




## GOOD MORNING

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 Today: Sunny and warmer with winds from S to 15 mph. Mostly clear tonight. High: 61, low: 32. Page: A2

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Writers: Come and find out how to become a writer. More information is available at the Magic Valley Writers' Workshop. (Chronicle obituary. "Hallelujah" drowns over the years, but not for much longer. Page: C1

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# READY TO WORK

## Canal company begins irrigation delivery today

By N.S. Nokkentved  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** — The canals are full and the Twin Falls Canal Co. plans to begin delivering irrigation water Monday.

"Water in the canals moves fast but can be tempting on a warm day, but canal company officials warn people to stay out of the canals. The fast water and unseen obstacles can be deadly. There has been water in the Low Line Canal since February for groundwater recharge and power generation. And the company started charging the High Line Canal last Monday and filling laterals, company field supervisor Stan Hays said.

It takes a few days to charge more than 75 miles of canal, he said. So far no major problems have shown up.

The canal company provides water for 202,000 acres of Magic Valley farmland.

Canal company employees worked on canal system repairs over the winter. One major project was removing rock check dams put in the canal during a low water year a few years ago.

But this is a busy time for ditchriders, Hays said. Over the winter, tumbleweeds and other detritus get into the ditches. When water begins to flow as company employees fill the system, the weeds plug the culverts.

"Then you've got a mess on

**Canal system**

The Twin Falls Canal Co. system consists of 12.5 miles of canals, 100 miles of laterals and 202,000 acres of farmland. The system is divided into three main sections: the High Line Canal, the Low Line Canal, and the Middle Line Canal.

- 75 miles of the High Line Canal
- 65 miles of the Low Line Canal
- 202,000 acres of farmland

**Warning:** Water in the canals moves fast but can be tempting on a warm day. Do not enter the canals. The fast water and unseen obstacles can be deadly.

your hands," Hays said. So ditchriders are busy pulling weeds out and clearing culverts. Another concern this time of year is that holes wear open up after the canal being dry all winter. And sometimes last year's weeds get up with the spring's water. But the most pressing problems won't come until later in the year, when the canals are running at their maximum and wet weather hits, Hays said. The canals can overflow, especially in the west end of the system.



Joe Webster and Terry Johnson, employees of the Twin Falls Canal Co., clean out debris on a ditch near Pole Line Road and Madonna Street N. as water begins to flow for the upcoming irrigation season.

## Aide: Oust Serb leader

Administration says Yugoslavia needs to boot Milosevic to join democracy

The Associated Press

**WASHINGTON** — Looking beyond NATO's military campaign, President Clinton's top aide said Sunday that Yugoslavia must oust Slobodan Milosevic as its leader if the nation wants to join a democratic Europe.

Several lawmakers said the Yugoslav president should be ousted for war crimes. "I don't think we can negotiate with him," said Sen. Joseph Biden, D-Del. "I think he is a war criminal."

Absenteeism and Pentagon officials, under pressure by lawmakers to consider using ground troops, again debated the current air campaign, saying it was inflicting real pain on Serbian troops in Kosovo.

John Podesta, the White House chief of staff, said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that Yugoslavia must attain a measure of democracy and respect for human rights if it were to become a stable member of Europe.

Ultimately, he said, "we think we can create a stable structure, it looks to me like they are going to need a new leader." But he said the NATO airstrikes were not intended to oust Milosevic.

Defense Secretary William Cohen, on ABC's "This Week," said it may be difficult to work with Milosevic even if he agreed to pull Serb troops from Kosovo and allow NATO peacekeepers to safeguard Kosovo's ethnic Albanians.

"Every day that passes, we see more and more evidence of the kind of grotesque brutality that he and his Serbs have engaged in," Cohen said. He could not confirm a report of evidence of mass graves in Kosovo.

Summary for Kosovo and the intervention of a NATO peacekeeping force were the main issues of the Rambouillet negotiations, said the Serb side before the bombing began.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, in a speech for ABC's "This Week," said she had urged the Serbians to engage in ethnic Albanians, "but if parts of Rambouillet have been overruled by events."

Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Biden, opposing an ABC said Milosevic should be treated as a war criminal. Deputy Secretary of State Scruple Tallbot, on CBS' "Face the Nation," said Milosevic would be held responsible for his acts by the International War Crimes Tribunal in The Hague.

Many members of Congress are urging NATO to move more troops into Kosovo. The subject is expected to be debated as lawmakers return this week from a two-week vacation.

## Showcasing history: Construction begins on Oakley Museum

By Dex Dutton  
Times-News correspondent

**OAKLEY** — A market, a silent movie theatre and a tavern have taken their turn on the lot that soon may see a new building to showcase the town's history.

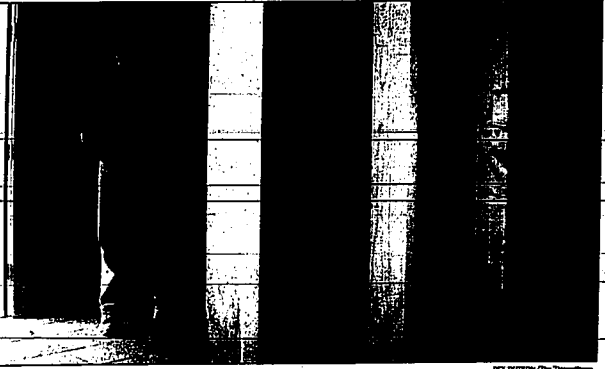
At least that is the hope of the Oakley Valley Historical Association. Construction of the 13,000-sq-ft Oakley Museum is underway on donated property on Main Street next to the Post Office.

In the 1920s, the Central Market had been described as fireproof. Like the Titanic's ill-fated unsinkable boast, those words seemed to spell the building's doom, and its soon fall victim to flames. A tavern followed but it too was damaged by fire.

"The lot has had a long and interesting history," said Kent Hale, a member of the association. "With the design of the building, we are trying to represent the old Oakley style."

The building will have a Victorian-era facade and a floor made of native Oakley stone, worth several thousand dollars. The project, which is being paid for by private donations, started in the fall of 1998.

"We are very pleased about the donations we are seeing come



Kent Hale of the Oakley Valley Historical Association inspects ongoing construction at the Oakley Museum.

in," Hale said. "People have pride in our town and many of the Oakley families are donating."

Construction should be finished by July 24, but the completion date also depends on the donations that come in, Hale said. Volunteers slowly have been putting the building together,

donating money, supplies and labor. All the donations made it difficult to estimate a total project. Please see MUSEUM, Page A2

## FAA gains confidence in Y2K fixes after tests

The Associated Press

**DENVER** — As Convair Three-Diner approaches the runway at Denver International Airport, the airplane also is nearing an imaginary boundary: the dreaded Year 2000 witching hour.

It is moments before midnight, in a crucial test of the Federal Aviation Administration's computer system. The clocks in the airport control center are about to turn from Dec. 31, 1999, to Jan. 1, 2000.

The controller calls out, "Time is one minute prior to entering the new millennium in our test

systems. How do you read this transmission?" The pilot of the Convair replies: "Loud and clear, and we're out of the sector, it means we went into the next millenium."

A minute later, after the clocks hit Jan. 1, 2000, and the plane remains a radar blip on approach to Runway 16, the controller calls back, "You are now flying in the Year 2000 in our test system. How do you read this transmission?"

The reply: "It's loud and clear. It went right through the sound barrier very nicely." So it went late Saturday and

early Sunday, as the FAA tests its Y2K computer fixes. Checked were systems that control radar screens and radio transmissions, ground traffic, airport weather reports and the status of landing lights and remote radio beacons.

United Airlines also was on hand, testing its own Y2K fixes. The carrier, the nation's largest, beamed imaginary Year 2000 flight plans from its headquarters in Chicago to Gate B41 at Denver International.

FAA officials held a press rehearsal March 27 and conducted lesser drills on three other occasions. But the weekend test

was the first open to reporters. It was intended to bolster public confidence in the nation's aviation system as the century crosses approaches.

FAA Administrator Jane Garvey, who stayed up well past 2 a.m. EDT (4 a.m. EDT) to watch the four-hour test, was pleased with the results.

"Quite honestly, you had to watch the clock to be aware it was changing," Garvey said. Ray Long, head of the FAA's Y2K program, told agency workers before the test: "Our success will be gauged by the fact that nothing will happen."

## Y2Kashing in Millennium money flows freely

The Associated Press

**NEW YORK** — The end of the world is coming. Y2K. Or maybe it's not coming, perhaps the year 2000 will be one long, unbroken millennium.


Either way, all major credit cards will be accepted. Before the millennium turn from 1999 to 2000, countless cash registers will ring in the new year as America — on the ground and in

space — Y2K. Page: C

# THE REGION


### Camas Prairie

High: 47 Low: 31  
Sum of the morning with light clouds. High clouds tonight. Light winds. High winds, rain and snow on Tuesday.




### Treasure Valley

High: 45 Low: 30  
Sum of the morning with light clouds. High clouds tonight. Light winds. High winds, rain and snow on Tuesday.




### Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 54 Low: 35  
Mostly sunny and warmer. Partly cloudy tonight. High winds and snow on Tuesday.




### Eastern Idaho

High: 44 Low: 34  
Mostly sunny and warmer. Partly cloudy tonight. High winds and snow on Tuesday.




### Northern Idaho

High: 55 Low: 39  
Increasing clouds and breezy. Partly cloudy tonight. High winds and snow on Tuesday.




### Northern Utah

High: 42 Low: 25  
Mostly cloudy with chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy tonight. High winds and snow on Tuesday.



### Northern Nevada

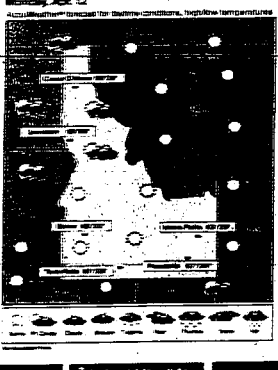
High: 43 Low: 26  
Mostly sunny today with much clear skies tonight. High winds and snow on Tuesday.



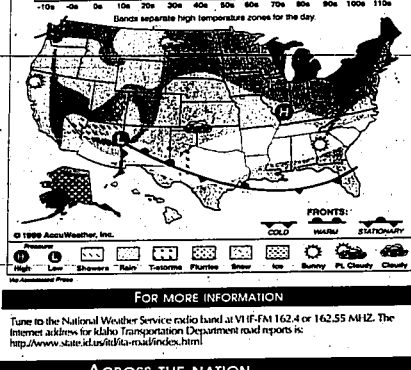
# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

| Today   | Tuesday  | Wednesday                         | Thursday                          | Friday                            |
|---|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| High: 40 Low: 32<br>Sunny and warmer with wind from S. Partly cloudy tonight. | High: 62 Low: 34<br>Sunny and breezy in the afternoon. | High: 70 Low: 30<br>Mostly sunny. | High: 70 Low: 30<br>Mostly sunny. | High: 70 Low: 30<br>Mostly sunny. |

## Idaho weather



## National weather



# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

| Twin Falls      | Precipitation             |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Yesterday 55-23 | Yesterday in Twin Falls   |
| Last year 46-32 | Month to date: 0.35       |
| Normal 64-34    | Normal mo. to date: 0.71  |
|                 | Water year to date: 6.37  |
|                 | Normal year to date: 6.47 |

## Idaho Highs/Lows

| City        | Max | Min | Pcp  | Idaho: High | Low |
|-------------|-----|-----|------|-------------|-----|
| Boise       | 60  | 31  | 0.00 | 67          | 31  |
| Burley      | 59  | 26  | 0.00 | 67          | 31  |
| Hayden      | 61  | 34  | 0.00 | 67          | 31  |
| Idaho Falls | 54  | 21  | 0.00 | 67          | 31  |
| Jerome      | 61  | 34  | 0.00 | 67          | 31  |
| Lewiston    | 62  | 32  | 0.00 | 67          | 31  |
| Malden      | 61  | 34  | 0.00 | 67          | 31  |
| Malla       | 61  | 34  | 0.00 | 67          | 31  |
| McCall      | 46  | 9   | 0.00 | 67          | 31  |
| Pocatello   | 55  | 19  | 0.00 | 67          | 31  |
| Salmon      | 55  | 19  | 0.00 | 67          | 31  |
| Shelby      | 45  | 3   | 0.00 | 67          | 31  |
| Sun Valley  | 61  | 34  | 0.00 | 67          | 31  |

## The Nation

| City           | Max | Min | Pcp  |
|----------------|-----|-----|------|
| Albuquerque    | 71  | 49  | 0.00 |
| Atlanta        | 63  | 37  | 0.00 |
| Boston         | 49  | 34  | 0.00 |
| Chicago        | 51  | 41  | 0.06 |
| Dallas         | 70  | 49  | 0.00 |
| Denver         | 61  | 17  | 0.00 |
| Des Moines     | 53  | 40  | 0.00 |
| Detroit        | 43  | 39  | 0.00 |
| Honolulu       | 80  | 71  | 0.09 |
| Houston        | 87  | 64  | 0.00 |
| Indianapolis   | 61  | 46  | 0.00 |
| Kansas City    | 62  | 43  | 0.00 |
| Las Vegas      | 68  | 42  | 0.00 |
| Los Angeles    | 56  | 50  | 0.25 |
| Madison        | 54  | 39  | 0.00 |
| Miami Beach    | 92  | 70  | 0.00 |
| Milwaukee      | 40  | 31  | 0.56 |
| Minneapolis    | 41  | 36  | 0.00 |
| New Orleans    | 87  | 71  | 0.13 |
| New York       | 67  | 44  | 0.00 |
| Oklahoma City  | 70  | 47  | 0.00 |
| Omaha          | 60  | 50  | 0.00 |
| Phoenix        | 70  | 43  | 0.12 |
| Pittsburgh     | 52  | 38  | 0.00 |
| Portland, Ore. | 69  | 35  | 0.01 |
| Reno           | 59  | 54  | 0.00 |
| San Francisco  | 54  | 28  | 0.00 |
| Salt Lake City | 64  | 47  | 0.81 |
| San Jose       | 60  | 40  | 0.00 |
| Seattle        | 54  | 48  | 0.28 |
| St. Louis      | 50  | 40  | 0.35 |
| Washington     | 78  | 51  | 0.00 |
| Yuma           | 44  | 21  | 0.00 |

## Canadian Cities

| City      | Max | Min |
|-----------|-----|-----|
| Calgary   | 50  | 26  |
| Edmonton  | 44  | 20  |
| Toronto   | 50  | 30  |
| Vancouver | 57  | 38  |

# Y2K

Continued from A1

of the Bicentennial and the Atlanta Olympics — turns Y2K into "Y2Ka-ching!" What's getting a piece of the action?

