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Jet crashes with 217 on board

EgyptAir jetliner plunges into North Atlantic

The Associated Press

BOSTON — An EgyptAir jetliner with 217 people on board, including dozens of U.S. tourists, plunged into the ocean off Nantucket Island on Sunday on route from New York to Cairo. Searchers found debris and human remains scattered across the sea but no sign of survivors.

Authorities said there was no distress call from the pilots before the Boeing 767 plummeted to the sea in two minutes from 33,000 feet. Though the FBI and other intelligence agencies began checking on the possibility of sabotage, President Clinton and other officials said there was no immediate indication of foul play.

Searchers found two partially inflated life rafts, life jackets, seat cushions and other small debris, none with any burn marks, said Coast Guard Rear Adm. Richard M. Harboe. Finding such marks on some of the debris could suggest the possibility of a fire or explosion aboard the plane.

Alan Lewis, chief executive of the Boston-based travel agency Grand Circle Corp., said the plane was carrying a group of 54 people — all over 50 — bound for a 14-day drip to Egypt and the Nile. He said most of the travelers were from Colorado, Arizona and the Pacific Northwest.

The plane, which started its flight in Los Angeles and stopped at Kennedy International Airport in New York, went down about 1:52 a.m. EST roughly 60 miles south of Nantucket. The Coast Guard deployed ships, reconnaissance planes and helicopters to search an area of about 26 square miles, in waters about 370 feet deep.

A Navy salvage ship, the U.S.S. Grapple, and Navy divers were expected to join the search by Tuesday.

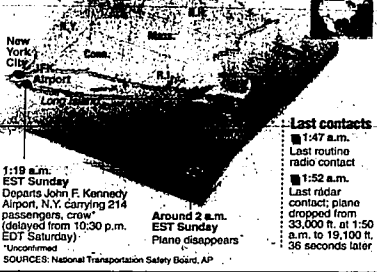
State-owned EgyptAir, confronted with the worst crash in its history, said the 199 passengers included 62 Egyptians, two Sudanese, three Syrians and one Chilean. Most of the others were believed to be Americans. There were 18 crew members, EgyptAir said.



Talat Abdelmonem, right, whose parents were on EgyptAir flight 990, and his son Ahmed, are consoled by Mustafa Ansis, his father-in-law, at the Islamic Center of Long Island Sunday. The plane, with 217 people aboard, crashed into the Atlantic Ocean, off Nantucket, Mass., early Sunday.

Disaster in the air

What we know so far about Sunday's crash of EgyptAir Flight 990 from New York to Cairo, Egypt, from New York.



- 1:19 a.m. EST Sunday: Departs John F. Kennedy Airport, N.Y., carrying 214 passengers, crew
- 1:47 a.m. EST Sunday: Last routine radio contact
- 1:52 a.m. EST Sunday: Last radar contact; plane dropped from 33,000 ft. at 1:50 a.m. to 19,100 ft. 36 seconds later
- 2 a.m. EST Sunday: Plane disappears

SOURCES: National Transportation Safety Board, AP

Crash stuns friends, relatives awaiting news at Cairo airport

The Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — In one corner of the makeshift information center, a man collapsed into a chair, wailing, "My son, my son." One woman was already planning a funeral for her sister. One man stood at the airport window, staring at the planes and crying his son's name: "Ahmed, Ahmed?"

The scene was replayed over and over Sunday at Cairo International Airport, where friends and loved ones of the 217 people who disappeared that morning into the Atlantic waited for word. Some were too terrified to even check the manifest of EgyptAir Flight 990. Others demanded information that didn't yet exist.

"Please, I want to know if he's

dead or still alive," begged Sabhi, Mohammed, whose brother-in-law was on the plane. "If he's dead, then I know that it is the end of his life. But the officials tell me they don't know if he's dead or alive."

Doctors and nurses millied about the news that the plane had vanished off the coast of Massachusetts.

EgyptAir officials set up a table in a terminal restaurant with passenger and crew manifests and told waiting families that there could still be survivors from the crash, but many refused to entertain hope. Some collapsed. One man was given an injection. Others demanded

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Commissioners OK ranchettes

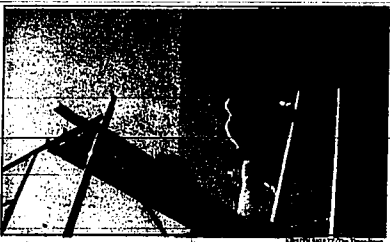
Bellevue Triangle subdivision plan draws opposition

By Kristan Kennedy Times-News writer

HALLEY — After years of verbal battles aimed to preserve Blaine County's farmlands and stick to the county's comprehensive plan, officials this week approved a four-parcel subdivision near Baseline Road in the Bellevue Triangle, a farming area in Blaine County.

Blaine County commissioners voted 2-1 in favor of Bill Mary Heiler-Lee's "Baseline Ranch" subdivision. Some fear the vote was a green light for development. The plan is to subdivide 400 acres into four 25-acre lots. The approval goes against previous votes to prevent such "ranchettes," or farms on 20-acre parcels.

Proposed subdivisions have



Todd Stiffner, a crew member with Young Construction, works on a ranchette in the Bellevue Triangle. The Blaine County Board of Commissioners recently approved a subdivision in the controversial agricultural zone.

been bitterly contested. Those opposed claim 20 acres does not make a real farm make and that such 20-acre chunks of land will be inhabited by "modern cowboys" in search of part-time farm living. The most vocal opponent, Dean

Rogers III, contends such homeowners won't tolerate pesticides, herbicides and other realities of farm living.

The vote, however, was not an

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Air Force counts on speed-of-light weapon

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — Across the street from a museum depicting the Wright brothers' historic flights at Kitty Hawk, N.C., nearly 100 years ago, a new breed of aviation

pioneer is chasing a 21st century dream: an airplane armed with speed-of-light weaponry that can destroy enemy missiles in flight.

The airborne laser is a little known but potentially important part of a future defense against

missile attack. The work being done at Boeing Co.'s development center is part of an effort to leap ahead of the traditional approach to missile defense.

Critics and doubters say it may Please see WEAPON, Page A2

Jerome County murder case goes to sentencing

By Brian Haynes Times-News writer

HAZELTON — A year has passed since "Milo" Ross' brick house was surrounded by yellow crime tape and police cars, and shaken by a shocking crime.

Ross still lives in that house, along with a new wife, his teenage daughter and the haunting memories of what happened a year ago.

"I wasn't gonna run away from it," he said.

He wasn't going to run away from the place where his wife-to-be, 46-year-old Meta-Marie Jones, was shot and killed.

Nine months after the slaying, Ross' ex-wife, Sandra Jones, pleaded guilty to second-degree murder. Jones will find out this week if she will spend the rest of her life in prison.

That's what Jerome County Prosecutor John Lothspeich wants. When the two-day sentencing hearing ends Thursday at the Cassia County courthouse, Lothspeich will ask District Judge Monte Carlson to sentence Jones, 45, to life in prison with no chance for parole.

A life term is the longest sentence possible for second-degree

murder, the charge Jones pleaded guilty to in her July plea agreement. She was originally charged with first-degree murder and faced the death penalty.

The defense, led by Twin Falls lawyer Randy Stoker, plans to have mental-health professionals testify on Jones' behalf.

Stoker wants "to show the judge that she's capable of returning to society at some point under certain conditions," he said. "We're going to try to demonstrate that this was a very focused type of crime" and that Jones is "not a predator to society."

Ross doesn't agree, and he believes Jones' words are dangerous if she were released, he said.

On Oct. 25, 1998, Jones drove to Ross' house with a Ruger .22-caliber pistol.

Earlier that Sunday morning, Jones dropped Ross off at church. She was supposed to return that afternoon, but she never did.

Jones, who learned that day that Ross and Jones were engaged to be married, went to the house and told her 17-year-old daughter, Andrea Ross, to dismantle the downstairs bed than Please see PRISON, Page A2

THE REGION

Carnas Prairie

High: 51 Low: 20
Mostly sunny with clear and cold tonight. High in the 50s, mainly with highs in the 50s.

Treasure Valley

High: 58 Low: 35
Mostly sunny with variable winds to 10 mph. Mostly sunny Tuesday with highs around 60.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 43 Low: 13
Mostly sunny and cooler. Clear and cold tonight. Tuesday mostly sunny and warmer.

Eastern Idaho

High: 48 Low: 15
Sunny and mild with cooler and light northeast winds. Mostly sunny Tuesday and Wednesday.

Northern Idaho

High: 48 Low: 28
Mostly sunny with valley fog. Light northeast wind and increasing clouds on Tuesday.

Northern Utah

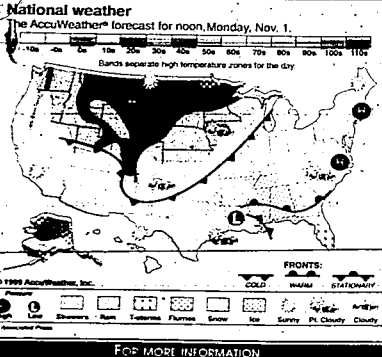
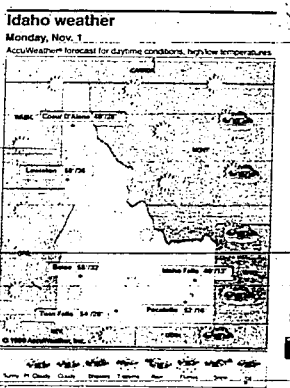
High: 58 Low: 30
Mostly sunny with clear tonight. Mostly sunny Tuesday with highs around 60.

Northern Nevada

High: 57 Low: 29
Mostly sunny with clear tonight. Mostly sunny Tuesday with highs around 60.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High: 54 Low: 28 Mostly sunny, wind to 10 mph.	High: 60 Low: 29 Mostly sunny.	High: 60 Low: 30s Mostly sunny.	High: 50s Low: 30s Mostly cloudy.	High: 50s Low: 30s Partly cloudy.



UV INDEX

Index: 2
Minimal
Burn time: 70 minutes

FIRE DANGER

The BLM has ended a fire ban for the season. Only critical public lands users to be cautious.

STAYAWAY

Sunset today, 5:31 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow, 7:13 a.m.
Lunar phase: New Nov. 8; First quarter, Nov. 15; Full, Nov. 22; Last quarter, Nov. 28.

ACROSS THE NATION

Idaho: An upper-level disturbance moving across Idaho Sunday afternoon resulted in gusty winds from the north through the Snake River Valley. Southwest winds at 28 gusting to 39 miles an hour were reported at Rimbach and southwest winds at 29 with gusts to 38 mile an hour were reported at Challis. West wind gusts reported at Idaho Falls at 3 p.m. MST. West wind gusts to 28 miles an hour were reported at Lewiston, while west wind gusting to 26 miles an hour were reported at Challis. Strong reported gusts of up to 28 miles an hour earlier in the afternoon. Elsewhere: Showers and thunderstorms stretched across the southern Plains and Mississippi Valley on Sunday.

The stormy weather followed the path of air circulating around a low pressure system centered over eastern Texas that was dragging moisture out of the Gulf of Mexico.

A carving band of storms stretched inland across Mississippi and southeastern Louisiana, then looped westward across Arkansas and Oklahoma and southward again into north-central Texas.

The heaviest rainfall was in Arkansas, with more than 2 inches falling overnight in parts of the state, and up to 4 inches reported south of Fort Smith.

— The Associated Press

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation
Yesterday: 65/29	Yesterday in Twin Falls
Last year: 57/12	Month to date:
Normal: 52/30	Normal mo. to date:
	Water year to date:
	Normal year to date:

Idaho Highs/Lows

City	Max	Min	Pcp	Idaho's High	High	Idaho's Low	Low
Boise	60	45	...	20 degrees at Malheur	60	20	degrees at Idaho Falls
Burley	64	39	...	...	64	39	...
Coeur d'Alene	52	46	...	...	52	46	...
Grangeville	53	46	...	...	53	46	...
Lagerman	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Idaho Falls	63	20	...	...	63	20	...
Lewiston	57	40	...	...	57	40	...
Malad	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Matta	70	39	...	...	70	39	...
Mt. Call	49	26	...	...	49	26	...
Pocatello	66	24	...	...	66	24	...
Salmon	61	27	...	...	61	27	...
Stanley	50	24	...	...	50	24	...
Sun Valley	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	66	36	...
Ann Arbor	62	38	...
Atlanta	76	58	...
Boston	57	32	...
Chicago	69	48	...
Dallas	62	43	...
Denver	60	35	...
Des Moines	70	36	...
Detroit	64	36	...
Honolulu	84	75	...
Houston	70	44	...
Indianapolis	75	44	...
Kansas City	72	57	...
Las Vegas	91	50	...
Los Angeles	85	64	...
Memphis	81	64	...
Miami Beach	85	64	...
Minneapolis	67	50	...
New Orleans	68	42	...
New York	57	32	...
Oakland	72	56	...
Omaha	69	31	...
Philadelphia	69	61	...
Pittsburgh	64	33	...
Portland, Ore.	57	31	...
Portland, Me.	59	37	...
San Diego	79	58	...
St. Louis	64	34	...
Salt Lake City	76	50	...
San Francisco	51	47	...
Seattle	51	47	...
Spokane	60	33	...
Washington	70	61	...
Wichita	61	33	...

Some animals survive aquarium fire. Cairo

OCEAN CITY, N.J. (AP) — When the Ocean City Aquarium caught fire, firefighters feared its dozens of snakes, sharks and alligators were dead — until an 18-foot chain dangled up through the ceiling.

Then two large alligators appeared, and a few turtles.

And the firefighters' attention shifted to what creatures were still alive and lurking in the next puddle as they stomped through the dark.

"It would be hard to explain how one of your men got bit by a caiman while he was fighting a fire," Fire Capt. Bill McDonnell said early Sunday as he helped direct cautious firefighters into the building after the flames had been extinguished.

The smoke and flames killed more than 60 reptiles and 100 fish and sharks.

Among the survivors: 20 turtles, 12 alligators and crocodiles, three box eels, two pythons and a moray eel, aquarium owner Angelo Cuculino said Sunday.

The fire early Saturday evening destroyed the 1.5-story, pink stucco building that houses the 42,000-animal aquarium and about 40,000 visitors a year. A neighbor reported hearing an explosion, but by the time firefighters arrived, the aquarium was engulfed in flames.

Prison

While Andra Ross took apart the body he heard two shots and a thud in between. The thud was Jones falling on the living room floor after being shot in the face. The second shot was a bullet to the back of the head, police reports said.

