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Nobody's home

Housing project runs into snag

By Theresa D. Jacoby
Times-News writer

JEROME — Because of a legal technicality, Gary surveyed Kim Burlington and their four children can't move into their new house built by the Habitat for Humanity of South Central Idaho in Jerome.

The house still needs to be surveyed for legal description. The Burlingtons own the organization has a lawyer who is working on the project pro bono, but Habitat needs a surveyor.

Once the house is surveyed, Kim Burlington said, it will take the lawyer about a day to do the necessary paperwork. Then the Burlingtons can move in.

Mich Smith, the building coordinator, and Diane Holley, president of the Jerome affiliate, said Habitat needs a surveyor because the person they had lined up for the job died.

Smith said the house was essentially finished and ready to be moved in to May 1.

The Burlingtons, who are presently living in a trailer, said they were ready to move in. They even had their phone and cable services shut off in anticipation of May 1.

The Burlingtons' house is the first built by HFH in Jerome. They were chosen as the affiliate's first partner family by a family selection committee nearly two years ago, Smith said.

When the couple first heard they were chosen, Gary said he doesn't believe it. He said the whole project wasn't real to him until they broke ground six months later.

The Burlingtons' house took about 18 months to complete, Smith said. But a Habitat house usually takes only three or four months to complete, Holley said.

Because of work-related injuries to his knees and back, Gary needs surgery and can't work. But since he thought the house was only going to take four months to build, he said he put off surgery to help build his family's home.

They said the reason why it has taken longer to build the house is because Habitat depends on community volunteers to construct the house.



Gary, Lisa, and Kim Burlington stand in front of new home built by Habitat for Humanity. They can't move into the house until after it's surveyed for a legal description.

Habitat for Humanity requires partner families to pay a down payment and monthly mortgage payments and to put in at least 250 hours of labor on the construction of their own house and another 250 hours on another house.

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NATO support dwindles

Bombing blunders spark concern

WASHINGTON — After two months of NATO airstrikes in Yugoslavia, allied and congressional support is eroding because of an increasing number of bombing blunders against embassies, hospitals and ethnic Albanian refugees and fighters.

Germany is so worried the alliance might "lose our moral ground" that its foreign minister was heading to Washington to talk with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on a new diplomatic approach to end the conflict.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said Sunday the air war's mistakes undermine confidence in the U.S. military, which he said has been sent on a mission in Yugoslavia that air power alone cannot win.

From President Clinton's perspective, NATO is more unified than when the bombing began March 24, though not without differences, he wrote in Sunday's New York Times.

"While there may be differences in domestic circumstances, cultural ties to the Balkans and ideas on tactics, there is no question about our unity on goals and our will to prevail," he wrote.

Albright, appearing on CBS' "Face the Nation," said the airstrikes eventually would force Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to agree to NATO's peace terms.

Still, allies clearly have become edgy in recent days as incidents, such as civilian casualties through "collateral damage" or mistaken attacks piled up this month.

Joschka Fischer, Germany's foreign minister, suggested NATO re-evaluate its targeting strategy.

Canadian Foreign Minister Jean Assorby warned that further air strikes could require delicate negotiations for a diplomatic solution.

Premier Massimo D'Alema of Italy used a one-day cease-fire offer to draft U.N. Resolution 1244, a Kosovo peace deal is approved.

So far, 13 incidents have been claimed by Yugoslavia or admitted by NATO.

With the help of Elder D. Todd Christofferson, Jeff, Gordon B. Hunsley, president of the Mormon church, checks out his family history on the church's new Internet genealogical web site.

FAMILY TIES

Mormon church genealogical Web site explodes onto Internet

SALT LAKE CITY — A Web site likely to become one of the busiest yet on the Internet will debut today, and Wall Street won't even notice.

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one of the cross-company points for companies linking people to the Internet. "We might actually have browsed out Salt Lake if the church had hosted it there," he said.

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THE REGION

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie

High: 79 Low: 41
Sunny and continued very warm. Clear. Mostly sunny on Tuesday with highs near 80.

Treasure Valley

High: 88 Low: 56
Sunny and continued very warm. Light winds. Mostly sunny on Tuesday with highs in the mid-80s.

Sawtooth Mountains/Sawtooth Valley

High: 72 Low: 38
Mostly sunny and warm. Mostly clear tonight and partly cloudy on Tuesday with highs in the mid to upper 70s.

Eastern Idaho

High: 79 Low: 45
Mostly sunny and warm. Winds variable at about 10 mph. Mostly sunny on Tuesday with highs around 80.

Northern Idaho

High: 89 Low: 56
Mostly sunny and warmer with light winds. Mostly clear tonight. Partly cloudy and breezy on Monday.

Northern Utah

High: 78 Low: 45
Partly cloudy, with a good chance of afternoon shower or thunderstorm. Partly cloudy tonight and partly cloudy on Tuesday, with highs 70-75.

Northern Nevada

High: 84 Low: 48
Sunny and continued very warm with light winds. Sunny Tuesday morning, then increasing clouds.

Today High: 83 Low: 50 Sunny and continued very warm. Variable winds 5-10 mph.

Tuesday High: 85 Low: 51 Sunny, then partly cloudy in the afternoon.

Wednesday High: 70s Low: 40s Breezy and cooler.

Thursday High: 70s Low: 40s Sunny and a little warmer.

Friday High: 70s Low: 40s Sunny and a little warmer.

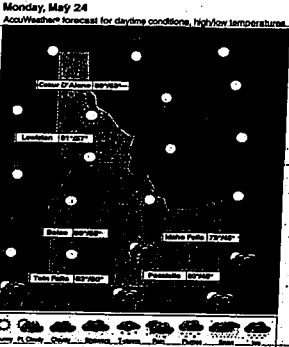
Twin Falls Precipitation

Yesterday	67	45	Normal in Twin Falls
Last year	84	49	Month to date: .55
Normal	75	43	Normal mo. to date: .82
			Water year to date: 12.32
			Normal year to date: 8.24

Idaho Highs/Lows

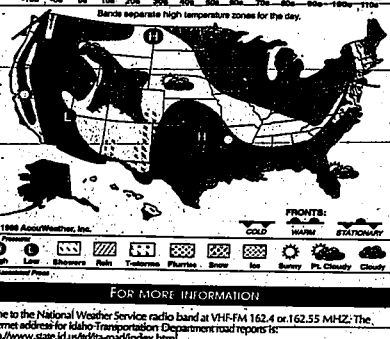
City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho High	Low
Boise	86	49	....	degrees at Burley.	Low, 27 degrees at
Burley	90	46	....	degrees at	degrees at
Paidelta	81	....	....	Normal: High: 100 at	degrees at
Flagman	87	42	....	degrees at	degrees at
Idaho Falls	81	43	....	Normal: High: 100 at	degrees at
Jerome	85	49	....	degrees at	degrees at
Lewiston	85	49	....	degrees at	degrees at
Malta	84	46	....	degrees at	degrees at
McCall	77	32	....	Noon humidity: 42%	Noon barometer: 30.19
Pocatello	84	41	....	degrees at	degrees at
Salmon	82	36	....	degrees at	degrees at
Stanley	75	27	....	degrees at	degrees at
Sun Valley	81	46	....	degrees at	degrees at

Idaho weather



National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Monday, May 24.



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The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp	High	Low
Albuquerque	81	58	degrees	degrees
Anchorage	56	44	degrees	degrees
Allentown	83	52	....	degrees	degrees
Boston	69	52	....	degrees	degrees
Chicago	71	50	....	degrees	degrees
Dallas	87	69	....	degrees	degrees
Denver	65	52	....	degrees	degrees
Des Moines	75	52	....	degrees	degrees
Detroit	86	53	....	degrees	degrees
Houston	86	70	....	degrees	degrees
Indianapolis	72	64	....	degrees	degrees
Kansas City	75	60	....	degrees	degrees
Las Vegas	84	63	....	degrees	degrees
Los Angeles	84	63	....	degrees	degrees
Memphis	83	62	....	degrees	degrees
Miami Beach	86	75	....	degrees	degrees
Milwaukee	67	48	....	degrees	degrees
Minneapolis	87	71	....	degrees	degrees
New Orleans	81	60	....	degrees	degrees
New York	64	50	....	degrees	degrees
Oklahoma City	80	58	....	degrees	degrees
Omaha	68	58	....	degrees	degrees
Phoenix	90	66	....	degrees	degrees
Pittsburgh	64	59	....	degrees	degrees
Portland, Me.	66	50	....	degrees	degrees
Reno	87	52	....	degrees	degrees
St. Louis	78	63	....	degrees	degrees
Seattle	68	53	....	degrees	degrees
San Francisco	68	53	....	degrees	degrees
Spokane	83	44	degrees	degrees
Washington	88	63	degrees	degrees
Yuma	88	63	degrees	degrees

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SKYWATCH

Sunset today 8:02 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow 6:08 a.m. Last quarter, June 7, new, June 13; first quarter, June 20.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: A strong high pressure system remained over Idaho yesterday, bringing warm temperatures and plenty of sunshine. Elsewhere: Much of the Northeast received rain on Sunday, with hurricanes in the nation's mid-section and mild conditions in the West.

much of the West remained tranquil, with a few widely scattered showers in northern Colorado and Southern California. The Pacific Northwest and northern Rockies were clear to partly cloudy. The afternoon high in the Lower 48 was 85 degrees in Macon, Ga. The low was 26 in Flagstaff, Ariz.

NATO leader predicts victory in two months

VICENZA, Italy — The commander of NATO's air war against Yugoslavia says allied warplanes are finally inflicting serious damage to Serb targets inside Kosovo and he believes they will be destroyed or chased out of the province by bombing raids early next within two months. As NATO authorities prepare to consider sending up to 50,000 ground troops to the borders of the separatist province, Lt. Gen. Michael C. Short said in an interview he is convinced the escalating air war with more warplanes

flying more daily missions than ever in the two-month campaign will soon overwhelm the 40,000 Serb-led Yugoslav troops and police and paramilitaries now entrenched across the Maryland-size province. Short said the firepower at his disposal is focused on annihilating the Yugoslav Third Army inside Kosovo, along with intensified attacks by B-1 and B-52 bombers he has deployed within the past week a second squadron of A-10 Warthog tank killers, which he described as — the "optimum weapon" for finding and destroying targets in this environment.

"If you are getting pounded by B-1s and B-52s and A-10s are chasing you every day, and if you know that every time you are able to be hit, at some point your spirit will break, particularly if you are not getting any help from Belgrade," Short said. "I don't have a good feel for knowing how close they are to breaking, but I'll tell you that if we do this for two more months, we will either kill this army in Kosovo or send it on the run." Short's upbeat forecast contrasts with other recent assessments, including one by Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon at a

briefing Friday, that airstrikes alone might not force an end to the conflict in the next two months. Bacon's comments were aimed at focusing attention on the need to move now to send ground troops to the Balkans in time to bring ethnic Albanian refugees back to Kosovo before the first snow arrives in October. Short's position — that air power will prevail by early summer, enabling peacekeepers to return the refugees with little or no resistance — is what the White House is hoping for so it can avoid having to answer for the casualties that would occur in a ground invasion.

Open houses begin to replace public hearings

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) — The public hearing is falling into disfavor with many government officials who contend the forums often deteriorate into confrontations that drive adversaries further apart. So some agencies faced with selecting policy options and soliciting public opinion are increasingly moving to less formal open houses that give citizens a chance to chat with officials. But some citizens and U.S. Sen.

Larry Craig, R-Idaho, complain the open houses can be abused by agencies seeking to control the comment-gathering process by pursuing their own agenda. The open house "creates the impression of public involvement, but it's pretty one-way," said Cyndi Howell of Puyallup, Wash., resident who criticizes a recent open house at the Washington Department of Transportation held on plans for a north-south freeway in Spokane.

The public comment process on the project was "pretty much controlled by the agency," said Kirkman, whose property borders on the suggested freeway route. But many officials defend open houses as the preferred way of doing business. "It's a much more confrontational," said Allen Gibbs, a spokesman for the Idaho Panhandle National Forests, which has recently used open houses on plans to conduct logging to battle a Douglas fire

beetle outbreak. "People can come and go. And we can pass out information." Public hearings are formal meetings in which testimony from citizens is recorded. At open houses, participants are semi-formal. People can speak to officials, often on a one-on-one basis, but no commentary is recorded. The Idaho Department of Education recently held open houses to get public input on new graduation standards for public school students.

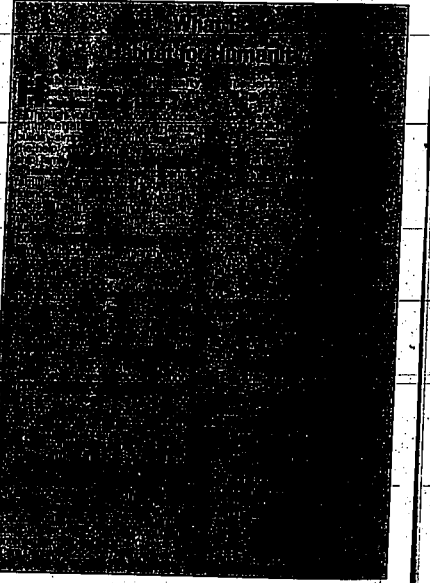
Family

Continued from A1 Paul, and has had more than 7 million hits per day ever since. That ranks it among the top 80 Web sites, said Alex Dunn, president of LavaStorm, the Boston company that developed the software. By Monday, it should have 10 million to 15 million users clicking on each day, he said. This in spite of the faith's halfhearted attempt to keep the text site under wraps. Spread fast among genealogy buffs after some of them were

quietly briefed on the plan this spring. Cyndi Howell of Puyallup, Wash., creator of a popular index of genealogical Web sites, says the new site is "a real boon to genealogy. It's like bringing Disneyland to your home." For more than a century, the Mormon church has dispatched members throughout the world to hand-copy and later photograph and microfilm parish and civil records. The records, now all on microfilm, are stored in a granite vault in the Wasatch

Mountains 25 miles southeast of Salt Lake, and copies are at the Mormon Family History Library near Salt Lake City. The church's goal is to help members find names of ancestors to baptize by proxy, an ordinance the Mormons believe gives the dead the opportunity to embrace the faith in the afterlife. "We thought the Internet would be a major step forward in making it easier, especially for members, but for everyone involved in family history, to collaborate," said Elder D. Todd

Christofferson, executive director of the church's Family History Department. Dunn said the site capitalizes on both that trove of data and an exploding interest in genealogy. "The church has done for genealogy what Amazon has done for books on the Internet. It's revolutionized it," Dunn said. Only 600 million of the names recorded by the church have been transferred to Electron. It's revolutionized it," Dunn said. Only 600 million of the names recorded by the church have been transferred to Electron. It's revolutionized it," Dunn said.



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only affiliate in the area — there is also Habitat for Humanity of the Magic Valley in Twin Falls.

The two affiliates started out together, but Holley said since the two communities were so separate and so different, the Northwest regional office of HIFI recognized Jerome as a separate affiliate about two years ago.

Curtis Webb, president of the Twin Falls chapter, said it's not uncommon for affiliates in small cities to exist separate from one another.

The Twin Falls affiliate started in 1992, Webb said. The Magic Valley chapter has built three houses in the area, but it has been about three years since the third house was built.

Webb said interest in the organization can disappear if there is a long period of time before another house is built.

"Once you build a house, you get interest in building the organization," he said. "It's kind of like a snowball."

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Clinton seeks family leave bill

Noise in space: Earplugs are in order at station

Says states could tap surplus funds

GRAMBLING, La. (AP) — Seeking a balance between Americans' work and home life, President Clinton said Sunday states could tap unemployment surplus funds for paid leave for new parents and federal workers could use sick days to care for an ailing family member.

"We as a nation must find a way to give your generation of parents some of that time back," Clinton told 477 graduates of Grambling State University.

"For all of this of this nation's pro-family rhetoric, the hard truth is that other countries with advanced economies do a lot more to support working parents than we do. We must think bigger and do better."

The president said the "round-the-world, round-the-clock economy" was putting more demands than ever on working parents, and a new study by the Council of Economic Advisers showed families today are spending an average of 22 fewer hours per week together than families did 30 years ago.

Clinton directed the Labor Department to develop rules so states could use surplus employment funds — which are administered by the states — to pay for leave for parents of newborns and adopted children.

The move comes in response to requests from Maryland, Massachusetts, Vermont and Washington. The majority of states now have surplus employment funds, said White House spokesman Barry Toiv.

The proposal was expected to cost about \$50 million, spread over various federal agencies.

Federal workers also drew the president's attention.

Clinton said that while the 1993 federal family leave law helped ease the strain on workers who must care for a sick par-



President Clinton laughs Sunday as he is hooded with an honorary doctorate of laws by former Grambling State University head football coach Eddie Robinson, left, prior to his delivery of the commencement address at the school. Clinton proposed the passage of family leave measures during his address.

'For all of this of this nation's pro-family rhetoric, the hard truth is that other countries with advanced economies do a lot more to support working parents than we do.'

— President Clinton

"We ought to set a goal that all working Americans can take time when they need it to care for their families, without losing the income they need to support their families," he said.

As a start, Clinton directed the Office of Personnel Management to allow federal employees to use up to 12 weeks of accrued sick leave annually to care for a seriously ill family member.

Most federal employees now can take only 13 days of sick leave each year for such a need.

"If every company in America that offers sick leave to its workers adopted the same policy we're adopting today, half of all

the American work force would have this important benefit," Clinton said.

The family leave law says all employers with 50 or more workers must allow up to 12 unpaid weeks off to care for a new baby or seriously ill family member. The law also allows workers to use sick time and vacation so they can get paid during their leave.

Clinton told the graduates they were successful mainly because of their parents' sacrifices. He singled out the parents of two graduates as other parents and families in the stand-clustered under umbrellas and fanned themselves with programs in the heat.

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — The Russian half of the international space station is so noisy that astronauts will wear earplugs when they drop off sleepers later this week.

Blasting fans are making parts of the Russian-built Zarya component as loud as a busy highway. And over on the space station's American-made side, the communication system is on the fritz.

The visiting shuttle astronaut will spend much of their time repairing the 6-month-old space station, already a fixer-upper.

Liftoff is set for Thursday, one week late because of hail damage to Discovery's giant fuel tank.

All seven astronauts are taking earplugs to wear inside Zarya. The earplugs should also help the crew sleep better on the 60-decibel Discovery, which is in a constant state of clatter but less so than Zarya.

The astronauts should be able to hear any alarms that go off in Zarya even if their ears are plugged. At the very least, said commander Kent Rominger, they will be able to hear warnings on their battery-powered speaker microphones, which they'll carry over from the shuttle.

The noise level registers just over 72 decibels in parts of Zarya (Russian for "sunrise"). Acoustic engineers say that's roughly equivalent to a busy highway or a turned-up TV 10 feet away.

The space shuttle limit is 68 decibels, although it's exceeded that on occasion because of unusually loud payloads, said Jerry Goodman, a NASA engineer in charge of space station acoustics. One crew event returned with temporary loss of hearing.

The astronauts who connected the first two pieces of the space

station in December told their colleagues it is difficult for anyone in Zarya to hear someone speaking from the Uly module just next door.

"For the short term, it's not nearly the kind of noise that would damage our hearing," said Rominger. "I guess at this point, it would be considered more of a nuisance than anything."

The concern is for astronauts who will be working up in the space station for three to four months. The first permanent crew is expected to move in early

next year.

To make the station quieter and thereby safer, Rominger and his crew will install 15 foam covers over air-circulating fans, ducts and the vents in Zarya while docked for nearly six days.

Goodman hopes the mufflers will get Zarya's noise level down to the 60-decibel level for the entire space station; or at least close. If not, permanent crews will have to wear earplugs inside the module — hardly a desirable way to live.

The potentially dangerous din existed long before Zarya, the first station component, was launched by the Russians last November. The Russians simply did not pay as much attention to acoustics as the U.S. National Aeronautics and Space Administration would have liked, Goodman said. (The American-made Uly module, for instance, has a noise level of 58 decibels.)

Other problems have since cropped up around the space station: a U.S. communication system isn't relaying data back to Earth and Russian batteries aren't charging properly.

Flight director Paul Hill likes the space station to a new car that needs to go back to the dealer for tweaking.

Panel recommends embryo research

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton's top advisory panel on medical ethics is recommending government financing of limited forms of research on human embryos to build on discoveries promising huge medical advances.

The National Bioethics Advisory Commission acknowledged the report was likely to raise controversy but said the risks are outweighed by the betterment of mankind merits the recommendations.

A draft report outlining reasons for the decision by the National Bioethics Advisory Commission says Congress should rescind parts of its four-year ban on spending federal money for embryonic research.

Instead, it recommends a regime of tightly controlled experiments to obtain so-called "stem cells" from embryos left over from procedures at fertility clinics. They would be used only with the consent of the parents from whom the embryos were created.

Stem cells have been shown in recent years to be building blocks for almost all human tis-

sue. Scientists say the cells' capability to grow into virtually any tissue raised the possibility of growing spare body parts or correcting disorders such as Parkinson's disease or diabetes.