Survivables: Make your own electricity with the Winipin 2000. Purchase your very own water purifier. Get a year's worth of Y2K featured vegetable protein meals. The "apocalypse" crowd — those who believe life as we know it will stretch to a halt at 12:01 a.m. Jan. 1, 2000 — have a wide variety of products to sample.

Entrepreneurs: The words "Year 2000" have been trademarked, along with the numbers "201-01-00." Expect plenty of items (featuring both bugs and bears) to be available. The market is already filling with items from \$6 key rings to \$24.95 countdown clocks to \$99 millennial champagne flutes to \$299 bubble jectors.

Publishers and producers: There are enough Y2K books to fill a small library, with a similar number of videotapes. Among the millennial's stars are tapes

and videotapes. Pat Rubenstein and Jerry Falkow.

Some, not at least the ones formerly known as Prince's "Personal Items" would stay the same. The artist has declined the name for his own label and will.

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Guberman, who spent a small fortune purchasing the worldwide trademark for "Year 2000." "We will never go through anything like this again."

Thanks to Guberman, we will not go through it without "Year 2000" label pins, and baseball caps, and playing cards, and prepaid phone cards. It's "Year 2000" casino chips will soon be arriving in Las Vegas and Atlantic City. He has more than 35 million pieces of product now ready for sale.

He would rather not discuss sales figures. But if he doesn't own a profit, he says, "have me committed. You can visit me once a week."

One of his competitors, Kenneth B. Walker, says he expects to sell 560 million worth of stuff with the "01-01-00" logo.

The folks who brought you "America's Story" are grabbing a piece of the action, too. America's publishers have provided endless gifts on the impact of the approaching century.

# ACROSS THE NATION

High pressure was centered over the state Sunday afternoon with some puffy high clouds mainly in the southeast. Mostly sunny skies prevailed statewide.

Idaho winds were variable in direction at 5 to 10 mph.

Elsewhere: A storm system spread rain and snow across the Great Lakes on Sunday and pushed a line of showers and thunderstorms across the Middle Atlantic States.

Rain stretched from Wisconsin across Michigan into Canada.

Temperatures were low enough to change the rain to snow across far northern sections of Wisconsin and Michigan, with up to 5 inches of snow falling overnight in parts of Michigan.

A cold front extending from the heart of the storm curved through upstate New York and Pennsylvania and southwestward along the Appalachians. It had more than a half-inch in diameter was reported near Westmoreland, Pa., the National Weather Service said.

— The Associated Press

# Iraq accuses allied planes of strikes killing two

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — Allied planes struck civil and military targets in southern Iraq Sunday, killing two people and wounding nine others, the Iraqi military reported.

The U.S. Central Command confirmed that American planes had attacked Iraqi missile batteries 100 miles south of Baghdad, but gave no word of casualties.

The attacks were in retaliation for anti-aircraft fire and a missile attack on "coalition aircraft," the Central Command said in a statement from its headquarters in Florida.

In Baghdad, the Iraqi air defense command said allied aircraft had bombed "civil installations and weapons positions."

Two Iraqis were killed and nine others were wounded in the attack, including two women from the province of Qadisiya, the official Iraqi News Agency quoted the command as saying. Qadisiya is 125 miles southeast of Baghdad.

# India tests nuclear missile, raises fears of new arms race

NEW DELHI, India (AP) — A new missile capable of carrying a nuclear warhead soared into the sky on Sunday, defying U.S. appeals for restraint in weapons testing and raising fears of a new arms race with neighboring Pakistan.

India's Defense Minister George Fernandes said the successful 15-minute test flight of the Agni II missile marked a "great day for India," while Pakistan said it would decide in the next two or three days how to respond.

Mainassara, who was killed Friday in a hail of gunfire by members of the security guard, Bare was buried Sunday in his home village, 185 miles east of the capital, Islamabad.

Military spokesman Hamidou Djibrilla said the military had ordered the suspension of the constitution and the dissolution of the Supreme Court and National Assembly, in what amounted to a complete ouster of the former regime.

# Presidential guardsman named Niger leader following assassination

NIAMEY, Niger (AP) — The head of the presidential guard unit that diplomats and witnesses say assassinated Niger's president has been named the new leader of this West African nation, the government announced Sunday.

Daouda Malam Wanke was named president and head of the National Council for Reconciliation, which will rule Niger for a nine-month transition period, state-run radio reported.

Wanke succeeds Torilim Bare

# Museum

The museum will include items from the defunct Oakley Pioneer Museum. But the new museum's featured piece will be an early century pipe organ that was used in the Oakley Mormon Tabernacle.

"The organ is an old pump style with pipes over 10 feet high," Hale said. "People will enjoy seeing it."

Residents already have been offering their own artifacts for the museum once space is available, said Robert Fehlman, a member of the Oakley City Council.

Association members have not decided whether admission to

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# Senator: Reno hinders hearings

### Investigator leader says the process has degenerated

WASHINGTON (AP) — A senator whose investigation of China's influence in Washington was seen as a future thorn in the side of congressional hearings with explosive Watergate-type findings may have passed up his chance. Sen. Fred Thompson said Sunday.

"Nowadays, the ability of Congress to really find out anything substantive in congressional hearings has been very, very limited."

He had been asked whether he plans new hearings on China in the Clinton administration in light of recent allegations of nuclear spying and campaign finance misdeeds involving Chinese military officials and Democratic party donations.

Thompson, R-Tenn., chairman of the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee, said the hearing process has degenerated to little more than committee members reciting what their staffs have found out.

"The media's short attention span, the partisanship that we have in all that just makes it so that you can kind of lay out and demonstrate what you already have," Thompson said on "60 Minutes" Sunday, "is making anything out is very, very difficult."



Sen. Fred Thompson, R-Tenn., responds to questions during an interview on "60 Minutes Sunday" concerning NATO intervention in Yugoslavia.

"Often we've relied on it in this country for years and years ... it's a strong prosecution team, an independent counsel, a special counsel, or a justice department who's aggressive," Thompson said.

"That produces people who want to make deals who want to talk." But, he said, "That hasn't happened in this case. The real scandal in this case (his committee's investigation) emanates from the Justice Department more than anything else."

During China hearings in 1997, Thompson was stymied by Attorney General Janet Reno's decisions to withhold grants of immunity to crucial witnesses and to other witnesses Thompson considered unfair.

Reno also has angered Thompson and other Republicans by refusing to seek the appointment of independent counsels to investigate some administration officials. Nevertheless, she has sought seven independent counsels, more than any other attorney general.

But Thompson has not given up completely on the hearings process. His committee will hold a hearing Wednesday on extending the independent counsel law.

Among the witnesses are prosecutor Kenneth Starr, who made the case the House used to impeach President Clinton, and the three federal judges who appointed Starr.

Thompson is known as lukewarm on the issue, despite repeated requests that Reno use it for China investigations.

"The problem, though, in finally doing away with it is that (any investigation) goes back to the Justice Department," Thompson said Sunday. "And when I look at the performance of this justice Department ... it gives me cause for concern and hesitation."

# Professional trappers catch second beaver

WASHINGTON (AP) — A second beaver was nabbed Sunday amid Washington's blooming cherry trees but a trapper spotted a third one near gnawing rodents have toppled the trees.

"We have an official sighting," said Julia Long, National Park Service biological sciences technician. "My trappers this morning saw it."

Michelle Adcock-Gann, office manager at Adcock's Trapping Service, said the company's employees who retrieved the trapped beaver spotted the third animal near the Tidal Basin between the Jefferson Memorial and the Washington Monument.

The National Park Service called in the College Park, Md., company to catch the little rag-

gals, who have been busy as beavers at the height of the capital's cherry blossom season. Their activities have made them a strong secondary draw to visit the banks of white and pink blossoms of the Yostino cherry trees.

John Adcock Jr., whose father owns the trapping service, said the beaver caught Sunday appears to be a yearling. "It's in state-of-health. He's pretty mellow at this point, not agitated, seems pretty comfortable," Adcock said.

The first one trapped, early Saturday, was an adult female, he said. The third one may be the female's mate and father of the smaller animal, which is about half the size of the female, Adcock said.

# CIA finds 31 national secret files unsecured at ex-director's home

WASHINGTON (AP) — CIA technicians found 31 secret files in the unsecured personal computer at the home of the former Director John Deutch shortly after he stepped down as the nation's top spy, it was reported Sunday.

The Central Intelligence Agency turned the case over to the Justice Department, which investigated for a year before deciding not to file charges, Newsweek magazine said.

The Justice Department returned the case to the CIA, which Newsweek said is preparing a critical report and considering revocation of Deutch's security clearances. Agency spokesman Bill Harlow.

said he was familiar with the Newsweek story but could not comment.

"Agency technicians went to his home for a routine check to ensure CIA procedures were being followed to protect secrets, Newsweek said in its issue appearing on newsstands Monday. They found 31 classified national security documents on his personal computer, even though he had a secure agency computer at home, the report said.

# Female inmates say they suffered abuse

WASHINGTON (AP) — More than a third of the women in state prisons and jails say they were physically or sexually abused as children, a study by the state of child abuse reported by women overall, the Justice Department said Sunday.

The figures for male inmates who suffered in 1995-7 were far smaller, also are about double that of the overall male population, according to a study by the Justice Department's Bureau of Justice Statistics.

More than 36 percent of female state prison and jail inmates surveyed in 1995-7 reported they were abused sexually or physically at age 17 or younger, the bureau reported.

By comparison, 16 studies of child abuse in the general population found that 12 percent of males and 17 percent of women were abused as children.

Among male inmates of state prisons, 14 percent of the child abuse compared with 5 percent to 8 percent of the general male population, the bureau said.

"I'm not surprised," said Eleanor Smel, president of the Feminist Majority Foundation. "While the inmate population is overwhelmingly male, the women who end up behind bars have had a very hard life."

Childhood abuse increases the risk that anyone, female or male, could end up in prison, because the home influence is so pervasive," Smel said.

"Women abused as children have their whole self-image changed. They believe they are with men who abuse them and in risky situations."

The survey also found alcohol and drug abuse was higher among inmates who suffered abuse than among those who did not.

ment of the abused women and 76 percent of the abused men regularly had used illegal drugs, compared with 65 percent of the women and 60 percent of the men who had not been abused.

Counting sexual or physical abuse as any age before imprisonment, the survey found nearly half of the women in prison, jail or on probation had "been sexually abused."

This ratio of 50-1 may reflect simply the established fact that more women than men suffer physical or sexual abuse.

The survey found that a third of women in state prisons and a quarter of those in local jails said they had been raped before they were jailed. In state prisons and local jails, 3 percent of men reported they had been raped before being incarcerated.

Abused state prisoners were more likely than those not abused to have served time for violent crimes.

Among males, 76 percent of abused inmates, but only 61 percent of those not abused, had a current or past sentence for a violent offense. Among women, 45 percent of the abused, but only 28 percent of those not abused, had served a sentence for violence.

Prisoners reported higher levels of abuse if they grew up at least partly in foster care rather than with parents, if their parents were drug or alcohol abusers or if a family member had been imprisoned. The study found that more foster children had been removed from homes where they were abused by parents.

The study found little difference in the percentage of abused inmates growing up with one parent or those with two parents.

# Air Force hustles to control new satellite

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A \$250 million missile-warning satellite that was left scrambled in the air Sunday in an attempt to rescue it.

"They haven't given up," said Percy Bombhoff, a spokesman at Schriever Air Force Base in Colorado. "They're working around the clock."

The Defense Support Program satellite was launched Friday aboard an Air Force Titan rocket. It was the first flight of a Titan IV since a spy satellite was destroyed in a \$1 billion explosion shortly after liftoff last August.

If the satellite cannot be salvaged, the failed mission will have cost taxpayers \$82 million, including the rocket cost.

The Titan did its job in its long-awaited return to flight. But an upper-stage motor apparently malfunctioned and left the satellite in a highly lopsided rather than circular orbit.

Air Force officials said the Boeing-built motor separated as planned from the satellite seven hours after liftoff, but it was unclear whether it fired properly.

Ground controllers worked throughout the weekend, trying to figure out what went wrong. They were in contact with the satellite but unable to determine its condition, Bombhoff said.

"They're trying to get the satellite in a position where they can work with it and control it," he said. "They're trying to come up with solutions, trying different things."

The satellite was intended for a 22,300-mile-high orbit, where it was to have joined other Defense Support Program spacecraft in detecting missile and rocket launches as well as nuclear detonations. The 2 1/2-ton satellite is equipped with 6,000 infrared sensors.