Jones and her daughter cleaned up some of the blood before driving Jones' body to the nearby Gooding Canal. Two days later investigators found Jones' body and severed head in the canal, reports said.

Details like these could make the sentencing hearing difficult for Milo Ross, who hasn't decided whether to plead guilty.

"I have real mixed emotions," he said. "I don't know if I'm strong enough to sit there and go through it."

Unless Jones appeals her sentence, this week's hearing will be the end of the year-long case, but it won't be the end of emotional healing for Milo Ross.

He remarried last summer, in

217. An aide to Ryan said that included three crew members previously counted.

Egypt's Middle-East-News Agency carried a statement from President Hosni Mubarak in which he expressed his "deepest sadness and greatest condolences to all the families of the victims."

Walid Basil said his cousin could have been on the plane, but he didn't want to check the list because he didn't want to know. He was waiting to see if his cousin was on an incoming Swissair flight before checking the list.

One man, who was told that his cousin's name was on the passenger manifest, started yelling profanities in Arabic about EgyptAir. "I want to see it with my own eyes," he shouted, referring to the passenger manifest.

The man standing on the window had collapsed upon finding a familiar name on the list. "My son, my son," he cried.

Suhair Harbath was subdued amid the shouting and weeping. She was expecting her sister and brother-in-law, who live in Oman. "I just came here to collect them. Now it looks like I'm going to arrange for a funeral," she said.

Red-eyed airline stewards waited for news about their colleagues. Many were grasping at any sign of hope, including an early rumor started by the airport office of EgyptAir that the plane had made an unscheduled landing in London.

Weapon

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is an expensive flop like many other attempted innovations in missile defense over the past two decades.

The Clinton administration is developing two kinds of missile defense systems, both possibly using laser weapons.

Relying on the airborne laser to help provide protection against missile attack over U.S. and allied troops abroad.

Protecting the U.S. homeland first by shooting down missiles with other missiles and later, perhaps, with laser weapons orbiting in outer space.

Air Force Gen. Michael Ryan sees a bright future for airborne lasers.

"We think we've got all the physics about right," he said recently.

Boeing technical specialists and managers of the airborne laser project say it has evolved from an intriguing theory to an almost realized fact. If the current schedule holds, they will have a chance in four years to test it against Scud missiles of the type Iraq launched in the 1991 Gulf War.

If the tests are successful and Congress remains supportive, the first three combat-ready planes would be ready for duty by 2007, and the full fleet of seven planes would be operating by 2009.

High-tech laser tag

The Air Force, in collaboration with top manufacturers, is developing "airborne laser" technology. If the weapon system proves viable, a fleet of modified Boeing 747 jets may someday provide protection against missile attacks. Here is a look at how the airborne laser would work.

- Infrared Search and Track Sensors (IRSTs) provide 360-degree surveillance to detect and track missile launches.
- IRSTs
- ARS
- Nose-mounted turret
- IRBTLs
- The missile ruptures before the warhead separates.
- A chemical laser beam from the turret focuses on the body of the missile.
- Active Ranging System (ARS) targets missile with a data collection laser to provide more sophisticated tracking.
- Energy missile is launched and detected.

Source: The Boeing Company

Subdivision

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easy one for the board. Commissioners and county planners endured six public hearings which emotion between board members. Commissioners Mary Ann-Mix and Dennis-Wright voted to allow the subdivision.

Board Chairman Jim Harlig cast the dissenting vote, arguing the parcels are too small to sustain a legitimate agriculture and uphold the county's comprehensive plan.

Idaho code states that counties should protect agriculture, but it has been a challenge not only in Blaine County, but all across Idaho.

The Rogers family has battled the board for more than five years, arguing that such 20-acre parcels inhibited with hobby farmers spelt doom for the farming way of life. The Rogers family owns land in the southern portion of the triangle and south of Highway 21.

Ned Williamson, attorney for the Rogers family, said the board acted inconsistently and contra-

dicted earlier decisions.

"The same board looked at a same type of property (earlier this year) with the same number of lots in the same zoning district and voted the other way," Williamson said. "Please explain that."

"But the vote was a win for the Letcis and for attorney Gary Sletten who has handled the board for years on the issue. Sletten said the decision was a zoning issue, not a comprehensive plan issue."

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Small plane crashes near Challis

CHALLIS (AP)—A small plane carrying a pilot and three hunters from Maryland crashed in the Snowshoe/Cripple Creek area near Challis Sunday.

There were no survivors. The names of the dead will not be released until family members have been notified.

According to the Lemhi County Sheriff's Department, the plane was owned by Stanley Air Taxi.

News of the crash reached Custer County Sheriff Mickey Roskelley Sunday morning. Roskelley and Challis volunteer ambulance emergency medical personnel flew to the site in a Forest Service helicopter.

Investigation of the crash has been turned over to the Lemhi County Sheriff's Department because the crash occurred within the county's boundaries. No details were available.

NATION

To our readers

A "plate of the century" was not available for this edition of The Times-News. We will continue publishing them next Monday.

Health care workers mull asking for organs

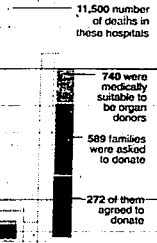
CLEVELAND (AP) — When it comes to talking to families about organ donation, nurses are better than doctors, timing is critical and health care workers' attitude makes a huge difference, new research finds.

The conclusions are drawn from the largest and most comprehensive look at relatives who must decide whether they will donate their loved one's organs to patients awaiting transplants.

About half of families say yes, and half say no. Researchers in Cleveland and in Pittsburgh set out to find what makes the difference.

Potential donors

In a four-year study of nine hospitals in Cleveland and Pittsburgh, researchers found that fewer than half of the people asked to donate the organs of a loved one agreed to do so.



Source: Laura A. Sinnoff, Case Western Reserve University

Clinton bucks for a place in history

WASHINGTON — President Clinton hopes his quick trip to Oslo, Norway, could begin a final push toward earning a place in history as an honored peacemaker.

Clinton has picked an agreement between Israel and the Arabs as his top foreign policy priority. It also could be his best chance for a shining legacy.

Clinton was expected to arrive Sunday for Oslo, Norway, where he planned to meet with Middle East leaders at a ceremony honoring slain Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, whom Clinton called "one of the great heroes of this century."

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back door to the ally Sunday afternoon.

Police and witnesses said at least two people had fired as many as 40 rounds from outside, and investigators were looking in to whether shots were fired inside the house as well.

The shooters' identities still hadn't been determined Sunday afternoon, Muncie Police Chief Joe Winkle said.

Donations to charities jump 16 percent over 1997

WASHINGTON — Donors gave 16 percent more in contributions to the nation's most popular charities last year than in 1997, a survey of the top 400 charities shows.

For a seventh consecutive year, the Salvation Army was the favored organization as it raised \$1.2 billion in cash and donated goods.

Online donations, an increasingly popular approach to fund raising, also helped boost many organizations' take.

Gore says author Wolf hired to attract younger voters

WASHINGTON — Vice President Al Gore said Sunday he

has hired feminist author Naomi Wolf to help attract younger voters, especially women.

Gore was asked on ABC's "This Week" about a Time magazine report that Wolf is deeply involved in his campaign, including advice on how to convince voters that Gore is not a permanent No. 2 but is an "alpha male" who should be in charge.

He added that Wolf works primarily with his daughter, Karenna Gore Schiff, on an Internet outreach effort to "attract young women and young men to participate more in this campaign."

Arizona newspaper cites McCain for his temper

PHOENIX — The largest newspaper in John McCain's home state is questioning whether the Republican senator has the temperament to be president.

The Arizona Republic, in an editorial running in Sunday edition, criticizes McCain for a "volcanic" temper it says he has unleashed on other politicians, reporters and even the public.

"If McCain is truly a serious contender for the presidency, it is time the rest of the nation learned about the John McCain we know in Arizona," the newspaper says in the editorial.

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America's original people might have come by water

SANTA FE, N.M. (AP) — In a radical twist to pre-history, two prominent archeologists say North America's first inhabitants may have crossed the icy Atlantic Ocean some 18,000 years ago from Europe's Iberian Peninsula.

The theory, presented at a weekend conference, is at odds with the long-held notion that the continent's first settlers came across a land bridge from Asia.

The conventional view is the stuff of college entrance exams and Far Side cartoons — wandering cavemen wrapped in animal hides and lugging enormous spears, crossing the land bridge from Asia

to hunt woolly mammoths.

Archeologists say some nomads almost certainly made their way into Alaska and found an ice-free highway down into the continent some 13,500 years ago. Their culture has been named Clovis for their distinctive weapons that have been found in digs nationwide.

But according to the new theory, the continent's first inhabitants may have crossed the Atlantic more than 18,000 years ago from Europe's Iberian Peninsula — the area that is now Spain, Portugal and southwestern France.

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Sandy Elliott	Victor Otazua	Bonnie Christensen
Grant Loeb	Mani Otazua	Eddie Chappell
Rose Emory	Lery Hartgrave	Connie Chappell
Jered Sweezy	Monte B. Evans	George Kerr
Suzanne McIntosh	Nola Evans	Loretta Kerr
Angie Beeson	Berney Burns	Webb Malone
Jonathan Brody	Loni Burns	Denice Malone
Anne Loeb	Shawna Wastok	Lynn Messman
Jennifer Schuler	L.C. Craig	Gene Kincheloe
Cole Farmer	Judy Craig	Stan Cook
Tim Rambur	John Campbell	Will Buller
Gary Beeson	Ili Campbell	Owen Prescott
Robyn Brody	Jim Winborg	Frank Jewsbury
Karen Lewis	Carolyn Winborg	Jerry Bostock
Tony Sanchez	Dick Barton	Jim Trevey
Todd Rambur	Alicia Barton	Matt McWin
Ray Sherwood	Lee Heider	Mark Graybell
Barbara Sanchez	Jan Heider	Mike McMinn
Lisa Langdon	Jan Heider	Randy Ostrom
Wayne Emory	Lauretta Geiger	Jim White
Barry Langdon	Gordon Geiger	Jim Brennan
Tom Blington	Tanya Krutzen	Cindy Brennan
Bruce Blington	Eldon Krutzen	Mel Martin

- Chop criminals; not our guns
- Don't ruin Fillmore Street—Relieve Blue Lakes by improving Washington Street
- Say no to fat cat councilmen—You should not buy them luxury offices!
- Solve the Twin Falls water crisis—Improve conservation and promote alternative irrigation sources
- Support managed growth; including the canyon rim hotel
- Make our streets safer—we need a 24 hour police station
- Endorsed by Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors
- Aggressively promote Twin Falls to attract new businesses
- Seriously address the Twin Falls sewer problems today. This issue has been put off long enough.
- Twin Falls native
- Boise State University Graduate Bachelor of Science, Political Science/ Public Administration
- Small business owner, livestock operator, farmer

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Committee, resident get service awards

TWIN FALLS - A local committee and resident who were honored by the Idaho Recreation and Park Association will be presented with awards Monday at the City Council meeting.

The Idaho Recreation and Park Association presented the Cover the Pool Committee with the "Outstanding Organization Award" and Brent Jussel with the "Outstanding Individual Award."

Terms of service of the Twin Falls Parks and Recreation Department will also honor the committee and Jussel at the council meeting.

Monday's council agenda also includes consideration of bids for a cab and chassis, excavator and trailer for the city's wastewater collection department.

The bids were opened on Oct. 27. The equipment will help the wastewater department in its daily duties.

The council will also discuss:

- A renewal of an Independent Garbage Collector License with PM Waste Systems, Inc.
- A request of Public Works for a new electric change out zoning map amendment from R-4 PRO to C-1 for property located at 304 S. Twin Falls Boulevard.

Jerome offers special interest courses

JEROME - The Jerome Recreation District is offering a variety of special interest courses this fall for people of all ages.

Adults can learn how to cure the stress of the holidays by taking a yoga class with instructor Lana Bland from 6 to 7 p.m. Nov. 2, 9, and 16 inside the Jerome Recreation Center conference room. The cost of the course is \$10 and beginners are welcome.

"Introduction to Spreadsheets" will be offered from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Tuesdays Dec. 7 through Jan. 11 inside the Jerome High School meeting building. The 10-hour course will demystify spreadsheets and show students how to take the guess out of worksheets, formatting and formulas in Excel. The fee for the course is \$25.

"Introduction to the Internet" will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays Dec. 6 through Jan. 10 at Jerome High School. The course will teach participants how to use the intranet and how to use e-mail, news groups, discussion groups and how to download free software programs. The cost of the course is \$25.

The course schedule also includes a number of arts and crafts classes, including country Christmas ornament-making which will be offered from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Jerome Recreation District office. The cost of the course is \$10.

Also interested in classes may call 228-8849 or stop by the Jerome Recreation District office at 2032 S. Lincoln.

Cassia commissioners consider log ordinance

BURLEY - Cassia County commissioners will meet today to review the steps to be taken to address large cordoned animals, including permits in the county, and review plans to visit a large hog operation in Lamar, Ohio.

Also on the agenda are quotes on new vehicles for the Cassia County sheriff's investigations department, and bids on sheriff's department.

The commissioners will also discuss readiness for the College of Southern Idaho.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the commissioner's room in the basement of the Cassia County courthouse.

Burley City Council talks over pet ordinance

BURLEY - The Burley City Council will face round three of the proposed amendments to the pet ordinance tonight.

A pet ordinance committee and the city attorney are working to amend an ordinance to encourage pet licensing, control pet population, and enforce nuisance standards and control rabies pets.

City Administrator Mark Mittum will also discuss the city's contract with the city attorney.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. in council chambers at City Hall.

Compiled from staff reports.



Former Twin Falls District Ranger Don Oman says good livestock management a few years ago brought back some of the cottonwoods along McMullen Creek south of Twin Falls.

Eyeing McMullen Creek's quality

By N.S. Nohkvented
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The grass along the creek was nibbled down to the ground, creek banks were trampled, most of the young willows had been chewed off, and the odor of cow manure hung in the cool October breeze.

McMullen Creek runs north out of the western part of the South Hills just east of Cottonwood Creek.

Livestock grazing is one of the main reasons the nearly 16-mile-long creek is listed among the state's most polluted streams. State officials are working on a plan to reduce the pollution in Rock Creek and its tributaries.

McMullen Creek runs into Cottonwood Creek and together they run into Rock Creek about five miles south of Kimberly. All three violate state water quality standards, and federal law requires a cleanup plan be developed to limit the pollutants entering the stream.

