

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 76 Low: 42
Mostly sunny today with clear tonight. Winds from the west with gusts to 15 mph. Highs in the 70s.

Treasure Valley

High: 83 Low: 53
Sunny with light winds 3-10 mph. Sunny on the Tuesday with highs in the 70s.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 75 Low: 43
Sunny and warmer today with light winds. Sunny on Tuesday with highs near 80.

Eastern Idaho

High: 83 Low: 46
Sunny and warmer with afternoon southwest winds 10-15 mph. Sunny and clear on Tuesday with highs in the 70s.

Northern Idaho

High: 81 Low: 53
Sunny and warmer with light winds. Mostly sunny and warmer on Tuesday with highs in the 80s.

Northern Utah

High: 86 Low: 53
Mostly sunny today and clear tonight. Mostly sunny on Tuesday with highs in the low 80s.

Northern Nevada

High: 86 Low: 55
Sunny and warm, with light winds. Sunny and hot on Tuesday.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

| Today | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
|---|----------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| High: 83 Low: 52 Sunny with variable winds 5-10 mph. | High: 92 Low: 55 Sunny. | High: 90s Low: 50s Sunny and hot. | High: 90s Low: 50s Sunny and hot. | High: 90s Low: 50s Sunny and hot. |

Idaho weather

Monday, July 5

Forecast for Idaho: Sunny and warm today with light winds. Sunny on Tuesday with highs in the 70s.

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, July 5

Forecast for the United States: Sunny and warm today with light winds. Sunny on Tuesday with highs in the 70s.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

| Twin Falls | Precipitation |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Yesterday: 72-47 | Yesterday in Twin Falls: 0.00 |
| Last year: 85-57 | Month to date: 0.06 |
| Normal: 89-52 | Normal m. to date: 13.23 |
| | Water year to date: 13.23 |
| | Normal year to date: 9.01 |

Idaho

| City | Max | Min | Pcp | Idaho: High: 79 degrees at Malad |
|---------------|-----|-----|------|--------------------------------------|
| Boise | 72 | 50 | 0.00 | Low: 29 degrees at |
| Burley | 71 | 53 | 0.01 | Normal: High: 112-29 at Stanley. |
| Coeur d'Alene | 66 | 36 | 0.01 | |
| Grangeville | 60 | 38 | 0.00 | Imperial, Calif. Low: 29 at Stanley. |
| Hagerman | 70 | 48 | 0.00 | |
| Idaho Falls | 74 | 53 | 0.00 | |
| Lewiston | 70 | 54 | 0.00 | |
| Malad | 70 | 50 | 0.00 | |
| McCall | 56 | 39 | 0.09 | Normal humidity: N/A |
| Pocatello | 74 | 53 | 0.00 | Normal barometer: N/A |
| Salmon | 70 | 52 | 0.00 | Pollen count: 19/mc |
| Stanley | 57 | 29 | 0.00 | Index: 600 |
| Sun Valley | m | m | m | Index: 600 |

The Nation

| City | Max | Min | Pcp |
|-----------------|-----|-----|------|
| Albuquerque | 85 | 66 | 0.00 |
| Anchorage | 55 | 41 | 0.00 |
| Atlanta | 88 | 71 | 0.00 |
| Boston | 81 | 59 | 0.00 |
| Chicago | 93 | 79 | 0.00 |
| Dallas | 93 | 76 | 0.00 |
| Denver | 95 | 74 | 0.00 |
| Des Moines | 93 | 76 | 0.00 |
| Detroit | 84 | 68 | 0.00 |
| Honolulu | 88 | 74 | 0.00 |
| Indianapolis | 92 | 75 | 0.00 |
| Los Angeles | 91 | 74 | 0.00 |
| Los Angeles | 103 | 82 | 0.00 |
| Los Angeles | 93 | 76 | 0.00 |
| Miami Beach | 93 | 76 | 0.00 |
| Minneapolis | 93 | 79 | 0.00 |
| Portland, Ore. | 85 | 68 | 0.00 |
| Reno | 86 | 52 | 0.00 |
| San Francisco | 94 | 52 | 0.00 |
| Salt Lake City | 95 | 77 | 0.00 |
| Sandusky, Mich. | 73 | 50 | 0.00 |
| Seattle | 86 | 63 | 0.02 |
| Spokane | 86 | 63 | 0.02 |
| Washington | 106 | 79 | 0.00 |
| Yuma | 106 | 79 | 0.00 |

Canadian Cities

| | | | |
|-----------|----|----|------|
| Calgary | 83 | 43 | 0.00 |
| Edmonton | 81 | 41 | 0.00 |
| Montreal | 81 | 66 | 0.00 |
| Quebec | 81 | 66 | 0.00 |
| Vancouver | 81 | 51 | 0.00 |

Shootings

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FBI officials said they must double-check fingerprints to make sure the body was Smith's.

But two pairs found with the body were consistent with the shootings and the body had a tattoo on the chest that said "Salvath Breaker" - which Smith was said to have.

Smith had been the subject of a two-state search following shootings that began Friday in Chicago when a black woman called a neighborhood watch group and six Orthodox Jews were wounded.

The shooter fired at Asians and blacks in two Illinois cities on Saturday and fatally shot a Korean man Sunday outside a church in Bloomington, Ind., on Sunday.

Smith was a member of the World Church of the Creator, a white supremacist organization, and often distributed anti-minority and anti-Semitic literature while a student in Bloomington at Indiana University.

The church, based in East Peoria, Ill., is led by Mark H. Parnell, who said Smith was a member from June 1998 until May and never showed any predilection for violence.

"When I spoke to him he never gave any inkling of being able to do this," Hale said earlier Sunday.

However, said Earlbaron Loeb, Midwest coordinator of the Anti-Defamation League, said his organization has had Smith "on our radar screen for quite some time, which is particularly tragic for someone so young."

On Friday, a gunman wounded six Orthodox Jews leaving synagogue on the Jewish Sabbath in Chicago. The same shooter is believed to have killed Ricky Byrdson, the black former basketball coach at Northwestern University, as he walked with his children in nearby Skokie, Ill., and fired at an Asian-American in the suburb of Northbrook.

Then on Saturday, police said, the same blue Taurus was seen at

Bush

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time he began applying, two short of its authorized strength.

But he said the unit, the 147th Fighter Interceptor Group in Houston, had two other pilots in training and another awaiting a transfer.

The newspaper reported that Bush was allowed to transfer to the Alabama National Guard for three months in 1972 to work on the Senate campaign of a politician there, and at one point, Bush was suspended from flying for failing to "accomplish" the annual physical.

Hughes said Bush missed the physical because he was in Alabama, and there were only a few special doctors who could do physicals.

"The Dallas newspaper said records from Bush's military file showed that after inquiring about National Guard admission, Bush went to an Air Force recruiting office and scored in the 25th percentile on the pilot aptitude section of a test. That was the lowest score allowed for prospective pilots."

He scored better than 95 percent of those taking the "officer quality section" of the test, dealing with leadership and other factors.

Bush told the Dallas paper that he sought the Guard position on his own, before graduating from Yale University in 1968.

Republican presidential hopeful Steve Forbes, who served six years in the National Guard, said Bush "has got to answer the questions" on his military service "if anything illegal was done."

While waiting for the start of a parade in which he was to participate, Pat Buchanan said, "Governor Bush is a good man. He comes from a great family," Buchanan otherwise declined to comment on Bush's military service.

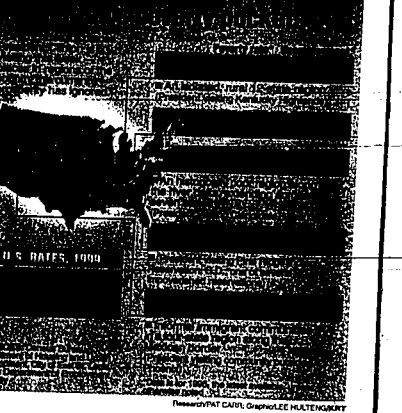
Bush, Buchanan, Elizabeth Dole and Gary Bauer all participated in the same parade and all were drenched in sweat by mid-

ACROSS THE NATION

ripping roofs of buildings, and storms also were thickly scattered along much of the Gulf Coast.

Temperatures were in the upper 80s and 90s from the central Plains as far north as the lower Great Lakes and the Northeast. The temperatures combined with high humidity to create heat indexes of 100 to 110 from Nebraska and Minnesota across the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley to Pennsylvania, the Virginias, New Jersey and southeastern New York.

The temperature hit 100 at Fort Belvoir, Va. - The Associated Press



Clinton and Vice President Al Gore walk together during Clinton's tour of U.S. poverty pockets.

Clinton embarks on tour of U.S. poverty pockets

WASHINGTON (AP) - At a time of prolonged national prosperity, President Clinton embarks this week on an "opportunity tour" exploring patches of stubborn and desperate poverty from Appalachia to Watts.

The president aims to "shine the light on opportunity" on the potential billion-dollar profits he says such places can offer investors while at the same time unshackling millions from the bonds of poverty.

"It's a real dream of mine to show this can be done," he said.

Clinton will visit places whose emblems are boarded-up stores and unpaved roads, where people live in crumbling shacks without plumbing, where health care is all but Third World levels, where roadside garbage often goes uncollected and where unemployment stands at many times the national average of 4.3 percent.

In short, these are communities where the clanging bells of Wall Street's economic boom are seldom heard.

"No matter how good you are with words, you could not describe this. You get a sense of a total lack of hope," Housing Secretary Andrew Cuomo said, recalling his own visit to Pine Ridge, S.D. - the poorest census tract in the nation - where unemployment is 73 percent and many people don't have running water.

Pine Ridge, the Ogala Sioux reservation, is on Clinton's itinerary. The White House says he will be the first president since Calvin

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National Zoo proposes 10-year panda lease

WASHINGTON (AP) — Officials at the National Zoo have made a 10-year, \$2.5 million offer to lease a pair of giant pandas from China.

A team of three zoo officials and researchers have been in China for a week to discuss a possible panda rental — China no longer sells or gives away the endangered species — and were scheduled to return to Washington Saturday night, said Robert Hooge, the zoo's chief of public affairs.

The team, led by Benjamin Beck, the zoo's associate director for biological programs, is scheduled to meet with top zoo officials Tuesday.

The zoo's one remaining panda, Hsing Hsing (pronounced Shing Shing), is 28 and suffers from an irreversible kidney condition.

Questions come before issues

Hillary's supporters have no doubt she'll win Senate race



Hillary Clinton

WASHINGTON (AP) — About to kick off a preannounced road show in anticipation of a New York Senate candidacy, Hillary Rodham Clinton faces questions such as whether she can represent a state she's never lived in and her use of government aircraft.

That's before she even gets to the issues, such as how she'll stick a map of New York's interests and her husband's Medicare proposals at the same time.

"I don't have any doubt that she's going to mount a campaign and she's going to win. There's no downside at all," Rep. Charles Rangel, R.N.Y., said Sunday on ABC's "The Press." He was among the first Democrats to suggest to the first lady try to run for the Senate in New York.

On CBS' "Face the Nation," Sen. Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., brought along a carpet bag and pulled out items he said he wanted to give Mrs. Clinton, including a map of New York. "I hope she find her way around her adopted state."

"It's not as if she's living in a different country. She knows New

York State," said Geraldine Ferraro, a former Democratic vice presidential candidate and former New York congresswoman. She appeared on

"ABC's This Week." Mrs. Clinton is said to be house hunting in Westchester County outside New York City.

More than 200 reporters are expected to tag along on Mrs. Clinton's "listening tour" across upstate New York that starts Wednesday.

As the first lady moves closer to running, so does Republican Rep. Rick Lazio, raising the prospect of a primary battle for New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani.

Lazio said on NBC that he will announce "over the next two months that I will be in this race." And he did not reject the possibility of a conservative third-party try if he loses the Republican nomination.

Recent polls have shown Mrs. Clinton and Giuliani head-to-head in popularity in the state. Mrs. Clinton's aides have said her Monday trip to upstate New York, beginning with a visit to Sen. Patrick Moynihan's farmhouse in Delaware County, will

be aimed at listening to New Yorkers and their concerns. Some critics have questioned how much listening will be possible with the media crowd.

"It's going to be a huge spectacle — a lot of hoopla. She's not going to be able to meet people and have an exchange," said former Republican New York Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, appearing on "Fox News Sunday."

The first lady's aides have said that Mrs. Clinton is accustomed to dealing with large numbers of media and that the trip was being fashioned so she still will be able to meet with small groups. But they acknowledged that her stature has both advantages and disadvantages.

Mrs. Clinton's expected candidacy is forcing even longtime veterans of New York politics into unfamiliar grounds.

Questions have been raised about Mrs. Clinton's use of government aircraft during campaign trips, use of government staff and other expenses that critics say will be paid for by taxpayers.

Recently GOP Chairman Jim Nicholson charged that \$220,000 in taxpayer money has been used in connection with her 12 trips to New York so far this year.

The Secret Service has insisted that Mrs. Clinton continue to use U.S. Air Force planes in her travel because of security.



More than 100 Americans born on the Fourth of July, representing all 50 states, one born each year from 1900-1999, gathered for the Photo of the Century presented by Kodak at Independence Hall in Philadelphia Sunday.

July-Fourth birthdays highlight weekend

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — In a flash of camera bulbs, a century's worth of American faces were captured on film Sunday — those of 112 people born on Independence Day since 1900.

The "Photo of the Century" was taken at 7:04 a.m. in front of Independence Hall in Philadelphia.

Twins, triplets and quadruplets, a man and his dog, a mother and daughter smiled while sporting red, white or blue shirts, throwing confetti and waving miniature American flags and fake sparklers. The photographer, Paul Hoseofers, represented 1947 and used a remote control to snap the photo while standing on the bleachers.

The youngest face was that of Sarah Elizabeth Kitz, who had been born three hours earlier, weighing in at 7 pounds, 6 ounces.

The oldest was 99-year-old Betty Marx, whose caretaker helped spry her lipstick before the picture. One boy carried videotape the event for his mentors.

"You see, we've all grown up thinking the fireworks and America's birthday were for us, and here we are again with another big birthday party," said David Betz, 40, of Hopkinsville, Ky.

The photo was just one of the many ways Americans celebrated the nation's 223rd birthday on Sunday.

Arlington, Va., 52 people from 49 countries became citizens at a ceremony in Freedom Park.

"I have lived in the United States for 19 years and I took time to do it to be a U.S. citizen," said Carmen Aguilar, a native of Venezuela.

Humid and hazy weather didn't deter thousands from attending Boston's famous Fourth of July Boston Pops concert and fireworks display over the Charles



Sarah Jones poses as the Statue of Liberty in the Fourth of July parade Saturday in Paonia, Colo.

River. Emil Konnenzler of Abington, Pa., was fulfilling his lifelong dream of being there.

"I always watched this on TV," said the 61-year-old retiree, who arrived at 6 a.m. to get prime seats for the show.

In the New York City borough of Brooklyn, 134-pound Hirofumi Nakajima, "The Tokyo Terror," had to relinquish his 3-year-old title as the world champion hot dog eater.

Steve Keiner, 50, of Egg Harbor Township, N.J., became top dog Sunday at Nathan's Famous Hot Dog Eating Contest on Coney Island after eating 20 and one-quarter hot dogs.

"I took the Zen approach," the 317-pound Keiner said, acknowledging the cultural influence of his Japanese competitor. "I went down a path that the hot dog was one with me, and I was one with the universe."

52 people receive citizenship

ARLINGTON, Va. (AP) — In a morning ceremony denched with sun and patriotism, 52 men and women from 49 nations around the globe became citizens of the United States on Sunday, the 223rd anniversary of the first Independence Day.

The Washington Monument, rising from just beyond the Potomac, was a silent but eloquent witness as the potential citizens fanned off the humidity and heat with their paper programs.

Police: 17 kids involved in sex ring

YORK HAVEN, Pa. (AP) — A ring of children at least 7 in a small Pennsylvania community taught each other to have sex, and a half-dozen of them have been charged in juvenile court.

The children, all students at Northeastern Middle School or York Haven Elementary School, hid their activities from adults but readily answered questions asked by police. Their candor was all the more troubling, said Newberry Township Police Chief Bill Myers.

"These kids knew that what they were doing wasn't right, but they didn't know it was as bad as it was," Myers said. "There was a naïveté about the legal and moral consequences."

Six children have been charged in juvenile court on charges including rape, involuntary deviate sexual intercourse and indecent assault, Myers said Sunday. At least one or two have been convicted and sent to juvenile detention facilities, he said; their sentences are sealed by juvenile court.

Incidents of incest were discovered but not pursued criminally, Myers said.

No adults were charged. The case has now been closed.

The activity started 2.5 years ago with just a few children, and by the time authorities learned of it in December, it involved 17 youngsters aged 7 to 16, police said.

Many of the children first became involved as victims, then they repeated what they learned with other children, said York

County Detective William "Skip" Clancy Jr., who helped investigate. The assaults occurred in homes and elsewhere, such as in wooded areas, in the small borough of York Haven, population 758, along the Susquehanna River south of Harrisburg.

More children would have been charged but they were younger than the 10-year minimum for criminal charges, authorities said. Investigators interviewed about 25 children.

There was no immediate detail on punishment for the convicted youngsters faced. The prosecution, in the case, Assistant District

Attorney Mary Lou Erb, did not return telephone messages during the weekend.

Police learned of the ring after a sleeper for 161 days was found for one girl that was attended by another 16-year-old girl, two 11-year-old boys and a 13-year-old boy, Myers said Sunday.