"This research is allied with a noble cause, and any taint that might attach from the source of the stem cells diminishes in proportion to the potential good which the research may yield," the report says.

The bioethics panel's recommendation, being announced officially next month, goes further than a proposal last month from a National Institutes of Health advisory committee on financing research in stem cells, which are obtainable only from human embryos or very early fetuses. The NIH rules would allow the institutes to finance studies only on cell cultures taken from embryos.

Embryos are destroyed in the process of harvesting stem cells, a reason such research has raised emotional debate in Congress and elsewhere between people on both sides of the abortion question.

Ex-CIA chief praised secret-exposing book

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ex-CIA Chief James Woolsey was effusive in praising a new book critiquing the Clinton administration for its national security policy. What Woolsey apparently missed was that the book was full of highly classified U.S. intelligence documents — the kind Woolsey was bound to protect when he was the nation's chief spy.

Woolsey's blurb on the jacket of Bill Gertz's book, "Betrayal," was unambiguous.

"This will be the Clinton administration's least favorite book on its foreign policy," said the former member of the Clinton administration. "But the rebuttals are likely to be long on adjectives and short on refutation, for these tough charges are backed, in the Gertz way, by fact after fact after fact."

What Woolsey says he realized only later was that many of those facts are laid out in reprints of classified documents that Gertz, a reporter for The Washington Times, had obtained over several years of covering national security matters.

Indeed, some of the stories Gertz wrote for the newspaper based on leaked classified documents appeared during Woolsey's tenure as CIA director through the first two years of



James Woolsey. Apparently misread classified information in book.

President Clinton's first term. Clinton administration officials said they were deeply concerned over the public display of documents labeled "Top Secret" and containing highly sensitive information including indications of the sources the CIA and other U.S. agencies used to collect about foreign adversaries.

"I had not seen the documents — the manuscript I read did not have the documents attached," Woolsey said in a telephone

interview. "I am not in favor of the publication of said classified documents."

Woolsey added that he did not necessarily blame Gertz for disclosing secrets.

"Reporters do what reporters do," Woolsey said. "The problem, he said, lies in government officials who give classified documents outside secure channels."

Woolsey served a stormy tenure at CIA, grappling with lawmakers who criticized him for failing to fire anyone in the wake of the Aldrich Ames spy case.

Since leaving CIA, Woolsey has, at times, criticized Clinton's foreign policy, calling his policy on Iraq "facial," for example.

A major issue covered by the Gertz book is national missile defense, a favorite cause of conservative Republicans and a program Clinton has been reluctant to embark upon throughout his presidency.

Woolsey, who now practices law in Washington, has testified on Capitol Hill in favor of establishing a national missile defense system.

Also praising the book in jacket blurbs were Caspar Weinberger, defense secretary under President Reagan, and Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz.

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Safety campaign targets unbuckled children

WASHINGTON (AP) — Motorists who fail to buckle up children risk a ticket and more than 5,700 law enforcement agencies around the country begin a safety awareness campaign.

From today through the Memorial Day weekend, officers will issue citations if children are

not restrained in seat belts or child seats, said the Air Bag and Seat Belt Safety Campaign, sponsor of the semiannual crackdown.

The safety effort has the support of 42 of the nation's governors.

"When the possibility of being in a crash does not motivate people to buckle up their children,

the probability of receiving a ticket has proven to be a powerful motivator," Govs. John Engler, R-Mich., and Howard Dean, D-Vt., said in a recent letter asking colleagues for their support.

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Gun control emerges as top issue

Democrats push modest measures

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Even as Vice President Al Gore last week triumphantly cast the breaking vote on a crucial Democratic gun control proposal in the Senate, Texas Gov. George W. Bush was providing the perfect political foil. He had just embraced the gun lobby's top state-level priority by announcing he would sign a bill barring cities from suing gun manufacturers.

Those contrasting events underscore one certainty that has emerged from the gun control debate swirling in Congress and around the country: Gun control is virtually guaranteed to be a marquee issue in next year's election campaigns.

What's less clear is whether the issue will see the same kind of political winner Democrats are expected for, especially in congressional elections. Although the tide at the national level seems to be running against the National Rifle Association, the picture in the states is more varied. The gun industry's political force is being reckoned with, especially in the South and West.

The middle ground is shifting, and don't know where it's going to end up, said Republican pollster Bill McInturff. "But is the NRA going to be eradicated as a political force?"

One reason Democrats managed to win Senate approval of several gun control measures last week was that, in reference to the continuing flow of the gun lobby, they aimed low. Democrats pushed modest gun-control measures designed to keep guns out of the hands of children and crim-



Rep. Bob Barr, R-Georgia, discusses gun control legislation passed by the Senate during NBC's 'Meet the Press,' Sunday.

inals, nothing on par with the assault-weapons ban they put into law in the early 1990s.

Not only does the Senate bill include President Clinton's most ambitious gun control proposals, retaining a waiting period for handgun purchases and banning people from buying more than one gun a month.

The politics of gun control has been complex, and even contradictory, in recent years. In 1994, Republicans effectively used the assault weapons law against Democrats in consecutive Southern and Western states. But in 1996, gun control was one of several polarizing "wedge" issues Clinton used to peel away moderate suburban voters from GOP nominee Bob Dole, especially in the north.

In Littleton, Colo., as the searing backdrop, many

GOP's background check on Gore

The Washington Post

Those ever-diligent GOP researchers, producers of "The World According to Gore" fax, say they have just flipped on the red-hot issue of guns.

On Thursday, Vice President Al Gore cast the tie-breaking vote in the Senate for a bill that requires background checks on purchases made at gun shows. With all the glitches in the Gore machinery lately, the vote was a rare opportunity for the VP to bask in some favorable publicity.

But the GOP dug deep into Gore's record in Congress and found a handful of votes where Gore appears not to have been quite so eager to crack down

on guns.

"We're on the Trigger — or in the Wind" — asks the release from the Republican National Committee.

Gore's Congressional Quarterly, Republican say that in 1985 Gore voted against a 14-day waiting period for handgun purchases and five years later opposed an amendment stiffening a proposed ban on semiautomatic weapons.

Gore spokesman Chris Lehane, not disputing Gore's vote record, called the GOP attack a "desperate" attempt to defend "Monday's vote." The bottom line is yesterday Al Gore voted to protect our kids and Republicans voted to protect the gun lobby.

Democrats believe they will have the same opportunity in 2000.

For the Democratic media consultant Bob Quiler — a senior consultant to Gore's presidential campaign — maintains that in 2000, gun control probably will be a threshold issue, something voters will use to judge whether candidates comprehend the concerns parents have about their children's safety.

"It's almost like a password," said Quiler. "If you can't get something on guns, you might not be right on any of the other issues that people are concerned about in the schools."

With 17 months to go before election day, it is hard to predict which issues will dominate as voters head to the polls in November 2000. But many analysts think the fallout from the Littleton high school massacre will be longer-lasting than most such episodes.

Doctors urge FDA to reconsider drug

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Dr. David J. Graham is urging as the Food and Drug Administration's top expert in assessing and preventing deaths related to the use of prescription drugs.

Drawing from the most up-to-date scientific data available, Graham concluded that the diabetes pill, Rezulin, which has led to dozens of deaths, is among the most dangerous drugs on the U.S. market. But members of an FDA advisory committee largely rejected Graham's findings two months ago when they voted overwhelmingly to support keeping Rezulin on the market while recommending that its use be narrowed.

Now, as FDA Commissioner Jane E. Henney and senior agency officials are preparing to announce — perhaps as soon as this week — that they will follow the committee's lead, an unlikely chorus of voices is encouraging the FDA to heed Graham's warnings.

"If the FDA believes Dr. Graham is right, the drug should not be on the market," said Dr. William L. Isley, a diabetes specialist in Kansas City, Mo. Isley, who has served as a paid consultant to the manufacturer of Rezulin, added that he has come to fear the damage the drug can cause to the liver.

Rep. Henry A. Waxman, D-Calif., often a friend of the FDA, referred specifically to Graham's presentation when he wrote Henney on April 12: "I strongly urge you to take notice of your agency's own data."

In effect, the common message from both Isley, the Midwestern clinician, and Waxman, is this: FDA leaders no longer can afford to overlook the scientific record.

At the same time the FDA will decide the fate of Rezulin, the agency also is expected to grant final approval to Avandia, a similar new anti-obesity diabetes drug that tests indicate is far less dangerous to the liver, according to people familiar with the matter.

Report accuses firm of paying for favorable journal articles

DALLAS (AP) — A company that manufactured part of the diet drug combo fenphen hired ghostwriters for articles promoting obesity treatment and then used prominent researchers to give the works under their names, according to lawsuit evidence cited in a newspaper report on Sunday.

The legal action claims that the West-Ayers Laboratories, which made the "fen" half of the drug combination, hid health risks connected with the drugs. The company allegedly tried to play down or remove descriptions of side effects from the articles, The Dallas Morning News reported.

Only two of the 10 articles paid for by West-Ayers were published in medical journals before the company pulled the drugs from the market in September 1997, when studies linked the combo to heart valve damage and

an often-fatal lung disease. Plans to publish the eight others were canceled.

Officials at Wyeth, a division of American Home Products Corp., defended the articles.

"This is a common practice in the industry. It's not particular to us," Wyeth spokesman Doug Petkus said. "The companies have some input, it seems, in the initial development of the piece — but the proposed author has the last say."

However, medical ethicists and editors of prominent medical journals criticized the practice.

"What they're doing here is clearly an advertisement, but it's couched in a scientifically valid paper," said Dr. Robert M. Terner Jr., a Dallas ophthalmologist and chairman of the American Medical Association's council on ethical and judicial affairs.

Reno's antitrust stance puts companies on alert

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — In the biggest crack-down on business states in a generation, Attorney General Janet Reno's antitrust stance is heading their regulatory must with newfound vigor, fresh off a series of profile assaults on corporate icons.

American Airlines, Microsoft, and credit card companies and European vitamin makers are just a few of the companies to face the recent wrath of antitrust regulators. The U.S. Justice Department, all part of a multi-year campaign to fight alleged monopolization and price-fixing.

The aggressive posture has been fueling frustration with past missteps, attractive inducements to whistleblowers, and a growing number of antitrust suits.

"Make no mistake about it, this is a very ambitious agenda. It's been 20 years since the government took on the big figures of American commerce and accused them of abuse of power," said George Washington



Janet Reno

University law professor William E. Kovacic, an antitrust specialist.

For all the Justice Department's saber-rattling, however, some frustrated consumer advocates and antitrust experts question whether the high-profile attacks mask a more troubling trend. A slew of multibillion-dollar telecommunications mergers have gone virtually unchallenged by the department, for example, while rate hikes in everything from cable television to phone service and computer software, some consumer advocates warn.

"Those are the cases that have much broader implications for the public and (department regulators) have been much too timid," said Gene Zimmerman, co-director of Consumers Union. "They've missed the boat."

That criticism aside, few deny that the corporate community both here and abroad has been put on notice by the Justice Department's tough talk and impressive record.

"The message is if you violate antitrust laws, it's going to be very, very costly," said Gary Spryling, head of criminal antitrust matters.

Indeed, one gauge of the trend is the amount of fines collected from antitrust actions — has burst through the roof; fines have increased from \$26.6 million in 1996 to nearly a billion dollars already this year as a result of the Justice Department's deliberate decision to go after the big multinationals and leave small-time price-fixers to local authorities.

Antitrust regulators have been able to move more forcefully in part because the Clinton administration is nearing an end and is more immune to political criticism, some suggest.

Big complicated cases often are launched in the waning days of a political administration, after the evidence has been gathered

and where the political climate might not matter as much. The Justice Department's 1969 landmark antitrust case against IBM Corp., for example, was launched in the waning days of the Johnson administration and it was quietly killed a decade later at the beginning of the Reagan administration.

Some HMOs withdraw coverage of drugs

NEW YORK (AP) — When Aetna Inc. posted a better-than-expected first-quarter profit last month, the nation's leading health insurer trumpeted its success at curbing skyrocketing prescription drug costs.

Here's Aetna's secret: In January, it stopped routinely covering some of the most popular medicines for many members.

Need Prozac for your depression? Sorry. Want the No. 1 U.S. cholesterol reducer, Lipitor? Lipitor? Too bad. Want the world's best-selling prescription drug, Prozac, to treat your adult?

Uh-uh.

These are among the 106 prescription drugs that Aetna U.S. Healthcare refused to cover its members by themselves, or pay for at a higher co-payment than the drugs Aetna favors.

Not only are most health plans have also restricted coverage of some of the top-selling drugs in an effort to control costs. For example, a plan doesn't cover either of the top two selling cholesterol-lowering medications, Zocor or Lipitor. Oxford Health Plans, an HMO in the Northeast, charges some members a premium for the leading allergy drug Claritin for adults.

HMO drug costs are expected to soar 20 percent this year, primarily because people are using more medicines and the nation's is expected only to worsen. Overall health care costs are expected to rise only 5 percent.

Health care drugs

Aetna health insurance excludes some top selling drugs.

Drug	Coverage	Cost (per day)
Cholesterol		
Zocor	no	\$1.20
Lipitor	no	\$1.20
Depression		
Prozac	yes	\$2.33
Hypertension		
Zocor	no	\$1.32
Novas	no	\$1.32
Ulcer/Heartburn		
Prozac	no	\$3.99

Note: Aetna has free delivery prescription drug coverage for members who have to pay for a excluded drug on their own or must pay a higher co-payment.

Source: Aetna U.S. Healthcare, AP Manufacturing companies

HMO executives say they have little choice but to reduce access to many high-priced new drugs to keep annual premium increases in single digits.

But that reasoning is of little comfort to many consumers who are used to getting the drug their doctor prescribes, or the medication they have trusted for years to keep them healthy.

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A century of consumer product goofs

Some flops have become collectors' items

CHICAGO (AP) — Let's hop into the Edsel, pop the top off a Crystal (clear) Pepsi and stick some Mentos in the eight-track players as we take a trip down Memory Lane, in search of products lost on the road to the new millennium.

Century's end seems a good time to take a look at some "five" consumer goods that made a splash, only to litter the pages of history as high-profile, and often high-priced, flops.

What will we encounter while touring the Land of Misfit Products, besides a hamburger made with a seaweed derivative, a "smokeless" cigarette, and an Apple Newton (which was supposed to decipher handwriting, remember)? How about a crank to start a Model T?

All this stuff has one thing in common: It was everywhere once, and it's nowhere now.

"These products all sounded like good ideas, but you never really know because you're dealing with the consumer," said Bobby Calder, a professor of marketing at Northwestern University's Kellogg Graduate School of Management. "The minute you think you've got consumers figured out, you're in trouble."

Marketing experts say 80 percent of all new products fail upon introduction and serve only to provide fodder for trivia magazines, Web sites and stories like this one. Another 10 percent disappear within five years.

Some 25,000 new products were introduced in "food, beverage, beauty and health" markets last year alone. There were 5,500 new toys, hundreds of new car models.

"It's easier for a product to fail nowadays than it is to survive," says Robert McMath, a former Procter & Gamble marketing executive who now runs the New Products Showcase and Learning Center in Ithaca, N.Y. "Any one of a million things could go wrong, including the wrong packaging, the wrong price or an awful taste. A lot of it is that it's the wrong product at the wrong time and in the wrong place."

In Sony's case, the Betamax was regarded as far superior in quality to the picture quality to VHS formats, but consumers turned their noses up on the price. Edsel also sourced on Frito-Lay's lemon-and-lime and to sweetness in their hearts for the sugary-sweet New Coke, which tasted a lot like the old Pepsi.

Among famous sinners, Ford's Edsel was an Idiot. It was named for Henry Ford's son and introduced as the car of the future in the fall of 1957 after the company spent \$20 million on development and consumer surveys on what to name it.

In the two years before its introduction, Ford employed its marketing might in teaser ads and leaked information to position the car as unlike anything ever seen.

"You've never had it like this before," one ad said.

Few wanted it. Ford executives had hoped to sell more than 200,000 in the first year but ended up selling only 63,107. In its entire three-year life, only 110,847 Edsels were sold.

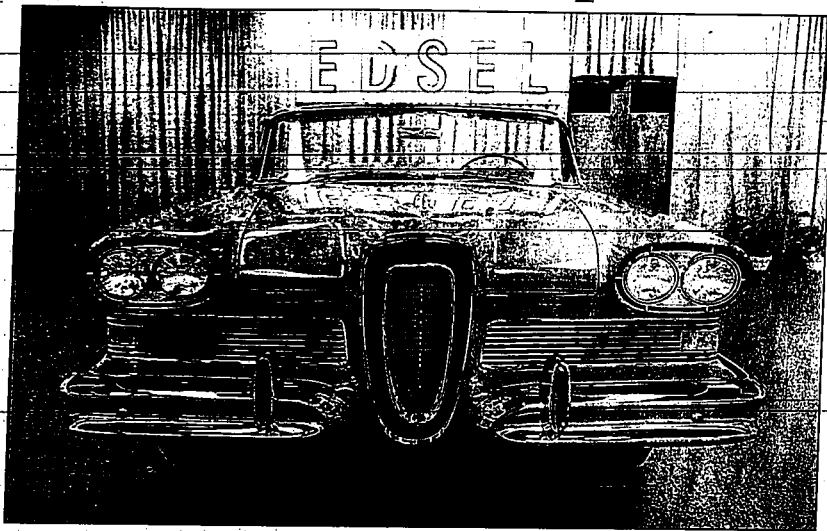
The two-ton behemoth — actually seven different Edsel models in the first year — came with push-button gear selector systems in the steering wheel and "horse collar" grills. But to the 2.5 million Americans who crowded into showrooms the week of Sept. 4, 1957, they appeared to be nothing more than expensive, odd-looking versions of cars already on the market.

Undaunted, Ford treated Americans on Oct. 13 to "The Edsel Show," a one-hour CBS special in place of "The Ed Sullivan Show," with hosts Frank Sinatra, Bing Crosby and other stars.

There was even a chance to win a free pony if you'd just come in for a test drive.

Sill no sell. Might the Edsel have done better with another name? Hard to say, considering the alternatives. Among the 6,000 names proposed for the wonder car the Utopian, Turletrot, the Estelogram and the Mongoose Crique.

Mistaken wrong? Automotive historians say Ford goofed by pitching the Edsel as revolution-



This file photo from 1957 shows Ford's Edsel Chilton convertible. Among famous sinners, Ford's Edsel was an icon. Ford executives had hoped to sell more than 200,000 Edsels in 1957, but ended up only selling 63,107.



Mc Donald's Corp. President Ed Ross "shows off the McLean Deluxe Burger during a press conference at the company's Oak Brook, Ill., headquarters in 1991. The lowest-fat hamburger made with seaweed derivative never really caught on with customers."

ary, while consumers thought it merely revolting. Its introduction also came during a recession that caused automobile sales to tumble and consumers to shy away from larger cars.

And the Edsel quickly developed a reputation as a lemon because workers at Ford and Mercury plants hated the fact the Edsel models were produced on the same assembly lines as other cars. They often "tooga" to apply special Edsel parts out of differ-

find an abacus, or a Ditrachone or even a manual typewriter. And 33 rpm LP record albums? You can find those, millions of them: Just look in the basements and garages of people over 40 who "just know" they're going to "Erase to the Max" someday.

Ernie Horland, 73, remembers the days when he watched relatives start the Model T with a crank.

"Life was a little slower in the old days," he acknowledges, "but new technology was just as exciting then as it is today."

"The Edsel served as a textbook example of corporate presumption and disregard for marketing realities."

—Anthony Young, Automobile Quarterly

ent bins.

"The Edsel served as a textbook example of corporate presumption and disregard for marketing realities," says Anthony Young, a writer for Automobile Quarterly magazine. "It also proved that advertising and delivery hype have their limits in inducing consumers to buy a new and unproved car."

Consumer distaste also quickly snuffed out RJR Nabisco Holdings Corp.'s smokeless cigarette, a \$325 million project first immediately declared the cigarette "tasted like (expletive)." And he was the company's chief executive.

Back to the drawing board. A \$100 million reformulation led to a brand-new product called Edipse.

It quickly lived up to its name and was pulled off the shelves.

"It took them a while to figure out that smokers actually like the smoke part of smoking," McMath notes. "The only people who loved the product were nonsmokers, and they somehow weren't the market RJR was trying to reach."

Other products became victims of technological evolution. You'd be hard-pressed now to

obsolescence. A Wall Street Journal writer once encapsulated the term's meaning.

"The marvels of modern technology include the development of a soda can which, when discarded, will last forever — and a \$7,000 car, which, when properly cared for, will rust out in two or three years."

A shameless example of limited upside potential was The Nothing Box, a \$25 item in a 1964 Hammacher Schlemmer catalog that promised to do exactly as it advertised.

"This box does something; it blinks and that's all," the ad says. "Let us warn you that unless you use an ex, you can't turn it off. It will keep blinking its eight eyes in no recognizable pattern and for no apparent reason for nearly a year."

"Then it's as dead as a mackerel and you can't get it fixed." You also could get an accompanying Nothing Rock for the same price. This product, likely a cousin to the Per-Rock, was self-explanatory.

