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INEEL impresses activists



Geoff Beausoleil, manager of the Radioactive Waste Management Complex at INEEL, answers visitors' questions about waste destined for a disposal site in New Mexico.

Nuclear watchdog alliance gets a tour, likes some of what it sees

By N.S. Nokontved
Times-News writer

SCOVILLE - It appears to be better-run and more open with information than some other federal labs, but it's not a good place to store radioactive waste, said a group of visitors from around the country.

Members of the Alliance for Nuclear Accountability, a national network of nuclear watchdog groups, visited the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory last week.

The tour was part of the groups' regular meeting, held about three times a year around the country near federal Energy Department sites.

During a break in the tour, Don Hancock of the Southwest Research and Interest Center in Albuquerque, N.M., said he thought the Energy Department would be unlikely to meet its goal of shipping 15,000 barrels of plutonium-contaminated waste to a New Mexico disposal facility by the end of 2002.

That deadline is part of a set-



Probes lowered into a series of holes will tell scientists about what's under the surface of Pit 9 at INEEL.

tlement agreement between Idaho and the federal government.

Federal officials will use the excuse that changes required by New Mexico have made it harder to get the waste ready, predicted Hancock, a long-time critic of the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant - the government's controversial and often-delayed disposal site for

plutonium-contaminated waste, which opened last year.

INEEL started sending waste to New Mexico last year and has sent about 126 barrels so far. Officials plan to send 14 shipments this year, said Tom Clements, transuranic waste program manager for Bechtel BWI, the contractor that operates the INEEL for the Energy

Department.

At 42 barrels per shipment, that totals 588 barrels - or with the barrels already sent, just over 700 barrels by the end of this year. That leaves 14,300 barrels - or 340 shipments - due in 2001 and 2002.

Clements says the department can do it.

"It'll be a strain," INEEL spokesman Brad Bugger said. INEEL is adding new transport casks and a new loading facility for the waste.

Delay in opening WIPP, problems with waste preparation at INEEL and new requirements included in a permit issued by New Mexico to dispose of hazardous waste have made it harder to meet the deadline, Clements said.

Trish Neusch of Amarillo, Texas, was impressed by the openness at INEEL. Questions were met with information, not just public relations spin, she said.

Neusch works with Serious Texans - Against Nuclear Dumping, a group that watches

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United Way fund-raising falls short of goal

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The United Way of Magic Valley set a high mark for fund-raising this year, and to the disappointment of its executive director, the campaign fell short.

That means the group will fall short of what it wanted to give to agencies. But Diane Boyd doesn't like to dwell on the money that didn't come in.

She prefers to focus on the 11.8 percent increase in fund-raising to a record \$343,000, an amount that means \$30,000 in "new money" for the 22 local nonprofit agencies who benefit from the United Way, she said.

The \$400,000 goal "is a dream" based on the needs of all the

Missed goal means missed needs for agencies

agencies, and not meeting that goal means some agencies will be left short, she said.

"The real pressure is knowing that every dollar you don't get means not meeting the need. That's the real pressure," Boyd said.

The United Way came close to hitting its goal in 1997, when it raised \$280,000 of a \$300,000 goal. The following year it bumped the goal to \$400,000 and raised \$306,000.

Next year's goal might be set a little lower to make it more reachable, she said.

"Putting the goal that high takes some of the fun out of it," she said.

Despite falling short of the

goal, the latest campaign was a success, she said, and the United Way wants "the community to feel positive, because they did make a big impact."

How much impact each agency feels won't be known until Feb. 8, when the United Way announces who gets what. The agencies will make their requests during the next several days, and a board of community members will decide on the breakdown.

The fund-raising shortfall doesn't bode well for the Jerome Senior Center, which in recent years has not gotten all it asked for, said Ramona Spencer, the center's manager.

The center has had a 13 percent increase in the number of

Meals on Wheels it delivers, and Spencer hopes to see an increase in funding to match that, she said.

"I'm just hoping for the best," she said.

At the Crisis Center of Magic Valley, Executive Director Deborah Gabardi says the United Way distributes its money fairly and she'll take what she is given.

"I go in high and feel thankful for what I get," Gabardi said. "In a perfect world ... (the United Way) would be able to give everybody the total amount they apply for."

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Bill on prescriptions for seniors has a chance

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - With President Clinton and majority Republicans in Congress offering competing plans to improve prescription drug coverage for senior citizens, a compromise bill has a shot this year, albeit a long one.

"There will be a very active debate this year on the issue and whether or not something actually gets enacted depends on how engaged the public gets," said

John Rother, director of public policy for AARP, the nation's largest organization of older adults.

Political conditions are not ideal for compromise as the political parties try to emphasize their differences before this fall's elections. Yet larger-than-expected budget surpluses have given Republicans some maneuvering room to consider new spending as lawmakers look for accomplishments to tout on the campaign trail.

Democratic pollster Mark Mellman said even younger voters sympathize with older adults' worries about high drug costs.

"The concern is certainly greater among senior citizens, but it's a concern that really does permeate the electorate," Mellman said.

Clinton wants to add drug coverage to Medicare as option for all Americans age 65 and older, who would pay about \$24 a month for a limited benefit. "In good conscience, we can-

not let another year pass without extending to all seniors the lifeline of affordable prescription drugs," Clinton said Thursday in his State of the Union address.

Under his plan, the government would contract with the pharmaceutical benefit managers many private health plans use. They negotiate bulk discounts with drug companies and allow consumers to use prescription cards at pharmacies or order by mail.

Bradley goes on offensive

Bush, McCain argue over readiness as N.H. primary nears

The Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. - Al Gore and fellow Democrats jumped "into bed with special interests" during the 1996 fundraising scandal, rival candidate Bradley said Sunday, as he struggled with questions about his own health two days before New Hampshire's primary. Sen. John McCain claimed, "There's only one man who is fully prepared" to be commander-in-chief, and he said it's not George W. Bush.

With polls showing Gore's once-commanding lead narrowing, the vice president struggled to deal with Bradley's sudden eagerness to attack. A political flame-thrower himself, Gore accused Bradley of impugning his integrity and "stepping down" to the level of personal vilification.

Bush, the two-term Texas governor and national GOP front-runner, said his executive office experience would make for a better president. "We're not of the Washington scene, I'm not a committee chairman," Bush said, digging at Senate Commerce Committee chairman McCain.

"The guy who can beat Al Gore, McCain, is not of the GOP and Democratic campaigns appeared headed for close finishes. McCain holds a slight edge or is tied with Bush in polls here, after leading the Texas for eight weeks. Gore's edge over Bradley is slightly wider, but that contest also could be close Tuesday.

Bradley, McCain, Bush and Republican Alan Keyes made the round of Sunday talk shows while the seven major-party White House hopefuls plowed Tuesday's vote with rallies and news conferences.

Running a distant third in Republican polling here, millionaire publisher Steve Forbes kept his eye on Bush. After the Texas told "Fox News Sunday" that he would exit "hopefully in the first term," Forbes questioned Bush's commitment to the issue.

"I don't want to say, I told you so" but having led with a timid tax cut and now hedging about whether he can even get that, I think this is part of the waffling and equivocating that people are tired of," Forbes said in an interview.

Keyes, the conservative firebrand, picked up the endorsement of David Schippers, chief GOP investigator for President Clinton's impeachment trial. He said the race between Bradley and Gore is a choice between "the devil or Beelzebub."

Fellow conservative Gary Bauer, struggling to keep his candidacy alive, maintained a light presence.

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NUMBER ONE!



St. Louis Rams wide receiver Ricky Proehl carries his son, Austin, onto the field after the Rams won Super Bowl XXXIV at the Georgia Dome in Atlanta Sunday. See the story, page B1.

THE REGION

Camas Prairie
 High: 25 Low: 18
 Snow likely in the morning, becoming partly cloudy. Chance of snow again Tuesday.

Treasure Valley
 High: 34 Low: 29
 Snow showers possible in the morning. Chance of rain tonight and Tuesday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley
 High: 29 Low: 5
 Morning snow likely changing to rain in the valleys. Mostly cloudy Tuesday.

Eastern Idaho
 High: 28 Low: 9
 Cloudy with a chance of snow, partial clearing tonight, but chance of snow again Tuesday.

Northern Idaho
 High: 32 Low: 24
 Mostly cloudy with slight chance of morning snow. Snow probable tonight and Tuesday.

Northern Utah
 High: 35 Low: 24
 Snow likely in the morning. Partly cloudy tonight, mostly cloudy Tuesday.

Northern Nevada
 High: 36 Low: 25
 Snow likely in the morning. Partly cloudy tonight, mostly cloudy Tuesday.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 33 Low: 26 Cloudy with morning snow possible.	High: 41 Low: 26 Cloudy with a small chance of rain.	High 40 Low: 30 Mostly cloudy, rain likely.	High 40 Low: 30 Mostly cloudy, rain or snow possible.	High 40 Low: 30 Mostly cloudy, rain or snow possible.

Idaho weather
 Monday, Jan. 31
 AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures

UV INDEX
 Index: 1 (minimal)
 Sun phase: New, Feb. 5; first quarter, Feb. 12; full, Feb. 19; last quarter, Feb. 26.

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SKYWATCH
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 Sunrise tomorrow 5:52 a.m.
 Lunar phase: New, Feb. 5; first quarter, Feb. 12; full, Feb. 19; last quarter, Feb. 26.