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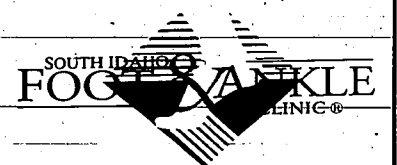
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# Scientists at Princeton start work with new fusion reactor

PLAINSBORO, N.J. (AP) — Scientists using the country's newest experimental nuclear reactor believe they're gaining ground in their efforts to develop a safe and inexhaustible power source for the next century — fusion energy.

The National Spherical Torus Experiment, or NSTX, at the Princeton University Plasma Physics Laboratory in this central New Jersey suburb already is impressing both officials supporting fusion research funding and the physicists and engineers working on the nationwide collaboration.

"The NSTX is an enormous example of the potential" of the technology, Energy Secretary Bill Richardson said recently. "It brings us closer to the reality of fusion energy."

Fusion, the process that powers the sun, involves slamming special forms of tiny hydrogen atoms together at very high temperature and pressure in a plasma, a hot mass of electrically charged gas similar to the substance inside a fluorescent light bulb.

Proponents say harnessing the power released when the atoms fuse will one day provide a clean energy source far, safer than today's commercial nuclear fission reactors, which split apart large, radioactive atoms. The fuel, hydrogen atoms removed from water, is plentiful. In addition, the fusion process can't cause a "meltdown" reaction and doesn't contribute to air pollution, acid rain or the greenhouse effect.

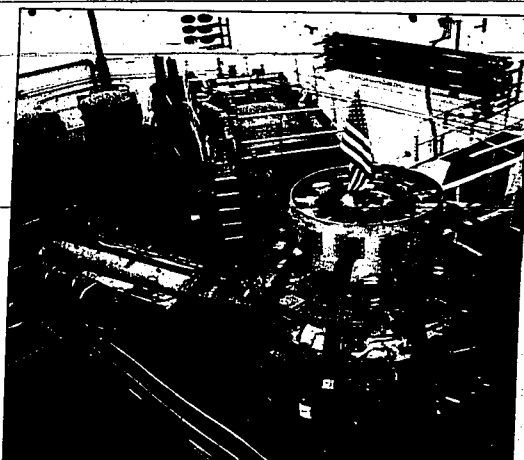
Laboratory director Robert J. Goldston said the radioactivity produced by a fusion reactor is 100,000 times less than in an equivalent fission reactor.

Fossil fuel supplies are expected to run low in 50 years, and many scientists hope fusion will be a major energy source before then.

"In the year 2100, either we're going to be real tousy and under water (from flooding induced by global warming) or we're going to have a completely different energy system," Goldston said.

But perfecting the technology to control a self-sustaining "burn" of nuclear fuel will take decades and cost hundreds of millions of dollars.

Meanwhile, physicists across the country say progress has been slowed in recent years by



Scientists at the Princeton University Plasma Physics Laboratory in Plainsboro, N.J., plan to use the National Spherical Torus Experiment fusion reactor, above, to develop a safe and exhaustible source of power for experimentation.

the federal government's inadequate financial commitment just \$27 million annually for the NSTX project and \$227 million a year for the country's entire fusion research program.

"Magnetic fusion research is eminently worthwhile because it solves an energy problem," yet it's not a high priority for the government, said Patrick Diamond, a University of California-San Diego physics professor whose research focuses on turbulence in reactor plasmas.

Limiting that turbulence, which quickly cools down the multimillion-degree plasma and stops the fusion process, is one of the biggest challenges to physicists and a major focus of the NSTX team.

Diamond and his Princeton colleagues are particularly worried that, under pressure from Congress, the administration has reduced participation in a planned international collaboration on the next generation of reactor, to basically consulting with scientists in Russia, Japan

and a European consortium. The only U.S. facility for the project was shut last year and there is no funding for the collaboration in the proposed budget for fiscal year 2000.

The physicists worry this country could end up paying for rights to use the technology, rather than being able to sell it to less-developed nations.

Given Washington's push for smaller, cheaper reactors, the compact NSTX is particularly attractive, compared to the gumball-sized fusion reactor it replaced here, Goldston said.

The Tokamak Fusion Test Reactor was shut down two years ago after 15 years of breakthrough experiments that included producing a record-setting 10.7 million watts of power, about 100 million times the level reactors were able to generate in the 1970s.

But the Tokamak reactor would cost nearly 15 times as much to build today as the \$24 million NSTX, which uses much of the same peripheral equip-

### Fusion Energy

An explanation of fusion and how fusion reactors work:

**THEORY OF IT:** Fusion is the process of two atoms joining together to form a new, heavier atom. In the case of fusion, two hydrogen atoms (deuterium and tritium) are heated to high temperatures and pressures, causing them to fuse together and release energy. This process is the same as what happens in the sun.

**HOW IT WORKS:** Fusion reactors use magnetic fields to contain and heat the plasma. The plasma is heated to temperatures of over 100 million degrees Celsius, causing the atoms to fuse and release energy. This energy is then used to generate electricity.

**ADVANTAGES:** Fusion is a clean, safe, and sustainable energy source. It produces no greenhouse gases and no long-lived radioactive waste. The fuel is abundant and can be extracted from water.

**CHALLENGES:** Fusion is a difficult technology to master. It requires extremely high temperatures and pressures, and the plasma must be contained for long enough to sustain the reaction. The cost of building and operating a fusion reactor is also high.

Besides being more economical to build than its predecessor, NSTX has a remarkable central core containing some of its most complex equipment, so repairs or upgrades to the reactor can be done in days instead of months, limiting downtime, according to Al Venable, the project's head of technical operations.

Another advantage is its slightly different shape. The Tokamak reactor also was a torus, or doughnut shape, while this "spherical torus" is shaped like a ball, with a very narrow central core.

Researchers believe that configuration will allow for higher pressures in the plasma, something needed to keep fusion reactions going much longer than the several-second pulses achieved so far.

NSTX is one of a handful of this type of reactor with different design variations recently built or under construction in the United States, England, Russia and Japan.

The Princeton scientists believe their machine has some significant advantages.

"Ours will be the most powerful in the world," Goldston said. "We'll have the most heating and the longest pulse."

Diamond believes, however, that a reactor in San Diego and one under construction at University of California-Los Angeles are "at least as promising" as NSTX. Comparing findings from the different reactors should allow for more advances in the field.

Whether or not fusion reactors can compete with other energy sources in a few decades, Goldston notes the research generates valuable spinoffs. That includes using plasmas to make better computer chips, sterilize medical equipment, make luminous display panels more efficient and provide a lightweight fuel for rocket thrusters in space ships and on satellites.

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# THE GREAT CAVEMAN DEBATE

## Statue fuels dispute over civic tradition, image

GRANTS PASS, Ore. (AP) — Scouting guards at the entrance to this southern Oregon city is an 18-foot behemoth that some people would just as soon forget — the Caveman Statue.

While most agree he isn't pretty, he is part of a tradition that dates back to 1917, when local business owners formed the Oregon Cavemen club to promote the Oregon Caves National Monument and everything else the local area has to offer.

"A lot of us agreed to," said Hank Geiske, 64, one of the six remaining active members of the club.

The sculpture was done at the International Fiberglass Company in Venice, Calif., in 1971 for around \$70,000.

Excited from Los Angeles by truck, the statue received a lot of stares as Geiske and pals erected the hulking Scandalifer. He was



Hank Geiske, the oldest active member of the Oregon Cavemen, stands under Grants Pass's caveman mascot in Grants Pass, Ore.

dedicated by then Oregon Sen. Eugene "Debs" Potts on Memorial Day weekend.

And there the brute stands to this day, like it or not. He stands as a reminder to the Cavemen, billed as the "world's

candidate Thomas Dewey were both ambushed by the Cavemen. John F. Kennedy, his wife, Jacqueline, and brother Robert also were greeted by the burly boosters.

As late as 1977, Ronald Reagan was made an honorary member of the Cavemen.

In its heyday, the group marched in 100 parades a year throughout the West, promoting Grants Pass.

But as time has marched on, interest in the group has waned.

Furthermore, the statue seems to be trying to hide.

The Cavemen used to greet all travelers as they entered the city from the north Interstate 5 ramp.

But now, five evergreens hide him from the front. In the summer, a handful of deciduous trees obscure him almost completely.

"There are some people who believe it gives us a Neanderthal image," said Donald Ellis, executive director of the Grants Pass and Josephine County Chamber of Commerce. "We would rather hide it or move it to some other location."

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## When Brits say 'batman,' they mean a male housekeeper

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A. Over Austria's Vienna, in 1849. Balloons dropped bombs to break up the Venetian revolt. Didn't do much damage, but it scared enough people to make honorable mention in the history of war.

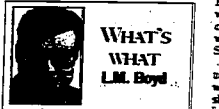
If the marriage lasts more than 12 years, it is more likely to end by death than by divorce. Or so say the oddsmakers.

No, you're a piscivore only if you're a fish.

In the last range of U.S. mountains to be named officially are the Henry Mountains of Utah. Why it took so long I do not know. They're up 11,000 feet. They're not hiding.

Only one person out of four in Montana lives in a city, and word is even a lot of them wish they didn't.

Some browsers who habitually



WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

visit antique auctions make it a point to go only on the last day of the sale. Dealers are human. They don't want to regret all that stuff to take it back to their shops. Last day, it's said, is the true bargain day.

Q. What do the British mean by a "batman"?  
A. A male housekeeper.

That Caesar Robinson of London, France, died of pneumonia is only noteworthy here because previously he had been struck by lightning five times.

## Pisces: Take time, be selective

IF APRIL 12 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: "Go ahead and make us laugh!" People are accustomed to saying that, your reputation as comedian spreads far-and-wide. You are dynamic, possessive, humorist, are fond of travel, are affectionate except with strangers.

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GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Most people would give up, problems are thick and heavy.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You'll be involved with people you meet only recently. This helps bring you out of emotional shell.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Money that has been tied up due to legal tangle will be released - in your name. Minor irritants continue - your people will love you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Keynote is the written word - get it on paper. A wise individual, declared. A verbal contract is not

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with the paper it's written on!" LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Minor and diplomacy go hand-in-hand. You'll be asked to give opinions on odd cases.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Take care, don't play cards with strangers. Moon position emphasizes creativity, angle, something you appeal.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): You know where to go and what to do. Meet and shed dead loads - valuable gift could be on the way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Some claim you are a miracle of survival. Love, positive highlights, trips, visits, confrontation with relatives.

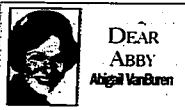
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): New rule for you, you'll fill it in. High-pitch aggressiveness, determination to break free from uneasy situation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Moon in your sign represents time to take initiative, to be active.

## Friends choose not to confront abusive beau

DEAR ABBY: I recently gave a party for about 50 of my friends. One of the more interesting and beautiful and talented friend "Sam," who arrived accompanied by her new beau, "Sam," who was I know not yet met, but about whom I had heard quite a bit. I greeted them both warmly and invited them into my home. But when I saw they wanted to do was turn to my other guests and call out, "This is Sam, the man who has been beating our friend Sara."

Since the party, others have told me that had they realized who he was, they wouldn't have shaken his hand, or they would have "taken him a thing or two." The bottom line is that we were all polite, even cordial, toward him - and that's what is bothering me. I know enough about domestic violence to know that if you make the abuser uncomfortable, he will inevitably take it out on the victim. But if we all remain silent, it can appear as though we condone his behavior which, of course, we do not. I will feel uneasy about treating him as though he were another welcome guest. As a host, Abby, how would you have handled it?



DEAR ABBY Abby Cadabby

'own safety she must end this the instant before he seriously injures or kills her.

DEAR ABBY: I'm responding to the two letters you printed about winery tasting room employees. I have worked in the wine hospitality business for more than 25 years, primarily as a consultant in tasting rooms. It would be wrong for me to say there is absolutely not one person in the wine business - or any other business - with an alcohol problem. But there is no "dirty little secret" about tasting room employees.

My experience is that the vast majority of tasting room employees do not abuse wine, and I've worked with literally hundreds of employees. We practice responsible consumption for ourselves and our guests. The two letters you published on the subject are the exception, not the rule. The wine business is committed to using wine in moderation, particularly with meals. Please set the record straight. — CRAIG ROOT, ST. HELENA, CALIF.

DEAR CRAIG: I think your letter does that very well. However, about the wine industry urges consumers to "enjoy in moderation," not all individuals are willing or able to acknowledge when enough is enough. It is not my intention to trash the industry, but the people whose letters I published were genuinely concerned about a small group of employees.