"Supposedly what happened was they were playing spin the bottle and things got beyond that," he said. "The story was the bottle pointed toward one of the males and he had to have intercourse with one of the girls. Well, I guess this turned out to be just the tip of the iceberg."

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WORLD

Indian troops win battle for strategic peak

DRAS, India (AP) - After a 15-hour battle in rain and fog, Indian soldiers on Sunday captured a strategic Himalayan peak held by Pakistan-based fighters, marking a major turning point in fighting in the divided Kashmir region, military officials said.

India made its claim before Pakistan's prime minister on Sunday in Washington with President Clinton, attempted to defuse tensions over Kashmir. India's leader declined an invitation for separate talks with Clinton.

After meeting for more than three hours, Pakistani Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif and Clinton issued a statement pledging to take "concrete steps" to restore the so-called line of control, which was set in 1972 under a cease-fire agreement.

The statement also said the two leaders believe that an Indian-Pakistan dialogue will be the best forum for resolving all issues dividing India and Pakistan, including Kashmir.

The statement did not spell out what specific steps Pakistan might take, nor was there any indication of what India's response might be.

New parliament may approve women's voting

KUWAIT (AP) - The choices Kuwaiti men made in parliamentary elections likely will lead to a social change that makes some in this traditional society nervous: Lawmakers appear all but certain to extend voting rights to women beginning in 2003.

While the vote may have represented an advance for liberals, lawmakers appear all but certain to extend voting rights to women beginning in 2003.

Kuwait's emir, Sheik Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah, dissolved parliament and called elections a year ago, frustrated with bickering and harsh criticism of Cabinet members by lawmakers that had paralyzed legislation.

In Saturday's election, pro-government legislators took the biggest hit, dropping to 12 seats from 18 in the 50-member National Assembly. Liberal-leaning politicians, the ones supporting women's political rights, gained most, surging from four to 14 seats.

The rest of the seats went to pro-Islamist and independent candidates.

Paper reports Osama bin Laden has new base

LONDON (AP) - Osama bin Laden, the Saudi terrorist who disappeared in February after being accused in the U.S. Embassy bombings in Africa, has moved to a new base in Afghanistan, The Observer newspaper reported Sunday.

Bin Laden reportedly left his hideout in Afghanistan after a falling-out with his hosts, the Taliban religious militia that rules most of the country. Some reports had him fleeing elsewhere - Somalia, Chechnya, even Iraq. The Taliban have insisted they do not know where he is.

The United States, which put bin Laden on its 10 Most Wanted List and offered a \$5 million reward for his capture, maintained that the Saudi exile had never left Afghanistan.

Orangemen back off during dangerous week

PORTADOWN, Northern Ireland (AP) - The Protestant Orange Order, often blamed for stirring up sectarian hatred, backed off Sunday from confronting British security forces over their hopes of marching past Catholic homes in Northern Ireland's most divisive, disputed parade.

The Protestant brotherhood's surprise gesture took immediate emotional heat out of a confrontation that has triggered violence across Northern Ireland for the past three summers - and this year threatened to break the already strained peace accord.

The gesture coincided with renewed pressure from the Ulster Unionists, Northern Ireland's main Protestant party, on British Prime Minister Tony Blair to revise his latest plans for a political breakthrough. The plans require the party to turn a Protestant-Catholic government

on July 25 in partnership with the Irish Republican Army - unless Sinn Fein party - without any guarantee from the IRA that it will disarm.

Ulster Unionist leader David Ervine, who would lead the government, appealed to that outlawed IRA to confirm whether it really would start disarming after the government's formation.

Blair has pledged to abolish the government if the IRA does not act.

An IRA statement confirming disarming plans - Ervine said, "would be a significant thing. For some people it might be enough."

...But he said he wasn't expecting such a statement, because most Ulster Unionists were sure that Blair had been deceived by a Sinn Fein "con job."

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Dr. Lisa Ethridge, D.V.M., previously worked at the Ark Animal Hospital in Heyburn. Her experience includes medical practice and she is accepting Veterinary Medicine and moved to Idaho for the mild weather and outdoor activities. Her special interests are raising American Staffordshire Terriers and dog obedience training. She is an accomplished horseman and rides with the Minidoka County Wranglers.

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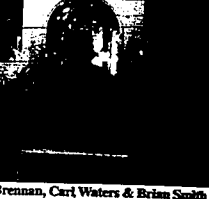


Alpha Mahler, David Brown & Sidney VanAsche

Family Medical Center of Kimberly welcomes Alpha Mahler and David Brown to their health care team.

Alpha Mahler, a community healthcare provider in the Magic Valley for 23 years, joins the practice to focus on women's healthcare. Alpha holds a Master of Science in Nursing, trained at ESU for her certification as a Nurse Practitioner. David Brown holds a Masters degree in Exercise Physiology and completed his Physician Assistant training and education at the University of Utah. David and Alpha work closely with Dr. VanAsche as primary care givers.

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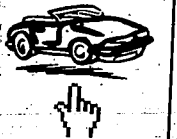
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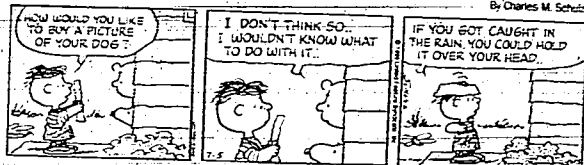
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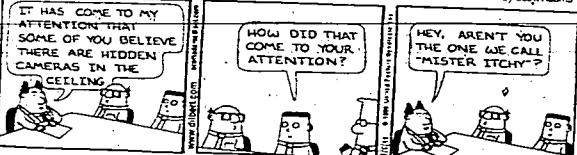
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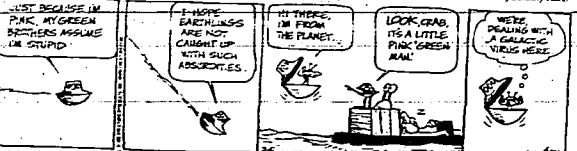
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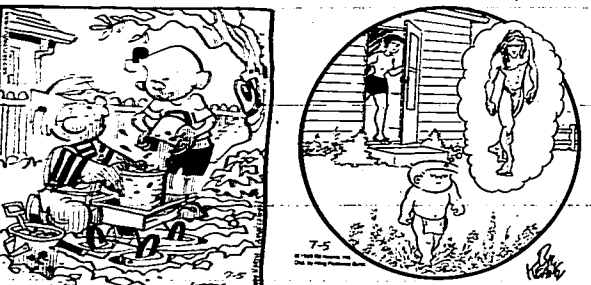


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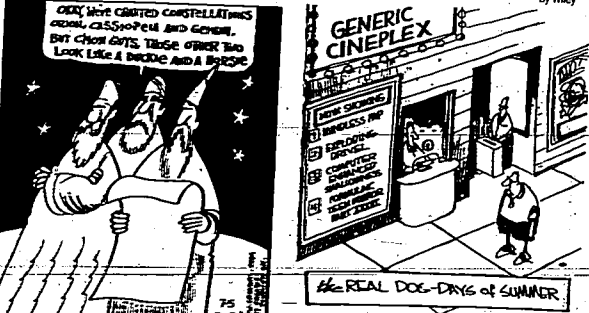


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Barbara Pierce, spokeswoman for the National Federation of the Blind, which is holding its annual convention in Atlanta, stands in the lobby of an Atlanta hotel Friday.

Blind unemployment stands at 70 percent

ATLANTA (AP) — In a labor market so tight that many employers are begging for workers, 70 percent of blind Americans who want a job can't find one, and advocates blame discrimination, a drop in Braille literacy and, perhaps most important, the computer mouse.

With the nation's overall unemployment rate at close to a 29-year low of 4.3 percent, the level of joblessness among the blind has remained stagnant for about a decade, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

"The Americans with Disabilities Act seems to have had no impact on this," said Barbara Pierce, spokeswoman for the National Federation of the Blind, which is holding its annual convention in Atlanta through Tuesday. The act, passed in 1990, bans discrimination based on disability and requires employers to take "reasonable" steps to accommodate disabled people.

In addition to the 70 percent of the blind who are unemployed, 30 percent of those who are working are considered underemployed in relation to their qualifications, according to the Labor Department.

Peg Halverson, who has been out of a job for the past two years, said she could use software that includes graphics if someone would put it in a blind-friendly format that relies mostly on keyboard commands and speaks out loud to the user to alert him or her to what is on the screen.

"I want to be employed. I want to contribute to society," said Ms. Halverson, 44. "I'm thinking, 'I have a business degree, I have basically 20 years of administrative experience, and I can't even get a customer service job.'"

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—Peg Halverson, eager to get to work

can use them are a couple of years behind the rest of the fast-moving computer industry.

Advocates said another problem has been a decline in the number of blind children learning Braille. During the past 30 years, the percentage of blind children learning Braille in the United States has fallen from about 50 percent to less than 10 percent, according to the federation.

The reason: a push during the past two decades to get blind children out of special schools and "mainstream" them with other youngsters. The federation backs mainstreaming, but according to Ms. Pierce, many school systems saw it as a chance to cut costs by hiring fewer teachers for disabled students and rolling back Braille instruction to only once a week.

Another big obstacle for blind people trying to find jobs is employers' attitudes, advocates said. Many managers think blind people are helpless and can't be effective workers. "This is job-based discrimination," Ms. Pierce said.

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Insurance scam costs policyholders

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — If, as authorities suspect, fugitive stock trader Martin Frankel pulled off a bizarre scam that cost insurance companies roughly \$200 million, who is going to get stuck with the tab?

It will be policyholders in states around the country, experts say, predicting that insurers will pay for Frankel's alleged chicanery by charging customers higher premiums. And in some states, public coffers — and, by extension, taxpayers — will pick up the bill.

Federal investigators have mounted an international manhunt for the 44-year-old Toledo, Ohio, native, who vanished from

his \$30 million Connecticut estate in May after allegedly siphoning funds from eight insurers in an elaborate, multi-state pyramid scheme.

Authorities say that Frankel, who worked under a variety of aliases and kept an obsessively low profile, snookered state insurance regulators for years with a complicated web of dummy companies.

Pulling together the far-flung pieces of Frankel's deception is a job that could take months, and involves a novel's worth of colorful characters, including businesspeople, several Catholic priests and some very highly paid attorneys. But as investigators struggle to figure out what happened,

a group of insurance experts is trying to determine how much the debate will cost, and who will pay.

It's a job that falls largely to a team of insurance executives working out of a five-story office building in Herndon, Va., a few hundred yards from Dulles International Airport. There, working through piles of documents, a task force set up by the National Organization of Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Associations is sifting through the carnage of Frankel's deceptions. "Our obligations are pretty simple," said the group's president, Peter Galanis. "It's to make sure that policyholders are taken care of."

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Casino advertising ban was always a contradiction

From the Lewiston Morning Tribune

The ban on radio and television advertising for casinos that was always a joke on the face of it.

In the first place, it applied to some casinos but not to others. And its premise was a contradiction. It banned the advertising of gambling operations on the grounds that gambling is a social illness. In the first place, if gambling is such a social illness that it cannot be spoken of on radio or television, then it is too grave a problem to be permitted at all.

The high court gave its sober, legal reasons for dumping the ban. But the most pertinent reason against the ban is simply that it is silly. It imagines that compulsive gamblers, of all people, will not learn about the presence of a casino in the community if the casino is not advertised.

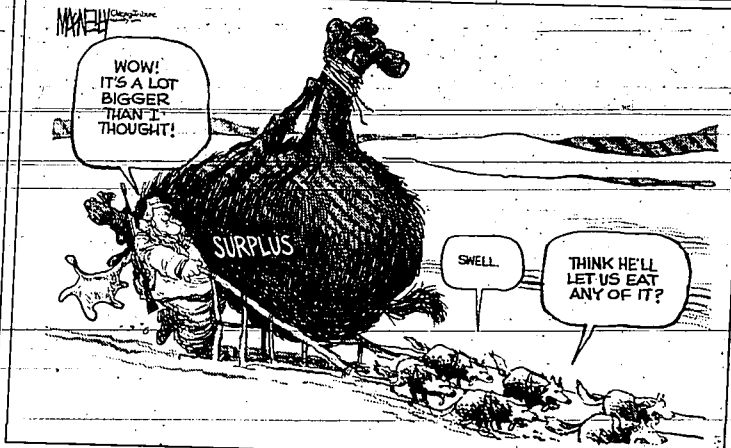
That is similar to some old laws outlawing advertising for liquor on the grounds that heavy drinkers will learn where to get a drink and abuse the opportunity. That ignores the fact that, if there is liquor anywhere in a county, a heavy drinker can smell it. Perhaps sensitive noses should be outlawed along with radio and television advertising.

The advertising ban also suffered from a lack of consistency. If gambling is so awful that these toothless attempts to hide casinos from people are necessary, then they are necessary in all instances, including the Indian casinos where the advertising is permitted.

As Justice John Paul Stevens wrote for the unanimous court, the ban "is so piecemeal, by exemptions and inconsistencies that the government cannot hope to exonerate it."

And the government didn't

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Hearing shows bias against dam breaching

I read with some interest the announcements earlier this month about a series of forums for salmon restoration to be held here in Magic Valley. As a 40-year resident of Idaho, the vast majority of which has been spent here in Magic Valley, I saw this as an ideal opportunity to participate in a dialog regarding salmon restoration, an issue in which I have been involved for the last five to six years. I saw that there would be two forums held locally, one in Twin Falls and the other in Hagerman. As I am a 20-year resident of Gooding, the county seat of Gooding County, I felt like it would be best to participate in the Thursday night forum at the Hagerman Senior Citizen Center.

Imagine my surprise when I arrived at the senior citizen center and was told by Professor Bill McLaughlin that I would not be allowed to participate in the forum as it was for residents of Hagerman and Bliss. When I stated that I live 20 miles away and had recreated, been at hearings, worked and visited friends in the Hagerman Valley for 40-plus years, my protestations fell on deaf ears. Obviously, Professor McLaughlin, a resident of north Idaho conducting these hearings for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, couldn't see that Gooding and my long history in Idaho Valley warranted participation in a local forum.

When I questioned his decision, he was adamant in excluding me from participation but found that I was a property owner and businessman in Twin Falls. He then stated that I should have attended the forum in Twin Falls, which is almost twice as far from my home as Hagerman. Though he wasn't aware of it, I'm also a property owner and a business operator in Rigby, where I run a whitewater outfitting business, Canyon Cats Inc. I suppose I could have driven 240 miles over the course of five hours and participated in the forum that was held there a couple of



READER COMMENT
Gail S. Ater

weeks ago. As a longtime environmentalist, a member of the 1995 Sockeye Survival Swim, owner of a tourism-based business dependent upon salmon and steelhead runs, and taxpayer in Idaho, I assumed that my input into this issue was both warranted and justified. However, as someone who's attended innumerable hearings chaired by academicians and bureaucrats on a variety of issues ranging from bombing our deserts to destroying our fisheries, I've come to understand that bureaucrats and academicians have a somewhat limited, jaundiced and myopic view of these issues.

Professor McLaughlin's bias was obvious in his introductory remarks when he pointed out that they were here to educate the local population on the salmon restoration issue and elicit their perspectives. He pointed out that perspectives in an area sometimes were often in conflict. He utilized profanity as an example. He stated that while there were recreational interests and tourism interests in the Orofino area who had a vested interest in the salmon restoration, he pointed out that it was also a logging town and that loggers in the Orofino area undoubtedly were dependent upon the paper mill in Lewisville and would be opposed to the breaching of dams. Perhaps Professor McLaughlin is a newcomer to the Moscow area, not recognizing that the mill was in existence long before slack water and a seaport ever came to Lewisville. To even infer or suggest that Potlach Forest would

pull up stakes and move out if the dams were breached and slack water was not there is sheer idiocy - Professor McLaughlin's not my own. Such comment biases the hearing. His inference was unwarranted, not justified and not accurate. Fortunately, since I was dissatisfied from participation in the forum, I wasn't subjected to further jaundiced remarks. I drove to Hagerman expecting an opportunity to be educated, as well as to participate in the education of others regarding salmon restoration. I left angry and unfilled. Professor McLaughlin and his team of graduate students seemed ill prepared to conduct a study they have contracted for the Army Corps of Engineers.

I have subsequently reread the article in *The Times-News* and in no way did I glean the idea that these would be restricted hearings limited to residents of the towns of Hagerman and Bliss. Hopefully, in the future *The Times-News* will ferret out this type of esoteria before we as citizens waste our time, energy and money attempting to participate in a public forum sponsored by taxpayer monies and being told that we don't qualify to participate.

P.S. Let's I forget it is in the best interests of the residents of southern Idaho to support dam bypass or breaching as the preferred choice to restore anadromous fisheries to Idaho. This option protects our irrigation water that would be used to create "flushing flows" for smolts in the Snake River reservoirs. The increase in electrical rates by Bonneville Power Administration would be insignificant to the vast majority of Idahoans.

Additionally, scientist after scientist has stated that bypass far exceeds the other options for restoring our anadromous fishery.

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Amendment may bring trouble

The recent debate over the use and abuse of the American flag raises some questions in my mind and heart. If we lift the insult of describing the flag to the status of a constitutional amendment, what related problems are we creating? For instance, with this new status, what will be considered the definition of an "American flag"? If desecration of the flag becomes a felony offense, then it will be necessary to define what is a flag and what is not. Is it a matter of size? Construction? Licensed manufacture? Will there be "official" flags which are protected and unofficial ones we can use for T-shirt graphics? What about the shoulder patches on scout uniforms? Does laundering the uniform constitute a felony? What about the decal on my car window or that bumper sticker? Will I be violating the

Constitution by scraping it off and throwing the trimmings in the trash? Or what about the commercial uses of the flag to advertise the patriotic fervor of a car dealership or that sneaky Realtor who puts the little flag with his business card on my lawn on the Fourth of July? Are they really felons in disguise?