McMullen Creek starts on the Sawtooth National Forest, runs down through federal land administered by the Bureau of Land Management and then across private agricultural lands.

The creek is plagued with bacteria, too little dissolved oxygen, too many nutrients and sediment and its average temperature is too high. Those problems are predominantly the result of livestock grazing, but the creek

Worries arise over the effect of grazing

is also affected by agricultural practices, said Sonny Buhidar of the state Division of Environmental Quality.

Forest Service grazing standards allow livestock to eat only about half the available grass. Along stream banks the standards require a minimum stubble of 4 inches at the end of the grazing season.

But grazing cattle had eaten a lot more than that along McMullen Creek. The creek is the part of the first boundary fence - the canyon is about 500 feet deep at that point. In the small meadows along the creek, the grass was eaten right down to the ground. No stubble was left. The meadows were littered with cow manure.

Twin Falls and Burley District Ranger Pete Peterson said he was disappointed if cows were back in there later in the season. The creek is the part of the first unit in this year's seasonal rotation, with grazing from May 31 through July 9. Cows should have been out of the creek bottom since then.

The cows would have left the national forest through the neighboring North Hopper grazing unit and some of the cows may have slipped back into McMullen Creek canyon on their way out of the hills in mid-

October, Peterson said. But he is concerned about the creek, not just because it's on the state list to be cleaned up but because the fish in the creek may include cutthroat and red band trout. Fish experts are

concerned about the survival of the cutthroat and red band. But the two are not yet listed as threatened or endangered.

Still, numerous small fish still in the creek as it tumbles over boulders.

Peterson wants to give the creek special attention, perhaps isolate the canyon along the rims, he said.

Past efforts to reduce the effects of livestock grazing along McMullen Creek still are visible. Willow and young cottonwoods along the stream date from an effort about 10 years ago to improve conditions along the creek, said Don Oman, former Twin Falls District ranger.

A grazing plan for the canyon allowed cows in for about three weeks in the spring during two consecutive grazing seasons. Grazing was then allowed three weeks during the fall the next two seasons. The rest of the year, the narrow canyon was free of cattle, he said.

Before the change, the only

Voice your opinion

To comment on the state's pollution plan for Rock Creek and its tributaries, including McMullen Creek, contact the state Division of Environmental Quality, send comments to Sonny Buhidar, DEQ, 601 Polkdale Road, Suite 2, Twin Falls, Idaho, 83301.

cottonwoods along the creek were a few old trees and many that already had died. There were no young trees and few willows, Oman said. As the old trees slowly died of old age, cattle ate the young sprouting trees when the grasses were gone.

But with carefully controlled grazing, there was enough for the cows to eat that they didn't eat the young trees or the young willows. As a result, 10-year-old groves of cottonwoods still stand in some of the wider spots at the bottom of the canyon and stands of willows line much of the creek.

The willows show the signs of grazing near the ground. But the area shows potential for recovery with better grazing management, Oman said. The entire creek should be lined with cottonwoods in the wider areas and willows should be thick along the rest of the creek, he said.

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Cowboy poetry festival heads into Elko

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. - "Ranching Culture at the Millennium" is the theme of the 16th annual Cowboy Poetry Gathering scheduled Jan. 22-29 in Elko.

Tickets are now on sale for this year's gathering which will kick off with workshops Jan. 22. Those who attend can draw close to 10,000 people from around the globe, it's still referred to as "the working cow-

boy's gathering" because it's held in January between the fall gathers and spring calving so working cowboys can attend.

Gathering tickets are selling fast and early ticket purchases will ensure the best selection of daytime and evening performances, said WFC Executive Director Chris Seaman.

Gathering-related activities will begin Jan. 22 and will get into full-swing with an evening

concert Jan. 26. Poetry and music sessions will get under way Jan. 27 following a keynote address by Byron Price

of the Buffalo Bill Historical Museum in Cody, Wyo. The rest of the week will be full of poetry and music sessions and exhibits, panel discussions, videos and films. Letting it all be held at the Elko Convention Center, WFC and several other locations. Daytime events require a

guest pass or day pass while some evening shows and special events require tickets. A guest pass for the gathering costs \$20 which includes a program book and a guest pass pin. Simple day passes are \$8 and do not include the program book. Children 12 and younger do not need a guest pass for non-ticketed daytime events. Tickets for special daytime events and evening performances vary in price.

Tickets and a preliminary

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Tips for making the holiday season a little safer

By Loraine Caveron
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - The time is near when holiday decorations and winter weather help firefighters busy.

Minidoka County Fire Chief Mike Brown says a few precautions by homeowners could keep those firefighters in their station, playing cards instead of dousing orange houses.

Perhaps most important is a smoke detector. Batteries need to be changed twice a year, Brown said. He recommends batteries be changed like clockwork - at the fall and spring time changes. Smoke detectors should be cleaned at the same time, he said.

"Pop the lid off, put the vacuum clean-

er in reverse and blow out any cobwebs or dust," he said. "Anything inside a smoke detector can cause it to react falsely."

Candles are another issue during the holiday season, Brown said. Candles should be placed in a container and should never be used on Christmas trees.

When choosing a Christmas tree, fire danger should be considered also, he said.

"Run your fingers down the needles and pull slightly," he said. "If needles fall off the tree is too dry."

Once a tree has been chosen, keep the bottom continuously in water and discard the tree as early as you can, he said.

The most important reminder about

inspected once a year.

Minidoka County Fire Chief Mike Brown inspects a fireplace. Insert. Brown recommends fireplaces be cleaned and

inspected once a year.

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A nasty take on

Removing cattle carcasses from creek proves daunting

By N.S. Nohkvented
Times-News writer

HANSEN - Twin Falls veterinarian Susan Preston was horse back riding with a friend last month when the two found a large dead calf in the creek that runs down through a popular picnic area.

"This makes me mad," Preston said. She was concerned about the potential public health effects from the dead animal. The creek runs through the Harrington Fork picnic area along the Kootenai Road in the Sawtooth National Forest south of Hansen.

The dead calf and delay in getting it moved was one of four issues cited by District Ranger Pete Peterson as violations that may cost a local rancher a portion of his grazing permit.

Peterson reported the dead cow to the Forest Service on Sept. 20. Fifteen minutes later, Twin Falls rancher Joe Tugaw, called her and told her the dead calf was his. Tugaw, also a veterinarian and past-president of the Idaho Cattle Association, told her he intended to remove the calf from the creek.

After the call from Preston, Peterson talked to Tugaw who told him he was going to get the calf out of the creek.

"I assumed he did," Peterson said. "I'm disappointed he hasn't done it."

Tugaw said he had tried to move the dead calf - about 600 pounds - but it was too heavy for his horse to pull by itself. When he tried to get a tractor down to the creek on Oct. 4, the calf was in the machine broke down. Efforts to get it repaired stretched into two weeks, Tugaw said.

When Preston rode back up the creek on Oct. 4, the calf was still there, she said. She was concerned about bacterial contamination in the creek.

Public health officials say dead animals can be the source of a potentially deadly strain of E. coli bacteria and other bacteria that can infect people who give horses, behave with the contaminated water.

The dead animal in the creek could be a violation of state water quality standards. But Peterson assumed it had been

Burley men take jobs in Antarctica

By Dex Detson
Times-News correspondent

BURLEY - Like mothers the world over when their sons leave home, Patsy Smith and Darla Gorringer pray that they dress warmly, behave themselves and return home safely.

But their sons didn't leave home for typical summer jobs. Grant Nelson and Troy Gorringer left their Burley homes to work at McMurdo Station, Ross Island, Antarctica - easily one of the least hospitable environments on earth.

In a place where the temperature can plunge to well below minus 100 degrees Fahrenheit, 10 degrees can seem downright balmy. The recently publicized rescue from the Amundsen-Scott Station at the South Pole of doctor who for months was forced to give himself chemical energy treatments for breast cancer. Illness-

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MAGIC VALLEY WEST



From left, Grant Nelson of Burley, Ann Barnett of Rupert, and Troy Goringe of Burley will be spending the Antarctic summer working at McMurdo Station, Antarctica. They are among nearly 1,000 scientists and support personnel who live at the National Science Foundation facility.

Man faces lewd conduct charges

The Times-News
BURLEY - A DeLoe man facing two counts of lewd and lascivious conduct with two minors under 16 years of age is scheduled for a preliminary hearing in magistrate court today.
Daniel Wardell Freeman, 35, was charged Oct. 1 with two felony counts of lewd and lascivious conduct after he turned himself in to Cassia County detectives Sept. 27.
Freeman told detectives he had repeatedly fondled one girl

for several years beginning when she was 14 or 15 years old, and had fondled another 15-year-old girl for several months, according to court documents.
One of the girls told detectives Freeman's wife, Terri Ann Freeman, had been aware of her husband's actions, court documents said.
Terri Ann Freeman told detectives in an interview that she had not returned Daniel Freeman in court because he had admitted his misconduct to her and said he would never do it again, according to court documents.

Magistrate Judge Roy C. Holloway signed an order for the release of Freeman on his own recognizance, court documents said.
The order stipulates that Freeman must not have any contact with the girls until the court advises him he may do so, that he cannot be alone with any minors, that he go through an evaluation with McNeil & Associates, and that he receive counseling from his religious leaders.

Bond issue, candidates up for vote

The Times-News
Mini-Cassia voters will choose from 33 candidates in six contested city election races across the region Tuesday and Wednesday in a County-wide ballot pass judgment on a \$20 million school bond issue.
While voters will decide who will sit in council or mayor's seats in Burley, Rupert, Heyburn, Paul, Albion and Malia, separate polling will take place to decide on the bond issue.
The Minidoka County School District wants the money to build new wings at Minico High School, Heyburn Elementary School and Acquia Elementary School. School officials also plan to renovate each school to varying degrees if the bond issue gets the needed two-thirds majority.
In Burley, four hopefuls seek election to three council seats. Incumbent Al Thaxton leads the ticket with political newcomers Jon Anderson, Adria Masoner and write-in Merlin Hill completing the ballot.
Rupert, three candidates - Louise Caldwell, Audrey Neierth and Joel Rogers - are vying for the mayor's seat. Four candidates are running for two city council seats: Dolly Breezee, Robert Christensen, Mike Brown and Douglas Hill.
The most competitive races in Mini-Cassia will be in Heyburn. Eleven candidates are on the ballot for four city offices. In the mayor's race, incumbent George Froom, appointed to complete an unfinished term one year ago, faces challengers Nile Bohon and Cleo Cheney. Bohon is just finishing up his fourth two-year term on the City Council.
Five candidates are on the bal-

Polling places for Mini-Cassia city elections	
Burley	polling places: All polls open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Acquia Elementary School, 2004 Fourth St., Rupert.	Acquia Elementary School, 2004 Fourth St., Rupert.
Big Valley Elementary School, 2022 1st St., Heyburn.	Big Valley Elementary School, 2022 1st St., Heyburn.
Heyburn Elementary School, 1431 17th St., Heyburn.	Heyburn Elementary School, 1431 17th St., Heyburn.
Memorial Elementary School, 10th and D streets, Rupert.	Memorial Elementary School, 10th and D streets, Rupert.
Paul Elementary School, 201 N. First W., Paul.	Paul Elementary School, 201 N. First W., Paul.
Mississippi Opportunity Center, 123 S. St., Burley.	Mississippi Opportunity Center, 123 S. St., Burley.
East Minico Junior High School, 1805 N. St., Rupert.	East Minico Junior High School, 1805 N. St., Rupert.
West Malia Junior High School, 600 W. 150 S., Paul.	West Malia Junior High School, 600 W. 150 S., Paul.
Minico High School, 300 West at Idaho Highway 25, Heyburn.	Minico High School, 300 West at Idaho Highway 25, Heyburn.
Snake River Plaza, 342 E. Fifth N., Burley.	Snake River Plaza, 342 E. Fifth N., Burley.
Lula Nelson residence, 120 N. 500 E., Rupert, Cassia County.	Lula Nelson residence, 120 N. 500 E., Rupert, Cassia County.
John O'Brien residence, 1450 W. 360 S., Paul, Jerome County.	John O'Brien residence, 1450 W. 360 S., Paul, Jerome County.
Wayne and Kathleen Mangum residence, 1200 N. 524 W., Paul, Lincoln County.	Wayne and Kathleen Mangum residence, 1200 N. 524 W., Paul, Lincoln County.

South

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...the joys of living in such a lush environment.
"I was worried because I knew what this was really like and what they are going to do. It is the last place I thought I'd ever send my kids," Doreen Goringe said. "I'm sure they will come home with some stories to tell."
Smith agreed but she thinks her son, Nelson, will remain with the crew another year or two.
Built on a volcanic island, 80 miles north of Antarctica, the National Science Foundation's McMurdo Station facility is home to scientific studies that include marine geology, oceanographic studies and other research. Despite the harsh conditions, the sterile Antarctic environment makes it an ideal scientific laboratory.
Smith said her 13-year-old son, who works as a fire technician at the facility, is excited to go with his new job to the Antarctic.
"I think the boys want's sure what they want to do in life, so they signed they would have some fun and adventure while making some money," she said.
Nelson and Goringe signed contracts to work the summer

season for Antarctic Support Associates, which, working under direction of the National Science Foundation, supports the various activities of those who have received foundation grants.
During the Antarctic summer months, August through January—as many as 1,200 people work at the facility either in research or support roles.
U.S. Air National Guard flights from New Zealand land on runways smoothed out of the ice of nearby Ross Bay bringing workers to the base. U.S. Coast Guard icebreakers clear shipping lanes twice annually to allow supply ships access to the outpost.
Ann Barnett of Rupert, who has worked at the facility for four years, said she enjoys the challenges that working in the Antarctic can bring.
"There are some great people here from all walks of life. One day you deal with a scientist and the next minute you are dealing with a carpenter."
"But of constant concern to the people living there is the unpredictable Antarctic weather. Barnett said the worst fear is that of getting caught in one of the whiteout blizzards.
"The wind can really get howl-

ing here. Sometimes we have hurricane force winds," Barnett said. "One time last year it got down to minus 113 degrees Fahrenheit."
But Barnett faced another scare last year when her husband, LeRoy, who had accompanied her to McMurdo, suffered a heart attack. Though LeRoy was well taken care of at the McMurdo medical facilities, he was flown out of Antarctica because a large storm was closing in on the area, Barnett said.
"It was probably the scariest thing I have ever been through with the long flight from Antarctica to New Zealand and not knowing what was going on," she said.
Though now recovered from the heart attack, LeRoy was unable to make this year's return trip to the facility.
Fred Goringe shares his wife's concerns for their son's safety, but he is happy to see his son embark on such a rare and unique experience.
"They wanted adventure and what a way for kids to grow up," the elder Goringe said.
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Kemphome speaks at NAACP dinner

BOISE - Kemphome still has a long way to go in the war against bigotry and racism, said Dr. Kemphome, president of the Boise NAACP branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People on Saturday.
The occasion was the eighth annual NAACP Black the Banner at the DoubleTree Riverside Hotel in Boise.