National weather
 The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Jan. 31.

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High/Low Shower, Rain, Tornado, Flurries, Snow, Ice, Sunny, Pt. Cloudy, Cloudy

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls	Precipitation	Idaho	Highs/Lows
Yesterday 35 14 Last year 34 22 Normal 38 20	Yesterday in Twin Falls ... Month to date ... Normal mo. to date: 1.09 Water year to date: 1.86 Normal year to date: 3.14	Max Min Pcp Boise 42 20 Coeur d'Alene 30 9 Grangeville m m Hagerman m 15 Idaho Falls 21 2 Lewiston 41 2 Malad m m Malia m m McCall 17 -12 Pocatello 32 7 Salmon 14 -9 Stanley 14 -2 Sun Valley m m	Idaho: High, 42 degrees at Boise, Low, 27 degrees at Stanley. National High, 80 at Cruft, Fla. Low, 28 at Yellowstone, Mont.

The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	17	23	
Anchorage	18	12	.02
Atlanta	38	14	.11
Boston	47	18	
Chicago	49	25	.09
Denver	36	9	
Des Moines	25	21	.04
Detroit	31	21	.11
Honolulu	73	66	
Houston	53	33	
Indianapolis	24	24	.03
Kansas City	26	19	
Las Vegas	53	40	
Los Angeles	59	29	.01
Memphis	32	29	
Miami Beach	78	66	.70
Milwaukee	27	20	.10
Minneapolis	28	12	
New Orleans	50	39	.07
New York	36	21	
Oklahoma City	39	16	
Phoenix	62	11	
Pittsburgh	34	22	.16
Portland	43	43	
Portland, Ore.	41	37	
Reno	45	24	.09
San Antonio	27	29	.08
Salt Lake City	42	20	
San Francisco	57	54	.54
Seattle	47	31	
Spokane	31	11	
Washington	30	22	.66
Yuma	70	50	

Canadian Cities

City	High	Low	Unit
Calgary	42	12	c.f.
Montreal	18	0	c.f.
Toronto	35	15	c.f.
Vancouver	43	25	c.f.

Jury selection to begin in 'date-rape drug' trial

DETROIT (AP) — Samantha Reid's mother remembers the time when her daughter, at age 10, saved her allowance for weeks to throw her a surprise birthday party, even inviting 30 friends she found in her mom's address book.

The last memory she has of her daughter is from a year ago, when Samantha, at 15, lay comatose, poisoned by the "date-rape drug" GHB, and doctors said it was time to let her go.

"They said 'We keep bringing her back, and she keeps dying. We've brought her back three times, and she's died three times. How many times do you want to let her keep dying?'" says Ms. Clark, her voice quaking.

GHB — gamma-hydroxybutyrate — is an odorless and nearly tasteless drug linked to at least 50 deaths and more than 5,700 overdoses nationwide since 1990. Public sales are banned by the Food and Drug Administration.

Today, in one of the nation's first trials resulting from a GHB-related death, jury selection begins for the manslaughter trial of four men accused of slipping the drug into Samantha's soft drink at a party.

The four defendants, all of suburban Detroit, are Eric Lamotte, 26, Joshua Cole, 19, Daniel Brayman, 18, and Nicholas Holschlag, 18. They are charged with manslaughter.

Authorities say young people

often believe that GHB and other "club drugs" aren't "hard drugs" like cocaine, or they take them unknowingly as Samantha did. Recipes and ingredients — some of them common household products — are easily available from the Internet and other sources.

"A lot of people who use them believe they are benign drugs and don't see them for what they are — taken under some circumstances, life-threatening," says Alan Leshner, director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse.

In January 1999, Samantha, two friends and four guys they'd just met went to a party on Grosse Ile, an affluent island community in the Detroit River.

Samantha was handed a soft drink and moments later she was vomiting and unconscious.

Her best friend, then 14, drank what she believed to be orange juice and vodka, felt herself "getting drunk pretty quick" and also lost consciousness. The third girl escaped serious effects.

GHB, originally developed as a surgical anesthetic, is sometimes used as an aphrodisiac, or a weight loss aid, or by body builders as a supplement. It's hard to trace, often out of the body within 24 hours.

It can make users feel euphoric. It also can lead to breathing problems, seizures, long-term effects on the brain, coma and death.

INEEL

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The Pantex Plant in Amarillo — the Energy Department's nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly plant — has other facilities helping her understand issues and answer questions of group members. INEEL is a cleanup site, but Pantex is still a nuclear bomb production facility with far greater security concerns, she said.

The tour group also got a look at the troubled Pit 9. A Lockheed Martin subsidiary was fined over its failed attempt to demonstrate the retrieval and treatment of buried plutonium-contaminated waste in Pit 9.

The incomplete buildings sit in mute testimony to the project that ran over budget and behind schedule, becoming mired in a still-ongoing contract dispute.

Jim Okeson has been manager of the Pit 9 project about a year now. A truck sits parked on a 20-by-20-foot square of black plastic, from which protrude the open casings of 20 probe holes sunk 16 to 18 feet through the waste to the basalt below.

Suspended on a black cable that disappears into the white truck is a sensing device that gives scientists key information about the waste in the ground. It is the first of three planned stages, Okeson said.

The information gathered will evaluate the waste to determine where to proceed with Stage Two, which involves taking core samples of the actual waste to determine the best method to proceed with Stage Three.

Stage Three would be digging up and treating the waste in the one acre pit. Officials hope to learn from Pit 9 how to deal with the other 87 acres of buried

waste at INEEL.

The current project was delayed by concerns over the explosive potential of nitrates and oily, basic bomb ingredients — buried in the ground.

An explosion could spread plutonium-contaminated waste. But after careful consideration, officials determined the probability of an explosion was low enough to proceed.

The holes were drilled without incident, Okeson said.

But chemicals from the once "randomly stacked" barrels of waste have contaminated the Snake River Plain Aquifer — an underground water source the size of Lake Erie — which supplies water to 200,000 people in southern Idaho.

Options for cleaning up the waste range from doing nothing to digging all of it up, but officials have to consider the safety of the workers.

"Some of it may never leave," Bigger said.

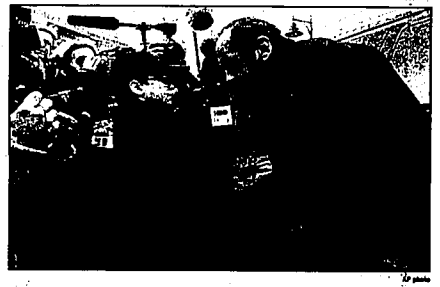
And the Energy Department still is burying low-level radioactive waste at INEEL's Radioactive Waste Management Complex.

The site's shallow soils over fractured basalt are not suitable for waste storage or disposal, remarked Greg Mello of Santa Fe, a former state environmental official now with the Los Alamos Study Group, which keeps an eye on the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

"It's not a good site for radioactive waste," Mello said.

"Can you think of a good place?" Hancock replied.

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Amid the crush of cameras, Democratic presidential hopeful Bill Bradley takes a moment to answer a question from a young reporter from the HBO Family network before heading into a rally in Durham, N.H., on Sunday.

Primary

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schedule that included a Super Bowl party. Recognizing that football, not politics, held voters' interests Sunday, most of the candidates ended their day in front of the TV.

Lugging cheese popcorn and pretzels through a shopping center parking lot, Manchester voter Dennis Ekerson dismissed a political question with a laugh. "Gary Bauer? Does he play for Tennessee or Los Angeles," the registered independent said.

Bradley, a former basketball star, has been slow to reveal details about his irregular heart-beat condition and acknowledged Sunday that he has briefly undergone anesthesia three times for treatment since December 1996.

He told ABC "it would be appropriate" to invoke the 25th Amendment and turn power over to his vice president if he underwent the same treatment as president.

Though the candidate and his doctors say the condition is simply a medical nuisance, it could become a political problem if voters worry about his health.

Bradley lost badly to Gore in the Iowa caucuses last week and would be staggered by a second-straight defeat in New Hampshire. The former lawmaker surrendered his lead to Gore in New Hampshire polls during the vice president's aggressive final week of campaigning in Iowa.

Bradley, however, has enough money to continue beyond this state, and has released a schedule showing that he intends to do so. The next contests — a series of March 7 primaries — include states where Bradley is strong.

Since the waning days of the Iowa campaign, Bradley has been torn between a need to attack Gore and a fear that nega-

tive campaigning will tarnish his self-styled image as a non-politician.

"Why would Senator Bradley break his promise to run a different kind of campaign and launch divisive, manipulative attacks?" Gore asked supporters at Bradley's campaign headquarters to the vice president urged Bradley to curb his criticism.

Bradley has turned the tables on Gore: The vice president revitalized his sagging campaign last fall by launching a full-throated case against Bradley's health care plan and questioning the former New Jersey senator's commitment to the Democratic Party.

With aides promising still harder attacks, Bradley showed short of calling Gore a liar. "I don't think that he said the truth" about his abortion record in Congress, Bradley told ABC.

At a rally later, Bradley waived a recent article about Gore's 1996 fund-raising trip to a Buddhist Temple near Los Angeles and demanded an explanation. He said the fund-raising scandal "was a disgrace" to both parties, particularly Democrats.

"When we all get into bed with the special interests, I think that makes a more serious problem for us than for Republicans," Bradley said. He suggested that Gore's role in the fund-raising abuses would make him vulnerable to attacks by the GOP nominee.