I doubt we can successfully legislate respect. Trying to do so will only rob all freedom to salute Old Glory with heartfelt fervor. Any American who is aware of the trials and triumphs of our national history knows the shared humanity which the flag represents.

Let's not let those seeking a soap box for the 2000 election cycle rob us of the basic freedom to voluntarily show respect to the flag of our country.
JIM FRISBIE
Twin Falls

JAMES M. KLURFELD

foreign policy mistake since the Bay of Pigs. Now that the war has ended, the American people, let alone the Kosovars who were the victims of the blunder, deserve an explanation.

Is there now an Albright Doctrine for the use of American force, where military intervention is to prevent gross violations of human rights? There are terrible things happening in other parts of the globe. There have been many more deaths, for instance, in East Timor. Or Nogorno-Kharabakh. Or in parts of Africa. Should the United States forcibly step between India and Pakistan over Kashmir? Albright and President Clinton have said that because we can't intervene everywhere does not mean we should not intervene anywhere. But that does not go nearly far enough. What are the criteria for determining when United States military force should

be used? Or is Kosovo a sui generis situation that will not and should not be repeated?

What precedent have we established by ignoring the United Nations to fight this war?

By almost any measure, the NATO action was illegal under international law. Kosovo is a recognized part of a sovereign nation, Serbia. Even if Serbia's violation of human rights was so gross as to justify an attack, under international law it had to be approved by the United Nations Security Council. Albright, however, was convinced either Russia or China would veto such an action. So the UN was bypassed. But doesn't that say the United Nations will be used only when it is willing to do your bidding? What is the lesson for the future? What if Russia, for instance, believes ethnic Russians are being grossly mistreated in Ukraine? Could it bypass the UN and invade Ukraine along with other members of the Commonwealth of Independent States and cite the Kosovo

precedent? How can the allies rebuild the Kosovar economy without rebuilding the Serbian economy?

Albright has made it clear that the United States, at least, does not want any economic aid going to Serbia so long as Milosevic is still in control of the country. But the problem is that Kosovo is so small - the size of Connecticut - and so much a part of Serbia that it's going to be impossible to rebuild its economy while Serbia is still in ruins and being treated as a pariah nation. Albright doesn't offer a solution other than the removal of Milosevic. But hope that someday the people of the Balkans can live peacefully with each other is based on a vision of prosperity. The answer, of course, is that Sloba must go. But what if he doesn't?

Given the history of hate between ethnic Albanians and Serbs - animosity that goes back 600 years - wouldn't it be better to separate the populations? This is even more true now after

Serbia's brutal attempt at ethnic cleansing and the understandable and inevitable desire for revenge on the part of the returning ethnic Albanians. The attempts at revenge have already become a major problem. But separating populations is not part of the American ideal. It doesn't square with the vision articulated by Albright and Clinton. Both have said on numerous occasions that the world cannot just throw up its hands and say that the people of the Balkans will always be at each other's throats because that is the way they are.

But it's also essential to understand the history of the region and why its experience is so different from ours. Every empire since the Roman has attempted to tame the ethnic fires in that part of the world and none has succeeded for long. Will we really be the first?

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

Madeleine Albright has some explaining to do over Kosovo policy

Secretary of State Madeleine K. Albright is trumpeting the success of the war in Kosovo and talking about her vision for peace in the Balkans. But now that the bombing has stopped and the peacemaking begun, there are questions she, as the architect of the Kosovo policy, ought to answer.

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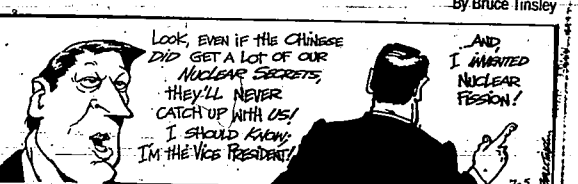
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By Bruce Tinsley



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Gender selection: Playing God with baby boys and girls

MARC FISHER

WASHINGTON - They enter the soulless brown realm of in-fertility, strangers in a Fox, Va., office park, eager to remain anonymous, ready to play God. Smiling professionals rusher than quickly past rows of cubicles - this could be a mortgage company, or a telemarketer and into a seminar room.

Forty people, in their 30s and 40s, would-be parents who want to subvert a basic rule that has stood throughout the history of living things: When it comes to boy versus girl, you take what comes. Not anymore. This is the head-quarters of the Genetics-IVF Institute, where the barriers of reproductive technology are routinely smashed. The institute's latest product is MicroSort, a machine that sifts through sperm and separates the X's from the Y's, allowing customers to choose whether to have a boy or a girl.

The process isn't quite foolproof - in trials thus far, 93 percent of couples who wanted a girl have gotten their wish and 73 percent of couples seeking a boy got one - but it's convincingly better than

God's own odds. Price: \$2,500 per menstrual cycle (on average). It takes four cycles to achieve pregnancy.

Nature's way isn't faring too well in production these days; science is gaining ground in many ways. In the past decade, the proportion of women who pick the delivery date by having their doctors induce labor has doubled to 18 percent. Geneticists can screen fetuses for dozens of diseases, allowing parents to decide whether to let nature take its course or halt the process and try again. The infertility industry has become a robust profit center in medicine, extending women's childbearing years almost unimaginably. But gender selection is a big step. It's the closest we've come so far to designer kids.

Edward Fugger, the biologist who developed MicroSort, based on U.S. Department of Agriculture research on animals, shows slides that look like constellations at an extremely hip plane-

tarium - foggy splashes of light, green for Y chromosomes and pink for X chromosomes. Fugger's sorting machine is based on a simple fact: X chromosomes have more DNA. Measure the DNA in each sperm cell, and voila - sex selection.

Throughout this introductory evening, the questions focus not on the science, but on the ethics and security of the process. Several people flinch at the danger of sample swapping: One man even wants to watch his ejaculate as it moves through the lab.

But the evening really gets interesting when a woman asks, "What about a couple that has no children and wants one of a particular sex?" Fugger stiffens. "At this time, that's not a criterion for this trial," he says.

Genetics-IVF limits participation in the MicroSort trials to married couples who already have at least one child. And the institute says only two kinds of couples are permitted to use the process: people at risk for one of 350-odd diseases linked to the X chromosome, and families that want to balance their gender

mix. People like the couple sitting in front of me, who have three boys and wouldn't mind seeing what a girl is like.

This is not what some in the audience want to hear: They want their one child, and they want it in their favorite flavor. Which lends one woman to exclaim, "I can't believe you're not regulated. You can just decide yourselves what you want to do?"

"It's our choice not to do first children that's correct," Fugger says.

"What will happen in five or 10 years, when a woman asks, 'What about a couple that has no children and wants one of a particular sex?'" Fugger stiffens. "At this time, that's not a criterion for this trial," he says.

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argument that surprise does more to improve life than does certainty. I persuaded my wife to join me in gender ignorance throughout her pregnancies; back in a simpler time, in a world soaked in information and reality, can people really not stand to end a delicious instant of mystery? No question, it was odd having strangers know which sex our child would be - various prenatal tests revealed that - but I loved the suspense.

Through a ludicrous combination of non-evidence - old ladies walking up to my wife on the street to pronounce her name, male slips of the tongue by nurses who had seen our test results and then referred to the fetus as "he" - we were convinced our first child was going to be a boy.

I can think of no moment in my life more thrilling than life emerging - a shock of black hair, an open mouth with sunken lips, a long torso, and then my wife gasping in shock: "A girl! It's a girl!"

Marc Fisher wrote this commentary for the Washington Post.

Schools face challenge of teaching non-English speaking parents

JACQUELINE L. SALMON

WASHINGTON Imagine that you are new to this country. You've learned enough English to buy groceries, do your banking, understand rudimentary instructions from your boss. You can get by just fine.

Until your children start school. How do you imagine trying to understand the PTA meeting on Tuesday and every month. Parent-teacher conference. Geometry. Field trip. Magnet program. CD-ROM. Disks.

The parable of the U.S. school system is confusing enough to most American parents. But for the growing number of non-English speaking immigrants, it can be incomprehensible.

The challenge for schools is not only to teach the children but to help their parents understand the perplexing customs and language that permeate American

schools, because, research shows, if parents are bewildered and intimidated by the education system, then their children have a far-greater likelihood of dropping out, performing poorly.

Schools like Sleepy Hollow Elementary in Fairfax County, Va., are on the frontier in this regard. Largely because Sleepy Hollow's boundary lines were redrawn in 1997, the English as a Second Language enrollment at the school has doubled in the past three years to 117 students, most of them the sons and daughters of Hispanic and Vietnamese immigrants.

Meanwhile, it is difficult for these parents - who typically have young children and work long

hours - to improve their own English skills. The large ESL classes are impractical because they meet several evenings a week, take several months to complete and have long waiting lists.

Knowing this, ESL teachers Maggie Rosen and Karen DeMott last December obtained funding from the county to start a family literacy night at Sleepy Hollow. It's a program that provides English classes, computer instruction and child care all at once one evening a week. Seven Fairfax County schools now offer family literacy night, and "everybody wants one," says Elaine Baugh, the county's coordinator of adult ESL programs.

One evening, white volunteers are helping the children with their homework in one room, technology aide Susan Carlson is working with the beginning-

English parents in the computer lab, and county ESL instructor Diane Prossack is working in a room down the hall with parents who understand slightly more English. The parents' classes switch places after 45 minutes.

A short lesson once a week isn't going to make anyone fluent in English, says Prossack. But that's not the goal. The objective is to teach words like "backpack," "scissors," "pencil sharpener," the days of the week; how to call in when a child is sick; how to tell someone what time your child leaves for school and returns home. Over the winter, the litany of snow days, a burden in any language, mystified the class.

Teachers and other parents who serve as volunteer child-care providers while the ESL parents are in class printed out such phrases as "closed," "delayed two hours," "late opening." They even called in a couple of Vietnamese

school custodians to help out, and eventually everyone understood the crucial directives.

The county doesn't have a concrete formula for assessing the program, but Rosen sees anecdotal evidence that it's succeeding. Participants now regularly volunteer in their children's classrooms. They attend new Spanish-speaking PTA meetings. A recent Fiesta Night party, put together by Spanish-speaking parents, attracted a healthy crowd.

And the experience of Vilma Herrera, the star pupil of family literacy night, is promising. A nurse's assistant who came to the United States from El Salvador in

1980, she got by with a smattering of English for years. But now her children's schoolwork is getting more complicated. Her daughter is 12, and her son is 9.

"Their homework is too hard," says Herrera, 40. "They say, 'Oh, Mom, I need help,' and I can't. Encouraged by her progress at Sleepy Hollow, Herrera recently signed up for a larger county ESL class, which she'll start shortly.

"I want to learn English," she says. "I want my kids to become something."

Jacqueline L. Salmon covers family life for The Washington Post.

LETTERS

Idahoans favor breaching

Saving Idaho's endangered salmon is a politically sensitive subject. The 11th hour has arrived for the fish. Three alternative last-ditch plans are being presented around Idaho.

The Twin Falls seminar, a five-hour session, found the first plan, status quo or do nothing, not acceptable to farmers in the Twin Falls area. The second, taking water each year from the irrigators to flush silt into the ocean, was also adamantly opposed. The third plan, breaching the four lower Snake River dams, met with a shocking 72 percent approval of the community.

Approximately 94 percent of those in attendance at the Boise meeting felt the same way.

Quoting portions of Craig's editorial concerning the cause of the demise and rapid extinction of the salmon in *The Times-News* (June 19), he says, "...it's the dams, stupid."

Further on in the editorial, Craig states, "...much time and effort has been spent assessing the risk for salmon in the Federal Columbia River Hydroystem, and millions of dollars have gone into technological fixes for dams crafted by credible scientists and skilled engineers."

"However..." he goes on to say, "...salmon decline in the Northwest is caused solely by the federal hydroystem."

And Craig acknowledges the fact that salmon can provide dollars to Idaho's economy. The senator admits that "...the robust and apparently lucrative 'cottage industry' of salmon-saving organizations has sprung up in our

region."

The sports fishing men and women of Idaho, so concerned about the survival of salmon and steelhead, have been asking the senator for help for years.

Apparently, the good senator doesn't consider the fishin' folks at all - or simply tosses their concerns aside, grouping them with the radical environmentalists of our state, considering them as a small, insignificant segment of his constituency.

It seems to me after reviewing the facts in the issue, that there is only one issue for the farmers of southern Idaho to consider.

The feds will not take their water if the dams are breached. The feds will take their water if the dams are not breached. Up to 3 million acres of crop land would dry up most of the irrigated farm land around Twin Falls from Wendell to Rupert.

Maybe the farmers should join with the sportsmen and sports women of Idaho and let the senator know that they are united in supporting the breaching plan.

DICK DAHLGREN
Ketchum

and live near schools where innocent children have not yet learned to protect themselves from people who claim to be their supporters, do you know someone or have a family member that has been victimized? I think not or you would understand it is a life-entire experience and the pain never goes away.

So what would I do with these criminals? Life imprisonment with no possibility of parole, and I would pay higher taxes to protect our children.

I do not support vigilantes, but we need the tools to protect ourselves from being preyed upon, and educating the public on behaviors of these social predators is a start, and the sex offender registry is one tool that I hope will be used in a responsible way.

REBECCA HASKINS
Twin Falls

Registry protects us

I do not feel that child molesters and rapists deserve a second chance. The statistics show that an overwhelming percentage of these social deviants will attack again given the opportunity.

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MORNING BREAK

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Large-print menus make bright idea for seniors

DEAR ABBY: I recently went to visit my widowed, elderly father in Florida. Like many elderly, his eyesight is not what it once was. He suffers from macular degeneration and has trouble reading small print. What disturbs me so was the fact that he could no longer go to restaurants because he couldn't read the menu.



DEAR ABBY: Abby Cadabby

Why don't restaurants print menus in large print? I'm not suggesting that all of their menus be that way, only to have some on hand for people who would like them.

Abby, my father is not alone - his friends are not going to restaurants either. They're embarrassed. I asked him why they don't ask the restaurants to provide large-print menus. He said they would laugh at him. I felt awful.

DEAR ABBY: Our 15-year-old daughter is grounded. My husband gave the punishment of one week off the phone, which I think was appropriate. After one day of no phone calls, she asked to get on the Internet to check her e-mail. Her dad said no, because the Internet requires a phone line so that's considered the punishment.

I told him I did not agree. I feel that if he takes away the Internet that it is considered another punishment. Rather than argue, we decided to let you decide, and both of us will abide by your decision for future disciplinary action.

few pairs of reading glasses on hand as well as a couple of flashlight, because the ambient lighting isn't enough.

The purpose of the punishment was to give your daughter a week of "quiet time" to rethink the actions that led to her being disciplined in the first place.

DEAR ABBY: I would like to share this information with you, readers, so they may start their great act of charity at their places of worship.

At our church, many of the children bring nonperishable food from home and put it into big baskets on the altar with the collection baskets are passed around. The food is then distributed to local food banks. The children enjoy doing it, and they learn the meaning of sharing and helping others in need.

DEAR KIM: That is an idea worth emulating - and thank you for it. I'm sure that many churches and synagogues will find it worth considering.

Lake Superior versus the Grand Canyon: No contest

Q. If Lake Superior is the world's largest freshwater lake, and the Grand Canyon is the world's largest gorge, which makes the larger hole?

A. The Grand Canyon. By far. "Mah-jongg" was named with a Chinese word meaning "sparrow."

Libra rides with tides; Virgo makes fresh start

IF JULY 5 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are quiet, restless for information. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius persons play around with you. You will have a lot of new letters, initials in numbers. N, W. Before July 5 is finished you could be involved in research work relating to music arts and sciences, including astrology. You traveled this year and could be involved in heavy romance. During October, you can expect activities relating to where you live, love and marriage.

WHAT'S WHAT

L.M. Boyd

HOROSCOPE

Sense of perception heightened - you are going in right direction. Leo, Aquarius persons play sensual roles.

Q. What are the three innate things that figure most frequently in injuries?

A. Bicycles, stairs and footballs.

People milked horses before they rode them.

Q. This country's first no-fault divorce package became law in 1969, and now it's nationwide. How has it changed the divorce rates?

Q. Did people eat off dinner plates in Shakespeare's time?

A. By then, many did. A little earlier, though, they took their food on wooden boards called trenchers. Before that, on thick slices of stale bread, also called trenchers.

Q. Is there such a breed as a "hairless cat"?

A. That there is. From a mutant, it cuts like a horse, coat like a pig, and wags its tail like a dog. Furthermore, its temperature is a couple of degrees higher than that of other felines. Some cat.

Q. What's the average age of golf caddies in Scotland?

A. About 50.

I'd said the people who move to Los Angeles in 24 months out-number all the people who ever lived or died on the Oregon Trail.

Report is greeting cards now make up nearly half of all U.S. first class mail.

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Lilith Fair bids farewell this year

NEW YORK (AP) - Saying farewell to Lilith Fair, the all-woman summer concert tour she created, Sarah McLachlan is proud of her "surprising success after its early battles for acceptance."

"We had a three-year plan from the beginning, and I'm a firm believer in ending on a high note," McLachlan said. "It's incredibly rewarding, but it's also a huge amount of work. I think we're all ready to have kids now, so it's one or the other."

Lilith Fair, which is in its final year, has showcased some of the top female names in popular music, including Paula Cole, Jewel, Natalie Merchant and hip-hop star Missy "MissyMisdemeanor" Elliott. Early on, doctors said fans wouldn't turn out for an all-female bill. They were wrong.