"The people of this state need to focus on the humanity that unites us rather than the differences that divide us," Kemphome said to the 175 people at the banquet.
Former Ku Klux Klan member and presidential candidate David Duke sent Kemphome a letter last week asking him not to speak at the banquet, claiming that the NAACP promotes racism against white people.

"The last thing I will ever do is take advice from some guy in the KKK about human relations," Kemphome said. "In fact, that letter ensured I'd be here."
Kemphome said everyone in the state - business leaders, government officials and everyday citizens - need to continue to fight the racist image propagated by the Aryan Nations in Northern Idaho.

Crash leaves young woman in critical condition

REUBEN - A 19-year-old Reubens woman remains in critical condition after an accident early Saturday morning near Rupert.
The driver, Cassie Causeur, was flown to St. Alphonsus Hospital in Boise. She is a passenger in a car that rolled over on Interstate 84 near Reubens.
The accident happened at 4:54

a.m. on Saturday morning, the ISP's accident report said.
Three others were also injured in the accident, including the driver, Bonnie Causeur, 42, of Fruitland, and passengers Jolene Causeur, 13, of Fruitland and Daniel Codrines, 25, of New Plymouth.
They were taken to the Cassia Regional Medical Center where they were dismissed on Saturday. Marsh Wilmoth, nurs-

ing supervisor said.
Bonnie Causeur apparently fell asleep at the wheel and drove the car, a 1990 Subaru, off the road. Causeur woke up and attempted to get back on the roadway. She overcorrected and rolled the car, the ISP report said.
Jolene Causeur was wearing a seatbelt. Bonnie Causeur and the other two passengers were not wearing seatbelts, the ISP's report said.

Safe

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fire safety is to have fireplaces and wood stoves cleaned and inspected annually, said West End Fire Chief Don Karsen.
Rupert Fire Marshal Larry Paul, seconded Karsen's recommendation and added that good housekeeping is important to preventing fires.
"A clean house is a safe house," Paul said. "We've seen fires that were caused by things piled on the hearth or in the furnace."
Before lighting a gas furnace, have the fuel similar inspect to make sure all the fittings are in place and that there are no leaks, he said.
"A recent fire in Paul was caused by house wiring on a propane tank," Karsen said. Wilson, a fire inspector at his 11th year in the Paul Fire Department, said that Wilson in the hospital. The accident second degree burns. The trailer was destroyed.
Changing furnace filters as often as they become dirty is also a good practice, Brown said.

To keep wood stoves free of creosote, burn a hot, fast-burning fire for about 15 minutes each day, Brown said.
Burning leaves and garbage should also be done properly, Brown said. Apply for permits, keep fires at least 25 feet from buildings and don't burn at night.
"We've seen the other night we had to go out out," he said. "The whole neighborhood was full of smoke."
When temperatures cool at night, smoke doesn't drift up and away, Brown said.
Fires are often caused by burning leaves or garbage too close to a house, he said.
"We see that all the time," Brown said.
When buying a kerosene heater, make sure it has a "tip switch," which automatically turns off when if the heater tips over. Never use gasoline or other fuels that are not made for the heater.
He also issued a warning about power strips, which can cause fires if they are defective.
"Many of them are being recalled," Brown said. "If you paid less than \$5 or \$6 for them, they may be recalled."

Fire safety tips

- Do not use extension cords
- any kind with electric heaters
- Electrical cords should never be run under carpets
- Never burn charcoal inside the house. It creates deadly carbon monoxide
- Don't overload outlets
- Install a carbon monoxide detector inside homes with gas or wood stoves
- Wood should not be stacked next to a wood stove
- Keep dryers lint-free
- Clean lint from louvers of baseboard heaters each year before burning wood

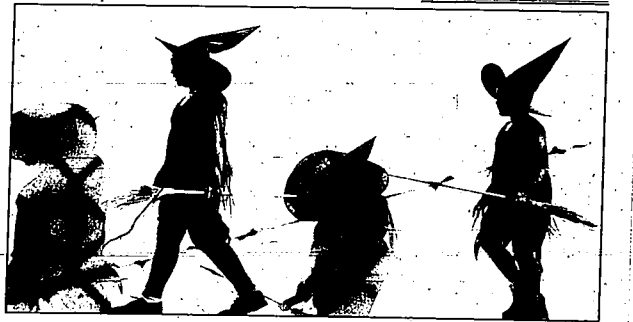
Source: Minidoka County Fire Chief Mike Brown

"Check for a UL Laboratories testing label, he said. For more information about the recalled power cords, check the Consumer Products Safety Commission website, Brown said.

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WITCH WALK

lot for the two four-year council terms up for election. Myron Wilson, Cleo Gallegos, Ruth Ann Durram, Rocky Baker and John Mayberry are on the ballot.
Robert Ray, Dee Ray Bailey and Gerald Schafer are seeking the one two-year council seat in the Heyburn ballot.
Paul residents also have a healthy slate of candidates to choose from. Incumbent Randy Jones and Don Culley are vying for the mayor's seat. Both men have one four-year council term under their belt. Four candidates want the two city council seats on the ballot. Maudelou Greenwell is the incumbent in the race with one four-year term



Slayers Jasmine Conrad, 8, and Jewel Conrad, 7, strut their costumes in San Francisco Friday.

Festival

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brochure of performances are available by calling the WFC toll-free at 888-880-5885. Most major credit cards are accepted and personal checks are also wel-

come. Ticket requests can also be mailed to Cowboy Poetry Gathering, 501 Railroad St., Elko, Nev. 89801. Information on the Cowboy Poetry Gathering and other WFC events can also be found on the Internet at www.westfolk.org.
Times-News correspondent Karen Terrell can be reached in Elko at 775-738-2733.

Creek

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taken care of and didn't follow up, he said.
Though the boat capsized, he had hoped, the calf has been removed from the creek, Tugaw said.
In addition to the troubles with the calf, Peterson said a letter to Tugaw earlier this month, noted problems meeting some permit requirements.
Peterson said that officials on several occasions had found small bunches of cows where they were not supposed to be, including one vacant allotment that was not supposed to be grazed.
He also noted that Tugaw's grazing plan calls for fences to be

repaired before cows are turned into a grazing pasture. On one occasion, the cows were moved into a pasture before fence repairs were done.
"I suspect that explains at least one reason why your cattle were allowed access to areas off the allotment and into units not intended to be grazed until later in the season," Peterson wrote.
Typically grazing allotments are broken into units, that are grazed in sequence and then rest to spread the effects of grazing more evenly over the entire allotment.
Peterson noted similar violations during the 1998 grazing season. And he has proposed cutting Tugaw's permit by 20 percent - either fewer cows or a shorter season - for the next two years. He also closed Harrington Fork canyon to cattle grazing during the next grazing season.
Tugaw has until Dec. 15 to contest the proposed cut. But the problems are not as serious as they sound in Peterson's letter, Tugaw said. The permit cut is not justified, and most of the problems already are well on the way to being worked out, he said.
"We're going to get the problems worked out," he said.
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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“ Sometimes, God gives you physical talent and takes away the brain.”

—Mike Ditka, then-Chicago Bears coach, on the crucial, exciting ending of Green Bay Packer linebacker Tim Harris

IN BRIEF

Ballot set for top Idaho athletes

The World Sports Humanitarian Hall of Fame will conduct an election to choose Idaho's top athletes of this millennium.

Winners, who will be chosen by the public based on responses to ballots in statewide newspapers, will be revealed at the annual Humanitarian Bowl Dec. 29 at Bronco Stadium. Included on the ballot are men — Davey Hamilton, Larry Jackson, Harmon Killebrew, Jerry Kramer, Vernon Law, Dean Oliver, Gary Stevens, Wayne Walker and Larry Wilson; women — Christin Cooper, Shirley Englehorn, Tracy Hanson, Andrea Lloyd, Picabo Street and Corissa Yuen.

Balloting begins today and runs through Dec. 6. Ballots may also be picked up at the Hall of Fame office at 404 So. 8th St., Suite 250, Boise, ID, 83702, or by calling (208) 343-7224.

Syracuse players

stabbared in bar melee

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — Three members of the Syracuse football team were stabbed early Sunday during a melee outside a bar on the city's south side that sent at least four people to area hospitals, police said.

Most seriously injured was senior defensive back David Byrd, who was listed in critical condition Sunday night in stable condition in the intensive-care unit at University Hospital with chest wounds near his heart.

Byrd, 21, of Schenectady, underwent two operations that lasted five hours, Syracuse Mayor Roy Bernard said. Also hurt were junior defensive end Duke Pettijohn, 22, of Mattapan, Mass., and sophomore offensive tackle Giovanni DeLoatch, 20, of T. J. Pettijohn was treated at St. Joseph's Hospital for cuts to his body and head and released. DeLoatch was admitted to St. Joseph's with cuts to the body and head and was listed in stable condition.

A fourth person, Miles Thomas, a friend of Byrd, was listed in critical condition Sunday night at University Hospital.

The incident occurred around 1 a.m. at Sadie's Place, according to police, who still don't know what caused the al-

Rison, Johnson miss game after arrests

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Wide receiver Andre Rison and backup tight end Lonnie Johnson were made inactive for Kansas City's game Sunday against San Diego after their arrests over the weekend.

Rison was arrested early Saturday on charges that he was involved in a fight outside a bar in a midtown area that is a popular gathering place because of its nightspot.

Hours earlier, Johnson was arrested on charges that he touched the breast of a police officer posing as a prostitute during a sting operation on a street that is notorious for its drug and prostitution trade.

Compiled from staff and wire reports.

The Associated Press

FONTANA, Calif. — Greg Moore was killed Sunday in the season-ending CART race when the loss-control of his car at 220 mph and crashed into a wall, spinning wildly and slamming into the ground several times.

The 24-year-old Canadian, a budding star in the open-wheel circuit, was airlifted to a hospital and declared dead of massive head injuries about an hour after the wreck at California Speedway.

He almost missed the race after he hurt his hand when it cut him Saturday while he was riding a scooter in the pad-dock area.

Moore was the second driver in the CART FedEx Series to die this year. Rookie Gonzalo



Greg Moore

Monterey

The 27-year-old Rodriguez was the first driver fatality in the CART series since Jeff Krosnowf was killed in a crash during a race in Toronto in July 1996.

Richie Hearn crashed coming off turn two on lap four of Sunday's Marlboro 500, bringing out the first caution flag. He was

not injured and the green flag was waved again for the start of lap 10 in the 250-lap event.

Moore lost control of his car coming off turn two on that lap in virtually the same spot. Television replays showed the Reynard-Mercedes skidded onto the infield grass, became airborne and crashed hard into a retaining wall, with Moore apparently striking his head on the concrete. The car then broke into pieces, with the open-cockpit driver's compartment spinning and hitting the ground several times before coming to a halt.

Moore was declared dead at Loma Linda Medical Center after resuscitation efforts failed, said Dr. Steve Olvey, director of medical affairs for CART. The race continued, but

CART chief steward Wally Dallenbach canceled post-race celebrations and the flags at the 'speedway were immediately lowered to half staff.

Adrian Fernandez went on to win the race but broke into tears when told of Moore's death.

"It's so hard. Greg was such a good friend of ours," Fernandez said. "We've been racing for a while and shared so many good moments on and off the track."

"This is a tragedy for all of us. The win doesn't matter anything. My heart goes out to his family."

Andrew Craig, president and CEO of CART, said the sanctioning body and its major sponsors initially decided to cancel the awards banquet scheduled Monday night in Los Angeles.

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Rodeo contestant dies

OKLAHOMA CITY — Steer roper Cody Goodwin died Sunday, a day after he was injured when his horse fell on him during the national finals.

Nita West, a spokeswoman for Mercy Health Center, said the 32-year-old Goodwin, of Canyon, Texas, died at 9:07 a.m. of the massive head injuries sustained the night before at the Lay E Arena in Garfield, Okla. Authorities said Goodwin was injured when his horse tripped on the steel portion of his rope after he had roped a steer in the ninth round of the competition. The horse reared, then fell backward and landed on Goodwin's head. Goodwin's wife, Amy, and his parents were at the arena when the accident occurred. Goodwin and his wife are the parents of a 10-day-old child, Gunner.

—The Associated Press

Rams fall to Titans for first loss

The Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Quick starts had made the St. Louis Rams the NFL's last undefeated team. On Sunday, they couldn't get going fast enough.

Steve McNair, playing his first game in six weeks following back surgery, threw for two touchdowns and ran for another as the Tennessee Titans held on for a 24-21 victory over the Rams in the unlikely clash of this year's NFL powers.

The Titans (6-1) outscored the Rams (6-1) 21-0 in the first 14 minutes, more points than St. Louis had given up in a game this season.

"We wanted to see how they would react being down," said safety Blaine Bishop. "They hadn't been down all year, blowing everybody out. They came back out fighting in the second half. Hats off to them. They came back, but we did enough to win."

Kurt Warner, whose two fumbles led to two first-quarter touchdowns, rallied St. Louis by throwing three touchdown passes in the second half.

After Warner's 15-yard TD pass to Amp Lee with 2:14 left cut Tennessee's lead to 21-14, Styles of the Rams recovered the onside kick and gave Warner one more chance to prove the Rams could win late as well as early.

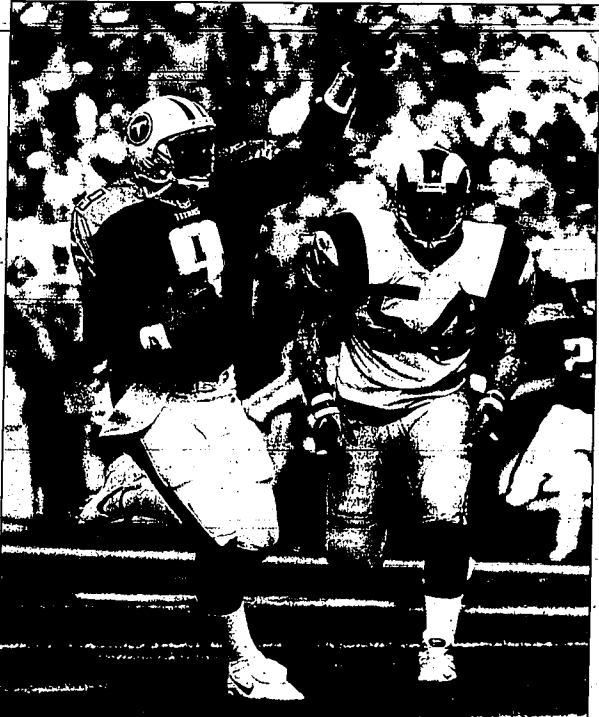
With no timeouts, Warner needed nine plays to get them to the Titans 19 with time running out.

