studying monkeys, apes and other animals, scientists are learning how really important it is to kiss and make up soon after a furious fight. Newstudy reports. Long-term observation shows that social animals use well-established peacemaking tactics to smooth over bruised feelings caused by combat. Reporting to the American Association for the

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Advancement of Science, researchers said there is far more advantage in friendship than cooperation in sulking and alienation, says the report in Newsday.

Fair to middling

We often dread the mid-life period, but a new study says it's not as dire as old decades generally have a greater sense of physical, emotional and mental well-being than was previously believed. Midlife is a "new dawn," says a director of the MacArthur Foundation research project. "People like their marriages, they like their children and they feel secure in their work."

Speed limits

Speed-limit increases enacted by 24 states in 1995 and 1996 after Congress repealed the national speed limit are to blame for a dramatic increase in fatal fatalities in those states, according to a report from an insurance industry group. Researchers for the Arlington, Va.-based Insurance Institute for Highway Safety compared 1996-97 fatality rates in states that increased or eliminated speed limits with those that made no changes. The study found a 15 percent increase (measured in deaths per vehicle mile) in the states that altered speed limits and no change in those that did not.

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Illustration by Charles E. Wilson, M.D.

OSHA thinks your boss should ease aches and pains

WASHINGTON — With an aging work force prone to back strains, sore wrists and stiff necks, federal regulators last month resumed a controversial effort to require that employers help workers avoid injury from heavy lifting, repetitive motion and long hours at awkward work stations.

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration, or OSHA, said it is pressing ahead with an "ergonomics" rule blocked for three years by congressional Republicans and business groups. The regulation, which could take two more years to make its way through the rule-making process, would affect about 2 million workplaces, from factories to nursing homes to offices.

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Osteoporosis is detectable, treatable

Knight Ridder News Service

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Jane Stacy's mother broke her hip, moved into a nursing home and then broke her hip again, dying last year at the age of 93.

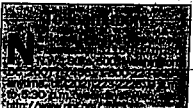
The experience frightened Stacy, who "saw the handwriting on the wall."

Not only did she have her mother's genes, she had several other risk factors for developing the brittle-bone disease called osteoporosis. At 66 and postmenopausal, she's a petite woman who has been taking steroids for many years because of multiple sclerosis. Her upper back had begun to curve, so that she appeared hunched over.

But unlike women of her mother's generation, Stacy could do more than just drink milk and avoid falls.

When a bone density test confirmed osteoporosis, her doctor prescribed Fosamax, one of several drugs approved in recent years to prevent and even reverse bone loss.

Two years later, follow-up tests



show that her bone strength has improved significantly. The fracture risk in her hips went from 40 times greater, than normal to seven times greater.

"I wanted to jump up and down for joy," she said.

With new tests for bone density and new drug treatments, osteoporosis could be a problem whose end is in sight.

"There's no reason for any woman who currently has a straight back to ever have a curved back. The disease is detectable and now it's treatable," said Scott Humphries, Stacy's son-in-law who operates a bone-density testing business that contracts with area physicians.

Still, even though doctors report a rising interest in testing,

some say they'd like to see more. Nationally, osteoporosis is responsible for 1.5 million fractures each year. One of every two women and one of every eight men over age 50 will suffer an osteoporosis-related fracture in their lifetimes.

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Work up a cold sweat: Shaping up outdoors in the winter

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — There's a bonus prize for exercisers who embrace winter's short days and bone-chilling temperatures: Working out outdoors burns more calories. Any time you're generating heat, you're burning calories, and the more the mercury drops, the more your body generates heat to keep warm.

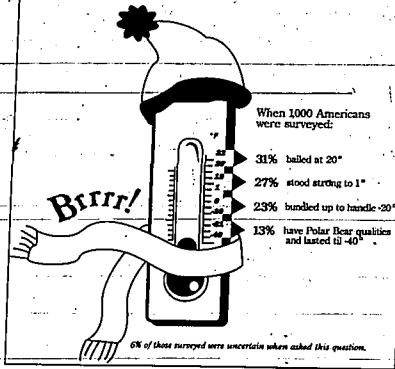
Yet, experts caution that intermittent forays into the frost are booby-trapped with possibilities for injury and disappointment. "The problem with these recreational sports is people don't train for them: They just go and do them," says Ronald Franceschini Jr., clinical coordinator of cardiopulmonary rehabilitation at Pomona, N.J.'s Bacharach Institute for Rehabilitation.