Then there's the Autoskate, a sort of curved skateboard on wheels that you could purchase

for \$24.95 in 1949, slip under the flat tire and use to coast to the nearest service station.

But if you're thinking of consigning these things to the Eltop Forever list, think about this: The Lava Lamp, once left for dead on the junk-heap of life, is back and it's groovy.

And you can once again be cool by squeezing into Capri pants.

Entrepreneurs note: Think Baby Boomer nostalgia. The future may be in the glory days behind.

Which brings us back to that laughingstock, the Edsel. Collectors of the nearly 8,000 models left worldwide participate almost monthly in clubs and shows. A well-maintained model that cost between \$2,200 and \$6,500 now can bring \$5,000 to \$24,000 now.

Roy Kleckner of Danville, Va., bought a convertible in 1978, and now he's vice president of the Edsel Owners Club.

"Today, you go down the roads and see thumbs-up by so many people," Kleckner says. "I guess we'll have the Edsel to the time when we can no longer drive."

Hit products

Let us now present some of the most successful products of the past century. Some of them certainly made history, but let's not overlook all those that made a splash, only to litter the pages of history as high-profile, and often high-priced, flops.

o **PAPER CLIPS** — The century wasn't even a year old when John Vesper, a Norwegian then living in Germany, solved the world's problem of corrugating flyaway papers by squeezing them between the concentric loops of a couple of inches of bent wire.

o **ICECREAM CONE** — In the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, food vendors Amos (Framco) (ice cream) and Ernest (Hormel) (meat) rolled overtop collaborated in a way that seems inevitable now. There are other versions of the ice cream cone's origin, but Hormel's received a 1904 patent for the ready-made hold for cream he sold.

o **ZEPHER** — "The John G. Schuchman" was a confectioner. A but in 1913 Colonel Schuchman's "Zepher" was a "soft" candy. It was a cotton candy-like candy that was a cotton candy-like candy that made him a fortune. He kept having parties in his home and he'd give away the candy. He made little candies and in 1922, John A. Johnson received a patent for the ready-made hold for cream he sold.

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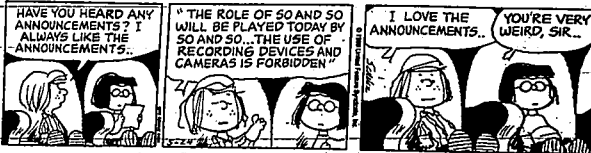
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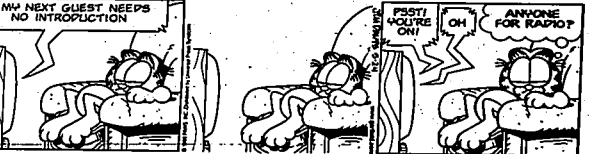
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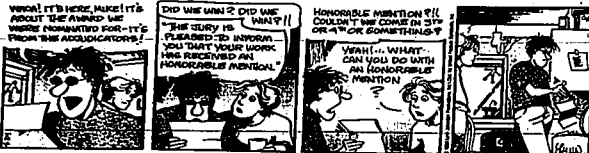
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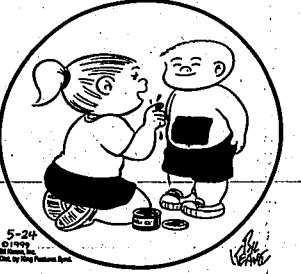
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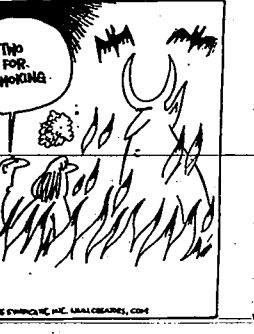
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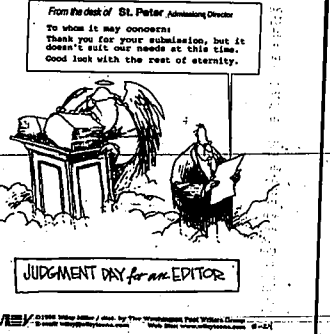
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Whale protections come under fire

Other tribes want to revive traditional hunt

ST. GEORGE'S, Grenada (AP) — When a Makah Indian's boat burst through the hide of a gray whale off Washington state, it drove home a question bedeviling international officials: Now that some types of whales are back in large numbers, do they still need to be saved?

The widely publicized hunt last week provided a dramatic prelude to the annual meeting of the International Whaling Commission, starting Monday on the Caribbean island of Grenada.

The U.S. has no integrity now, I think we're on the threshold of a major escalation in whaling," said Paul Watson of the Washington-based Sea Shepherd Conservation Society.

The Makah hunt off Neah Bay, Wash., had the consent of the United States, which has long opposed commercial whaling, but says it is allowing whaling "solely for survival in different circumstances."

Whalers see the hunt — the first U.S. kill outside Alaska since a 1986 worldwide ban on commercial whaling — as an admission that growing whale populations no longer merit blanket protection.

Anti-whaling groups want to keep the moratorium, and some argue that whales should never be hunted because they are intelligent creatures that feel pain.

Both sides agree the ban has saved many whales over the decades of indiscriminate commercial whaling — for whale oil and other products that now have synthetic equivalents — but also valued the specter of extinction.

Humpback whale populations are now growing at 10 percent a year and number more than 8,000, the commission says. Bowhead populations growing at 2 percent a year number 9,200, while gray whales — the type killed by the Makah, which are on the endangered list in 1994 — number 22,500, up 3 percent a year.

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Pocatello drops curbside recycling proposal for now

POCATELLO (AP) — Lukewarm response to a public survey has convinced city officials to dump a proposal to set up a curbside recycling program.

"The costs involved for the perceived value are too great for our citizens," Mayor Greg Anderson said. "But I do think there are more things we could do for our citizens."

A recent telephone survey found that 69 percent of respondents supported cutting the amount of waste dumped in the local landfill. But only 45 percent favored paying more for a curbside program.

Anderson said the survey proved no mandate for an effort that would have added an estimated \$3 to \$4 to residents' monthly utility bills. So an advisory panel instead will recommend improvements that could be made to the existing system.

"Those could include renegotiating the city's landfill contract with Bannock County, setting up a composting program and expanding the number of recycling drop-off bins.

"Maybe we need to work up to curbside and try an incremental approach," said Anne Mier, a self-employed environmental consultant. "We need to tweak the system — we have four starters."

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Ninth-graders beat out college kids

BOUNTIFUL, Utah (AP) — Maybe the Utah Department of Transportation should hire these guys.

After trying 254 different designs, Bountiful ninth-graders Matt Ruma and Andrew Garcia beat several college students to win first place in an international bridge design competition sponsored by the U.S. Military Academy at West Point.

Ruma and Garcia actually won two first places, for a 44-meter span and a 24-meter span; that's 145 feet and 79 feet respectively. "They've gone berserk on us," said Steve Mangel, the principal of Bountiful Junior High School.

The object of the competition, which is conducted over the Internet, is to choose among a variety of materials of various shapes and sizes to design a bridge that will work and is less expensive than that of all other competitors.

Ruma and Garcia designed a single-span post-tensioned bridge for \$4,558.87, beating their nearest competitor by \$52.36. That took two months. Next they took on the 24-meter arch truss category and won first place after only two weeks.

Those currently entering the competition include students from West Point, the University of South Florida and the University of Tennessee. They also beat their own industrial arts and technology teacher, Bill Blankenagel.

"At first, it was guessing, then we learned not to follow other people's designs," Ruma said. "We beat the academy. We thought we couldn't."

At one point, the two boys were spending several hours a week on computers at school and at home working on the problem. As they completed each design, the West Point Bridge Designer Program would tell them whether they would work and how much it cost.

The program, designed by Lt. Col. Stephen J. Ressler, a professor of civil and mechanical engineering at West Point, shows the bridge yielding under the weight of an imaginary truck. Changing colors indicate increasing stress. Ruma and Garcia are confident they are sure an compression and dis-



Bountiful Junior High Students, from left, Jacob Hanks, Dustin Rood, Tyler Schuit, Jeremy Harkam, Andrew Garcia and Matt Ruma stand with one of their bridge designs on the computer screen earlier this month.

ent parts of the structure. The boys played with designs to see how far the bridge could buckle under the weight before it would fall and the truck would plunge into a river.

Garcia compared their design technique, to trying new moves on skateboards. "Me and him skateboard and trying new stuff is more fun. It keeps you on it. What made it fun is that it was different," Garcia said.

"Though they have been spending a lot of hours in front of their computers, they are by no means nerds, Ruma and Garcia insist. "We spend a lot of time on our skateboards and freestyle bikes," Garcia said.

For both boys, tinkering seems to be in the blood. Ruma took his first radio apart when he was 6. At 10, Garcia got into trouble when he took apart his mother's tape player. By the time they were 11, the boys had graduated to taking apart Ruma's mother's computer.

Nowadays, they like to tinker in their rooms with audio systems that can only be played at full volume when their parents are not home.

"As long as I can remember, I've liked to take stuff apart and put it back together," Garcia said. He'd like to become an engineer someday. As for Ruma, he's considering a career as a

forensic pathologist, he said. The boys' principal credited interest in the bridge competition to the school's Technology Lab and Technology Life Careers, a 12-week course that covers a variety of topics including biology, nutrition, robotics, industrial arts and computer modeling.

"I've had them since the seventh grade and I've seen a lot of changes in their maturity and interest in succeeding," said Blankenagel of Ruma and Garcia. "I don't know if this program did it, but I think it helped. They're very competitive kids."

Ruma and Garcia are not the only students who have been motivated by the bridge design competition. Classmate Jacob Hanks recently placed fifth in the 46-meter, single-span truss category, and Dustin Rood, Tyler Schuit and Jeremy Harkam placed fifth in the 24-meter arch truss category.

Three years ago, Blankenagel helped put together the technology lab where a wood and metal shop had been. A fellow teacher discovered the West Point bridge design competition on the Internet a few months ago, and Blankenagel has recently discovered a new computer contest, an airplane design program designed by NASA.

Ruma and Garcia will be

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OTHER VIEWS

Banding together on tourism benefits everyone in region

From the Idaho Press-Tribune (Nampa)

What is this world coming to? No, we're not talking about the bombs falling in Yugoslavia. Or the effects of violent entertainment on teenagers. Or any of the other ills affecting us.

laws a maximum tax of 5 percent. The tax will generate an estimated \$150,000 annually. This money, in addition to grants, will be used to fund the bureau and promote area events, such as the Snake River Stampede, Meridian Dairy Days, or the Caldwell Night Rodeo.

The real bombshell of late was the announcement that Chambers of Commerce officials from Meridian, Nampa and Caldwell have dropped their traditional rivalries to promoting tourists.

Meridian Dairy Days, or the Caldwell Night Rodeo. Events in smaller surrounding communities, such as the Weiser Old Time Fiddlers Festival or the Emmett Cherry Festival, could also be boosted.

It's another sign that our civic leaders are abandoning their traditional small-town outlooks for greater metropolitan visions.

The new bureau also would work cooperatively with its Boise counterpart to draw in tourists by making the whole area a destination, not just a stop along the way to somewhere else.

Here's how the plan would work. In November, voters within the proposed "auditorium district" would be required to approve a new tax on the price of hotel and motel rooms, to be paid by the guests. Proponents are suggesting a 3 percent tax. Boise's hotel-motel tax is 4 percent. The law al-

"We want this to be a win-win situation for everyone," says Jeanine Fitzgerald, chair of the Nampa Chamber's convention and tourism committee.

From the sound of this proposal, that's exactly what the new bureau will be.

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AT&T will keep US West on its toes in valley

A recent editorial headline reads, "US West can help Twin Falls prosper - at a price." I'd like to offer AT&T's viewpoint concerning US West's position for a "firm commitment from local business before we can justify bringing big-ticket communications equipment to town."

Twin Falls doesn't deserve to be held hostage to US West's scare tactics and monopoly whims. Twin Falls businesses and consumers deserve better. Unfortunately, US West can try to get away with such arrogant behavior because US West is the only game in town. Currently, business and residence telephone customers don't have a choice for local service. Fortunately, however, that will change as AT&T begins to roll out communications services over cable lines in the Magic Valley and other areas in Idaho and Utah.

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And why should you? Congress passed the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to bring competition into the local market, so customers would no longer be held hostage by a monopoly local provider. Apparently, US West is taking one last shot at customers now that competition is on the doorstep.

When AT&T knocks on your door, we will have high technology and competitive rates to offer you at that time. We believe you'll choose our offer over a "pay now, maybe better service later" offer. More importantly, the choice will be yours.

Boise resident Eileen Berner is vice president of AT&T's government affairs division for Idaho.

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LETTERS

Youth need to take responsibility

Thank you for printing this letter. I feel it is important for several reasons. I am not prone to doing something like this, but due to recent events, such as the incident at Columbine High School, I don't think anyone can afford to turn a blind eye to violent or unusual behavior, especially involving youth. It is my belief that, for quite some time now, we have stopped holding kids or their parents responsible for their actions. Sometime, somewhere, people, whether they are juvenile or not, need to have some accountability for their actions; it is not always someone's fault.

These 'cowboys' excel at school

To whomever wrote the article, "Rooting out school violence means cutting out cowboys," we are writing in regard to a section of your article that says, "Jocks and cheerleaders and college-bound prepies are the social Brahmins on any school campus, but there are other groups that sit in the back of the scholastic bus: stoners, nerds and 'cowboys,' to name a few."

Having gotten that off my chest, I will step off my pulpit and get to the meat and bones.

Recently, I have witnessed and experienced some very violent and unusual behavior at Sawtooth Elementary School. Over a period of several months now, I have seen the school yard taken over by a very disturbed "juvenile." I have now noticed that this particular individual is at the school yard, all the rest of the much smaller and younger kids disappear. I have tried to confront this delinquent in a responsible and adult manner. For my efforts, I have been insulted and humiliated (hit and cursed at). I have filed reports with the police, and been told their hands are tied.

After reading this article, 10 National High School Rodeo Association members, "cowgirls and cowboys," became very angry. As members of the National High School Rodeo Association, we are to maintain a 2.0 grade-point average, unlike most other sports that only require a 1.5 GPA. We are also required not to smoke, chew, drink or use foul language; to not only promote the sport of rodeo but also to show that we are unlike the "image" that has been put upon us. Among us cowgirls and cowgirls, we not only have qualified for state and national high school rodeos, but we have held many offices in school, including National Honor Society, student body president and valedictorians and salutatorians.

The heart of this matter is, if you have younger kids playing at or around Sawtooth Elementary School, you should be concerned. Please talk to your kids and find out if they have been threatened or intimidated at all. If you feel they might have been, I urge you to contact school authorities and then the police. Some of you out there will feel I am being an overly protective parent, maybe even paranoid. So be it.

I wonder what they thought of black trunks in Littleton, Colo., two months ago. Please don't turn a blind eye to what's going on, and in fact our own back yard, have become too crazy.

JERRY DYRESON
Twin Falls

Out of the 10 contestants on our team, four of us are seniors who will be attending college in the fall. The other six will be attending college in the near future.

Furthermore, we would like to remind you who founded and settled the West. Cowboys and cowgirls who worked hard to make a great place for us all to live. So, the next time that you are stereotyping us as outcasts and use college-bound students, remember that our ancestors and yours, cowgirls and cowboys, tamed that great West that we live in.

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Many people share credit for economic miracle

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percent three times, 10 percent twice and 15 percent twice.

One reason for Greenspan's anxiety has about inflation is itself surprising given news: an unemployment rate down to 4.5 percent. Just a generation ago, economists spoke of a "full employment" budget, which called for the deficit would be under full employment, understood to be 5 percent unemployment. Today 78 metropolitan areas have unemployment rates below 5 percent. Yet upward pressure on wages is mild, in part because workers do not feel the need to act ahead of inflation.

Keepers of the Flame of Reaganism say that today's corrupt economic system is the result of their man's tax cutting and deregulating. To the extent that deregulation has spurred today's boom, Jimmy Carter gets credit for igniting the process. Carter's own creation has set new records. Already there is the witness of axes being ground.

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A study done for NASDAQ finds that the proportion of Americans owning stocks doubled in the 25 years between 1965 and 1990, the number again in the next eight years. James K. Glassman of American Enterprise Institute notes that 37 million households - three of every eight families - own mutual funds, and 70 percent of those funds are owned by persons with incomes under \$75,000.

James Twitchell of the University of Florida, author of the new book "Lead Us Into Temptation: The Triumph of American Materialism," believes the pervasive sense of affluence changes the political categories. "One of the reasons terms like Yuppie, Baby Boomer, and Gen-X have allowed since their older designations as 'upper middle class' is that we no longer categorize 'One of our own' in terms of the lifestyle, or what material things we do 'consume' and 'communities.'" Hence Al Gore talks more about suburban sprawl than poverty.

But, then, poverty has peculiarities in a country this prosperous. W. Michael Cox of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and Richard Alm of the Dallas Morning News, co-authors of "The Making of Rich and Poor," report that two out of three poor families have microwave

overs, and three out of four have VCRs for their color televisions. And Twitchell reports that the average American consumes twice as many goods and services as in 1950, and today's poorest fifth of the population consumes more than the middle fifth did in 1955.

Since November 1982 the economy has been in recession just nine months, or 4.5 percent of the time. As Green and Alm note, between 1853 and 1953, the nation was in recession, or worse, 40 percent of the time. We have learned a thing or two about managing a modern economy, such as Do not try too much managing. Alan Greenspan understands.

He recently warned that inflation remains a danger. The news in this was that America needed reminding. Twenty years ago, when the misery index (remember, the inflation rate adds to the unemployment rate) was 20.6 percent, prudent people worried that inflation was the systemic disease of democracies. That is, democracies could not resist deficit spending, and would use inflation as a slow-motion repudiation of their deficits. Furthermore, democracies, with low pain thresholds, could not endure the pain involved in wringing inflation from the system.

The low pain threshold is real. The recession of the early Reagan years was considered horrendous and was the worst of the postwar era. However, it involved a contraction of less than 3 percent of GDP. In the 55 years prior to the postwar era (1890-1945), the economy contracted 5

Successful societies, being prone to complacency, need Cassandra, and Greenspan looks the part. Although in private he has been known to smile and snicker to laugh, he is not given to rhetorical exuberance in public, where his countenance is that of a basnet hood, with a secret sorrow. His job is to speak, even to postulate, lead findings on even the most silver clouds.

He constrains the Federal Reserve's role narrowly to protect the currency, a store of value, rather than to fine-tune the economy to produce high employment. Which is why there is such high employment. Once again, a minimalist mission by government produces maximum results.

George F. Will is a Washington Post columnist.

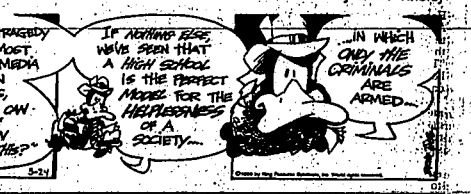
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By Bruce Tinsley



Wise Israeli voters elect realism along with new prime minister

It was a Sunday, July 6, 1986, a regular working day in Israel, when we arrived at the Central Command headquarters on the West Bank for lunch with the general in charge.

Watch this fellow closely, he could be prime minister of Israel some day," said our host, Hirsch Goodman, a leading Israeli journalist.

And into the room strode Maj. Gen. Eliaz Barak.

Barak, then the 44-year-old head of the command responsible for the security of Israel occupied in the 1987 war. With thinning, crew-cut hair and a moon-shaped face, he looked more cherubic than militant, but there was no doubting his commanding presence. He was soft-spoken, with a high-pitched voice, but direct and decisive.

And one part of our discussion (I was part of a group of journalists and academics) still stands in my mind: Barak, the most decorated soldier in Israel's history, told us of his concern about the long-term effect of Israel's occupation of the Palestinians. We cannot keep our boots on the throats of the Palestinians forever, said Barak, according to my now fading notes. He said that the price would be high, that Israel's occupation was creating a younger generation that hated Israel and that it could not go on indefinitely. He said that it was the most benign occupation in military history. Eventually, said Barak, Israelis have to live with these people; they are their neighbors. His comments were made 18 months before the Palestinian uprising, the "intifada."

Those words provide some important insight into Israel's new prime minister, Barak was elected by an overwhelming margin May 17 in what some believe



Ben Eliaz Barak Elected prime minister May 17

is a watershed election for Israel. Barak is a tough, security-minded former Israeli chief of staff, but he has an appreciation of the Palestinian view and, more important, a strong belief that it's not in Israel's long-term, strategic interest to rule over its neighbors.

That it is in sharp contrast to defeated Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who really did not care about the Palestinian view and could never reconcile his ideological belief that Israel should control the land occupied in 1967 for historical reasons with the underlying premise of the peace process: trading land for peace.

It's a difference not so much in specific policies but in attitude and approach. Both Netanyahu and Barak, for example, agree that Jerusalem must be the undivided capital of Israel and that a final peace agreement must result in different, more defensible borders for Israel than it had in 1967.

The great difference between Netanyahu and Barak is in their definition of security. Netanyahu and his Likud Party predileges

sure, Yitzhak Shamir and Menachem Begin, deliberately confused security questions with their deeply held belief that the West Bank must be part of Israel for historic and religious reasons.