St. Louis ran Jeff Wilkins out to try a 38-yard field goal, but his kick missed wide right with 7 seconds left.

The Rams thought they would get one more chance thanks to a flag. But officials ruled that Titans linebacker Terry Kilens had been blocked into Wilkins by Mike Gruntdawara.

St. Louis was penalized a season-high 15 times for 97 yards, gave up six sacks after allowing 10 in the first six games, and lost three of five Stewart.

"We didn't play very smart," coach Dick Vermeil said.



Tennessee's Steve McNair points to the crowd as he approaches the goal line ahead of St. Louis defender Todd Collins during the Titans' 24-21 win over the Rams Sunday in Nashville.

The Rams had outscored opponents 66-9 in the first quarter this season, but Tennessee jumped on the Rams from the opening possession. McNair, who wasn't named the starter until an hour before kickoff, moved the Titans 80 yards and capped the drive with a 1-yard toss to Lorenzo Neal.

Then it fell apart for St. Louis, a team that had trailed only once

this season and then for less than three minutes.

Warner lost two fumbles in just over a minute, and McNair quickly converted them into touchdowns. His first hit, Eddie George on a swing pass for a 17-yard TD with 2:41 to go, and he scored untouched from 10 yards out on a draw up the middle for a 21-0 lead with 1:24 left in the quarter.

McNair finished 17-of-29 for 186 yards. Warner was 29-of-46 for 328 yards, setting career highs in all three categories.

St. Louis had trouble regrouping before a very loud crowd of 66,415, the largest in Titans history. They were on their feet and cheering throughout the first quarter and most of the fourth as the Rams rallied.

Holmgren returns to Lambeau

The Associated Press

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Antonio Freeman heard yet another variation of the only question people have been asking him this week: So, Antonio, what do you think about facing your former coach?

Freeman rolled his eyes. "It's all about Mike with you guys," he said to two television reporters. "You know, this is going to be a pretty good game on Monday night."

Mike Holmgren's ballyhooed return to Lambeau Field and the accompanying off-field issues have overshadowed Monday night's intriguing on-field matchup between the Green Bay Packers and the Seattle Seahawks.

Two 42 teams looking to hang on to the top spots in their respective divisions.

The Packers dismantled San Diego 31-3 last Sunday in their best performance of the year, while the Seahawks also looked sharp in beating Buffalo 26-16.

"Mike and I don't put on the pads and go out there," Packers coach Ray Rhodes said. "The only people who are going to decide this game are on the field. I don't know why everybody talks about Mike and myself as if we're going to decide things."

Green Bay and Seattle run essentially the same offense. Although Packers offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis is much more of a risk-taker than Holmgren was during his seven years in Green Bay, the Packers had the league's top-ranked offense earlier in the season, while Seattle is averaging nearly 50 yards per game less than Green Bay.

Seattle's offensive troubles haven't been helped by a subpar season from Ricky Waters, who is averaging just 3.2 yards per carry this season. The Seahawks, who are looking to go 5-2 for the first time since 1987, still think they can run against the Packers' shaky defensive line.

"They've been missing Santos in Boston area, and, of course, you can't replace Reggie White," Holmgren said.

Woods caps emotional week with win

The Associated Press

HOUSTON — Years from now, this Tour Championship will be easily distinguished by the highlights of so many players wearing armbands to honor the memory of Payne Stewart.

As for that clip of Tiger Woods holding the trophy? That could be just about any tournament.

Woods closed with a 2-ander 69 at Champions Golf Club, giving him a four-stroke victory over Davis Love III and another title in what has become his best season on the PGA Tour in 25 years.

While Woods continued his staggering streak, his victory brought an end to a long and sorrowful week in golf as players tried to cope with the Stewart's death in a plane crash on Monday.

"Tracey gave me a lot of strength," Woods said, referring to the powerful eulogy Stewart's widow gave during a memorial service in Orlando, Fla., on Friday. "I wish he had that type of resolve after what's transpired, why can't it?"

Players have worn black ribbons all week. After Friday's services, some wore the WWJD bracelet — What Would Jesus Do — that Stewart wore when he won the U.S. Open in June. On Sunday, most of them paid yet another tribute by wearing knickers, the knee-length pants that made Stewart one of the most recognizable figures in golf.

"I think he'd be laughing because he had it put on him all these years," said Stuart Appleby, who wore an outfit chosen from

Stewart's closet.

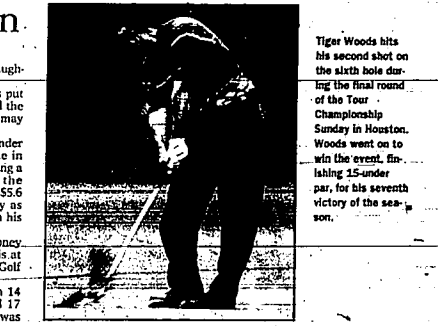
As for Woods? That's no laughing matter.

The 22-year-old already has put a canyon between himself and the rest of the golf, and the best may be yet to come.

Woods, who finished at 15-under 269, won for the seventh time in his last 10 tournaments including a victory in Europe, and the \$800,000 pushed Woods over \$56 million for the year — nearly as much as Jack Nicklaus won in his entire career.

He also wrapped up the money title, even though \$1 million is at stake next week in the World Golf Championship event in Spain.

Still, while Woods has won 14 times on the PGA Tour and 17 tournaments worldwide, this was more hollow than any of them.



Tiger Woods hits his second shot on the sixth hole during the final round of the Tour Championship Sunday in Houston. Woods went on to win the event, finishing 15-under par, for his seventh victory of the season.

SCORES AND STATS

SPORTS IN BRIEF

FOOTBALL

Table with columns for Football scores and statistics, including team names and game results.

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore

Cartoon titled 'IT'S FOURTH DOWN AND GOING TO HAND YOU THE BALL. THEN JUST TIP OVER THE TIP OVER. LIKE A GREAT, BIG PINE TREE.' Shows a football player in a pine tree.

Pacific Bowl Senior scores

Table listing Pacific Bowl Senior scores for various sports like Football, Basketball, etc.

TENNIS

Table listing Tennis match results and scores.

Payton condition OK, friend says

CHICAGO — Walter Payton was awaiting a liver transplant Sunday and his condition was not changed, said a close friend, who dispelled reports about the NFL player's health.

Baseball

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ON THE AIR TELEVISION

FLR football, Seahawks at Packers ABC 7pm. NFL skating, Professional Championship ESPN 7pm.

Soccer

Table listing Soccer match results and scores.

Green wins Busch Series race

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Pole-sitter Jeff Green won the inaugural Sam Cowart 200 at Memphis Motorsport Park on Sunday, his third NASCAR Busch Series victory of the year.

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Vovo Masters scores

Table listing Vovo Masters scores for various sports.

Men's World Cup results

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Hakkinen takes Formula title

SUZUKA, Japan — This time, there's no dispute — Mika Hakkinen is the Formula One champion.

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Nichols results

Table listing Nichols results for various sports.

Women's World Cup results

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Farm Bureau play suspended

MADISON, Wis. — Play at the Southern Farm Bureau Classic was suspended Sunday after nearly two inches of rain fell, and the completion of the already-shortened tournament was called to a halt today.

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Auto Racing

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Enqvist beats Krajcek

STUTTGART, Germany — Thomas Enqvist of Sweden, helped by a controversial call, upset defending champion Richard Krajcek of the Netherlands 6-1, 6-4, 7-5 Sunday to win the European Tour season's final event.

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OTHER VIEWS

It's time to draw a map for off-road vehicles to follow

From the Deseret News (Salt Lake City)

There is, admittedly, little common ground between wilderness purists and off-road vehicle enthusiasts.

To some wilderness advocates, off-road vehicles have no place whatever on pristine public lands. For many ORV riders and drivers, there is nothing wrong with improving the outdoors without their off-road vehicles. Off-road vehicles, dirt bikes and four-wheel-drive vehicles are well-liked.

However, there is an increasingly widespread agreement that the Bureau of Land Management could do more to achieve a balance between the land users. Mapping and designating trails on the public lands would be the logical first step.

In 1974, executive order signed by President Richard Nixon directed federal agencies, among them the BLM, to designate specific areas and trails where ORVs may be permitted and ensure the trails minimize damage to the land, water, plant life and animal habitat. This has not yet been accomplished in Utah.

Presently, the BLM lacks the resources to sufficiently implement this policy, monitor land use and enforce regulations on public lands. Trail designation would require, at best, additional funds from the federal government. If additional money and lands were not forthcoming, the agency might need to re-evaluate its priorities.

The ORV issue is at a crossroads. The number of ORVs registered in Utah is growing rapidly, and new technology enables users to traverse areas previously undisturbed. Mapping designated trails would give land users some semblance of order as they recreate on public

lands and cut down on friction among competing land users.

Designating trails would help limit damage to the land, water plant and animal species because ORV users would know where they belong and where they don't. Of course, not all users would comply with trail designation, but mapping would aid enforcers. Chances are, most ORV users want to be law-abiding and would be happy to follow the rules.

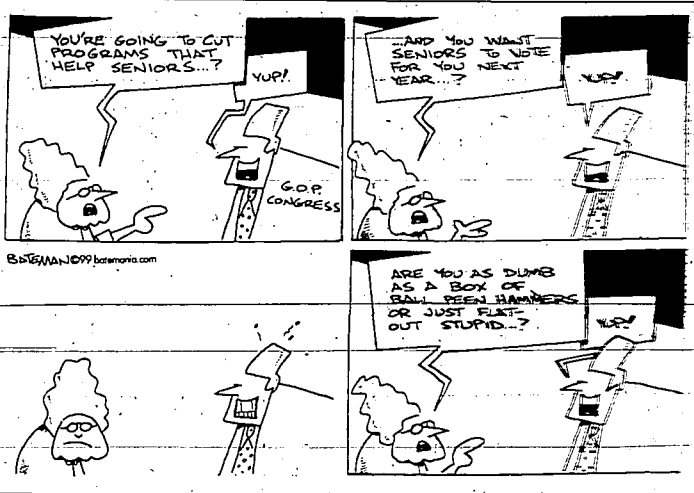
The BLM should undertake this responsibility before environmentalists try to force them into it through a lawsuit. The process should be public. Public-land users should have input into the designations and prohibitions.

While some ORV closures have been enacted on an emergency basis, it makes more sense to develop a long-range plan.

As the name suggests, public lands should be open to multiple use. However, land users must practice stewardship and abide by regulations. Use does not imply a free-for-all nor does it suggest that only specific uses are considered acceptable. This is a precarious balancing act, and the designating of trails will be a hard-fought battle.

Absent a more concrete use plan, there is no end in sight to conflicts over who uses the land. But among those who use the land, the BLM was charged with this responsibility more than 25 years ago.

Congress should appropriate sufficient resources to address this issue and ensure that once designations are established, BLM officers have enough resources and staff to enforce regulations.



LETTERS

A plan for better representation

It was good to see all the new City Council candidates at City Hall on Oct. 21. Too bad Mr. Lincoln wasn't there as well.

If the city was sectioned off and candidates ran for council seats from their respective neighborhoods, we would have better representative government. A citizen could go to the council member for their area on any business with the city. The present system leaves a lot to be desired.

Council member Allen noted poor voter turnout in recent elections. A new system might create more voter interest and would really solve the mix-up on open seats. If a neighborhood didn't field a candidate, then give the extra vote to whoever is mayor for that cycle.

Good city planning should stay faithful to a simple street grid. Normal traffic and emergency services are better served. Street grids should stay ahead of projected growth.

Fillmore Street should be extended from Falls on north and the College of Southern Idaho should accommodate this public interest.

The rim restriction is a great idea but in the building of the hotel towers and convention center at the city gateway be allowed. The high towers would accentuate the canyon depths and give esthetic balance in this instance. The result could easily be a beautiful entrance to the city. City Manager Courtney recently wrote a Times-News commentary containing a number of "we believes," but only he signed it. I believe in most of his arguments for the new office building but don't believe in the process used.

I believe capital acquisitions should be budgeted, not taken from contingent funds. I believe a public entity ought to involve the public in such decisions. I believe a public entity should never be hurried by someone in a hurry to sell. I believe the city attorney could have come up with a fool-proof candidate signature form.

I believe everyone should turn out and vote in the coming election. EARL D. OLSON Twin Falls

Officials are afraid of public

I was at the City Council meeting in Hansen on Oct. 11. At the beginning of the meeting, it was announced there would be an executive session added to the agenda.

Idaho Code says the object of the meeting must be submitted in writing and entered upon the journal of the clerk. Agenda for the meeting must be noted in the advance of the meeting (Idaho Code 67-2333).

Our council went into executive session without having an individual vote. The presiding officer did not identify the author for holding an executive session. He did not state the purpose which is authorized by statute for hold-

ing an executive session (to advise about legal litigation, for example). No final action and no final decision may be taken at an executive session. These may be taken only in a public meeting (Idaho Code 67-2347).

We as the public have to leave our City Hall and stand in the weather while the sessions are going on. We are never called back in when the sessions are over, so we don't find out until the next month's meeting what decisions were made. And that's only if it is recorded in the minutes from the last meeting. Why is it that we as citizens are made to stand out in the weather? Why is it that the city clerk, also known as the recorder, is allowed to stay in these executive sessions?

We as citizens have the right to know what is going on in our city. We may not have the right to know every detail of the executive session, but we do have the right to know what was talked about and what decision was made. Half of our city officials are afraid to even face the public after these meetings. They go out the back door. We voted these people into office to work for the people to keep us informed on what is going on in our city. Keeping the public in the dark is wrong. We have the right to know! MARIA JENNINGS Hansen

Frantz has a role model

Art Frantz, that is! City Council elections are coming up and I can't think of anyone I would rather support for reelection.

Art and I go back a ways in a number of ways, and Art has always been a role model, an exemplary person and a dear friend. His stature and integrity as an individual, coupled with his gift for all-round judgment and wisdom are legendary. His following, however, is real and is richly deserved. Unlike many others.