"Unless we clean up our own house, Republicans will clean it up for us this fall," he told ABC.

Ability to be elected president also was an issue on the GOP side, where Bush is closing the gap against McCain by pulling previously underdog Republicans into the fold. McCain's candidacy depends on a strong turnout from New Hampshire independents who can vote in either primary.

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Clinton's push to pay off debt faster creates election year issue

WASHINGTON (AP) — Unthinkable until recently, retiring the \$3.6 trillion publicly held part of the national debt has become the crux of an election-year competition between President Clinton and Congress.

Eliminating the debt would further strengthen the economy, but it may not be politically possible.

Questions about the issue: **Q:** What is the national debt, and how big is it? **A:** The national debt stands at \$5.7 trillion.

Of that, \$3.6 trillion is the publicly held debt. That is what the United States owes individuals, pension funds, foreign countries, and others who lent it money over many decades and received Treasury bills in return.

Most economists say this portion of the debt is most important because it drains funds that could otherwise flow to private companies. Reducing this debt unleashes more money for entrepreneurs, which should mean lower interest rates, higher productivity and a wealthier society.

The remaining \$2.1 trillion debt is money the government owes Social Security and other trust funds. The Social Security Administration, the Medicare system and other trust funds hold \$2.1 trillion worth of Treasury bills, which the government owes itself so it can pay future benefits.

Q: Why do the politicians want to pay off the publicly held debt? **A:** Polls show the public prefers debt reduction to tax cuts and higher spending, and Clinton and congressional Republicans are competing to be seen as champions of the issue. Debt reduction is not only popular, it is now possible — arithmetically, at least. Vast, growing annual budget surpluses replaced deficits in 1998 and have been projected

into the future. **Q:** What about paying off debt the government owes Social Security and other federal trust funds? **A:** No one is seriously talking about that. It would have less of an economic impact than erasing the publicly held debt.

Besides, paying it off would mean selling the Treasury bills the trust funds hold and putting that cash into other investments like the stock market or corporate bonds. There is not yet a political consensus to do that.

Q: Is eliminating the publicly held debt a good idea? **A:** Economists agree that reducing that debt makes enormous sense. But some worry that erasing it completely might cause problems because the government would no longer be selling Treasury bills to raise money.

The Federal Reserve often buys those bills back from investors when it wants to flush cash into the economy to spur it. In addition, because the government has never defaulted on them, Treasury bills are considered the safest investment on Earth. It is unclear what investors would turn to as a replacement.

Q: How would politicians pay off the publicly held debt? **A:** Details are scarce, but Clinton says he will eliminate the publicly held debt by 2013 by buying it down with surpluses.

House Republicans say they are working on a plan to do the same thing by late 2015.

The closest the United States has come to eliminating the publicly held debt was in 1835 under President Andrew Jackson, when it dipped to \$37.5 billion.

Q: How quickly can the debt be eliminated? **A:** It depends on assumptions about future federal spending, how politicians decide to use

future budget surpluses, and how willing Congress and Treasury bills are to sell them back to the government. But the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office said last week that the earliest possible date is 2009.

Q: Is that likely to occur? **A:** No. For that to happen, politicians have to agree to cut federal spending for the next two years, and then limit its growth to the level of inflation for the seven years after that. In addition, they must agree to use every penny of projected surpluses through 2009 to reduce the debt. All of that is unlikely to happen.

Q: How realistic, then, is retiring the publicly held debt by 2015? **A:** Somewhat more so, but still questionable. Both parties are reluctant to use Social Security surpluses for anything but debt reduction. The pension program's surpluses are projected to total \$2.3 trillion through 2010, with more accumulating after that. There could be just enough Social Security surpluses between now and 2015 to erase the publicly held debt.

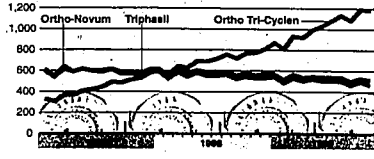
But with unforeseen expenditures always looming, there are no guarantees that Social Security surpluses will be left intact for debt reduction. Besides, as baby boomers begin retiring, Social Security surpluses could dwindle to nothing by right around 2015 — meaning that debt could start building up immediately.

Q: What about using the rest of the budget surplus? **A:** CBO expects the budget's non-Social Security surpluses to total as much as \$1.9 trillion through 2010. Both parties are eyeing that money, however, for tax cuts and higher spending, and it is unlikely much of it will be left for debt reduction.

King of the Pill

Marketed by Johnson & Johnson as both birth control and acne remedy, Ortho Tri-Cyclen has quickly become the most widely prescribed oral contraceptive.

Total monthly prescriptions (thousands)



Source: IMS Health

Shuttle liftoff today could be delayed

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — A defective seal that should have been thrown away was installed in an engine that propelled space shuttle Discovery to orbit last month, NASA said Saturday.

The same seal had been used in five previous launches, shuttle program manager Ron Dittemore said.

The problem could delay Endeavour's Monday launch while officials try to determine whether its engines are safe to fly. Shuttle managers will meet again Sunday to decide whether to proceed as planned with the Earth-mapping mission.

NASA discovered earlier in the week that a nickel seal in an engine fuel pump had more wear on it than usual following Discovery's mission to fix the Hubble Space Telescope. After two days of an analysis, engineers found that one of the six sections making up the seal was actually a reject.

Dittemore said the 6-inch section should have been junked because of a defect in the metal. But because of an error in the way the segments are marked, the piece ended up in a batch of good parts at the manufacturer and was installed in a high-pressure turbo pump.

Double-duty pill sales soar over competition

NEW YORK (AP) — Demand for one brand of "the pill" is soaring, with a little help from sales to women who don't want it just as a contraceptive.

Sales of Johnson & Johnson's Ortho Tri-Cyclen contraceptive pill have tripled in the last three years, making it by far the No. 1 brand, partly because it is the only oral contraceptive that also may be sold as an acne fighter.

"It's like getting two drugs in one," said Darla Brown, 28, of Houston, who has used the pill for two years. Ashley Wesson, 21, a college student in central Texas said she asked her doctor last month if she could try the pill to help fight her acne. She wasn't looking for birth control, she said, adding, "Already, I've noticed small differences in how quickly my face heals."

The Food and Drug Administration gave Johnson & Johnson the right to sell Ortho Tri-Cyclen for acne in 1997 after studies found it helped clear the skin of more than 80 percent of women who took it. Although health experts say all oral contraceptives probably

help fight acne, only Ortho Tri-Cyclen has FDA clearance to advertise the added benefit.

Medical ethicists doubt the double-duty pill is encouraging more young girls to have sex, but one says it may help them provide a smoke screen for their parents — allowing them to claim they want the drug for acne when their real aim is protection from pregnancy.

"Sex and lying have a long history of association," said Arthur Caplan, director of the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania.

Johnson & Johnson has exploited the pill's pimples-fighting ability with magazine ads promoting Ortho Tri-Cyclen as a "beauty aid" for women 15 and over.

The company says the pill is still primarily for contraception, although executives acknowledge some doctors may prescribe it mainly for acne on women who don't respond to ointments. Just 1 percent of prescriptions for Ortho Tri-Cyclen come from dermatologists, said Johnson & Johnson spokesman Mark Monseau.

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Coal train strikes house, kills teen-ager

BLOOMINGTON, Md. (AP) — A coal train derailed Sunday morning near the Maryland-West Virginia border and one car plowed into a house, killing a teen-age boy and injuring four members of his family.

Hundreds of rescue workers Monday searched for the unspilled coal, rubble and snow before finding the body of Eddie Lee Rogers, 15, in the remnants of the living room about 12 hours after the crash, state police said. Thirty-six other people in a coach carrying 120 tons of coal, derailed about 7 a.m. in this small Potomac River town, CSX

spokesman Gary Wollenhaupt said. Coal and debris pelted the two-story house, which was pushed 25 feet off its foundation by the impact of the derailed car. The cause of the derailment was not immediately determined.

Rescue workers extricated the boy's mother, Libby A. Holstein, 35; her daughter Brandy N. Holstein, 18; Eugene F. Liller, 32; and his daughter Amanda M. Liller, 13. Holstein was in serious condition at Cumberland Memorial Hospital. State police said the others were not seriously injured.

The two crew members on the train were not hurt. The train was enroute from Grafton, W.Va., to Cumberland on a route used primarily for coal and merchandise traffic. Wollenhaupt said it could take days for the cars back on the track and weeks to remove the spilled coal.

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AIDS study suggests spread of disease can be slowed

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — An encouraging study suggests that people with very low levels of the AIDS virus in their blood are unlikely to spread HIV to others.

Although conducted in Africa, the study could have important implications for the future of the AIDS epidemic in the United States, where drug treatment has lowered virus levels for many people.

AIDS treatments in recent years have saved many lives, and public health experts speculate that they may have an additional benefit — slowing the epidemic by making infected people less likely to pass the virus to others. The new study offers indirect evidence this hope is well founded.

Thomas C. Quinn and others from Johns Hopkins University and presented Sunday at the 7th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections.

The data followed 415 heterosexual couples in which one partner was infected with HIV and one was not. Despite receiving free condoms, the couples rarely used them. During 30 months of follow-up, 80 people in the study caught the virus.

The study found that the higher the level of HIV in the infected person's blood, the higher the risk of passing on the virus through sex.