But in this election, Israelis said, really for the first time, that they wanted the security issue separated from the historical-religious issue. And in Barak they have a realist who they believe will take care of their security concerns. The stunning demise of the Likud Party centers on this development. It was Begin's son, Benjamin Begin, who challenged Netanyahu from the right, carrying the old Likud banner of keeping the land. His party won only three seats.

Israel's security concerns are real. Just look at a map. Near the coastal town of Netanya, it's only 12 miles to the hills and mountains of the Arab West Bank, the strategic gateway. From 1948 until 1967, Israel lived in fear of being cut in half by a hostile thrust from that point. That is why borders will be changed. That is why even the Labor Party built settlements.

Indeed, the biggest problem confronting Barak in the peace process is likely to be unrealistic Palestinian expectations. Barak will insist that Israel's borders be modified to protect its security and on that there is a national consensus.

But unlike Netanyahu, Barak will not be harboring a hidden agenda — control of the land — or be ambivalent about what he is doing. This is a man who has a solid conviction about what is necessary for Israel's strategic interest. Just as he has moved from general of Central Command to prime minister in a steady but determined manner, he will, as the nation's leader, deliberately but tenaciously pursue his vision for Israel's future.

James M. Klurfeld is editor of *Newsday's* editorial pages.



Finger-pointing is useless

Your editorials generally ignore obligations in the Friday, May 14, *Times-News* did little to advance the dialogue as to what is currently happening with American youth. It is easy to point the finger in one political direction or another on any complex social issue. The Democrats (and Republicans) are to blame. Democratic nor Republican policies solely are the bane of American culture today. Similarly, neither party has all the answers to compelling social mysteries, such as the Columbine High School murders in Littleton. Fingerprinting is indeed an ethical duty. Yet, sometimes society has to step up and intervene, and create legal consequences for parental shortcomings. Current laws, such as those addressing child abuse or domestic violence, have demonstrated a public benefit. No one wishes to have government become intrusive, but there are occasions when they should have a seat at the discussion table. Your editorial saved the legs of our chair.

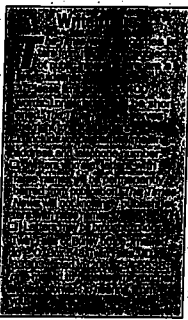
Beyond political finger-pointing, your editorial gives the impression it punishes only loved children, then there would result greater discipline, higher commitment and caring. Perhaps. But when does a parent get the love to share with their children? Are they born with it? Do they learn to be loving? Harris' and Kiebel's parents — and loving parents — ask themselves this question. Further, there are many parents who consider themselves loving whose children are complete malcontents. Conversely, some pretty good kids have come from unloving homes. Your framework is much too simplistic.

It would have been encouraging for your editorial to have gone beyond the finger-pointing and "just love them" message and offered up some caring, practical ways in which nervous parents can rear a disciplined, caring, committed child. MARK D. ANNAS Twin Falls

Vets deserve good care

After reading the mistreatment of veterans in hospitals in Idaho, the time is now! It is my opinion all veterans and family members should rise up and our local legislators demanding investigation of all veteran care centers. I suggest the ones doing the inspecting should be high-ranking veterans themselves. I believe it's up to all veterans to protect each other. We should demand through our local representatives to press for the U.S. government to take action to prevent the unfair treatment of veterans. If it weren't for the veterans, there would be no American

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power or freedom.

Now it's time for America to use the power to protect veterans' freedom. Let Congress know by flooding their mail and all forms of contact. How many men and women do you see on TV today in uniform doing what? Veterans may wonder as I do for what? Should they give their lives or limbs to come home either in a casket or to a hospital to be drugged, tied up and wait to die in misery? Where in the hell is the fairness in this? Is America the free or a waste of bodies and souls? Think about it — I do! LEONARD V. OWENS Paul

Read more closely

I just had to get in on this evolution-creation thing. Chris Anderson in the May 14 paper, quoted from Faithblights, I spent a couple of hours digesting what he had to say, trying to find the quote he gave. He says he've quoted correctly, but I could not find it. I request that he give me some help. I'm not very "smart" on the subject except to say that I can only find in all their many pages of quotes by scientists that they only refute Darwinism and are actually coming around to believe in a creator of some sort — in other words, God.

Mr. Anderson, you seem to have some brain in your head, so why don't you use it. If you found that quote you gave, you certainly had to read all the other quotes which were listed in the Faithblights article. If anyone else desires to get in on this, go to <http://www.fathlights.com> through MSN and read for your selves. As for saying that the great majority of Christian religions

Greed corrupts Idahoans

I'm disappointed in Idaho by finding you have the same groups of self-centered, destructive people. Their rich toes are in our previous state of dominion. A problem I'd never expect in what I thought was part of the West working living in. I was amazed Idaho was living American, with cowboys, ranchers and farmers, making a humble way of life without the outside interference of those who have little or no knowledge of what America is all about.

But it seems greed, egotistical personalities and a need to be noticed have invaded a way of life for the citizenry in Idaho. This rich toes are to be hurt by the creation of freedom. We usually the one to cause it. In this case, it's one Jon Marvel. A news article makes note of his obsession with cattle grazing on public land. They were grazing cattle on the land in question before he came to the United States. He became a citizen, which would allow him to carry on such a destructive war against the small ranchers in Idaho. I'm sure the photographs, charts and graphs he has hanging are from the bureau of stats that group all ranchers into one. I don't think taking cattle off the Bureau of Land Management land will hurt. Simplot or large cattle companies, but it will sure put the small cattle ranchers that live on a tight budget right down the tube.

It would be criminal if a greedy, self-centered group such as Idaho Watershed and Marvel, who've probably never worked a day in their lives, put even one hard-working rancher out of his home and business to satisfy an ego problem.

A hundred years ago, the cattlemen's association would have handled this problem in a prompt and meaningful way, to say the least. Of course back then, there weren't any twig eaters and tree huggers to contend with like there are now. Good luck, Idaho ranchers. There's lots of us out here that still think the old West is alive and well and will do all we can to keep it from going the way of most of the country. And do it all we can to make sure the ignorance of those such as Marvel and Jon Marvel are understood by erasing Idahoans. ED PACE Idaho Falls, Idaho

Moral renewal must start at home

When junior whacks a baseball through a neighbor's window, it's long been understood that mom and dad make reparations.

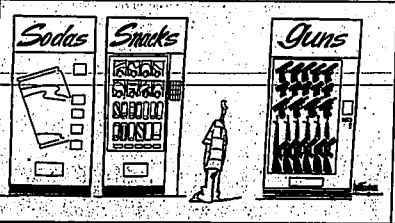
Now comes a rising view that if children commit more grievous offenses, like the shooting rampage in a Colorado school — it's the parents who should immediately pay a price.

Two recent surveys suggest that even though it may take a while to raise a child, in the end Americans are for holding parents responsible.

A national survey of parents more than politicians or the media for the decline in moral values, but also believe the family is the best hope for moral renewal, according to a survey of 1,275 by Houston-based Shell Oil Co. Sixty-four percent of adults cite "families not teaching children good values" as the key cause for the decline, with the rise in drug abuse (61 percent) ranking second.

In this place on this blame list, almost half of the adults consider America's greatest problem to be "the example parents set for their children."

Despite all the heat taken by incendiary Hollywood movies, only 33 percent of those surveyed see "a portrayal of life and values by television and the movies" as the key reason for kids' low values.



towers over the figures for peers and friends (26 percent), teachers (18 percent), religious officials' (15 percent) and television (8 percent).

Forty-nine percent of Shell's respondents believe morality in America would be improved by regular church attendance by parents. The forty-nine percent think less sex and violence in entertainment venues would be a more effective morality booster.

A separate survey found a similar pattern of family-blaming. Forty-nine percent of Americans criticize irresponsible parents or the pornography problem, according to the Ad Council, the Manhattan-based nonprofit arm of America's advertising industry. These figures are far higher than the 37 percent who blame the social and economic pres-

ures put on families. Fifteen percent of adults the Ad Council surveyed for Ronald McDonald House Charities of Oak Grove, Ill., feel it's common for people to have children before they are ready to take responsibility for them.

Fifty-three percent disdain parents who break up their marriages instead of trying to stay together for the sake of the kids. Only 23 percent think it's very common for parents to be good role models who teach their kids right from wrong.

Both surveys suggest that Americans are deeply disappointed with kids these days.

Bernice Kanner writes on advertising and marketing from her base in New York. She writes this commentary for *Bridge News*.

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Officer keeps slower pace as Catalina Island peacekeeper

From lobster poachers to buffalo heads, Catalina beat is remote

AVALON, Calif. (AP) — It is the most remote law enforcement beat in Los Angeles County, a bucolic section of Santa Catalina Island with more pigs and buffalo than people, now where there has been a single murder in living memory.

Leo Nielsen, who patrols this distant outpost, is the last resident deputy in the Sheriff's Department, an officer based so far from a station that he works out of his home.

The more populated side of Catalina, the side most tourists see, is not exactly a hotbed of crime, but there is enough to warrant stationing 13 Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department officers in Avalon.

On a busy summer weekend, the population can swell to 20,000.

Nielsen works more than 20 miles away in Two Harbors, which has only 150 permanent residents. Two Harbors is on a narrow isthmus about six miles from the western tip of the island.

This is a lonely, wind-swept spot, with dirt roads and a few trailers, a one-room schoolhouse, a lodge, a restaurant, a general store and a few boating-related businesses.

With its white sandy beaches, stands of coconut palms and abundance of wildflowers, visitors feel as if they had been transported to a picturesque South Pacific island.

Before Nielsen arrived on Catalina in 1992, he was a sheriff's canine handler in the Antelope Valley and only responded to murders, rapes, robberies and other felonies.

Now he investigates an entirely different type of crime, such as illegal pig hunting, lobster



Sheriff's Deputy Leo Nielsen drives his 22-foot sheriff's patrol boat along the coastline of Catalina Island near Two Harbors, Calif., in March.

poaching or operating a boat while intoxicated.

Shortly before Nielsen transferred to Catalina, he pursued a robber on the freeway at speeds of up to 100 mph, from Palmdale to Northridge, until the driver crashed into another car.

"At the time, I was thinking that I was getting too old for this kind of thing," says Nielsen, 52, a 23-year veteran of the department.

He stands on a rocky cliff with a spectacular view of the harbor, the sea shimmering beneath him, and says, "I'd much rather be here at this stage in my career."

Nielsen's first day on the job in Two Harbors was a memorable one. A few hours after his shift began, a sailboat was found splintered on the rocks with a corpse below deck. The man had committed suicide by taking an overdose of pills.

Because the sheriff's makeshift morgue on the island is in Avalon, Nielsen had to transport the body immediately. The corpse was so heavy, however, that the deputy could not get it into the back seat of his two-door Ford Bronco. So he put it in a body bag, deposited it in the front seat and strapped it in with

the seat belt.

The road from Two Harbors to Avalon is winding and treacherous, much of it unpaved. And by the time Nielsen headed out it was dark — a foggy, moonless January night.

Suddenly, out of the mist, he spotted dozens of pairs of huge glowing eyes, staring at him as he drove past.

"I was really spooked," he recalls. "I had no idea what they were. I didn't know what was going on."

He finally realized they were buffalo, grazing by the side of the road. Buffalo were originally

brought to Catalina in 1924 for the filming of a movie, and there are now about 500 on the island.

When Nielsen finally arrived in Avalon, he spotted a deputy who was breaking up a fight on the street. He pulled over to help and, when he returned to the car, found it surrounded by passerby wondering why a body bag was in the passenger seat.

Nielsen soon discovered that most days are considerably less dramatic. Still, there are times when people are happy there is a deputy nearby. After heavy rains, panicked residents occa-

sionally call when they see a human skeleton emerging from the sand.

"These are never the result of a murder, though," Nielsen says. "They're usually Indians who had been buried a long time ago. You can tell by the marks. If they aren't any (skings), and the flesh are ground down."

During summer, the party picks up considerably at the Two Harbors, and Nielsen sometimes works an hour shift, with just a half to keep him going. He patrols the island — by truck and boat — searching for people who are illegally responding to boating accidents and drownings, selling lost filters or snake-bites campers and appealing to poachers on land and sea.

At night, he stays up well past 2 a.m., when the two bars on the isthmus close. After he is certain that all the drinkers have returned to their campsites or boarded dinghies and safely arrived at their yachts and sailboats moored up to four miles offshore, he can finally sleep.

"People who have been drinking too much sometimes get lost," Nielsen says. "Some of them sneak off on someone else's dinghy. Others run out of gas. So I get in my boat and make a sweep every night and make sure nobody is stuck out there."

When he first heard that the deputy in Two Harbors was retiring, the idea of taking the job intrigued him. Nielsen is an avid sailor who at the time owned a boat docked in Ventura.

On a weekend, he sailed to Two Harbors with his 10-year-old son, and they were enchanted. His two oldest children, who had graduated from high school, were on their way to college.

So Nielsen, his wife, who was also seduced by the scenic vistas, and his young son moved into a trailer that doubled as the sheriff's substation. In his off hours, Nielsen enjoys all the recreational activities the area offers, including hiking, camping, mountain biking and sailing.

Friends and family hold memorial service for missing U of I student

CLARESTON, Wash. (AP) — Friends and family who've been searching for William Hendrick since his disappearance in January say they've run out of places to look.

Holding a service for the 25-year-old was one way to come to terms with the fact that his fate may forever remain a mystery. "We just feel that it's time," Hendrick's father, Keith Hendrick, said before Friday's service at a church here. "You come to the point where there's not much you can do without new evidence."

"This is something that is part of the grieving process, that grievance counselors recommended." The University of Idaho drama student disappeared Jan. 10, the day before he was to audition for

a play, pick up a \$6,000 financial aid check and start his final semester.

He was last seen intoxicated at a Moscow, Idaho, party. His car was found in the rear rooming in a downtown parking lot with the keys in the center console.

Search efforts failed to yield clues as to Hendrick's fate. A search fund of \$3,000 has been established, but nobody knows where to look.

Authorities say they're unsure whether Hendrick met with foul play. Investigators questioned someone they described as a person of interest in the case more than a month ago, but there are no new leads.

At Friday's service, references to Hendrick were made in the past tense. The service included a eulogy, readings from the Bible

and singing.

"This is not a funeral in the usual sense, because we've not discovered Will's body," said Pastor Wanda Rudolph of the Lutheran Valley Presbyterian Church. "But it is important that we have the chance to begin to bring closure to this time of anguish for his loved ones."

In closing, First Presbyterian Church Pastor Mark White urged those in attendance to listen and report anything that might help investigators. He reminded them to "look" for Hendrick as they are out mushroom-hunting, hiking or playing fields.

"Although the family is hoping to reach some closure with this service... it will not be over until his body has been recovered," White said.

BLM pays to train some wild horses

TOOELE, Utah (AP) — Two of dozens of Mustang auctions Saturday by the Bureau of Land Management weren't exactly wild.

The horses already were broken, part of an experiment by the Bureau of Land Management to give adoptees better odds of success.

BLM hires trainers for just a fraction of the 5,000 to 6,000 wild horses it rounds up and sells each year to break herd populations in the West. About 400 horses are adopted annually in Utah.

The BLM often sells at a loss, collecting \$200 on average for wild horses that take months to train and are sometimes returned by novices to the agency, which retains title to the animals for one year.

"People want to own a wild horse but they don't want it to be wild," said Glenn Foreman, a spokesman for the BLM's Salt Lake City office. The two Mustangs auctioned off Saturday at the BLM's Wild Horse and Burro Festival had received two weeks' training from Zane Davis, a Wisdom, Mont., horse trainer. Even with the expense of train-

ing, the horses fetched just \$125 and \$275.

"I bought it because it is calm," said Vernon resident Bill Johnson, who paid the highest price for a young brown-colored Mustang. Johnson has yet to ride an ungentled mustang he bought last year.

Three weeks ago, the BLM held an auction for 20 older Mustangs gentled by Logan horse trainer Steve Parsons, who earns about \$400 a horse for his work under an agency contract. All but two of the 20 Mustangs have been sold.

"I support the BLM's adoption program in principle, and I have a great deal of sympathy for the BLM itself, but the agency should do more to gentile horses before they are adopted," famed horse trainer Monty Roberts said in a new book "Shy Boy: The Horse That Came In From The Cold." Roberts said he is ill-prepared to deal with a wild horse at home.

BLM is hiring trainers for older horses that would be hard to sell at auction. It spends about \$300 to remove each wild horse from range and give it a veterinary exam, and hundreds more

to train.

"That is still less than what BLM spends keeping unwanted horses at a preserve in Oklahoma, where each horse is fed and veterinary care costs thousands over a year."

"They're really saving money by giving them some training and getting them adopted," said Parsons.



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AROUND THE VALLEY

Sheriff investigates death in South Hills

HANSEN — Cassia County sheriffs were investigating the Sunday death of a 16-year-old Twin Falls boy.

The boy was part of a camping group that was spending the weekend in the South Hills one mile west of the Magic Mountain Ski Resort, Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal said.

At around 7 a.m. Sunday the boy's companions awoke to find him lying face down, so they called for help. The Mountain Quick Response Unit took the boy to the hospital, but he could not be revived.

The cause of death was being investigated, but alcohol might have been involved. The boy had had a previous history of alcohol abuse before, Crystal said.

Crystal said he would probably release the boy's name today.

Watercraft accident injures Utah woman

HEYBURN — A Utah woman was sent to the hospital Sunday afternoon after her personal watercraft was struck by another watercraft.

The victim, Patricia, 25, of Logan, Utah, was in satisfactory condition Sunday evening at Cassia Regional Medical Center.

She was taken there after her watercraft was hit by a personal watercraft driven by Mike Turner of Rupert, Cassia County Sheriff Billy Crystal said.

Turner suffered leg injuries after the apparently stopped in the path of Turner just before the collision on the Snake River, about five miles east of Heyburn, Crystal said.

O'Leary will hold orientation meeting

TWIN FALLS — An orientation for seventh-graders who will be attending Venus C. O'Leary High School in the fall will be held June 7 to 9 p.m. today.

Orientation will begin in the school cafeteria. Students and parents can meet teachers, campus and attend an ice cream social.

Gleason Ferry to review results of water study

GLEASON FERRY — The City Council will meet at 1 p.m. today to review the results of an evaluation of alternative groundwater sources.

The agenda includes an update on the study and a review of the results of an evaluation of alternative groundwater sources.

Blaine County to discuss application

HAINLEY — The Blaine County Board of Commissioners will meet at 9 a.m. today in the old County Courthouse located at 205 First Avenue South.

Items on the agenda include a public hearing and consideration of a license change from John and Lucy Whitaker and Aaron Board to relocate a 15-foot fisherman's easement.

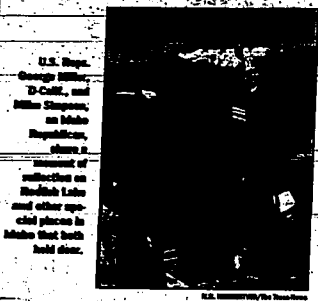
Public invited to party for advertising director

TWIN FALLS — The public is invited to a party for the new Times-News Advertising Director Peter York, who is leaving to become publisher of The Daily News-Press in Boise.

The party, which will also honor York's wife, Marlene, begins at 6:30 p.m. Thursday at Crossroads of the Sun. Entertainment will include presentations and music.

Peter York will become The Times-News' publisher on June 1, 1999. He has grown in size and sophistication with a Buckley office, a weekly sports publication, graphic design talents, a well-stocked newsroom and a variety of special sections.

Since York took leadership of The Times-News' advertising department in June 1999, it has grown in size and sophistication with a Buckley office, a weekly sports publication, graphic design talents, a well-stocked newsroom and a variety of special sections.



U.S. Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., and Mike Simpson, an Idaho Republican, share a moment of instruction on the Snake Lake and other special places in Idaho that both hold dear.

Congressmen talk to conservationists

Simpson vows to get wilderness in Boulder-White Clouds

BY N.S. Noldentved Times-News writer

REDFISH LAKE — Leadership doesn't come from the top; it comes from people getting together and organizing and spreading the word.

The efforts of the Idaho Conservation League are part of something larger than Idaho, U.S. Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., told about 150 people at the annual gathering of the ICL Saturday evening.

Miller wasn't the only congressman at the weekend conference. U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, the freshman Republican from Blackfoot, said he came to listen. But he wound up speaking after breakfast Sunday morning, vowing to get a long-awaited wilderness designation in the Boulder-White Cloud Mountains on the east side of the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Miller encouraged the Idaho Conservation League members in their efforts at recovery of endangered salmon recovery — an effort that includes bracing four federal dams on the lower Snake River.

If it can happen in the Central Valley in California, it can happen anywhere, said Miller, the ranking minority member of the House Resources Committee.

Some years ago, Miller got a bill passed that changed the Central Valley Project in California — a major water project that diverted water to California's most fertile agricultural agriculture — some say, at the expense of the environment. Some of that water now will be returned to fish and wildlife habitat and some to American Indians, and the way the state manages its groundwater has changed.

The bill was grudgingly accepted by one of the most powerful agricultural industries in the country, the conflicts over the water were constricting business, Miller said.