I've never known anyone with more honesty, caring, dedication or Christian compassion—and very few with such. He's experienced, has a proven track record and sees everyone the same. In his kindness, he doesn't diminish anyone except (often) himself—in a manner of speaking—through his immense sense of humility. In people who cast a giant shadow, that's very rare.

I seldom paint this kind of altruistic picture of people because so few actually achieve that stature. Art Frantz does, and Twin Falls needs

more like him—in and out of the City Council!

BILL WOODRUFF Twin Falls

Paul Isaacson knows Wendell

In the city of Wendell, I spent four months as the city superintendent position, about the most interesting job that I worked at to date in my life. The element of City Council is pending. Don't know personally anyone in Wendell, only the folks whom I met the past four months. The help I got as the city superintendent came from this single person who came into the office, introduced himself and told me he was available to assist in any way. I thanked him and we talked about knowledge and there he was out of a unique act.

The city superintendent position is a tough row to hoe. For starters, the (plumb) sewer and water are separate each city. You've got to walk and dig them. The pay for the men is low. It's hard to bring you up to speed. More municipalities know tips, and the same agencies bring along new hires as well and do the jobs. Wendell is no different. The pay for the men is low. Good men need good pay. Wendell is a way of life in small villages. Wendell is no different. Most all are related to one another. The mayor only should give direct orders to the city superintendent. This isn't the case here. Additional needs to be on the drug testing schedule. Wendell is dragging behind each day.

I could go on for as long as you want. Improvements that must be made to get the public works up to proper speed. But for starters, the city needs Paul Isaacson back on his job as city superintendent. He can see the men and change the mechanics of the city, the new water plant and sewer system. He is really the only person who knows as much as you have. He knows the mechanics of every utility and facility. He is an exceptional manager. And from our four months of this equipment work, he is back in it.

I like Wendell. Every single person I met on the phone or in person was nice. The town is a wonderful place to live. The budget is at \$2 million and climbing. Folks, you need quality council members. I recommend Paul Isaacson for council, but think he would be the best choice as superintendent with a pay raise. B.J. (BARNEY) BROWLAND Hagerman

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LETTER

Hansen wants to be heard

At the city council meeting called to cover a trail in Hansen about an alley. The reason was because the only person on the block had wanted an alley was the city clerk. She wanted an alley to get her business trailer into her back yard.

Jim, Jim and Sue Thomson went before the City Council with a petition with nearly 15 people on the block against the alley. They were blackballed by the mayor.

Their withdrawal petition signed by 200 people and 31 people showing up for the meeting, the people were still shut down by the mayor. Why again is the mayor working against the people to benefit the city?

The mayor has never decided the withdrawal of the alley. At the end of the meeting, residents were sent letters to remove their property by Oct. 1.

In September the mayor motioned for a vote on the property owners to remove their property. Two weeks after the residents received their first notices. Within a week, several letters were sent out. This is the only time the council voted, at the meeting. Decisions were made by the mayor. Why hasn't the council voted

to open this parcel of land? Why hasn't the council voted to allocate funds? Why wasn't this ever taken before planning and zoning?

The city has been served with a class-action lawsuit and the land a restraining order served to forbid them from destroying personal property.

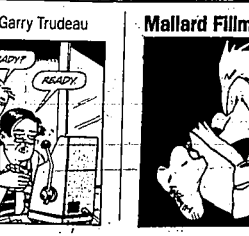
Apparently, those living in a small town are not as newsworthy as those living in a larger town. The people of Hansen would like to be heard! The only way for them to be heard is through the press. Can they count on you or are they going to be blackballed again? They feel this is newsworthy! A class action suit against the city because the city clerk didn't get her way!

Why is the mayor making all of these decisions? Why isn't he listening to the people? If the people's voices can't be heard, the only choice they have is court.

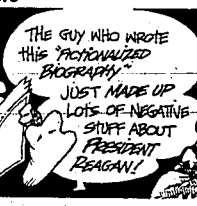
As the press, I would think you should want to help the people to get heard! Check into this. Hopefully, you are the press for the people. There are a lot of people you can talk to. Talk to the City Council, talk to the people on the block, check with the lawyers, check out court records.

BONNIE CAUDILL Twin Falls

Summary



By Garry Trudeau



By Bruce Tinsley



Ivy League doesn't guarantee success

While all "know" that going to college is essential for economic success. The more prestigious the college, the greater the success. It's better to attend Yale or Stanford than, say, Arizona State. People with the same raw abilities can better and earn more by graduating from an elite school. The business firms (it's said) from better connections, brighter "peers," and greater exposure to superior professionals. Among many parents, the notion that their children went to the "right" college has support: an explosion of guidebooks, counselors and tutoring companies to help students in the admissions race.



ROBERT J. SAMUELSON

Imagination, Ambition, Persistence, Maturity. Some exceptional ability. Admissions officers may detect these characteristics from interviews or course work. But earlier studies didn't capture these factors. To do so, Dale and Krueger examined the 1976 freshman of 34 colleges. The schools ranged from Yale, Bryn Mawr and Swarthmore (highest in SAT scores) to Penn State and Denison University (lowest in scores). The SAT gap between top and bottom was about 200 points. Dale and Krueger knew which colleges had accepted and rejected these students as well as their future earnings.

Dale and Krueger then compared graduates who had been accepted and rejected by the same (or similar) colleges. The theory was that admissions officers were ranking personal qualities, from maturity to ambition. Students who fared similarly would possess similar strengths, then. Dale and Krueger compared the earnings of these students—regardless of where they went. There was no difference. (The result held for blacks and whites, further weakening the case for race-based admission preferences. The only exception was poorer students, regardless of race; they gained slightly from an elite school.)

The explanation is probably simple. At most colleges, students can get a good education if they try. Similarly, even elite schools have dimwits and deadbeats. Once you're in the job market, where you went to college may matter for a few years, early in your career. Companies don't know much about young employment candidates. A shiny credential (an Ivy League degree) may impress. But after that, what people can or can't do counts for more. Skills grow. Reputations dissipate regardless of where they attend school. Characteristics important for admission "may also be rewarded in the labor market." What might these be? Discipline.

matters more than what colleges bring to students. The lesson has relevance beyond elite schools. As a society, we've peddled college as a cure for many ills. Society needs more skilled workers. So send more students to college. College graduates earn much more than high-school graduates. So— to raise incomes—send more students to college.

But half or more of freshmen don't finish. A new study from the Department of Education ("College for All?") reports that these students achieve only modest gains in skills and income. What determines who finishes? In another report, Clifford Adelman—a senior researcher at the Department of Education—finds that the most powerful factor is the difficulty of high-school courses. And the finding is strongest for black and Hispanic students. How to motivate students to do their best? How to make high schools demanding while still engaging? How to transmit important values (discipline, responsibility, responsibility) to teen-agers? These are hard questions. If the answer were self-evident, we'd have already seized them. But going to college—even Harvard—is no shortcut.

Robert J. Samuelson is a Newsweek columnist.



As a resident of the Magic Valley for the past 38 years, my family and I have seen many changes in our community, good and bad. If elected to City Council, I pledge to represent you, the citizens of Twin Falls on issues that affect our quality of life. Those issues that are most important to me are:

- Public Safety** I pledge to support the addition of one police officer to each shift of our existing force. I will support and encourage community policing and citizen involvement in solving safety problems. People in our community should feel as safe tomorrow as they did 10 years ago.
- Advocacy** I pledge to listen to the citizens of Twin Falls and represent their concerns to other council members. I will face the difficult issues. I will make decisions and take stands representing the voice of the people.
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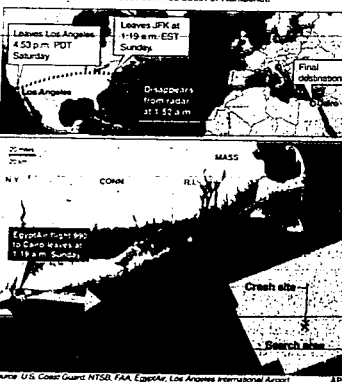
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Plane crash at sea

An EgyptAir plane plummeted into the sea off the coast of New York on Saturday after a routine takeoff from New York to Cairo on a flight that originated in Los Angeles. The flight left Kennedy International Airport after spending a less than an hour on the ground. The search was focused in an area about 60 miles south of Nantucket.



After a routine takeoff, an oddly familiar crash

The Associated Press

The Boeing 767 was late getting off the tarmac in Los Angeles. The takeoff was routine - bad weather on the East Coast. Then a tire needed to be changed, food and fuel loaded, cockpit windows and blankets cleared from the deck.

Nothing out of the ordinary. Nothing suspicious. Just an annoying four-hour wait for 33 passengers en route Saturday to New York, and then traveling nonstop to Cairo on EgyptAir Flight 990.

The first five-hour leg was uneventful. So, too, was its 12:57 a.m. landing Sunday at Kennedy International Airport. Then another 167 passengers got on, as did an 18-person crew.

There was nothing to indicate that in less than two hours, Flight 990 would no longer exist. The search for what destroyed the plane would be slow, meticulous and heartbreaking. There were no immediate clues, officials said.

The only passenger to get off in New York was grief counselor and EgyptAir consultant Ed McLaughlin. His services were needed in less than an hour.

As an employee of the Family Enterprise Institute, he is hired by airline companies to do one of their worst jobs - notify and console the families of crash victims.

McLaughlin had already participated in a post-crash news conference before reporters learned he'd been on the flight's Los Angeles segment.

At Kennedy, 66 minutes passed before the twin-engine aircraft taxied from the gate, a normal interval for such overseas flights. There were no delays, no disruptions. No events that were untoward in any way, said Port Authority aviation director Robert Kelly.

Standard Time moved clocks back an hour and 2:03 a.m. became 1:03 a.m. Sixteen minutes later, the jet wheels of Flight 990 left the runway.

The plane headed over the Atlantic on a common overseas route that passes over Nantucket Island. From there, it

would turn north, flying along the U.S. coastline toward Nova Scotia and Newfoundland, then follow the Great Circle route over the North Atlantic toward Europe and its final destination in Egypt.

Air traffic controllers cleared the plane to 35,000 feet, a typical altitude for long-distance flights.

There was no distress call. The last communication from EgyptAir's pilot came at 1:43 a.m. and was perfectly normal, authorities said.

About 2 a.m., the jetliner slammed into the Atlantic Ocean 65 miles southeast of Nantucket. All 217 people onboard are believed dead. At least 60 were American tourists, some of whom planned to sail down the Nile or cross into Israel. They hailed from New York, Vermont, California, the Southwest and points between. They sat with natives of Egypt, Sudan, Syria and Chile. The plane was scheduled to land in Cairo Sunday afternoon, local time.

Instead, they became the newest entry on a recent list of aircraft and lives swallowed by the Atlantic. They follow Swissair Flight 111, which charted a similar route and crashed last year off the coast of Nova Scotia, killing all 229 aboard after the cockpit filled with smoke; the private plane flown by John F. Kennedy Jr., carrying his wife and sister-in-law, which plummeted three months ago into the waters off Martha's Vineyard; the crash of 1996's TWA Flight 800, which took the life of every passenger and crew member - 230 in all.

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Agencies double up on probe of air disaster

WASHINGTON (AP) - Federal officials focused Sunday on radar tapes showing an EgyptAir jetliner dropping out of the sky as they weighed the possibility that either terrorism or mechanical failure brought down the plane.

The National Transportation Safety Board and the FBI worked side-by-side with help from the Federal Aviation Administration and the Boeing Co., which made the 767 that crashed off Nantucket, Mass., with 217 aboard.

All were trying to digest an array of evidence that included radar tapes showing that the plane plummeted from an altitude of 33,000 feet down to 19,100 feet in 36 seconds, before at least some part of it continued

to remain visible for nearly another minute and a half.

That would put the initial descent rate at about 23,200 feet per minute, about two to three times a standard emergency descent rate. The continuing images could indicate an in-flight breakup, with smaller pieces drifting down at a slower rate.

President Clinton and other U.S. officials said there was no immediate evidence of terrorism, but that was being investigated as a possibility.

The NTSB chairman, Jim Hall, refused to say if the radar tapes showed an aircraft in pieces. "We do not know at this point what caused the crash," Hall told reporters. "We are beginning what may be a long investigation."

Also in the mix was a recent travel alert from the FAA saying someone had warned a bomb would be placed on a flight originating from Los Angeles or New

York, and word that a passenger got off the EgyptAir flight which it landed at New York's John F. Kennedy airport en route from Los Angeles to Cairo.

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The Church has just come through an exciting summer and would like to invite you to see that a Free Will Baptist Church is not just another Baptist Church. We have a Teen Group meeting at 7 p.m. each Monday, a kids' Bible club meeting each Thursday afternoon at 4:30 - 5:30 p.m., Sunday School at 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship at 10:50 a.m., Sunday Evening Worship at 6 p.m. and Wednesday night service at 7 p.m. We've been growing and God has been blessing.
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Stamp out cow-dung abuse

You parents out there should be aware that the young people have invented yet another alarming trend. I frankly wonder why we, as a society, even allow young people, inasmuch as all these ever seem to do is think up trends that we do not approve of, such as sarcasm, tattoos, and referring to pioneering rock-music geniuses of the '50s as "old" just because they are dead or in comatose.

I found out about the latest stinking youth trend thanks to several alert readers who send me an article from the Straits Times of Singapore. This article, which I am not making up (Trademark), begins as follows:

"TAIPEI - Some young Malaysians sniffing cow dung to get high, according to a lawmaker. They look for fresh cow dung and, on locating it, pierce a large tin can over it, put a hole at the top and sniff through it."

Perak state assemblyman Mlat Isa Ismail said on Saturday. He said that this was becoming a trend.

HUMOR Dave Barry

Did you hear that, parents? Young people are sniffing cow dung, and it is becoming a trend.

Perhaps you are saying to yourself: "What do I care what goes on in Malaysia? I'm an American! I don't even know where Malaysia IS, nor do I care, unless there's a mall there."

You pathetic fool! You should be casually dismissing Malaysia just because it is a foreign country located abroad. Today we live in a "global village," which means that if young people on one part of the planet come up with a stupid idea, they can communicate it to all the other young people in the world instantly via the Internet, or "zap" music, or wearing their baseball caps at a certain angle.