Cold-weather conditions combined with inadequate training can put the out-of-shape at risk for heart attacks (think of the annual spate of fatal snow-shoveling incidents), muscle pulls, strains and even broken bones.

Here's a fitness guide to some of the most common winter sports.

• **Skating.** Cross-country, or Nordic, skiing is one of the best bets for building endurance and burning calories. "It's one of the best forms of general conditioning available," says Harvey Newton, executive director of the National Strength and Conditioning Association. Cross-country skiing firms up glutes (for many muscles, including even deltoids (shoulder muscles)),

When the winter wind blows and temps begin to fall, how cold can you go?



When 1000 Americans were surveyed:

- 31% bailed at 20°
- 27% stood strong to 11°
- 23% bundled up to handle -20°
- 13% have Polar Bear qualities and lasted to 40°

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triceps and biceps. "When you double-pole, you also have a fair amount of muscle involvement of the abdominals," Newton notes.

While downhill strengthens all of the muscles mentioned above (albeit to a much less intense

degree) and beginners may feel some soreness in their calves the next day, it does not give the same general conditioning benefits as its more vigorous cousin, cross-country. People with especially weak or chronically painful

hip and knee joints should consult a doctor before getting ready to throw the inevitable yard sale — the term for a crashed skier whose equipment lands all over the slope.

• **Snowboarding.** Even beginning boarders can boast a better abdominal workout than their skiing brethren "because of all the twisting going on" in the fight to remain upright, notes Ron Kipp, director of athlete preparation for the U.S. Ski and Snowboard Association in Park City, Utah.

• **Once a boarder graduates to "mullipliping"** — daredevil aerial stunts and flips — they can also boast a monster-cardio and trunk workout.

• **Ice skating.** Anyone who has ever seen the sculpted bottoms and upper legs of speed skaters has a pretty good idea of the transformative effects that can occur in a skater's hamstrings, quads, glutes and thighs — not to mention calves. Skating strengthens most of the same muscles used by Nordic skiing, and also hits those problematic adductors and abductors that women find so difficult to shave down.

• **Snowshoeing.** "Snowshoeing! That's something I advocate! It's one of the best things out there that people can do. Everyone knows how to walk!" says Franceschini. Snowshoeing is easy to learn and much less expensive than skiing or snowboarding. Because it's low impact, it's a great candidate for elderly people and anyone with cranky joints that are easily damaged.

Stretching and strengthening can help skiers avoid injuries

Knight Ridder News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Even on a 95-degree day in July, Annie Massolenti is where he is every Thursday night — grinding ready to ski.

He's not packing a chafed bag or wearing his downhill skis, though. Massolenti goes to "Ski Fitness" class year-round, keeping his muscles primed for success on the slopes.

Massolenti, 60, is a firm believer in pre-ski conditioning or strengthening his muscles for his favorite sport. For the past 15 years, he has performed squats, lunges and leg lifts at a San Jose Y.M.C.A.

"And I'm a better skier today because of it," he says.

But sport-specific conditioning is thought to do much more than boost an athlete's overall performance on the playing field, the golf links or the ski slopes. Medical experts believe that months of stretching, weight lifting and aerobic activity can help avoid serious sports-related injuries as well.

In 1997, an estimated 54,200 skier-related injuries so severe they needed to visit a hospital emergency room, according to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission. Many of the injuries involved skier's knees.

"These are not equipment-

related injuries. It's not because the bindings are set too tight," explains Jasper Shively, vice chairman of the American Society for Testing and Materials' Committee on Snow Skiing.

The primary cause of ski accidents is thought to be carelessness or even stupidity. But some health experts believe lack of physical conditioning is also to blame.

The fact that more ski injuries occur late in the day is one indication of this, Center believes. "Skiers are fatigued and they lose their balance," he says, "or they're just not on their game."

Breath testers work, but common sense works better

Knight Ridder News Service

LEXINGTON, Ky. — You've had a few beers with friends. Time to split. Question is, have you had too many beers to drive safely? A portable alcohol breath tester can tell you instantly whether you're too intoxicated to drive.

Breathe into the Safe Driver plastic bag and attach a small tube of crystals. The yellow crystals turn green in the presence of alcohol. If the green surpasses the red line on the tube — indicating a blood-alcohol level of at least 0.08 percent — you'd better give the keys to someone else or walk home.