Red Hot Chili Peppers return after long layoff. NEW YORK - The Red Hot Chili Peppers are back after a four-year layoff following several drug relapses and another swirling guitar player. The Los Angeles group consisted of Anthony Kiedis, Flea, Chad Smith and retired former guitarist John Frusciante. The band's "Californication" is the band's back on the road doing concerts.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Jerome boy suffocates in accident at home

JEROME—Local United Methodist churches are coming to the aid of a husband and wife pastoral team whose 12-year-old son died Saturday in an accident at his Jerome home.

Anthony Kimbrow, 12, who had been playing with a rope, died of asphyxiation, Jerome County Coroner Gerald Oeder said.

Anthony Kimbrow is the son of the Reverends Quinn and Sandra Kimbrow. Quinn Kimbrow is pastor of Jerome United Methodist Church, and Sandra Kimbrow is pastor of Filer United Methodist Church.

Local United Methodist pastors and church members have been assisting the family and helping to organize church services at both the Jerome and Filer churches, said the Rev. Jim Frisbie, pastor of Twin Falls United Methodist Church.

The Kimbrows recently moved to Jerome from Alaska.

A memorial service for Anthony Kimbrow is scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday at the Jerome United Methodist Church.

Search continues in TF for suspect who fled police

TWIN FALLS—Authorities continue searching Sunday for a suspect who fled police and ended up in a car wreck in a Twin Falls neighborhood.

Blaine E. Merrill, 23, of Twin Falls, has been charged with possession of a stolen vehicle, felony eluding a police officer and a misdemeanor charge of providing false information in writing to police in Twin Falls Police Department, Merrill said.

Merrill has blue eyes and a medium build, is 5 feet 9 inches tall and 160 pounds.

Police pulled over Merrill, who had been driving a 1997 Honda Civic, Saturday to check out the vehicle's license number.

It turns out the vehicle had been stolen in April from Gerry's Westland Motel in Twin Falls, said Sgt. Brian Pike. Pike said he was on duty when he fled the scene of the accident. Officers' pursuit of Merrill started only seconds before they identified the car as dangerous to someone, Pike said.

The Honda, as it turned out, was stolen from one Lucas Street, pulled with a pickup truck, according to the Idaho State Police while handling the traffic accident.

Merrill, who had a 17-year-old female passenger, failed to stop at a stop sign, the ICP report says.

Authorities investigate suspicious fire at business

TWIN FALLS—Authorities are investigating a suspicious fire that seriously damaged a business on Sunday.

Estimated damage to Coors for Less, 1836 Addison Ave. E., runs between \$300,000 and \$450,000, according to the Twin Falls Fire Department. Donald Ward, of Twin Falls, owns the business and Jack Michop, of Twin Falls, owns the building. Firefighters responded to the fire at 2:40 a.m. and had it under control by about 4 a.m.

The fire started in a shed attached to the building, Battalion Chief Jack Barnes said. Fire swept east, up the front of the store, and the fire spread to the main area of the store. The fire did not reach the merchandise area of the store, but caused significant damage from water, smoke and a collapsed roof.

Fire destroys shops; wood-burning suspected

FILER—Three businesses containing equipment and tools burned by a fire that possibly came from a wood-burning stove, according to the Filer rural fire district.

Two buildings owned by J.V. Hartman, who lives a few miles southwest of Filer in Clover, were damaged by the fire. The fire started in a wood-burning stove in the first building and spread to the second building, Hartman said.

Some 100 feet away escaped the flames. The fire destroyed the main part of 25 firefighters, who had the flames under control in about an hour and a half, DeCarroll said.

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Finding answers

Gooding office will offer free court assistance

By Sharon Metzloff
Times-News correspondent

GOODING—Legal recourse for family and small claims issues should be easier to find in Gooding County with Thursday's opening of a court assistance office in the county law library.

According to Gooding County reports, 32 percent of plaintiffs and 60 percent of defendants in domestic relations cases were self-represented last year in the county.

"We are targeting parties involved in family law cases," said Court Assistance Officer Becky Tanner.

Small claims assistance and instructional videos also will be available.

While last-minute film editing may delay the two videos by a week, Tanner and Court Assistance Officer Leslie Remmer are available to help those who are out of their comfort zone when attempting self-representation. The office provides accessible interactive computer programs to generate domestic violence protection order forms or calculate child support.

Several local attorneys have responded positively to a solicitation for help with the court assistance program, Tanner said. Citizens seeking help with more complex issues can apply for free or reduced-rate legal assistance if they meet income eligibility standards.

Magistrate Judge Kevin Cassidy responded to solicitation for proposals to host the court assistance office for a six-month trial period. The program is funded by grants from the State Justice Institute and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Services are not available for criminal cases or complex issues require local or state government, Tanner said.

Times-News correspondent Sharon Metzloff can be reached in Gooding at 334-5292.



Local members of the Magic Valley Tobacco-Free Coalition surveyed local businesses and rated them on the number and placement of their tobacco advertising. Some members of the group will be making a trip to Washington D.C. to get help in developing a tobacco-free campaign.

Keeping kids tobacco free

Young people learn strategies to keep their peers from lighting up

Kids and cigarette smoking

By Julie Wimberley
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS—Twenty high school and college students have committed the next three years of their lives toward making Idaho a better place.

In July, 20 youth members of the Idaho Tobacco-Free Coalition are planning a 10-day training session in Washington, D.C.

During the training, the Advocacy Institute, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, American Cancer Society government office, and Idaho legislators will help the students develop a strong anti-tobacco program that will be youth developed, driven

and run for the State of Idaho, including a proposal to set up a youth advisory board for the governor.

Dr. David McClusky, a Twin Falls surgeon and chairman of the National Tobacco Advisory Board for the American Cancer Society (ACS), is excited about leading the group of students from Twin Falls, Boise, Caldwell, Idaho Falls, Lewiston and Pocatello.

"Most people compete with the tobacco industry by talking about how bad it is on your health to smoke," said McClusky. "Kids aren't going to listen to that. I told the ACS, 'If you'll invest your money in this

They percent of kids (12 to 17 years old), both smokers and nonsmokers, own at least one tobacco promotional item, such as T-shirts, backpacks and CD players."

— Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.

This young adult market, the 14 to

Highway 27 speed limit to stay at 65 near Burley

By Deti Dubson

OAKLEY—Raising the speed limit to 65 mph near Burley and Oakley has not led to a higher accident rate, the Idaho Transportation Department has concluded.

Earlier this year, several Oakley residents asked the ITD to review speed and safety issues along Highway 27, the department reviewed review of several years of traffic patterns and accident surveys.

"Based on the information we have looked at, we see no need to adjust the speed of the 65 mph zone," District Traffic Engineer George Oberle said from his Shoshone office. "We see pretty normal patterns here."

ITD reviewed 12 years of accident reports along with traffic pattern data.

The number showed that, while accident rates have dropped the past two years, the average speeds that motorists are traveling on the highway average slightly higher than posted speeds.

"The accident rate for 1997 was the same as normal, but 1998 was low, and 1999 so far is shaping up to be a low year," Oberle said. "We are also seeing that people are driving pretty much what they want regardless of the posted speed."

And ITD's attention to the 16-mile stretch of Highway 27 has turned up other issues. Oberle said the department is looking at improving the roadside striping in areas that are prone to drifting snow and low visibility.

"These are areas where you could potentially lose track of the roadway," he said.

Posted speeds near the city limits were another concern for some area residents. Oberle said his office had received two petitions from residents along Highway 27 requesting speed reductions nearer the city limits.

At least some of those concerns seem to be supported by ITD's traffic pattern data, which reported motorist average speed was 52 mph at the posted 35-mph sign at the Oakley city limits.

Though he thinks a more gradual reduction will not significantly alter current driving patterns, Oberle said ITD will adjust the speed limits in that area to follow a more standard speed notification pattern.

"A sudden 30 mph reduction is more than we want," Oberle said. "We will be lengthening the area and reducing the speed more gradually, which would probably mean a move from 65 to 55 before hitting the 35 mph sign."

Oberle said the department will make the change this month. Oakley City Manager Dave Babbitt said the planned speed change addresses the concerns of many who live along that part of the highway.

"I think this will be a good way to help people watch their speed," he said.

City Council member Scott Bedke agrees and said he had heard from Oakley residents on the issue. "They seem to like the 65 mph speed limit between Oakley and Burley," he said, "but have just wanted to see the reduced speed sense outside of the city expanded a little farther north."

Times-News correspondent Deti Dubson can be reached through The Times-News' Burley office at 677-4042.

FIRE CLAIMS HOME NEAR SHOSHONE



A firefighter talks with homeowner Larry Jensen while waiting for another water tanker to arrive Sunday afternoon to fight the flames that consumed the Jensen home south of Shoshone at 520 N. Idaho Highway 78. Seven family members lived at the house that was destroyed by a fire that started in a shed behind the house. According to firefighters at the scene, someone driving along

Highway 78 saw the fire and stopped to warn the Jensens, who were inside and unaware of the danger. Wood River Rural Fire district responded to the blaze with support from Shoshone, District, Richfield and the Bureau of Land Management, but crews were unable to contain the fire as gusting winds fanned the already growing flames.

Nitrate levels rise in Mini-Cassia water

By Larabine Coover

BURLEY—Mike Etcheverry has been testing Mini-Cassia Burley to a few miles north of Paul.

Nitrates are the main component in fertilizers and animal

Etcheverry and the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality last week from Meridian Road in the eastern part of Minidoka County to 1050 West.

Each year, Etcheverry has found a higher level of nitrates. And this year nitrate levels took another jump.

waste, he said. They are water-soluble and can easily seep into groundwater from confined animal operations, septic systems and heavy fertilization.

Most of the wells Etcheverry tests are shallow wells, 12 to 30 feet deep, which have screens to filter out sand. Well water that

Please see NITRATE, Page B3

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Crews battle to protect homes in central Utah communities

EUREKA, Utah (AP) — Residents of two small central Utah communities had a fire early July, thanks to a nearby wild fire fanned by high winds.

The fire had spread to an estimated 42,000 acres on Sunday near Eureka and Mammoth in the northeast corner of Juab County, according to Susan Hayward, spokeswoman for the Interagency Fire Center in Richfield.

"It's about 20 percent contained right now," she said. Eleven crews of 20, 75 engines, five bulldozers, five water trucks and three tractor plows were fighting the fire on the ground, while two helicopters were dropping fire retardant from the air.

Fresh crews were brought in late Saturday from across Utah as well as Idaho and Montana, with additional engines coming from Arizona.

The fire began on a patch of grass near Highway 6 on Friday, then swallowed an tanker truck carrying 11,000 gallons of diesel fuel was caught up in the flames.

Temperatures in the 90s and high winds up to 50 mph helped the fire spread through the weekend. Even as firefighters came closer to controlling the blaze Sunday, erratic wind gusts at around 30 mph made the job more difficult, Hayward said.

The roughly 60 residents of Mammoth, about 55 miles south of Salt Lake City, were first evacuated Friday, allowed to return on Saturday, then again made to abandon their homes when the fire edged closer to the area that afternoon. They were told to stay away on Sunday.



Firefighters from the Sandpoint, Utah, fire department work Saturday at the Eureka City Shop in Eureka, Utah, as smoke from a wildfire blocks the sunlight.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

The Times-News
Today
 Women's basketball camp for grades five through seven, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., gymnasium.
 English as a Second Language training for teachers, 9 a.m. to noon, Shields 202.
 Charity Anyone "Liberty" concert with The Standards, 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Tickets are \$5.
Tuesday
 Women's basketball camp for grades five through seven, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., gymnasium.
 English as a Second Language training for teachers, 9 a.m. to noon, Shields 202.
 Town Hall meeting with Congressman Mike Simpson, 6:30 p.m., Aspen 108.
Wednesday
 Women's basketball camp for grades five through seven, 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., gymnasium.
 English as a Second Language training for teachers, 9 a.m. to noon, Shields 202.
Thursday
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 "Where in the Universe is Carmen Sandiego?" 4 and 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 "How to Build a Planet," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Friday
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Saturday
 "Rusty Rocket's Last Blast," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 "Where in the Universe is Carmen Sandiego?" 4 and 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 Miss Magic Valley Pageant, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
 "How to Build a Planet," 8:15 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

ON THE AGENDA

Tuesday
 Albion City Council, 7 p.m., city office.
 Blaine County commissioners, 8 a.m., courthouse.
 Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers.
 Friedman Memorial Airport board, 5:30 p.m., courthouse.
 Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
 Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 106 E. Ave. A.
 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
 Ketchikan City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
 Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., community center.
 Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Shoshone City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
 Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
 Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W.
Wednesday
 Minidoka County Fair Board, 8 p.m., board office at the fairgrounds.
 Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Thursday
 Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman
Friday
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Senior Center
 Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, noon, Price's Cafe in Burley.
 Minidoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
 Rupert DeMary Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., library at 417 Seventh St., Rupert.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
 Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., county office building at 246 Third Ave. E.
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.

Cruising ban goes into effect in Utah

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The party is over, at least on State Street.
 Police officers were to start enforcing Salt Lake's new ordinance against cruising on the popular drag strip Sunday night.
 "Anyone caught passing a police checkpoint the same direction more than twice between 11 p.m. and 4 a.m. may be fined up to \$500. The restrictions apply in the area from 300 N. State to 2100 S. State and 400 West to 400 East."
 Though the law went into effect Friday night, officers decided to use this weekend to

test new computer equipment. Only warnings were issued.
 The computer system ... allows us to type a license plate number into the computer and then it will flag that license plate the third, fourth and fifth time through," police Sgt. Mark Peck said.
 Seventeen new signs have been placed along the congested traffic areas to warn travelers of the new city ordinance.
 But Peck said these have already been noticeably fewer problems on State Street in the last month, even before the new law took effect.

"We've had a 19 percent decrease in the calls to State Street so it's having its intended effect and that's what we wanted out of it," he said.
 Police blame cruising for one homicide in 1997 and another in 1998. Last year, they logged 525 assaults on State Street, up from 402 the year before.
 Peck said officers recorded the plate numbers of 724 cars at Friday night's initial testing. Of those, 16 cars returned a second time and only one returned a third time or more. The driver of that vehicle was issued a warning.

HOW THEY VOTED

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Senate votes



Larry Craig

business regarding problems that may arise if computers and other systems are not fully Year 2000 compliant. The bill is a compromise version worked out by the House, Senate and the Clinton administration. Supporters said high technology companies need protection from such lawsuits. Opponents said the bill would leave consumers without any recourse to recover financial losses due to the Y2K bug. A "yes" vote favors the bill.

parental consent and notification laws and ensure the safety of America's youth. Opponents said the bill would undermine a young woman's right to choose to have an abortion. A "yes" vote favors the bill.

Rep. Helen Chenoweth-R Y
 Rep. Mike Simpson-R Y

Y2K lawsuits
 The House on Thursday approved, 404-24, the final version of legislation that would restrict punitive damages and class action lawsuits against businesses regarding problems that may arise if computers and other systems are not fully Year 2000 compliant. The bill is a compromise version worked out by the House, Senate and the Clinton administration. Supporters said high technology companies need protection from such lawsuits. Opponents said the bill would leave consumers without any recourse to recover financial losses due to the Y2K bug. A "yes" vote favors the bill.

Rep. Helen Chenoweth-R Y
 Rep. Mike Simpson-R Y

Cuba restrictions

The Senate on Wednesday failed to pass an amendment that would have eased restrictions on Americans who want to travel to Cuba. Voting 52-43, the Senate tabled, or set aside, the amendment to a foreign aid package. Supporters of the amendment said the United States' policy regarding Cuba has become outdated and counter-productive. Opponents said U.S. policy towards Communist countries should be undermined if the restrictions on Cuba were eased. A "yes" vote favors tabling the amendment.

House votes



Helen Chenoweth

Mike Simpson

Day of prayer
 The House on Tuesday failed to pass a measure that would have implemented a national day of prayer and fasting. Voting 275-140, the resolution failed to garner the two-thirds vote necessary for passage under special rules. Supporters of the bill said such a day could help the country. Opponents of the measure said it would violate the First Amendment by essentially establishing an official religion. A "yes" vote supports the measure.

Bank mergers

The House on Thursday approved, 343-86, a measure that would overhaul the financial services industry by allowing banks, brokers and insurers to merge and share customer transaction records. The bill also includes provisions that would require financial institutions to develop privacy policies and would allow consumers to block companies from sharing or selling financial information to third parties. Supporters of the bill said it was important because it would save consumers' money and would help keep the U.S. financial industry competitive in global markets. Opponents said some provisions of the bill would endanger the privacy of Americans. A "yes" vote favors the bill.

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 Rep. Mike Simpson-R Y

Abortion for minors

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DEATH NOTICES

Evelyn T. Matson
 JEROME — Evelyn T. Matson, 97, of Jerome, died Saturday, July 3, 1999, at St. Benedict's Long Term Care Unit. Services are pending under the direction of the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

under the direction of Riverside Cremation and Burial, Garden City — Boise.

Porfirio Flores
 MURTAUGH — Porfirio Flores, 70, of Murtaugh, died Saturday, July 3, 1999, at his home. Services are pending and will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

ELMER S. WOOTEN

TWIN FALLS — Elmer S. Wooten, 78, lifetime resident of Twin Falls and Jerome Counties, passed away Saturday, in a Boise Hospital. At Elmer's request there will be no services. A private Memorial Service will be held at a later date for immediate family members. Cremation is

of Twin Falls and Boise, memorial service at 11 a.m. Thursday at Cloverdale Cemetery in Boise.