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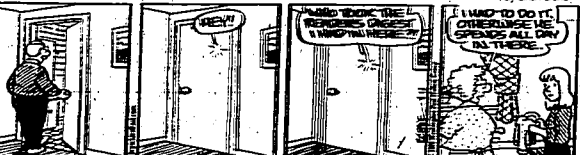
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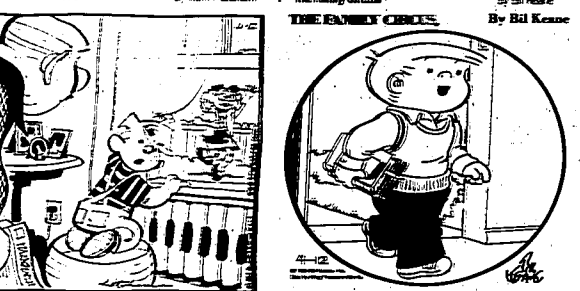
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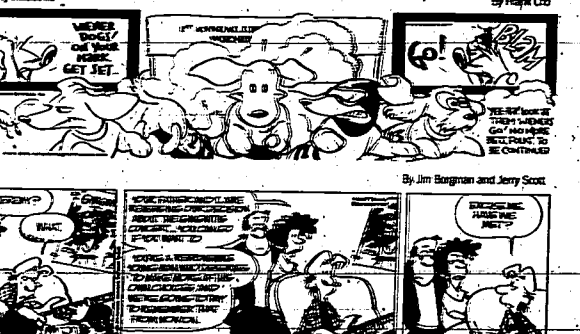
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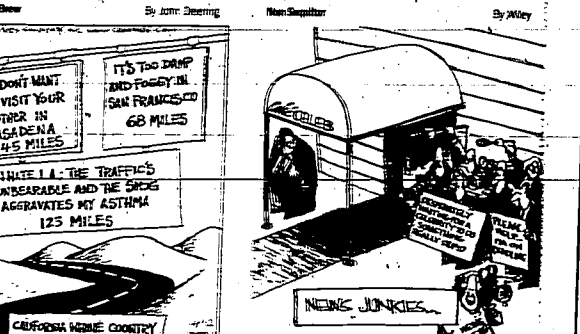
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# Church leader calls for respect for life

## Allies bomb during Orthodox Easter

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Orthodox Christians across the world celebrated Easter on Sunday amid widespread sympathy for fellow Orthodox Serbs and calls for an end to NATO airstrikes on Yugoslavia.

The spiritual leader of the Orthodox Christians, Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew, urged "respect for life itself, the life of our fellow human beings, the life of our opponent, the life of our enemy."

Bartholomew, wearing a red cloak adorned with the image of Jesus Christ, led several hundred faithful in a candlelit procession at a midnight Mass in the gold-encrusted Byzantine Cathedral of St. George in Istanbul.

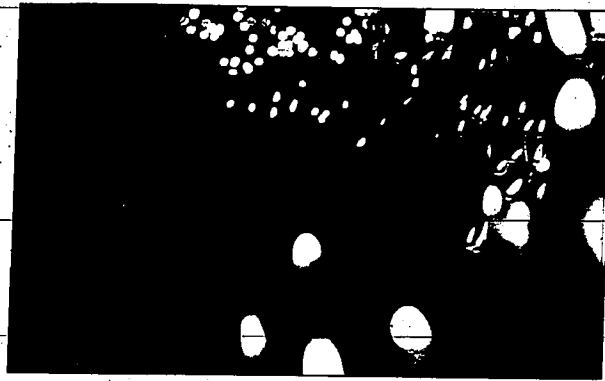
The patriarchate in Istanbul dates from the 1,100-year-old Orthodox Greek Byzantine Empire, which collapsed under the Ottoman Turks conquered Constantinople, today's Istanbul, in 1453. Bartholomew presides over 14 autonomous Orthodox churches, including those in Greece, Russia, Serbia, Albania, Bulgaria, and Romania.

Despite the bombing, allied bombings against Yugoslavia continued overnight Sunday.

Easter, the anniversary of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, was observed by some 300 million Orthodox on Sunday. Roman Catholics and Protestants celebrated Easter a week earlier.

The bombings have led to an outpouring of faith in Yugoslavia, where thousands of Serbs attended midnight Mass defying the warnings of air-raid sirens.

Serbian Orthodox Patriarch Pavle denounced the airstrikes and what he called a "criminal" NATO during a service several hundred people attended at the Cathedral Church in downtown Belgrade.



Jelena Mladenovic, 8, of Serbia, holds a candle Sunday during the Orthodox Easter service at the Serbian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Sava in New York.

"We pray for peace and good will among people, but now we are suffering," the patriarch said in a statement read by a priest. "All just proposals for a peaceful solution... have been rejected."

NATO says its campaign is aimed at bringing Yugoslavia back to the bargaining table on the fate of the rebellious province of Kosovo.

Throughout the Orthodox world, politics mixed with religion on Sunday.

Anger at NATO action was particularly visible in Greece, where television showed Belgraders holding Easter services in underground air-raid shelters.

Anti-war protesters joined in church celebrations, while parishes collected donations for the

Serbs. On the island of Corfu, giant Yugoslav flags were draped across buildings in the main square.

Greeks "must be on the side of those crucified. Never, never, on the side of the crucifiers," Archbishop Christodoulos, Greece's Orthodox Church leader, said Friday.

The head of Russia's Orthodox Church, Patriarch Alexy II, also called for an end to NATO bombings and urged Russians to "look jointly for ways to solve Russian and international problems."

"This unique, God-given opportunity to break the vicious circle of violence should not be lost," Alexy said, according to the ITAR-TSS news agency.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin visited the patriarch before receiving an Easter blessing in the 17th-century Church of Archangel Michael with his wife Natalya.

Even Romania's President Emil Constantinescu, who supports NATO airstrikes against Yugoslavia, urged a pause in the bombings for Orthodox Easter.

In Ukraine, Easter provided temporary relief for millions suffering an economic decline that began with independence in 1991.

In an Easter message, Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma called on his 50 million countrymen to be guided by "eternal values of Christian morality."

"Christ has risen," he said. "Ukraine shall rise."

# Reports sketch mass civilian expulsions

## Careful planning by Serbs preceded refugee exodus

The Washington Post

The mass exodus of ethnic Albanians from Kosovo began over the weekend of March 27-28, four days after NATO began bombing. A meticulous, organized campaign carried out jointly by Yugoslav army, police and paramilitary units, the urban expulsions represented a first step, without precedent in Europe since the end of World War II.

Many questions about how and why the mass expulsions were ordered by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic remain unanswered, although the available evidence points to careful planning in advance. "The cities represent a big change," said James Ron, a senior rights watch. "My sense is some decision was taken as the weekend approached to empty the cities. When historians go through the Serbian archives in 20 or 30 years, they will be looking at the memos circulating in Belgrade on the 26th and 27th."

In Pristina that weekend, Yugoslav forces moved from house to house telling families they must go to the border. In other parts of the city, the Serbs arrived on foot. In some whole neighborhoods were forced onto the streets and bused to the city's central square, where trucks and buses awaited them.



An ethnic Albanian boy gives his older brother a kiss Saturday as night falls at a sports complex in Kosovo, Albania, 20 miles southeast of Tirana. The refugees were bused out of Macedonia in the middle of the night last Thursday.

of 200,000 people, preparations had been laid days before. Army units first swept west and south to seal the city. Paramilitary and Interior Ministry troops established checkpoints and parked armored vehicles at major intersections. Vehicles owned by foreign humanitarian organizations were smashed with wooden clubs. These tactics succeeded in terrifying the civilian population: Most shops closed, and people stayed indoors. Among the city's middle-class professionals, who had been insulated from most effects of fighting, disbelief quickly turned to horror.

The roundups of civilians began in outlying neighborhoods and continued in the city center, refugees later said. "You could see your Serb neighbor run into the stores and take things," recalled one resident. "There were army and police and crazy civilians yelling and shooting their guns into the air. Then they came with guns and said you have to flee to Turkey." Army forces moved into abandoned homes, the city's hospital and its schools in an apparent effort to evade NATO airstrikes.

Starting on March 29, residents of Pristina were routed from their homes by police and herded to the city's train station. Within two days, the expulsions were occurring with such speed that a column of residents on foot stretched through the streets for at least three miles, from a central vegetable market to the city limits. Police lined the

way, jeering. Western officials said the mass urban expulsions were meant not only to empty cities of ethnic Albanians but also to provoke a humanitarian crisis that would overwhelm and distract NATO forces stationed on the other side of the border. "They were pointed decisively towards Macedonia, in a very intentional way, like the old Westerners where they used to send a cattle stampede against the Indians," said a NATO official.

Last Thursday, Milosevic declared through the state media that the military offensive was over, and that "peace has prevailed in Kosovo." It was a spurious claim. Fighting continues in some areas, and some analysts believe that many rebels have withdrawn to Albania to fight another day. Abuses against civilians also persist. Of greatest concern are the warehouses and caravans of hundreds of thousands of internally displaced ethnic Albanians trapped in the province when its borders were sealed Thursday.

But in important ways, Belgrade could claim success: For one, the speed of the operation had allowed Yugoslav forces to present themselves as improving weather gave NATO pilots free reign over the southern Balkans. Yugoslav troops that day earlier had been surrounding villages and cities were dispersed, making it difficult to attack from the air.

In a testament to the thoroughness of the Serbian approach, systematic robbery and looting along the evacuation routes claimed the lives of many.

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# Milosevic represses Yugoslav news outlets

The Washington Post

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — There is no old saying that is true, to judge the events just a little bit: The first casualty of the war between NATO and Serbia in Yugoslavia has been the independent Yugoslav press.

Up until two weeks ago, Yugoslavia was home to numerous newspapers, radio stations and newsmagazines that frequently attacked the government headed by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic. Although the independent media organizations were largely confined to the big cities and had difficult communication with the official information machinery, they were among the most important symbols of Yugoslavia's fledgling democracy.

But now, they have virtually disappeared. Many outlets, such as the Belgrade radio station B92, have been harassed to such an extent that they have been reduced to parroting official propaganda and are subject to stringent censorship. Some leading Serbian journalists and editors have been intimidated and intimidated by the police. Many are fearful that the days of relatively free reporting are over. The Yugoslav authorities, they say, are likely to maintain many of the present controls after the war.

"Even if the war were to stop right now, that particularly if it continues, the situation will be to cut out the roots of democracy that previously existed here," said Radimir Djilic, a founder and director of the independent Belgrade newspaper. "It was the trend in the past to have more radical, simple solutions."

The Milosevic government has been moving against the independent media as soon as it became clear that negotiations

with NATO over a Kosovo peace settlement had broken down. Loud expressions of support by Western governments for independent media outlets such as B92, who reported on the position more vulnerable, according to Yugoslav journalists.

The editor-in-chief of B92, Vojin Matic, was reported by police for eight hours on March 24, shortly before the start of the NATO airstrikes, after his station began reporting on civil defense preparations. B92 then went off the air in Belgrade. A week later, it was closed down altogether after British Foreign Secretary

Robin Cook announced at a news conference that his government intended to provide the radio station with satellite facilities and that he would give B92 an exclusive interview.

Although Belgrade continues to boast at least half dozen newspapers, and an equivalent number of radio and TV stations, these outlets have been reduced to parroting the same news items. There has been very little coverage of the refugee crisis. When the refugees are mentioned, their plight is attributed to NATO bombing.

Serbian journalists say they have been given detailed recommendations for reporting on the war. The NATO bombing campaign is routinely referred to as "criminal barbarian aggression" and President Clinton and other Western leaders denounced as "fascists."

While Serbian journalists are frequently critical of the report in by official Serb news media on the NATO bombing campaign, they are also wary of Western television reporting channels such as CNN and Sky News. "It has been very shallow and sometimes false," says Matic. "It is a more sophisticated variant of our TV propaganda."

# Gunmen murder owner of independent paper

The Washington Post

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — A prominent newspaper owner who represented opposition views was shot to death Sunday in the Yugoslav capital.

Slavko Gavrilovic, the owner of the Dusavac Telegraph, was shot in the hallway of his apartment building in downtown Belgrade. Witnesses who rushed to the named said that two gunmen in leather jackets fired several shots at Gavrilovic's bank and then ran to the ground floor building.

His wife, Branka Bihaj, was wounded and was hospitalized. She said the witnesses, she said, had police.

Police questioned off the entrance of the building and were about questioning the building as they investigated the shooting. Gavrilovic was a prominent opposition newspaper has been named and fined for criticizing Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic and other government officials after a state media law was adopted December. He also has been in conflict with ultra-nationalist groups.

last month for linking last year's murder of a Belgrade doctor with Serbian Vice Premier Miroslav Bojic. Later, a police investigation said the murder was not linked to Bojic, a top ally of Milosevic.

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### Drop a line to Andy Stahl and say 'hi' from Bill Hall

From the Lewiston Morning Tribune

A person could really get exasperated with a guy like Andy Stahl. I have never met him but I meet his kind every other time I check my e-mail.

Those of you who deal daily with junk e-mail will "jazz me" in my doubts about him when I tell you that he has sent an e-mail message about his per case to 27,000 people at a time.

It takes a certain confidence in how right you are and how pathetically mistaken others are to have the brass to send your opinion uninvited to 27,000 people. A newspaper columnist can understand that.

Stahl is apparently so certain of his rectitude in forest matters that he force-feeds his opinion to 27,000 people at a time, contributing to the e-mail glut that threatens on some days to make e-mail useless. That is a man with no grasp of how true it often is that more is less, and vice versa.

Stahl is a former Forest Service employee who has become an environmental activist, belonging to something called Forest Service Employees for Environmental Ethics. His politics are not the issue. His computer abuse is. He discovered a way to send his message to 27,000 Forest Service employees. In other words, 27,000 people — all but a handful of whom have no control over agency policy — had one more self-indulgent e-mail added to their miserable bureaucratic day.

And several other environmental activists, hearing about it, are now seeking the same address list so they can do the same thing. Are we having fun yet?

You know it's just a matter of time — Bill Hall

before the other righteous twits, those the other side of the environmental debate, weigh in with their own 27,000 messages on why we should clear-cut North America.

The Associated Press story labels it "a sort of high-tech handbilling." Actually, it's kind of high-tech diarrhea of the keyboard. And millions of us hear from conceited asses like that every day.

Stahl is not alone. He is merely one of the worst offenders. I am afflicted with friends and acquaintances — who have developed a tendency to send every joke or poem or saying that is slightly clever to everyone on their e-mail address list. And their e-mail list includes everyone they have every met or hoped to meet.