"Most people use it when they're drinking at a bar and want to eliminate the guessing game," said Kimberly Clark, public relations director for Winner International, maker of Safe Driver. The product has been on the market since November.

Similar devices have popped up at taverns, like Two Keys Tavern in Lexington, Ky. Two Keys' portable analyzer operates like a vending machine. Insert \$1, breathe, and it indicates whether a person is over the legal limit.

"People use it before they leave to see what kind of shape they're in," bartender Jeff Couch said.

Two Keys is near the University of Kentucky campus,

so many customers walk rather than drive.

"Still, people are concerned," Couch said. "Quite a few people use it."

But are the gadgets reliable? "How accurate any (of the devices) are depends on how carefully the procedures are adhered to," said Sgt. David Leddy of the Lexington police department, who has seen several breath analyzers on the market.

When local police stop someone suspected of drinking and driving, they use a portable breath tester after giving a basic coordination test.

Results with the police analyzer "are fairly accurate," Leddy said.

In Kentucky, a blood-alcohol level of 0.10 is the legal limit.

Those who use self-administered tests can get a false sense of security, Leddy said.

"If you're splitting hairs, the results could be off in the wrong direction," he said. "If you're that unsure about your alcohol level, you probably shouldn't be driving in the first place."

Gina Scott, an owner of Lynch's Irish Pub & Grill, thinks many customers know their limits.

"It's been shown by research that people pretty much know how much they can allow themselves," she said.

Whether they refrain from dri-

ving at that point, though, is another issue.

"Others might use the machines for something other than their intended purpose," said Scott Dean, an owner of Suggs Bar & Grill, who has seen breath-testers in other bars.

"I think most people use it to see how drunk they are, rather than whether they're fit to drive," he said. "They use it as a prop."

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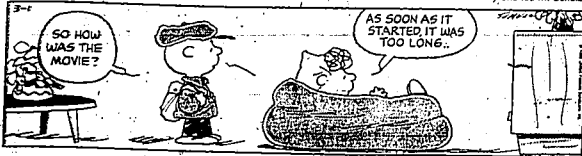
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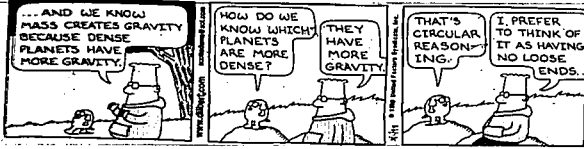
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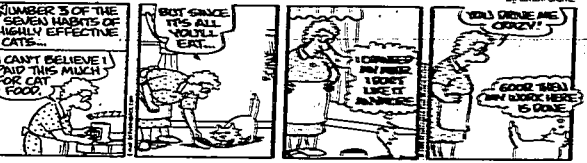
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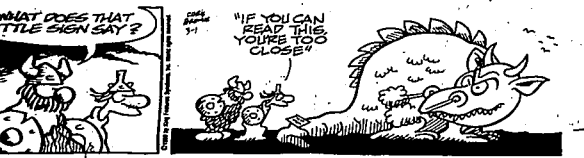
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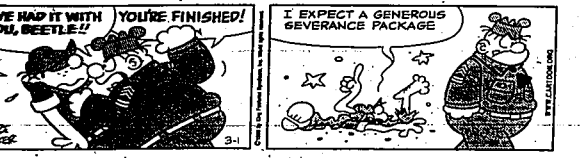
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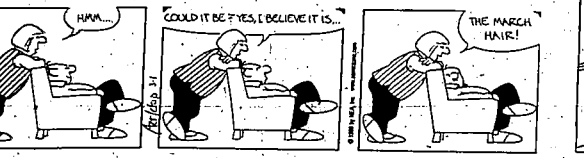
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HEALTH & FASHION

Nutrition experts recommend foods high in antioxidants

The Washington Post

Despite growing evidence for the value of dietary antioxidants such as vitamins E and C, it is still unclear whether taking them in pill form can reduce the risk of heart disease. A review of current research published last week in the journal *Circulation*.

"In view of these findings," nutrition experts concluded, "the most prudent and scientifically supportable recommendation for the general population is to consume a balanced diet with emphasis on antioxidant-rich fruits and vegetables and whole grains."

