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East Timor peace operation will include U.S. troops

Some ground presence will be required

The Associated Press

SINGAPORE - President Clinton welcomed Indonesia's reluctant acceptance of an international peacekeeping force in East Timor and said Thursday that the mission will require "some presence on the ground" of U.S. forces in the terror-torn territory.

Clinton told reporters that the United States would supply planes and pilots to transport troops from other nations and help with logistics, communications and intelligence. He also said U.S. officials might play a role in the "command and control" of the operation. "All of that would require some presence on the ground in East Timor," the president said. "But no one has asked us for any combat troops."
Clinton was awakened about 1 a.m. Monday with news that a once-defiant Indonesian President B.J.

Habibie had caved to pressure and sanctions from the United States and its allies to invite peacekeepers into East Timor. Later, the president attended the final meetings of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum, arriving in a 23-car motorcade, in contrast to the four to six cars used by other delegations. On a stormy morning, Clinton was dressed all in black - wearing the official summit black jacket, as well as a long-sleeved black knit shirt, black slacks and black cowboy boots. Clinton had accused

Indonesia's military of aiding and abetting savage violence in East Timor after it voted overwhelmingly for independence, and he had been rallying support for the peacekeeping mission among leaders at the annual APEC meeting. After Indonesia bowed to pressure, Clinton praised Habibie. "The most important thing is for President Habibie to make good on his statement, get the details worked out, get the force in as a hurry," Clinton said. Please see TROOPS, Page A2



Indonesian Defense Chief General Wiranto, left, speaks with General Suhayro Hadi Sisworo, the Indonesian Army's top general, shortly before President B.J. Habibie announced on Sunday that he had agreed to allow a U.N. peacekeeping force to enter East Timor.

DYING IN JAIL



Rudy and Carolyn Homolka of Kimberly talk about their son, David, who died in the Twin Falls County jail earlier this year after complaining of medical problems.

Parents believe inadequate health care killed son

By Brian Higgins
Times-News writer

KIMBERLY - David Homolka's mother told him he would get in trouble if he didn't get away from drugs, and in this case mother knew best. Homolka took several trips to the Twin Falls County jail in recent years, serving the penitentiary like his mother, Carolyn Homolka, expected him on. "I didn't expect him to pay for his life," she said. Thirty-eight-year-old David Lee Homolka died April 6 in the custody of the Twin Falls County jail. His parents believe he died because he didn't get proper medical treatment at the jail, and they want to prove it in court - even if they never get a dime. "We never see a price," said his father Rudy Homolka. "We just want justice to be done."
The Homolkas were a jury to find the county liable for their son's death, and they filed a tort claim against the county earlier

this year to start the process. If the county doesn't respond within 90 days, the Homolkas can file a lawsuit. The county has yet to respond, and the 90-day period expires later this month, Rudy Homolka said.

If the case goes to court, the Homolkas want to show how their son's health declined in the last month of his life and how jail staff failed to help him, he said. Carolyn Homolka said she saw the decline firsthand during her twice-weekly visits to the jail. During his last month David Homolka dropped more than 80 pounds and lost his ability to walk because of pain in his legs, she said. Those symptoms should have shown jail officials that something was deeply wrong, she said. Twin Falls County Sheriff

Wayne Tousey said he could not comment because the case is pending, but he said all inmates get the medical attention they need. The county employs a full-time nurse, who spends a lot of time at the jail treating inmates. The nurse handles what he can, but if more expertise is needed, an on-call doctor is available, Tousey said. And if a problem beyond the doctor's expertise arises, specialized doctors are available, he said. "I would say the jail's medical care is A-No. 1," he said. The Homolkas don't think so. "If he got the proper medical attention, he would still be alive," Carolyn Homolka said. The Homolkas live with the guilt of not being able to do anything while they watched their

son head toward death, Rudy Homolka said. "We're depressed all the time because we don't know what we could have done to save his life," he said. "We have to live with the stress and the sorrow all the rest of our lives now." The Homolkas hope a successful court case will ease that sorrow, but they need to find a new lawyer first. The lawyer who helped them file the tort claim recently pulled out of the case because he didn't think a fair trial was possible, Carolyn Homolka said. Calls to other lawyers brought similar replies, she said. "We need an attorney who has the guts to do something about it," Rudy Homolka said. "Even if David was guilty, there was no reason he should be dying in jail... Somebody has to pay for what happened."
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'McBeal,' Practice nab honors

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES - The Emmy jurors have spoken: "The Practice" and "Ally McBeal," creator David E. Kelley's shows about the courtroom and bedroom antics of attorneys, are television's best series.

"I think you can see from the looks on our faces we're a little surprised, but we'll take it," said Kelley, who produces both shows. The awards came quickly one after the other in the best comedy and drama categories. It was the second consecutive win for ABC's "The Practice." The show's Holland Taylor and Michael Badalucco also swept the supporting actress and actor awards for a dramatic series.

The victory for Fox's "Ally McBeal" was unprecedented: It is an hourlong show competing in a category typically given over to half-hour sitcoms. It also broke the five-year winning streak of NBC's "Frasier" in this category.

Helen Hunt won her fourth straight best comedy actress Emmy for the semiannual finale of "Mad About You" and John Lithgow was honored as top comedy actor for "3rd Rock From the Sun."

Another Emmy veteran, Dennis Franz of "NYPD Blue," won his fourth trophy for best actor in a drama. He said he thought his co-star, Jimmy Smits, would win the award for the episode where Smits' character died. Edie Falco, the long-suffering Mafia wife on HBO's "The Sopranos," won the award for best actress in a drama series in the show's first season. "This is about the most surreal experience I could have imagined," said Miss Falco, who plays a soccer mom married to the mob. "The Sopranos" entered the night with the most nominations (16) but collected only one other Emmy, best drama series writing.

Miss Hunt's award tied a record for consecutive wins by a performer set in 1988 by John Larroquette for "Night Court."



Helen Hunt

High-quality teaching hospital isn't immune to mistakes

The Philadelphia Inquirer
The Medical College of Pennsylvania Hospital is a typical teaching hospital. It is known for cutting-edge research programs, for training medical students and newly graduated doctors, and for providing advanced medical care. It is also representative of modern American hospitals in another respect: In the last decade alone, records show, hundreds of MCP Hospital patients have been seriously injured, and at least 66 have died of medical mistakes.

The hospital's internal records show 528 incidents reported by medical professionals in the hospital administration in the last decade. In some of those cases, patients or survivors were never told that the injuries were caused by medical errors. Some of the

MCP Hospital's records came to light only because of bankruptcy proceedings last year, when its new owner publicly filed a detailed account of the 539 incidents reported at the facility from January 1989 through June 1998. Those numbers mirror what is happening across the country. Lucian Leape, a Harvard University professor who conducted the most comprehensive study of medical errors in the United States, has estimated that one million patients nationwide are injured by errors during hospital treatment each year and that 120,000 die as a result. That number of deaths is the equivalent of what would occur if a jumbo jet crashed every day; it is three times the 43,000 people

Hospital stay turns disastrous

Knight Ridder News Service
Aven Jackson was 46 when she was admitted to MCP Hospital on Dec. 15, 1992, for a hysterectomy. The gift-store clerk from Pleasantville, N.J., had been told that she would spend three days in the hospital. After five additional operations, \$36,000 in health-care costs, and 28 days, she died. "How in the world did a 46-year-old

THE REGION

Carnos Prairie

High: 80 Low: 35
Sunny today and clear tonight. Sums on Tuesdays with highs near 80.

Treasure Valley

High: 84 Low: 32
Sunny with light winds. Sums on Tuesdays with highs in the mid-80s.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 76 Low: 35
Sunny today and clear tonight. Sums on Tuesdays with highs around 80.

Eastern Idaho

High: 75 Low: 36
Sunny with moderate winds. 5-15 mph. Clear tonight. Sums on Tuesdays with highs near 80.

Northern Idaho

High: 83 Low: 50
Sunny today and clear tonight. Sums on Tuesdays with highs on the 80s.

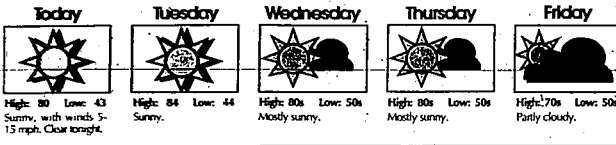
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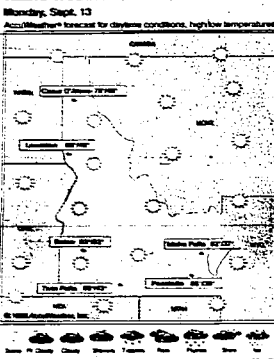
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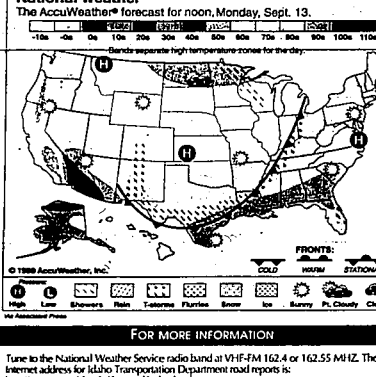
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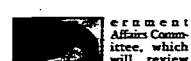
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		Normal year to date	14.53
		Normal year to date	9.58

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GOP promises broad Waco investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Angered by the Justice Department's failure to produce a crucial document on the "Waco siege," GOP lawmakers are promising a broad investigation that runs the gamut from the investigation that was the cause of the Waco siege to the current investigation. Republicans on Sunday stepped up pressure on Senate Reno to leave office, with James Major Leader Trent Lott saying President Clinton should name a new attorney general. But Clinton's chief of staff, John Podesta, expressed contempt for Lott, declaring on CBS. "She's a tough-minded person, she is going to get to the bottom of this."

Meanwhile, former Sen. John Danforth, the Missouri Republican named by Reno to lead the independent investigation, said he would try to avoid a political inquiry. The chairman of a House Committee on the Waco siege...



Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., said "we're going to be taking a broader look."

"We need to find out who's responsible," Rep. Dan Burton, R-Ind., said on "Fox News Sunday." "We don't want people in charge of things like Waco if they're not doing their job properly."

Danforth, appearing on five Sunday news programs, said his investigation would have a narrow focus and seek to avoid politics.

Joy, bewilderment mark return of nationalists

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Eliam Escobar searched deeply into his past as he greeted friends and relatives whose faces had aged and voices had changed during the nearly two decades he'd been away in prison. "Do you remember me?" asked a man who hugged Escobar in his first hours of freedom Saturday in his hometown of Puerto Rico. There was a moment of recognition, then an avalanche of memories, as Escobar, a graphic artist from New York, gave his friend a bear hug at his mother's house.

Joy and bewilderment filled Escobar and six other Puerto Rican nationalists who came home to this Caribbean island over the weekend. They were among 14 who had accepted a controversial clemency offer from President Clinton.

All had been imprisoned on sedition and weapons convictions stemming from their involvement in the Armed Forces of National Liberation, a pro-independence group blamed for 30 bombings in the United States that killed six people and wounded dozens of others from 1974 to 1983.

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woman die of a hysterectomy when she was otherwise healthy," Frank McClellan said.

Three days after her initial operation, Jackson complained of abdominal pain.

"It continued, and on the sixth day, her gynecologist did exploratory surgery. According to medical records, the doctor discovered that a portion of Jackson's bowel had slipped through a small hole in her abdominal membrane covering her abdomen."

The next day, Jackson had a 10.8-degree fever and her urine output had declined since then. Doctors performed more surgery to remove six feet of bowel.

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Hospital records show that she went downhill rapidly, and within days was on a breathing tube. She underwent three additional surgeries and developed a bacterial infection, and kidney failure. Her abdomen was so full of fluid that it could not be sewn shut after one of the procedures and was left exposed, covered only by surgical mesh.

She died on Jan. 12, 1993.

Her husband, Robert, declined the hospital's offer to perform an autopsy. His lawyer asked Dr. Halbert E. Fillinger, a forensic pathologist who has conducted autopsies in high-profile criminal cases in Montgomery County, to do an autopsy.

Fillinger identified the cause of her death as multiple organ failure. The manner of her death,

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he wrote: "Therapeutic misadventure."

Robert Jackson, who was left to care for the couple's teenage son, filed a malpractice suit two months later in Common Pleas Court against MCF and several doctors.

"At the trial in 1997, McClellan argued that the surgeons' negligence during the hysterectomy. Lawyers for the defendants said that the hole may have existed before the hysterectomy."

However the hole occurred, the case was fought over whether the affected portion of Aven Jackson's bowel should have been removed at the time of the exploratory surgery, instead of a day later.

The jury awarded \$750,000. The verdict was upheld in an appeals court ruling last year, and the trial judge added \$196,000 in damages for delays. Dr. Hughes was a consultant, finally settled for slightly less than the \$946,000.

Deurward Hughes, then-chairman of the obstetrics and gynecology department, who was found by the jury to have been negligent but not liable for any of the award, defended Jackson's doctors. Hughes was a consultant in the case, not the attending doctor. He said he was confident that Jackson received excellent care. "She happened to have a major complication at the time of an interview, that can happen in any kind of gynecological care."

Explosion nips Russian building

MOSCOW (AP) — An explosion destroyed an apartment building early Monday in Moscow, killing at least 11 people and leaving scores of other residents missing.

The pre-dawn blast wrecked an eight-story apartment building on the southern district of Moscow, just four days after an explosion shattered a similar building in the Russian capital. The blasts were in areas about four miles apart.

Police said at least 11 people, including a child, were killed in the blast, which leveled the building.

Police said they did not know what had caused the explosion, but they suspected a bomb and were treating it as a terrorist incident.

About 150 people lived in the building, although there were no reports on how many people were home at the time of the blast, police said.

Troops

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One potential snag was the composition of the peacekeeping force. The Indonesians have expressed reluctance about allowing the Australians to lead it.

"That has to be worked out today," Clinton said. "But my view is we should work with the Indonesians in a cooperative fashion. Perhaps they should have some parallel presence event."

"But there should not be able to say who is in or out of the force, and what the structure of the force will be, otherwise it will cause a bunch of questions about whether there will be integrity in the force. And it will also delay the implementation," Clinton said.

"The truth is, the Australians are willing to carry the lion's share of the role," he added. "They're willing to put in a large number of people. They have tremendous military capacity. Our people have great confidence in working with them."

In advance of Monday's talks between the United Nations and Indonesian leaders, Clinton said, "I don't think we should be in a position of having this thing delayed for days and days and days, over a dispute over who would lead the force."

Clinton's national security adviser, Sandy Berger, said the United States hopes the peacekeepers will deploy "in the next several days."

Habibie deserves "great credit" for the change of mind, Australian Prime Minister John Howard said, adding "even the cynical, the skeptical and the suspicious must see this as a huge step forward."

Portugal, East Timor's former colonial master, was cautious.

"The circumstances we've been through and the behavior we've come to expect from Jakarta force us to be prudent in our first reactions,"

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President Jorge Sampaio said.

In Washington, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott said Congress probably would support a limited U.S. role. "If it's communications, logistics, transportation, I think there would be support for that," he said Sunday on CBS' "Face the Nation."

"If it involves troops on the ground, I think then a lot more questions are going to be asked, and of course there's always the question of what the cost is going to be."

Berger refused to speculate how many Americans would be involved or for how long.

"We believe that this is a positive development," Berger said, and hopefully represents a stepping back from the brink on the part of Indonesia from what could be a quite disastrous situation, not only for the people of East Timor but for Timor as a whole and for the region as a whole."

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Anne Halls Curtis (Chung), of Pocatasset, Mass., is comforted by U.S. Army Operations Officer Capt. Peter Kemp at the Korean War Memorial in Washington Sunday during the first international gathering of Korean War adoptees.

TEARS FOR THE PAST

Korean Americans honor veterans at memorial site

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hundreds of Korean-born Americans, many sobbing, laid red carnations Sunday at the Korean War Veterans Memorial in honor of the servicemen whose sacrifices gave them a second chance in life as adopted children of American families.

Fathers of 42 of the adoptees were soldiers in the force that fought in the name of the United Nations almost half a century ago. At the monument, the 42 middle-aged Korean-Americans had the surreal experience of seeing life-size images of bedraggled soldiers as they might have seen them as toddlers.