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Study judges best-run cities

Phoenix and Austin, Texas, win top honors in analysis

Who made the grade?

- A Phoenix
A Austin, Texas
B+ Indianapolis, Minneapolis, and Virginia Beach, Va.
B New York, Philadelphia, Honolulu, Milwaukee, San Diego, San Antonio, Seattle, and Long Beach, Calif.
B- Chicago, Detroit, Boston, Baltimore, Jacksonville, Fla., Denver, San Jose, Calif., and Kansas City, Mo.
C+ Washington, D.C., San Francisco, Memphis, Nashville, Tenn., Houston, Dallas, Atlanta, and Richmond, Va.
C Los Angeles, Anchorage, Alaska, Cleveland, and Columbus, Ohio
C- New Orleans and Buffalo, N.Y.

A common factor in cities that scored well was strong leadership, said Patricia W. Ingraham, director

of the Government Performance Project at Syracuse's Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. The project was financed by the Pew Charitable Trusts. "Where there is a strong mayor, there is a well-run city, which attracts residents and visitors," Ingraham said.

She said the most improved cities are those that were in the worst shape five to eight years ago - Detroit, Philadelphia, New York and Washington, D.C. Detroit, for example, has earned nine upgrades from bond rating agencies.

New York, the first major city to use technology for organizing crime-fighting efforts, was praised for establishing a World Wide Web site that allows it citizens to apply for licenses and permits through the Internet.



Marilela Quintana, right, and Raquel Rodriguez enjoy a hero's welcome as they ride in a government-organized parade upon their return to Havana Sunday.

Cuba welcomes grandmothers

HAVANA - Elian Gonzalez's grandmothers arrived back in Cuba on Sunday without the child they had hoped to bring home, but they were greeted as heroes nonetheless when an enormous government-organized parade through the streets of the Cuban capital.

"We are leaving but Elian is still here" in the United States, said the 6-year-old boy's paternal grandmother, Marilela Quintana, as she wrapped up her campaign for the child's return to Cuba. Quintana spoke before departing Fidel Castro on a private plane from Washington's Dulles International Airport.

"He will never be happy (in the United States) because he grew up in Cuba," she said. "He is a Cuban boy. He has a father. He has four grandparents and an entire family back here."

The boy's father, Juan Miguel Gonzalez, embraced the women as they stepped off a business jet at Jose Marti International Airport, then rode with them in a convertible as they waved at the crowds of hundreds of thousands of people holding Cuban flags in a scene reminiscent of the 1958 greeting for Pope John Paul II.

After an hourlong, 16-mile trip through Havana by motorcade, the two women wept as President Fidel Castro and about 1,700 schoolchildren greeted them with cheers of "Free Elian!" at Havana's Convention Palace.

U.S. organizers call trade show in Cuba a success

HAVANA - The first American trade show in communist Cuba in four decades wrapped up on Saturday with organizers saying that several manufacturers of U.S. medical products expected to make sales to government hospitals and clinics in coming months.

Several of the 97 American companies that participated are expected to apply for licenses from the U.S. Treasury Department to sell products to Cuban medical institutions.

The U.S. Healthcare Exhibition is the latest small advance in U.S.-Cuban relations since January 1999, when President Clinton changed rules to allow increased contact between Americans and Cubans and to ease sales of medical goods.

Kenya Airways jet crashes into sea after takeoff

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast - A Kenya Airways jet carrying 169 passengers and 10 crew members crashed Sunday night into the sea, shortly after taking off from Abidjan, airport officials said. It was not clear if there were any survivors.

The plane, an Airbus 310, took off at 9:08 p.m. and crashed just one minute later. The plane, which was en route to Lagos, Nigeria, carried 167 adult passengers and two children.

Feminist's killing focuses debate on women's rights

ANKARA, Turkey - Even in death, Konca Kuris was denied her last wish - that women be allowed to pray alongside men. It was a desire that cost the reli-

World in brief

gious feminist her life at the hands of Islamic radicals.

Police dug up Kuris' naked body from the basement of a hideout used by Islamic militants who videotaped weeks of abuse they inflicted before suffocating her.

The bodies of dozens of male victims also have been found and a second female victim was discovered Friday.

The killings have horrified the country, but Kuris' slaying also has focused attention on the role of women in Islam, a flashpoint that was underscored when male relatives at her funeral last week refused to allow her eldest daughter to pray beside her coffin.

Barak meets with Mubarak in bid to push Mideast talks

CAIRO, Egypt - Prime Minister Ehud Barak went looking for help from Egypt's president Sunday to revive a flagging Middle East peace process, while Israelis and Palestinians launched intensive talks in a last-ditch bid to meet a deadline for a peace treaty framework.

The Israelis and Palestinians have set an ambitious Feb. 13 deadline for an outline of a final accord that would solve the thorniest issues dividing them: the return of Palestinian refugees, the borders of an independent Palestinian state and the status of Jerusalem, among others.

Negotiators met secretly for two hours Sunday in an undisclosed location. The talks were expected to last 10 days.

North Korea asks U.S. to take it off terrorism list

SEOUL, South Korea - North Korea indicated Sunday that it would send a high-level delegation to the United States if Washington removes it from a list of countries that sponsor terrorism.

Removal of North Korea from the U.S. list is necessary to create "favorable conditions and atmosphere for the Washington high-level talks before anything else," the North's foreign news outlet, KCNA, quoted an unidentified Foreign Ministry spokesman as saying.

The two issues will be high on the agenda when less senior officials from the two countries resume talks in New York in late February, KCNA quoted the spokesman as saying. The sides met in Berlin from Jan. 22-28 but failed to reach agreements.

- compiled from wire reports

Another Sheppard trial - this time, U.S. justice system is the defendant

CLEVELAND (AP) - One of America's epic criminal cases, the murder conviction and execution of Sam Sheppard, steps into the spotlight once again - and this time the U.S. criminal justice system will be under scrutiny.

The 1954 beating death of Sheppard's first wife, Marilyn, already has led to two sensationalized trials and a landmark U.S. Supreme Court ruling. It also partly inspired "The Foghorn" TV series and film.

A third trial is scheduled to start Monday in Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court, with jury selection possible by week's end.

Unlike the first two Sheppard trials, this case won't be just about an ultra-sensational murder

or the rights of the media against those of a criminal defendant.

This trial will examine whether the criminal justice system is capable of terrible mistakes and whether, if it makes errors, it can be held accountable.

"The legal system has this image that it's fair, that it can do no wrong," said Sam Reese Sheppard, the Sheppards' only child, who is suing Ohio for wrongful imprisonment of his father.

"At the same time it has no mechanism to clear anybody's name for posterity. The police, the prosecutors, the politicians can literally destroy people's lives and walk away and say, 'We weren't wrong.' That's why I feel this case is very important to

American history."

Sheppard, 52, was 7 years old when his mother was killed - her skull fractured and her blood splattered in a beam down the hall from where he slept. He watched as his father was convicted of murder, served 10 years in prison and was "vilified, degraded, humiliated and literally destroyed" before an acquittal at retrial.

His father died in 1970, broken financially and in spirit.

Sheppard's attorneys will try to convince at least six of eight jurors that it is more likely than not that the doctor was innocent. If they win, the case moves to the state Court of Claims, which could award him damages estimated at about \$2 million as his father's heir.

New York cops' trial begins today

NEW YORK (AP) - No one disputes the math. Police Officer Sean Carroll squeezed off 16 rounds. So did Edward McMellon. Kenneth Boss emptied his .44-caliber pistol and Richard Murphy four, for a total of 41.

Nineteen bullets tore through the body of Amadou Diallo within seconds, turning the 5-foot-by-6-foot body of his Bronx apartment building into a dingy death trap. They pierced his heart, spinal cord, lungs, liver, spleen, kidneys and intestines.

The officers had feared for their lives, they said, believing Diallo to be an armed criminal. They learned too late that he was a 22-year-old West African immigrant carrying only a pager and wallet.

Nearly a year later - racial politics and a mother's plaintive cries providing a backdrop - a jury must decide whether the shooting by the four white officers was murder.

Jury selection is set to begin today in Albany, N.Y., 140 miles north of Diallo's neighborhood, because an appeals court agreed with defense attorneys who argued that pretrial publicity and protests would make it impossible to find impartial



New York police officers Richard Murphy, left, Kenneth Boss, center, and Edward McMellon, three of the four officers charged with murdering unarmed immigrant Amadou Diallo, stand outside the State Supreme Court in the Bronx borough of New York on March 31.

jurors in New York City.

Last week, state Supreme Court Justice Joseph Teresi ruled the trial, which is expected to last more than a month, could be televised - partly to ensure access to city residents.

Civil rights activists have vowed to go to Albany to rally behind the Diallo family. They have urged federal authorities to monitor the case they say symbolizes widespread police brutality against minorities. More than 1,200 people have been arrested

for their roles in demonstrations.

"There will be those who will tell you in the next couple weeks that we are here because we don't like police, that we are here to divide the races," the Rev. Al Sharpton told members of Mount Calvary Baptist Church in Albany on Sunday. "This has nothing to do with police," he said. "We're fighting against evil and wickedness in high places. To shoot an unarmed man is a wicked thing."

One of the immigrants was sentenced to a day in jail for feeding a razor from Sears and food from a grocery store. He has been in custody for three years, Boyle said.