The recommendation comes in a report by Diane Tribble, a scientist at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory and a member of the American Heart Association's nutrition committee, which reviewed dozens of studies. It was very real last week in the heart association's journal *Circulation*.

"Although some studies have shown that foods rich in antioxidants are associated with a reduced risk of heart disease, that doesn't necessarily mean that high levels of antioxidants achieved by consuming vitamin pills will provide similar benefits — or are even safe," Tribble said.

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Vitamin A — Retinol, found in liver, fish oils, and leafy greens. It is essential for maintaining healthy skin and vision, and is believed to help prevent cancer.

Use short cooking times to preserve vitamins

Short cooking times help preserve the nutrients in your food. For example, steaming vegetables for a few minutes can help retain more vitamins than boiling them for a long time. Similarly, roasting meats for a short time can help preserve their natural flavors and nutrients.

Antioxidants — including vitamin E, vitamin C and beta-carotene, a form of vitamin A — have attracted medical attention because they counteract oxidants, which are believed to play a role in causing atherosclerosis, the buildup of fatty deposits along artery walls. Blockages caused by atherosclerosis can lead to heart attack or stroke.

Much of the evidence for the antioxidants' possible benefit comes from so-called observational studies, which can be difficult to interpret. For example, a large federal health survey found that people who reported taking high doses of vitamin C had a significantly lower death rate from heart disease over a 10-year period. But many different factors, including overall diet, might have influenced such an outcome.

Researchers look into pain treatments

Newsway

Reasons for pain vary, and it is very subjective, making it difficult to diagnose and treat. The most common treatments block neurotransmission, the chemical that triggers transmission of pain signals. Certain analgesics, these compounds include non-narcotics, such as aspirin and ibuprofen, and narcotics, such as codeine or morphine. But some of these drugs can cause kidney- or gastrointestinal problems, and others can be addictive or cause sedation.

To avoid these side effects, doctors will sometimes prescribe alternatives that use other methods to disrupt pain messages. Though not as widely effective, the alternatives can include antidepressants, anti-seizure medication and non-drug treatment such as acupuncture, nerve tissue destruction and pulsing electrical stimulus.

In the next few months, the first of a new class of painkillers will likely be approved for use against chronic pain, specifically against extreme pain caused by arthritis. As strong as existing analgesics, these so-called superaspirins, which are formally known as COX-2 inhibitors, work on different pathways to the brain, reducing gastrointestinal side effects.

In time, researchers say, these medicines should also be available in different forms, including sprays and ointments. The FDA has already approved an analgesic in the form of a candy, and it's expected to be available sometime next year.

Research entering clinical trials is branching out in several directions. They include adjusting the flow of chemicals involved with processing learning and memory and using a recently discovered natural brain substance — called Substance P, for pain — that seems to help regulate pain intensity.

Scientists say memory can contribute strongly to the level of pain experienced over time in patients with chronic conditions. One approach is to manipulate chemicals, called glutamates, that help pain memories remain viable within the nervous system, according to Dr. Richard Payne, chief of palliative services at Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City. He says new drugs called NMDA antagonists have shown early promise in this process, though it could be years until they are developed into a concentrated treatment.

Substance P, which is found on receptors in the dorsal ganglion root near the spinal cord, apparently strengthens and reinforces the pain message. Antagonists being tested to block this substance have shown early success inhibiting transmission of the pain signal, said Dr. Russell Portenoy, a pain specialist at Beth Israel Medical Center in New York City. But scientists aren't sure exactly how Substance P works along this pathway, and it is still unclear that it will block pain in humans.

Hypnotherapy

Over time you can actually start having the patient wonder if they were abused. It can happen in hypnotherapy, it can certainly happen in regular therapy."

While these are very real concerns, there are many myths about hypnotherapy. Pickers said.

"Things such as loss of will and control, getting stuck in hypnosis and hypnosis being habit-forming are all common myths, she said.

"I cannot make anyone do anything against their will. Something you're willing to know that it's going to work for you and that's the name of the game."

Feeling comfortable and completely at ease is one important aspect of having effective treatment, she said. Therapy of all kinds generally leads to vulnerability — so it's important to be well safe with the chosen therapist.

"Look around," Kishiyama said. "Talk with other people. If they get into counseling, so in for three sessions and decide if it's going to help. They should know if it is by the end of three sessions. If it isn't that can quit."

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