The monument features a black granite wall, sand-etched with ghostly images of members of the U.S. armed forces in early 1950s uniforms. Reflected on the wall are 19 stainless steel statues of infantrymen, pain on their

faces, depicting a squad on patrol as it slogs through the inhospitable Korean countryside.

Quietly passing the shadowy reflections in the wall, Jane Owen, 46, one of the 42, said she felt close for the first time to the biological father she never knew. "He is probably still alive somewhere," said Owen, of Memphis, Tenn. "I definitely have a curiosity about him."

The gathering ended a four-day conference to bring the adoptees together for the first time to discuss and perhaps find common threads in their pasts. Many said the moments at the monument were what they traveled hundreds of miles for.

Susan Soon-Keum Cox, 47, from Eugene, Ore., an event organizer, said she came up with the idea after she once walked through the memorial alone and yearned to share it with other

adoptees.

Cox said the adoptees have been trading e-mail addresses and phone numbers over the past four days and plan to stay in touch. "For the first time," she said, "we are feeling a connection to each other and the servicemen who made us possible."

The adoptees said the Korean War servicemen's support for South Korea's orphanages gets much credit for the friendly atmosphere between Koreans and Americans that led to Seoul's decision to let families in the United States begin adopting Korean children after the fighting stopped in 1953.

"I think in the back of our minds we will always think about the servicemen's place in our stories," said Holly Hall, 30, of Denison, Texas, an adoptee whose biological parents both were Korean.

Buchanan may leave Republicans behind, run race for Reform Party

WASHINGTON (AP) — GOP presidential contender Pat Buchanan came closer than ever Sunday to saying he would quit the Republican race and campaign for the Reform Party's nomination.

"The door really is wide open," Buchanan said. "We are very close to making that decision." For weeks, Reform Party leader Jesse Ventura, the Minnesota governor, has discounted suggestions the party should nominate Buchanan for



Pat Buchanan

president. Ventura has said the party founded by Ross Perot is based on conservative economic principles, not Buchanan's social conservatism on abortion and other issues.

As recently as Friday, the Capitol Hill newspaper The Hill published an interview in which the governor ruled out "to retreat from another campaign or another party" as the Reform Party's candidate.

But Buchanan, appearing on NBC's "Meet the Press," said his sister and campaign adviser, Bay Buchanan, is "talking ... to people in the Reform Party" for him.

"We are taking a hard look at leaving the Republican nomination run and running for the Reform Party nomination," Buchanan said.

Blood clotting may link cocaine to heart attacks

CHICAGO (AP) — Cocaine use can promote blood clotting, which may explain how the drug triggers heart attacks in its users, according to a new study.

Cocaine caused blood to thicken by increasing the number of red blood cells, and by triggering an increase in a protein that causes platelets to stick together, said Dr. Arthur Siegel, the study's lead author.

The "double whammy" can cause clotting that can lead to heart attacks and strokes, said Siegel, chief of internal medicine at McLean Hospital outside Boston.

"(Cocaine use) is even more dangerous than we had previously known," he said. "Every time a person uses it, it's like a little bit of Russian roulette."

A previous study, released in June, showed that cocaine users are 24 times more likely to have a heart attack during the first hour after taking the drug. The new study, which appears in Monday's issue of the Archives of Internal Medicine, may help explain why such heart attacks occur, Siegel said.

The study suggests that anticoagulants may be useful in treating cocaine-induced chest pains, Siegel said.

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Farm Aid '99 raises funds, awareness

JAMESVILLE, Va. (AP) — A sold-out crowd of 23,000 people listened to Willie Nelson, John Mellencamp and other performers Sunday at Farm Aid '99.

The all-day event, the latest in a series of fundraisers for farmers that started in 1985, comes at a time when many East Coast growers are facing a severe drought.

Glenda Yoder, Farm Aid associate director, said there was no specific fund-raising goal for this year's event. "The focus is very much on the awareness as well," she said.

The concert at Nissan Pavilion was broadcast on cable's Country Music Television.

Since it began, Farm Aid has given \$14.5 million to more than 100 farm organizations, churches and service groups in 44 states. One recipient was the Virginia Council of Churches, which is distributing \$20,000 to Virginia farmers hit hard by the drought.

Jim Donald, the council's general minister, said the group already has given money to farmers from Pulaski in the southwest mountains to Manassas in northern Virginia.

The variety of acts — including the Dave Matthews Band, Deana Carter and Farm Aid founders Nelson, Mellencamp and Neil Young — drew an eclectic crowd — aging men wearing cowboy hats mixed with youngsters with belly-button rings.

The concert about 30 miles west of Washington, D.C., will be followed by a rally Monday of farmers at the Capitol.

Fire in subway station closes historic terminal

NEW YORK (AP) — Grand Central Terminal was evacuated Sunday and train service was halted because of smoke from a fire in a subway tunnel beneath the landmark.

Two people were treated for smoke inhalation. The fire, which was under control within an hour, started in building materials in a storage room on the Lexington Avenue subway line, said Assistant Fire Chief Frank Cuthbert.

Smoke quickly spread upward through Grand Central's main terminal in mid-Manhattan and onto the street. The building was evacuated.

"Smoke got thick really fast," said Sam Southworth, who was on the subway station platform when the fire broke out.

Service on the Lexington Avenue subway line along the East Side was suspended from 86th Street to the Brooklyn Bridge in lower Manhattan. Metro-North



Aleyda Vidal of Manhattan is transported to an ambulance Sunday after a subway fire.

Commuter Railroad service, which runs from Grand Central to suburban Westchester County and Connecticut, also was disrupted.

Built in 1913, Grand Central was rededicated in 1998 10-year renovation. It is considered the finest example of Beaux Arts architecture in America.

Mars probe snaps first picture

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — The first picture snapped by a camera aboard the Mars Climate Orbiter shows the red planet from 2.8 million miles away looking like a tiny, out-of-focus piece of elbow macaroni.

The image was shot Tuesday, NASA officials said. It was posted on the Internet — site www.mssc.com over the weekend.

The weather satellite is expected to reach Mars' orbit on Sept. 23, about nine months after its launch. Its mission is to map the planet's surface and send back detailed information about the planet's climate over the next two years.

It follows the Mars Global Surveyor, which has been mapping the planet's surface since March and is scheduled to end its mission in 2001.

Another probe is due to arrive in December to test the planet's soil and search for water.

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NATION

BOOM TOWN

City shakes when Street shimmies

NEW YORK (AP) — The spoils of the rich in Manhattan in 1999: A 25-foot red-and-white Donzi speedboat. Dinners at the Four Seasons. Two Mercedes-Benzes, one a 1962 cherry convertible. A \$4,000-a-month bachelor pad on the Upper East Side outfitted with llama skin fashioned into a bear rug. 60-inch TV set and the collected works of John Wayne on videotape.

Those goodies all belong to 33-year-old Warren Kelly, a Wall Street wonderkid who, like the city he lives in, is enjoying an exhilarating can-you-believe-this ride atop the longest bull market in history.

Kelly's salary: \$500,000. Near spot: \$1 million. "A year after that, \$20 million, then \$1 billion," he says in a raspy voice he considers useful in attracting both investors and women friends.

Kelly sells stocks to the wealthy — one of Wall Street's 156,000 blue-and-gray-suited brokers, bankers, analysts and the like whose long hours, outsized salaries and conspicuous consumption drive the market, and, more importantly, the city's economy.

Market ups and downs are of interest to most middle Americans, who with retirement funds invested in stocks. But no place in the world is as tied to the market as New York, home to the two big exchanges.

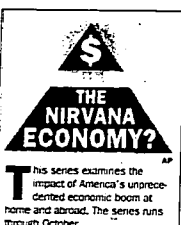
Wall Street's boom means big-time brokers can afford the \$2.3 million that one study says is average for a three-bedroom co-op apartment on Fifth Avenue — nearly double that of five years ago. But it also shapes the city's economy in myriad other ways.

Every job on Wall Street directly supports 2.2 others — from lawyers and accountants to bike messengers to taxi drivers who deliver weary brokers to their homes. Market earnings tend to jiggle up prices, at least at shops and restaurants, but they also contribute to the taxes that pay cops and teachers.

Stimulus by the state Financial Control Board and state



Wall Street broker Warren Kelly talks about one of his many prized possessions, a 60-inch television, this summer in his \$4,000-a-month New York apartment.



This series examines the impact of America's unprecedented economic boom at home and abroad. The series runs through October.

"It is also likely that the next downturn, if and when it occurs, will have a disproportionately great impact on the city because of its dependence on income flows from financial services."

Simply put: When Wall Street sneezes, the city catches cold; when it shimmies, the city shudders. The influence of Wall Street's mostly white, mostly male workforce is not only a matter of interest in the jargonphere of \$14 million co-op apartments (not including monthly maintenance fees of up to \$2,000) and \$40 shots of Portofido tequila.

Tax dollars collected from Wall Street's firms and employees have created consecutive years of \$2 billion city budget surpluses, allowing the city to cut taxes and spend more money on everything from parks to schools and subways.

In 1998, Wall Street's average yearly salary, which covers everyone from CEOs to the newest broker, was \$194,900 — compared to \$41,700 for New Yorkers working outside the financial sector. And

though Wall Street firms employ only 4.5 percent of the city's workers, and its payroll is just 17 percent of the city's total earnings, its influence in the capital of capitalism is downright octopuslike.

During off-hours, free-spending Wall Streeters create jobs and business for restaurants, cigar bars, furriers, masseurs, travel agencies, interior design firms and helicopter companies for weekend forays to the Hamptons. Only in Manhattan is there an oddity like the \$35 bowl of soup, leek and potato with sautéed langoustines and black truffle, at Lespinasse.

The money that brokers help stimulate has led to capital investment forays into such former off-limits areas as Heels Kitchen, Harlem and the South Bronx. And in elite neighborhoods, Wall Streeters have helped usher in the age of the \$2,500-a-month studio apartment.

"They are a very aggressive, well-monied group of people. They are anxious to spend money," says Barbara Corcoran, a

high-end real estate broker who has happily noted a wave of overbidding for even modest "cookie cutter" Manhattan apartments.

Easily Wall Street's greatest impact on the city — as well as the world — comes from the prolonged bull market. The Dow Jones industrial average was about 2,000 in 1990 and is hovering above 10,000 today, which means that just about anyone with money in the market is a bit richer.

For now, Wall Street continues to sizzle: The peak profit year for Wall Street firms in the 90s '80s was a relatively puny \$5.5 billion in 1986. Since 1991, however, profits have dipped below \$7.4 billion just once. In 1997, Wall Street cleared a record \$12.2 billion.

Kelly, the successful young stockbroker, doesn't care to think that the boom could ever come to an end. "In my business," he says, "money is the scorecard. To get it, you have to be eternally optimistic. And I am an eternal optimist."

Fun in sun with stolen U.S. dollars

WASHINGTON (AP) — The rented Lear jet from Florida drops onto little-used air fields on Caribbean sea-level islands. The passengers pop over to a shopping center full of banks and deposit millions of dollars in a dummy corporation's account, sometimes using rubber stamps of Minnie Mouse and Goofy as signatures on deposit cards.

A half-day's business can work up an appetite for a money-lender. This lunch that follows: grilled lobster and crayfish at a favorite Anguilla haunt, whose owner pulls the fare right there and there from the crisp notes of eastern Caribbean currencies.

Money in the bank. Food in the stomach. Back to the plane. Empty suitcases in hand. And back to the cache of cash in the United States — until the next trip. Almost as quickly, the bank in Anguilla has spirited the money away, perhaps to New York or London, disguising the greenback's criminal origins.

It does not take an MBA to exploit the system, explains Kenneth Ripick, a former Miami lawyer who did two years in a federal prison on a money-laundering conviction. He now is a consultant to U.S. law enforcement agencies.

"Even a teenager could go down there, open up an anonymous account and set up a business," he said in a telephone interview. "The problem with the Caribbean is that we allow" it to operate as a haven of criminal activity.

An estimated \$57 billion is laundered every year, U.S. officials say. Now in the news, with few details and no charges, is one of the biggest money-laundering operations ever in the United States: federal investigators believe Russian gangsters have channeled up to \$10 billion through the Bank of New York, the 15th-largest bank in the United States.

Money laundering has evolved since federal investigators put together the first anti-money-laundering law in 1970, "Operation Greenback" in Miami in 1980.



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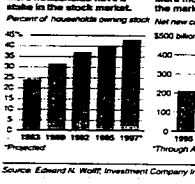
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Watching the bulls — Americans eye market's every twitch

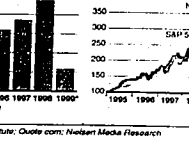
Once for the rich, stocks become common for most Americans

Running with the bulls

The longest bull market in history is holding Americans spellbound, turning market-watching and investing into national pastimes.



More money is flooding into the market. The markets are jumping with activity. And Americans are watching all of it on TV.



NEW YORK (AP) — Clanking: A big brass bell signals the start of trading on the New York Stock Exchange. In the cramped tourist gallery, Linda and Tony Mallia and two excited grandsons are watching.

Fixing a cup of coffee at his gas station in tiny Springer, N.M., Jim Caldwell is the state TV set, watching Colleen Acker, a nursing student from Georgia on vacation in Florida, is munching a bagel, and watching.

The longest bull market in history is mesmerizing Americans. Following the market and trading its stocks are national pastimes. Kristin Smith, 16, of Little Rock, Arkansas, is visiting the stock exchange, too. She has no stocks, but she acknowledges a vested interest. "As the stock market goes, so do our fortunes," she says. "It's really a seat of power."

Stand with her at the corner of Wall and Broad Streets, and feel the allure of Main Capitalism. Twelve TV trucks wait daily outside the imposing marble building; more than 20 arrive when the news is really big. Visiting the NYSE was easy a few years ago. Now, tourists stand in lines that snake around the block.

Fir in line today are the Mallias, New Yorkers clutching the portfolio list of the grandsons who wait with them. They file into the gallery overlooking the trading floor. It's really wild-looking," says Ms. Mallia. Later, they wait three-deep at the gift counter to buy souvenir pens.

With the rise of do-it-yourself retirement plans, Americans from janitors to CEOs control their financial futures. And with four years of double-digit returns, they're putting their money in stocks.

Jim Caldwell, 33, a "low-risk kind of guy," invests in mutual funds, hoping to earn a little something to leave his three children. He follows such specific sectors of the market as value, recognition technology. "It's kind of a hobby," he says.

Nowadays, like Caldwell, 43 percent of American households own stock, either directly or through mutual funds and pension accounts. Edward Wolff, an economist at New York University, charts the rise from nearly 25 percent in 1983.

The bull market that preceded the 1929 crash also attracted many Americans. Books on investing and betting on stocks grew popular, says John Steele Gordon, historian and author of the upcoming book, "The Great Game: The Emergence of Wall Street as a World Power."

Still, at no other time has the market touched as many Americans as today. The poorest 40 percent of U.S. households now invest an average of \$1,600 in stocks, up from \$300 (in

today's dollars) in 1962. Children are investing, too: Stein Roe's \$1 billion Young Investor Fund has ballooned to 190,000 shareholders from 4,000 since it was created five years ago.

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Hospital

Outlook from A.I. ple killed each year in U.S. automobile accidents.

"It's by far the number one problem" in health care, said Leape, an adjunct professor of health policy at the Harvard School of Public Health.

In their study, Leape and his colleagues examined patients' records at hospitals throughout the state of New York. Their 1991 report found that one of every 200 patients admitted to a hospital died as a result of a hospital error.

Researchers such as Leape say that not only are medical errors not reported to the public, but those reported to hospital authorities represent roughly 5 to 10 percent of the number of actual medical mistakes at a typical hospital.

"The human line is we have a system that is simply out of control," said Robert Brook, a professor of medicine at the University of California at Los Angeles. "It's really a joke to worry about the occasional plane that goes down when we have thousands of people who have been killed in hospitals every year."

Brook's recognition of the extent of hospital errors is shared by many of American medicine's leaders.

The chief executive officer of the University of Pennsylvania Health System, William K. Kelly, also acknowledges that too many medical errors occur. "It is a major problem in this country that we have got to deal with better than we have," Kelly said.

In bankruptcy proceedings last year, Tenet Healthcare Corp. - which bought eight Philadelphia-area hospitals, including MCP, from the bankrupt Allegheny health system - publicly filed an account of medical errors reported at MCP from 1985 through 1997. Such documents, which are made available to hospitals for legal and insurance purposes, are routinely kept confidential.