For those not burdened with the very mixed blessing of e-mail, you have to understand how cheap, easy and vulgar it is to become an Andy Stahl. With ordinary mail, there are same limits, not the least of which is that it costs paper, postage and considerable labor to mail out 27,000 copies of anything. You have to use some discretion, some common sense in forming an address list.

Not so with e-mail. Whatever you write or copy from someone else, you can either send to one person or to a mailing list of 27,000 persons with one click of the mouse button, no extra charge, no extra effort. (How appropriate that the computer pointing device is named for vermin.)

Even worse, there is some rule of reverse appearance. The less conspicuous the message, the more likely it is to be e-mailed to the world.



## Economy creates an 'oasis of prosperity'

**W**e are an "oasis of prosperity" after all, to borrow Alan Greenspan's elegant phrase. While most of the rest of the world struggles, the American economy has completed its eighth year of expansion. This is now the second longest expansion in U.S. history. If the economy grows for another year, it will pass the longest expansion (8 years and 10 months between February 1961 and December 1969). The economy is now surging ahead on its own optimism — and this is not just a figure of speech.

In 1998, the after-tax profits of U.S. businesses declined 2 percent, according to government figures. This was the first annual drop since 1989. No matter. The stock market leapt forward, with the Dow closing the other day above 10,000. The economy has other soft spots. Farmers face falling exports and low prices. Factory prices are down 0.7 percent in 1997 and another 3.6 percent in 1998. Manufacturing, exporting less. It's weak. Over the last year, factory jobs have fallen by nearly 1 million.

None of this has dented overall confidence. Americans are so upbeat that they regularly spend more than they earn. In February, consumer spending was 100.2 percent of their after-tax income; expressed differently, the personal savings rate was a negative 0.2 percent. (In 1991, it was a positive 5.6 percent.) This means that people are borrowing, drawing down bank accounts or selling stocks to finance the consumption boom. Because consumer spending absorbs nearly 70 percent of the economy's output, the extra buying has offset weakness elsewhere.

It also helps the rest of the world. The U.S. economy is going on imports. In 1998, imports rose 11 percent. The trade deficit has ballooned. Americans' imports create jobs elsewhere and provide the dollar for "emerging market" countries (from South Korea to Brazil) to pay foreign debts.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

Why has the U.S. economy done so well? Here are three causes:

• **Death of Inflation.** This was the doing of Paul Volcker, chairman of the Federal Reserve between 1979 and 1987, and Ronald Reagan. Volcker crushed inflation with high interest rates and a deep recession (unemployment neared 11 percent); Reagan acquiesced in this policy. In 1980, inflation was 13.5 percent; by 1983, it was 3.2 percent. The message was that the Federal Reserve would no longer tolerate runaway wages and prices. Companies had to improve profits by cutting costs and increasing efficiency — not raising prices. The recession of 1990-91 reinforced the message. "Downsizing" followed. But low inflation now means that the Federal Reserve hasn't had to raise interest rates — a standard way expansions end.

• **Better Management in Business.** Jack Welch, CEO of General Electric, and Michael Milken, the "junk bond" king, helped create the 1990s boom. Until the 1980s, top executives enjoyed tenure. They were rarely fired for poor performance. Hostile corporate takeovers (often financed with "junk bonds") changed that. Even those who weren't ousted were put on notice. The chief of IBM and General Motors got booted. Naturally, all executives faced more on improving efficiency, profits and stock prices.

• **New Technology.** Computers and communications (fiber-optic cable, networking systems) have been a powerful source of spending and jobs. Since 1990, corporate investment in computers and communications gear has risen at twice

the rate of other investment, such as industrial machinery and office buildings. New technology may also have helped cushion our costs by streamlining inventory control and customer service.

Until a few years ago, the U.S. economy was disparaged as a decadent giant. Americans (it was said) were too greedy, corporate "downsizing" had inflated needless insecurity, the obsession with stock prices led to "short-sell" thinking. U.S. companies could no longer innovate. The irony is that those diagnoses mistook the economy's virtues for its vices. A thriving economy requires some individual insecurity, which is the price of change. The obsession with the stock market and profits forces companies to control costs. Greed and ambition energize invention and risk-taking. The passion for stability — so evident in Europe and Japan — invites stagnation.

But just because the U.S. economy defies its obituaries does not mean that it is invulnerable. Its present good fortune stems at least in part from good luck. The global slump has helped hold down inflation by depressing raw material prices and slowing cheap imports. And there are ample signs of danger. Weak sectors are multiplying. Speculative fever has surely infected the stock market. The continuing boom seems to depend on a high stock market, and the strong job market seems to depend on the consumption boom.

With the economy a creature of confidence, any break in confidence could prove devastating. When Greenspan coined the phrase "oasis of prosperity," he doubted that the United States could survive in this tawdry state while most foreign economies were shrinking or stagnating. In effect, he posed a question: Can the rest of the world recover before the United States falls? It's still a good question.

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### Wrong info continues to spread

I would like to bring your attention to some wrong information that made its way to Associated Press. Unfortunately, *The Times-News* recently published this information. We have traced it back to a story written by the Idaho Statesman.

The Statesman was told that the statewide "Enough is Enough" drug awareness and prevention effort has cost approximately \$175,000 over three years. The error was inadvertently printed to say that Mr. Milton Creagh was personally paid \$175,000. There is a big difference between the two.

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### Enough is Enough is too much

When is enough, enough? Too much, beyond limits, beyond reason, beyond endurance? Overdone, saturated, unbearable?

Is it really worth sacrificing the Constitution and the Bill of Rights? Is it worth putting the public health, safety and general welfare at risk? Is it worth

### destroying the air, the land and the water?

Is there no common sense left? Does the world move on the political sound bite alone and the wishes of non-publicly elected corporate officers who have no ties to the community? I say Enough is Enough is too much. Too much hype and hysteria. The "War on Drugs" created the methamphetamine problem. Too many good people busted for a beneficial herb and a valuable fiber, food and medicine. Too much snake manure, cow manure, hog manure and too many chicken manure politicians and bull manure lobbyists. Too many livestock confinement camps. Too much greed. Too much economic and political power in too few hands. Is there a correlation? You bet there is.

Why destroy our rural quality of life to make plastic-tasting cheese and bitter-tasting milk you have to eat cake with to cover the taste? Get industrial milk, get industrial problems. Why con-

demore so many animals in such a small area and their use blood-tainted and no ship it all over the country? Why not smaller agriculture districts near the market? Why not human operators within the context of good stewardship and the principles of animal husbandry? Why over produce and deplete the land?

In the land of the free and home of the brave, stand free. Free men and women aren't stand in line and pee in bottles, the ultimate invasion of privacy. A government of, for, and by the people is perishing from the Earth without a whimper, being bought and sold in the back room deals by men and women afflicted of the light of day. Get up, stand up, stand up for your rights, or kiss the corporate boot before it stomps you into the ground as you grovel for some crumbs.

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## LETTERS

## Boonesbury



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# When it comes to military matters, it's McCain over Clinton any time

**J**ohn McCain is a smart man, an excellent U.S. senator, a courageous human being and compared to President Clinton, at least an expert on military matters. McCain knows about war, having entered the hell on earth of being a POW during the Vietnam War. Clinton never served in the armed forces and in fact demonstrated against the very war that failed so much misery on McCain.

So it seems perfectly reasonable that the former Navy pilot and current GOP presidential hopeful should see fit to offer advice on the subject of warfare to the former war protester and current president.

And the advice that McCain has been giving Clinton, in interviews and an op-ed piece, is this: The United States and the

**BILL THOMPSON**

North Atlantic Treaty Organization must be ready and willing to fight a ground war if their ongoing air assaults to stop the merciless campaign of ethnic cleansing, being conducted by Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic against ethnic Albanians in Kosovo.

"Diplomats may call our use of force something less than war, but the pilots who are leading the offensive know, even if their leaders do not, that the United States and our NATO allies are at war..." McCain wrote. "And we must, by whatever means necessary, win it."

"To be sure, the introduction of

American ground troops in Kosovo would be an awful decision for any president to make. Hearts will break in many homes when the allies lose — as surely they will — to the sort of ancient Balkan hatreds that few Americans can comprehend. While such a decision should be made very reluctantly and only when all other means have been exhausted, it must not be ruled out."

This isn't the sort of thing that most Americans want to hear. It is definitely not the sort of thing that Clinton wants us to hear when he is doing his devious best to downplay the potential for full-fledged warfare.

Clinton specializes in misleading the American people. McCain specializes in telling the truth. And the truth about U.S.

involvement in Yugoslavia's civil war is that there are only two options: cut and run, or cut loose and do whatever it takes to crush Milosevic and his murderous regime.

"Means must be designed to serve ends, and not vice versa," McCain wrote. "It is utterly irresponsible for any U.S. official to declare or even intimate that we will not do whatever we must to defeat the enemy."

When he suggests that Clinton was surprised that Milosevic didn't act as soon as the bombs started falling, McCain is giving the president a benefit of the doubt that some Americans might not be willing to give. Those who oppose American intervention in a European civil war suspect that the president knew darn well

that his power alone would not break Milosevic and that NATO would achieve its military and political objectives only by enabling him on a ground war.

Some of us suspect that Clinton knew all this and that he declined to share his knowledge with the American people. If the president is taking his country to war, he is at least owed his fellow citizens the truth.

McCain argues that there is no turning back now, that the United States is committed as if by a stone and resolve of the world's only superpower.

Perhaps he's right. But it never should have come to this.

*Bill Thompson is a columnist for the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.*



## Serb mythology preaches war as a means to an end

**I** talked recently with an old friend in Belgrade. We met in China, where we both worked as reporters, and we became close friends later, when I covered the former Yugoslavia's violent disintegration. She had utter contempt for Slobodan Milosevic and his regime. So I was a bit surprised to hear her say she had just returned from a rock concert staged by the regime.

Yes, she said somewhat ruefully, I have to do all I can to show that we are ready to defend our homeland.

**DUSKO DODER**

the scene as an entire moral universe. On the eve of the battle, the Mother of God appears to Lazar and offers him a choice of a heavenly or earthly empire. If he wants the first, he should prepare himself and the Serb army for destruction. If he desires the second, he should defeat the Turks or compromise with them. Lazar weighs the options:

*Kind God, what shall I do, how shall I do it?*

*What is the empire of my choice? Is it the empire of Heaven? Or is it the empire of Earth? The empire of Earth is fleeting. Heaven is lasting and everlasting. Lazar opts for the empire of Heaven, which is to say, truth and justice. The Serbs were slaughtered. The mythology insists that it was a morally right decision: de-asking, mass-murdering, the-billary are to be spurned.*

In some sense, Clinton's ultimatum to Milosevic is similar to the "option" that Lazar was given. He either had to accept a peace plan worked out in Paris or he could choose war.

A thoroughly cynical, ruthless politician whose political survival is his main concern, Milosevic prefers the empire of the Earth. As Dayton, he was the one who betrayed the Bosnian Serbs by offering the city of Sarajevo as a gift to the Muslims.

This, however, the loss of Kosovo would mean his demise. He rose to power by insisting that Kosovo is not only a part of Serbia, but the heart of Serbia. Since he could not compromise, Milosevic cast himself in the role of Lazar's successor and led his nation into war against the most powerful military alliance in the world.

An introduction of U.S. and NATO ground troops may bring about a Serb capitulation. But this would not mean a political resolution of the problem: It would mean a long-term military commitment to rule a people who believe that they are more sinned against than sinning and that the legacy of Kosovo imposes on them a new struggle to achieve its restoration.

*Dusko Doder is completing a book about Yugoslavia's disintegration. He is a columnist for the New York Herald.*

# A tax day message to the Pentagon

**O**n April 15th, millions of Americans will wait until the last minute to pay their taxes. Many of us will get audited, frantically worrying about justifying every dollar and cent. Well, here is a true story about what happens when one of the government's largest agencies — the Pentagon, Dunks an audit 15 times in a row. Instead of being fined and forced to make serious reforms, the Pentagon gets an increase worth billions while the taxpayer gets stuck with the bill.

Since everyone talks about taxes on Tax Day's talk about where our tax dollars go and how much is really being spent on defense. Fifty percent of all discretionary funds go to the Pentagon's budget. According to a recent report by the Government Accounting Office — the government's own bean counters — one out of every five dollars in Pentagon spending is lost to waste, fraud or abuse.

On this Tax Day, it is fair to ask why the Pentagon deserves such blind faith when their own accountants cannot figure out how they are spending the money they already have. Unbelievably, \$250 billion out of \$1.2 trillion worth of

**JAMES K. WYERMAN**

Pentagon property, equipment and supplies are still unaccounted. Auditors cannot match about \$22 billion in signed checks with corresponding obligations. Also, \$9 billion in military materials and supplies, along with \$19 million in over-payments to contractors are unexplained. The report blames poor accounting and sweeping management failures.

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Defense's own report cited AlliedSignal for overcharging up to 618 percent on parts. Another contractor charged \$76 for 57-cent screws. Using a new form of camouflage, officials blacked out grossly overpriced items in their report.

Alive in the Pentagon is a culture encoached against change. Managing 1.4 million soldiers and civilians and a vast stock of advanced weapons is no easy task. But the scope of bookkeep-

ing and management errors is atrocious. Of the 1,400 upper-level financial managers in Defense, over half have no training in budget or finance. Is this any way to run our military?

President Clinton proposed a \$12 billion increase in military spending for fiscal year 2000 and Congress recently voted to add \$8 billion more.