HOSPITALS

Mildred Barnes of Malta, 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Malia LDS 1st and 2nd Ward Chapel; friends may call from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the Payne Mortuary in Burley and 10 to 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at the church.

Mildred Irene Card, formerly

CASSIA REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Relieved
 Monica Berg of Burley and Rita Layton and Robert White, both of Oakley.

Admitted
 Shaloh-Walber of Burley, Sarah Bickel of Oakley, Kelly Hawkes of Murtaugh, and Crystal Roberts of Rupert.

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Killer of elderly women almost escapes

Salt Lake department's 14-year investigation ends in guilty plea by murderer



Daniel Ray Troyer

SALT LAKE CITY (AP)—When Drucilla Ovard was found murdered in her home in 1985, police detective Ken Farnsworth had no idea who he was looking for.

Within two weeks, though, he knew Daniel Ray Troyer had killed Ovard, that he had murdered at least one other woman and that he would kill again. Farnsworth just couldn't prove it.

In fact, nobody could until 14 years and at least two homicides later.

Today, investigators believe the one-time home burglar may have been responsible for the deaths of as many as 13 older women, and they're hoping Troyer will now come clean with the details.

Last month, Troyer, 39, pleaded guilty to killing 66-year-old Ethel Luckauk, 88, both of Salt Lake City. He received two consecutive life sentences.

Troyer will spend the rest of his life in jail, but investigators aren't done with him yet. They want to know just how many rapes and homicides he might have committed. And even more, they want to know why.

We have information from two independent sources who say Troyer killed 12 or 13 women, said Mike George, an investigator for the Salt Lake district attorney's office.

Lt. FBI agent Clarice Staring in "The Silence of the Lambs,"

George plans to build a relationship with the killer and dig up all the answers.

They may lie in Troyer's choice of victims. He almost always went after elderly women, usually suffering or struggling with their bodies so there was no sign of struggle.

That has made it harder to detect the crimes, because the women's deaths were so often chalked up to natural ailments or old age.

Even the two murders Troyer pleaded guilty to almost passed as "unattended deaths," George said. Both women were transported to either a mortuary or the medical examiner before it was discovered they were murdered.

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Ovard had been beaten as well as strangled, and there the mark of heavy blows on her left side.

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— Sgt. Don Bell, who once failed to read Troyer his Miranda rights

Farnsworth guessed the killer could have hurt his right hand delivering them.

Two weeks later, police caught Troyer breaking into an elderly woman's house a couple of blocks from Ovard's home. His right hand was wrapped, probably broken. In his other hand, he carried a knife.

After an initial interview, Farnsworth was pretty sure he had his guy.

Troyer told Farnsworth he slammed his hand in his friend's garage door, but his friend didn't have a garage.

Troyer's live-in girlfriend told Farnsworth he broke his hand working at a Holiday Inn. None

of the Holiday Inns had ever hired him. In fact, Troyer didn't have a job and was living in his parole. And he was already on parole for raping and beating a 70-year-old paraplegic woman years before.

It wasn't enough to pin him to murder, but Troyer went to prison for the burglary. Then his girlfriend started to wonder. Soon she called Farnsworth with another piece of the puzzle.

Six days before Ovard's murder, she said, their next-door neighbor, 69-year-old Thelma Blodgett, was found dead.

On that hot July day, Troyer had been out of the factory where his girlfriend worked. Why wasn't he at work? she wondered. She told him to go home; she would wait for him.

She said he would wait until she could drive him home.

"So there he was," Farnsworth said. He arrived out of breath from running, he wasn't at all, and he didn't want to leave, as if he didn't want to go home.

His girlfriend said they drove home together, but he got out of the car and an ambulance stood outside Blodgett's house.

"What happened?" she asked her boyfriend. "Oh, some old lady probably died of a heart attack or something," Troyer told her.

But after a check of the records, Farnsworth discovered

that the call reporting Blodgett's death came in after Troyer left for the factory. There was no way he could have known what happened next door unless he was there, Farnsworth said.

Blodgett's body was eventually exhumed and although she was not strangled, her death is now considered suspicious.

Hers is one of the cases George wants to discuss with Troyer.

Three years after Ovard's and Blodgett's deaths, Troyer was out of prison and living at the Bonneville Correctional Facility, where he just had to wait and watch to catch his man red-handed because, he said, "he had such an appetite for killing."

Soon Troyer said he wanted to apply for a spot at a barber college and was allowed to go. That's when he killed Ethel Luckauk.

By then, Farnsworth was no longer with the Salt Lake Police Department as his successor, Jim Bell, took up the baton.

Jim Bell took him long to link Luckauk's death to Ovard's.

There were only two possible suspects, Troyer and another daytime burglar — who was in prison. This witness reported seeing Troyer and Luckauk's home two days before she was killed.

Jim Bell sent Sgt. Don Bell to question Troyer. Four times he asked him where he was on the

day Luckauk died. Each time, the answer was different. Then Troyer said he had lied because he had broken the rules of the halfway house by visiting his sister.

"His sister said she hadn't seen Danny there years. But he did call and ask her to be his alibi for what turned out to be the day Luckauk was killed."

The evidence was all there, until a judge suppressed the interview. Sgt. Bell had told Troyer his Miranda rights, thinking it was "unnecessary" at a halfway house.

The judge eliminated the interview, Troyer's sister's statement, and DNA testing of Troyer's hair.

Prosecutor Greg Skordas was left with no case, and in 1990 charges were dropped.

"That was a long six or seven years for me," Don Bell said. "I should have known better. I let him go. I was thinking he'll walk out and kill someone else. If I heard about him murdering in Des Moines I'd have to say to myself, 'That one I could have stopped.'"

Ketchum planners to review designs

KETCHUM — The Planning and Zoning Commission will review subdivision designs at 5:30 p.m. July 12 at the City Hall.

The commission will review a design proposal by the Beaver Springs Subdivision for an accessory dwelling unit. The commission will also review a design proposal for Sun Valley Subdivision for a new single family residence.

Also on the agenda is a discussion of the hospital overlay zone. The meeting is open to the public.

Sun Valley schedules special meeting

SUN VALLEY — The City Council will hold a special meeting at 7 p.m. Wednesday at City Hall to discuss the 1999-2000 fiscal budget as well as several capital projects the council is working on. The meeting is open to the public.

Airport makes agreement with rancher

HAYLEY — As the Friedman Memorial Airport Authority continues to implement its Airport Master Plan, it has announced that an agreement has been reached with Flying Hat Ranch owner Spencer Eccles to do construction on his property for use by the airport, according to an airport press release. The Airport Authority and Eccles are coordinating.

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an effort to remove an estimated 10,000 truck loads of unconsolidated fill from the ranch and truck it over the road and dump it at the airport project. The airport recently purchased land from the ranch for aircraft ramps, taxiways and a relocated fixed base operation site to bring the airport into compliance with FAA safety requirements. It is necessary to remove the allocation of property on the ranch for drainage.

The cooperative effort will eliminate the use of Highway 75 by construction crews during the hauling phase of July through October and will result in a substantial reduction of impact to motorists who travel between Burley and Bellevue, the press release said.

THE CITY COUNCIL will discuss a tree ordinance on Wednesday, Tuesday at City Hall. The council will also discuss a mutual aid agreement with the Magic Valley Emergency Response Team. The meetings are open to the public.

BURLEY — The City Council will discuss the 1999-2000 fiscal budget at 7 p.m. Thursday at City Hall. Budget meetings are also scheduled at 7 p.m. July

Officials plan Hemingway celebration

SUN VALLEY — Ernest Hemingway's 100th birthday will be celebrated the week of July 21-31.

Plans for the week-long celebration include a special reception at the newly opened Hemingway home, a historical photo exhibit entitled "Hemingway in Idaho" at the Community Library.

Hemingway display at the Ketchum Sun Valley Ski & Heritage Museum, theater productions of "Papa Last Flapper" by Company of Foot.

The popular annual Sun Valley Wine Auction produced by the Sun Valley Center for the Arts will have a Hemingway theme this year, and the Edgar Allan Poe Chamber Music series kicks off the Sun Valley Summer Symphony.

The reception being held at the Hemingway House

Waste Exchange

KETCHUM will be a fund-raiser for the endowment for the home, and to help the Nature Conservancy with general upkeep. Tickets will be \$200 per person and only 100 will be available.

For more information or to request a complete schedule of events, contact the Sun Valley Ketchum Chamber of Commerce at 1-800-634-3347.

Waste guide gives recycling information

BURLEY — An online guide to resource recycling in southern Idaho, explaining where dozens of different recyclables are accepted, has been posted on the website of Southern Idaho Solid Waste. Located at <http://www.sisw.org/recycle.htm>, the guide offers a menu of recyclables — from antiques to inkjet cartridges — that link to instructions on how they can be recycled locally.

For materials that cannot be recycled, such as half-empty buckets of paint, cans of bug spray, and other household chemicals, the website offers help. SISW offers a Southern Idaho Waste Exchange, helping residents and companies find a welcome home for unwanted materials. To post items or materials on the Southern Idaho Waste Exchange, visit the web page at <http://www.sisw.org/exchange> or request an exchange form by email from exchange@sisw.org, or by mail from SISW Exchange, Box 159, Burley, 83318.

Compiled from staff reports

Nitrate

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exceeds 10 parts per million of nitrates is considered above the acceptable level.

In the Mini-Cassia area, DEQ has found some problems.

"In many areas there are groundwater-quality concerns," he said. "Quite a percentage exceed the acceptable level of nitrates."

Of the 24 test wells Etchevery checks, the average is at seven or eight parts per million, but some have been as high as 40, he said.

Recommendations can be made to private well owners, but private wells do not come under DEQ, he said.

The South Central District Health Department requires a septic tank be placed no less than 50 feet from any well and 100 feet from a drain field, said Brett Morrison, environmental health specialist for the department.

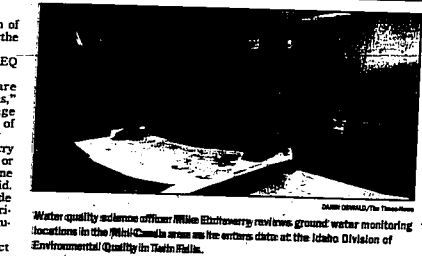
But many shallow wells were installed before these laws existed, Etchevery said.

In shallow wells in Minidoka County have been installed in what the U.S. Geological Survey calls the local alluvial aquifer. These wells are found mostly a few miles north of Paul, Etchevery said.

The local aquifer sits on top of a clay layer about 40 to 60 feet below land surface, said a recent USGS report.

"That aquifer didn't exist until irrigation started," Etchevery said. "It is recharged primarily from irrigation."

Some quality problems don't stop with the alluvial aquifer. Extensive USGS studies show nitrate concentrations exceed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency maximum contaminant level of 10 milligrams per liter in a few Snake River Plain aquifer wells. However, those wells did not show as heavy a concentration of contaminants as the shallower wells.



Water quality scientist Wilma Etchevery reviews groundwater monitoring locations in the Mini-Cassia area on the orders data at the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality in Twin Falls.

DEQ and USGS studies also both show pesticide compounds were detected in wells. The USGS report showed a low concentration of most pesticides analyzed, but said pesticides could become a concern "if they persist and accumulate in the groundwater."

"Water is our most valued resource. Pesticides because of their expense, Etchevery said.

"Two years ago I tested 28 wells for pesticides. The lab cost was \$14,000," he said. "It didn't end much."

Officials warn that nitrate in drinking water are a health hazard, especially to children and nursing mothers or infants younger than 6 months.

Nitrates in water can bring on what is known as blue baby syndrome, which can be fatal, Etchevery said.

Fetal and health hazards from pesticides vary, depending on the compound, the USGS survey said.

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University of Utah ranks fifth in drug-related arrests in U.S.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The University of Utah ranked fifth in the nation in drug arrests at its four-year universities and Utah's other colleges also saw a dramatic increase in drug arrests.

Drug arrests at the U. of U. jumped nearly 30 percent in 1997 to 126, while arrests statewide increased 17 percent. Nationally, drug arrests rose 7.2 percent, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education.

Berkeley was first in the nation with 179 arrests, followed by San Jose State University, the University of Arizona and Arizona State University.

U. of U. campus police Sgt. Lynn Mitchell said the statistics fluctuate and may not indicate a significant trend. They could also include arrests made by university police officers off-campus.

Drug arrests at Dixie College in St. George jumped from three in 1996 to 23 in 1997, according to an analysis by the Deseret News.

Statewide, the number of liquor-related arrests in 1996 and 1997 dropped 15.3 percent, due to decreases at the U. of U. and College of Eastern Utah. But Utah State University in Logan, Southern Utah University in Cedar City, Weber State University in Ogden and Utah Valley State College in Orem all saw increases.

In all, there were 482 liquor-related and 366 drug-related arrests during the two-year reporting period. The schools also had 106 alcohol-related arrests during 1996 and 1997. USU had the highest number, reporting a dozen, most attributed to one suspect. The U. of U. reported seven

forfeitable sexual assaults and Brigham Young University five.

There were no murders reported in the state in the two-year period. Utah's smallest colleges had the lowest incidences of crime.

Westminster College reported just one — a single burglary — in 1996 and one at Snow College reported one non-forfeitable sexual assault, five burglaries and six drug- or alcohol-related arrests in 1997.

BYU was an anomaly in state and national surveys, reporting one of the lowest crime and arrest figures for schools its size.

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TimesNews correspondent Julie Tomrte at 324-2738.

Tobacco

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group of kids, you'll have a much better return on your money than if you give it to me to do a non-smoker in the schools."

After all that's there, 80 percent of all the smokers start, and that's the percentage of smokers that is increasing rather than decreasing. Why not let them tell us how to make a difference?"

According to McCluskey, the ACS research Advisory Board has proposed supporting research showing how to change the behavior of society, especially youth, to stop them from smoking.

"If you look at all cancers, 75 percent of them are related to lifestyles, with what we eat, our weight, and whether we drink or

smoke. Tobacco causes one-third of all cancer deaths. If we'd eliminated tobacco, lung cancer would not be the leading cause of death of all the cancers in this country. And if we can eliminate cancer, then maybe we won't need to spend our research dollars trying to find a cure for it. The tobacco industry has found out how to influence behavior. The behavior of young people to make them smokers. What we have to do now is become just as intelligent as the tobacco industry."

McCluskey believes young people are the key to those changes.

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Milosevic uses smoke, mirrors to survive

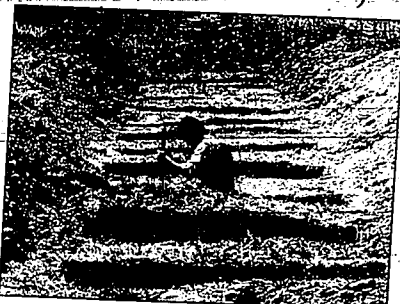
Los Angeles Times

POZAREVAC, Yugoslavia — The bulldozers groaned, the welders sweated rivers and a feverish army of Serbian laborers poured concrete, gravel and paint Saturday as the son of Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic personally orchestrated the furious pace of construction.

But in a nation where NATO bombs and missiles left a wasteland of broken bridges, smashed factories, ruined railroads and impotent power plants, this mad-cap public works project was at none of the above.

It was Bambi Park, six acres of kiddie pools, skateboard runs, minicourses and a pirate-ship playground all in the heart of the president's hometown. And the rush was on to meet Sunday evening's advertised 7 p.m. grand opening — an event, organizers say, that will show how postwar Serbia is returning to normal.

Welcome to Pozarevac, the Milosevic family fortress in northeast Serbia where the Yugoslav president was born, where he met and married his high school sweetheart and where his son,



While Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic tries to convince the world Serbia is returning to normal, there are constant reminders of what went on in Kosovo. Here, a gravedigger digs one of 64 graves in Kosovo Sunday in Bela Crkva, some 30 miles from Pristina. A mass funeral is planned Monday for 64 people who were found in mass graves by human rights investigators.

Marko, owns the local Madonna Radio station, the Madonna Discotheque, the Cybernet Internet provider and, now, one-

third of the newest and fanciest playground in town.

Bambi Park, its hype and its 60-cent admission charge for the 88,000 residents of this war-battered city are apt metaphors, analysts say, for Milosevic's uncanny survival skills.

They illustrate how the Yugoslav leader has used patronage, paternalism, illusion and manipulation to remain in power — tools that have helped him defy nearly a decade of war, a year of street protests, a 78-day NATO bombardment, a resignation call from the Serbian Orthodox Church and an international indictment on war crimes charges that is now accompanied by a \$5-million U.S. reward for information leading to his arrest.

What is more, at a time when the Clinton administration has, in effect, reduced the complexities of its Balkans policies to a single, postwar bottom line — get rid of Milosevic — many Serbian analysts, opposition strategists and regime supporters say the Yugoslav leader is using those same survival tools to turn that policy against itself.

"Milosevic has proved himself a

masterful politician, even though he's never had any real strategy," said Ognjen Fribilic, a prominent political scientist and now a top adviser to Yugoslavia's largest opposition party.

America's dump-Milosevic policy appears to have neutralized his most potent internal enemy, and it might radicalize his regime.

Vojislav Seselj, the self-styled fierce ultranationalist who heads the right-wing Serbian Radical Party, told reporters Thursday in Belgrade, the Yugoslav and Serbian capital, that he is now ready to join forces with Milosevic.

Seselj, who condemned the Yugoslav president and resigned from Serbia's government when Milosevic capitulated and agreed to NATO's occupation of Kosovo last month, attributed his about-face solely to U.S. policy.

"As long as the Americans condemn Milosevic and demand his departure, we will not be against him," declared Seselj, whose extremist party has won wide new support here amid reports of postwar atrocities committed by Kosovo's ethnic Albanians against its Serbs.