The inquirer sent written requests seeking similar information from 34 other large hospitals in Philadelphia. Of 25 that responded, all declined to provide similar information regarding patient confidentiality. Tenet declined to provide comparable data for MCP since it acquired the hospital.

Contained in the MCP records is a history of one hospital's experience, providing an unprecedented glimpse into the extent and nature of hospital mistakes.

The cases ran the gamut from benign to fatal, and involve patients whose health status ranged from young and vital to old and infirm. They include:

- Four patients who died after they received too much medication, or the wrong medication, or no medication.
- Surgical "misadventures" during which patients' organs were punctured or blood vessels were pierced.
- Two paraplegic patients who died and another who was left paralyzed on one side after suffering brain hemorrhages during surgery by inexperienced and inexperienced supervised residents. In those two cases, four doctors at MCP later signed a letter to a hospital administrator saying that mistakes in the supervised surgical procedures "resulted in the unfortunate death of one of our patients."

Two middle-age patients who died following cardiac emergencies - men who according to hospital records did not receive proper or timely treatment from emergency room residents. One man sat in the emergency room with dangerously elevated blood

Cause and effect

Survey results on the causes of medical errors and how practices changed after errors occurred.

Prevalent causes	Percentage
Communication errors	42%
Medication errors	42%
Diagnostic errors	32%
Procedural errors	22%
Human factors	22%
Equipment	22%
Other	22%

Changes in practice

Changes in practice	Percentage
Pay more attention to detail	72%
Personnel control data	72%
Check new activity	62%
Ask nurses	52%
Ask doctors	52%
Check	52%
Change organization of data	52%
Trust other judgment less	42%
Ask for references	42%

pressure for more than seven hours before dying of a heart attack.

An 15-year-old man who received the wrong type of blood in a transfusion after an automobile accident, and died after an apparent hemolytic reaction to the blood.

Eight surgical patients who required second operations to remove spines, cotton or metal instruments left inside their bodies.

Inadequate intensive-care monitoring, which delayed response to a number of two who had stopped breathing. One was left permanently brain-damaged.

The Allegheny Health, Education and Research Foundation, which owned MCP until November, declined to comment. Tenet, the hospital's current owner, declined to discuss specific cases and events at the hospital preceding its ownership.

A Tenet executive said the company is aggressive and systematic in monitoring the quality of care at the 130 hospitals it owns across the country. He said Tenet takes steps including conducting audits of hospitals to make sure they comply with laws and standard clinical practices, surveying its hospitals' performance, and reviewing adverse events on a case-by-case basis to determine whether to take action.

As of June 30, 1998, the date of the MCP report, the hospital's insurers had paid roughly \$30 million - excluding legal costs in settlements or jury awards in 76 of the 205 cases that resulted in lawsuits. The figures include five cases settled for more than \$1 million each.

Lawyers for MCP, a 400-bed hospital in East Falls, consistently denied the hospital's liability in lawsuits arising from errors. The hospital's own records suggest that its experience is no different from that of most hospitals in America. Medical-error experts from across the country who The Inquirer provided to report characteristics of the type and frequency of medical errors at MCP as typical of modern hospitals.

"I find nothing in there that's beyond the average," said Donald Berwick, a pediatrician who is president and chief executive officer of the Institute for Healthcare Improvement, a non-profit organization based in Boston.

In addition, Philadelphia's medical malpractice lawyers, who devote their days to finding hospital mistakes, do not credit MCP Hospital out of the ordinary. "I've never heard anyone say 'don't let your relatives go to MCP,'" said Gerald A. Melillo Jr., who was president of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association until June.

The MCP doctors who treated patients included in the report have a wide range of expertise. Some were first-year doctors-in-training, or residents, working under the supervision of attending doctors. Others were veteran faculty who had graduated at the top of their medical school classes and are regarded by their colleagues as among the most competent in their specialties.

None of the 40 doctors involved in some of the most serious mistakes in the report ever subjected to disciplinary action by the state Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs, according to an agency spokesman.

"Most people in health care really try hard, but they're human and they make mistakes," said Harvard's Leape, a coauthor of the Harvard Medical Practice Study. Said Leape: "Physicians are not infallible."

Leape added: "No nurse or doctor wants to hurt somebody and every nurse and doctor has to do it again." Because most medical mistakes do not go beyond hospital walls, experts say, an estimated 2 to 10 percent of all cases involving medical error result in lawsuits.

"Because of the surveillance climate in health care, the tendency is not to report errors, but to conceal them or explain them away," said Berwick.

The inquirer also identified instances in which hospital staff did not tell patients or their relatives about errors in medical care - errors that staff viewed as serious enough to warrant informing hospital administration.

Those instances document how medical errors are sometimes concealed from patients through evasion and deception.

Based on an examination of hospital and court records, as well as interviews - with patients, doctors and lawyers, what follows are case studies of MCP patients who were listed in the records kept by the hospital.

Congress searches for solutions after loss of much federal housing

WASHINGTON (AP) - It would break Pat Casola's heart to leave Cambridge, Mass., but she may be forced to move to a cheaper community if her landlord drops out of a federally subsidized housing program in order to seek higher rents on the open market.

"My mother was born and raised in Cambridge; her mother was raised and lived all her life in Cambridge," said Casola, a disabled 46-year-old woman who lives with her boyfriend in a U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development complex.

The federal contract for Casola's subsidized apartment complex expired in May and was extended temporarily until this month's end. After that, the building may be privatized unless her landlord gets into a new HUD program to provide him with higher rents.

Casola now pays just \$384 a month for her two-bedroom apartment; the building's most expensive units rent for \$822. If the building is privatized, Casola would get a year's rental voucher. After that, if she had to move, "I would feel a personal loss," she said.

Casola is among the tens of thousands of tenants across the country who have lost their subsidized HUD housing - or risk losing it - as landlords drop out of the federal program known as "Section 8" to seek higher rents on the open market.

Over a period of 2 1/2 years, ending in December 1998, nearly 100,000 units of HUD housing,



Pat Casola sits in front of her home at the Fresh Pond apartments in Cambridge, Mass., Thursday.

most of it administered under the Section 8 program for low-income elderly, disabled and families, have been lost, according to the nonprofit National Housing Trust.

By 2004, HUD contracts covering 1 million units - some in every state their mortgages to get out of the program, or they exercise options to drop out of the program after 20 years.

But the losses have generated tremendous concern among advocates for the poor, HUD tenants and members of Congress who, beginning this month - will consider various measures to reverse

the trend. "There's a lot to be said for displacing people," said Barney Frank of Massachusetts and the top Democrat on the House and Financial Services Committee subcommittee that has been working on the Section 8 problem.

Bills drafted in the House and Senate would, in part, curtail a law program that HUD began earlier this year to keep landlords in the Section 8 housing program with an incentive - raising their rents to market levels in certain, highly vulnerable parts of the country.

Under one part of the 25-year-old Section 8 program, tenants contribute about 30 percent of their income to rent. The government pays the difference between that and its estimate of the apartment's cost on the open market.

Even as various bills have been drafted, however, there is concern that Congress - because of spending cuts imposed by the Balanced Budget Act of 1997 and the Republican-approved \$792 billion tax cut - will not approve enough money for HUD's 2000 budget to render the program effective. The fiscal year begins Oct. 1.

"It's good that Congress and the Clinton administration are talking about housing preservation," said Michael Kane, executive director of the National Alliance of HUD Tenants. But, "at the end of the day, it's a matter of a moot issue, which won't be money for that."

President Bush says his son showed no signs of drug use

WASHINGTON (AP) - Former President Bush says his son George was a "rambunctious" youngster who never gave his parents reason to believe he used drugs and is right not to answer further questions about the issue.

The elder Bush is not advising George W. Bush's 2000 presidential campaign - "I don't want to be in the game anymore." He also hopes Americans elect someone who can live up to "the very high standards" for the White House that Bush said Bill Clinton has failed to meet.

The former president, defeated by Clinton in 1992, discussed varied topics in a television interview from his family home in Kennebunkport, Maine.

A transcript was released before its scheduled broadcast last night on the Fox News Channel show "The Edge with Paula Zahn."

"All this stuff about George's totally irresponsible past, we never saw it," the ex-president said. "Barbara and I never saw this. We knew he had some problems but - that he faced up to, but no different than most kids."

The younger Bush, the Republican governor of Texas, was "a rambunctious little guy" and his father recalled an episode when the youngster tried to hit him.

"I just held him at arm's length - he was about nine - just



George W. Bush

flailing away at me," Bush said. "He didn't like some decision I had made, a dead-end hip decision, I'm sure."

The younger Bush has acknowledged that at one time he drank heavily and that he made "mistakes" in his youth. No evidence or even credible allegation has been made that he ever used cocaine or any other illegal drug.

When pressed, he has said he had not used illegal drugs in the past 25 years.

His father said he is upset how the media have questioned his son about rumors of cocaine use, and believes it is right for him not to answer more questions on the subject.

Encephalitis may have four victims in NY

NEW YORK (AP) - A fourth death is being investigated in an outbreak of mosquito-borne encephalitis that had workers spraying insecticide across the city Sunday, including in Central Park.

A 79-year-old woman who died Sunday was among 10 new suspected cases of St. Louis encephalitis, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said Sunday.

Blood samples from 10 other patients who died at a Center for Disease Control lab in Denver for testing and at least 80 other potential cases are under investigation.

Health officials have confirmed nine cases of St. Louis encephalitis in New York City, including three deaths - one in Brooklyn and two in Queens. The woman who died Sunday was also from Queens.

St. Louis encephalitis can cause seizure, paralysis and swelling of the brain that is sometimes fatal.

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9:00-10:00 a.m.	M-W-F	Jamaica Joy Sweat
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MORNING BREAK

Spendthrift in-laws refuse to live within their means

Spanking could affect crime rate

DEAR ABBY: I am 25 years old and my husband is happily married for three years.

My husband is the man of my dreams. We are both hard working and save most of our earnings to meet future goals.

My problem is his mother and her mismanagement of money. Throughout their lives, no matter how much money they made, they spent more. During the past 30 years, when they overspent on phone bills, dinners out, massages, etc., they would ask for money from her brother.

Recently my father-in-law took my husband to pay their bills, yet they are still spending frivolously, acquiring new debt and asking us for money.

This isn't the first time they have asked and received at inopportune moments when we really needed the money ourselves - such as just before our wedding and Christmas.

As I was writing the most recent check a couple of weeks ago, my mother-in-law laughed



DEAR ABBY Abigail Van Buren

and said, "If you think I know how to spend, you should see my friend Mary!"

I thought you myself, spend, spend, but it shouldn't be done unless one has the means. I want to be a fair person, but now every time I think of my in-laws I fear they are going to one day wipe us out. How can I prevent it?

- DROWNING IN THEIR DEBT

option, volumes have been written on the subject.

DEAR ABBY: I am 23 years old, happily married and have two children. My 12-year-old is the result of a previous relationship. Her father left me when he found out I was pregnant and didn't show up until shortly before the delivery date. He wanted me back, so I moved back in with him. A week before our daughter was born, he dumped me again.

Abby, I am now married to a wonderful man I met within days, after my daughter's birth. He adopted her and is the only father she's ever known.

I know she must be told, but when would be the best age to tell her about her birth father?

- CLUELESS IN MICHIGAN

Infants when happy try to clap their hands. Or seem to. This leads anthropologists to believe an absence of a pleased audience may be instinctive.

Q: Is there any tribe of people who never commit crimes?

A: That has been said about the Indians of the Sierra Madre in Mexico, but without explanation. Some scholars seriously contend its 23,000 people the Tarahumara don't spank their children.

And some scholars don't. Not realized by all is the plain fact that free Internet work stations are available right now in more than 75 percent of the U.S.'s public libraries.

The female beaver never jesses a fight with a male beaver, and because of this, our Love and War man concludes they're almost human.

I know that "Polled cattle," was a correcting client, "are not dehorned but bred to be hornless." Harriet Q.

Q: When Harriet Quimby flew an airplane solo across the English Channel in 1912, it was about as significant in its time as was Charles Lindbergh's late flight across the Atlantic. But not so significant in my attention to Harriet. Why not? Because she was female?

A: Not that. Because while she was going down, the Titanic was going down, and it got all the print.

If you're going to barbecue hamburgers for your raccoons, hot dogs, tomatoes. Raccoons hate hot dogs. That's what I said. client replied, "My raccoon loves tomatoes." All right, heaven on tomatoes.

Math is so tricky. If "111,111,111" is multiplied by itself, all of the result's digits appear in up and down order.

Historically, the New York City Ballet has spent \$400,000 a year on toe shoes - 50 pairs per dancer for four years.

Man on a cruise turns inside out when pulled up too swiftly from the depths.



WHAT'S WHAT? L.M. Boyd

Horoscope section containing zodiac signs and their corresponding dates and characteristics.

Libra - you may find your missing link today

IF SEPTEMBER 13 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are dynamic, inquisitive, could have been separated from parents at relatively early age.

There will be a shake-up in domestic area. You will accept change of residence, marital status. Before September is over, financial stress will be something of the past.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Somehow you obtain funding for what could be building program. Attention revolves around domestic situation, home, obtaining bargain at auction, Libra involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 21): Lie low, play waiting game. do minimal ordinary work. No meditation. Emphasis on struggle to

HOROSCOPE Sydney Omarr

find yourself. Spotlight on public appearances, reputation, marriage.

CELIBAT (May 21-June 20): This could be your power-play day. What had been suppressed will be released - in your favor. Individual who advocates censorship will be reprimanded.

CANCER (May 21-June 22): Look beyond the immediate, predict future and make it come true. You have been carrying obligation that does not belong to you - let go. Aries will play dramatic.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Bright light shines on areas previously obscured. You will be in control

of activities designed to provide enlightenment. Member of opposite sex declares, "You're sexy!"

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Attention revolves around questions that lead large, including marriage, legal action, major cooperative efforts. Money comes your way despite those who object.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Popularity on the rise, income potential increases. You could be the talk of the town. Missing link or valuable object that was lost will be recovered - to your advantage.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): What blocked progress will be removed. You emerge as definite winner. Some people claim you are too tough. They would complain if you were ultra-gentle. Move.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Trust to luck and experience. Maintain attitude of regarding-do. Member of opposite sex says, "You are dashing, it is an adventure to be with you."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Be diplomatic, but firm. Emphasis on home, family, income, marriage. Music in your life, dance in your time. You receive beautiful gift - you deserve it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Look beyond the immediate, in judgment, intuition. Scorpio with sense of purpose, may need will be on your side. Don't fool yourself. Mystery will be solved.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Spotlight on journey of the mind. Includes philosophy, unique studies, possible travel to another planet. Capricorn. Cancer natives will figure prominently.

Viewers may notice impact of CBS merger, but not Beavis/Rather team

NEW YORK (AP) - News of the historic Viacom-CBS media merger was barely hours old this past week when newspaper columnists began drawing inferences of CBS' merger with the network's MTV's Beavis and Butthead.

All jokes aside, television viewers probably won't notice any major changes in the effects of the deal. In years to come, however, the merger will be a catalyst for the story could be very different.

It would be an odd time to find a merger of two of the largest industry watchers expect that will happen.

The casual viewer probably won't see anything for a while, if ever, said Cynthia Little, entertainment editor for Variety.

The most obvious changes may come at UPN, part-owned by Viacom. The network's cable network caught up in the deal, and it's not clear if it will sell, shut down or folded into something else.

But some of UPN's most successful shows are popular with black audiences, like "Mo'Nsta." And with minority groups complaining that network television is too white, the company's executives recognize this as an important asset.

In the long term, the executives think UPN may be a testing ground for new TV ideas. CBS could, for example,

many of them don't even know exists.

"It's conceivable you might see 'Rugrats' CBS's Saturday morning schedule," Littleton said.

One television advocate said it is critical about whether the merger will be beneficial to viewers. "I noticed where Mel Karmazin said that the goal here is to please the shareholders," said Dorothy Swanson, founder of Viewers for Quality Television.

"I don't know if anything was said about the viewer. I just don't see how the viewer wins in a situation like this."

The concern is that with CBS and ABC affiliated with major TV production studios, network anchors will schedule shows made in-house, even if better ones can be bought elsewhere.