So do not be one of those hopelessly naive parents who go around saying "My little Courtney would NEVER sniff cow dung!" Instead, watch your child closely for The Five Warning Signs of Cow-Dung Abuse:

1. Your child constantly pesters you to drive him or her to a store that he or she can "do some chores."
2. When you go to the supermarket, your child asks you to bring back 500 pounds of hay.
3. At night, you hear loud moaning sounds, which turn out, upon investigating, to be your husband using the bathroom.
4. But then, when you look in your child's bedroom, you find: a cow. When you demand an explanation, your child says, "Oh, that belongs to Stacy."
5. And your child does not know any "Stacy."

In addition to watching for warning signs, you must keep lines of communication open between yourself and your child. Make a point of taking an interest in the things your child is interested in so that you can develop a rapport, as we see in this dialogue:

FATHER: What's that music you're listening to, son?
SON: It's a band called "Limp Bickit," dad.

FATHER: They suck.
I always made a point of communicating with my son as he was growing up, and he was really into it. Now that he's away at college, he often calls me up when he needs advice or counsel on an important matter.

"Dad," he'll say, "I have to make a decision as to what I want the rest of my life, and I want to be absolutely sure that I choose the right path. Do you think you could send me some money?"

You should strive for this kind of closeness in your relationship with your child. And remember: If worse comes to worse, there is no parenting more powerful than a good hug. If you sense that your child is getting into trouble, you must give your child a great big fat hug in a public place with other young people around, while saying, in a loud, ringing tone, "You are MY LITTLE BABY and I love you NO MATTER WHAT!" This will embarrass your child so much that he or she will immediately run off and join a strict religious order whose entire diet consists of gravel. If one hug doesn't work, threaten to give your child another.

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



Jodie Vargas is a counselor at the Chronic and Infectious Illness Support Group at the Center for New Directions, which has been at CSI since September.

The long haul

Twin Falls-based support group seeks to share secrets of coping with chronic illness

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - When Barbara Kirsch was diagnosed in 1997 with hepatitis C, a chronic and sometimes fatal disease, she started giving away her personal possessions.

It's hard sometimes to see past the issue of death.

Now 47, Kirsch is helping other folks see there's life beyond chronic illness.

She's the founding member of the Chronic and Infectious Illness Support Group, formed last year to help people cope with hepatitis C but now including folks who have multiple sclerosis, cystic fibrosis, HIV/AIDS, diabetes and other long-term health problems.

The support group is the brainchild of Jodie Vargas, a counselor with the College of Southern Idaho Center for New Directions. She said she was aware of a need in the community for dealing with problems of chronic illness.

"Although there are different issues around the different diseases, I think the process of dealing with chronic illness is it diminishes quality of life rather than quantity of life," she said. "HIV certainly is chronic, diabetes is chronic, and ultimately people can and do die of all of these different diseases, but one does not have to be terminal to wrestle with these illnesses."

Friends and family are welcome to come to the meetings, Vargas said - even if the person with the disease chooses not to participate.

Kirsch said the group aims to concentrate on the positive aspect of living every day with these illnesses.

"We want to be there to support the people on their bad days and cheer them on in their good days," she said. "And just pretty much develop a nice large support group so that people in the area know they're not alone - that there are other people who have the illness and they're living fairly normal and productive lives."

Kirsch sees her emotions reflected in the reaction of a newly diagnosed friend.

"He's going through that right now, and I've been able to be there for him to let him know that's not necessarily what is going to happen," she said. "There is life after diagnosis."

This is the kind of support she hopes to share with folks who come to the meetings.

Larry Daniels, 30, of Gooding, who also helped organize the group, was diagnosed with hepatitis C three years ago. He said a lot of people don't know much about the disease, and there are many misconceptions.

Daniels said an advantage to belonging to the support group is finding information, getting out with other people, and discovering what they have gone through and the ways they have learned to cope not only with hepatitis C, but other chronic illnesses.

"There are certain things that are common when you're dealing with either chronic or infectious illness," he said. "Basically you're at a point where you have to come to grips with it, and even though there are different things you have to deal with, you're still part of human nature. Certain areas

Times-News correspondent Joan Bean can be reached at 733-0830.

To learn more

The Chronic and Infectious Illness Support Group meets from 5:30-7 p.m. the second Monday of every month in Room 119 at the Center for New Directions at the College of Southern Idaho. For more information, call Jodie at 733-9554, Ext. 2680, or Barbara at 734-7394. The next meeting is Nov. 8.

Insidious hepatitis C often a life sentence

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - It shows up most often in a routine blood test at a doctor's office.

Or during a checkup for life insurance. Or when someone donates blood for the first time. But once hepatitis C arrives in your body, it's usually around to stay.

Dr. Ted Rea, a Twin Falls gastroenterologist, said hepatitis C is a virus that enters the body through the bloodstream, passes into the liver, invades its cells and begins reproducing there, causing damage to the liver.

"He said infections are thought of as acute and chronic, and this is the way it is with hepatitis C. When a person develops it, the outcome is often depends upon how he or she got the infection. They can get an acute infection and become immune to it," he said. "Out of people who get the acute infection about 60-70 percent will then go on and be unable to eradicate the virus on their own."

These become the chronic hepatitis C patients. So, while not everyone who contracts the disease becomes chronic, the vast majority do.

Rea said hepatitis C used to be called post-transfusion hepatitis. Until the late 1980s, there was no mechanism for identifying it, and the majority of cases were acquired from blood transfusions.

Then the marker - the hematology footprint - was identified for hepatitis C, making it possible to nearly eradicate the transmission the disease by blood transfusion.

It's now more commonly spread by either sexual contact or recreational intravenous drug use. Between half and four-fifths of new intravenous drug users will become infected with hepatitis C in a 6-12 month period, particularly if they are sharing needles.

The diagnosis of hepatitis C can come as a surprise, because most people have no symptoms.

"If they do get symptoms and it's the acute situation, like most any viral illness they feel bad and have a low grade fever, a little nausea, mild diarrhea that resolves promptly," Rea said. "Unlike the other hepatitises, which typically have more severe symptoms of nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, fever, jaundice, the

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We diet, but most of us aren't doing it the proper way

When it comes to dieting, most of us talk the talk but don't walk the walk.

While more than two-thirds of the country is fighting to stay or get slim, only about one person in five is using the proper combination of diet and exercise to get there, according to a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention survey of more than 107,000 men and women.

Don't kid yourself

But if you're a "baby boomer" who does exercise, act your age. "Even though we are a sedentary country, there is one seg-

Health notes

ment that the message (about exercise) has hit, and it's the baby boomers," says Nicholas A. DiNubile, an orthopedic surgeon at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania.

The problem is that many boomers are suffering chronic injuries because they're not listening to their bodies, tell them their limits. "Trying to do at 50 what you did at 20 is going to get you into trouble," DiNubile says.

Atomic aftershocks

We're still feeling the fallout from the Cold War: The National Academy of Sciences reports higher death rates from prostate and testicular cancer among soldiers who took part in atomic tests.

Overall, more than 200,000 U.S. soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines participated in atmospheric nuclear tests between World War II and the early 1960s.

Hard roles to cast

If you're a guy with a strong

sense of rhythm, Chicago's Lyric Opera wants you. Advertising for "Big Bad" (or Slaved) Bodybuilders," a Lyric spokesman said the 20 right people would "need to have an ear for the music and/or be able to count along" with the music of Richard Wagner. "They'll be shirless, so their chests need to be very well-developed," said the Lyric's Eric Elgerton, who is recruiting specialists for 10 performances of Wagner's "Tristan and Isolde" next year.

Dealing with dystonia

Dystonia is a movement disorder

that causes muscle spasms. It can affect anyone at any time. It is estimated that 300,000 people in North America have dystonia, making it the third most common movement disorder after Parkinson's disease and essential tremor.

A key resource for information on the disorder is the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation, which can be reached by calling (312) 755-0198, sending e-mail to dystonia@dystonia-foundation.org or visiting the Web site www.dystonia-foundation.org

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New book chronicles life of khakis

It didn't take the Gap, Dockers or Jerry Seinfeld to bring khakis to the modern American radar screen. They were the stuff of GI uniforms in World War II and appropriated by "Leave It to Beaver's" Wally Cleaver and Ivy Leaguers in the '50s. But their roots go back further to British Colonial days, when their color was derived from the yellow-saffron dust that settled onto the white cotton uniforms of the British.

The history is recorded in a striking new coffee-table photo book, "Khaki: Cut From the Original Cloth" (Dondo Books in conjunction with Dockers Khakis/Levi Strauss & Co., \$50). Proceeds from the book will go to the Elton John AIDS Foundation.

Fashion notes

The book, available in bookstores and from <http://www.dockers.com>, provides a compelling pictorial study of a fashion icon.

The next time your significant other ribs you about a heavy luggage load or pieces while you're dressing, tell the story of Sean "Puffy" Combs' trip to the European couture collections last summer.

As Vogue writer Plum Sykes reports, he slipped 18 trunks of clothes and took two stylists, a hair person and makeup artist. He also traveled with 45 pairs of shoes, 26 hats, two assistants and four bodyguards. Yet he couldn't

get it together the night of the Versace show because his Versace tie did not arrive. More than an hour late, he left his hotel wearing a diamond cross instead.

Under the category of hats that may have missed your attention in the midst of political campaigns and natural disasters: For the first time in more than a century, Tiffany, the jewelry company, has introduced a new diamond cut. It's named Lucida, said to be a Latin word for a bright star.

It is a square mixed-cut shape with a high crown and wide corners and is certain to make admirers blink when flashed by the newly engaged.

-The Kansas City Star

Arthritis-Lupus group meets Tuesday

TWIN FALLS - The Arthritis-Lupus Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. Tuesday at Gerie's Book Open Cookery.

A no-cost dinner meeting will be held for group sharing. For more information, call 737-2050.

St. Benedict's offers childbirth parenting classes

JEROME - Childbirth and parenting classes will be offered from 7 to 8:30 p.m. beginning Tuesday through Nov. 20, in the conference room at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center.

The second class in the series will qualify as a refresher course for mothers who previously have taken the classes. Cost is \$30 for the first classes (\$6 per class). Bring payment to the first class. To register, call St. Benedict's at 324-8301.

To do for you

Co-Dependency Group gathers in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - Co-Dependency Group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and Nov. 10 at the Canyon View West Group Room. Fee is \$10. Call 734-6760.

Magic Valley sets refresher course for parents

TWIN FALLS - A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesday in the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2900.

CPR class set Thursday at Twin Falls hospital

TWIN FALLS - A cardiopul-

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

Co-Dependency Group gathers in Twin Falls

TWIN FALLS - The Big Kids Klub will meet from 10 to 11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Education Center at MVRMC. The program is designed to help brothers and sisters prepare for the new baby. To register, call 737-2900.

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. - compiled from staff reports

Hepatitis

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majority of people with hepatitis C never know they have it.

Rea said for most victims, the interval between infection and detection is several months. The majority of people may have the disease for 10-20 years and not be aware of it.

Problems with the virus are generally not seen until its victims have had it for 20 years. One-third of them will go on to develop cirrhosis of the liver.

"The biggest risk factors associated with developing cirrhosis of the liver is the chronic use of alcohol," Rea said. "People that have hepatitis C and use alcohol - 50 percent of those patients will develop cirrhosis, where the isolated hepatitis C patient is down to about 5 percent."

About 50,000 new cases of hepatitis C are diagnosed each year in the United States; about 4 million Americans have the disease.

That means more than 1 million Americans a year are developing hepatitis C.

induced cirrhosis. People who are at high risk should be tested, Rea said. They include folks who have multiple sex partners, people who use recreational drugs and those who received blood transfusions in the late '80s.

Rea said most of the people he sees with hepatitis C have already been diagnosed or have had abnormal liver tests.

"And if we screen their blood for hepatitis C, measuring the virus in the blood and that confirms the diagnosis, we often times do liver biopsies on the patient to rule out any other coexisting disease, and to also get an idea of the advance or spectrum of disease," he said. "Is it advanced? Is there a lot of scarring? Is there a lot of disease activity?"

There is a combination drug therapy available now: the genetically engineered drug Interferon, which is injected, and Ribavirin, which is taken orally.

These are not without side effects, and must be monitored closely. Interferon can make the

patient feel as if he or she has the flu and this can be so severe he might elect not to take it.

Interferon can also cause depression, and is not recommended for people who have made suicide attempts.

He said the medication is effective in a fewer than half of the patients in eradicating the virus.

Whether or not patients respond to therapy, Rea tells them to stop drinking. For anyone who has the disease alcohol dramatically accelerates the process.

"I don't want to minimize this, but I spend a great deal of my time reassuring that if they don't drink or stop drinking, that the majority of people do very well," he said. "But because there is such a large reservoir there are going to be people that will go on and develop serious disease and go all the way to need for liver transplantation."

Times-News correspondent Joan Bean can be reached at 733-0830.

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A community forum Times-News Classified



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straight talk on wills, trusts, probate & estate planning

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Sorry, your skin won't get used to it

DEAR PAULA: Is it true that one's skin and/or hair will get used to a product? Some sources claim that we should change our skin/hair care routine every three to six months because that's the time when the products start losing effect on our skin/hair.

DEAR JOYCE: Skin does not adapt to skin-care products of any kind. There is no source of information confirming this anywhere. Perhaps the confusion is due to the fact that bacteria found in skin - the bacteria that cause pimples to occur - can adapt to the use of topically applied disinfectants. (Bacteria can also adapt to oral antibiotics, but that's another discussion altogether.) The bacteria do mutate and change, building up a resistance to the disinfectant, thus requiring a different disinfectant to do the same job. But skin does not adapt or change in this manner; if it did, the skin would also change appearance, texture and structure, and then imagine the mess we would all be in!

In terms of hair-care products, because hair is dead, it is completely incapable of adapting. Adapting is something only living organisms can do. For both the scalp and the skin, changing products frequently can be problematic because of the increased risk of an irritating or sensitizing reaction as new ingredients are introduced to the skin.

COSMETICS Q&A
Paula Begoun

tone-free nail polish removers really more gentle on nails than the acetone-based ones?

DEAR ANNABELLE: Acetone-free nail polish removers are just as drying as those that use acetone. In essence, if a nail-polish remover can cut through polish, it can work away at the nail, too.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetic Counter Without Me (4th edition)" (Bantam Press, \$19.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 150, Seattle, WA 98148 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscop.com

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Researchers report advance in battle against prostate cancer

The Washington Post

An experimental vaccine against prostate cancer, now under development by researchers at Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions, successfully boosted the immune system in men whose disease had spread throughout their bodies.