U.S. troops, ethnic Albanians celebrate holiday

GNJILANE, Yugoslavia (AP) — Ethnic Albanians covered a wall with red, white and blue slogans Sunday, celebrating an American holiday to show their gratitude to the U.S. peacekeeping contingent in Kosovo.

In some parts of southern Kosovo, ethnic Albanians played volleyball and ate barbecue with U.S. Marines and soldiers. But in the southern base town of Gnjilane, Marines planned a quiet picnic of hot dogs and hamburgers in their camps, saying mingling with Albanians might alienate Serbs with whom they also have to work.

"All the people out there celebrating the Fourth of July will be Albanian," said Staff Sgt. Lance Waring of Surf City, N.C., standing outside the sandbagged city hall in Gnjilane.

At any rate, added Staff Sgt. Dwight Jones, it might be a bit early for a party. Much of Kosovo remains a dangerous place, with Albanian-Serb attacks continuing and land mines threatening returning refugees.

"We basically have a mission, a job to do here," said Jones, of Brownsville, Tenn. "You don't celebrate until everything is done."

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He walked on water today.

Andre Agassi about Pat Sampras

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Legion baseball
Twin Falls AA Cowboy Classic
Twin Falls AA Pepsi Tournament in Boise

IN BRIEF

Golfer holes first ace at Jerome

JEROME - Golfer Larry Webb made his first career hole-in-one Saturday using a sand wedge on the 115-yard, par-3 No. 7 hole at the Jerome Country Club golf course.

Steelheads release protected player list

BOISE - The West Coast Hockey League released its 12-man protected players lists for each of its eight teams Sunday. On the list for the Idaho Steelheads included: Jesse Austin, Frederick Beaubien, Eric Casper, Scott Davis, Rob Dumas, Troy Egan, Marc Genest, Cal Inghram, Dan Marcotte, Sebastien Parent, Marco Pietroniro and Alain Sarge.

Idaho Open rescheduled for September tee-off

EAGLE - Elkhorn Resort and Rocky Mountain PGA have rescheduled the Idaho Open Championship from July 28-30 to Sept. 22-24. The new deadline for entries is Sept. 8, 1999. The field will be limited to the first 110 paid professionals and the 10 amateurs with the lowest handicaps (5.0 or less) whose entries are received by the deadline.

K-ball equipment can be picked up anytime

TWIN FALLS - Parents of K-ball players who did not get a baseball jersey, hat or participant ribbon can pick them up at the Harmon Parks and Recreation Office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Canyon Springs pro holds golf lessons

TWIN FALLS - A few spots remain available in the Intermediate Golf session to be taught by Canyon Springs Golf Course pro Rob Jones starting Wednesday.

Candlelight continues to offer golf clinics

TWIN FALLS - Candlelight Golf Course is offering a clinic for junior golfers and continuing its ladies clinic in the second week of July.

Cowboys to battle for third after loss

By Damen Clow Times-News sports editor

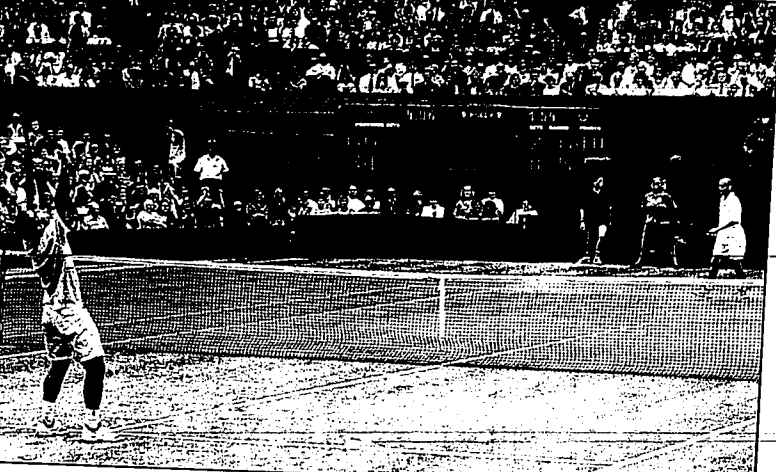
TWIN FALLS - It was only fitting that police cars sectioned off the College of Southern Idaho Sunday night, considering that a crime had occurred on Frontier Field moments earlier.

Classic game that night, when the Twin Falls defense was so bad in the early innings that it should have been outlawed and the Boise Senators stole a 7-6 win and a berth in today's championship because of it.

Twin Falls coach Mike Federico: "In the clubhouse and the game." Boise will play Brighton, Utah, at 2:45 today at Frontier Field for the championship, after Twin Falls takes on Ogden, Utah, at noon for third place.

errors behind him. "Tyler described better. I thought he threw really well," Federico said. "If we play catch, I think we win that game."

The crime came courtesy of the Cowboy



American Pete Sampras, left, exults his men's singles victory Sunday over fellow American Andre Agassi on Wimbledon's Centre Court. Sampras took the final in three sets, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 to claim his sixth Wimbledon championship and 11th career Grand Slam title. Agassi, however, takes over the No. 1 ranking in the world.

American fireworks close Wimbledon

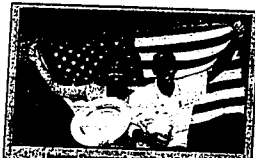
Sampras, Davenport prove unstoppable

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England - Pete Sampras left skid marks and blood stains on Centre Court. He flew above the net for overheads, dived horizontally for volleys, and to hear an awe-struck Andre Agassi tell it, "he walked on water" at Wimbledon on Sunday.

But suddenly there was Sampras, diving flat out, flicking a backhand drop volley that fell ever so gently on the other side of the net for a winner. He belly-whopped hard to the tattered turf, skidded a yard and tore up the huge scab he had on his right forearm from other dives the past two weeks.

Agassi stood on the baseline and stared in amazement. Sampras inspected his open wound, wiped himself off, and served two straight aces at nearly 130 mph to take a 3-1 lead.



Sumpras, the Wimbledon champion, is seen in action during the match against Andre Agassi. The match was a thrilling encounter, with Sampras ultimately prevailing in three sets.

U.S. goalie saves day; China next

The Dallas Morning News

PALO ALTO, Calif. - The first congratulatory hugs weren't targeted for Michelle Akers, whose clinching goal finally permitted a Little U.S. breathing room in Sunday's Women's World Cup semifinal.

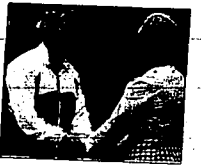
Tiger triumphs for second Western Open victory

The Associated Press

LEMONT, Ill. - Give Tiger Woods a lead, and tournament organizers may as well start engraving the trophy.

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love it," Woods, who won \$450,000, said with a grin. Mike Weir, who had three birdies on the first seven holes to threaten Woods, ran into trouble on the back nine but still finished second with a 70 to finish at 276.



Germany's Steffi Graf, left, says goodbye to Britain's Duchess of Kent Sunday after her final loss to American Lindsay Davenport at Wimbledon. After her defeat, Graf announced it was her last match at the All England Lawn and Tennis Club.

Graf leaves Wimbledon grass behind

The Associated Press

WIMBLEDON, England - Without a wave or a nod, Steffi Graf said goodbye to Wimbledon. Graf decided that Sunday's final against Lindsay Davenport would be her last match at the All England Club. And after Davenport won 6-4, 7-5, Graf walked off Centre Court without the slightest sign of a farewell.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Indiana celebrates 'Living Legends'
INDIANAPOLIS - Four of basketball's great names - Oscar Robertson, Larry Bird, John Wooden and Bob Knight - will be honored Friday night as 'Indiana Living Legends' by the Indiana Historical Society.
Other honorees will include Carl Erskine, David Letterman, John Mellencamp, Jane Fonda and Kurt Vonnegut Jr.

Atwood wins NASCAR DieHard 250 race
MILWAUKEE, Wis. - Eighteen-year-old Casey Atwood passed Jeff Green on the final lap to win the DieHard 250 at the Milwaukee Mile on Sunday.
Atwood is the youngest driver to win a race in the NASCAR Busch Series.
Atwood, who won the third pole of his career Saturday, trailed Green from laps 173 to 249. He then slightly bumped Green from behind and passed him along the inside on the final lap.
The Nashville, Tenn., native, who rounded the 1-mile oval at 121.421 miles per hour in 29.649 seconds to claim the top qualifying position on Saturday, became the first pole sitter to win at the Milwaukee Mile in front of a stock car race in 69 years.
Dale Earnhardt Jr., who suffered a chipped right shoulder while driving series champion last year, rallied for a third-place finish. The defending series champion had to move to the back of the start of the race because Ron Hornaday qualified his car Saturday.
Earnhardt Jr. maintained the lead in total points with 2,609, 139 ahead of Mark Kennedy, who finished fifth Sunday.

Czech decathlete breaks world mark
PRAGUE, Czech Republic - Tomas Dvorak of the Czech Republic broke Dan O'Brien's world decathlon record and could have broken the "magical barrier" of 9,000 points if not for a hamstring injury.
Dvorak, 31, scored 8,994 points in a European Cup event by 103 points Sunday with 8,894 points in the final decathlon.
He needed to run the 1,500 in 4 minutes, 36.34 seconds, more than six seconds slower than his best of 4:29.69. To tie O'Brien's record, Dvorak would have had to run a comfortable 4:53.87.
He finished in 4:37.20, after making a mistake in the second lap.
"I had performed below 9,000 points, I would have had a message for O'Brien that now it's better to shut up," Dvorak added, sipping champagne.
O'Brien set the previous record of 8,891 in 1992 at Talence, France, after failing to qualify for the U.S. team at the Barcelona Olympics.

Report: M's needed park to keep players
SEATTLE - Owners of the Seattle Mariners have said privately they might have to trade Ken Griffey Jr. or Alex Rodriguez if their demand for more money for a new ballpark is refused.
The Seattle Times reported Sunday that the Mariners' bid for more money, saying club executives had promised to cover all costs over the \$417 million budgeted and signed off on each additional expense along the way.
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The letters were provided to the newspaper by the stadium authority in response to a public-records request.
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Lance Armstrong retains yellow jersey
CHALLANS, France - The cyclist could hardly miss the signs along the rain-slicked country roads of the Tour de France.
"Yes! No! to EPO," said one banner said, emphasizing that a number of riders had tested positive for the banned performance-enhancing drug.
The overall leader remained Lance Armstrong, who won Saturday's prologue by seven seconds in his first Tour de France since overcoming testicular cancer.
Sunday's 124-mile stage began in a downpour in Montaigne in France's western Vendee region.
Finishing fourth was Stuart O'Grady of Australia, followed by Silvio Martinelli of Italy. George Hincapié of the United States was eighth.

U.S. swims to five gold medals at Games
PALMA DE MALLORCA, Balearic Islands - Mark Warburton traint for swimming's equivalent of the marathon.
On Sunday, he did a far impression of a sprinter.
Competing in the 200-meter freestyle at an international event for the first time, the native of Santa Barbara, Calif., won a gold medal at the University Games, one of five medals the United States earned on the first day of swimming competition.
The United States won the gold in the women's 800 freestyle when the team of Rada Ovas, Kimberly Biles, Caroline Kline and Kathryn Zambone was timed in 8:13.41.
The Americans' other medals were from Cara Lane's 800 freestyle victory, Julie Varogay's third-place finish in that event, and Corrie Murphy's bronze in the women's 400 individual medley.
The U.S. men's basketball team, winner of five straight gold medals in the world series, won its winning streak to 34 games at this event with a 97-58 victory over Greece.
The Americans end preliminary round play today against the Czech Republic, while the women open their competition against China.

Mizzou pays price for coach's new position
COLUMBIA, Mo. - The cost to move Norm Stewart from his position as Missouri's basketball coach to his new job as a consultant to the chancellor of the Columbia campus will be \$245,000.
About \$80,000 of that will come out of the university's athletic budget; the rest will be paid out of the chancellor's office budget.
In addition to the \$945,000, Stewart will be paid normal benefits.
Stewart, who served as the position's coach for 32 years, announced his retirement from that position April 1.



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CLEVELAND (AP) - Mike Sweeney, an 38-year-old AL record with an RBI in his 13th straight game and Jermaine Dye homered twice and drove in a run. The Royals led the Kansas City Indians 10-9 Sunday.
Sweeney lined a double over the head of catcher Joe Mauer in the fifth inning, scoring Joe. Randy Franklin base and giving the Royals a 4-2 lead.
Sweeney matched the RBI mark set by Tuffy Winder of the 1941 Chicago White Sox. The major league record is 17 straight games by Oscar Grimes of the 1932 Chicago Cubs.
Dye capped his big four-game series by going 2-for-4 in his home runs - including a grand slam - and driving in two runs in his 12 RBIs.

Red Sox 5, White Sox 2
CHICAGO - Bret Saberhagen allowed five hits over seven innings for his third straight win Sunday, and Troy O'Leary hit his 13th homer as the Boston Red Sox beat the Chicago White Sox.
O'Leary, batting 89-40 against Sabers (5-2) home runs on Paul Konerko's sixth homer in the second and Craig Wadell's RBI groundout in the sixth walked home and struck out two.
Saberhagen retired nine straight before Brock Forde led off the bottom of the eighth with a double. Derek Lowe pitched and got three strikes on him. Tim Wakefield pitched the Yankees for his eighth strike.

Orioles 7, Yankees 3
NEW YORK - R.J. Sanchez hit a tiebreaking grand slam in the sixth inning and had five RBIs as the Orioles topped a 10-game losing streak.
Jason Gorman (4-6) allowed a pair of first-inning runs and Chai Davis' upper-deck solo homer in the seventh, then gave up just four more runs before leaving in the seventh. Scott Kazenick pitched two-hit relief for his second save.
After consecutive doubles by Chuck Knoblauch and Derek Jeter scored the first, the Yankees were 0-6-0 with runners in scoring position, striking out four times.
Rager Clemens couldn't protect a 3-0 lead and was hit and bunt off after, and New York lost for just the second time in 12 games.

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his 100th major league victory as the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Tampa Bay Devil Rays.
Jose Canseco hit his All-Leading 300th home run, becoming the first player in major league history to reach the mark with four different teams. He previously did it with Oakland, Texas and Toronto.
This afternoon Wade Boggs' throwing error in the seventh inning allowed the Blue Jays to score the go-ahead run. The Blue Jays' 14-3 in their last home games, made it to the 500 mark.
Green homered in consecutive at-bats in the first and second innings. The solo shots gave him 23 home runs this season.

Mariners 6, Rangers 0
ARLINGTON, Texas - John Halama scattered six hits in his first career start and Edger Martinez hit a three-run homer to lead Seattle.
Halama (7-2) struck out four, walked two and allowed just one runner to reach third base for his seventh straight win and first career shutout.
It was his first complete game shutout by a Mariners pitcher since Jamie Moyer set Sept. 17, 1998.
Seattle scored four runs in five consecutive hits in the first inning off Rangers starter Mike Morgan (9-6).

Phillies 6, Cubs 2
PHILADELPHIA - Curt Schilling won his fourth straight start, striking out a season-high 13 over seven innings, as the Philadelphia Phillies completed a three-game sweep.
Sammy Sosa hit his major league-leading 32nd homer for the Cubs, who have lost four straight.
The Phillies had 30 hits and 41 runs in the series, their first three-game sweep of the Cubs in Philadelphia since 1964.
Schilling (12-4) and St. Louis' Kent Bottenfield for the National League led in wins. He gave up two runs and five hits, and also went 2-for-2 with an RBI.

Padres 11, Rockies 0
DENVER - Andy Ashby pitched a six-hitter and San Diego supported him with four home runs as the Padres beat the Colorado Rockies.
Phil Neri, Reggie Sanders, Damian Jackson and George Arias all hit two-run homers as Padres won for the 15th time in 17 games.
Ashby (8-0), who began the day with an 8-34 ERA in four previous starts at Coors Field, pitched the first shutout at the ballpark this season.

Marlies 5, Expos 1
MIAMI - Livars Hernandez stopped his four-game losing streak with relief help from Jesus Sanchez as the Florida Marlins beat the Montreal Expos.
Florida has won five of eight following a sea-

Angels 5, Athletics 2
OAKLAND, Calif. - Mo Vaughn had three hits and the go-ahead RBI, and Omar Olivares pitched a shutout for his first victory since May 30.
Olivares (7-6) struck out five and walked two in his second complete game of the season and 23rd of his career. During his winless streak, he had three losses and two no-decisions.
Olivares carried a no-hitter into the fifth, but Jason Giambi and John Jaha opened the inning with singles.
Two outs later, Eric Chavez singled home Giambi with the tying run.

Tigers 15, Twins 5
MINNEAPOLIS - Juan Martinez homered, tripled and drove in four runs as the Detroit Tigers snuffed a three-game losing streak.
Ammon Esley also had four RBIs, struck out eight and went 4-for-4 with four runs and four hits. Escherich scored four runs for the Tigers.
Justin Thompson (7-8) allowed four hits and five runs in 5.2-3 innings to end a personal two-game losing streak.

Rockie shortstop Cristian Guzman hit his first major league homer for Minnesota, and Jarver Valentin hit his third of the season.

Diamondbacks 17, Cardinals 5
ST. LOUIS - David DeLuca had a career-high five RBIs and Andy Cox drove in a career-best three runs as the Arizona Diamondbacks set a franchise record for runs.
DeLuca hit his first homer of the season in the first, a two-run single in the second, a two-run single in the third, an RBI single in the eighth. Fox had a two-run single in the fifth and a two-run homer in the seventh.
Mark McGwire hit his 26th homer, and third in three games, for the Cardinals. McGwire extended his hitting streak to 25 games with a solo home run in the third and a two-run shot by Randall Simon on the field.