Similar actions are happening in other places across the country — in Utah, Arizona and the Florida

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AGAINST ALL ODDS



From left, Against All Odds band members Josh Nalder, Trent Newman and Josh Wells rehearse in their basement in Buhl.

'Straight-edgers' choose sobriety

Appearances can be deceiving

By Richard Denny Times-News correspondent

JEROME — Josh Nalder wears his hair in a mohawk. His ears are pierced with daisies and his neck sports a choker with protruding metallic spikes.

The first impression many get is wrong when they see him in that he's a drug user and a "demoniac," he said.

But it couldn't be further from the truth.

Nalder, a "straight-edger," doesn't drink, smoke, do drugs or participate in any sexual activity. He said he chose that lifestyle because he enjoys the

music but grew tired of seeing what drugs were doing to his friends.

"You have a lot more fun when you're sober," Nalder said. "I've been straight-edge for three years. While I was drunk one night, I told myself I was going to go straight. I woke up and there hasn't been a second thought to go back."

The straight-edge movement started in the early 1980s in Washington, D.C. The name of the group came from a song of the same name by the punk band Minor Threat.

Nalder said the straight-edge lifestyle focuses on self-control and is a response to the hedonism and self-destruction that characterized the punk movement.

"It's a commitment for a day," he said. "It's not for a day,

month or year. It's for life."

Part of the straight-edge mission is to share the "poison-free" way of life with others. Nalder accomplishes this by participating in the local punk-rock band, Against All Odds.

Against All Odds is not a punk-rock band in the traditional sense. The lyrics focus on staying drug-free and making the most of life, band member Josh Wells said.

Although the band does not try to push the straight-edge lifestyle on people, they make them aware that it exists, he said.

"Most of my friends do drugs," Nalder said. "I'm not going to force them to be poison-free. It's just the way I chose to live my life. It's wrong (to do drugs). I want to live my life to my full potential — not waste it. I don't feel I'm missing out on

anything. If you're doing that stuff you're missing out. Wasting your life on one high. I'm a low healthier. I feel a lot better about myself. I'm a lot more positive."

Wells, who is drug-free but not a straight-edger, said the same thing.

"It's experimented around," Wells said. "I had no reason to waste my life."

Today, the two spend time playing music they enjoy and telling people who are interested about the lifestyle.

"I've learned how to respect people," Nalder said. "If they want to change their lifestyle, and want me to help them I'll totally do that."

Times-News correspondent
Richard Denny can be reached in Twin Falls at 734-3780.

Group petitions for bridge

By Brandon Flata Times-News writer

Buhl — Mervin Randall comes himself among the supporters of the Common Sense Alternative.

Randall has joined a number of other individuals and business people who believe a new bypassing the Snake River Canyon at 2400 East would be a better route than the two proposed alternate routes beginning at Pole Line Road. A canyon corridor study is being conducted to determine the feasibility of a new bridge.

"We have a canyon corridor study underway looking at possible (bridge) locations," said Scott Malone, an assistant district engineer at the Idaho Transportation Department.

He said the corridor study is a separate route from the Twin Falls alternate route that the route "should be compatible with a new bridge. The future crossing would be north-south, and the alternate route east-west. At some point, the two could intersect, Malone said.

The alternate route "has been proposed by the Idaho Transportation Department," said Joe Schacher, project development engineer at the ITD. He said the route may be a better route to connect to 2400 East, or go around county starting at Pole Line Road, moving to Grandview Drive, and continuing east-southwest to the U.S. Highway 93/30 junction.

An environmental study must be done before selecting a route to analyze the ecological impact on the area, Malone said. If all goes according to schedule, a canyon corridor study will be finalized by the environmental study and public input on route selection.

"The study is planned with the two proposed routes. Randall said the routes are like placing a Band-Aid on a ruptured artery. He said the alternate routes are "certainly unsafe" and they will increase traffic in the rural area on Pole Line Road and Blue Lakes Road.

Many individuals, businesses

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Home, home on the driving range

By Thomas Tovar Times-News correspondent

MALTA — Bert and Stan Collins came from Florida to Malta to set up a dance school for their daughter, Jewelene Good.

They opened the dance studio in a commercial building that came with nine sprawling acres of ageland. With some creative planning, the acres of ageland were the beginning of a 100-by-360-yard golf driving range.

"The extra acres of ageland that came with the building wasn't something that we needed but they came with the building," Bert Collins said. "Then after spending a couple of months here we fell in love with Malta, the community, the area and the building." Bert Collins said.

Stan has a love of hard work and perseverance, the dream of a driving range for the community of Malta is now a reality.

"I want to provide a service to this community like the people deserve it," Stan Collins said. "There is a lot of good people here and they want something to do that is a little different. With the dance studio here a father can bring his daughter in dance lessons and his a new ball just for fathers."

He said the driving range isn't just for fathers. He's for the entire family.

"We set up benches, and a barbecue grill with picnic tables so families can come and enjoy hitting balls and being together," he said.

Brad Hutchinson said he and his family enjoy the driving range.

"Our family has been out there together a few times," he said. "My son Brodie is really excited about it. He bought a new driver to practice hitting with. The youth in this area are really excited about it."

Members of the Bankhead family are also regulars at the driving range.

"We have gone about seven times already," said 12-year-old Brett Bankhead. "It is pretty fun. I hope we can put a school team together."

People in the community go for walks and if they see golf balls in the road, they pick them up and throw them back into the field, Collins said.

"That kind of community spirit has convinced me that it is in the right place," Bert Collins said. "People come, get the size of bucket of balls they want, and put the money in the slot."

Stan Collins calls golf "an honor game."

Everybody that gets in on their honor because you are playing against yourself," he said. "You're not necessarily competing with someone else all the time. You're there to try to get the best score you can and it is an honor system. Malta is the kind of community it will work in. I will never make a living off of it, and sometimes I question my own sanity. But if it can pay for itself it's worth it."

Bert Collins is optimistic.

"Maybe we are more dreamers than business people but the community is dreaming right along with us," he said.

Council seeks \$8 million loan

By Brandon Flata Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — The nuts and bolts of an \$8 million loan to pay for sewage plant improvements will be in front of the City Council tonight.

When the council convenes at 5 p.m. at City Hall, it will consider a petition for judicial confirmation of a loan agreement with the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality. The loan will be used to pay for the design and construction of wastewater treatment system improvements for the city.

The improvements are the first phase of three, said John Kealy, project manager at the sewer treatment plant. They will increase the plant's capacity and take it to the year 2005 or 2007. Depending on the city's growth, phase two could begin around 2005.

Other items on tonight's agenda include:

- Consideration of the final plan of the River Ridge Estates subdivision located at Madison Street, south of Cheney Drive and the Candlelight Golf Course. The proposal is to develop the 23.87 acre subdivision into 24 single family homes.
- Review of proposed lease agreements for private hangars and commercial operations at Magic Valley Mall. If approved they will replace all existing leases and become the standard for future leases.
- Consideration of bids for 1999 seal-coat projects. The project will resurface and water-proof streets throughout the city. The budget for the project is \$1,200,000 and city staff recommended awarding the contract to Emery Brothers who had the low bid.
- Consideration of bids for restaurants at Dunes Lakes. The budget for the project was \$110,000 minus \$25,000 in a health permit. The only bid offered was for \$128,678. Extra money would have to come from the Shoshone National Forest.
- Second round of franchise agreement with Idaho Power.

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HOW THEY VOTED

State News Service

The following chart shows how senators and representatives voted on key bills and amendments within the last week. A "Y" means the member voted for the measure, an "N" means the member voted against the measure, a "P" means the member did not vote, and a "C" means the member voted "present."

SENATE VOTES

1) BILL NUMBER: SHOW1
On Friday, May 14, the Senate approved, 48-47, an amendment to the juvenile justice bill that would require mandatory background checks on private gun shows. Supporters said the measure would ensure that guns did not get into the wrong hands. Opponents said the measure was filled with loopholes, such as limiting the background checks to 24 hours and enabling people to redeem guns they had dropped off at a pawn shop without subjecting them to a background check. A "yes" vote favors the amendment.
CRAIG (R-ID) Y
CRAPO (R-ID) Y

2) BILL NUMBER: LOCKS
The Senate on Tuesday approved, 78-20, an amendment to the juvenile justice bill that would require handguns to be sold with child safety locks or storage devices. The measure would increase the liability of handgun owners who properly use child safety locks in the event of an injury or death. Supporters said it would

help restrict access of guns to children. Opponents said the law was unnecessary because safety devices are already available at gun shops. A "yes" vote favors the bill.
CRAIG (R-ID) N
CRAPO (R-ID) N

3) BILL NUMBER: MINORITY
The Senate on Wednesday failed to pass a measure that would have required states to develop strategies for dealing with the disproportionate impact of minority juveniles. Voting 52-48, the Senate tabled, or set aside, the amendment to the juvenile justice bill. Supporters of the measure said it was about fairness and would help eliminate the problem of discrimination in the juvenile justice system. Opponent said there is no proof of the problem, and it would need further study before Congress could pass legislation. A "yes" vote favors setting aside the measure.
CRAIG (R-ID) Y
CRAPO (R-ID) Y

4) BILL NUMBER: SHOW2
The Senate on Thursday approved, 73-25, a juvenile justice bill that would require background checks at gun shows. After the senators registered a 50-50 vote, Vice President Al Gore cast the tie-breaking vote in favor of the Democratic proposal. The measure, which is only slightly different from a measure that was rejected by the Senate last week, requires criminal background checks for all purchases at gun shows and for people who try to claim their own guns at pawn



Larry Craig, Mike Caprio, Helen Chenoweth, Mike Simpson

shops. Supporters said the legislation would close the loopholes that make it too easy to buy guns at gun shows. Opponents said the measure would be expensive and create more loopholes. A "yes" vote favors the amendment.
CRAIG (R-ID) N
CRAPO (R-ID) N

5) BILL NUMBER: SKOSOVO
The Senate on Thursday approved, 64-36, the final version of a \$15 billion emergency spending bill that will provide funding for the conflict in Kosovo and send aid to farmers and victims of natural disasters. President Clinton is expected to sign the bill, which passed the House earlier in the week. Supporters said the bill sends a clear message to Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic about the commitment of NATO. Opponents said the measure included too many additional non-emergency provisions that never would have passed through the normal budgetary process. A "yes" vote favors the bill.
CRAIG (R-ID) N
CRAPO (R-ID) N

6) BILL NUMBER: COPS
The Senate on Thursday rejected, 48-50, an amendment to the juvenile justice bill that would authorize \$1 billion a year for the next five years to expand and extend the Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program from 50,000 more police officers. Supporters said the program has proved with its decreasing crime rates while cutting the country's budget. Opponents said the program is flawed and needs to be more fully examined before it is reauthorized. A "yes" vote favors the amendment.
CRAIG (R-ID) N
CRAPO (R-ID) N

7) BILL NUMBER: JUVENILE
The Senate on Thursday approved, 73-25, a juvenile justice bill that seeks to prevent youth violence by making it easier to prosecute violent juveniles as adults, and includes provisions that require background checks on all gun sales, and that handguns be sold with child safety locks and age devices. Supporters said the

bill was a first step toward controlling the prevalence of guns and making the country a safer place for children. Opponents said the bill fails to adequately address the problems that led to the school shootings that have troubled the country for the past year. A "yes" vote favors the bill.
CRAIG (R-ID) N
CRAPO (R-ID) N

HOUSE VOTES

1) BILL NUMBER: ELKOSOVO
The House on Tuesday approved, 269-158, the final version of a \$15 billion spending bill that will provide funding for the conflict in the Balkans, money for disaster relief and farmers and a military pay raise. Supporters said the bill sends a clear message to Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic about the commitment of NATO. Opponents said the measure was filled with additional, non-emergency provisions that never would have passed through the normal budgetary process. A "yes" vote favors the bill.
CHENOWETH (R-ID) N
SIMPSON (R-ID) Y

2) BILL NUMBER: EARTH
The House on Wednesday approved, 259-168, to provide \$42 billion to fund NASA for the next three years. Included in the bill was the elimination of NASA's Triana satellite program that would have been delayed in part of Earth 24 hours a day it is seen from outer space — an initiative opposed by Sen. Al Gore. Supporters of eliminating the

Gore project said it was unnecessary and too bureaucratic. Opponents said eliminating the program was an attempt to embarrass Gore and his presidential campaign. A "yes" vote favors funding NASA.
CHENOWETH (R-ID) Y
SIMPSON (R-ID) Y

3) BILL NUMBER: DEFENSE
The House on Thursday approved, 345-71, a bill calling for the insulation, when technologically possible, of a system capable of defending the United States against a ballistic missile attack. President Clinton is expected to sign the bill, which passed the Senate earlier this year. Supporters said the United States needs to and has a way to defend itself against the growing ballistic missile threat. Opponents said the bill is irresponsible because it does not address the costs of such a defense system and does not clearly define what would constitute a technologically capable defense system. A "yes" vote favors the bill.
CHENOWETH (R-ID) Y
SIMPSON (R-ID) Y

The attendance record tracks the cumulative attendance of members to date and then the physically present for roll call votes. Senate attendance — Present and Absent
CRAIG (R-ID) 100.0
CRAPO (R-ID) 100.0
House attendance — Present and Absent
CHENOWETH (R-ID) 96.50
SIMPSON (R-ID) 92.31

THIS WEEK AT CSI — ON THE AGENDA

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TODAY
Idaho Department of Fish and Game Hunter Safety course, 5:30 p.m., Shields 108.

TUESDAY
Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition Steering Committee meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor 258.

WEDNESDAY
"Hispanic Family and Sexual Abuse" conference (presented by Children At Risk) Family Services program, Magic Valley Regional Medical Center, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields 117.
All faculty forum, 1 p.m., Shields 118.

THURSDAY
Idaho Department of Fish and Game Hunter Safety course, 5:30 p.m., Shields 108.

TODAY
Safe House Parent Project, 6 p.m., Shields 206.
Community Education course "Basic Supervision," 6 p.m., Taylor 276.
"How to Build a Planet" showing, 7 p.m., Herrett Center Faulkner Planetarium.

WEDNESDAY
Magic Valley Human Relations meeting, 6 p.m., Shields 107.
Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association coaches meeting, 6:30 p.m., Shields 105.

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

Kimberly High School graduation, 7 p.m., gymnasium.

SATURDAY
Idaho Woodcarvers Guild Fifth Annual Woodcarvers Jamboree, all day, Evergreen Building classrooms.
"How to Build a Planet" showing, 2 and 7 p.m., Herrett Center Faulkner Planetarium.
"Rusty Rocket's Last Blast" showing, 4 p.m., Herrett Center Faulkner Planetarium.

SUNDAY
Idaho Woodcarvers Guild Fifth Annual Woodcarvers Jamboree, all day, Evergreen Building classrooms.

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TODAY
Blaine Court commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Elmore County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Council chambers.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Ketchum City Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Council chambers.
Lincoln County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
Mundin County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

TUESDAY
Burley Public Library Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., library board

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TODAY
Camas County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hailey Town Center.
Mindokla County Democratic Party, 8 p.m., courthouse.
Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls Medical Center Board, 5:30 p.m., medical center in Sun Valley.

WEDNESDAY
Cassia Regional Medical Center Board, 5 p.m., board room.
Glenn Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission special meeting, 10 a.m., City Hall council chambers.

THURSDAY
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

FRIDAY
Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Goddling County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls School Board, 7:30 p.m., administrative office, 201 Main Ave. W.

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

This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

SERVICES

Phillip Vargas Jr. of Burley, 11 a.m. today, at the Truth Tabernacle Church, 335 W. 13th St. In Burley; friends may call one hour before the funeral at the church (Payne Mortuary).

Armand H. Paradis of Vallejo, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome Cemetery; friends may gather at the cemetery. Home service time (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Carl Clinton Bezzett of Filer, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Filer Cemetery (Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl).

Ruth Pearl Vavold of Caldwell, memorial service at 2 p.m. today

at Flahiff Funeral Chapel in Caldwell.

John Newton Carter Jr. of Twin Falls, 11 a.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls; friends and family may call from 6 to 8 p.m. today at the mortuary.

Joseph Vallejo Higley of Burley, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Burley LDS Stake Center, 2050 Normal Ave.; friends may call at the cemetery. Home service at 10:45 a.m. before the funeral Tuesday at the church.

Robert Eugene Bailey formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Twin Falls Cemetery; friends may call from 10 a.m. to noon Tuesday at Park's Magic Valley Funeral.

Leon-Ellen Ruffing of Castleford, rosary at 7 p.m. Tuesday at the Immaculate Conception Church in Buhl; Mass at 8 a.m. Wednesday at the church (Farmer Funeral Chapel).

Kevin L. Kersey of Lee's Summit, Mo., formerly of Jerome, graveside service at 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Jerome Cemetery; friends may gather at the cemetery shortly before service time (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel).

Olivia Chapman Mench of Boise, private graveside service will be held Wednesday at Twin Falls Cemetery (Alden-Wagoner Funeral Chapel in Boise).

Alta Hallsey
BURLEY - Alta Hallsey, 92-year-old Burley resident died Tuesday, May 23, 1999, at the Park's View Care and Rehabilitation Center in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary in Burley.

Ethel B. Egbert
TWIN FALLS - Ethel B. Egbert, 90, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, May 23, 1999, at her home. Private family services will take place under the direction of White Mortuary, Twin Falls.

Randall Steele Coriess
IDAHO FALLS - Randall Steele Coriess, a 31-year-old former Rupert resident died Friday, May 21, 1999, in Colville, Wash. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Wednesday, May 26, 1999, at the Paul LDS Stake Center with Joel Rogers officiating. A viewing will be held Tuesday evening from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to the service on Wednesday at the church. Burial will follow at the Riverside Cemetery in Heyburn.

Evelyn Johnson Castle
BURLEY - Evelyn Pauline Johnson Castle, 71-year-old Burley resident died Sunday, May 23, 1999, at her home in Burley. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, 1999,

at the Payne Memorial Chapel, 221 West Main Street in Burley, with the Reverend Gilbert Bourquin officiating. Burial will be in the Pleasant View Cemetery. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary on Tuesday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and one hour prior to the funeral on Wednesday.

Katherine Bryan
BURLEY - Mary Katherine Sears Bryan, 78-year-old Burley resident died at her home in Burley. Arrangements are pending and will be announced by Payne Mortuary.

Enice Sharp
WENDELL - Eunice Sharp, 99-year-old Wendell resident died Saturday, May 22, 1999, at the Magic Valley Manor in Wendell. Services are pending at Demaray's Wendell Chapel.

Steven Lynn Abel
BLISS - Steven Lynn Abel, 48 of Bliss resident died Friday, May 21, 1999, at a Bliss residence. Friends may call at Demaray's Gooding Chapel on Monday and Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Concluding services will be at the Fort McDermitt Cemetery near McDermitt, Nev., at a later date.

Nick Shoemaker
TWIN FALLS - Nick Shoemaker, 16, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, May 23, 1999, near Twin

Falls. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Norman Albrethsen
JEROME - Norman Albrethsen, 97, of Jerome, died Sunday, May 23, 1999, at Cascade Manor in Jerome. Funeral services are pending and will be announced by the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

DEATH NOTICES

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at patients' request.

Admitted
Kasie Anderson of Jerome; and Roger Burnikel and James Rhodes, both of Twin Falls.

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Admitted
Orland Bateman and Frances McDonald, both of Burley; Marie Denaugh of Rupert; Virginia

Castro and Lydia Miller, both of Paul; Mike Madrid of Twin Falls; and Kay Kranks of Rupert.

Released
Manuel Valdez, Victoria Holland and Tiffany Quansom, all of Burley; Sonya Cantu, Delia Adams, Claude Beasley and Lourdes Ramirez, all of Rupert; and Vern Schaffer of Paul.

Births
Babies were born to Marie Denaugh of Rupert and Francisco and Virginia Castro of Paul.

OBITUARY

For obituary news and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadlines is 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

CASTLEFORD

Leona Ellen Ruffing
Leona Ellen Ruffing, age 72 of Castleford, died Friday, May 21, 1999, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center from complications after surgery. She was born March 30, 1927, in Twin Falls, the daughter of Robert and Mary Curwell Cooke. She was married Raymond Ruffing of Buhl. After their marriage the couple resided in Buhl prior to moving to Castleford where they farmed

until retiring in 1983 and moved into town. Mrs. Ruffing was active in community events, including the Castleford Mary's Club Auction and the Twin Falls County Fair. She was a member of Immaculate Conception Church and a member of the Women's League. Survivors include her husband, Ray of Castleford; two sons, Ben (Vicky) Ruffing of Castleford and Douglas (Carolyn) Ruffing of Buhl; five daughters, Carolyn (Carmel) McCoy of Boise, Carolyn (Leroy) Rathbun and Cindy (Les) Johnson both of Buhl, Mary Ann (Christine) McCoy of Newman of Twin Falls and Claudia Tyree of Buhl; two brothers, Jack

(Peggy) Cooke of Caldwell and Johnny (Nihart) of Ohio; two sisters, Beverly (Larry) Hawk of Payette and Judy (Carmel) McCoy of Bonneyville; 17 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren also survive. Mrs. Ruffing was preceded in death by her parents; brothers, Bob and Bill and sister, Rosemary. A Rotary service will be conducted Tuesday, May 24, at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 26, at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Buhl. Interment will follow at the West End Cemetery. Funeral call at the Farmer Funeral Chapel on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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VALLEY IN BRIEF

Ketchum P&Z Commission will meet

KETCHUM - The Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 5:30 p.m. today at City Hall. The agenda includes a continuation of a public hearing on the application of Daniel Thomas for a permit for an 800-square-foot dwelling unit and fuel sales business at 211 Lewis Street.