That hasn't happened yet at ABC, but turmoil caused by Disney's efforts to merge the network with Buena Vista Television Productions was reportedly behind the network's recent sale of ABC Entertainment President Jamie Taras.

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OTHER VIEWS

Student profiling can't make up for indifference

From the Deseret News, Salt Lake City

In the wake of the April massacre at Columbine High School, school psychologists nationwide are assembling checklists of characteristics common among students who are prone to violence.

The profiles are to be distributed to school employees. If a student's behaviors fit the descriptions, school officials will notify the student's parents, with the intent of addressing certain issues before they erupt in violence.

While there is potential for good in the early identification of students who may be more prone to violence, educators must exercise discretion as they decide whether a student's behavior jibes with an established checklist.

If the point of "student profiling" is to intervene positively, students and parents should have some assurance that such labeling won't follow the student throughout his or her school career. Most children encounter a rough patch or two during their jour-

ney through adolescence. Educators must be trained to discern the differences between adolescent angst and anti-social behaviors. What this really boils down to is listening and taking the time to get to know young people.

At Columbine High, Eric Klebold and Dylan Harris perceived they had been mistreated by certain cliques at their school. No doubt, this plays out at every high school in America. Too often, these inappropriate social interactions are condoned through the inaction of adults.

Yet, adults are rocked to their foundations when a school shooting occurs. They wring their hands and ask "Why?"

The root of these problems is how human beings treat one another.

Americans value liberty and justice for all, but few stand up for justice causes. If adults expect children to be tolerant of other races, religions, genders, abilities and income levels, they must model such behavior. There's an underlying message here: It's OK to be different, not indifferent.



Clinton's coaches have left his corner

This wouldn't have happened if Dick Morris was still president. That's the obvious conclusion to make about the two big fiascos consuming the Clinton White House right now: the Puerto Rican terrorist clemency and the uncovering of the Waco cover-up.

Just as the prospect of being hanged clears the mind wonderfully, so does the prospect of an election. Bill Clinton, who has a lifetime political batting average of .800 - eight hits in 10 trips to the electoral plate since 1974 - knows something about total focus concentration on the Republican pitch. And so, in his moments of pre-November needfulness, he always had Morris, or someone equally steady eyed, as a coach.

In 1992, well handled by James Carville & Co., Clinton had good game. He jumped in when big-name rivals were afraid to, glommed onto the New-Jersey mantle and allowed Jesse Jackson and the rest of the ill-fated Carville types drifted away from him; even champs got lay. The eyes-on-the-ball Carville types drifted away; they had better and more lucrative things to do than play bureaucrat. So when the winks came down from their ivory tower to present the new president with their great ideas - such as ignoring Colin Powell's advice about not letting gays in the military, nominating "quota queens" and Clinton, mission-creeping into the Somali quagmire, and scheming to socialize medicine - nobody was around to repeat the mantra: it's the reelection, stupid.

Then came the shock of 1994. And as surely as Newt Gingrich became speaker of the House, in came Dick Morris, the cozied of Clinton's old kingmaking cronies, as consigliere, if not co-president. The rest was history - for Gingrich, Bob Dole and Republican dreams of Washington domination. And while Morris did plot Monica Lewinsky, he did offer Clinton some presidency-saving advice in early 1998: Lie through your teeth, Mr. President, and ride out the storm.

But now, Clinton is deeply lamed-out, surrounded by second-term stringers in the White House. Indeed, he bears comparison to the last two-term chief executive, Ronald Reagan. In his first four years, Reagan stuck to just a few ideas: cut taxes, help to the foreign policy hand, stay away from social-issue swamps. But once re-elected, the cautionary voice of the hawk was no longer heard; Reagan nearly drowned in blunders bubbling up from the political bureaucracy, such as the wreath-laying at the Nazi SS cemetery in Birburg, Germany, in 1985; the Iran-Contra arms-for-hostages swap in 1986 and the ill-fated nomination of Robert Bork to the Supreme Court in 1987.

Similar thinking is manifest in this second-term White House, too. Before Election Day 1996, Clinton worried about his own political skin, would never have granted clemency to unapologetic terrorists. And if, by some fluke, the orig-

JAMES P. PINKERTON

inal turn-of-loose offer had been made, it would never have been allowed to twist slowly, slowly in the wind for three weeks. Moreover, once the cut-bait decision was made, the window of opportunity for FALN freedom would have closed, immediately: no foolishness about one more week to make up your mind. As for Waco, Clinton should have known that he needed less cover-up and more change-the-subject. Waco has been burning for weeks now, while Clinton has been dreaming on about such low-impact subjects as the budget and education. A Morris type would have reminded his master that the more urgent goal is sleight-of-hand. And so, rather than seem quietly reasonable about a compromise tax cut, Clinton could have noisily denounced any cut whatsoever. That would have gotten the Republican hoppers buzzing about something far dearer to them than dead Davidians.

But the coaches have fled the locker room. In the last time, leaving Clinton or Jones in the Magic Valley. Let us hope, these latest strikeouts can't hurt Bill's electoral future, but they are hell on Hillary's. And that may suggest that help for her stumbling candidacy is on the way. Once Clinton focuses on the prospect of living the rest of his life with a woman who has nothing to do - because his mistakes cost her a Senate seat - he himself will shift into full Morris-mode.

James P. Pinkerton is a columnist for the Long Island newspaper Newsday.

Officer overreacts to sign

From the Standard-Examiner, Ogden

The First Amendment took a beating, maybe literally, a couple of weeks ago in Ogden.

Alan Dayton drove by 5000 S. Old Post Road a spot where he had received more than one speeding ticket and noticed an Ogden police officer was waiting for speeders with a radar gun.

Dayton went back up the road a ways, stood by the side and held aloft a sign that read, "Speed Trap, 25 MPH." The officer wasn't amused. He ordered Dayton, who is an attorney, to remove the sign and leave. Dayton explained he was exercising his First Amendment right to free expression, and said he would only put away the sign and leave if arrested.

The officer called for back-up, three more officers arrived, a scuffle ensued and sometime during the struggle Dayton was placed in a choke-hold

that rendered him unconscious. Aside from the tussle, choke-hold and allegations of police brutality which are serious, indeed, and will doubtless be vetted by the legal system it seems a gross over-reaction on the part of the police to arrest anyone for alerting other drivers to the presence of a speed trap. Dayton's action slowed traffic; isn't that what the speed trap was intended to do?

Dayton has been charged with obstruction of justice, for holding up his sign, and assaulting a police officer. Dayton's attorney, Jere Keneer, makes a good point when he says obstruction of justice involves people who hide a crime. Dayton - whether his motivation was to slow traffic, alert drivers to a speed trap or embarrass the Ogden Police Department - did not obstruct justice. The whole incident could have been avoided if the officer had simply ignored Dayton and gone about his business.

Idaho taxes go to good use

From the Idaho Press-Tribune, Nampa

A University of Idaho research team deserves praise for developing a potential cancer treatment.

It's known by the decidedly bland name of NSC D 694332.

But if the new drug developed by University of Idaho chemistry professor Nick Natale and colleagues does what it's supposed to do, you can bet it will be rechristened with a catchy moniker and will be as famous as Viagra or any other drug currently on the market.

That's because NSC D 694332 is designed to bind to tumor cells and stabilize the cells to keep them from

rapidly dividing. In laymen's terms, that's a treatment for cancer.

Of course, don't expect to be able to go to the corner drug store for a bottle of NSC D 694332 anytime soon. As Natale said, these things don't happen overnight.

He has been working on the compound since 1986. And testing of new drugs usually takes years to complete. But what you can do now is take pride in the fact that this potentially remarkable compound was developed in Idaho, with the help of your tax dollars.

That's why we want to congratulate Prof. Natale and his colleagues for their achievement. You make us proud. Keep up the good work.

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LETTERS

Thanks for supporting play

I am with the cast of the Light of the World Productions' "Bang, Bang You're Dead." I would just like the community to know a little bit about what this play is about and why we're doing it.

"Bang, Bang You're Dead" is by no means just for entertainment. It's about the true reality that happened at Littleton, Springfield, Jonesboro and too many other schools. It looks through the eyes of the shooter as he sits in his jail cell while his victim's ghosts awaken him to the reality of his actions.

Our mission is to show the community the realities of kids shooting kids. It's the hope of our cast to get this play into the schools so that nothing like Littleton will happen in Twin Falls.

We would like to invite the school administrators, teachers, counselors and concerned citizens to the performances of "Bang, Bang You're Dead" on Sept. 15, 16, 17 at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts Building, Room 119, at 8 p.m. The cost is free.

A lot of thanks is owed to the people who donated their time and services to

make this play possible. Thank you, Gerry Meyerhoff, Gilbert DeKloz, Target, Anderson Lumber and, most of all, to you, Lord, for all your support.

ADRIANNE DEKLOTZ
Filer

'You're Dead' play hits home

I am a music teacher and have just started my sixth year of teaching. This year started very differently for me. Instead of sitting and writing lesson plans, I was reading escape plans of school, the bombings and other horrors that should never happen at school.

My only comfort is that there is a group of creative people, young and old, that want to change their community and schools. Light of the World Productions will be presenting "Bang, Bang You're Dead," a cautionary play about violence in our schools; it will be presented at the College of Southern Idaho Fine Arts, Room 119, on Sept. 16, 17 and 18 at 8 p.m.

Follow teachers and administrators, I strongly urge you to come and see this

hard-hitting play. I know we do not want to have a repeat of Springfield, Littleton or Jonesboro in the Magic Valley. Let us answer the call of our children before they cry bullets.

PENNI AUFDERHEIDE
Music Educator
Twin Falls

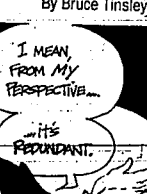
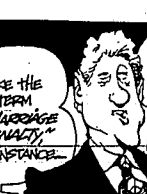
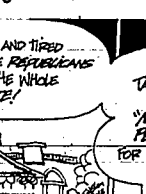
Photographer misses the reunion

The weekend of Sept. 3, Filer High School held its 55th class reunion in Twin Falls. The organizers accomplished much hard work and planning to make this event successful. People traveled from various States to attend. An enjoyable time was had by all. What a cordial, friendly group it was!

The only area of disappointment was that the photographer failed to keep his appointment at the reunion. Thankfully, several people had brought photos from home. The photographer knows who he is, and I think he belongs in the hall of shame. Hopefully this will not happen to someone else's reunion.

MARY GITNER
Follon, Nev.

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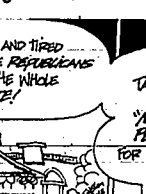


Mallard Fillmore



By Garry Trudeau

By Bruce Tinsley



WORLD



Relatives watch as cemetery workers add the coffin of Dima Frank to a collective grave near Moscow Sunday. Frank was a victim of the Thursday morning explosion in a Moscow apartment building that killed 386 people.

Islamic military denies responsibility for blast

MOSCOW — A Chechen warlord denied Sunday that Islamic militants he commands were responsible for an explosion that rocked a Moscow apartment building Thursday, killing scores of people.

Several officials, including Moscow Mayor Yuri Luzhkov, have linked the blast to fighting in the southern Russian republic of Dagestan, where government troops are battling Islamic rebels who have occupied several villages.

The rebels, seeking an independent Islamic state, moved in from the neighboring breakaway republic of Chechnya. One of their top leaders is Shamil Basayev, a field commander in Chechnya's 1994-6 war for independence from Moscow.

"We had nothing to do with the explosion in Moscow. We will never kill civilians. This is not our style," Basayev told The Associated Press by telephone Sunday.

Investigators still couldn't say for sure Sunday what caused the apartment building explosion in Moscow, which killed at least 91 people.

Officials have said they believed it was caused by explosives, but the explosives could have been stored in the basement and detonated unintentionally.

Serbia criticizes U.N., NATO over plans for KLA's future

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia — Serbia's top official for Kosovo on Sunday blasted U.N. plans to transform the Kosovo Liberation Army into a highly armed, emergency corps instead of disbanding it.

A senior Yugoslav general also criticized the plan, accusing NATO of arming the former guerrillas under the guise of demilitarization.

The comments came a week before the Sept. 19 deadline for the KLA to lay down its arms. U.N. and NATO officials say transformation of the KLA will help bring peace and stability to Kosovo because senior KLA figures have expressed strong opposition to completely disbanding their organization, which fought against Yugoslav army troops and Serbian police during the 18-month conflict in the conflict.

Serbian leaders say that would perpetuate the KLA as a military organization. Russia, Serbia's ally, has signaled it will oppose the plan in the U.N. Security Council.

Money manager in Germany will fight extradition to U.S.

HAMBURG, Germany — Martin Frankel, the American financier arrested in Germany on allegations that he swindled clients out of huge sums of money, has decided to fight his extradition to the United States, his lawyer said Sunday.

The move is likely to lead to weeks of extradition proceedings against Frankel, who has been held in a Hamburg jail since German police nabbed him Sept.

Bishop says he, his church are scapegoats

KIGALI, Rwanda (AP) — He is strapped on a four-legged wooden stool in his jail cell, looking less like a bishop than like a boxer catching his breath between rounds of a title bout.

Augustin Misago, the first Rwandan Catholic bishop ever to go on trial for genocide and crimes against humanity, is indeed in a

fight, not to prove his innocence, he says, but to exonerate his church of complicity in the 1994 mass murder of Rwanda's Tutsis. With a bludge, the stocky 56-year-old prelate dismisses allegations against him that include sending 82 schoolchildren to their deaths at the hands of machete-wielding militia. Instead, he says,

he is a scapegoat for a regime bent on revenge for the church's alleged silence during the slaughter of more than 500,000 Tutsis and moderate Hutus. "I'm innocent," Misago said during a recent interview in his cell in Kigali's Central Prison, his voice sometimes barely audible above the din of thousands of

lesser-known genocide suspects milling in the squalid jailyard nearby. "But through me, the Rwandan government is targeting the Catholic church." Misago is by far the most prominent of the more than 200 priests and nuns accused of part participating in the Rwandan genocide.

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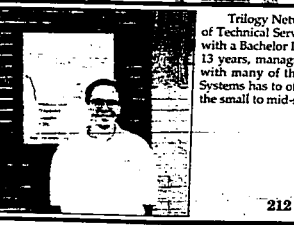


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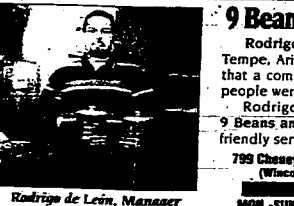
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AROUND THE VALLEY

Air Force declares airman missing

MOUNTAIN HOME - After five days of search and rescue efforts, the United States Air Force has declared Airman First Class Kristofer Owen missing, according to a news release from the U.S. Air Force.

Owen, a flight control apprentice assigned to the 34th Bomb Squadron in Mountain Home, did not return from a hunt-scouting trip in the Idaho mountains last Sunday, the news release said. Search and rescue efforts in the rugged terrain were led by the Elmore County Sheriff's Office and included the Civil Air Patrol, Idaho Air National Guard and more than 100 people from the base.

The civilian authorities in charge of the case have discovered no evidence of foul play or that Owen is "Absent Without Leave" and the military is treating Owen as a missing person, according to the news release. This status can last up to one year and Owen's family will continue to receive military benefits, the news release said.

Owen is from Imbler, Ore. and has been stationed in at the Mountain Home Air Force Base since December 1998. He is married with one child.

City Council to consider BID's request for more dollars

TWIN FALLS - The City Council will discuss the Historic Downtown Business Improvement District's request for more money at its meeting tonight.

The BID will ask the council for more money to pay for proposed improvements on such as Main Avenue North and a few adjacent blocks. BID Director Randy Bombardier said.

Property owners want to make improvements on the 200 and 300 blocks of Main Avenue North on Second Street from Donnellyville Street to 15th Avenue West, such as gutter cleaning, tree landscaping and add the old-fashioned street lighting featured on other sections of Main Avenue. It is not yet known how much property owners would have to pay. The council will also discuss other items, including:

A request from Keith Slinger to address the council on "rollem" golf cart fees.

A consideration of a resolution designating suitable polling places for city election events, places of registration and dates and hours of registration and providing for a publication of notice of election.

A resolution by Slinger and Associates Inc. on the Twin Falls 2nd Century Plan. The meeting will begin at 4 p.m. at City Hall.