Mets 7, Braves 6
NEW YORK - Edgardo Alfonzo hit a three-run homer in the seventh inning as the New York Mets salvaged the final game of their three-game series against Atlanta.
The Braves threw three straight shutouts against the Mets, including one last Sunday in Atlanta. They have lost three of their last three runs in the second and one in the second.
New York won despite Orel Hershiser allowing four homers for just the second time in 484 career appearances. He gave up consecutive solo homers to Boone and Chipper Jones in the first, another Boone homer in the third and a two-run shot by Randall Simon on the field.
Dennis Cook (7-1) got pinch-hitter Gerald Williams to pop out with the bases loaded in the seventh and pitched the eighth for the win. Armando Benitez, in his first appearance since closer John Franco went on the DL Saturday.

Montreal's Matt Keefe was carried off the field on a stretcher.

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Houston hurler heats up in Astros 5-3 win

CINCINNATI (AP) - Shane Reynolds with- stood swarming heat to become Houston's third double-digit win Sunday as the Astros rebounded with a 5-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds.
A day after a 10-0 loss that was their most lopsided in three years, the Astros moved back into a first-place tie in the NL Central, getting homers from Carl Everett and Derek Jeter.
Houston, accustomed to playing at 72 degrees in the AstroDome, had up to 100 degrees more than twice that high on the field. Players on the bench wrapped their heads with towels and kept cold water to keep from overheating.
Reynolds (10-5) allowed three runs in 5 1/3 innings to break his three-game losing streak in Cincinnati. He joined Jose Lima (11-4) and Mike Hampton (10-3) with double-digit wins in the rotation.

Brewers 4, Pirates 3
PITTSBURGH - Geoff Jenkins' home broke a ninth-inning tie as the Milwaukee Brewers rallied to beat the Pittsburgh Pirates. The hot star caught a Jason Kendall for the season with a broken ankle.
Kendall fractured and dislocated the ankle in a frightening fall at first base. The All-Star catcher went into shock after the accident, which left a piece of bone sticking several inches out of his skin.
Kendall was injured when he tried to beat his way on an infield fly. As third baseman Jeff Cirillo's three base hit came in, Kendall was off his right foot awkwardly struck the right side of the bag. He took five or six strides before grabbing his right leg in pain and collapsing to the ground.

Pak wins six-player playoff at LPGA Jamie Farr

SYLVANIA, Ohio (AP) - A year after running away with the Jamie Farr Kruger Classic, Se Ri Pak rolled in a 10-foot birdie putt on the first hole to win the most crowded playoff in LPGA history.
Pak, a winner by nine shots a year ago, was the last of six players to putt on the first playoff hole. From below the hole, she rolled the ball into the hole to win the \$125,000 first-place check and her second victory of the season.
Pak was joined by Karrie Webb, Mariel Limon, Sherri Steinhilber and Kelli Koehne in the playoff. They were Koehne No. 18, a 532-yard, par-5, in a sudden-death. Sherri Koehne and Karrie Webb were the first to hit their birdie putt before Pak hit hers. Pak's birdie putt was the last of a large gallery, which surrounded the green and lined the fairway at the end of a large ball overlooking the hole.
There have been three previous five-player playoffs, the last in 1987.



Se Ri Pak celebrates after making birdie on the first playoff hole at the Jamie Farr Kruger Classic on Sunday in Sylvania, Ohio. The six-player playoff was the largest in LPGA history.

El Niño shores to win at Irish Open
DUBLIN, Ireland - Spanish trust Sergio Garcia was his first professional title, closing

with a 7-under-par 64 for a three-stroke victory in the Irish Open, a former big league pitcher who finished the 54-hole tournament at the Edgewood Tahoe course at 4-under 22.
All of Rowley's winners have come in odd years - '99, '97, '95, '93 and '91 - and he earned more money than any other performer at the Lake Tahoe tournament, \$216,636.
Rowley, 67, won the event last year and this was his 69th win in 117 starts. He was the 1997 quarterback John Elway, who was second after Friday's first round but faded to finish 10th at 12-over 228.

Rhoden runs away with Celebrity title
STATELINE, Nev. - The winds calmed and left it to Rick Rhoden, a former big league pitcher who finished the 54-hole tournament at the Edgewood Tahoe course at 4-under 22.
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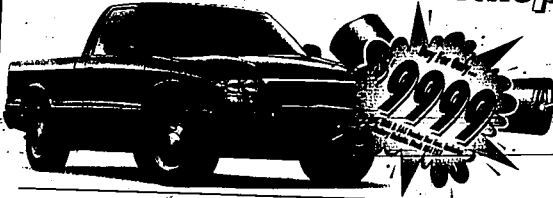
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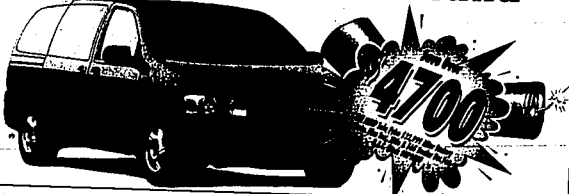
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Complaints? See Vinny on visiting days

Ever since I declared my candidacy for president of the United States, concerned citizens have been asking me: "Dave, why don't you also run for U.S. Senator from New York?"

This is tempting. I live in Florida, but apparently New York has very lax residency requirements, such that anybody who has ever changed planes at LaGuardia Airport can run for senator. Bill Clinton, of course, is "first lady Hillary" "Rod" M. Clinton, who recently developed an intense lifelong commitment to New York, which she demonstrated by putting on a press conference and declaring that she has been "a huge Yankee fan ever since they won the 1957 Super Bowl."

That is a strong credential, but I have a stronger one: I was actually born and raised in Armonk, N.Y., and after college I worked in New York City for two years, during which I commuted on subway cars containing an estimated 17 million other New Yorkers packed together so tightly that you would sometimes discover, when you got home, that you were wearing somebody else's underwear. So I know what New York needs: it

needs for everybody to wear deodorant. If I were elected, I would immediately introduce a law requiring specially trained Arapit Police to patrol the subways armed with high-pressure fire extinguishers full of Right Guard. Also, I would increase the death penalty for Donald Trump. Mrs. Clinton has not even MENTIONED these issues.

So if New York wants to elect me as senator, fine, but I am not giving up my presidential campaign, which is far more important to me. Not only do I have an official Web site - www.bernarddavebarry.com - featuring an actual unretouched photograph of me apparently looking directly at Monica Lewinsky's butt, but I also now have an official press secretary. His name is Vincent "Vinnie" DeLuca, and if you summarize, in one sentence, the reason I selected him, that sentence would be: "He's in jail."

I am not making this up. Back in January, when I first talked about running for president, Vinnie sent me a letter from Malawa Prison in Aiea, Hawaii, offering to be my vice president. I had to turn him down for that position, because the vice president's job is to attend funerals for foreign heads of state, and Vinnie would be limited to funerals held inside Malawa Prison. But Vinnie makes a perfect press secretary, because he's not allowed to talk directly to anybody but his lawyer. So when the press wants to ask me some pesky trick question such as "what my opinion is," I can just say: "You'll have to ask my press secretary about that." Then they'll have to figure out how to reach Vinnie. Their best bet would be tunneling.

Meanwhile, the presidential race has been heating up. On the Democratic side, front-runner Al Gore is making his effort to "loosen up" his stiff image, recently and both of his feet tattooed to look like wings. On the Republican side, the clear front-runner is George W. Bush, who has capitalized on the huge name-recognition advantage he enjoys as the son of a respected and admired former president, Gerald Ford. But Bush could be hurt by the persistent tales of his wild youth; one rumor, which I will not dignify by repeating, is that there is a photograph floating around somewhere showing George W. dancing naked on a bar. In fact, the Democrats were planning to use this against George, but then they found out that the person he's dancing with is Tipper Gore. But so what? This is 1999! Who CARES what these two consenting adults did, in private, back in 1997? It's ancient history!

The American public wants to stop wallowing in the gutter and talk about the ISSUES, damn it! I would say, based on reading my mail, that the No. 1 issue among voters right now is these annoying stickers that Evil Crazy Marking Nazis have stuck on to every single piece of fruit in the world. Why are they putting them on there, and why are they peeling them off and we eat them and develop intestinal stickers? What's next? Are we going to start seeing stickers on individual grapes? On potato chips? A tiny sticker on each grain of rice?

You can rest assured that if I were the president, I would make it my business to find out who is perpetrating the outrage against the American people, the outrage that front them and demand that they give me a huge campaign contribution in exchange for not taking action.

That is the kind of "hands-on" president (or, if you live in New York State, senator) I want to be for you. To the kind of president or senator who is not content to let the special-interest groups exactly who they care to do with their large unmarked bills, if you'd like complete details on where I stand on this or any other issue, please contact my press secretary. Maybe he'll fax him a hickaw.

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HUMOR
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A PRESCRIPTION FOR MEDICARE

Local seniors say extending drug coverage could make all the difference

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - For Randy King, the difference between independence and decline is a few dollars a month. "I want to live at home," said King, 84. "When senior citizens go into nursing homes, they don't last long."

President Clinton's proposal last week to extend Medicare to cover the prescription drugs that older Americans get outside of hospitals and doctors' offices may help a little. "I pay \$137 a month for my (Medigap) insurance (premium), but I have to pay for some of my drugs and diabetes supplies on top of that," King said. "A little extra help would be a good thing."

The little extra help would amount to half of the first \$2,000 of drug costs each year to Medicare recipients, starting in 2002. Anything above \$2,000 would still come out of the pocket of the beneficiary.

The premium for that drug coverage is about \$50 monthly, which generally makes to get Medicare coverage for their doctor's visits, would rise gradually to \$44 a month by 2008. In 1999 dollars, the maximum premium charge would be equivalent to \$34 a month.

The annual cap on the drug benefit would rise in tandem with the premium to a maximum of \$5,000 in 2008. "Enough to make a difference? Potentially, yes, according to Cathy Hart, the ombudsman for the Idaho Commission on Aging.

"I deal with seniors all the time who have to make choices about taking prescription drugs and meeting other essential needs," said Hart, who said she hasn't seen enough of the Clinton plan to comment on the specifics.

Drug coverage accounts for about \$90 a month of premiums charged for most Medigap policies, which generally cover 50 percent of prescription costs after a \$250 deductible is reached. Annual caps on Medigap drug coverage vary up to a maximum of \$3,000.

Not every senior citizen can afford a Medigap policy like the one King carries, said Lupa Wisnel, director of the Commission on Aging. That's the case with Ilene Lappay, of Twin Falls who must pay everything that Medicare doesn't cover out of her \$570 monthly Social Security check.

"If I pay \$67 for a two-month supply of one drug, I take and \$77 for another," said Lappay, who figures her monthly out-of-pocket drug costs are \$50-\$60 a month. "To me, that's a lot of money."

The alternative is a nursing home or going on Medicaid - or both. But accepting Medicaid is tantamount to going on welfare for many proud Idahoans, Wisnel said, and they simply won't do it.

"Some people will go without food rather than take Medicaid," she said. Prescription drugs were not included in Medicare when it was passed by Congress and signed by President Johnson in 1965, in part because they were just a fraction of total health care costs at the time. While there's widespread bi-partisan support for including some form of prescription drug benefit in Medicare, many congressional Republicans are wary of the costs.

And there's disagreement about whether the prescription drug benefit should be means-tested, as the Clinton administration proposes - meaning that it wouldn't apply to affluent retirees.

What's more, the nation's drugmakers fear that Medicare administrators - or Congress - might refuse to cover more expensive prescription drugs, just as some managed-care providers do now, and the American Association of Retired Persons argues that many seniors will not be able to afford the additional Medicare prescription drug premiums.

Yet any extra help from Medicare



Randy King, 84, of Twin Falls gets ready for an insulin shot for his diabetes from Terri Turner, LPN, who visits Mr. King at his home twice a day to administer medicine and other health care needs. Pres. Bill Clinton's new Medicare benefit package may reduce the monthly cost of pharmaceutical drugs for elderly people.

'I paid into Social Security for a long time. It would be nice if I could get some help now that I need it.'

- Randy King, expressing his concerns about Medicare coverage

Highlights of Clinton Medicare plan

The Associated Press

President Clinton's proposed Medicare changes include:

- A new prescription drug benefit, available as an option starting in 2002. Medicare does not currently cover drugs not administered in hospitals or doctors' offices.
- Coverage would start with the first dollar of prescription costs, with no half the first \$2,000 of drug costs in a year. Costs above \$2,000 would have to be paid by the beneficiary. The monthly premium would rise gradually, reaching \$44 in 2008, and the \$2,000 cap would rise to \$5,000. Estimated cost: \$118 billion over the next 10 years.
- Elimination of all co-payments for preventative medical care - including mammograms, prostate cancer screenings and diabetes management. Estimated cost: \$3 billion over 10 years.
- A new \$0 per cent copayment for lab deductible for doctor's office visits and tests for all beneficiaries currently with no out-of-pocket fees, and inflation indexing of the \$100 annual Medicare deductible for doctor's office visits and other outpatient treatments. The inflation indexing would likely result in deductible increases of \$2 to \$3 a year.

might keep more seniors out of extended-care facilities, King said. "I paid into Social Security for a long time," he said. "It would be nice if I could get some help now that I need it."

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Estimated savings: \$11 billion over 10 years.

• Beneficiaries who opt to join private managed care health plans that participate in Medicare would share in any savings if the plans were more efficient than average - or extra expense if there were less efficient. Monthly Medicare premiums would be lower for those who chose plans that were less expensive. Those who chose more expensive plans would pay the difference. Estimated savings: \$8 billion over 10 years.

• Most curbs on payments to health care providers that were set in motion by Congress in 1997 as part of a plan to balance the federal budget would be extended for another decade in order to achieve an additional \$39 billion in savings. However, a \$7.5 billion fund would be established so that adjustments would be made if it was determined that some cuts were hurting patient care.

• Medicare administrators would get new authority to replace some government price formulas now used in purchasing goods and services, such as medical equipment, with competitive contracting. Estimated savings: \$25 billion over 10 years.

• \$794 billion in expected government surplus would be dedicated to Medicare over the next 15 years.

It's time to explore the alchemy of retinol for wrinkles

DEAR PAULA: I have been hearing a lot about retinol, a cosmetic ingredient that is supposed to work just like the active ingredient in Retin-A and Renova. Anything true to that, and if yes, which products do you recommend?



COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

DEAR FIGHTING: Alpha Hydrox Retinol Night ResQ Anti-Wrinkle Firming Complex (\$11.99 for 1.05 ounces). If you are interested in finding out if all the talk about retinol is true (I'm referring to the notion that vitamin A can work just as well as the active ingredient in Retin-A or Renova), for content and price this is one of the better options you will find!

DEAR PAULA: I noted your comments about

Revlon's New Complexion Even Out Make Up Oil-Free SPF 20 (\$10.69) and wondered if you didn't test it on your face. I agree that most of the color is fair or poor. But it is an excellent shade. It goes on very sheer, doesn't feel greasy, and the SPF is just

the kind you recommend. I love it and think it is a find for those of us who don't want to look like we're wearing foundation and don't want to layer extra products underneath for sun protection.

DEAR LORI: I did make those exact same comments: great product, but overall poor colors. Still, it is great protection and Buff is a great shade, but it definitely won't work for everyone.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter If You're Smart" (Bantam Books, \$19.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 300, Tukwila, Wash. 98168 or check out her Web site www.cosmetics.com.

HEALTH NOTES

Pollen watch
People who need a pollen forecast - as if your nose and eyes couldn't tell you - can visit <http://www.allerga.com>. Allerga is the latest allergy provides a lot of information about allergies in general. But the pollen forecast is the draw for people who can't leave the house without knowing what to expect. It provides pollen counts in 100 cities in the United States.

A mixed blessing
Extra testosterone protects men against high blood pressure, heart attacks, frequent colds and obesity.

In addition, men with higher testosterone levels are more likely to rate their health as excellent or good, says Dr. Alan Booth, professor of sociology

and human development at Pennsylvania State University. But higher levels of testosterone also put men at greater risk for smoking, drinking excessively and engaging in dangerous activities that lead to injuries. Booth found in a study assessing testosterone levels were 45 percent less likely to have high blood pressure, 72 percent less likely to have experienced a heart attack, 8 percent less likely to have three or more colds a year, and 45 percent less likely to rate their own health as only fair or poor. On the negative side, men with more testosterone were 25 percent more likely to report one or more serious injuries, 32 percent more likely to imbibe five or more.

Another alternative
SAM-e isn't the only new natural product for

depression. Another substance, called 5-HTP, is gaining prominence in the marketplace. The substance 5-HTP, short for 5-hydroxytryptophan, is similar to SAM-e in that it's produced from an amino acid - in this case, tryptophan, which is known to affect such basic functions as sleep, appetite and mood. Also like SAM-e, 5-HTP is better known in Europe. But it is attracting the attention of U.S. researchers, including several who are calling for more studies of the substance, which is now available in the United States. Besides easing depression, some researchers believe that 5-HTP may also decrease headache and premenstrual pain and accelerate weight loss. Some researchers suggest that a lack of the brain chemical serotonin is behind some sleeping disorders, migraine headaches and overeating, as well as depression. They've even coined a new term for it: serotonin deficiency syndrome.

Compiled from two reports.

HEALTH & FASHION

Diet for everybody — To Do For You — has finally arrived

Los Angeles Times

Americans searching for the Holy Grail of healthy eating no longer need to look any further.