Who says "throwing money at a problem" went out with the liberals of yesterday? That is exactly what happens under a president who is afraid to say no to the military and a Congress that rubber-stamps every military whim, and then adds billions beyond what the Pentagon requested.

Let's stick to the spending levels in the bipartisan, balanced budget agreement. President Clinton's proposal is already the largest peacetime military increase since the Reagan era, standing at 18 times the combined military budgets of all our potential enemies. That is enough by any reasonable standard.

It may seem harsh to criticize the Pentagon when our armed forces are engaged in the nasty dealings in the Balkans. But this is not about the need for a strong national defense or the need to provide quality support to our enlisted soldiers. We all

agree on that. But anyone who has done a budget knows that you have to choose which items are most important and fund those first. Anyone who pays taxes knows there is a price to pay if you get undred and cannot account for something. Will the Pentagon have to pay a price for its audits? That is the real issue.

How are taxpayers waiting for before they say enough is enough? How many 543S hammer nails hit us on the head before we feel the pain of Pentagon waste? More money for the Pentagon inevitably means less spending for education, health care, law enforcement, the environment and the housing crisis.

As you feel the tax bite on April 15th, stop and think about where America's small businesses and taxpayers would be if they had emplaced 20 percent of their income, and then finished an audit to boot. Would any of us get a raise if we had failed 15 audits? No, we would be behind bars.

*James K. Wyerman is the executive director of 30/20 Vision, a national grassroots organization mobilizing citizens to promote peace and protect the environment.*

What incensed my friend was not so much NATO airstrikes on Yugoslav targets as President Clinton's comparison of Milosevic's Serbia to Hitler's Germany. This rather careless hyperbole, despite a steady drumbeat of anti-Serb rhetoric, seems to have rallied the Serb nation around the dictator. This time, Milosevic did not have to resort to propagandists, agitators to create the sense of immediate threat.

The Serbs have mystery in their hearts. For the past decade they have been exposed to Milosevic's envenomed propaganda machinery, which went into rapturous evidence of foreign duplicity.

Milosevic's rise to power in 1987 is tied to Kosovo, a scene of ancient bloodshed. It was at Kosovo's field of the Blackbirds that the Serb army led by Prince Lazar was defeated by the Ottoman Turks in 1389. This led Serbs into captivity for four centuries.

The defeat gave rise to a mythology handed down through generations in ballads whose soothing lyrics explained enslavement.

But the ballads also call on Serbs to avenge the injustice of Kosovo, fostering a disdain for compromise, their belief in the meaningfulness of loss and the promise of inevitable restoration. This dubious side of the Serb nation's fantasy life has perpetuated a world of fearless warriors in the hand of a demagogue such as Milosevic, this can produce a sick state of mind.

At the heart of the Serb mythology is the moral choice presented to the 14th-century prince. He is facing a vastly superior Turkish army at the Field of the Blackbirds. The unknown birds present

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# INFANT IMMUNIZATION: IMPORTANT INFORMATION

All information courtesy of the Cassia Regional Medical Center.

## The Problem:

Before vaccines, hundreds of thousands of American children died from infectious childhood diseases. The development of vaccines brought such sharp declines in the incidence of these diseases that some previously common illnesses were all but eliminated. It seems people have become complacent in the face of such reductions in disease, and now:

- Haiti and Bolivia are the only nations in the Western Hemisphere with lower infant immunization rates than the US.
- In Idaho, nearly 40% of children under the age of 2 are behind on their immunizations. Thousands of Idaho infants remain vulnerable to polio, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, measles, mumps, and rubella.
- In young children these vaccine-preventable diseases can cause such serious complications as blindness, pneumonia, deafness, paralysis, brain damage, mental retardation or even death.

## Why is Immunization the Answer?

- Increasing the immunity levels of children 1-24 months reduces the number of potential disease carriers. Vaccines are a child's first line of defense against diseases that can jeopardize their health for the rest of their lives. Vaccines protect the individual as well as the community from disease.
- Immunization is one of the most cost-effective medical interventions available. For every dollar spent on immunization, as much as \$29 can be saved in direct and indirect costs.

## Why are Immunization Rates So Low?

Many parents are not aware that immunizations should begin at birth and must be continued at frequent intervals for the

## Recommended Immunization Schedule

\* There should be at least 6 months between DTP #3 & DTP #4.  
\* The child must be at least 1 year old to be eligible for MMR.

| Vaccine | Birth | 2 mos | 4 mos | 6 mos | 12-18 mos |
|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| DTP     |       | #1    | #2    | #3    | #4        |
| Hib     |       | #1    | #2    | #3    | #4        |
| Polio   |       | #1    | #2    | #3    |           |
| MMR     |       |       |       |       | #1        |
| Hep B   | #1    | #2    |       | #3    |           |

## Total No. of Immunizations Needed by 24 Months

| Vaccine | By 24 mos |
|---------|-----------|
| DTP     | 4         |
| Hib     | 4         |
| Polio   | 3         |
| MMR     | 1         |
| Hep B   | 3         |

first several years of their child's life. Many parents mistakenly assume that preventable diseases are no longer a threat. But, to be adequately protected, children need 80% of their vaccinations by the age of two. Protection during this period (when children are most vulnerable to disease) is easily attainable over the course of about five clinic visits. Parents who wait until their children reach school age delay critical immunizations causing their children to be susceptible to vaccine preventable disease.

## Idaho's Immunization Rates are one of the Lowest in the Nation.

- Idaho's immunization rates fall far below the 90% national immunization goal the Center for Disease Control (CDC) deems necessary for protection against epidemics of vaccine preventable diseases.
- Pertussis (whooping cough) levels are at their highest in 26 years. Idaho had nearly 200 cases in 1994 and 1995.

## Idaho Baby Track Program:

An immunization reminder program designed to assist parents/guardians in protecting their infants from vaccine preventable disease.

Idaho continues to experience epidemics of preventable diseases such as pertussis (whooping cough) and measles. Babies need 80% of their immunizations by two years of age. Babies generally receive four series of immunizations from 2 months to 15 months of age. Many people wait until children are school age before immunizing. By waiting to immunize, parents leave their children at risk for vaccine preventable diseases. By enrolling in the Idaho Baby Track program as a Baby Tracker, you will send reminder postcards, make follow-up phone calls, and provide requested information. Your services will make a significant contribution to the effort to increase the infant immunization rate in Idaho. To volunteer call the Cassia Public Health Dept at 678-8221 or the Minidoka Public Health Dept at 436-7185.

For more information on immunizations, call the health department in your area: South Central District Health Dept at 734-5900; Cassia Public Health Dept at 678-8221; and the Minidoka Health Dept at 436-7185.

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SPORTSQUOTE

Hand-eye coordination is something you can't get from a bottle. Balance and bat speed, you can't get from a bottle.

Illusion stars first baseman Jeff Bagwell, showing that Mark McGwire's home run record was achieved in his case of the supplement and steroids.

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls' high school golf

IN BRIEF

Texas Ranch holds spring shootout. SHOSHONE — Texas Ranch Sporting Club held their April Spring Rival Shootout Clay Pigeon Shoot and Sporting Clays Saturday with Gooding and Miller's Bats.

Lady Vapilts teams opens BSU 6-3

MOSCOW — The UW women's tennis team secured Boise State 6-3 Sunday for the Vapilts' first win over the Broncos in four years.

ESU men's tennis wins Big Sky Regionals

The Idaho State men's tennis team won Montana State 5-1 in the final match of the Big Sky Mountain Regionals Saturday at Great Falls. The Bengals finished the round-robin competition 3-0 and secured the region's No. 1 seed (and a first round bye) in the Big Sky Championship for Glendale, AZ, April 23-25.

UJ women's track takes second, men finish third

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — The University of Idaho women's track and field team finished the meet placed third at a USA Collegiate Series meet which also featured Colorado State, Air Force and Sacramento State.



Holy Olazabal! Spaniard wins second Masters, denies Norman



1999 Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal celebrates his win Sunday with playing partner Greg Norman.

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The only redemption Sunday belonged to Jose Maria Olazabal. Unable to wait three years ago and fearing his career had ended, Olazabal stole the thunder from Greg Norman and won the Masters for the second time.

Just when it appeared Norman might finally redeem himself from three past failures at Augusta National by making a 30-foot eagle on the 13th hole to take the lead, Olazabal rammed home a birdie putt to tie.

The rest of the day belonged to the 33-year-old Spaniard, who survived the frightening conditions by not making a bogey over the final 13 holes. He finished his 1-under 71 with a 4-foot par putt and pumped his fist.

More Masters - B3

When Olazabal won in 1994, the gallery was pulling for Tom Lehman. Once again, the cheers belonged to someone else.

This wasn't nearly as shocking as his collapse in 1996, when Norman squandered a six-stroke lead to Nick Faldo in the final round.

Norman three-putted from 40 feet off the fringe for a bogey on the 14th, then effectively ended his chances on the par-5 15th, when his sand wedge from 98 yards away missed its target by 40 feet and he took another bogey.

Olazabal closed it out in fashion with a 3-foot birdie putt on the 16th, then two more pars in which his brilliance with the short game was on display.

The limp game, he marched up to the 18th green to a cheer that finally gave him his due. "I reached a point that I really had serious doubts about not just playing golf but the quality of my life," Olazabal said.

Duval's late charge falls short, seeks first major title

AUGUSTA, Ga. — David Duval knew he needed to post a low number early in the final round of the Masters to get the attention of the leaders.

Trouble was, the numbers kept bouncing around in the tank while that blew through the Augusta National Golf Club Sunday.

He got as low as 5-under with a 14-foot birdie putt at the 10th hole. "He got as close as one shot off the lead on the back nine. But his surge consisted of one step forward, one step back.

When I got through the front nine, I knew what was ahead of the leaders, and it wasn't going to be easy," said Duval, who tied for second here last year, one shot behind Mark O'Meara. "So I felt I was in a very good position heading into the back nine. But some poor shots and some untimely mistakes really hurt me in the end."

By Dennis Cioffi

TWIN FALLS — The first-round leaders collapsed in the final holes Sunday, while another team used its final hole to take a share of the title at the 1999 Cove 2-Person Best-Ball at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

First-round leaders Bill Cook and Jim Ochser were 3-under par on the day through 14 holes of play, but the team bogeyed three of its final four holes to finish in a tie for third, just one stroke out of first.

Blakely, who finished the day with four birdies, put his team into contention with a 3 on the par-3 365-yard No. 8.

The championship fight began the day on the 10th hole. "Guiles' eagle was the first time he broke par Sunday, the two times he had sole possession of low score were his par on No. 12 and a bogey on No. 3.

First-round leaders Bruce Draper and Jay Miller finished two strokes off the lead. Billie Minsch and Barbara Frith shaved a few strokes off Saturday's score and won the

round charge. He finished in a sixth-place tie at 3-under par 285, five shots behind champion Jose Maria Olazabal.

"Winning takes more out of you than finishing 25th or 30th," he said. "But I felt my preparation was what I needed to be. I came in here obviously playing well, and it just didn't happen. I failed to quite put it all together."

"Seeking his first major, championship, Duval began the day in a tie for 17th, six shots off the lead. He got as low as 5-under with a 14-foot birdie putt at the 10th hole.

D controls first Idaho scrimmage

MOSCOW — Chris Courtney looked at the start sheet and responded to an inquiry about the University of Idaho football team's first scrimmage. "I liked the defensive unit, he said, grinning. It was the defense's morning.

SPORTS

Olazabal

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now has as many green pictures as his mentor, Sew Ballesteros.
Bob Estes and Steve Fanebae had for fourth in 1984. Olazabal had the best round of the day, a 72 under 70, and was in a large group at 285 that included Nick Price, Phil Mickelthun and Lee Westwood.

Norman responded with a 30-foot birdie on the 13th, the hole that doomed so many other contenders.
Back and forth they went through Amen Corner, the gallery building in front with hopes that destiny might, finally, be on Norman's side.

The turning point came on the par-5 13th.
Norman hit a 5-iron from 198 yards-into-about-30-feet-while Olazabal laid up and hit his third shot into 25 feet.

Norman looked over at him and smiled in disbelief. Olazabal widened and pointed his finger at him.
"I said to myself, 'Just make sure you make yours,' because I didn't want to go one shot down."

Norman looked over at him and smiled in disbelief. Olazabal widened and pointed his finger at him.
"Junior Ed Dean had the most successful morning at quarter-back, competing six of 22 passes for 41 yards. Stephen Moore Welsh was 2-of-6 for 30 yards but was intercepted once, while senior Greg Robertson struggled with only one completion in six attempts.

Vandals

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Some of the offensive highlights were provided by receiver freshman Rahimu Pettit, who carried the ball six times for 24 yards, and senior running back Michael Moody, who had 32 yards on 10 carries.

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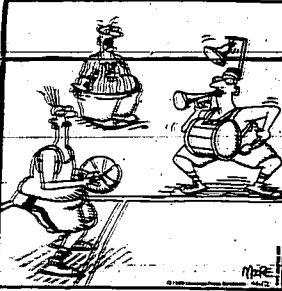
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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Glenns Ferry schools to reopen

**GLENN'S FERRY** - Students will return to classes today after a severe city water shortage closed the school for two days last week.

At a special school board meeting Friday, Glenns Ferry School Superintendent Art Will Spalding announced the district's plan to deal with continued potential water shortage by obtaining an emergency water supply.

Glenns Ferry residents have relied on water from outside sources since April 7, when the town's principal source of domestic water failed. Thousand of gallons of water have been supplied in tanks by the Idaho National Guard and Bureau of Land Management.