Commission invites artists to enter logo contest

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Centennial Commission is calling on artists to submit logo designs. The commission is responsible for the city's 100th birthday celebration in 2004 and needs a logo. The commission will pay \$500 to the artist who designs the winning logo.

Artists must let the Magic Valley Arts Council know if they are interested by Wednesday. Submissions must be received by Nov. 1. Artists may enter more than one design, but a \$25 entry fee must accompany each design.

The logo submissions will be on display, and the winning artist will be announced on Nov. 15 at the Twin Falls Area Chamber of Commerce Business After Hours event at the downtown branch of the library.

For more information, call Donna Yule at the Magic Valley Arts Council at 734-ARIS.

Educators promote books

TWIN FALLS - Lincoln Elementary School is boosting kids on reading.

The reading incentive program Accelerated Reader at Lincoln has jumped. Based on a collaboration up from 20,000 books checked out in 1998 to 40,000 by the end of last school year, Elizabeth J. Henderson said.

Teachers know students are reading their books on about computerized comprehension tests students must take after they finish each book. Accelerated Reader now reads and distributes books by reading level. Students can choose books available for their abilities and progress at their own pace.

The district kicked off a two-year reading initiative - that is put emphasis on reading by getting students to read more - over the summer during a family summer when teachers were out of class in summer intersession reading time. Students speaker Sue Welch, a long-time teacher from California, told Twin Falls Public Library members that "reading... Persistence improves with continuing."

The district's goal is to make sure students reading abilities are at or above grade level, said Mary Ann Bevel, curriculum and instruction services. All teacher workshops done during the school year will include training in reading instruction. And a number of reading programs such as a new program called as Vern C. D'Neary Junior High School are continuing in the school.

Instead of wondering when P.E. would begin, students started school as Lincoln did year year wanting to know when they could go to the library.



Anthony Hinzman, top, and Stefan Muratovic spend a few minutes reading in the library at Lincoln Elementary School in Twin Falls. School officials say they are seeing a rise in reading levels at the school.

Fifth-grade teacher Debbie Sparger said.

"The kids are more excited about reading than they ever used to be," said Lori Hosen, a fellow fifth-grade teacher.

Hosen sees students self-motivated to read harder books, and she sees them reading the classics such as "Tom Sawyer" and "Little Women." The fifth grade has abandoned use of standard reading tests with follow-up exercises that were boring to teach and boring for students, Hosen said. They didn't meet

students at their levels - they were too easy for some and too difficult for others.

Now she incorporates instruction with the books students have chosen to read. And individual reading time in her classroom has gone from a couple of minutes a day when students read out loud in class, to about an hour of silent reading plus during the morning and afternoon.

Lincoln's library has been an "open" library for the past couple of years. Students no longer need to check out a book

until the next time their class is scheduled for library time.

Whenever they finish a book, they can check out a new one.

Hinton is putting the library's book listings on the Internet, so that parents at home can find out what books are considered grade level for their students. It could be handy during school breaks when the library is closed, she said.

Principal Brett Gies said he has noticed students talking to each other about what books they've read and recommending them to their friends.

"They are choosing to read, and they like to read," he said.

Several fifth-graders in Hazen's class say that they put in most of their reading hours during school. They say chores and pestering younger siblings are reasons for not "having time" at home.

The youngsters articulated what they liked about reading.

"I like reading because it's very adventurous, and it makes me feel good about myself," Andrea Loya, 10, said.

Burley will discuss revitalization

By Beth Stewart
Times-News writer

BURLEY - City Hall will be full of anticipation today.

Business people who are here on city redevelopment will fill council chambers at 5 p.m. to discuss how a new zoning code will change.

Irving Hyster, an economic development expert from Reston, Va., will present his ideas on how to re-emerge downtown Burley. Hyster said that from 1980 to 1998, Burley lost 400 jobs and 200 residents at a July 25 economic summit, and has since created a report that will show tonight.

"I'm very interested in hearing

Mayor Doug Manning is encouraging business people and the public to attend the meeting.

what he has to say," said Duane Basmussen, owner of Jensen Jewellers in Burley.

In July Hyster discussed the importance of anchor stores, strong community leadership and community support. Hyster's audience voiced its concerns over the increase in downtown traffic, and the pros and cons of creating alternative routes.

Joan Assou, executive director of

the Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, said she hopes economic revitalization will renew the community's love for its city, like it has for Burley's neighbor across the river.

Assou remembers the way Rupert was years ago and says the changes have instilled a newfound enthusiasm for their community.

"I'm hoping Burley will get that spirit," Assou said.

Mayor Doug Manning is encouraging business people and the public to attend the meeting.

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Council seats open in Jerome

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

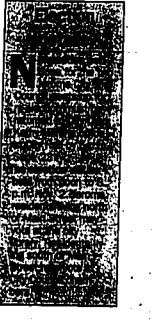
JEROME - The City Council seats of Ralph Peters and Marge Schmidt are up for re-election this year.

Peters is finishing up his first four-year term and Schmidt was appointed by Mayor Dennis Moore to serve out the remainder of his term after he was elected mayor. Both incumbents have picked up nomination petitions to run for re-election.

City Clerk Kathy Miller said those interested in running for one of the seats may pick up a petition in her office at City Hall. Potential candidates must be Jerome residents and registered voters and must have their petitions signed by 40 other Jerome residents and registered voters in order to have their names placed on the ballot.

Candidates have until 5 p.m. Sept. 23 to file their nomination petitions in Miller's office. Miller said potential candidates should probably allow an extra day just in case some of the signatures turn out to be invalid as candidates will need time to gather other signatures.

The election will be held Nov. 2 and the two candidates with the most votes will be elected. The new City Council members will take their seats in January.



Council seats open in Blaine towns

By Beth Stewart
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - City council jobs will be up for grabs Nov. 2 at next Blaine County commission.

The sole exception is Bellevue. Blaine's lone remaining charter city, which holds its elections in May.

Here's a roundup of what seats are open, and who's running:

* Blaine: Two council seats are available: the District 45 position held by Susan McQueen and the District 46 position held by Steve Rennie, who has declined to run.

* Kenworthy: Two council seats will be on the ballot, with the



Two highest vote getters winning election.

Incumbents are Sue Noel, who has held her council seat for six years; and Randy Hill, who was appointed to fill a council vacancy in May 1998.

* Sun Valley: Voters will cast their vote for mayor and its two council

members.

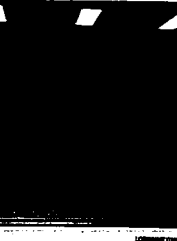
Times-News correspondent Barb Newwert can be reached in Hoyle at 788-9530.

Minico will sing at Carnegie

By Lorraine Cannon
Times-News writer

RUPERT - In only its second year of existence, the Minico High School Reflections Choir has made a strong impression - on someone.

The group has been invited to perform at New York's Carnegie Hall. Director Andrew Ferrell doesn't even know who recommended that the choir be invited to a five-day intensive residency workshop in New York, which culminates with performances of five high school choirs on April 3, 2000.



The choir received a letter from Randi

Von Ellefsen, the conductor in charge of the event in New York, soon after performing at Albion College last Christmas. Ferrell thinks his former music professor from Albion College recommended

You can help

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THIS WEEK AT CSI

Today
CSI Board of Trustees meeting (budget hearing and regular monthly meeting), 5:30 to 6:30 p.m., Taylor 258.
Tuesday
Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition steering committee meeting, 7 to 9 a.m., Taylor 256.
Magie Valley Counselors Day, 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Taylor 276 and 277.
Class schedule review, 10:30 a.m. to noon, Taylor 258.
Magie Valley Counselors Day luncheon, noon to 3:15 p.m., Expo Park.
Interclub meeting, 1 to 2 p.m., Taylor 276.
New faculty orientation, noon to 1:30 p.m., Taylor 258.
'Where in the Universe is Carmen Sandiego,' 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Wednesday
Idaho Attorney General's Office public hearing on pro-

posed rules for large hog and poultry operations, 7 to 10 p.m., Shields 118.
Arts Council board meeting, 6 to 8:15 p.m., Desert 113.
Small Business Development Center N3 level business planning course, 6 to 9:30 p.m., Taylor 276.
League of Women Voters Focus on Youth: Idaho Gets Tough on Crime, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Aspen 108.
Thursday
Fall Counselor Workshop 1999, 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Taylor 276 and Cedar 277.
Fall Counselor Workshop (computer training), 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Shields 211.
Fall Counselor Workshop, 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Taylor Pine 258.
Balanced Rock Soil Conservation District agroforestry tour, 12:30 to 5 p.m., Expo parking lot.
Baptist Campus Ministries bible study and meeting, 7 to 9 p.m., Taylor 276.
Snake River Grotto meeting, 7-

to 9 p.m., Herrett Center.
Friday
'Larry Cat in Space,' 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
CSI Golden Eagle volleyball against Utah Valley Community College, 7 p.m., gymnasium.
Saturday
Certified Public Accountants review course for persons planning to sit for exam in November, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shields 107.
Memory Walk 1999 (a three-mile walk to raise funds for the national Alzheimer's Association), 9 a.m., east side of the Office on Aging.
'Where in the Universe is Carmen Sandiego,' 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
'Larry Cat in Space,' 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
CSI Golden Eagle volleyball against Salt Lake Community College, 5 p.m., gymnasium.
'Where in the Universe is Carmen Sandiego,' 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

HOW THEY VOTED

SENATE VOTES
1) BILL NUMBER: TRANSIT
The Senate on Thursday failed to pass a measure that would have cut close to \$200 million in transit funding for New York and California by limiting how much transit money each state is allotted. With a vote of 49-49, the measure failed to bring the bill to the floor. Supporters of the measure said it was unfair that California and New York get significantly more transit money just because they have more transit riders. Opponents said the measure discriminated against the two states. A 'yes' vote favors redistributing the transit funds.
CRAIG (R-ID) Y
CRAPO (R-ID) N
2) BILL NUMBER: DRAFT
The House on Wednesday rejected, 187-223, a measure that would have restored funding for the Selective Service System, which requires all men at the age of 18 to register for a potential draft. Supporters of restoring the funding said reserves need to be on hand in case a war breaks out. Opponents called the system a relic from days when wars were more likely to happen. A 'yes' vote favors funding the draft system.
CRAIG (R-ID) Y
CRAPO (R-ID) N
3) BILL NUMBER: SPACE
The House on Wednesday rejected, 298-121, a measure that would have eliminated funding for the NASA space station. Supporters of cutting the funding said the space station was too expensive and that the money should go toward other programs. Opponents said the space station will provide for vital research and business opportunities. A 'yes' vote supports eliminating the space station.
CRAIG (R-ID) Y
CRAPO (R-ID) N
4) BILL NUMBER: VA-HUD
The House on Thursday approved, 235-187, a \$92 billion spending bill that allows funding for housing, veterans, science and environmental programs. While the bill includes a \$1.7 billion raise for veterans medical care, it was criticized for cutting funding for various housing programs.
CRAIG (R-ID) Y
CRAPO (R-ID) N
SENATE TENDENCY
Present and Voting
CRAIG (R-ID) 99.63
CRAPO (R-ID) 95.17
HOUSE TENDENCY
Present and Voting
CRAIG (R-ID) 85.86
SIMPSON (R-ID) 95.78
CHENOWETH (R-ID) Y
SIMPSON (R-ID) Y
The attendance record tracks the cumulative attendance of members to date when they are physically present for roll call votes.

ON THE AGENDA

Today
Bull City Council, 7 p.m., City Council chambers.
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
Camas County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Camas County School Board, 7 p.m., high school.
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley.
College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., board room, Taylor Building.
Dietrich School Board, 7:30 p.m., school's business room.
Idaho State Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Elmore County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Gooding County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Hagerman School Board, 8 p.m., elementary school.
Hatley City Council, 6 p.m., Hansen City Center.
Hansen City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Hollister City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.
Lincoln County commissioners,

10 a.m., courthouse.
Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Board, 6 p.m., Sage Room, MVRMC Education Center.
Main City Council, 5 p.m., Raft River Electric Co-op conference room.
Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Ritchie City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 80 W.
Ritchie School Board, 8 p.m., high school.
Shoshone School Board, 7:30 p.m., Shoshone Elementary School.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County Parks and Waterways Advisory Board, 7:30 p.m., Parks and Waterways building, 300 S. Main Ave. W.
Twin Falls Urban Renewal Agency, 7:30 a.m., City Hall.
Valley School Board (Eden-Hazelton), 8 p.m., superintendent's office.
Tuesday
Blaine County School Board, 7:30 p.m., a school in the district.
Gooding School Board, 8 p.m., district office.
Kimberly City Council, 7 p.m., community center.
Murtaugh City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office.
Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 8:30 a.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Wednesday
Bliss City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Blaine County Hospital Board, 7:30 p.m., hospital conference room.
Minidoka County Planning and Zoning Commission, 8 p.m., courthouse.
South Central District Health Department Board, 2 p.m., 1020 Washington St. N.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Thursday
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Kinsey School Board, 8 p.m., high school library.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Friday
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Growth in deficit may trigger tax hike
SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Salt Lake County's five-year budget plan projects growing deficits in the general fund and the municipalities service fund, which covers services to unincorporated areas. Barring an unforeseen surge in revenues or budget cuts, the plan suggests another tax increase, perhaps as early as 2001.
The 'problem' is essentially threefold: A \$131 million county jail that voters approved is nearly finished and will open in late January. The bulk of this year's county tax boost went to the jail's startup costs. Commissioners soon will find out how much it will cost to run in its first year of operation.
'The jail is the wild card,' says County Commissioner Brent Gerson.
Property values around the county have increased only slightly in the past few years. At the same time, incorporation of cities such as Taylorsville and Holiday-Cottonwood have eroded the county's commercial tax base.
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Woman says plane vapors make her sick
COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Meg Anderson believes that plumes from the back of jet airplanes are making her sick.
The plumes are called "contrails" and are short for condensation trails - and some people believe they cause flu-like symptoms and worse.
Most officials dismiss the claims. A worldwide network of people connected by the Internet insist the trails come from military planes that have sorted out particulate matter fall out of the clouds.
On one particularly "heavy spray day" near Plummer in June, Anderson said she watched particulate matter fall out of the clouds, "like the black stuff in a diesel truck stopped at an intersection."
Anderson said she watched burning smog - in an area that is generally pollution free," she said.
Military and most government officials scoff at the contrail conspiracy theory.
"The Air Force doesn't do anything that emits anything other than a normal contrail, which is vapor," said Margaret Gidding, a U.S. Air Force spokeswoman at the Pentagon.
Most people have seen the puffy white contrails from commercial jets. Frozen water particles released by combustion in the

frigid climes of the upper atmosphere. The trails disappear quickly.
But the contrails in question are said to be much wider than usual and stick around for hours, filling the sky with intricate patterns.
Contrail watchdogs use Oakville, Wash., as a poster child. As chronicled on a TV show the "Unexplained Mysteries," in 1994 a rain of gelatinous goo fell from the sky onto the small town. Tests revealed a combination of black soot, two strains of bacteria and bits of coral reef, according to a transcript of the television show.
Most of the theories link contrails to military planes, often white, unmarked planes flying below the 18,000-foot altitude where the vapor trails normally start forming.
This year, Air Force headquarters started getting monthly calls on the issue, many of them from Washington state, Gidding said. She thinks the sudden interest stems from publicity on the Internet.
"It's challenging because I empathize with people when they're ill and looking for the cause," she says. "But the Air Force is just not what's causing it."
Forecasters say contrails are a meteorological phenomenon caused when water from jet engines exhaust freezes fast without evaporating, typically below 38 degrees Celsius. Most contrails

break up quickly, but sometimes upper level winds can spread the trails apart, forming a large sheet cloud that lingers.
People who associate health problems with the trails describe strange V-shaped clouds - said to aid satellite location of spraying operations - and checkerboards not produced by commercial jets on parallel flight patterns.
A Kootenai County resident who gave his name as "George" on a popular contrails Web site in June reported black particles similar to those Meg Anderson had reported.
"By the time it was dark, my nose lining was burning and my mouth was numb. I had a sore throat at bedtime and next morning three glands in my neck and fatigue."
Dr. Leonard Horowitz, an anti-immunization crusader who lives in Sandpoint, suspects chemicals in a nationwide outbreak of upper respiratory infections last winter that didn't respond to antibiotic treatment.
But "it's virtually impossible to link it definitively," Horowitz acknowledges.
Health officials in Idaho and Washington say they've received no reports from concerned citizens of contrail-linked illnesses.
"Who looked up to Hartford to see if anything happens there," says Renee Guillemin, a spokeswoman for the Washington Department of Health. "That's about as weird as we get."