Five of the nation's leading health organizations have joined to endorse a diet plan that, they say, represents the best and latest scientific advice for helping to prevent most major diseases.

Health officials hope to convince Americans that fad diets, specialized diets are a waste of time and that a single, simple food plan is the best strategy for staying healthy.

Moreover, they say, this diet can help resolve the confusion over how to eat if you're interested in trying to prevent specific diseases.

"The good news is that we don't need one diet to prevent heart disease, another to decrease cancer risk and yet another to prevent obesity and diabetes," says Dr. Richard J. Deckelbaum, a professor of pediatrics and nutrition at Columbia University in New York City who helped prepare the guidelines.

"A single healthy diet cuts across disease categories to lower the risk of many chronic conditions."

The organizations endorsing the guidelines are the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society, American Dietetic Association, American Academy of Pediatrics and the National Institutes of Health.

"Our idea was to first just meet to see if there were major differences. But (the groups' dietary recommendations) were all essentially in consensus with one another," Deckelbaum says.

With the new "Unified Dietary Guidelines" — to be published in July — the experts hope Americans will see that healthy living is not all that complicated.

"We feel if we give the public similar messages they may have more incentive," says Dr. Edward A. Fisher, director of lipoprotein research at New York's Mount Sinai School of Medicine's Cardiovascular Institute.

"This also gives health providers motivation to keep hitting people over the head with this diet."

"A single healthy diet cuts across disease categories to lower the risk of many chronic conditions."

— Dr. Richard J. Deckelbaum, Columbia University nutrition and pediatrics professor

institutions such as hospitals, nursing homes, schools and even restaurants a noncontroversial way to provide healthy food, says Dr. Shelley Shapiro, a cardiologist with the University of Southern California Health Science Center and an American Heart Association spokesperson.

"The revolutionary part of this is that different groups choose to come together and try to reach a consensus," Shapiro says.

"Before it was very confusing with the American Diabetes Association having one set of advice and the American Cancer Society another."

"Hospitals would offer different diets. For example, the diabetic diet would have more fat in it. But if you have a patient who is diabetic and also has heart disease, the cardiologist (taking care of the patient) would have a tizzy if the patient was on the diabetic diet."

Officials also hope the unified guidelines will convince the vast majority of Americans who don't heed special diets to dispense with fad diets, Shapiro says.

"When we come out with a recommendation it's only because we have the evidence to support it," Fisher says. "The problem with diet books is that the scientific evidence is lacking to support most of the programs."

The unified guidelines, however, are hardly scary. Summarized in four major points, they are:

- Consume a variety of foods.
- Decrease fat intake.
- Increase consumption of fruit, vegetables and whole grains.
- Consume only enough calories to maintain a proper weight.

TWIN FALLS — Ongoing bone marrow donor 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. Donors must be between the ages of 18 to 60 and in good health. For more information, call 737-2441.

TWIN FALLS — A free breast screening education program is being offered by the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Outpatient Services, 526 Shoup Ave. W., Suite J. For more information or to make an appointment, call 736-1675.

TWIN FALLS — Child safety seat installation and instruction are available by calling the Magic Valley Safe Kids office at 737-2900.

TWIN FALLS — A childbirth preparation course will be offered for mothers who plan on having a vaginal birth after a previous cesarean delivery. Individuals will have an opportunity to meet with a childbirth educator. To make an appointment, call 737-2901.

TWIN FALLS — A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 7 to 10 p.m. Tuesday in the Education Center at MVRMC. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2900.

TWIN FALLS — An infant CPR class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Education Center at MVRMC. Pre-registration is not required.

TWIN FALLS — The Co-Dependency Group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Canyon View West Group Room. Pre-registration is required. Fee is \$10. For more information, call 734-6760.

JEROME — Childbirth and parenting classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays,

beginning this Wednesday through Aug. 1, in the conference room at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.

The second class in the series will qualify as a refresher course for mothers who previously have taken the classes. Cost is \$30 for the five classes (\$6 per class). Bring payment to the first class. To register, call St. Benedict's at 324-4301.

TWIN FALLS — A CPR class will be offered from 4 to 7 p.m. Thursday in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC. Fee is \$11. To register, call 737-2007.

TWIN FALLS — The Cancer Support Group will meet from 7 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday at the Cancer Center reception area. For more information, call 737-2800.

TWIN FALLS — A free informational talk on "Reiki," a Japanese hands-on healing art, will be held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at Renay Viickers Hypnosis Clinic, 1616 Addison Ave. E.

A Reiki class is planned for July 16-19. For more information, call Luanne Epeldi at 539-4263.

TWIN FALLS — The Big Kids Klub will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Education Center at MVRMC.

The program is designed to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. To register, call 737-2900.

TWIN FALLS — A cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. July 13 in the Education Center at MVRMC. Pre-registration is not required.

To do for you is a calendar listing of health-related activities, events and education. Information should be submitted by Thursday for publication in the following Monday's Health & Fashion-Mail notices in The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

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- **THE PROCEDURE:** Every woman wants a flat, even, firm tummy, but few succeed. Pregnancies, weight gain and weight loss take a tremendous toll on a woman's body, especially in the stomach area. Repeatedly stretched and scarred, most women's bellies are loose, oversized and out of shape. Often, the situation cannot be improved much, even with a strenuous exercise program. There is a solution.
- An abdominoplasty (also known as a tummy tuck) can help. Excess skin and tightening the underlying musculature gives the stomach a flatter, firmer, tighter appearance as well as a thinner waist.
- The information given here is general. Because each patient is different, questions that you may have regarding your body may not be fully explained here. A consultation visit with your doctor is highly recommended to give you the best information about your specific case.
- **HOW LONG DOES THE SURGERY TAKE?** Surgery takes about 2-5 hours depending on the extent of the repair.
- **DOES IT HURT?** Some soreness and discomfort are expected but can be controlled with medication. Bed rest for 2-3 days is recommended. While in bed, legs should be bent at the hips in order to reduce the strain on the abdominal area.
- **HOW LONG BEFORE RESUMING NORMAL ACTIVITIES?** After 2-3 days, walking and resuming daily activities may be expected with avoidance of overactivity and strain such as lifting. Activity should be limited for 4-6 weeks. Normal activity may be resumed with the surgeon's permission.
- **RISKS/COMPLICATIONS?** There are the standard risks associated with anesthesia (allergy to the medicine, increased risk if you are not healthy, etc.), which you will need to discuss with your doctor. Scars are expected but become lighter and flatter with time. The risk of infection is ever-present, any time the skin barrier is broken, but with the care that is taken by the surgeon, the staff and you, the risk should be minimal.
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Experts work to find lung cancer tumors early

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — For most people, hearing the words "you have lung cancer" is a death sentence. Right now, only about 14 percent of those diagnosed with the disease survive for five years. The best chance to define the success of any cancer treatment. Six of 10 patients don't live even 12 months.

That's because the vast majority — about 85 percent — of these cancers are not found early enough for removal, which gives the best shot at a cure. By the time tumors are detected on conventional X-rays, the disease is too advanced. And by the time more delicate techniques such as computed or blood-sugar appear, the disease has usually spread beyond further.

According to predictions from the World Health Organization, by the year 2010, tobacco will become the leading cause of all deaths, killing more than 10 million people annually. 2 million of them in China alone. It will cause approximately 50 percent of all cardiovascular accidents, stroke and homicide combined. Almost one-third of all cancer deaths are expected to be from lung cancer.

That's the grim news. Here's the good: Changes in early-detection technologies and policies to help implement them may soon dramatically improve this dismal news.

One technology is the spiral computed tomography, or CT scan, with its enhanced imaging techniques can find tiny tumors before it's too late to excise them. In fact, the CT-scanned patients and low-dose chest screening

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RESEARCH
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TREATMENT
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subsidized the "X-rays of the 90s" — low-dose chest X-rays as lung cancer is currently attributable to tobacco use, it's not just current smokers who are at risk for the disease. Most newly diagnosed

lung cancer patients right now are former smokers, who remain at significantly elevated risk for the cancer for 15 years after quitting. Even then, the danger doesn't completely disappear. For the rest of their lives, ex-smokers will have twice the risk of those who never smoked.

Says Peggy McCarthy, executive director of the Washington-based Alliance for Lung Cancer Advocacy, CT Support and Education, or ALCAE, "Even if all smoking ceased today, death rates for lung cancer would not decrease for decades."

Eight years ago, Dr. Claudia Henschke — professor of radiology and division chief of chest imaging at New York Weill Cornell Center of New York Presbyterian Hospital — and her colleagues began researching the use of CT scans to screen asymptomatic smokers and former smokers for lung cancer.

"Just as mammography screening saves the lives of breast cancer patients, CT scanning can save lung cancer patients by detecting their cancers years before they'd typically be diagnosed," says Henschke.

"Early diagnosis and treatment can push the five-year survival rate for lung cancer to 80 percent or more."

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Red meat reprieve: Go for the lean cuts

Los Angeles Times

In a new study that rebuts the conventional wisdom that red meat is less healthy than eating chicken or fish, researchers have found that the key to a healthy diet lies in the fatness of the meat, not whether it's beef or pork.

Researchers from Johns Hopkins University, the Chicago Center for Disease Control and the University of Minnesota found that a diet based on lean red meat is as healthy for the heart as one based on lean

white meat. "There has been this trend where people are eating chicken or fish, and avoiding red meat or pork, and avoiding red meat or pork," said Dr. Peter Kotzian, director of the lipid clinic at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore and a co-author of the study.

The results were published June 28 in Archives of Internal Medicine, a journal of the American Medical Association. The research, which builds on findings of some earlier studies, was funded by the National Cattlemen's Beef Association.

While those previous studies suggested that lean red meat was as good as white meat for maintaining good cholesterol levels, researchers said the Johns Hopkins study was conducted under more realistic circum-

stances — dubbed the "X-rays of the 90s" — low-dose chest X-rays as lung cancer is currently attributable to tobacco use, it's not just current smokers who are at risk for the disease. Most newly diagnosed

In prior studies, investigators prepared special meals that were fed to study participants. In contrast, this is the first study in which participants prepared their meals at home, following specific dietary instructions.

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- On-going Bone Marrow Donor Registration * Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center, 656 Addison Avenue West. The process takes about 30 minutes and is free. Registration includes filling out a consent form and having a small amount of blood drawn. Donors must be between 18 and 60 years of age and in good health. This opportunity is made possible by MVRMC, the MVRMC Foundation, Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center, Avonmore West, United Daymen of Idaho, and the Magic Valley/Warrior Dream Support Group Volunteers. For more information call 737-2441.
- The Facts About Breast Cancer: Free Breast Screening Education Program. Learn the facts about early detection, self breast examination, examinations by clinical specialists, and mammography. This program is offered free to the public through MVRMC Outpatient Services, 526 Shopup Ave. West, Suite 1. For more information or to make an appointment call 736-1675.
- Child safety seat installation and instruction is available by calling the Magic Valley SAFE KIDS office at 737-2430.
- VBA Preparation Course * Mothers who plan on having a vaginal birth after a previous cesarean delivery have the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a childbirth educator. Safety is discussed, plus tools and information on coping with labor and presentation. Mother and her support person can set an appointment by calling 737-2901.
- Childbirth Refresher Course * Tuesday, July 6, 7 - 10 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
- Infant CPR Class * Wednesday, July 7, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration (fee) not required.
- Co-Dependency Group * Wednesday, July 7, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Canyon View West Group Room. Fee: \$10. For more information call 734-6760.
- CPR Class * Thursday, July 8, 4 - 7 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. Fee: \$11. To register call 737-2007.
- Cancer Support Group * Thursday, July 8, 7 - 8:30 p.m., Cancer Center Reception Area. For more information call 737-2800.
- Big Kids Klub * Saturday, July 10, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Education Center. Designed to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. To register call 737-2900.
- Monthly MVRMC Board Meeting * Monday, July 12, 6 p.m., Sage Room of the Education Center.
- Cesarean Childbirth Class * Tuesday, July 13, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.

For additional MVRMC educational offerings call 737-2902. If you require special accommodations call 737-2102 or TDD 737-2980 at least 24 hours in advance of the event.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Handwashing how-tos and whys have changed

The Washington Post

Twenty people had wet their hands, palms down, in their spread, awaiting inspection. Their hands are sopped, massed and dried.

Yet many of them didn't even know that their hands were being inspected. They were standing in line, waiting for their turn to be inspected. They were standing in line, waiting for their turn to be inspected.

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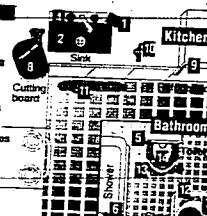
Germs in the kitchen

Experts say up to 80% of the 30 to 50 million cases of food poisoning each year in the United States are caused by germs in the kitchen. Where germs hide and how to fight them.

WHERE GERMS ARE

Household sites ranked from most to least contaminated:

1. Extreme contamination
 1. Sinks
 2. Kitchen sink
 3. Bathroom sink
 4. Kitchen faucet handles
 5. Toilet flush handle
 6. Shower drain
 7. Bathroom faucet handles
 8. Cutting board
2. High contamination
 9. Refrigerator handle
 10. Kitchen counter
 11. Kitchen floor by sink
 12. Bathroom counters
 13. Bathroom floor by toilet
 14. Toilet



KITCHEN DON'TS

- Don't just use soap and water; it won't kill germs.
- Don't drop an unsanitary dishcloth over the faucet or on the refrigerator handle or use it to wipe counters; that spreads germs.
- Don't let dishes soak in water; that breeds bacteria "you" that breeds bacteria.

REMEMBER

- Clean your sink and countertops daily with a mixture of water and bleach.
- Use different cutting boards for meat and produce.
- Clean sponge after each use.
- Change sponges often and allow them to dry between uses.
- Clean refrigerator handle.

SOURCE: University of Arizona, PHA

Competitors had pushed their hands with Glo-Germ, a liquid used in hygiene training to mimic dangerous bacteria that are commonly transmitted by the hands and cause food-borne illnesses.

Then they scribbled, using the latest technology, including paper soaps and automatic sinks. But when the washing missed its mark, the Glo-Germ glowed green under ultraviolet light.

"Oh, yeah!" Michaels says, directing attention to luminous traces inside the thumbs of one appalled participant. "We've got some here."

Nearby, a chastened Storm Karlin studies her fingers. "I don't think I was. I missed the cuticles," says the director of quality assurance at Reimann Food Service, a meat processing plant in LaCrosse, Wis. An "acid hand-washer." Nameless Thompson of the National Food Processing Association escapes at the luminance under her nails.

"I thought it was enough to use soap and water," she laments.

As public concern about bacterial contamination grows with each new major outbreak of food-borne illness, public health officials reiterate that proper handwashing is the most important route for transmitting disease-causing bacteria—in restaurants, food-industry plants and homes. But because educating about the whys and hows of handwashing hasn't proven to be an adequate safeguard, science and new technology are now reinventing how you wash your hands.

"If you do it from beginning to end effectively, it can result in a 98-99.9 percent reduction in the germs you picked up," Michaels

New look of handwashing

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Perhaps not. Each week in the United States, 1.5 million people get food poisoning; annually food-borne illness causes about 10,000 deaths. Poor hand hygiene is a usual suspect.

One of the preeminent researchers in hand hygiene, Michaels has spent the past seven years deconstructing the act of washing one's hands. He has identified areas of the hand that typically don't get washed such as fingertips, wrists and thumbs.

He has charted approximately 150 critical junctures where the handwashing process can go right or wrong in bartering disease-causing germs.

Since then you possibly want an leave about washing your hands?

Cleaning out the medicine cabinet should be a regular ritual, expert says

Knight Ridder News Service

ST. PAUL, Minn. — Every few months, Dorothy Rovinsky of St. Paul cleans out her medicine cabinet and kitchen cabinets — her storage spots for toiletries and prescription medications. Occasionally, she gets a surprise, like last month, when she found an unopened bottle of hydrogen peroxide. It expired in 1994.

"That was shoved in the back," she says. "I had known that that bottle was there for years and had never paid attention to it. I finally dumped it."

Giving the medicine cabinet periodic check-ups should be as much a rite of spring as storing winter clothes in mothballs and recommend that people check their medicine cabinets at least once, if not twice a year. If they don't, they may unknowingly take expired medicines, with potentially harmful consequences.

Loss out any medications that have expired, changed color or formed residue at the bottom of the bottle. Dump any aspirin that crumbles or gives off a vinegary odor, as well as discolored ointments, leftover eye wash or eye drops. Replace nitroglycerin

every six months. Put prescription medicines for different conditions on different shelves.

People should have unused prescription medications, unless they are currently taking them.

Resist the temptation to share leftover antibiotics with family and friends, no matter how similar their symptoms. They could have allergic reactions or other drug interactions.

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SYMPTOMS

The most common symptoms of ulcerative colitis are abdominal pain and bloody diarrhea. Patients also may suffer fatigue, weight loss, loss of appetite, rectal bleeding, and loss of body fluids and nutrients. Severe bleeding can lead to anemia. Sometimes patients also have skin lesions, joint pain, and inflammation of the eyes.

CAUSES

The cause of ulcerative colitis is not known, and currently there is no cure. For severe ulcerative colitis cases that cannot be controlled by medication, surgery may be an option.

TREATMENT

Along with proper diet and regular exercise, patients with mild to moderate symptoms are often treated with sulfasalazine (a combination of sulfa and aspirin-like compound). Severe symptoms may require periodic treatment with a combination of immunosuppressant drugs and antibiotics.

SUMMARY

Most people with ulcerative colitis lead normal, active lives with few restrictions. Although there is no cure (except by surgery), the disorder can be managed with present medical treatments that are available.

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