Nationwide, the INS holds about 3,800 people in indefinite custody for crimes ranging from petty theft to murder.

The practice has been upheld by federal judges in San Diego and Nevada, and by federal appeals courts in New Orleans and Philadelphia.

Judge rules against indefinite jailing by INS

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Another federal judge has ruled that the Immigration and Naturalization Service cannot indefinitely hold immigrants who have been ordered deported for crimes but whose native countries refuse to accept them.

U.S. District Judge Terry J. Hatter's ruling affects 130 legal immigrants being held at detention centers in central California who already have served prison time for their crimes.

Hatter said the policy violates the immigrants' rights to due process. Concluding that they pose a flight risk or danger is not sufficient reason to detain them

for what amounts to the rest of their lives, he said.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals has agreed to review a similar ruling by a federal judge in Seattle. That case is scheduled to be argued next month, but a decision likely is several months away.

The 130 immigrants affected by Thursday's ruling have all completed prison sentences that averaged about three years, Deputy Federal Public Defender David McLane said Saturday. Their cases will have to be heard by magistrate judges before they are released.

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I am a hearty seafaring type of individual, so recently I spent a week faring around the sea aboard the largest cruise ship in the world that has not yet hit an iceberg. It is called the Voyager, and it weighs 140,000 tons, which is approximately the amount I ate in desserts alone.

The Voyager sails out of Miami every week carrying 3,200 passengers determined to relax or die trying. The ship has (I am not making any of this up) an ice-skating rink, a large theater, a shopping mall, a rock-climbing wall and a nine-hole miniature golf course. We have come a long way inland from the days when the Pilgrims crossed the Atlantic aboard the Mayflower, which - hard as it is to imagine today - had no skating rink and ONLY FOUR GOLF HOLES.

While aboard the ship, we passengers engaged in a wide range of traditional cruise-ship activities, including eating breakfast, snacking, eating lunch, drinking complex rum-based beverages while lying on deck absorbing solar radiation until we glowed like exit signs, snacking some more, eating dinner, eating more snacks and passing out face-down in the pate section of the midnight buffet.

The only stressful part of our shipboard routine was looking at photographs of ourselves. When you're on a cruise, photographers constantly pop up and take pictures of you; they put these on display in hopes that you'll buy them as souvenirs. At night, my wife and I would join the throng of passengers looking through the photos, hoping to find a nice flattering shot of ourselves, and then suddenly - YIKES - we'd be confronted with this terrifying image of two bloated, bright-red sluglike bodies with OUR FACES. Jabba and Mrs. Huh!

When every passenger had attained roughly the same body weight as a Buick Riviera, the ship would stop at a Caribbean island, and the passengers would waddle ashore to experience the traditional local culture, by which I mean shop for European jewelry and watches. The other thing you do when your ship is in port is take guided tours to Local Points of Interest. Under international law, every tour group must include one tourist who has the IQ of S.D. In Jamaica, we toured a plantation, and our group included a woman whose brain operated on some level that we were not sure of. This typical exchange between her and our guide:

GUIDE: These are banana plants, which produce bananas. You'll find many bananas growing on these banana plants.
WOMAN (in a loud voice): What kind of plants are these?
GUIDE: Banana.
WOMAN: Huh! (To her husband) Frank, these are banana plants!

The woman repeated virtually everything the guide said to Frank. One day he will kill her with a kitchen appliance.

But I am proud to say that winner of the award for Biggest Tourist Doofer was me. What happened was, during the tour, a man demonstrated how he could climb a rope made from twisted banana fibers. When he came down, he showed me the rope. The man handed it to me and suggested I might want to "take it home to the kids." I frankly doubted that any modern Nintendo-raised American child would be thrilled by such a gift ("Look, Timmy! A rope!"). But I pretended to be grateful. Then the man told me that such ropes USAILLY sell for \$15 (he did not say where), but he would let it go for \$10. And so, unable to figure out how to escape, I gave him \$10. I imagine the other plantation workers laughed far into the night when he told them "He gave you \$10 for the ROPE?" "Yes! He must be even stupider than the tape-delay woman!"

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Chiropractic care of infants draws debate

By Rachel Denny
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Since the day he was born, Hayden Jackson has slept through the night and it all has to do with chiropractic adjustments, according to his mother, Amy.

Hayden, seven months old, received his first chiropractic adjustment only four hours after he was born and the difference in his behavior made his mom a believer.

"He was pretty fussy when he was born," Amy said.

"For three hours he wouldn't nurse or sleep. She (Marsha Gehl, a local chiropractor) saw him and 15 minutes later he ate and was fine."

Amy takes Hayden to the chiropractor a few times every month, or if she sees he's getting a little stuffy.

"He's never had any eating problems, sleeping problems, colic, ear infections or a cold," she said.

"He slept through the night every day since he was born."

Hayden's health is every parent's dream, but it is not as unusual as people may think.

Starting a newborn infant on a regular adjustment program will protect against any major damage to the spine and will immediately affect how they feel, Gehl said.

But Dr. Fred Surbaugh, a Twin Falls orthopedic surgeon, and many other medical doctors, disagree.

"There is no scientific evidence that children or infants suffer from the maladies that would be helped by chiropractic care," Surbaugh said. "I would say mainstream medicine absolutely does not support" infant or child adjustments.

One of the issues with adjusting infants is the difficult nature of diagnosing them. X-rays, through which problems in adults are found, aren't as useful in diagnosing babies, Surbaugh said.

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DEAR PAULA: Several cosmetic lines have products that claim they contain hemp which is supposed to somehow be beneficial for hair and skin. I'm skeptical, but figure you would be the one to find out if this is just another cosmetic industry gimmick.

-ANNETTE, VIA E-MAIL

DEAR ANNETTE: Dr. Hugh Davis, acting head of microbiology and cosmetics at Health Canada, told me he is very concerned about the use of hemp in cosmetics. Hemp contains tetrahydrocannabinol, the same active ingredient found in marijuana.

Davis has been looking at studies on hemp and has found research showing hemp is accumulative in the body because of its long half-life and has the same adverse physiological (but not hallucinatory) effects that smoking marijuana does. One study purports that cannabinoids may postpone puberty. There are 60 known cannabinoids, only 3 of which have been widely studied. This means that we don't even know what the other 57 compo-

Helping babies adjust



Twin Falls chiropractor Marsha Gehl performs a monthly adjustment on Hayden Jackson, seven months old. Chiropractic care makes a difference in Hayden's life, but it is not as unusual as people may think.

Also, the concept of manipulation and stretching of an infant or child's joint has not proved to be beneficial, he said.

"Children's joints are much more flexible (than adults)," Surbaugh said. "The concept of stretching them is absolutely ridiculous. In my opinion there is no way children can benefit from stretching."

"Birth can cause a lot of trauma," she said. "I see a lot of (infants) because parents are concerned their spine is healthy. That continues through childhood."

Putting the trauma of birth aside, things such as an infant holding up their heads before the neck muscles can support it, crawling injuries and walking falls can create problems that, if not treated, can lead to serious

injuries later in life, Gehl said. Some parents initially take their infant to the chiropractor because they have colic, a catch-all term for a cranky baby. Treatment usually helps the

or three times. David Long, owner of Caring Chiropractor Health Center, teaches parents who bring their babies in for an adjustment what they can do to ease colic and gas pains in their baby.

"I show parents how to massage the infant and different things they can do," Long said. "Sometimes it takes one (visit) and showing parents what to do, sometimes it takes two or three (visits) and the child grows out of it."

Different chiropractors have different techniques to adjusting an infant, but the one thing that is constant with a chiropractor is an infant adjustment is radically different from an adult's.

Some chiropractors use a light massage to relax the muscles while other chiropractors gently

manipulate the infant's spine and neck; the force used is minimal. Regardless of whatever technique chiropractors use, infant adjustment is controversial across the nation, Long conceded.

Amy Jackson doesn't understand why. "Most of my friends and people in Twin Falls just don't know enough to know better," Jackson said. "Whenever I say Hayden is under chiropractic care they ask what's wrong with his back. They don't understand it is health maintenance."

"When they (babies) get out of alignment it affects their nerve activity. A chiropractor finds that interference and corrects all of it," she said.

Times-News correspondent Rachel Denny can be reached at 734-3700.

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Cosmetics with hemp: Don't get roped into it



COSMETICS Q & A
Paula Begoun

nents could do to potentially hurt your body when they are in a cream or shampoo.

Davis has been in communication with John Bailey (his counterpart at the FDA in the States) and informs me that the U.S. is as concerned with this issue as they are in Canada but that there is no definitive information one way or the other.

There is definitely no research showing its superior benefit for skin.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (4th edition)" (Beginning Press, \$19.95). Write to her at 13075 Gateway Drive, Suite 160, Seattle, Wash. 98168 or check out her Web site: www.cosmeticscoop.com.

There are no short cuts to beauty

It offers the promise of drop-dead looks, but experts say liposuction does not guarantee you a more beautiful body, and a study published last week warns that the operation itself may literally be a killer.

The American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons study says: "Imperfections in final appearance are not uncommon after lipoplasty."

The skin surface may be irregular, asymmetric or even "baggy," especially in the older patient. Numbness and pigmentation (dark spots) may occur."

Evaluating cancer risk

Worried about cancer? The Harvard School of Public Health offers a new way for people to evaluate their risk of breast, colon, lung and prostate cancer - four of the leading types of cancer in the United States. Run by Harvard's Center for Cancer Prevention, this Web site calculates individual risk based on a questionnaire that is completed online.