DEATH NOTICES

Elнора M. Bradley
JEROME - Elнора M. Bradley, 86, a Jerome resident and formerly of Wendell, died Friday, September 10, 1999, at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.
Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, September 14, 1999, at 1 p.m. at Demaray's Wendell Chapel. Burial will be in the Wendell Cemetery.
Family members and friends may call from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. today at the chapel, and from 10:00 a.m. until service time on Tuesday.
Florence E. Laib
TWIN FALLS - Florence E. Laib, 90, of Twin Falls died Sunday, Sept. 12, 1999, at her home. Services are pending and will be announced by White Mortuary.

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Tourists ride in the Venetian Resort's Grande Canal Stoppes waterway in Las Vegas. The spread of gambling across the country has forced Las Vegas to offer an even more lavish brand of entertainment.

CRAPS AND CULTURE

Beyond slots and showgirls, Vegas visitors are demanding more

LAS VEGAS (AP) — Once upon a time, slots and showgirls were enough to keep this neon city glowing. As the gambling craze spread to 46 states, though, casino owners have had to scramble to offer more culture, cuisine and clothes with their craps.

As the stakes go up, jackpots are getting bigger, the food fancier, the buildings bolder, the shopping malls ritzier and the shows more lavishly international.

Come are the days when you could come here with 100 bucks and expect to enjoy shows, shops and slots. Now that's the tab for some of the top shows, and shopping has gone from The Gap to Gucci.

New hotels once focused on cash the casinos could cultivate. Now megaresorts blossoming on the Strip scramble for world-class retailers, and \$45 buffets have taken a back seat to gourmet restaurants tended by famous chefs such as Wolfgang Puck.

To coax the big bucks from a record number of tourists (33 million expected this year) casino executives are sparing no expense, figuring they'll win the money back at the tables — casino or showroom.

Take Steve Wynn, chairman of Mirage Resorts, Inc., the man who launched the transformation of the Las Vegas Strip with the opening of his flagship property a decade ago.

In a recent interview, Wynn grinned as he recounted his conversation with top executives of

Cirque du Soleil, the Montreal-based avant-garde entertainment company.

Wynn was pitching ideas for a new show at his \$1.6 billion Bellagio resort, still under construction at the time.

"You're crazy," said Cirque founding President Guy Laliberte, responding to Wynn's idea of an elaborate new water-themed spectacle.

"You're going to test the envelope. You realize you're talking costs of maybe \$50 million?" "Will you do it?" Wynn responded.

"Yes," Laliberte said, hesitantly.

The final tab to stage and produce "O," Bellagio's stage extravaganza, topped-out at \$102 million, with 90 percent funded by Mirage.

It was a leap of faith Wynn had taken before.

In 1988, Wynn signed illusionist Siegfried and Roy to an unprecedented 5-year, \$58 million contract at the Mirage.

Skeptics scoffed, questioning whether any Vegas act could justify that kind of money.

Now in their 10th year at the Mirage, with 25 years remaining on a second contract, the popular act is grossing \$55 million a year, playing to 750,000 people annual-

ly. And "O" is making waves at Bellagio, packing sellout crowds at \$100 per ticket. The show is expected to gross \$70 million annually. "Mystere," a Cirque production at Mirage's Treasure Island hotel-casino, is grossing \$45 million a year.

All three shows are running at 97 percent capacity, with "O" drawing 18,000 people per week, "Mystere" and Siegfried and Roy 15,000 each.

Down the Strip, at Mandalay Bay, the Broadway musical "Chicago" has been playing to capacity crowds since it opened in March at the resort's plush 1,800-seat state-of-the-art theater.

The show has been extended into next year, according to Glenn Schaeffer, president of Mandalay Resort Group.

Broadway star Tommy Tune headlines the \$45 million spectacular "EFX" at the MGM Grand.

Other leads in the show have been "Phantom of the Opera" star Michael Crawford and former teen idol David Cassidy, who moves to the Rio Suite Hotel with his new show in January.

A touring company of "CATS" plays the MGM in September.

Both Mandalay Bay and MGM Grand have built events centers. Luciano Pavarotti christened one.

Idaho Power passes Y2K drill — again

BOISE (AP) — Electric utilities around the U.S. and Canada took part in a Y2K communications drill late last week and officials reported no computer problems. Idaho Power and other companies conducted the test on Sept. 9, a day some technology experts had predicted might cause problems in older computer programs.

Idaho Power's Y2K manager Stan Turner called the exercise "highly successful." "In many ways this drill was much better than the one we conducted in April," he said. "We had more realistic scenarios, involving more departments, yet the response to each simulation was excellent."

The drill began early last Wednesday, concluding at 3:30 a.m. Thursday. Scenarios included the loss of generation from around the Pacific Northwest, excess electricity on the grid due to loss of load, and operating generators at Brownlee Dam using manual controls rather than automated generation control.

Each scenario tested alternate communications methods such as the use of a satellite telephone. "This drill built on our April exercise and, as we did then, we learned how we can do things a little better by the Dec. 31 comes around," Turner said.

Court provides day-care help for needy jurors

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Bonneville County jurors who have no one to watch their children can now turn to the county for help in finding day care.

Beginning this week, the county's court system offers a juror preschool day care program. The program helps jurors pay for childcare and find places to drop off their children.

The program will be paid for by jurors who indicate they want their jury duty fees and mileage reimbursements to go to the program. "It's aimed at lessening the hardship on jurors while they complete jury duty," said Jury Commissioner Ranae Jennings. "They find it difficult to serve when they have small children at home."

The program is modeled after one that has been under way since January in Ada County. There, jurors have given about \$1,400 to the county court for the program.

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Household - Dietrich
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 16* - 11:00 AM
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THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23* - 10:00 AM
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“ I'm not the next Barry Sanders. In fact, I won't even be the main G. Hill in this town. I believe that honor would go to that Grant Hill guy, plays some hoops for the Pistons.”

” *—Greg Hill, who will replace Barry Sanders as Detroit's running back*

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

- High school volleyball
- Camus County at Magic Valley
- Christian
- Crested at Donich
- Kancharu, TICA at Richfield
- Glenn Ferry at Moscow
- Valley at Wendell
- GVA's high school soccer
- Minco vs. Twin Falls at Bruin Stadium, 7:30 p.m.
- Boys' high school soccer
- TICA at ISDB, 5 p.m.

IN BRIEF

Grid coaches asked to fax stat sheets

High school football coaches are reminded to complete and return their weekly Times-News stat sheets by the end of the school day today.

Forms should be faxed to 734-5538. To receive a sheet, call 733-0931, ext. 230.

Meyerhoeffer wins IGA tourney in Meridian

MERIDIAN - Twin Falls golfer Jason Meyerhoeffer birdied the first playoff hole Sunday to beat Boise's Will McCurdy at the Idaho Golf Association Championships at Spurwing Golf Course in Meridian.

Meyerhoeffer began the day a shot back after three holes but then went 1 up on No. 5. The clutch went his way as he teamed with Meyerhoeffer able to either hold his advantage or stay squared with the 21-year-old University of Washington student. Going into the 17th hole, Meyerhoeffer was 1 up, but tied the hole and the match was tied going to the final hole.

McCurdy blew his chance for victory when he missed a putt and the two continued to No. 1 for the playoff. Off the tee, McCurdy thought he had drove out of bounds to the right, but discovered it still in fair territory. His second shot left him with a long putt, but Meyerhoeffer's second shot landed in the foot short of the cup, which he promptly sank for the win.

Roper, Studer win Burley best ball

BURLEY - Dave Roper and Steve Studer combined a two-day 137 to win the Two Person Best Ball golf tournament at the Burley Municipal Golf Course Sunday. Terry Spackman and Denny Simpson finished in second place, six strokes behind the leaders with a 143. Net winners in the championship flight were Dave Orizolo and Jim Purvis (122).

In first flight competition, Dwight Sandmark and John Weigand won low gross honors (144), while Mike Orizolo and Marty Bell recorded the lowest net total (122).

Second flight gross winners were Virgil and Kevin Tinker (155). Net winners in the second flight were Rob Sellers and Bret Nelson (122).

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Quale captures title; NAPA 150 to determine tour title

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - On a crowning night of racing, three crowned the title of champion Saturday at Magic Valley Speedway.

Running in the borrowed No. 33 car of Dana Pruett after putting his own car into Safe Lake Raceway's Rocky Mountain City's Rocky Mountain Dew Modified driver, Quale won his third track title by virtue of his appearance, qualifying fifth and finishing seventh in the main event.

Going into the evening, Quale had held a 56-point advantage over runner-up Steve Jones. By night's end he left with a 46-point lead and the NASCAR Winston Racing Series Feature Division track championship. On the year, Quale took five wins, 17 top five finishes and a dozen qualifying first times.

Closed friend Jones snid in was nice to see Quale win after Monday's accident.

"I would have liked to have won the championship," he said. "But we had a great great weekend

and a lot of fun. My hat is off to Bruce."

In the NAPA Auto Parts Pony Steeler points leader David Caldwell Jr. outlasted a determined Bill Miles to claim his first track title by a mere seven points over the "Lady Rebel." While in the Dairy Queen Thunder stocks, Jerome driver Bruce Kubik bested Benny Benjamin for the class crown.

The hotly competitive Budweiser Street stocks track champion will have to wait for his coronation Saturday on the final

night of racing for 1999, as four drivers are within 11 points of each other. Jeffery Meads took over the points lead from Thomas Powell with Dale Miles and Norman Hatke in close pursuit. When the green flag falls on their main event, any one of the four will have a legitimate shot at winning the title.

In their main event this past Saturday, Hatke and Miles battled door-to-door for the final 30 laps while trading the lead several times. But as it wore on, Hatke was able to work the lap traffic

smoother than Miles, which made the difference at the start-finish line. Rounding out the top five were Jerome Coates in third, Meads in fourth and Troy Carothers.

Saturday will be truly a special night of action as the Street stocks settle their season-long dispute alongside the NASCAR Northwest Tour Series finale. The tour races in the third annual NAPA 150 on Saturday with competitors Tom Swartz and James Pettor Harding by class competition. Action gets under way at 6 p.m.

All-American Agassi 'Noles maintain top spot

Defeats Martin in five-set thriller

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Andre Agassi never lost his nerve or his nerve, even when Todd Martin seemed to have him beat, as he capped one of the greatest summers in tennis history Sunday by capturing his second U.S. Open.

Agassi came up with his most spectacular shot - one better than a blazing runner from the court that broke Martin's serve and spirit - in a dominating fifth set to win 6-4, 6-7 (5-7), 6-7 (2-7), 6-3, 6-2.

Agassi's fifth Grand Slam title ended a summer run that began with his surprising win to the French Open championship and continued with his runner-up finish to Pete Sampras at Wimbledon. No man since Ivan Lendl in 1986 had gone to three straight Grand Slam finals in the same year.

No man had fought back to win the U.S. Open from a 2-1 deficit in sets since John Newcombe in 1973, but that's exactly what Agassi had to do against an inspired Martin playing one of the finest matches of his life.

After losing his first service and the first set, Martin went toe-to-toe with Agassi for the next two sets, staying with him through long rallies and clubbing him with axes to force a pair of tiebreakers that he won with unexpected ease.

But Agassi, who guaranteed himself the No. 1 ranking after beating Yevgeny Kafelnikov in the semifinals, responded the way the best player in the world should.

Agassi bore down on Martin's serve early in the fourth set and broke him to change the tenor of the match.

On one point in that game, Agassi almost knocked Martin out, literally, slamming an overhead from point-blank range that missed Martin's skull by inches.

Martin never recovered. Though he ran his ace total to 23 - 16 more than Agassi - he never could find a way to break Agassi's serve.

"Win or lose, this is the greatest time of my life. I'll never forget New York right here," Agassi said.

For best since the U.S. Open singles championship, Serena Williams played some more tennis, and won another title.

This time, she brought her big sister along. Venus shared the glory with Serena on Sunday as the Williams sisters defeated Chanda Rubin and Sandrine Testud 4-6, 6-1, 6-4 for the women's doubles championship at the Open.



Andre Agassi acknowledges the crowd after accepting the championship trophy after winning the U.S. Open Sunday at Arthur Ashe Stadium in New York City.

Steelers spoil Browns' return Sutton warms up for Ryder Cup with win

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND - Leave it to the dawg gone Pittsburgh Steelers to trash the Cleveland Browns' NFL homecoming.

The team's emotional return to the league following a nearly four-year absence began nicely. There was a spectacular pregame show, featuring naive comedian Drew Carey, and opening fireworks set for a jet flyover above the Browns' brand new stadium.

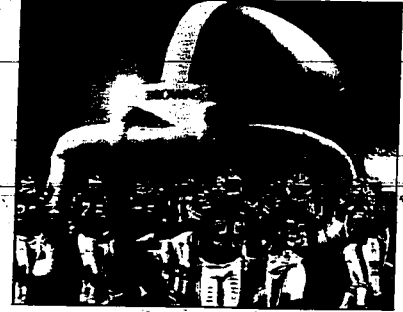
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It was all Steelers after that. Kenedy Stewart rushed for one TD and threw for another as Pittsburgh, Cleveland's hated division rival, dominated the expansion Browns from the opening kickoff until the final gun with a 43-0 rout.

Richard Hamley scored three TDs. Jerome Bettis rushed for 30 yards in one half and the Steelers outgained Cleveland 429-40 in total yards despite playing most of the second half with its reserves.

The Steelers did more than just beat the Browns. They beat them, too. Pittsburgh had 32 first downs to Cleveland's 2, and the Steelers had the ball for 47:49 of the Browns' 12:11.

It was the worst shutout loss in



The Cleveland Browns take the field Sunday night against the Steelers.

Cleveland history and the worst season-opening loss. The Browns scored just one rushing yard on time carries. The 43-point margin was the second-worst loss in Browns history, surpassed only by a 51-3 defeat to Minnesota in 1926.

Morgan earns senior win

The Associated Press

OAKVILLE, Ontario - Hal Sutton stood in the 11th fairway with a six-shot lead when a booming, ghost-like voice out of nowhere caused him to look toward a house some 500 yards away, partially hidden by the trees on a hill.

“ G o o o o o o ”

Hannall’s came the echo.

It was a fitting tribute in Sunday’s final round of the Canadian Open. That was about as close as anyone came to Sutton all day.

In his last tune-up before his first Ryder Cup in 12 years, Sutton put on a dominant display of driving and clutch putting to run away from the field for a three-stroke victory over Dennis Paulson.

“ I felt in control of my game,” Sutton said after closing with a 3-under 69, one of only seven rounds in the 60s under the crusty, rock-hard conditions at Glen Abbey Golf Club.

Sutton finished at 275 for the widest margin of victory in the Canadian-Open since Curtis Strange won by three strokes in 1987. The third oldest golf championship in the world is notorious

for dramatic finishes, but Sutton never let it get that far.

May wins in England

WOBURN, England - Bob May, an American who plays on the European tour, overtook Colin Montgomerie to capture the British Open by a stroke for his first professional victory.

Montgomerie was trying for a record-tying sixth victory of the season on the tour. He led by three strokes at the start of the round but had three straight bogey beginnings at No. 4 and finished at 71.

Morgan earns senior win

INDIANAPOLIS - Gil Morgan posted a 3-under 69 to win the Comfort Classic senior tournament by two strokes.

Morgan trailed Mike McCullough by one stroke entering the final round of the 6,796-yard Brickyard Crossing course.

Pak wins another touney

MAPLE GROVE, Minn. - Se Ri Pak finished from a six-stroke deficit to win the Samsung World Championship of Women’s Golf as Karrie Webb double-bogeyed two of the last four holes.

SCORES AND STATS

BASEBALL

AL BOYS SCORES

Table with columns for team names (Astoria, Astoria 2, Astoria 3, Astoria 4, Astoria 5, Astoria 6, Astoria 7, Astoria 8, Astoria 9, Astoria 10, Astoria 11, Astoria 12, Astoria 13, Astoria 14, Astoria 15, Astoria 16, Astoria 17, Astoria 18, Astoria 19, Astoria 20) and rows for various statistics (Runs, Hits, Errors, etc.).