Mayor Glenn Thompson told the school board that other agencies, including the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Mountain Home Air Force Base, have offered emergency water. A tank of water will be hooked at the school for use in the school cafeteria and students will be offered bottled water from Trinity Springs Ltd. of Ketchum, which donated a number of cases to Glenns Ferry last week.

Glenns Ferry High School Principal Len Penner said all drinking fountains will be turned off, and notices will be posted at the school to remind students not to drink water directly from any source connected to the city water lines.

### CSI North Side Center registration begins

**GOODING** - The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center will register students for summer and fall courses today.

The center is offering a variety of academic courses as well as adult enrichment courses. Special interest courses include Dutch Oven cooking, Handgun Safety and Responsibility, Genealogy I, Basic Swedish Massage, CPR, and First Aid. New course offerings include beginning and intermediate trapshooting, Mutual Fund Investing, Tennis and Basic Plumbing for the Homeowner.

Summer academic classes, beginning June 7. Those interested may register at any CSI location or call the North Side Center at 934-8678.

### Jerome Chamber will welcome governor

**JEROME** - Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne will be the guest of the Jerome Chamber of Commerce Luncheon at noon April 21 at El Sombrero Restaurant located at 34 W. Main.

Festivities will include a ribbon cutting ceremony to launch construction of the Local Improvement District's downtown revitalization project. The \$2-million project will widen streets and add a turning lane, signal, sidewalks and new street furniture in a two-block area of downtown Jerome. The project is expected to be completed in 50 to 90 days, according to project coordinator Mike Pepper.

### Wendell schedules City Cleanup Day

**WENDELL** - The City of Wendell will hold a City Cleanup Day on the west side of town on Wednesday and the east side of town on Thursday.

Residents are asked to put items in their alleys so they can be picked up. Residents may also drop items off at dumpsters located on the north and south ends of town.

Compiled from staff reports

## WANTED in the Magic Valley

Name: Brad Russell Geist  
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The Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office asks anyone with information to call 736-4100 or 735-1911.

### Choir-meister Wong to step down from Magic Valley Chorale podium

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - Carson Wong has led the Magic Valley Chorale through so many "Hallelujah" choruses that it's almost second nature to stand up when he raises his arms.

But not for much longer. The 60-year-old choir-meister will retire after next Sunday's Chorale spring concert to "fish, play tennis, and relax a little." He'll continue teaching at CSI, where he's been on the music faculty since 1980.

"It won't be the same without him," said Jake Reichard, who recommended Wong - then a Jerome High School music instructor - for the Chorale directorship 19 years ago. "He's an excellent teacher."

"He's been the life of the party," said Camille Cox, like Reichard a long-standing member who will retire after next Sunday's Chorale spring concert to "sing, play tennis, and relax a little." He'll continue teaching at CSI, where he's been on the music faculty since 1980.

"I've been very lucky to have a



Carson Wong is retiring as the director of the Magic Valley Chorale. He'll continue teaching at CSI where he's been on the music faculty since 1980.

**Spring concert**

The Magic Valley Chorale will give its "Spring Concert" at 8 p.m. and Sunday at 3 p.m. in the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Center auditorium, under the direction of Carson Wong.

Soloists will be soprano LeAnne Hadden and baritone Robert Neumann. The choir will be accompanied by a piano, which are \$5 for adults, \$3 for students, children and senior citizens. Can be obtained at World's Music and the CSI Bookstore in Twin Falls. Buy ahead of time in Jerome, from any Church member, or at the door.

core group of very fine singers," he said. "The musicianship of the Chorale has really improved over the years."

Box Wong is equally renowned for working with rookies.

"If you can match pitch, you can sing with the Chorale," Cox said. "Carson is very patient."

Although the chorus still performs Handel's "Messiah" every other year ("More often than that, people get sick of it"), Wong has expanded its repertoire with the likes of John Rutter, Haydn, Mendelssohn and Mozart. He's particularly proud of his swan song, Johannes Brahms' "Requiem," which the Chorale will sing next weekend.

"It's a beautiful piece of music," Wong said. "And it's the first time the Chorale has done Brahms."

Wong said CSI's burgeoning music program was a factor in his decision to step down from the Chorale podium.

"There are a lot of time demands with the job," he said. "I just felt I couldn't continue to do both."

The China-born, San Jose Please see CHORALE, Page C3

## Y2K: Why worry, say officials

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The prospect of Y2K doesn't bug Twin Falls city officials.

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Glenns Ferry schools to reopen

GLENN'S FERRY - Students will return to classes today after a severe city water shortage closed the school for two days last week. At a special school board meeting Friday, Glenn's Ferry School Superintendent Will Spaulding announced the district's plan to deal with continued potential water shortage by obtaining an emergency water supply.

Glenn's Ferry residents have relied on water from outside sources since April 7, when the town's principal source of domestic water failed. Thousand of gallons of water have been supplied in tanks by the Idaho National Guard and Bureau of Land Management. Mayor Glenn Thompson told the school board that other agencies, including the Idaho Department of Fish and Game and Mountain Home Air Force Base, have offered emergency water. A tank of water will be placed at the school for use in the school cafeteria and students will be offered bottled water from Trinity Springs Ltd. of Ketchum, which donated a thousand cases to Glenn's Ferry last week.

Glenn's Ferry High School Principal Len Penner said all drinking fountains will be shut off, and students will be notified at the school to remind students not to drink water directly from any source connected to the city water lines.

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By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Carson Wong has led the Magic Valley Chorale through so many "Hallelujah" choruses that it's almost second nature to stand up when he raises his arms.

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"It won't be the same without him," said Jake Reichard, who recommended Wong - then a Jerome High School music instructor - for the Chorale directorship 19 years ago. "He's an excellent teacher."

He's been the life of the party," said Camille Cox, like Reichard a long-standing member of the Chorale and a sometimes singing partner with Wong. "Always good to work with, always fun."

The nearly 100-member chorale has more than 1972, almost doubled in size under Wong's stewardship. There are still a few active members who were singing with the group when Wong took over.

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San Wong is equally renowned for working with artists.

"If you can march pitch, you can sing with the Chorale," Cox said. "Carson is very patient." Wong has expanded the repertoire. "Musically," every other year ("More of a drum chart, maybe just stick of it"), Wong has expanded the repertoire with the likes of John Brown, Marvin Muddleson and Mozart. He's particularly proud of his own songs, "Business Deal" and "Baguette," which the Chorale will sing next weekend.

"It's a beautiful piece of music," Wong said. "And it's the first time the Chorale has done Beatles." Wong said CSI's burgeoning music program was a factor in his decision to step down from the Chorale podium. "There are a lot of time demands with the job," he said. "I just felt I couldn't continue to do both." The China-born, San Jose Please see CHORALE, Page C3

### CSI North Side Center registration begins

GOODING - The College of Southern Idaho North Side Center will register students for summer and fall courses today.

The center is offering a variety of adult enrichment courses. Special interest courses include Dutch Oven Cooking, Handgun Safety and Gun Possession, Technology 1, Basic Swedish Massage, CPR, and First Aid. New course offerings include beginning and intermediate courses for child care through its College for Kids program.

Summer academic classes begin June 7. Those interested may register at any CSI location or call the North Side Center at 934-8678.

### Jerome Chamber will welcome governor

JEROME - Idaho Governor Dirk Kempthorne will be the guest of honor at the Jerome Chamber of Commerce Luncheon on noon April 21 at El Sombrero Restaurant located at 143 W. Main.

Festivities will include a ribbon cutting ceremony to inaugurate construction of the Local Improvement District's downtown revitalization project. The \$2 million project will widen streets and add a turning lane, signal, sidewalks and new street furniture in a two-block area of downtown Jerome. The project is completed in 50 to 90 days, according to project coordinator Mike Pepper.

### Wendell schedules City Cleanup Day

WENDELL - The City of Wendell will hold a City Cleanup Day on the west side of town on Wednesday and the east side of town on Thursday and Friday.

Residents are asked to put items in plastic bags as they can be picked up. Residents may also drop items off in dumpsters located on the north and south ends of town.

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### WANTED in the Magic Valley

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## He would flee bosoms, but his car is booted

Vacation season is approaching, so today I want to issue a Travel Warning to help you avoid a menace that could completely ruin your vacation: bosoms.

This menace was brought to my attention by a recent letter to my newspaper, The Miami Herald (not "Keep Looking It's Somewhere in Your Yard"). This letter was written by the Rev. Keith A. Marvel of Wilmington, Del. He states:

"Three friends and I recently visited Miami to get in a little Florida sunshine and some golf. Our four-day stay was a bit of a shock.

"First we thought maybe we landed in another country when we walked to a beach — marked for our hotel's guests only — only to find topless women sunbathers.

HUMOR  
Dave Barry

"As Christian men, we are taught to flee this type of thing, which is hard in Miami since we seemed to be in a city of immorality nearly everywhere.

"Then, the clincher came at 7 p.m. Saturday night when we went to get dinner and came back to find our car, which was 'booted' by a company."

After describing his group's unsuccessful efforts to protest the \$25 parking fine, the Rev. Marvel states: "I hope that the city of Miami Beach would do something about this ordinance and topless sunbathing. If not, maybe you should warn tourists before they spend their hard-earned money on a trip to Miami."

First, by way of sincere apology, let me state, on behalf of all of the citizens of Miami and Miami Beach, who have unanimously elected me to speak for them, that the letters in "Keith A. Marvel" can be rearranged to spell "Hark! Evil Meant!"

Let me also state that the Rev. Marvel is correct. There are topless women sunbathers in Miami, although I think it's a stretch to say they're "nearly everywhere." I've lived in Miami for 13 years, and if it were infested with topless women, I definitely would have noticed. Also it would be mentioned on the TV news.

**ANNOUNCER:** What's our forecast, Bob? **WEATHER PERSON:** Bill. I let for warmer temperatures and continued naked bosoms all over the place, so the public should remain indoors with duct tape over its eyes.

It's not as bad as that. But we do get our topless sunbathers. Most of them are from Europe, where it is known to be being immoral. Europeans openly smoke cigarettes; they think nothing of topless. You cannot turn around in Europe without seeing a marble statue of a topless Greek or Roman goddess. The name of a Budweiser Clydesdale, expressing the ancient artistic concept: "I cannot find a more masculine in my size."

So Europeans often sunbathe topless. European men are also quite exposed. Apparently there was some huge mixup over in Europe, whereby all the eye patches were mislabeled as men's bathing suits, the result being that European men at the beach often have nothing covering their Euros but a piece of fabric the size of a chess I. Meanwhile, Europeans who injure their eyes are stumbling around with swimming trunks over their heads.

On my fact-finding trips to Miami-area beaches, I've noticed that the Europeans don't seem to notice that they're almost naked. But the Americans definitely do. The American women are cool about it; they have developed the ability to look at things, such as man's Euro region, as a Stealth Glance technique, so that you never actually catch them doing it. (They use a similar technique for scratching.)

American men, on the other hand, are as subtle as a dog with its nose in another dog's butt. When an American man catches sight of a bosom, his head snaps toward it, his eyeballs lock onto it, and he makes a loud alarm go off in his brain, similar to the one in submarine movies that goes "Dive! Dive! Dive!", except it goes "Bosom! Bosom! Bosom! Bosom!" and his head will remain pointed toward it and he will be unable to think about anything else until the primary cause of freighters running aground.

The point is that if a man, for example the Rev. Marvel, is on the same beach as a bosom, he is automatically incapable of simply ignoring it. He has to look at it, even though he has to flee. This is why I am issuing the following warning to travelers: If you come to the Miami area, and you

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# The breaks of life

## Increasingly, doctors can limit the ravages of osteoporosis

By Joan Bean  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — When 77-year-old Pauline Harper broke her hip after falling on ice two years ago, a test revealed she had osteoporosis.

A dual energy absorptiometry (dexa) scan was used in making the diagnosis. The test measures bone density with a focused beam of low-dose radiation.

Dr. Barbara Jensen, a Twin Falls internist, defines osteoporosis as an abnormal bone loss that usually happens with aging. Porosity of the bone increases, making it more brittle and subject to fractures.

Often there are no symptoms. "But they may notice a loss in height and curvature of the spine as the disease progresses," Jensen said. "And until they have a fracture, oftentimes patients really don't have any other symptoms, such as pain."

Although men can have osteoporosis,

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Pauline Harper was diagnosed with osteoporosis in 1997 after she fell on an icy sidewalk outside her apartment.

### To learn more ...

For more information on osteoporosis, contact:

□ National Osteoporosis Foundation, 1150 17th St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036. The phone number is (202) 223-2226, and there's a toll-free number to help you find the location of the nearest testing sites: (800) 464-8700. Or visit the NOF's website at <http://www.nof.org/>

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## Are you in danger for osteoporosis?

By Joan Bean  
Times-News correspondent

**TWIN FALLS** — What are a woman's risks of getting osteoporosis?

Dr. Barbara Jensen, a Twin Falls internist, said certain body types — thin women in particular — are more prone to bone loss.

"I always ask women about their family history and ethnic background," she said. "The fair-skinned and blue-eyed are probably more susceptible to osteoporosis than would be the Hispanic population and others."

Women asks patients if their mothers or grandmothers ended up in a nursing home with a broken hip, or had a curvature of the spine so severe that they lost inches of height as they got older.

Women are becoming more aware of the possibility of developing osteoporosis, Jensen said, and they want to minimize that danger. With a dual energy absorptiometry, or dexa, scan, it's relatively easy to screen for it.

"It's basically a low-dose X-ray looking at the absorption into the bone," she said. "We tend to look at areas of bone that are most susceptible to fracture."