Known as "Your Cancer Risk," it also evaluates the

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answers and immediately provides a risk assessment based on the latest scientific evidence.

Users then receive tips, tailored to their specific needs, for reducing risk.

They also are shown how their odds of developing cancer drop based on following the tips.

Estimates are that 50 percent of all cancer can be prevented, provided that people take the right steps.

"Studies show that people are more likely to make a health change if they believe it is relevant to their own situation," said Graham Colditz, director of education at the Harvard center.

"Your Cancer Risk" is located at www.yourcancer.risk.harvard.edu.

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Don't get gassed

Home heating systems are the leading cause of non-fire, non-vehicle-related carbon-monoxide poisonings, according to recently released figures.

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission reported that about 7,700 people were treated in hospital emergency rooms for carbon-monoxide poisonings of this type in 1998.

The most recent figures for deaths from such poisonings attributed three-quarters of the fatalities to heating systems.

The CPSC urges consumers to make sure their fuel-burning appliances are properly installed, maintained and used, and recommends installation of carbon-monoxide alarms near sleeping areas.

Compiled from wire reports.

HEALTH & FASHION

Hospital to offer hospice training to volunteers Tuesday

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Regional Medical Center Hospice Volunteer Training will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Tuesday in the Education Center at MVRMC.
 The session will feature the Rev. Bruce Stevens with "Spiritual Dimensions of Death," a panel discussion of "Religious-Cultural Beliefs Regarding Death" and Pete Snyder of Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services with "Communication Skills."
 Bring a sack lunch. For more information, call 737-2500.

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

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

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 the Education Center at MVRMC.
 Pre-registration is not required.
TWIN FALLS - A Standard First Aid (adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid) six and one-half hour course will be offered at 9 a.m. Saturday at the American Red Cross.
 Pre-registration and pre-payment is required for all classes. For more information, call 733-6464 or 1-888-367-6321 or visit the Red Cross office at 718 Shoshone St. E.

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

TWIN FALLS - Co-Dependency Group will meet from 6 to

7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Canyon View West Group Room. Fee is \$10. For more information, call 734-6760.

TWIN FALLS - The final session of the MVRMC Hospice Volunteer Training will be held from 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Feb. 8 in the Education Center.
 The session will feature Sheryl Ford, MVRMC volunteer coordinator, with "Volunteer Roles," Jamie Kelly-Kinyon, MSW, with "Stress Management and Ethics for the Volunteers," and Kate Wilson, hospice clinical manager, will hostess graduation and lunch. Lunch will be provided. For more information, call 737-2500.

TWIN FALLS - A CPR class will be offered from 4 to 7 p.m. Feb. 8 in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC.
 Fee is \$11. To register, call 737-2007.

7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Canyon View West Group Room. Fee is \$10. For more information, call 734-6760.

TWIN FALLS - MVRMC Hospice Volunteer Training will be held from 6 to 8:30 p.m. Feb. 7 at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. Topic will be "Grief Process and the Funeral."
 Refreshments will be provided. For more information, call 737-2500.

TWIN FALLS - A Community First Aid and Safety (infant, child and adult) CPR, and first aid nine-hour course will be offered at 6 p.m. Feb. 7 and 8 at the American Red Cross.

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early parenting classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning this Thursday through March 3, in the Education Center 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.
 No fee for patients delivering at St. Benedict's. To register, call

the medical center at 324-4301.
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Teens enjoy freedom to wear hair in different colors, styles

Knights Rider News Service

SAN JOSE, Calif. - Today's youth may find it inconceivable that the length, color and style of hair were once the cause of heated battles between parent and child.
 Look around shopping malls and high school campuses and it seems anything goes. And though today's parents may not be thrilled with orange hair streaks, they are more tolerant than their own parents were. Pierced eyebrows, sex and drugs are of more concern to parents than the length or color of their offspring's hair.

"Hair is not as divisive an issue as it was 20 or 30 years ago," says Martha Chan, a family therapist at Adolescent Counseling Services in Palo Alto, Calif., and a mother. "In the '70s hair implied a lot of things. It was connected with the sexual revolution, Vietnam War protests and some very serious things, but now my generation are parents of teens and most of us bring a little bit different perspective to it. I can remember when everyone I knew was dressing odd, and most of us turned out OK."

Stroll across almost any high school campus these days and you may find yourself remembering some of the lines from the musical "Hair": "there ain't no wavy, there's the splendor, the wonder of my hair, hair, hair ... long, straight, curly, fuzzy, snaggy, shaggy, ratty, matty ... banded, tangled, spangled and spanghatted."
 There are no "in" or "out" hairstyles, although it's clear that certain styles may be more popular with one group than another. It's also clear that students and faculty respect the individuality of one another.

"What color their hair is and how they wear their hair doesn't concern me; there are so many other important issues in dealing with teenagers," says Oregon Gerrich principal since 1990 at Lincoln High School, the performing arts magnet school for the San Jose Unified School District.

Do it yourself - or not?

What does it cost to achieve some of the looks today's teens are wearing? Not much if you do it yourself, more if you have a professional do it. Here are some specifics:
 • Taking all the color out is called stripping. You can stop there for a white-blond effect or take it to the next step with color. A do-it-yourself strip or bleach kit is \$10 at Hot Topic stores. If you want a professional to do it, you'll pay \$50 at Faux Salon in Campbell, Calif.
 • Putting on color that will wash out with good shampoo is fairly simple. You can buy temporary colors, often called rinses, at drugstores, beauty supply stores and some grocery stores. One brand is Trend Gel, which sells for \$4 at Hot Topic stores.
 • Permanent color is a more involved process. If your hair is light and you want to go dark, you usually can do it in one process. However, to go from darker to light requires stripping and then a color application. A single color application is \$47 in addition to paying for the stripping, while two or more is \$115 and tip at Faux Salon. Do-it-yourself permanent hair color kits from Clairol, L'Oréal and other companies are in the \$10 vicinity at drug and grocery stores.

- Source: San Jose Mercury News

Anyone visiting the Lincoln campus will encounter a wide range of styles, from intricate shapes achieved with gel, hair spray and rainbow colors to traditional ponytails and crew cuts.
 David Gonzales, a 14-year-old freshman, puts gel on his hair, then bonds over and dries it with a hair dryer to make it stand up straight.
 Makes D'Arcy, a 14-year-old sophomore, also uses gel, but he twists his hair into short ringlets, sometimes spiking them straight up and other times letting them fall.

Most striking are the bleached blonds, a dramatic contrast to his dark roots.
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- Increases size and mass of skeletal muscles
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Health benefits:

- Decreases incidence of obesity
- Reduces risk of osteoporosis
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- Lowers risk of heart attack and other cardiovascular diseases
- In older people, reduces the risk of falls and serious health consequences, such as hip fracture

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The Orlando Sentinel

So you were felled by the flu — or bronchitis or just a nasty cold — and you're just getting back to normal, anything, athletic. Maybe play a basketball game with your buddies or hit the weights at the gym. Or perhaps you just want to get back to your kickboxing, sports fans. Doctors and personal trainers say your body may not be ready yet.

With the flu, it's taking people a full week to get over it — and then another week before they can get back to exercise," said Dr. Scott VanLue, a physician at RDV Sportsplex Family Practice. "So I wouldn't recommend that people start exercising until a week after the illness has cleared."

How do you know when you're finally through with the flu? First, take your temperature. You should never exercise with a fever — because a fever raises your heart rate.

Still got a headache or nagging muscle aches and pains? Wait until the general aches and pains have gone away, says Dr. Michael Pinell, vice president for physician services at Orlando Regional Healthcare System.

And if you developed bronchitis — or one of those nasty, hacking coughs — don't exercise while you're still hacking and wheezing, Pinell says. Your respiratory system — lungs and breathing tracts — are still under siege. Don't stress them by trying to power through your illness.

And above all, Pinell cautions, "Don't return to exercise when you're still coughing up any material."

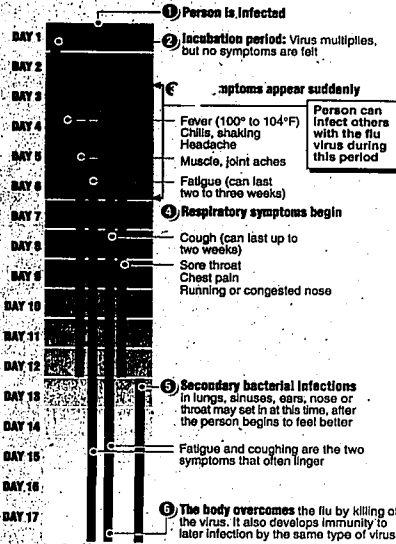
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Personal trainers like to use a pretty simple rule. Before you plunge back into your workout routine, they say, consider your symptoms. If you have "below-the-neck symptoms," such as chest congestion, a hacking cough, diarrhea or stomach cramps, then you shouldn't return until those symptoms have cleared up. But if it's just a runny nose, it's not a big deal.

But what if you had a cold, but not the flu? Or what if you've had something — maybe just a general malaise — but you're not sure what to call it? In any case, it's important to assess how you feel,

A case of flu: From beginning to end

Influenza is a viral infection of the respiratory tract that is more severe than the average cold and highly contagious. Symptoms such as fever are the result of the body's fighting the virus. A typical case:



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lifting weights, Bourque suggests that you lift half or three-quarters of the weight you're used to. If you're using the treadmill, go half the speed that you're accustomed to doing — and half the distance. In general, go slow and pay attention when you start to tire.