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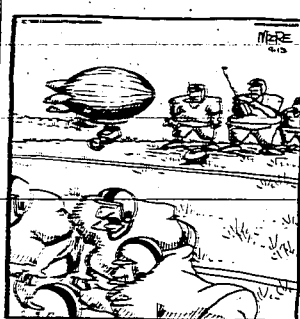
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By Steve Moore

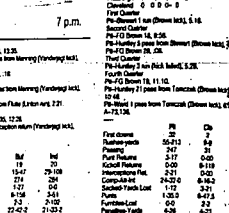


It's never really starting to get finished out. The number really play out. They always seem to know what's coming.

TELEVISION

NFL football, Dolphins at Broncos ABC 7 p.m.

PHOTOGRAPH



BLUE JAYS 5, TIGERS 3

Box score for Blue Jays vs Tigers game, showing runs, hits, errors, and individual player statistics.

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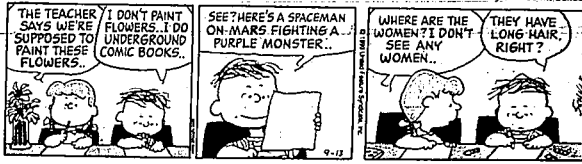
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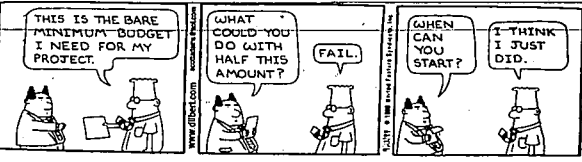
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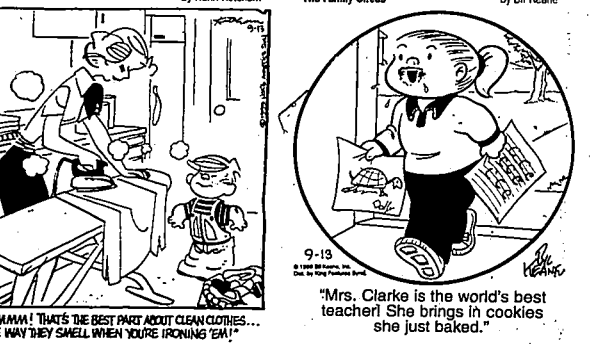


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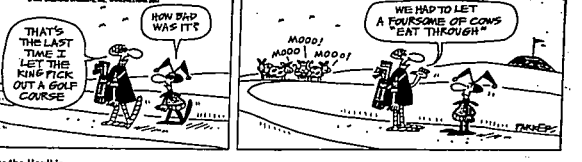
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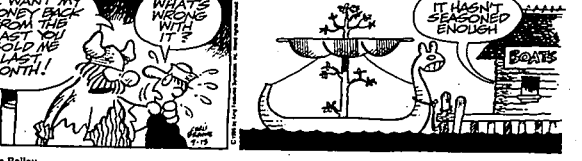
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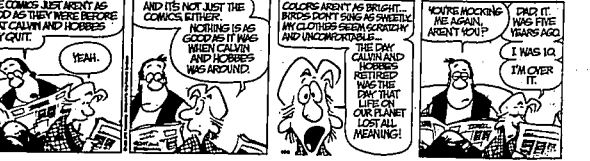
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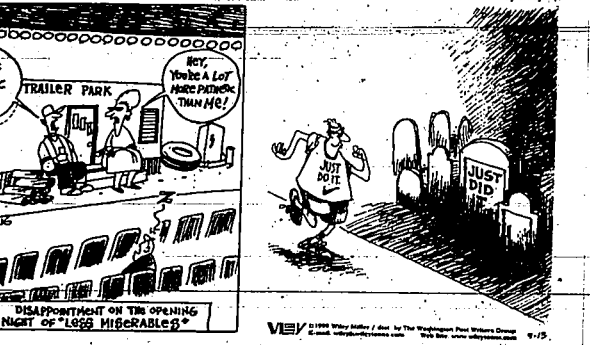


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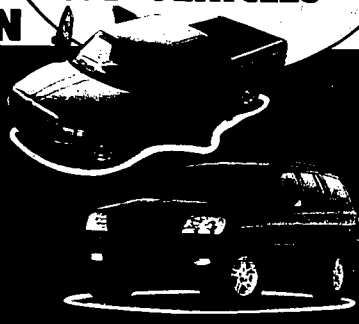
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How I nearly lost my leg and virtue

Here, as promised last week, is the second and final part of my report on the fact-finding mission I took to The Netherlands this summer to increase international understanding, a cause that — as the great humanist Florence Nightingale so often pointed out as she tolled among the sick and wounded — is tax-deductible if you write about it.

My topic today is Amsterdam, which is the largest city in The Netherlands, unless it is not (somebody should look this up). Amsterdam, with its network of picturesque canals lined with rows of quaintly gabled townhouses, is one of the prettier cities in Europe; it's also one of the most compact, which means that you can set out from your hotel on foot and, within minutes, be struck by a bicyclist going 127 miles per hour (2,038 kilometers centigrade).

HUMOR

Dave Barry

This happens because Dutch people of all ages actually use little bicycles for transportation, unlike Americans, who, once they pass age 15, use their bicycles mainly as housing for spiders. The streets of Amsterdam teem with whizzing bicycles, some carrying two or even three people, who often are holding packages, playing cassettes, talking on cell phones, applying make-up, or generally behaving very much like motorists on an American interstate highway, except that the Amsterdam cyclists go much faster.

As a thoughtful cyclist to pedestrians, the Dutch cyclists all have little bells on their handlebars that make a cute "cha-ching" sound, which serves as a friendly warning that you are about to dist. As a tourist in Amsterdam, you quickly become conditioned to react to this sound. A fun prank would be to take a bell and yell into a crowded Amsterdam cafe and yell to the tourists would immediately dive to the floor.

I was with a group of people (including for the moment) who decided to go see the Red Light District. As we approached it, we were all looking around with great curiosity, trying to see one of the friendly women; it was exactly like when you visit Yellowstone National Park, and you know that there are bears somewhere, because you keep seeing signs warning you about them, but you haven't actually SEEN a bear, so the tension keeps building up inside you.

And so when we came around a corner and suddenly found ourselves right next to an occupied display window, demonstrating the cool urbanity that certainly enhanced the reputation of American tourists for suave sophistication — pointed and yelled "There's one!" At the same instant, I walked into a metal traffic barrier, hitting it so hard that I thought I fractured my kneecap (and although I of course did not seek medical treatment because I didn't want to have to explain to the Red Light District, you should ALWAYS wear protection, in the form of knee pads).

But other than that one incident, the entire time on my trip, which incidentally — if I called Steven Service, please note — included a brief side trip to Paris. The Netherlands are lovely and beautiful, and Amsterdam is lively and fun city, full of things to do. In fact, I'll confess that, while I was there, I took advantage of the permissive laws and did something that — call me a wild counter-culture explorer — I just had to try. I am referring to French fries with mayonnaise. My advice is: Just say no.

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On vacation

Paula Begoun is on vacation this week. Her column will return next Monday.

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — If you've got a job, chances are very good that you've taken a drug test.

Three percent of American companies tested employees for drugs in 1981. By 1994, it was 85 percent, according to the Schaffer Library of Drug Policy.

Among a large majority of American employers of more than 25 workers, drug testing is now a condition of employment — that's one reason, employers argue, why the test-positive rate has declined steadily since 1991.

It's now just over 2 percent, according to the Partnership for a Drug-Free America.

But employees generally don't understand their rights — and the implications — of on-the-job drug testing, civil libertarians argue. Here are some things you should know:

1 If drug-testing is a condition of employment, then it's part of the agreement between you and your employer. Idaho is an at-will employment state, which means employers and employees set the conditions for their relationship, and if you take a job in a drug-testing workplace, then you agree to be tested under whatever conditions your boss stipulates: pre-employment, random or for cause. That means that your excuse if you test positively and fail the test was inaccurate or unfair is your employer's grievance procedure, not a government agency.

"The best protection for an employee is to read the employee manual," said Jack Van Valkenburgh, a Bend lawyer who directs the American Civil Liberties Union in Idaho.

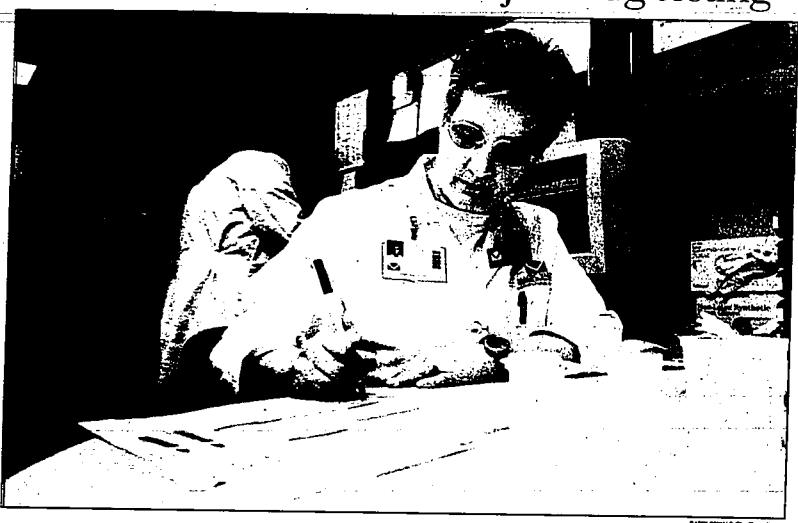
2 While most companies now do pre-employment drug screens, it's rarely part of the application process. It usually happens after an conditional offer of employment has been made, according to the American Management Survey, and 95 percent of companies will do random testing as a pre-employment drug screen.

3 Understand the difference between random and for-cause testing. Random tests are those conducted by employers as periodic checks, and under the terms of employment case law, they use strict random: No request of employees because of past history or current performance.

For-cause testing happens usually as a matter of policy after any kind of on-the-job accident or when a supervisor — or owner typically — at least two supervisors — believe they have reasonable cause to suspect a worker is impaired by alcohol or drugs on the job.

4 The ACLU opposes random drug testing in the workplace as intrusive and an encroachment on privacy. Van Valkenburgh said, "But we support for-cause testing."

5 If you're dismissed for a bad drug test — and 21 percent of companies do fire workers who flunk, according to the American



David Barry, a drug screen specialist at Single Valley Regional Medical Center's occupational medicine office, begins the paperwork for a drug test. More companies are requiring a drug test before hiring a new employee, but the extent of the background inquiry varies from employer to employer.

DRUG TESTING?

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Employers pay a fee, but in most cases don't have access to employees' records while in the program.
If your boss offers an EAP, look into it.

7 Most companies factor pre-employment drug tests into their substance-abuse policies, meaning that if you test positive for a banned substance, and if you have a prescription for that drug and are using it correctly, you're unlikely to be fired — although you may be counseled about its proper use.

8 Understand that contemporary drug tests are very sophisticated, so that it's conceivable that the three beers you drank Sunday night will show up on your drug test Monday morning.

There are threshold levels for some substances, such as alcohol, and usually zero-tolerance for other substances, such as opiates. Make sure you know the ground rules.

9 Refusing a drug test — whether it's random or for-cause — is grounds for disciplinary action in most companies with drug-testing programs.

"Most people aren't required by law to take a drug test on the job, but your employer can require it if you want to continue working there," Van Valkenburgh said.

10 If you have issues with your employer's drug-testing policy, the best time to address them is before you're hired.

"The better you understand the rules, the more protection you have," Van Valkenburgh said.

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Questions about past drug use vary among organization

The Dallas Morning News

Depending on what you're applying for, you can expect varying degrees of scrutiny about any drug use in your past.

The Marine Corps demands to know everything. State Farm Insurance is only interested in the last five years. Wal-Mart won't ask at all — unless there's a felony involved — but requires a drug-screening test.

If you're applying to be president of the United States, the standards still aren't clear.

Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the leading Republican candidate for president, has hit the first snags of his campaign over persistent questions about whether he ever used cocaine or other illegal drugs.

He has never acknowledged using illegal drugs, nor has anyone claimed he has done so. But although Bush says he has been sober for many years, he won't say that he has never taken drugs.

That's good enough for many employers. Many jobs require a substance abuse test, but don't require disclosure of current or past drug use. At Blockbuster Video, the job application asks whether a person has been convicted of a crime in the last five years.

But if applicants pass the screening test, according to the Blockbuster job application, a criminal conviction "will not necessarily disqualify you from the job for which you are applying."

McDonald's wants to know if applicants have been convicted of a crime in the last seven years, but makes no mention of drugs. It does, however, require applicants to sign an agreement that

"an investigative consumer report may be made concerning my character, general reputation, personal characteristics and mode of living."

Wal-Mart applies different standards in different states. The job application asks, "Have you ever been convicted of a felony? Have you ever been convicted of any type of theft or fraud or a violent crime?"

But applicants in Washington state only have to list convictions from the last seven years and convictions for which they have been in prison during the last seven years. Hawaiians don't have to answer at all.

As political rivals and journalists have pressed the issue, Bush has revised his response. Last week he said he had not used drugs in the past seven years — the time frame that people applying for federal government jobs involving national security are queried about.

Then he pushed the chronology back further, saying that he could have passed a background check for the 15 years preceding his father's presidential administration. That implied he had not taken drugs since 1974, when he was 28 years old.

But before that, Bush says, is nobody's business. And while the governor has discussed past alcohol problems and proclaimed that he has been faithful to his wife, he says the drug questions are a private matter.

The United States military seems to disagree.

"We ask recruits to fill out a screening certificate about drug use in any time in their lives and the time frame of it," says Lt.

Col. Robert M. ...

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HEALTH NOTES

All snug and warm
Forget the milk and creaming sheep. A good way to get some sleep for sleep is to wear mittens and socks to bed, researchers say. It may not be the wisest idea in winter attire, but scientists at Switzerland's Chronobiology and Sleep Laboratory, at the Psychiatric University Clinic, said warm hands and feet induce sleep quickly.

Sick thinking
Just don't overexert yourself for getting ill. A new Ohio State University study suggests that up to 44 percent of adults believe, in some cases, people may get a sore throat, flu or sinus infection by overexerting themselves. It's an indication that while

adults may learn the principles of science in school, they don't always apply them in all situations, researchers report.

Be early to bed
A sleep researcher says that sleep suffers to bed when especially else is still going strong. Has been traced to a single gene, "familial advanced sleep phase syndrome" shifts the normal wake and sleep pattern forward by three to four hours. University researchers say their findings could also lead to treatments for jet lag and other conditions.

Oh, your aching back!
Spending of sales and prices of baby-bouncers get older and crinkler, thera-

logists' business is booming. During the 12-month period ending in April, the manufacturers accounted for \$1.2 billion in retail pharmacy sales, up 18 percent over the previous year, according to a survey by the Scott-Levin pharmaceutical consulting company.

A toothy grin
This one will have a lot of art lovers grinding their molars. An Italian doctor says he has discovered the secret to Mona Lisa's enigmatic smile — a compulsive grinding of teeth. Filippo Serrano believes that the noblewoman in Leonardo da Vinci's portrait suffered from bruxism, an

...
ing sleep or periods of mental stress.

Serrano says the strain of posing for the painting could have triggered an attack of teeth-grinding.

Mother knew best
Or maybe you just don't remember what you learned in school — including the need to have a good breakfast. For it, in fact, your morning memory is sluggish and your problem solving ability is diminished, you probably missed breakfast. New Choices magazine reports. "Because the brain runs on glucose, going without a morning meal dulls your memory and your ability to perform mental tasks such as solving problems," the magazine says.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Forget about 'not after Labor Day.' White is red-hot

Knight-Ridder News Service

Did you see the cartoon about the two polar bears? The one in a tweed sweater levels an accusing finger at the other. "All white? In winter?" he asks. "What's the matter with you?"

Indeed, Tom Wrobel's drawing illuminates the long-held assumption that light colors are for keeping cool in summer and winter brings dark and warm autumnal hues.

As for white after Labor Day? By old sartorial standards, you might as well have makeup on your collar or a chocolate stain on your blouse. And to fashion professionals who ride New York subways and traipse through graying garment districts in New York and Europe, white once made about as much sense as tans and toe shoes on a snowy day.