That's the hip region and lumbar spine. One dexa scan measurement shows the patient's standard deviation from a hypothetical woman who is at her peak bone density — an average measurement for a woman around 30.

"You look at how many standard deviations of bone density have changed — where you are now compared to theoretical average density," she said.

The other dexa scan score is a comparison to an age-matched control group. The patient's bone density is compared to the average person of her age.

"We know that these scores are related to the risk of fracture, so the first thing we see is a condition called osteopenia, which means loss of bone thinning of bone," she said. "It's not quite to the degree where we call it osteoporosis."

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## Get the right blush brush

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It is also important to blend foundation on evenly. A sponge can help with that, but be sure you are not wiping off more than you are applying.

Finally, get a good-size blush brush and make sure it glides on the skin. If it is too small you will tend to over-apply and rub to get the color blended on



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right. You should apply blush with a gentle stroking motion to be sure the color lightly dusts the face.

One last possible source of the problem may be that your blush color grabs the face too well. Be sure the color you are using has a soft, silky consistency and not a "wet," grainy finish. The stronger the color, the more likely it is to adhere more intensely over pores.

## WOMEN

### Study to detect early osteoporosis

National program has been launched to identify women at high risk for osteoporosis.

Dr. Barbara Jensen, a Twin Falls internist, defines osteoporosis as an abnormal bone loss that usually happens with aging. Porosity of the bone increases, making it more brittle and subject to fractures.

Often there are no symptoms. "But they may notice a loss in height and curvature of the spine as the disease progresses," Jensen said. "And until they have a fracture, oftentimes patients really don't have any other symptoms, such as pain."

Although men can have osteoporosis,

## HEALTH NOTES

### Faring over the laws

This sweet scent of a freshly minted loan may really be the smell of an epidemic. Scientists studying the smog of chemicals in the air have found that injured grass grows off volatile compounds. Like do not panic. While rural emissions from curing grass and crops worldwide may seem large, scientists report in the journal *Environmental Research Letters*, it does not mean eating the grass is dangerous to the animals.

### Driving under the influence

According to a new study by Canadian researchers, people who smoke moderate amounts of marijuana are not much more dangerous behind the wheel than completely sober drivers. The researchers said the marijuana-smoking marijuana had been consumed, and while the drug should not be

### Heart of the matter

Antibiotics may prove as valuable in the treatment of heart disease as they are against illness, which only at recent years have been associated with bacterial infections, according to reports in this week's issue of "Circulation: Journal of the American Heart Association." Antibiotic treatment reduces inflammation in the blood vessels, which plays a much larger role in coronary heart disease than was once thought, says Dr. Jeffrey Anderson, chief of cardiology at the University of Utah Medical Center and a principal investigator in the study.

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## Danger

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"When research reveals osteoporosis is a true bone disease, it's time to start serious calcium supplements—initially, sure the patient is getting the calcium and regular exercise."  
 "Women are requesting bone density scans at an earlier age now, she said, probably to document their "baseline measurements."

## Osteoporosis

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"It's a progressive disease," Jensen said. "The bone loss typically starts in the 40s and 50s and becomes disruptive to a person's life."  
 "Everyone will have some age-related bone loss," she said. "It's just a matter of degree."  
 "Maintenance bone density is reached in the late 20s or early 30s. It decreases gradually until about age 50, the average age of menopause."

"For the next 10 years or so, the decline is steep in women who don't get on estrogen. Then it decreases greatly and levels off."  
 "Most of the impact we have is in working with women around the time of menopause," Jensen said. "Estrogen replacement does prevent the hormone-related loss."

"Drugs such as Fosamax are available to rebuild bone, but they can have side effects. Because these medications must be taken on an empty stomach, the absorbed amount is possible."  
 "Singer couldn't tolerate a bone-building drug because of stomach pain and nausea. So instead, she is on a calcium supplement called calcitonin D, taking 20 milligrams a day."  
 "The calcium in the next two years and then at almost the same place," she said. "But I haven't documented, so maybe that is also true."

"In addition, she drinks milk and adds to her diet anything else she can get calcium in. Light exercise and walking are also part of her regimen."  
 "Exercise may help strengthen bones," Jensen said. "We always recommend it as the initial preventive measure, and probably the most important as well is to get regular exercise and increase calcium intake to see what's getting the maximum daily requirement."

"Jensen said she always does a bone density study to find out how much calcium a patient is getting in her diet. She then suggests to make up the difference."  
 "The easiest form of calcium to take is Tums," Jensen said.

That's especially worthwhile for women who already have increased risk for bone loss. Cuestaker woman with a family history of osteoporosis, smokers and heavy drinkers. Also in danger are women who may for whatever reason have a low dietary calcium intake, or those taking steroids because of asthma or other chronic illness that makes them susceptible to bone loss.  
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"Health food and drug stores have other kinds of calcium supplement preparations, some of which have additional minerals and some may have vitamin D."

Maxine Schroeder, a clinical dietitian at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, said vitamin D is needed along with the calcium to get it into the bone. But because there is the potential for toxicity with vitamin D, milk is a safer choice.

Usually about 10 or 15 minutes of sunshine produces enough vitamin D to meet a person's needs.

"So for most of us here we could get that at least during spring and summer," Schroeder said. "We, of course, have trouble during winter without the sun being out. That's when it gets to be a concern."

Calcium is also available in broccoli, spinach, oranges and other foods, Schroeder said, but a person must eat large amounts to get the requirements. She recommends dairy products; milk and yogurt are the best choices.

Calcium requirements vary somewhat, according to age. Schroeder said: Until age 8, children need three servings of milk a day, serving is about 300 milligrams.

Between the ages of 9 and 13, kids need four daily servings. Until they turn 50, adults can get by with three servings of milk daily, but pregnant women should drink or eat between three and four.

After 50, four servings a day of milk are recommended. The amount of calcium that can be absorbed at one time is limited, so intake should be spread out along the day.

Folks who are lactose intolerant often only have problems with milk, Schroeder said. They can try other dairy products, such as yogurt. Orange juice fortified with calcium is another option.

Jensen is a strong believer in estrogen replacement. While supporting every woman's right to make that decision for herself, she thinks the benefits outweigh the risks, both for estrogen-related bone loss and osteoporosis—and for a woman's risk of coronary heart disease.

Estrogen typically gives women an advantage over men before menopause.

"And most of that is looking at the lipid profiles and keeping the good cholesterol high and the LDL—the bad cholesterol—low," she said. "Without estrogen, those levels tend to be inverted."

Women are usually concerned about their risk of breast cancer with estrogen, Jensen said. But she added that there are twice as many deaths related to vascular causes for all forms of cancer combined.

But she acknowledged the results of research on estrogen and breast cancer are conflicting. "Some studies are showing increased risk of breast cancer, some have not shown increased risk," she said. "I think overall there may be a slightly higher risk, but if you look at a woman's lifetime risk of dying of vascular causes is much greater."

When to begin estrogen replacement depends on the individual, she said. If a woman is having symptoms such as hot flashes, that's a good time to start treatment.

"If she is already through menopause, it is still not too late," Jensen said. "But the earlier it is started and the longer it is continued, the more benefit it will have."

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## Use laughter as therapy

Naiget Ridder News Service

The recent film "Patch Adams" has renewed interest in the effectiveness of using laughter as medical therapy. "A growing number of health professionals recognize the value of humor and are using it with patients to help relieve anxiety and promote recovery," says Dr. Ron Berk, reprinting in the "Johns Hopkins Health Insider" newsletter.



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- Monthly MVRMC Board Meeting \* Monday, April 12, 6 p.m., Sage Room of the Education Center.
- Cesarean Childbirth Class \* Tuesday, April 13, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.
- "Preventing Suicide and Self-abusive Behavior and Recognition and Treatment of Mental Health Problems" \* Wednesday, April 14, 7 - 9 p.m., Birdley United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall (27<sup>th</sup> and Almo). This free community education program is sponsored by Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services of MVRMC, Cassin Regional Medical Center, the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill of Mini-Cassida, Mini-Cassida Mental Health Services, Minidoka Memorial Hospital and the Community Support Center of Family and Children Services. For more information call 734-6760 or 1-800-657-8090.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Annual National Bereavement Teleconference "Living with Grief: At Work, at School, at Worship" \* Wednesday, April 14, 11:30 a.m. - 2:45 p.m., Education Center. This live via-satellite video teleconference is free of charge, sponsored by MVRMC, the MVRMC Foundation and the Hospice Foundation of America, and is intended for both professionals and laypeople. Please bring a sack lunch. Note that this is also the second session of the MVRMC Hospice Volunteer Training. Pre-registration is required. Call 737-2807 to register for the teleconference and call 737-2500 for information about the MVRMC Hospice Volunteer Training.
- Childbirth Refresher Course \* Thursday, April 15, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2490.
- West End SAFE KIDS Day \* Saturday, April 17, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m., Castleford School Ag Bldg. Geared for 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders, this event features safety workshops ranging from smoke/alarm/safety safety to safety when working in and around bikes and ATVs, water and candles, lawn mowers, animals, guns, traffic and fire. Registration: \$5. Deadline: April 13. Registration forms are available from Black Seed, Poppewell Elementary, West End Men's Association members, and the Castleford Men's Club. This event is sponsored by the Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition, the Castleford Men's Club and the West End Men's Association.
- CPR Class \* Saturday, April 17, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. Fee: \$11. To register call 737-2007.
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Newer depression drugs aren't better or worse

The Washington Post

Prozac and the popular generation of anti-depression drugs it spawned are no better, and no worse, at treating people suffering from major depression than the older generation of tricyclic drugs such as Pamelor, a federal analysis of almost 100 clinical trials over decades of clinical trials has concluded.

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The study, released last month, also found that depressed patients in clinical trials continue taking the older generation of drugs at about the same rate as the newer medications — despite more severe side effects from the older tricyclics.

To the large and growing population of Americans using the newer anti-depressants, known together as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), these conclusions may come as a surprise. But to therapists, the relative effectiveness of the two generations of drugs has been long understood.

"Since 1970, the common teaching to all psychiatrists has been that no antidepressant is more effective than any other," said J. Raymond DePaulo, a psychiatrist and director of the Johns Hopkins depression clinic in Baltimore.

"What's driving the increasing use of SSRIs is not efficacy — it is ease of use and the fact that patients tolerate them better."

The number of prescriptions written for all antidepressants has been increasing at an average of about 20 percent annually since 1994. But most of the growth during that time is in

SSRIs, since the number of prescriptions of tricyclics has been relatively stable, rising from 43 million annually to 51 million last year.

According to IMS Health of Plymouth Meeting, Pa., a research group that collects data on the pharmaceutical industry, the number of SSRI prescriptions written annually has more than doubled in the past five years — rising from 35 million in 1994 to 77 million in 1995.

Prescriptions for Prozac have increased from 16 million to almost 25 million annually, and Zoloft from 10 million to 21 million annually.

This explosion in SSRI use — and its high cost — was one reason why the recently released study of antidepressants was undertaken for the Health and Human Services Department's Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. The "meta-analysis" of 315 clinical trials going back to 1980 was designed to evaluate the benefits and drawbacks of each category of antidepressants.

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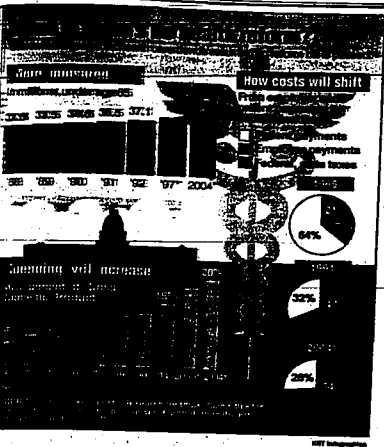
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Health costs should grow with economy

The Washington Post

With prices constrained by managed care and tighter controls over Medicare and Medicaid spending, health care costs over the next decade will likely grow slower than the rate as the American economy, according to a new study.

The study, sponsored by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and produced by the Institute for the Future, also forecasts a growing excess of doctors in most specialties, a glut in hospital beds and the growing dominance of health maintenance organizations.

While 27 percent of Americans enrolled in HMOs in 1997, that number will climb to 47 percent by 2010, the report predicts. Criticisms of HMO coverage, however, will produce increased legislation to address what are seen as health care abuses.

The study draws on the knowledge of scores of health care experts, as well as the staff from the Institute for the Future, a nonprofit organization based in California.

Regarding the doctor glut, the report forecasts that there will be almost 220 doctors per 100,000

Americans in 2010, compared with about 190 doctors per 100,000 today.

Because of these trends, as well as the continuing growth of managed care, doctors will increasingly become employees or partners in group practices. While a majority were in one- or two-person practices in 1996, the study predicts that only one-third will be working in such small practices by 2010.

The number of hospital beds will also be changing — declining from 810,000 in 1997 to 670,000 by 2010. Despite this decreasing need for hospital beds, the number of hospitals is unlikely to shrink dramatically because of political and economic pressures to keep them open.

The institute's forecast for the nation's total health care expenditure — which is said to rise from 14 percent of gross domestic product today to 16 percent by 2010 — is more conservative than many made in recent years. According to Marina Pascale, an author of the report, the Institute concluded that managed care will keep costs in Medicare and Medicaid lower than others have projected.

One in 100 men will get prostate cancer

The Ottawa Citizen

(OTTAWA) — One in 100 men will develop prostate cancer, and the American Cancer Society estimates that 179,300 men this year will learn they have the disease.

The American Cancer Society estimates that in 1999 Florida will post the second-highest incidence of prostate cancer and prostate cancer-related death in the country behind California.

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