It's hard to do, especially when you're feeling better. But your risk getting sick again if you come back too quickly. "I always tell people to start out pretty light after they've been sick — and do a light workout for about a week," Bourque said. "Some people hate it. They want to jump in with two feet and go back to right where they were. Some will come back from the flu, or a cold and you tell them to take it easy on the workout. Then you turn your back and they're on the Stairmaster, ripping it up. Then the next time they come in, they're sick again."

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Tasty glutamate found in protein

NEW YORK (AP) — Scientists have found a sensor that lets people taste glutamate, found in the flavoring monosodium glutamate and many protein-rich foods like meat, fish and cheese.

The taste of glutamate is called umami, and it's separate from the better known taste categories of sweet, sour, bitter and salty.

In the February issue of the journal Nature Neuroscience,

University of Miami researchers implicate a protein structure they call taste-mGluR4, which appears on the tongue and binds to glutamate. Such structures are called receptors. Sweet and bitter tastes are also thought to be sensed through receptors, none of which have been firmly identified.

Salty and sour tastes are perceived by a different mechanism in taste buds.

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PEPTIC ULCER DISEASE

An estimated 4 million Americans have peptic ulcer disease. Your stomach lining is a remarkably resilient membrane pitted with openings much like that of a sponge. It allows gastric acid to pass to the battery acid to begin the digestion process.

Peptic ulcer disease occurs when stomach acid penetrates the stomach and/or duodenal (first part of small intestine) lining and causes sores or erosions that may bleed, lead to anemia and/or cause abdominal pain, abdominal burning or growing and often times abdominal bloating.

WHAT CAUSES ULCERS?

Scientists have discovered that most duodenal ulcers are caused by infection, not spicy foods or stress. This type of infection is known as Helicobacter pylori. If untreated, this infection can literally eat a hole in the stomach lining, requiring surgery. Chronic inflammation from an ulcer can cause swelling and scarring. Over time, this scarring may close (obstruct) the outlet of the stomach, preventing the passage of food and causing vomiting and weight loss. In severe cases, ulcer complications can lead to death.

The second most common cause of ulcers is the use of pain medications called non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), which include aspirin and ibuprofen. People often take NSAIDs to reduce pain and inflammation, often for arthritis. Frequent or long-term use of NSAIDs, especially among the elderly, can increase the risk of developing an ulcer.

WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF PEPTIC ULCER DISEASE?

The most common symptom of an ulcer is a burning pain in the stomach, between your breastbone and your navel. You'll often feel this pain when your stomach is empty, between meals, and it can occur any time of day. This pain will wake you in the middle of the night. The pain will last anywhere from a few minutes to several hours. While not as common as stomach pain,

WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I HAVE SYMPTOMS?

Contact your physician and schedule an appointment as soon as possible. Your physician may give you one of several tests to determine if you are infected with the ulcer-causing bacteria, Helicobacter pylori. Another test for ulcers involves the use of endoscopy. In this test, the doctor inserts a small flexible telescope through the mouth and into the stomach while the patient is asleep. The telescope has a camera inside that allows the doctor to look for the presence of the inflammation or ulcers. The doctor can also take small samples from your stomach lining to be tested for the presence of Helicobacter pylori. An alternative to endoscopy is a x-ray test, where you are given chalklike substance to drink, after which you are taken to show the outline of your digestive tract. This test is called an upper GI Series.

WHAT IS THE TREATMENT FOR PEPTIC ULCER DISEASE?

If you have been diagnosed with Helicobacter pylori infection, your doctor will prescribe a treatment plan to kill the bacteria and reduce the acid in your stomach. It is important to follow the treatment plan exactly as your doctor has prescribed, and if you smoke, you should stop, as smoking inhibits ulcer healing. You should also not take NSAIDs, aspirin, ibuprofen, and avoid alcoholic beverages.

PREVENTION

The new era of peptic ulcer is at hand. With a firm understanding of how ulcers occur, with the potent acid-suppressing drugs now available, and with the knowledge that peptic ulcers caused by Helicobacter pylori can now be cured, the future is indeed bright for patients with ulcers.

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Dennis S. Voorhees

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HEALTH & FITNESS

Popular fashion mogul cools off

The Washington Post

Who's feeling the chill? The temperature of the Tommy Hilfiger brand has plummeted by several degrees. Hear that wheezing sound? That's hot air seeping out of a high-flying image. And understand this: Turning stone cold in the fashion industry can be more expiring than bankruptcy, which at least allows you to cut your losses and move on.

The zenith of popularity is a precarious position. It is a perch from which a brand can seemingly do no wrong, when it's both hot and cool and generating such deafening buzz that there's an assumption of never-ending greatness.

And then, suddenly, the moment ends. The brand is like warm. Profitable but not hot. This is the state of Tommy Hilfiger.

Is that cheering we hear? For even in an industry that thrives on hype and has an impressive tolerance for self-indulgence, there are limits. There is a point at which a brand becomes irritatingly mammoth, and no matter who one is or what one does, it is suffocatingly inescapable.

Trend trackers began noticing the cooling of the Hilfiger label about a year ago. "One of the tell-tale signs that a brand is headed south is that it starts increasing in popularity among 8- to 12-year-olds when it had previously been popular with teens and young adults," says Irma Zandl, founder of the Zandl Group, a market research firm. "That's generally a death knell for a brand."

Now, she says, surveys show the trend leaders who made Hilfiger hot are buying the stodgy, conservative doctored Abercrombie & Fitch, FUBU and even the more conservative Nautica.

Meanwhile, Tommy Hilfiger has taken cowboy rock style as



Tommy Hilfiger introduces his new fashion line featuring lots of cowboy rock and show girl glitz. Hilfiger hopes new line will revitalize the brand.

his new signature, with enough glitz to make a show girl hyper-ventilate. The presentation of his spring 2000 line was a Vegas-style extravaganza that overwhelmed the clothes red, white

and blue rodeo chic emblazoned with the pronunciation that "Tommy Rocks." And that there were marketing misfires, Zandl says. She cites the hyping of Hilfiger the personality, and the

decision to move from celebrating rapper Coolio and French sponsoring concerts by Britney Spears, Jewel and the Rolling Stones. "Who cares about Jewel?" Zandl says. "The Stones are so boomer. Those choices to me have been a really bizarre thing."

Indeed, Wall Street has toned down its passion for Hilfiger. Analysts aren't as enthusiastically recommending the stock. And this month the stock itself fell almost 18 percent as the company announced that third-quarter earnings would fail to meet expectations due to lackluster retail sales. For the first time since it went public in 1992, the company disappointed investors.

Hilfiger remains one of the top wholesalers for designer jeans, fragrances and children's sports-wear.

"We believe that the business fundamentals are sound and the brand remains strong," said company spokeswoman Catherine Fisher. But perhaps more worrisome than the decline in Wall Street vigor is the loss of something less tangible. If a collection doesn't sell, customer feedback can provide concrete reasons why: poor fit, bland colors, too fancy, not fancy enough.

Often such flaws of production or design can be quickly fixed. But when the heat dissipates, there's no easy answer. A year ago Luigi Maramotti, head of the stalwart Italian clothing house Max Mara, surveyed a fashion liaison dotted with white-hot commodities like Gucci and Fendi observed that sometimes it's to a company's advantage to simply maintain a slow, steady simmer, because anything blizzard-hot not quickly burns out or cools off.

Fashion magic comes in cycles that last about five years. Hilfiger hit his stride about 1995, when he won awards from the Council of Fashion Designers of America and VH1.

Some people faint, some people don't

New York Daily News

NEW YORK - When Mark was in the hospital for pneumonia at age 8, his father passed out when he saw him hooked up to an IV. Diagnosed at birth with a heart murmur that triggered numerous, terrifying hospital visits, Mark grew up to inherit more than his father's even fortunes.

He can watch "The Texas Chainsaw Massacre" or pass by a murder victim without blinking, but subject him to a medical lecture and he falls out cold. He has to take biology classes whenever anatomy was discussed. When his dentist mentioned that his surgeon son was performing liver transplants, Mark fainted in the chair. Any description of an invasive procedure portends a whole constellation of alarming physical warnings: Profuse sweating, lightheadedness and a terrifying descent into a doomed sense of helplessness, with eventual loss of consciousness.

Eight percent to 10 percent of the population has fainted for nonmedical reasons, and another 15-20 percent has fainted with an underlying illness, says Ronald Kleinknecht, chairman of the Western Washington State University psychology department. Kleinknecht researches "syncope" fainting for nonphysical reasons, and says we all fall into one of four categories: Nonfearful nonfainters; fearful and phobic people who don't faint but avoid stimuli that causes them anxiety; fearful fainters; and nonfearful fainters. The last

group may be "fascinated" by a medical procedure or topic and then "boom! They're down."

The stimuli that provoke the reaction can be curiously specific. One man has had no trouble operating, but fainted when he saw anyone else perform invasive procedures. Some people perform admirably under pressure, but once the moment of truth is over, they pass out. What precedes unconsciousness almost always has to do with "the piercing of the body envelope... which is abnormal and typically signals something dangerous. It can be the actual thing or just the thought of it," Kleinknecht notes.