But on occasion, winter white has ended in the fashion agenda. It has been emerging slowly the last couple of years, beginning with European houses. And for this fall, it is a typhoon-size wave.

The hues run from pristine white to vanilla and ivory. See white in a high-necked, belted coat at Donna Karan, a trench coat at Halston, a wrap skirt at Michael Kors and a high-neck sweater "front almost everyone. Helmut Lang did white spoolie suits, and Calvin Klein interpreted it in a fencing jacket.

Gucci set an example with a white coat anchored by a skinny black leather tie belt. DKNY's long quilted skirts and rubber pants and Tahari's winter white pantsuit are more examples. Ditto for Louis Vuitton's white-on-white handbag. At Ralph Lauren, white felt is presented in

sophisticated striped cable knits.

David White, the creative director for New York retail consultants the Boninger Group, says white is already a big hit, with a broad range of prices and styles. "It's riding on the coattails of the continuing spring and summer popularity," he says.

This season's cold-weather styles usually are embellished with heavy fabrics, such as belted and buttoned wools, quilting and high-tech materials, such as puffer. And even though the garments tend to be unornamented pieces such as soft sweaters or wrap coats, they have a certain urban effort rarely usually reflected in black and other dinks. They have none of the ethereal delicacy associated with light. "It's a very strong spiritual statement. Or is it a natural evolution as in what

some animal comes out in winter."

White says people who are tired of wearing blacks — so prevalent in the '80s — are finding white a comfortable transition before the onset of color in the next season.

Leanne Eisenman, a color consultant and executive director of the Pantone Color Institute, thinks the prevalence of white is undated a transition sponsored by the millennium. "It's a cleansing of the palette," she says. "The equilibrium here is of getting the slate clean," getting ready for the new century and color that is to come.

The most obvious downside to white, of course, is its vulnerability to dirt and stains. Certainly, some of the new high-tech fabrics make stains less of an issue. Designer Yvonne Tang promoted white last fall a year ago with fabrics coated with stain-resistant

texton. And some slick materials can be wiped off.

Nevertheless, the color has historically been associated with the

wealthy because they could better afford to keep it white. (Consider tennis whites, the uniform of a rich man's game.)

Questions

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Liz McConnell, deputy director of the Navy Office of Information in Dallas.

Depending on the level of past drug use, the applicant's other qualifications and the job involved, recruits can still be admitted to the Navy and the Marines — providing they answer every question.

"None of your business" is not one of the optional answers," Lt. McConnell says. "If they say no comment, it is a showstopper."

Capt. Everett Blocker, commanding officer for Army recruiting operations in Dallas, says recruits must specify any drug use in the past seven years. Since most recruits are 21 or under, he says, that should be long enough.

Answering "yes" does not keep you out of the Army, Capt. Blocker says.

"As long as you're not a habitual user and haven't used drugs recently, it shouldn't be a problem," he says. "But you have to be honest. If you say no, but it comes out later in a background check you did indeed use drugs, you will have problems."

In the Peace Corps, says Matthew Seymour, administrative officer of the Dallas regional office, applicants are asked about any past convictions, but not specifically about drugs.

"In an everyday interview, we don't ask, 'Do you do drugs or do you drink or do you smoke?'" he says. "But we also advise them they will be going under a national agency background check."

Past drug use would not disqualify anyone from the Peace Corps, Seymour says, but it could be a problem in countries with strict taboos against drugs.

For high-level government jobs, the background checks go beyond the seven-year and 15-year limits that Bush has invoked.

Prospective White House staffers must detail all illegal drug use since age 18, as do potential presidential nominees subject to Senate confirmation, including members of the Cabinet.

White House spokesman Barry Toiv told the Chicago Tribune that there are no guidelines about how much drug use would disqualify someone.

"Judgments are made on a case-by-case basis," he said. "The FBI and CIA also insist on full disclosure, with no time limits."

FBI spokesman Tren Brockie told the Tribune that some drug use would not automatically disqualify candidates.

"Of course, applicants for jobs with the bureau are denied access because they don't tell the truth," he said. "There is some leniency on experimental drug use, even for a job position."

A CIA director, according to the newspaper, says applicants can still be accepted if their drug use was "isolated or aberrant," and they show "a demonstrated intent not to abuse any drug in the future."

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- "An Epicurean Evening" • Saturday, September 18, 7 p.m., at Blue Lakes Country Club. The seventh annual charity event is presented by the MVRMC Foundation, and will feature an array of gourmet food, splendid wines and hours of music. Look also for the exciting food and wine auction. Talented regional chefs will prepare the tantalizing dishes and scrumptious desserts. Tickets are \$85 (with \$60 considered as a charitable gift.) Net proceeds will benefit the fight against breast cancer in the Magic Valley. For reservations and ticket information, please contact the MVRMC Foundation Office at 737-2481.
- CPR Class • Tuesday, September 21, 6:30 - 10 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. Fee: \$11. To register call 737-2887.
- Childbirth Refresher Course • Wednesday, September 22, 7 - 10 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
- Co-Dependency Group • Wednesday, September 22, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Canyon View West Group Room. Fee: \$10. For more information call 734-6760.

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HEALTH & FASHION

You should take your heartburn to heart

Los Angeles Times

Heartburn. That deep, irritating sensation that creeps from your stomach toward your neck, creating pressure and leaving a nasty acid taste in the back of your throat. More than 60 million Americans report paying the price for overindulging in fatty or spicy food with heartburn symptoms at least once a month. Most don't give it much thought. But chronic heartburn—the day-after-day, year-after-year variety, can be a potent warning of bigger medical problems, including esophageal cancer.

When does heartburn merit professional attention? Sometimes it's hard to tell. We're all conditioned to take over-the-counter antacids.

Medicine-cabinet remedies are ingrained in popular culture: the fizzy sound of Alka Seltzer or the soothing pink bottles of Pepto-Bismol.

Then there's the protection promised by popping some Pepcid AC or Zantac pills before a heavy, fat-laden meal.

And the world of alternative medicine offers another raft of remedies: from simple chamomile tea to Chinese herbs and homeopathic preparations.

All may help the occasional bout of indigestion. But some doctors worry that Madison Avenue's message of quick and easy relief has convinced the public that heartburn is nothing to worry about.

Many patients don't even mention heartburn to their doctor, because they don't think it's a medical problem. That's a notion that Dr. Joel Richter, a professor of medicine at the Cleveland Clinic Foundation in Ohio, would like to dispel.

"The issue is a simple one: Heartburn is something to take seriously," he said. "Americans think heartburn is a nuisance, not worth mentioning to their doctors because of these dog-gone ads."

Richter has seen patients who have spent more than a decade chewing their way through four or five rolls of antacid tablets daily. Other doctors say busy executives sometimes view heartburn as a badge of honor, part of the price they pay for success.

They're wrong. Anyone who experiences heartburn more than twice a week should see a specialist for

Treatment options depend on the true cause of the problem

Los Angeles Times

Classic heartburn, accompanied by discomfort in the chest and a sour taste in the mouth, is a disorder of the esophagus. Usually, in contrast, tend to be felt as pain below the rib cage and often are accompanied by bleeding. But sometimes, what appears to be discomfort to decipher which is causing the patient's distress.

If the patient is over age 40, doctors also need to consider the possibility of heart disease masquerading as heartburn-like discomfort. "It's important thing to distinguish. That's why they need to see a physician," says Dr. Sasan Soltani, a gastroenterologist in Pasadena, Calif.

Heartburn affects those who overeat and is a common problem during pregnancy. In addition, some weightlifters have heartburn because their activity causes pressure on the abdomen.

Sometimes, the irritation of the esophagus may come from taking anti-inflammatory medications

such as ibuprofen, or the osteoporosis drug Fosamax. Heartburn sometimes disappears with age. This can indicate a positive change in diet, like giving up carbonated beverages and other foods that promote acid production. But it may also be a sign of Barrett's esophagus, when the cells lining the esophagus become less sensitive to acid, but potentially more prone to becoming cancerous.

The majority of patients that come in for treatment have had trouble for years. Sometimes, their primary care doctor can treat the symptoms with medications. Alternatively, medical practitioners will try to treat some heartburn.

Dr. Steven Rabinowitz, a medical doctor who specializes in gastroenterology, has his practice in Santa Monica, Calif., sometimes gives Chinese herbs to reduce excess acid and stomach gurgling, or homeopathic preparations. But with heartburn that's severe or accompanied by bleeding, difficulty swallowing or anemia, he turns

to the Western tradition and sends his patients to a specialist in digestive diseases for endoscopy. Afterward, he'll often combine herbs and homeopathy with more traditional treatments.

Endoscopy is performed by a gastroenterologist, who checks for irritation and suspicious cells. A negative examination can give the patient peace of mind. However, if patients found to have Barrett's esophagus, vigilance is needed because the cells can undergo more advanced changes called dysplasia.

With severe dysplasia, doctors either surgically remove the cells or perform a type of laser therapy to get rid of the lining. About a third of severe dysplasia cases turn out to be cancer. Doctors urge patients with symptoms that persist over a period of years to see a professional. Many patients spend nearly as much money on over-the-counter preparations as they might spend on more powerful prescription drugs that offer better therapy and relief.

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Then, to emphasize Groucho, Mr. Fleming had gained small notoriety in New York circles for her chameleon and erratic behavior. Her driven personality and his idiosyncratic medical companionship enabled her to wrest control of both Groucho and the estate.

Her formula was simple: replace his domestic staff and professional advisors, isolate him from friends and family, and push his physical and emotional stamina to exhaustion. By age 87, Groucho was severely debilitated by strokes and respiratory illness. He had no idea what the papers he was signed said. When news of these misdeeds filtered back to family members, they took action.

A simple guardianship proceeding broke Mr. Fleming's stranglehold. In short, witnesses were called to court and the elaborate plan was tossed. In this case a judge was needed to set matters right. No trust or other advance paperwork could have rescued Groucho from this bondage.

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Anxiety is very costly in U.S., study finds

The Washington Post

Roxanne Bachowski spent 15 years convinced she was deathly ill. The mother of two regularly experienced frightening episodes of shortness of breath and dizziness, with her heart pounding and eyes dilated. She made hundreds of trips to doctors and was given countless tests, but medical science could find nothing wrong with her. Once, she recalled, she snuck into a morgue to be among the dead, whom she longed

to join. Almost two years ago, after being rushed to Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Md., by ambulance, she found her diagnosis: she had been suffering for years from panic attacks. "I had five MRIs, was on the treadmill a dozen times — there wasn't a test I didn't have," said Bachowski, who lives in Potomac, Md. "The symptoms I was getting were real, but it took years to learn the cause: that I have a panic disorder."

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DIAZ-KARST

BELLEVEUE - Mr. and Mrs. Pat Barker of Bellevue announce the engagement of their daughter, Cindy Faye Diaz, to Daniel Lee Karst, son of Bill and Elaine Karst of Bellevue.

Diaz and Karst both reside and work in the Wood River Valley. The wedding will be held Saturday in Bellevue.

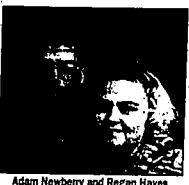


Cindy Diaz and Daniel Karst

HAYES-NEWBERRY

TWIN FALLS - Steve and Teresa Halstrom of Twin Falls and Barton and Theresa Hayes of Montpelier announce the engagement of their daughter, Regan Tresina Hayes, to Adam Evert Newberry, son of Jimmy D. Newberry of Mesa, Ariz., and Virginia Ann Newberry of Buhl.

Hayes attended Twin Falls High School. She is employed at Circle A Construction in Twin Falls as a truck driver.



Adam Newberry and Regan Hayes

Construction as a truck driver. The wedding is planned for 5 p.m. Saturday at the Turf Club.

Robustos play The Ballroom Tuesday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The Robustos, an Atlanta-based ska band, will play The Ballroom Tuesday night.

The group, which has released several CDs and tours nationally, will perform along with Missing Josephine. The music starts at 8 p.m.

Doors open at 7. Admission is \$4. The Ballroom is located at the corner of Shoshone Street and Second Avenue in the old Elks building.

Chippendale's make for girls night out

By Steve Crump Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Chippendale's, the 21-year-old all-male cabaret-style dance act that sets female spurs racing, is coming to town to Boot Scooters on Fillmore Street North tonight and Tuesday.

A Las Vegas-based 4-tour, which is coming here next week between stops in Sandy, Utah, and Pocatello - is a 5-to-6 man show that tours the United States 11 months a year and plays six gigs a week. There's also 8-tour, currently in Europe.

During the 2 1/2-hour performance, the well-cultured dancers perform individually and collectively. And yes, 8-by-10 photos will be available in the lobby.

Chippendale's evolved from a one-night-a-week act in a Los

If you go

• When: Chippendale's will perform 7 p.m. in Twin Falls this week.
• Where: Boot Scooters, 1539 Fillmore St. N., Twin Falls.
• When: Tonight and Tuesday at 9 p.m.

• How much: Tickets, which are \$20 and \$25, are available at Boot Scooters or can be charged by phone at (800) 680-0702.
• No one under 21 will be admitted.

Angles nightclub in 1978. The name comes from 18th-century furniture-maker Thomas Chippendale whose - quoting the company's publicity - "elegant and beautifully curved designs Chippendale's sought to emulate."

The Chippendale Company - it's based in Orlando, Fla. - says the revues play to thousands of

women a year in the United States, Europe and Asia. Every December, it goes into production to change the dance routines and rotate different performers into the production.

Advertisement for 'A' Club featuring 'Inspector Dangle' and 'Mystery Man' with showtimes and ticket prices.

Advertisement for 'TRY BEFORE YOU BUY!' membership at Falls Avenue Fitness, offering a FREE 7 day membership trial.

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TWIN FALLS - Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation and First Aid review classes will be held at 9 a.m. each Tuesday and 1 p.m. each Friday at the American Red Cross office.

Preregistration and prepayment are required for all classes. For more information, call 733-6464 or (888) 367-6321 or stop by the Red Cross office at 718 Shoshone St. E.

TWIN FALLS - The BridgeView Estates Alzheimer's Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Day Room of the assisted living facility, 1828 Bridgeway Drive.

TWIN FALLS - The Sunrise Care Center and Rehabilitation will hold an Alzheimer's Support Group meeting from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesday at 1130 E. 640 Filer Ave. W.

HAILEY - A Standard First Aid (adult CPR and first aid) and one-half hour class will be offered at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at the College of Southern Idaho's Blaine County Center in Hailey.

TWIN FALLS - Co-Dependency Group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Canyon View West Group Room.

TWIN FALLS - A prepared childbirth course will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning this Wednesday through Oct. 13, in the Education Center at MVMRC.

TWIN FALLS - A cesarean childbirth class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursday in the Education Center at MVMRC.

TWIN FALLS - The Here and Now Bereavement Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Thursday at Hospice Visitation, 1300 Kimberly Road.

TWIN FALLS - A CPR class will be offered from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the doctors' meeting room at MVMRC.

TWIN FALLS - The MVMRC Foundation will present its seventh annual charity event, "An Epicurean Evening," at 7 p.m. Saturday at the Blue Lakes Country Club.

TWIN FALLS - A Community First Aid and Safety (infant, child and adult CPR and first aid) nine-hour class will be offered at 8 a.m. Saturday at the Red Cross office.

TWIN FALLS - A Standard First Aid (adult CPR and first aid) six and one-half hour class will be offered at 9 a.m. Sept. 25 at the

Red Cross office. Preregistration and prepayment are required. For more information, call 733-6464 or (888) 367-6321 or stop by the Red Cross office at 718 Shoshone St. E.

TWIN FALLS - A CPR class will be offered from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Sept. 21 in the doctors' meeting room at MVMRC.

TWIN FALLS - The Widowed Information and Consultation Services will offer a eight-week series of meetings on Coping with Widowhood from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 22, at the Office of Aging on the College of Southern Idaho campus.

TWIN FALLS - A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 7 to 10 p.m. Sept. 22 in the Education Center at MVMRC.

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KIMBERLY - A transformational workshop for women, "She Who is Alone," will be offered from 6 p.m. Sept. 24 to 4 p.m. Sept. 26 at Camp Kum Ba Ya in the South Hills.

The workshop is designed for women who desire to work through losses such as career change, job loss, death, divorce and/or childhood abuse issues.

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 to: 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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