Blaine County Housing Authority to meet

KETCHUM - The Blaine County Housing Authority will meet at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday in the planning and zoning conference room in City Hall. Items on the agenda include an update on a mortgage program and a review of the marketing and application schedule.

Group seeks volunteer camp counselors

TWIN FALLS - The Muscular Dystrophy Association is seeking applications for summer camp counselor volunteers. Applicants will act as counselors to children and teens with neuromuscular diseases during a camp session from Aug. 1 through Aug. 7 in Worley. Counselor applicants must be at least 16 years old and must be able to lift a child. Volunteer duties will include assisting with grooming, dressing and feeding and pushing wheelchairs. For more information call the local MDA office in Spokane, Wash., at (509) 325-3802 or MDA national headquarters at 1-800-572-1717.

Simpson takes his office on the road

BELLEUEVE - Idahoans with questions and concerns for 2nd Congressional District Rep. Mike Simpson don't have to go all the way to one of his four southern Idaho offices. The offices will come to them. As part of Simpson's traveling district office program, his field representatives will head to Blaine County next week to talk to constituents about federal policies and agencies and other issues. They'll set up office from 9 to 11 a.m. Tuesday in the Bellevue City Hall, move on to Kathy's Kitchen in Carey from noon to 4:30 p.m., and then to the Halley City Hall from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m.

BLM sells landscape material

SHOSHONE - People might not think of the Bureau of Land Management when looking for landscaping materials - but they should. The BLM will sell play lava rock, lichen-covered rock, boulders, gravel, flagstones, river rock and sand at a variety of sites. The materials are available for individuals only, not for commercial operations. But a permit is required. Permits and prices are available at any BLM office. Shoshone at 886-2206; Twin Falls at 736-2350; Burley at 677-6699.

Burning permits are required

TWIN FALLS - Anyone burning outside a city must have a permit. Permits are free along with advice on problems and hazardous conditions from the Idaho Department of Lands, the Bureau of Land Management and the U.S. Forest Service. Permits will not be issued for periods of high winds and unsafe conditions. The closed fire season runs at least through Oct. 20. The Department of Lands advises:

- Obtain a valid burning permit.
- Don't burn garbage.
- Stay with the fire until it is completely out.
- If it gets windy, put the fire out at once.
- Don't burn after dark.
- Keep burn pile small, and have a charged garden hose handy.
- Clear an area 15 feet around the fire.

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Minidoka reading test results show improvement

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

PAUL - Teachers in Minidoka County schools are encouraged by results of state reading tests and give credit to the Accelerated Reader program, which started in Minidoka County elementary schools three years ago. At a recent meeting, Surette at a West Minico Junior High School teacher and Accelerated Reader coordinator - thanked Minidoka County School Board members for bringing the program into the district. The program was started with a \$50,000 grant from the J.A. & Kathryn Albertson Foundation. The grant bought books and software for the program. Software programs test students' reading skills after each book they read. Students are advanced each time

they get to a certain level, Miller said. The junior highs added the program about a year later, she said. Reading test scores in Minidoka County schools seem to indicate that children who have been through the Accelerated Reader program are starting to show better results on state reading tests, Miller said. Seventh-graders, who did the best on reading tests this year, have had the most exposure to the program because the program was started in elementary schools first, she said. Eighth-graders did better than ninth-graders, who had the least exposure to the program, she said. This year 36 percent of ninth-graders, 31 percent of eighth-graders and 23 percent of seventh-graders were reading below grade level. In general, the more

exposure children have had to the Accelerated Reader program, the higher their reading level, she said. One junior-high student who benefited from the program, Brent Hunt, has spent a lot of time reading in the past few days. Hunt wrote an essay for a writing class at West Minico a few weeks ago, which started with the words, "In my whole life I have never broken a bone." Two weeks later Hunt broke a femur in an accident during the last soccer game of the season. While recovering from the accident Hunt has put in quite a bit of time working on homework and sitting behind a book. As a participant in the Accelerated Reader program at West Minico, Hunt read about twice as many books than any other student in the school this

year, Miller said. Hunt earned 600 points in the program - about twice as many as any other West Minico student. Books are assigned points according to difficulty, and most are worth one to 22 points, Miller said. Math is Hunt's favorite school subject, but reading helps him with subjects such as language arts, he said. "Reading helps with sentence structure and helps to learn words to use in sentences," he said. "It also helps Hunt when he is bored. "I just pick up a book and read," he said. "Though Hunt is an exceptional reader, the program seems to work to bring test results up for most students. "We knew we had kids at the low end," Miller said. "It is making a big difference."

Wild

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Everglades where the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are putting the meander back in rivers they had so proudly straightened decades ago. Eric the ICL members, people in other parts of the county are reassessing what has been learned over the past 100 years of settlement and development, and in some places determining what has been done in the name of progress, Miller said. "It's all started out in rooms just like this," Miller said. Eventually the science will show people that they can choose to reclaim an ecosystem, such as the

lower Snake River with its falling salmon and steelhead runs. The job of the Idaho Conservation League is to make people see that the other choice is for a system in decline. And no one - least of all politicians - likes being associated with decline, Miller said. Everywhere across the country, people want places to take their fish - and even those people who work for the industries that might be affected by the changes that would benefit the fish, Miller said. Though on opposing political parties, Miller and Simpson have at least one thing in common -

they both think of Redfish Lake and the Sawtooth Recreation Area as a special place. Simpson, a past member of the Idaho Conservation League, told the gathering Sunday that he used to go horseback riding in the Boulder-White Clouds, and he wants to protect the area with a wilderness designation. He was confident that a solution could be found if both sides were willing to sit down and work it out. But Simpson is not the first to say that. The area has been proposed for wilderness for more than a decade. "When it comes to dams and salmon recovery, he's willing to lis-

ten, he said. But the dam issue is not just about biology; it's also economic and social issues. "I'm leery about all this science," Simpson said. The issue of freighting the dams or taking 1.4 million acre feet of water out of southern and eastern Idaho is an issue that pits northern and southern Idaho legislators against each other. If it's dams or water, a legislator from southeastern Idaho better be against the "damned dams," Simpson said. "I don't want to have the salmon go extinct," he said. And the country should do everything reasonable to ensure they don't.

Bridge

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and groups, including Randy Hansen Chevrolet, Avonmore West and the Twin Falls County Farm Bureau, say the Common Sense Alternate is the answer. The alternate would extend U.S. Highway 93 north of the U.S. 93/90 interchange along 2400 East and build a new bridge across the Snake River Canyon. Across the canyon, the road would connect to 300 West in Jermer County and meet Interstate 84. Backers of the Common Sense Alternate have collected signatures on two separate petitions asking the IID to consider their

alternative. A group of residents and farmers living along both proposed alternate routes have collected more than 2,500 signatures asking state transportation officials to delay the alternate route project until the canyon corridor study is completed. The group said the alternate routes could tear up farms and negatively impact the area. They believe a new bridge may be the solution. The IID has received the petition and will consider the request this summer. "The board said we would address this in the hearing,"

Shackler said. A separate petition collected by Randall, Bill Chisholm and other Buhl residents with more than 3,200 signatures is asking the IID to consider the Common Sense Alternate. The IID has a "recommendation to look at the project," Shackler said. Although Shackler said there is a "minimum of 10 to 20 years" to construct a third bridge, Randall believes that with the help of the government and local industries a bridge could be constructed much sooner. "A new bridge should have been built ten years ago," Randall said.

The flaws of the Common Sense Alternate are "the unknowns and the cost," Shackler said. He said the price tag on the Common Sense Alternate is \$100 million while the price tag on the two proposed alternate routes is between \$20 and \$30 million. Schacher said the current traffic flow doesn't justify a third bridge and the project will also heavily impact the environment. As proponents of the Common Sense Alternate continue to push their plan, the IID environmental document will near completion. So far, public comment seems to favor the 2400 East route.

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FOCUS: THE BALKANS

Locals labor in relief effort

Macedonians organize help

Los Angeles Times

TETOVO, Macedonia — Fatmir Trest has been living in two worlds since ethnic Albanians from Kosovo started flooding across the border near here almost two months ago.

One is his ordinary, usually happy, sometimes mundane world as a second-grade teacher, husband and father. The other, the demanding, sometimes horrifying, always emotionally draining world as lieutenant in a home-grown army of volunteer relief workers.

Unlike the numerous international aid agencies working in Macedonia, the relief organization known as El Hilal has no rich donors, no fancy vehicles and no well-paid professionals. But what it lacks in material wealth it makes up for with the passionate commitment and tireless devotion of people like Trest.

Keeping the two worlds separate is often impossible for the teacher, red-eyed-on-a-recent-day from lack of sleep.

"When I go home or to school, I try to put the refugees out of my mind. But when I sit at the table or go down to sleep, I see scenes of the refugees in my mind. I go to school and look at my pupils and they remind me of the agonized faces of refugee children," Trest said in a rare moment of reflection.

El Hilal's network of more than 500 regular volunteers reaches almost every community with ethnic Albanian residents in Macedonia. Whether its volunteers are sorting refugees with local host families or providing them with food or offering them information on the whereabouts of loved ones, they have played an invaluable role in helping Macedonia deal with an influx of people displaced from Kosovo, the separatist Serbian province.

El Hilal is by no means the last resort for refugees, said Chris Hyslop, food coordinator for Mercy Corps international, which is providing food aid in Macedonia.



Ethnic Albanian refugee Ramadan Gashi, left, and his brother, Ilija, eat bread at a transit refugee camp in Kukës, Albania, after crossing the border with a large group of men Sunday.

El Hilal's success comes from the extraordinary willingness of the ethnic Albanian Macedonians to help their ethnic brothers and sisters from Kosovo, even when that means sacrificing their own bread crumbs or the means of their livelihoods.

Without El Hilal's efforts, particularly at a few crucial moments over the past month, there would have been a "disaster" in Macedonia, said Sasho Kleković, executive director of the "Macedonian Center for International Cooperation."

The group's role was strikingly apparent at the peak of the refugee influx early last month, when 65,000 ethnic Albanians languished for as long as a week in a muddy pit at the Blace border crossing on the Kosovo-Albania border. El Hilal volunteers worked round-the-clock.

small group of international relief agencies present had their hands tied by Macedonian authorities and could play only a bit part in preventing a large-scale tragedy.

Long before the first tent was pitched for a refugee camp at Tetovo, about seven miles from the Kosovo border, El Hilal had been organizing a new neighborhood of Tetovo. He is unemployed and receives cash assistance from the government. Nonetheless, he took in five refugees.

"We know this is a really heavy burden for the local population," said Arsin Zekolli, El Hilal's spokesman and coordinator with international organizations, who took a leave from his paying job to volunteer full time at the peak of the crisis. "But we have a raging war a few miles from here. No one expects perfect living conditions."

To help sustain the refugees living with host families, El Hilal has served as a major pipeline for the delivery of thousands of pounds of foreign donations of food, blankets, personal hygiene products and other necessities.

With El Hilal's help, even the poorest Albanian families have been able to open their doors to refugees.

Xhevdair Bajrami, 37, and his family of four live in the three finished rooms of a house that they cannot afford to complete in a new neighborhood of Tetovo. He is unemployed and receives cash assistance from the government. Nonetheless, he took in five refugees.

"Without El Hilal, we couldn't help these people," said Bajrami, standing in front of his house, which has cinder-block-sized red bricks exposed throughout and large openings where the second-floor windows should be.

Every day, the Bajramis and their refugee charges receive bread from El Hilal distribution centers. Once a week, they get sugar, beans, oil, rice, canned meat, flour, laundry detergent, soap and other household staples.

El Hilal's distribution centers — staffed by volunteers — are warehouses and stores on loan from local businesspeople.

NATO renews attacks on electricity system

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia (AP) — NATO warplanes battered Yugoslavia's already crippled electricity system Sunday, leaving Kosovo in the dark and threatening millions in the dark and threatening the country with water shortages.

NATO's air campaign reached the two-month mark Sunday. Western leaders differed on the means to ensure its success. President Clinton said the air campaign was working and would return displaced Kosovo Albanians to their homes.

But British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook indicated bombing was not enough, saying NATO must prepare to deploy troops in Kosovo — with or without resistance from Yugoslav security forces.

Refugees continued pouring out of Serbian province. One day after more than 10,000 refugees left Kosovo in the biggest single-day total in nearly three weeks, hundreds of unprotected residents of the province entered neighboring Macedonia.

Sunday was the second straight night that millions of residents were without power. NATO continued its heavy bombing of electrical supplies.

Late Sunday, the alliance struck a power plant in Kosovo east of Belgrade, and at least two other facilities, completely cutting energy to Novi Sad and Nis, the two largest cities after Belgrade, according to private Studio B radio.

Many regions in Serbia faced serious power shortages because of a lack of electricity needed to run the water pumps. Belgrade was down to its last 15 percent of water reserves, media reports said.

Before dawn Sunday, bombs set ablaze and disabled the country's biggest coal-burning power plant, Nikola Tesla, near Obrenovac, 20 miles southwest of Belgrade, local media reported. In a raid late Saturday night, NATO destroyed a power plant was heavily damaged.

Striking around the clock, NATO planes Sunday also targeted the Ezerce region of south-western Kosovo at least twice, according to state-run Tanjug news agency, which claimed both civilian targets and a military base.



An unidentified worker inspects destroyed power transmission equipment in Obrenovac, some 20 miles west of Belgrade after reported NATO airstrikes early Sunday.

Trucks were hit. No details on damage were given.

NATO said its planes took advantage of clear skies Saturday and Sunday, carrying out 652 sorties, 301 of them hitting their targets — after carrying out a record 684 sorties the previous day.

The alliance said it hit a wide range of targets in Kosovo in the previous 24 hours — including at least nine military bases, 10 artillery positions, tanks and three parked aircraft. It also claimed to have struck facilities that support Serb forces in the province, including a Serb special forces depot in Belgrade.

"It was quite an intensive night of air operations," said NATO spokesman Jamie Shea, referring to operations late Saturday and early Sunday.

The move appeared aimed at increasing domestic pressure on Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to accept a Western-dictated peace plan for Kosovo.

In an apparent move to squelch such pressure, the private Beta news agency reported that Serb authorities banned an anti-war rally in the central town of Gnjatse, whose opposition mayor has openly criticized Milosevic's policies.

Land mines kill 12 refugees attempting to cross border

Los Angeles Times

SKOPIJE, Macedonia — On the crest of a mountain overlooking the green fields of his homeland, Beqir Haliti's blood drained into the dirt Sunday.

The 14-year-old Kosovo Albanian already had suffered enough of war: Serbs burning homes and fields in the night of family and friends; a 20-hour trek through mountains to refuge in Macedonia.

But his death in sight, one more moment of savagery awaited. As Haliti fled from Macedonian soldiers trying to block entry into the country, he stepped on a land mine in the border area. The blast hurled him through the thin mountain air. A low refugee and three soldiers were injured.

Lying on his back, bleeding badly and initially unable to move, Haliti thought he would die.

"I couldn't walk. I couldn't hear," Haliti said as he lay in the Macedonian capital, receiving the news of his death. The mine fragments shattered his leg, fractured his skull and ripped a 5-

inch slash across his abdomen. "I thought I would lose all of the blood from my body."

The scar that now jagged across Haliti's 110-pound frame are symbolic of one of the increasing dangers facing refugees heading for Macedonia and Albania, according to U.N. officials and humanitarian groups: land mines.

With Yugoslavia's border guards periodically restricting departures of refugees and its soldiers burying mines in anti-air and occasionally anti-tank areas, officials fear more refugees may trigger the weapons as they flee Kosovo through "illegal, unmarked border crossings."

Already, at least a dozen refugees have been killed in mine blasts, according to Macedonian figures and news reports.

U.N. officials said they are expecting the toll to mount.

"We know that a substantial number of refugees are coming across unofficial crossings," said Ron Redmond, a spokesman for the U.N. Office of High Commissioner for Refugees. The land mine incident "could very well happen again."

Witnesses allege Serbs used gas

The Washington Post

CEGRANE, Macedonia — Serbian forces used gas against the Kosovo Liberation Army in northeastern Kosovo earlier this month, and the gas also sickened civilians there, according to KLA sources and refugees who witnessed the incidents.

The accounts of gas use in two villages could not be independently verified and were somewhat contradictory, because they seemed to describe two different types of gas.

In one incident, the descriptions suggested use of a gas called BZ, a hallucinogen that is disorienting and occasionally lethal, according to foreign scientists and human-rights specialists.

Serbian forces, which dominate the Yugoslav units in Kosovo, are believed to possess BZ and used it in the civil war in Bosnia several years ago, the experts said.

A NATO spokesman in Brussels said military intelligence officers operating in the Balkans near the Kosovo border have picked up reports of the use of BZ gas by Serbian paramilitary forces. However, the reports have not

been confirmed by agents operating inside Kosovo, the spokesman said.

Yugoslavia, of which Serbia is the dominant republic, is not a signatory of the 1993 chemical-weapons convention signed by 120 nations that outlaws all use of gas in warfare. But international custom precludes using gas, particularly on civilians, according to E.J. Hogendorn of Human Rights Watch.

Three refugees interviewed at the refugee camp here said they were attacked by Serbian forces near the village of Dobratin with gas. They said civilians became ill and fled the village as a result. Separately, and at different times, three KLA sources gave the same information.

"I cannot walk," said Hamide Ahmeti, 34, as she lay inside a tent here. She said she became ill the day after she smelled the gas. KLA soldiers also told people to leave the area to escape the gas, she and others said. She was

evacuated by tractor and then by train, she said.

Osman Ahmeti, 55, said: "We felt bad sick. We didn't see well. Our soldiers told us to cover our faces."

His sister, Elmire Xhemalli, in her late 30s, said: "I felt weak, I smelled gas, then I couldn't walk anymore. I fainted." Now, after leaving the region, she feels a bit better, she said, but "I feel like something is squeezing my head. I cannot remember things."

Alastair Hay, a chemical pathologist at the University of Leeds in England, said a number of the symptoms described by Dobratin — weakness, blurred vision, unclear thinking and vomiting — are found in victims of BZ. However, other ailments cited by refugees, particularly headaches and stiff neck, are not, he said.

Hay, Hogendorn and Julian Perry Robinson, senior fellow at the Science Policy Institute of the University of Sussex in England, said the gas had BZ gas and may have used it in Kosovo.

Europeans pull plug on Serb TV

The Washington Post

BRUSSELS — Over the past two months, NATO fighter planes have taken off from aircraft carriers and air bases in Italy to drop precision-guided bombs on studios, antennas and relay stations of Serbia's official state television in an effort to cripple Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic's "propaganda machine."

But even as NATO jets tried to knock Serbian television off the air, a European satellite consortium largely controlled by NATO members has been beaming the state-owned television network throughout the Balkans.

After nearly two months of heavy diplomatic pressure from NATO, Eutelsat's member states voted Thursday to pull the plug on Serbian television, probably

this week.

Serbian television uses Eutelsat's satellite to beam its signal to viewers with satellite dishes in Serbia and Montenegro, Yugoslavia's two republics, as well as Bosnia, Bulgaria and Hungary, where there are sizable populations of Serbs. Serbia can also use the satellite feed to resume broadcasting inside the country if NATO bombs knock out relay stations.

According to a report delivered to NATO ambassadors Friday, 31 of Eutelsat's member countries voted to expel Serbian television under a provision of the consortium's charter that prohibits broadcast material designed to promote ethnic hatred. Russia, Belarus and Armenia voted to continue the Serbian transmissions while Vatican City, Ukraine and Greece — abstained.

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 Household - Tools - Antiques
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SPORTS

New engine motors Dugger to Modifieds win

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Nothing like a new powerplant to change your entire perspective on racing. Local Mountain Dew Modifieds racer Doug Dugger must feel that way a week after throwing a rod in his motor along the backstretch during McDonald's time trials at Magic Valley Speedway.

Dugger, who finished the installation around 2 a.m. on the day of the race, said it was a great feeling of accomplishment to have won the race. "It's pretty neat," Dugger said. "I turned out good. I was pretty glad to hold my pole position, but with no luck."

held strong, capturing the checkered flag in front of Quake, Jones, Newhouse and Rick Corbridge. By virtue of his second place and best victory, Quake hauled the pole for the Jones by six points - 379 to 373.

Street stocks race. Finishing out the top five in the class included: Thomas Powell, Jeremy Costa, Newman Hicke and Dale Miles. Hicke and Miles are dethroned at the top of the street stock pointer standings after four races.