Reporting in the current issue of the journal Cancer Research, the Hopkins team reported that the vaccine revved up the immune system in eight patients under treatment for advanced prostate cancer.

"This is a surprising finding and it is very encouraging," said Michael Hamilton, head of the clinical immunology section at the National Cancer Institute, which co-sponsored the study. "It will need to be documented by other trials, but if it turns out to be effective, vaccination would be an ideal way to go with most prostate tumors."

An estimated 179,300 men will be diagnosed this year with prostate cancer, and 37,000 will die, according to the American Cancer Society.

Detecting early, prostate cancer can be effectively treated by surgical removal of the prostate, a gland located at the base of the bladder. But many men who undergo seemingly successful surgery still experience cancer recurrence because a few cancer cells escape and spread the disease.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Can Viagra help women too?

Some doctors say it can revive sexual appetites, but others sound warning

The Washington Post

The diamond-shaped little blue pill once launched a million jokes and cracked up the Internet. First, its name in pharmaceutical history is being prescribed for a new group of patients: women.

Although the use of Viagra, which was approved 13 months ago by the Food and Drug Administration to treat impotence, is not officially approved for women, some doctors are prescribing it in the hope that it will counteract the libido-killing side effects of antidepressant drugs, and the sexual problems that can accompany aging.

"So far, however, the use of Viagra for women is grounded in speculation, not science,"

Scientific writing. There isn't any," said Irwin Goldstein, a urologist at the Boston University School of Medicine and a leading Viagra researcher who is a proponent of its use by some women. "We're not at the level where we can generate the science yet. There are general practitioners giving it, there are obstetric-gynecologists giving it, there are urologists giving it, but there are no double-blind, placebo-controlled trials" of the drug's effectiveness or safety in women as there are in men.

A spokesman for Pfizer, the drug's manufacturer, said company researchers are analyzing the results of a study of about 500 European women who took Viagra to determine the drug's effectiveness. Those results will be presented next year in a scientific forum, said spokesman William McCann. "Entirely un-

likely we really can't comment beyond this because we can't promote it" for women.

Once a drug is approved by the FDA, however, doctors can prescribe it "off label" if they consider it to be in their patients' best interests.

Studies of Viagra in men conducted by Goldstein and others established that the drug was superior to a placebo in helping men achieve and maintain erections by increasing blood flow to the penis.

Some doctors who prescribe Viagra to women say they believe the same mechanism could help women. Increasing blood flow to women's genitals could improve sexual satisfaction.

But unlike erectile dysfunction in men, female sexual problems tend to be less obvious and more multifaceted. A large national survey by researchers at the University of Chicago found that the biggest complaint among women was low libido, or lack of interest in sex, which 1 in 3 women reported. Other problems included an inability to reach orgasm. It is not clear whether Viagra could treat either of these complaints.

Goldstein said he considers two types of women to be good candidates for Viagra: those who suffer from a lack of sexual desire as a side effect of antidepressants such as Prozac, and postmenopausal hysterectomy patients who complain of dryness, painful intercourse and diminished ability to reach orgasm.

Goldstein said he and his colleagues have had little success treating younger women with

Viagra if their sexual disorders were the result of relationship problems or child abuse.

Whether Viagra has different side effects for women than for men is unclear, Goldstein said. In November 1998, after receiving reports of the sudden deaths of some men taking Viagra, Pfizer strengthened the warning label and recommended that the drug be avoided by men who had a variety of heart conditions or blood pressure that was too high or low.


At the time the warning label was rewritten, the FDA said it could not be determined whether the deaths were related to the drug, to the patients' underlying cardiac or blood pressure prob-

lems, to the physical exertion that occurs during sex or to a combination of these factors.

The same cautions presumably would apply to women, Goldstein said. Women with heart and blood-pressure problems would not be good candidates, he said. Users "have to be able to survive the sexual act," he noted.

Doctors are not the only source of Viagra for women. Business appears to be brisk on the Internet. A Yahoo search for women and Viagra yielded more than 37,000 Web pages, many of them hawked untested herbal alternatives, as well as the drug itself. Some of these sites are aimed specifically at "elderly women."

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The Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — Millions of Americans who wear glasses and contact lenses may be able to get rid of them in the next decade, thanks to corrective surgery that leaves them seeing better than before, vision experts say.

The prediction came at the joint meeting of the American Academy of Ophthalmology and the Pan American Association of Ophthalmology.

Speakers outlined a range of surgical and laser techniques now being performed or being tested which reduce or eliminate the need for glasses. These include operations called refractive surgery—after performed in a doctor's office with a local anesthetic — which reshape the eye's cornea, and those where lenses or plastic rings are implanted in the eye.

Dr. George Waring III, of Emory University in Atlanta, said his goal is for 90 percent of patients who are candidates for the surgery to have better than 20/20 normal vision, a result of

the procedure, and to reach that goal within the next decade. Patients who are moderately near-sighted or far-sighted, without astigmatism, have the best results.

"We say, 20/10 by 2010," said Waring, professor of ophthalmology and director of Refractive Surgery at Emory.

That could affect a lot of people. In this country, academy officials said, more than 150 million people wear glasses or contact lenses. Of this group, 12 million people could have their vision improved by existing forms of refractive surgery. Ultimately, that number could grow to 60 million as existing procedures are refined and new ones approved by the Federal Drug Administration.

Over the past several decades, refractive surgery has gone from scalpels to lasers to a combination of surgery and lasers known by the acronym LASIK, a "laser" procedure which ophthalmologists have nicknamed "flap and zap."

"This technique isn't perfect,"

said Dr. Stephen Slade, national medical director at the Laser Center of Houston. "It's just very, very good."

Slade, a pioneer in LASIK surgery, said "we're trying to get this as close to perfection as possible."

There were also some words of caution and even some controversy surrounding the explosion of refractive surgery.

"Although the complication rate is decreasing with improved technology and surgeon experience, it still remains at 1.2 percent," said Dr. Brock Magruder, Jr., of the Magruder Eye Institute of Orlando.

Magruder, who performs LASIK surgery, said patient selection is the key to successful surgery. "We're learning who we shouldn't do," he said. Those patients include some people with diabetes and those who are extremely near-sighted.

Other ophthalmologists are more critical. There is grumbling that side effects and shortcomings of the surgery are being downplayed by doctors—and

researchers, in part because of the large amounts of money at stake. Reported side effects include worse vision, decreased night vision and susceptibility to glare.

There are also complaints about lavish advertising campaigns and the use of celebrity testimonials. The cost of refractive surgery in many areas is \$2,000-\$3,000 per eye, not usually reimbursed by health insurance. But, in an increasingly competitive environment, some companies are offering the surgery for as little as \$400 per eye.

"Because of the unknown, long-term effects, rapidly changing technology and the certainty of future price reductions, I am advising my patients not to rush into this," said Dr. Marc Schwartz, of Mid-Florida Eye Associates of Maitland, Fla. Schwartz and others particularly object to the recent practice of performing refractive surgery on both eyes at the same time, rather than waiting to evaluate the results on one eye first.

As more people get tattoos, regrets mount

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — In today's youth culture, they're a medium for personal expression, a visual depiction of young enthusiasms, seemingly as essential as an e-mail address.

But attitudes change, people grow up, and they eventually get jobs in which a tattoo of the Exterminator Devil may not be part of the corporate uniform.

What seemed like a great idea during an all-night party in senior year turns into a huge regret after graduation.

"It's kind of silly," Sandy Benford, 27, a pharmacist, said of the eagle wizard she got tattooed on her shoulder when she was a college senior. "It was a hasty decision."

Luckily for Benford and others like her suffering from tattoo buyer's remorse, the body-art craze is fueling a related growth industry: tattoo removal.

Even as the ink flows in fashion-poop-worthy parlors, dermatologists who remove body art with lasers are busier than ever. It's expensive, it takes numerous treatments, and it can be excruciatingly painful, but more and more people are paying the price to have a youthful mistake removed.

"I get people coming in on Monday or Tuesday who got their tattoos that weekend," said Harry Fallick, a suburban Philadelphia dermatologist who specializes in,

tattoo removal.

There's not much he can do for them. It takes at least six months before doctors can even begin to remove tattoos. Lasers are more effective than the old method of peeling away layers of skin, but the treatment is not perfect. It may leave a scar and is only 90 percent successful at removing the offending tattoo.

Benford, who lives in Wilmington, Del., had eight laser sessions — spaced six weeks apart — to give her skin a chance to heal — and spent several thousand dollars to erase her tattoo. The outline of her wizard and his yellow hat are still visible, but she's hoping it will disappear with a few more sessions.

"I keep telling him to turn up the juice," she said during a recent visit to Fallick's office for the 15-minute procedure.

There are no figures on how many people get their tattoos removed, but one study estimates that 30 percent to 35 percent of within minutes to days of getting it, said Jeffrey Dover, an associate professor of dermatology at Harvard Medical School and a creator of the tattoo-blasting laser.

"They're like, 'Oh, God, what have I done here,'" said Dover, who called the removal procedure "very imperfect."

The laser emits short pulses to fade and remove the pigment of the tattoo's ink by breaking it down and hiding it within the skin cells. Different ink colors require different laser light wavelengths to fade them, with blue-black tattoos the easiest to remove, and reds, greens, oranges and yellows the hardest.

A professional tattoo may require 15 to 20 treatments to remove because so many different color inks are used and injected much deeper into the skin. An amateur tattoo can be zapped in one or two sessions.

Each treatment costs \$200 to \$400. "You will not have perfect color ink afterward," said Wayne Marley, a Philadelphia area dermatologist, adding that the most common problems are scarring and "ghosting," a white outline where the tattoo was.

Though Pennsylvania does not allow anyone under 18 to get a tattoo, doctors say they are seeing more teenage patients. Most of the time, they are dragged into the office by their parents.

"Kids need to realize this is not just a fad and it's permanent, and it's tougher and more expensive to get off than it was to get on," Marley said.

Then there are those who want to erase the name of a former loved one. These days it's more likely to be girls who tattoo their true loves' names on their bodies.

"I can't remember the last time I had a man, patient who had a woman's name removed," Marley said.

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HAND SURGERY

• **HAND SURGERY AND YOUR PLASTIC SURGEON** Dramatic advances have been made in recent years in treating patients with hand injuries, degenerative disorders, and birth defects of the hand. As a result of these advances there have been plastic surgeons-specialists whose major interest is improving both function and appearance. Plastic surgeons undergo intensive training in hand surgery, and they treat patients with a wide range of hand problems.

• **IF YOU'RE CONSIDERING HAND SURGERY** If you're considering hand surgery, a consultation with a plastic surgeon is a good place to start. The surgeon will examine you, discuss the possible methods of treatment for your problem, and let you know if surgery is warranted. If it is, the surgeon will discuss the procedure in detail, including where the surgery will be performed (in the surgeon's office, an outpatient surgery center, or a hospital), the anesthesia and surgical techniques that will be used, possible risks and complications, the recovery and rehabilitation period, and the probable outcome in terms of function and appearance.

• **HAND INJURIES** The most common procedures in hand surgery are those done to repair injured hands, including injuries to the tendons, nerves, blood vessels, and joints, fractured bones, and burns, cuts, and other injuries to the skin. Modern techniques have greatly improved the surgeon's ability to restore function and appearance, even in severe injuries. Plastic surgeons, especially those who have completed training within the past 5-10 years, are usually well trained in microvascular techniques.

• **CARPAL TUNNEL SYNDROME** The carpal tunnel is a passageway through the wrist carrying tendons and one of the hand's major nerves. Pressure may build up within the tunnel because of disease (such as rheumatoid arthritis), injury, fluid retention during pregnancy, overuse, or repetitive motions. The resulting pressure on the nerve within the tunnel causes a tingling sensation in the hand, often accompanied by numbness, aching, and impaired hand function. This is known as **carpal tunnel syndrome**.

In some cases, splinting of the hand and anti-inflammatory medications will relieve the problem. If this doesn't work, however, surgery may be required.

• **CONGENITAL DEFECTS** Congenital deformities of the hand — that is, deformities a child is born with — can interfere with proper hand growth and cause significant problems in the use of the hand. Fortunately, with modern surgical techniques most defects can be corrected at a very early age — in some cases during infancy, in others at two or three years — allowing normal development and functioning of the hand.

• **RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION** To enhance your recovery and give you the fullest possible use of your hand, your surgeon may recommend a course of rehabilitation (physical and occupational therapy) under the direction of a trained hand therapist. Your therapy may include hand exercises, heat and massage therapy, electrical nerve stimulation, splinting, traction, and special wrappings to control swelling. Keep in mind that surgery is just the foundation for recovery. It's crucial that you follow the therapist's instructions and complete the entire course of therapy if you want to regain the maximum use of your hand.

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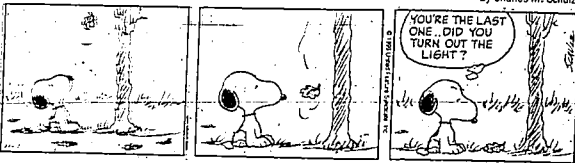
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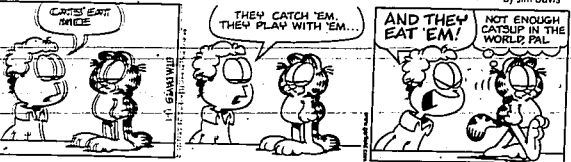
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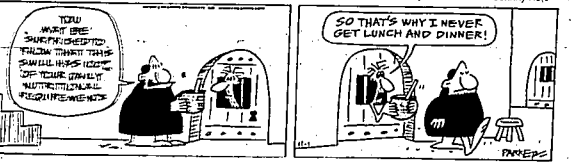


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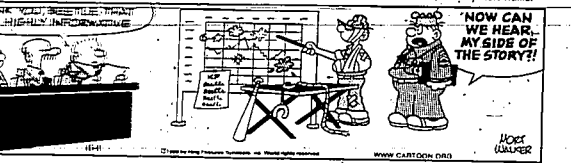
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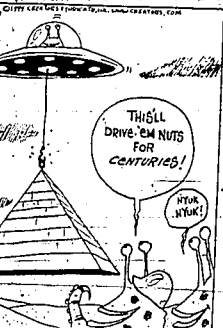
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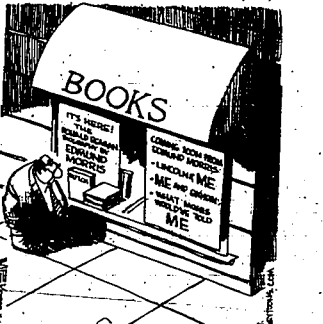
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