Finally, Mike Greco won his first Dairy Queen Thunder stocks main event of the season over Natalie Wheeler, Buddy Scott, Bruce Kubik and Jason Hatfield. The trophy's final Speedway season has not seen a repeat main event winner in 20 races thus far.

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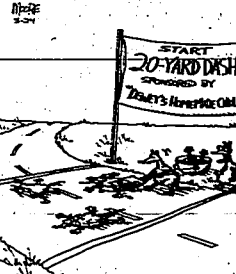
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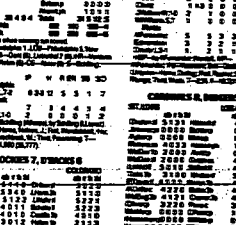
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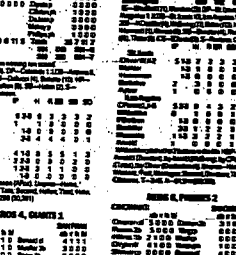
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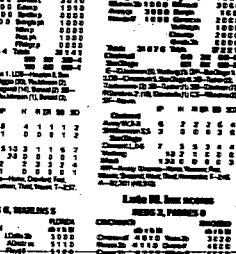
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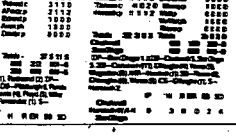
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SPORTS

Sabres surprise Leafs without Dominator

TORONTO (AP) — Surprise! The Buffalo Sabres are more than goaltender Dominik Hasek, and they proved it Sunday to the Toronto Maple Leafs.

With Hasek nursing his chronically injured groin, Dwayne Roloson was given the start in goal for Buffalo in the opening of the Eastern Conference finals. It was his first-ever playoff start, and he measured up, stopping 28 shots as the Sabres escaped with a 5-4 victory.

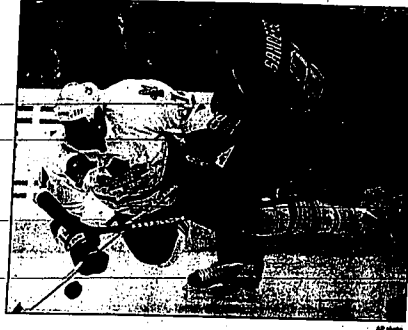
Hasek practiced on Saturday but appeared to be slow, and Buffalo coach Lindy Ruff knew right away what he would do.

"I wanted to surprise them (the Maple Leafs). Ruff said of his decision to wait until just before game time to announce that Hasek wasn't playing. "And it worked tonight."

The Sabres, who supposedly be a battle of two of the best goalies in the world — Hasek and Curtis Joseph of the Maple Leafs. Instead, it was Roloson who stepped against Joseph, and it was the 10-year veteran who turned in the stinky game in the tense atmosphere of Air Canada Centre.

"I sort of knew what was happening last night but wasn't sure really until this morning," Roloson said. "I just tried to relax. I went for a short walk with a couple of teammates and tried not to get too far ahead of myself. It's hard when you haven't played much."

Roloson, who is not as much help from his teammates as he might



Buffalo Sabres left winger Geoff Sanderson (90) sends Toronto Maple Leafs' winger Lonny Bohonos flying with a hit Sunday during their game in Toronto's Air Canada Centre. Buffalo won the game 5-4.

have liked — the Maple Leafs had nine power plays — got enough in the first period when Curtis Brown broke a 3-3 tie at 5:21 and Geoff Sanderson notched the game-winner with just under seven minutes remaining in regulation.

"It seemed like everything they touched turned to a goal," said a disheartened Joseph. "He didn't play very good for a (Roloson) who hasn't played in a while. I need to make the big save and I didn't, I suppose I could have tried a little harder on some of the screen shots. I have to and I didn't."

Joseph, who had allowed just 25 goals in 12 games and stopped 291 of 313 shots in leading the Maple Leafs past Philadelphia and Pittsburgh in the first two rounds, allowed the five goals on Buffalo's first 19 shots and finished with 16 saves. Even Stu Barnes got in the act, scoring his first goal since March for the Sabres.

The Maple Leafs will have until Game 2 in Toronto on Tuesday night to contemplate a lost opportunity. Whether they face Hasek or Roloson remained a mystery.

"We made a lot of mistakes," said Toronto captain Mats Sundin, who had two goals and an assist but was on the puck for three Buffalo goals. "When you come to the playoffs you can't afford that. We had a game plan to put a lot of pucks on net, but we shot ourselves in the foot instead. We had all the chances to win and we didn't."

Roloson, who relieved Hasek in the third period of Game 5 against Boston in the previous round and played well, didn't appear to be intimidated by the hostile surroundings in the hockey-crazed city.

"I felt a lot better in the third period," he said. "I just tried to keep it simple, stay focused and sleep the puck down."

Sanderson's winning goal was stunning.

He took a soft pass from Erik Rasmussen near the Toronto blue line, fought off the check of defenseman Sylvain Lefebvre with one hand and shoved the puck past Joseph with the other as he cruised by the crease.

"He was explosive when he got the puck," said Dion Ward, who scored unassisted in the first period to give Buffalo a 2-1 lead.

"This time it was Joseph. Hasek, meanwhile, said he didn't know what to expect."

The injury has plagued him since February, but he has played through the pain until now.

"I'm very worried about it," he said. "I just hope I wake up the next day and be better to play. It never healed 100 percent. I don't have to be 100 percent but I'm not able to go up and down."



Colonial champion Olin Browne chips from the 18th bunker Sunday to save par and win his second PGA Tour event.

Browne takes Colonial when competitors falter

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Olin Browne was simply trying to finish his final round at Colonial Country Club and get out of the way.

When he inadvertently saw a leaderboard on the 16th hole, he was surprised to find himself in a three-way tie for the lead. When he saved par from the bunker with an 8-foot putt on the 18th, he still thought 8 under wouldn't be good enough to win.

The groans he heard while putting on the practice green told him differently.

Greg Kraft, Billy Mayfair and everyone else got out of the way for him.

"All of a sudden, everybody else messed up," Browne said Sunday after his one-stroke victory in the MasterCard Colonial.

With two eagles and only one birdie on the stretch, Browne closed with a 4-under 66 to finish at 272 and joined playoff Ben Hogan, Sam Snead, Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson as Colonial champions.

Browne, who turned 40 on Saturday, won for the second time on the PGA Tour. His first victory came last year in a playoff in the Hartford Open.

"There are a lot of guys who have won a PGA Tour event," Browne said. "Winning another one is significant. Winning here is something I'm very proud of."

Browne won \$504,900 and gets another invitation to the winner's Mercedes Championship in Hawaii next year.

Pro golf

fitting the American women's tour would crown its newest champion at one of its newest events.

Akiiko Fukushima, a veteran of the Japanese women's tour but an LPGA rookie in the United States, shot a 1-over-par 71 Sunday to hold on for two-stroke victory over Charlotta Sorrestan in the inaugural Philips Invitational Honoring Harry Jenkins.

"To be honest with you, I didn't think I'd be able to win this early in the year. I'm really happy and excited," said Fukushima, who speaks no English and used an interpreter to talk with reporters. She won \$120,000.

Jenkins couldn't hold a one-throw lead on the final hole, but recovered to make an 18-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole Sunday and beat first-finisher Jim Thorpe to win the Senior PGA Bell Atlantic Classic.

Jenkins' only two PGA victories came in the quarter-century apart. His won the 1975 IVB Philadelphia Classic, a tournament no longer held, by one shot over Johnny Miller.

"I'm excited as I can be," Jenkins said.

American tour rookie wins new tournament

AUSTIN, Texas — It was only

English angler repeats as U.S. fishing champ

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWS SERVICE CEDAR LAKE, Ind. — If you figure by the pound, this three-inch perch had to be the most expensive fish caught in Indiana, maybe in North America.

The fishing pole Englishman Mike Stone used to land it is a 45-foot span of Italian-made, carbon fibers that sells for almost \$4,000. Of course, it doesn't require a real, say, 50-bucks there.

Stone added to the perch to a keepsack bulging with carp, catfish and other species, and got his bait quickly back into Cedar Lake.

All species count in the newly Americanized sport of match-fishing. The angler who wins the U.S. Open Matchfishing Championship isn't the one who catches the biggest or most fish, but who puts the most weight into the keepsack in the time allowed.

Some, the defending champion, fulfilled predictions and won

handly Sunday. His catch of 207 pounds of fish in eight hours (four hours stretches on consecutive days), easily bested countryman Mike Nutt and third-place Derek Aniolowski of Chicago.

Stone, a civil engineer who quit a government job five years ago to become a tackle shop owner and wholesale tackle buyer, said that drawing good fish "swims" is crucial, referring to the 10-yard wide stretch of lakefront that each angler was assigned at random.

"You people (Americans) have spoiled me," Stone said. "I have to go to Denmark for a match next week, and there we'll be lucky to catch as many carp in two days as we do in an hour here."

"And your fish fight a lot harder than the ones at home. Most of you come from hatcheries. You fish are what we call 'wildies.' You have an amazing resource here. What angling is now few of you do any fish fishing."

Some, the defending champion, fulfilled predictions and won

Bump Day boots racers at Indy

Idahoans Unser, Hamilton stay alive

KNIGHT RIDDER NEWS SERVICE

INDIANAPOLIS — As Lyn St. James exited the Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday night, the clouds were rolling in and heavy rains were in the immediate forecast.

This meant Sunday Bump Day, was endangered, and that pleased her.

For she had been the slowest of the 32 qualifiers that afternoon, and Bump Day's postponement would secure her spot in the Indianapolis 500.

"The (the no-qualifiers) have to think about the unknowns, like the weather, that they can't control," she said then.

But it turned out, she couldn't control the weather either, and when Sunday dawned bright and clear, she took out a second car in anticipation of getting bumped.

Then, almost immediately, she blew an engine, spun, kissed the wall, and was toast.

Just as she was hoping for didn't come until the Sunday afternoon, and by then she, Jacques Lazier, Stephan Gregoire and Scott Harrington had been blown out of the field.

In their places were Raul Boesel (who bumped St. James) and Johnny Unser (Lazier), Dr. Jack Miller (Gregoire), and Robbie Buhl (Harrington).

Buhl, who'll be running in his fourth Indy, was the last to get in, rolling out for his run at 1:38 and with sprinkles already falling.

Just over two minutes later, he posted his qualifying time, and at 2:04, the rain was heavy enough



Lyn St. James of Daytona Beach, Fla., slides along the wall Sunday in Turn 4 after the engine blew and she spun in her own oil during practice at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway. Idaho drivers Davey Hamilton of Nampa and Halley's Johnny Unser have already made the race's field for Sunday's 53rd running of the Indianapolis 500.

to shut down the track down at 4:30, and with that rain still splashing the sands and killed three spectators earlier this morning in the Indy Racing League event at Charlotte, N.C. A Bump Day announced that its cars would begin running with tethered tires at Saturday's Motorola 300.

But IRL officials have yet to decide if they will do the same in the 500.

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Hailey driver Unser secures Indy 500 start

Special to The Times-News

INDIANAPOLIS — While Nampa native Davey Hamilton rested the day following his successful run qualifying for next weekend's Indianapolis 500, Johnny Unser of Hailey took his turn Sunday, securing his fourth starting nod in the "Greatest Spectacle in Racing."

Unser, 40, clocked a 221.197 miles an hour average around the storied 2.5-mile Indianapolis Motor Speedway, good enough to crack the starting grid.

The driver of an Aero-powered Dallara, who tangled with the track's unforgiving walls on Thursday, had been hampered by a lack of practice laps while his Hemeigman Racing team worked overtime to prepare for Sunday's final qualifications.

"This has been the toughest Indianapolis 500 for me," said the son of the late Jerry Unser, the first of the Unser clan to race at Indianapolis.

"We made some smart decisions on the (qualifying) line before we went out on our car for the race Saturday."

"We ran some practice laps before qualifying and the car felt pretty good. I'm just really happy. Now we can focus on the race."

Unser gave much of the credit for his successful attempt to his crewmates.

"After Thursday's incident, you just have to be a lot of faith in your teammates," said the versatile driver who has competed in motorcycles, dirt cars and autocross rallies.

"You put your faith in the things they are doing to get the car back together again, then you look deep inside yourself."

"Eventually, you say, 'Okay, it's behind me now.' That's what we had to do today and that's just what we did."

Final Carburerion Day practice laps are May 27. The 83rd Indianapolis 500 is scheduled Sunday, May 30.

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While Unser's qualifying speed was thought by many to be fast enough to guarantee his starting position, afternoon showers washed out the final hours of qualifications, making

MORNING BREAK

Rosie's rant leads to apology to Selleck

DETROIT (AP) — Rosie O'Donnell's rant against the National Rifle Association during an on-air debate with Tom Selleck sparked a rash of angry...

People in the news
Kmart stopped selling handguns in the early-1970s and currently stocks a limited selection of rifles and shotguns at its stores...

work on the soap opera "All My Children." Her on-camera kissing skills got the ultimate test in "Cruel Intentions..."

wrap. Lasnet said his vows in Fresno. After the ceremony, the wedding party returned to the Tennant's family home...



Tom Selleck

'Buffy' learned young
NEW-YORK — Sarah Michelle Gellar learned a few moves sneaking on the playground and she can use now in on-screen love scenes...

Model marries boyfriend
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Bobby Wolff

"Hell has three gates: lust, anger and greed." - Rhagozodigin
Would you double a no-trump game with West's cards? Few would resist the temptation, but how many would call it a game? That's where greed enters the picture.

West saw little value in entering the auction when South opened one no-trump. Had his long suit been a major, he would have had better reason to interfere. However, when three no-trumps become the final contract West's position is a double, fortified with two quick entries and a near-solid diamond suit.

South took West's diamond queen with his ace and immediately cashed his second ace and ward dummy. West ducked complacently, hoping dummy's jack would lose to East's queen. It was not to be. When South switched to clubs, West had lost his opportunity to beat the game. After "stealing" a spade trick before dummy's diamond queen was cashed, West was left with four red-suit winners and four clubs to make his doubled game.

Why should West have supported his good suit with 2NT? He would have been able to see East's diamond suit, but he would have had no visible in dummy and his own hand. East could hardly have a queen, given South's opening. And even if he did, only a naive South would allow East to lead it.

Obviously, instead of stretching for a larger penalty, West should have settled for a sure sell. He should have been able to do so immediately, continued with diamonds to establish the suit, and cinched one down when he won his ace of clubs. Greed is a horrible vice. It can convert a plus 200 points into a

minus 750 in a speedy flash.

NORTH
K J 3
A 10 9
K 9 8
A 10 9 8

WEST
A Q 5
K J 4
K 10 9

EAST
A 8 7 6
K 10 9 8 3
A 10 9 8 7

SOUTH
A K 10
A 10 9 8
K 10 9 8 7 6

Dealer: South
The bidding:
South West North East
2 NT 2 NT 2 NT 2 NT
Pass Pass All pass All pass
Opening lead: Diamond queen

LEAD WITH THE ACES
South holds:
A K 10 9 8 7 6
Q J 10 8 3
K 10 9 8 7
A 10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3 2

ANSWER: West's 2NT bid is probably his best bid. It is a sure sell with no help in hearts. Try your second suit; there may be "something" he can see.

South West North East
1 NT Pass 3 NT All pass

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My apologies to all Tri-City ants and flies

Before I get to today's topic, which is celebrity-attacking birds, I want to issue a formal apology to the "Tri Cities."

The "Tri Cities" are Pasco, Richland and Kennewick, Wash., which call themselves the "Tri Cities" in proud recognition of the fact that there are three of them. I had not heard of these cities until recently, when I wrote a column about the Hanford contaminated nuclear dump site, which is located near the "Tri Cities." My column was about the fact that radioactive ants, flies and gnats had been discovered at Hanford. I expressed concern that they might mutate and become gigantic and attack Los Angeles as they suck all the blood out of across Frum Dresher.

This column prompted a somewhat critical article in The Tri City Herald, which is the leading newspaper in the "Tri Cities" area. The article pointed out that my column, in focusing on radioactive insects, ignored many of the positive things happening in the "Tri-Cities" area, such as (these are direct quotes) "the winning Tri City Americans hockey team" and "the booming construction going on behind Columbia Center mall."

HUMOR Dave Barry

The Tri City Herald article prompted yet another article, this one in The Seattle Times (motto: "We Cover the Tri City Herald"). The Times article quoted a "communications specialist" with the Hanford cleanup company who objected to my statement that the dump site "glows like a Budweiser sign." The communications specialist states: "That's a little bit more than inaccurate."

The Times story also notes: "Authorities speak of 'radioactive' contamination, rather than 'radioactive.'" I addressed to the president of The Tri-City Visitors and Convention Bureau (this is another direct quote): "The reality is that the real story, so to speak, is that the community has many positive attributes, like a great quality of air."

The Hanford site also produces (I swear I am not making this up) contaminated tumbleweeds "on a regular basis."

So anyway, I feel terrible. The first rule of journalistic balance is: "Before you report that an area has radioactive ants, minor-league hockey teams, and a winning minor-league hockey team. And vice versa, that rule. So I hereby apologize to the 'Tri Cities.'"

Let's turn to celebrity-attacking birds. I broach this topic in a somewhat alarming recent incident involving Fabio, the mega-hunk male supermodel with long flowing hair and a certain special way of looking at a woman that says to her "My chest is the size of a UPS truck."

On March 30, Fabio was at the Busch Gardens theme park in Williamsburg, Va., to help inaugurate a white roller-coaster ride, "Apollo's Chariot," named for Apollo, the ancient Roman god of motion sickness. With the press on hand to witness this historic event, Fabio, who sits in the front row of the coaster, and off he went. At some fateful point during the two-minute ride, Fabio collided with — you guessed it — a contaminated tumbleweed.

No, seriously, he collided with a bird. He was not seriously hurt, but in the Associated Press book I saw, he had blood on his nose and the stunned look of a man who has gone head-to-head with Terror.

Busch Gardens officials attempted to downplay the incident, calling it "relatively minor." They told the press that nearly a million people have ridden roller coasters there, and Fabio was the first one ever to collide with a bird. We do not have to be trained technicians to understand what this means: It means the bird did it on purpose. The bird community has probably been waiting for years to get Fabio up in a roller coaster and a white roller coaster.

And this will not be the end of it. As any bird scientist (or "orthodontist") will tell you: Once a bird tastes celebrity blood, it wants more. Today it is Fabio; tomorrow it could be the Spice Girls. That's why I urge President Clinton to go on TV and bite his lip in a sincerely weepy manner until national television approves a press release we lash expendable volunteer celebrities such as Dennis Rodman, The McLaughlin Group and across Frum Dresher to roller coasters and a white roller coaster. I think they are attacked by birds, at which point F-16 fighter escorts open fire (on the birds). Let's do this now. Let's not wait until a celebrity roller-coaster attack birds — which, like "Contaminated Tumbleweeds," would be an excellent name for a rock band — panders a truly irrefragable national television press release, as did Adam Sandler. Let's keep our nation free from terror, from sea to glowing sea.

Dave Barry is a humor columnist for the Miami Herald.



A varied exercise routine can be the key to avoiding burnout.

Work out to save your heart

But get tested for disease, too

Healthy Living Advantages of running

The Orange County Register

If we were to take an end-of-the-century inventory of how science and medicine have advanced in preventing coronary heart disease — still the No. 1 cause of death in the United States — two things surely would turn up as strong weapons.

One is the knowledge that a healthy lifestyle can reduce risk. The other is the improvement in diagnostic tests to detect heart disease.

Some medical experts say

Running is one of the most powerful forms of exercise.

Running is one of the most powerful forms of exercise. It's a cardiovascular workout that burns calories, improves circulation, and helps maintain a healthy weight. Regular running can also reduce the risk of heart disease, stroke, and other chronic conditions. For many people, running is a stress reliever and a mood booster. It's a simple, accessible, and effective way to stay healthy and fit.

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Self-tanner can work to cover spots left on skin by vitiligo

DEAR PAULA: I recently sent you a note explaining how I used self-tanners over the spots on my skin affected by vitiligo. I told you these worked great for me and you wanted me to explain more about how this worked before you shared it with your readers. I think the system I worked out has been quite effective and is really worth a try by others with vitiligo to see if it works for them.

At first I tried a cream self-tanner but it was harder to spread evenly than a liquid. Right now I am using Neutrogena Glow (light). I am very happy with this product. I spray a bit in the lid, then I use a Q-tip to put a drop on a white spot. The liquid seems to spread by itself to the edge and with little effort, I can use the Q-tip to spread it more evenly.

Sometimes it works better than others, and it does take a bit of practice to get it to look even and not have it make the normal skin look darker. The two

COSMETICS Q&A Paula Begoun

vitiligo spots I have on my arm are almost invisible and I only have to apply the self-tanner every four days. Depending on a person's skin color, they may be happier with a self-tanner that offers a medium to dark color enhancement. So far, the white areas haven't gotten too dark, which was my biggest skin concern.

I didn't want to trade one problem for another. For now, people don't notice the white spots anymore. Of course, the white areas are not exactly the same as the normal skin color.

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how to bust burnout

Exercise smart to kill boredom

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

Exercise — any exercise — gets boring for anybody after a while. It doesn't have to: You're not a Marine in basic training, and sweating and fun aren't mutually exclusive. So from local and national fitness experts, here are some tips for busting burnout:

✓ Evaluate what's dull about your current routine. If you're sick of step aerobics, switch to kickboxing. If weight machines are a drag, try free weights. If you always exercise indoors, find an inviting trail.

✓ If such minor adjustments aren't enough, try making a major shift. Solo exercisers might consider taking up team sports such as volleyball, basketball or doubles tennis. Closet adventurers might consider taking a rock-climbing class.

✓ Even if you like exercising alone, enlisting an exercise partner can be a big motivator. You're less likely to bail out if you know a partner is waiting for you at the gym. You can stay fit and spice up your social life by joining fun runs organized by track clubs or group rides hosted by cycling clubs.

✓ Beware the treadmill and the stairmaster. There's a reason these workout appliances end up in garage sales so often: Folks use them to work out by themselves at home, and very quickly boredom takes its toll. Try aerobics or walking instead; you're more likely to have company.

✓ Lose the bathroom scale. If you're stepping on it every day, you're apt to be discouraged; weight doesn't come off quickly for most people. If you must weigh yourself, stick to the bathroom scale.

✓ Cross-training keeps elite triathletes enthused, so it should work for you, too. By regularly mixing up your cardiovascular, strength-training and flexibility routines, you decrease not only boredom but the risk of injury. Overusing the same muscles and joints is a common cause of inflammation, tears and stress fractures.

✓ If you're a circuit trainer or a spinner, trying working out randomly for a while.

✓ Try fartlek. That's just a 50 cent Swedish term for interval training, except that the intervals are based on the needs of the exerciser, and not some specific time, distance or number of reps. To learn more, visit the American Council on Exercise's website at <http://www.aacefitness.org/fatcats/07.1.html>

✓ Take a cutback week. Vege out at least two days during that week — or maybe try some other sports.

✓ Change your exercise routine. Train on different routes than

Beat the odds Go on, take a guess at what percentage of folks who start an exercise program end up quitting altogether. Half? No way. It's more like 80-90 percent, depending on which national survey you believe. Culpit No. 1 is burnout.

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HEALTH NOTES

British expansionism

You've heard the saying: "A moment on the lips, forever on the hips." Well, that's why British women are going pear shaped.

Fast food and a sedentary lifestyle are adding inches to women's waists and hips, making the average British woman about two sizes bigger than in the 1950s, according to a major size survey by Britain's biggest clothing retailer, Marks and Spencer.

The average British woman now seems to be about a size 16, compared to size 12 in the 1950s.

Cure for bad handwriting

The gibberish that most people — and some pharmacists — see on a prescription after a doctor scribbles the name of a type of medicine will soon be a thing of the past in New York State. New regulations will allow e-mail and face-to-face communication between a physician and a pharmacist.

Just a spoonful of sugar

Does medicine have to taste medicinal? No, say pharmacists, who are making good syrup taste like pina colodas, antibiotics like coconut and liquid antacid like licorice sticks.

Yes, say critics, concerned that there is no government studies or oversight of such ad hoc flavoring.

Stampede for Viagra

Viagra's launch last year brought into focus the potential market and potential for abuse of Internet drug sales. Scores of sites on the Web will prescribe the drug after the customer fills in a questionnaire stating that he has a sex-impotence problem but is otherwise healthy. Viagra generally has only minor side effects, but it can be dangerous for anyone taking nitrate drugs, including nitroglycerin, which together with Viagra, could suddenly lower blood pressure to an unsafe level.

Compiled from news reports

HEALTH & FASHION

TO DO FOR YOU

TWIN FALLS - The Breast Cancer Support Group meeting, originally scheduled for today, has been cancelled due to the Relay for Life. For more information, call Char Basila at 737-2800 or Jody Tremblay at 737-3700.

BURLEY - Family Health Services will offer free pap smears from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays at the Burley Health Center. Women of all ages are encouraged to take advantage of this offer.

To schedule an appointment, call 678-7796 or stop by the health center at 2311 Park Ave., Suite 111, in Burley.

TWIN FALLS - Ongoing bone marrow registration will be held

from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today through Thursday at the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center, 656 Addison Ave. W. Registration includes completing a consent form and having a small amount of blood drawn. Donations will be between the ages of 18-60 and in good health. For more information, call 737-2441.

TWIN FALLS - A cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Pre-registration is not required.

TWIN FALLS - "Enhancing the System's Response to Hispanic Families Affected by Sexual Abuse" training conference will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Tuesday in Room 117 of the Shields Building at the College of Southern Idaho. For more information, call CARES at 737-2600.

TWIN FALLS - A prepared childbirth course will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesday, beginning this Thursday through June 24, in the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2900.

BOISE - An asthma camp, presented by the American Lung Association of Idaho, will be held Aug. 16-20. Activities will include camping,

learning and wellness for children with asthma. For more information, call the American Lung Association at (208) 345-5864 or 1-800-LUNG-USA.

TWIN FALLS - The Arthritis League Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. June 1 in the doctor's meeting room at MVRMC. For more information, call 737-2050.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following week's Health & Fashion. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

Sun Valley will sponsor Mountain Wellness Festival next weekend

The keynote speaker will be Dan Millman a teacher, writer and international speaker, and the author of "The Way of Zen," "The Way of Zen," "The Life You Were Born to Live" and "Mind Masters." A former world trampolane champion, he coached and taught at Stanford University, the University of California at Berkeley and Oberlin College. He'll speak on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. at Elberta Reser. Tickets are \$10 and available at Chapter One Bookstore in Ketchum. In all, the wellness festival will offer workshops and seminars on 65 different health-related subjects. For a program and schedule, call the Sun Valley Ketchum Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-634-3347 or 736-3426. Many of the events are free.

Burnout

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You usually do, especially if you're a runner. Work out with different people or a group that trains faster or slower than you usually do.
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fitness is by exercising longer and more often. Gradually increase your exercise time to 45 minutes five to six times a week for optimal fitness.
Keep track of your daily progress, especially if you jog or walk. There's nothing like feeling you're getting somewhere.
Listen to music. Your favorite sounds can keep you motivated when hitting weights or using the treadmill or

swimbladder.
Reward yourself. Rewards increase motivation and create positive associations toward your exercise program.
Source: American Council on Exercise; The Centers, Susan Smith Jones, John Walsh
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Two recent reports in the Journal of the American Medical Association or JAMA showed that results of three different tests — electrocardiogram, treadmill stress test and heart scanning — may be better at effectively diagnosing heart disease than previously believed.
Some cardiologists say these tests may be worth bringing up with your doctor during your annual physical exam only if you have several risk factors for heart disease — such as old age; a family history of heart attacks; a smoking habit; high cholesterol and low HDL levels; high blood pressure; overweight; a sedentary lifestyle; a high-fat, high-calorie diet; and diabetes.

University of California at Irvine. He and other researchers worry that if these tests are given so much importance, people may base their health decisions solely on the results of the tests.
Dr. Mel Tonkon, president of the American Heart Association, is concerned that some patients who get a negative result might consider that a license to abandon a heart-healthy lifestyle.
Worse, they may get a false negative result.

On the flip side, a person who practices a healthy lifestyle may unnecessarily worry about a false-positive test result, Tonkon said. But there's no denying that the accuracy of these tests is improving, said Dr. Subbarao Myla, medical director for the Mountain Valley (Caldw.) Heart and Vascular Center.

"The quality of (electrocardiogram) tests, for example, is better because they are 'digital tests,'" Myla said. "Plus, with digital technology, the results" can be transmitted by fax without degrading the quality of the test if a patient is suffering chest pains.
A study led by Dr. Martha Davigh at Northwestern University Medical School in Chicago showed that certain minor abnormalities that showed up in electrocardiograms — commonly performed tests that measure electrical impulses of the heart — were predictors of death from heart disease.
Let's say you've taken an elec-

trocardiogram and your results show these particular minor abnormalities. Your doctor may suggest you re-evaluate the exam, maybe even order another. Davigh and her colleagues suggested.

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- "Enhancing the System's Response to Hispanic Families Affected by Sexual Abuse" Training Conference * Tuesday, May 25, 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., College of Southern Idaho Shields Building, Room 117. Paul Stretch, LCSW and Lucia V. Suarez G., LCSW from Portland, OR will be the featured presenters. Registration: \$15. Deadline: Friday, May 21. For more information call CARES at 737-2600.
- Cesarean Childbirth Class * Tuesday, May 25, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.
- Prepared Childbirth Course * Thursdays, May 27 - June 24, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
- Arthritis/Lupus Support Group * Tuesday, June 1, 7 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. For more information call 737-2050.

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Doctors save original nipple during breast cancer reconstruction

The Associated Press

One obstacle to breast reconstruction after a mastectomy is doctors' reluctance to use the original nipple. Now researchers are testing the idea this may sometimes be possible. During a mastectomy, doctors may painstakingly preserve the skin of the breast, but they almost always discard the nipple and areola, leaving plastic surgeons to create a look-alike replacement.

The reason is fear the nipple will harbor cancer. All parts of the breast connect to the nipple, so the tumor may extend there. Two studies done in the 1970s and '80s found the nipple is involved in between 8 percent and 50 percent of breast cancer cases. Nevertheless, many cancer patients would like to preserve the nipple as well as the rest of the surface of the breast. Now doctors at the University of Texas M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Dallas

have cautiously begun an experiment to see if this can be done safely. So far, they have retained the nipples of eight women who underwent skin-sparing mastectomies. Instead of severing the nipple completely, surgeons make a half-moon cut around the top of the areola and use this opening to follow the breast. Then they fill the breast and stitch the nipple back in place. "It just follows you away how good this

looks," says Dr. Geoffrey Robb, a plastic surgeon. Unlike those with reconstructed nipples, these women retain some sensation. Doctors felt justified trying this approach after reviewing the cases of 336 mastectomy patients at the hospital in the early '90s. They found that the nipple is most likely to contain hidden cancer when the primary tumor lies in the central part of the breast or if the breast contains more than one obvious tumor.

Dr. Christine Lurunga of M.D. Anderson says a likely candidate has a small single tumor away from the center of the breast and no sign the cancer has spread to the nipple or lymph nodes. Her study suggests that in such cases there is less than a 2 percent chance that the nipple is cancerous. She says that even if cancer is left in the reattached nipple, it should be easy to spot early during follow-up exams, when it can be removed.

Few Americans find time to sleep like a baby

Illness rates double for people averaging less than six hours

Chicago Tribune

EVANSTON, Ill. — Like most teen-agers, Alissa Pywell doesn't get nearly enough sleep during the school year. She has measured this directly, thanks to a sleep experiment conducted by her advanced placement biology class at Evanston Township High School.

"I go to sleep later than I thought," said Pywell, 17, one of 60 Evanston students who filled out sleep diaries last school year, and part of a small group currently analyzing the data with teacher Evanston Martha Hansen and Northwestern University Medical School researchers Margarita Dubocovich and Dr. Phyllis Zee. "On average, it's 10 or 11 hours when I turn off the lights. I have to get up at 7, I knew I went to bed late, but I didn't realize it was so consistent."

Pywell has plenty of tired-eyed company. Forget the national deficit. America has a big-time sleep debt, and it poses more serious threats than just a lot of cranky households. Health statistics show people who sleep six hours or less most nights are twice as likely to suffer illness and premature deaths than people who sleep between 6 and 10 hours each night (sleeping more than 10 hours doubles the risk). A study released this week by the National Sleep Foundation indicates one-third of

Catching a Nap

Who naps and the best way to do it

According to a 1998 survey:

• **Frequency:** 39% of adults at least once in past two weeks

• **Average length:** A little more than one hour

• **Gender:** Men, women nap in equal numbers

• **Age:** 16- to 29-year olds, those over 65 most likely to nap

HOW TO NAP

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5. **Remember:** The alarm clock, have someone wake you up



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American adults sleep six hours or less. There are numerous studies that suggest impaired mental and physical skills among children and adults who are chronically sleep deprived. Everything from how we drive to how we perform our jobs to how we care for children is affected. "Categorically, you can't get by on less sleep without paying the price in loss of cognitive function,

such as reduced alertness, forgetting things, overreacting, mood changes," said Dr. William Dement, a sleep research pioneer at Stanford University and author of a new book, "The Promise of Sleep" (Delacorte, \$24.95). Another sleep-debt consequence is increased chance for auto accidents. More teens die because of sleep loss than alcohol, and half of young adults 18

to 29 say they suffer regularly from daytime sleepiness, compared to 33 percent in people 30 and older, according to Dement.

Dement is adamant that primary-care physicians are frequently missing the simple solution of encouraging patients of all ages to get more sleep as a "preventive" for various illnesses and conditions. He sees applications for people who complain of yawning around serious heart conditions.

"I'm talking about some heart patients, especially on death's door," Dement said. "Getting them on a regular sleep schedule can make a dramatic difference."

Emotional stresses also must be taken into account. A 1998 National Sleep Foundation survey shows 23 percent of respondents said a lack of sleep interfered with family relationships. People who experienced daytime drowsiness they tended to do about half of their expected volume of child care, cleaning, cooking and other household duties.

Overall, more than two-thirds of respondents said they are in sleep of different states, including 7 hours during the workweek and 7.5 hours on weekends, still less than the recommended 8. Dubocovich said the Evanston students recorded about 8.5 to 10 hours of sleep each day during the summer but only 7 hours from September to May. Researchers say teenagers require about 9.25 hours to be fully rested but only get 7.5 on average, making them the age group with the highest sleep deprivation gap.

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Tanner

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color as my normal skin color, but it's close enough that no one notices."

—RENATE, VIA E-MAIL

BEAR RENATE: Vitiligo is an autoimmune disorder resulting in white patches caused by the destruction of the skin's pigment. Melanin is the pigment substance that determines skin color. If melanin cannot be produced, the skin becomes lighter or completely white.

No one knows why vitiligo happens, but over 10 skin pigments in vitiligo patients return on its own. There are a handful of medical options for treatment (topical or bringing back skin color) or depigmentation (changing normal skin color to be white like the vitiligo areas). Both of these are risky for the long-term health of the skin.

Either way, vitiligo needs to be kept out by a physician before you consider any treatment. Self-tanning compounds are used and effective, safe option for turning the white areas a close to normal shade of skin color. Self-tanners use a chemical called dihydroxyacetone (DHA). Does not need melanocytes (the

cells in the skin that make melanin) to make skin a tan color. The color from self-tanning creams also slowly wears off, so the effect, while not permanent, does not rub or wash off like makeup coverups.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me" (4th edition) (Beginning Press, \$19.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 300, Tukwila, Wash. 98168 or check out her Web site: wwwcosmetics.com

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HEPATITIS C
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TREATMENT
Hepatitis C is difficult to treat. But you can take steps to keep your body strong and to relieve some symptoms. These include: avoid stressing the liver (no alcohol and any unnecessary medications, even over-the-counter medications such as acetaminophen); eat a balanced diet (low in fat, high in fiber); take prescribed medication such as Interferon alpha-2b (in some patients this medication helps improve the liver function).

SYMPTOMS
Most people do not notice problems until they develop liver diseases, years later. Symptoms include:
• Flu-like symptoms (fatigue, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and sore muscles & joints)
• Tenderness in the upper right abdomen
• Jaundice (yellowing skin), swelling in the abdomen, itching, and dark urine.

HOW IS IT DIAGNOSED?
Hepatitis C is usually found when routine liver tests are done on your blood or after you have

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Doctor studies link between allergies, asthma

Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — If allergies weren't disruptive enemies in a child's life, they can also lead to the more serious consequence of asthma.

"Childhood asthma is still on the upswing," said Dr. Richard Evans, chief of the allergy and immunology division at Children's Memorial Hospital. "The hospitalization and emergency-room visit rates are up too."

Evans is one of the primary researchers for a National Institutes of Health study about how to prevent asthma attacks in children.

An asthma attack occurs when the bronchial tubes are obstructed because of inflammation or spasms and air cannot travel from the nose and mouth to the lungs.

The NIH is looking at such asthma attack triggers as dust, mites, molds, pollen, grass and pets. A special focus is being placed on cockroaches, which have been linked to the rise of

asthma in poor neighborhoods. The Environmental Protection Agency is running concurrent air-quality tests to determine if pollution plays a role in the rising incidence of asthma.

Viral infections are another major cause of asthma onset. Scientists at the University of Wisconsin are following 200 couples with newborns to determine if the combination of parents with asthma (one or both) and a viral respiratory infection before age 3 significantly increases risk.

A recent British study indicated that cleaning and early childhood might be a critical time to take precautions. Children exposed to dust mites at age 1 were more likely to have developed allergy symptoms by age 12.

Many support groups for kids and parents have been established by local hospitals. The American College of Allergy, Asthma and Immunology has an Internet site at <http://allergy.mcg.edu/> or call 800-842-7777 to get more information.

Tips on cleaning up your personal air space to reduce allergy flare ups

There are three options for treating allergies-to-household substances such as dust mites and molds. The first action recommended by doctors is making changes in the home environment. Medications (oral and inhalants) are the next line of defense, backed up by allergy shots in some cases. If necessary, Here are suggestions for cleaning up your personal air space:

- Use a dehumidifier in moist areas, especially the basement. Clean and empty it frequently to avoid mold forming in the machine's water tank.
- Wash your bed. Encase your mattress and pillow in allergen-resistant covers. Wash sheets and mattress cover frequently and make sure water is at least 330 degrees Fahrenheit. Down-filled comforters and pillows are havens for

dust mites.

- Remove carpeting when possible. Vacuuming, unless you use a special HEPA filter, can actually contribute to the problem.
- Wash curtains periodically. Shades are better than Venetian blinds because they do not trap dust.

- Consider using a HEPA filter on your furnace or purchasing a HEPA air cleaner machine to "scrub" air in the living and sleeping areas. Rent devices when possible so see if they help.
- Use water when cleaning. It is an underrated but highly effective method to eliminate dust.
- Avoid cats and dogs. If you insist on keeping the pets that are causing allergic reactions, bathe them frequently (at least weekly) and brush regularly. Keeping cats out of the bedrooms helps many people.

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Experts debate safety of psych drugs for kids

Medications were designed for adult users

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — With millions of American youngsters now taking psychiatric drugs that were designed for adults, mental health researchers have stepped up their investigation into whether these medications are safe and effective for children.

The findings so far offer some limited comfort to parents. A few of these drugs have been proven safe and useful, while others hold promise. And anecdotally, physicians report success in some patients. But because many psychiatric medications have not been tested in children, health officials caution that they must be prescribed with increased care.

"There are significant gaps in what we know about the effects of these drugs on children," said Peter S. Jensen, a child and adolescent researcher at the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH).

"Especially in the area of depression, there is reason to be cautious about how these medications are being prescribed to children."

Nonetheless, he said, there could be "terribly unfortunate consequences if doctors stop prescribing. These medications might be safe and might be effective for children. We just don't really know."

Jensen led a team of researchers to examine the use of drugs like Prozac, Ritalin and lithium in children, and six articles on their findings were published in this month's journal of the American Academy of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry.

The team also made some estimates of how widespread the use of these medications has become. Overall, they found, 1.5 percent of all doctor visits by children in 1995 led to the writing of a prescription for a "psychotropic" drug — a medication that affects the mind.

Based on statistics from a 1995 pharmaceutical marketing database, the NIMH team, and six stimulants, such as Ritalin, for attention deficit hyperactivity disorder were the most commonly prescribed for children and adolescents, with almost 6 million prescriptions and refills annually.

Most of these drugs have been tested in children and shown to be effective.

The second largest group of psychiatric drugs for those under 18 were antidepressants, specifically those known as selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) such as Prozac and Zoloft.

Although almost 1.1 million pediatric prescriptions for SSRIs were written in 1995, few of these drugs have been tested for children.

While researchers have been concerned about the effects of psychotropic drugs on children for some time, the issue took on a new urgency last month when it was disclosed that one of the teenage attackers in the school shootings in Littleton, Colo., had at one time taken the SSRI drug Luvox.

The details of why he was prescribed the drug, and for how long have not been included in news reports, and mental health officials warned against speculating that the drug may have been linked to the student's behavior.

As American Psychiatric Association President Rodrigo Munoz said, "Despite a decade of research, there is little valid evidence to prove a causal relationship between the use of antidepressant medications and destructive behavior."

A greater toll of suffering on patients and their families is caused by "undiagnosed and untreated mental illness," he said.

HAMMON-REARICK

TWIN FALLS — Dennis Hammon and Renee Hammon, both of Shelby, announce the engagement of their daughter, Melissa Hammon, to David Rearick, son of Gene Rearick of Twin Falls and Pam Rearick of Sherwood, Ore.

Hammon attended Idaho State University.

Rearick is a graduate of the College of Southern Idaho. He is employed at the Blue Lukes Country Club in Twin Falls.

The wedding is planned for Saturday.

David Rearick and Melissa Hammon



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Body scanners being tested by companies such as upscale Brooks Brothers could challenge the primacy of the traditional shopping trip. A scan-card could replace the tape measure to produce that perfect little white tee dress. Software that downloads a customer's scan directly onto a cutting machine could result in a custom-fitted Oxford shirt in a fraction of the time it would take the neighborhood tailor.

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