Blacking out for emotional reasons is known as a vasovagal or vasomotor reaction, in which a signal is sent to the heart by the 10th cranial, or vagus, nerve to slow the heart rate. Decreased blood flow leads to an inadequate supply of oxygen and other nutrients to the brain and we faint as a way to reestablish ourselves. While the propensity to faint easily is inherited, the fears that trigger it are learned, Kleinknecht says.

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Hypothermia can strike anytime, say doctors

The Washington Post

Hypothermia, an abnormal drop in body temperature, is a bigger threat during frigid weather, but it can strike even in moderate weather, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention warns.

Hypothermia occurs when the body's internal temperature falls below 95 degrees. It is a medical emergency with a high fatality rate. During a recent 15-year period, nearly 12,000 deaths occurred in which hypothermia was the underlying cause, accord-

ing to CDC. The highest rates of reported hypothermia are in Northern states with harsh winters and mountainous Western states, where overnight temperatures often plummet at higher elevations. But deaths from hypothermia occur even in states with milder climates, such as Georgia and North Carolina, where rapid changes in temperature are common, CDC said. Hypothermia can strike at moderate temperatures around 60 degrees, if inadequate clothing, dampness, high winds or prolonged exposure overcomes

the body's ability to conserve heat. Alcohol also worsens the risk by impairing judgment. Deaths from hypothermia have become less common during the past 20 years, possibly because of stepped-up warnings and prevention efforts or relatively moderate winter weather, CDC reported this month in its Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

"People most at risk of hypothermia include the elderly, very young children, the homeless and the mentally ill, and anyone with a serious medical condition, especially if they use drugs

that widen the blood vessels and suppress the body's shivering response. Such drugs include sedatives, anti-anxiety medication and antidepressants can mask hypothermia symptoms and hinder the body's attempts to warm itself.

"The onset of hypothermia is often insidious," CDC experts warned, "with early manifestations of exposure including shivering, numbness, fatigue, poor coordination, slurred speech, impaired (thought), blueness or puffiness of the skin and irrationality."

Be aware of signs that may lead to a stroke

The Orlando Sentinel

Q. What are the symptoms that indicate a stroke?

A. The American Heart Association says the symptoms of stroke are:

- Vision problems, including sudden dimness, loss of vision in one eye or double vision.
- Unexplained dizziness, including lightheadedness, vertigo or sudden falls.
- Communication difficulties, either slurring words or trouble talking or understanding language.
- Sudden weakness in arm, leg, face or on one side of the body.
- Stumbling, unsteady walking as if drunk.
- Headaches.

People who have chest pains usually suspect a heart attack. But most people don't usually suspect a stroke when they feel numb or weak on one side. A stroke is sometimes called a brain attack. Seeking immediate

care is crucial because clot-busting medications, if given quickly enough, can minimize the disabling and sometimes deadly effects of stroke. The medicine opens arteries and restores blood flow.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

- MVRMC Hospice Volunteer Training * Tuesday, February 1, 8:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., Education Center. This session will feature Rev. Bruce Stevens discussing "Spiritual Dimensions of Death," a panel discussion entitled "Religious/Cultural Beliefs Regarding Death," and Pete Snyder, MEd CTRS from Canyon View Psychiatric and Addiction Services, discussing "Communication Skills." Please bring a sack lunch. For information call 737-2500.
- Infant CPR Class * Tuesday, February 1, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.
- Co-Dependency Group * Wednesday, February 2, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Canyon View West Group Room. Fee: \$10. For more information call 734-6760.
- Cesarean Childbirth Class * Thursday, February 3, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.
- Big Kids Klub * Saturday, February 5, 10 - 11:30 a.m., Education Center. Designed to help prepare brothers and sisters for the new baby. To register call 737-2900.
- MVRMC Hospice Volunteer Training: "Grief Process and the Funeral" * Monday, February 7, 6 - 8:30 p.m., Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home. Refreshments will be provided. For information call 737-2500.
- MVRMC Hospice Volunteer Training * Tuesday, February 8, 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., Education Center. This is the final training session. Sheryl Ford, MVRMC Volunteer Coordinator will discuss "Volunteer Roles," Jamie Kelly-Kinyon, MSW will discuss "Stress Management and Ethics for the Volunteer," and Kate Wilson, MVRMC Hospice Clinical Manager will host graduation and lunch. Lunch will be provided. For information call 737-2500.
- CPR Class * Tuesday, February 8, 4 - 7 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. Fee: \$11. To register call 737-2007.
- Arthritis/Lupus Support Group * Tuesday, February 8, 7 p.m., Education Center. For more information call 737-2050.

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

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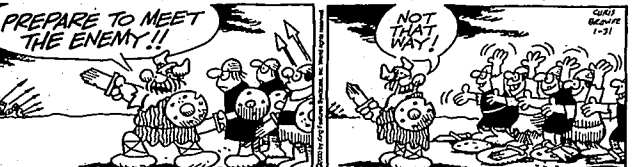
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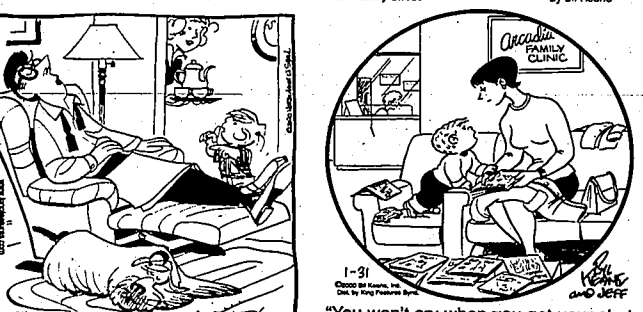


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"SH-H, DAD AN' RUFF ARE HAVING A SNORIN' CONTEST."

"You won't cry when you get your shot, Mommy, 'cause you're a BIG boy!"

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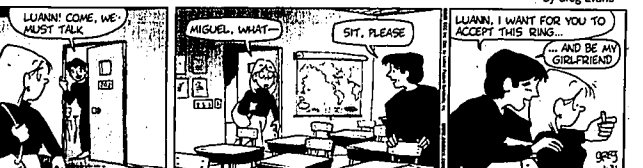
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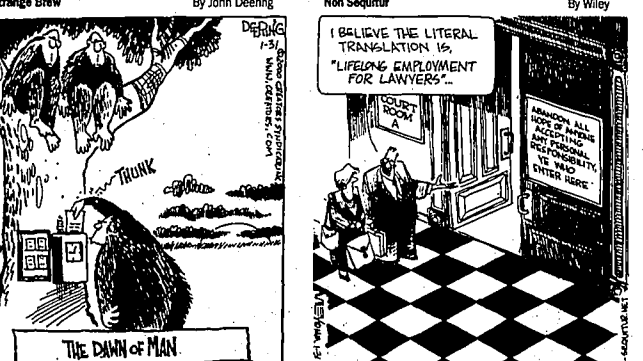


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OTHER VIEWS

There's no end to Clinton's plans to spend your money

From the Orange County (Call.) Register

Eager to present himself as a vibrant leader even in his lame-duck year, President Clinton detailed his accomplishments, and outlined a long list of policy goals during his final State of the Union address Thursday night. But despite the smoothness of his words, the president's address - notwithstanding its rambling, hour and 29 minute length - fell woefully short.

There's no doubt that the state of the union is strong, that over the past several years the economy has boomed, the crime rate has dropped, and Americans at all points on the economic spectrum have prospered.

But there is something wrong with the implication the national government is the driving force of America's prosperity. And with Mr. Clinton's suggestion that "to build the more perfect union of our founders' dreams," he has a duty to pass a wish list of federal spending and regulatory programs.

Although there's little chance that most of the measures will ever pass Congress, the president detailed one such spending program after another, punctuating his remarks with partisan jabs and unctuous lectures on why Congress must pass these items - for the nation, for the future, for the children. By a Fox News commentator's account, the president proposed 86 new programs or laws, and referred to new government spending as "investments" 17 times.

For instance, the president proposed a litany of education plans including spending an extra \$1 billion on the Head Start program for poor children, the expansion of charter schools, modernizing and building 6,000 schools, class-size reduction, a doubling of spending on mentoring disadvantaged children, a \$30 billion "college opportunity" tax cut.

His health-care plans include a similar grab bag: creating a patients' bill of rights, expanding a federal program that covers poor children to also include health coverage for their parents, allowing people aged 55 to 65 to buy into the Medicare program then providing them with a tax cut to help them do so.

The promises went on and on: Expanding tax credits for people who care for their elderly parents, expanding a welfare program known as the Earned Income Tax Credit, creating new tax credits for child care, developing a matching grant program for

Americans who save money, paying for 50,000 new police officers and many new teachers.

The president also promised a new program to help fathers take care of their children, some debt-forgiveness for poor nations, plans to help family farmers, save open spaces, fight urban sprawl and stop global warming. There were many more promises, but they all amounted to the same idea - the federal government will collect more money and redistribute it more ambitiously to those constituencies identified by the president. Even the few promised tax cuts came mainly if individuals spent

their money on the "right" things. Is this what our democracy has become, whereby the president dispenses favors, creating a list of potential programs and redistributions based on what the opinion polls suggest, rather than what the Constitution allows?

Other proposals are problematic for other reasons. Americans shouldn't be spending additional funds to fight drug trafficking in Colombia, knowing that such a plan could drag us more deeply into a Latin American civil war. Adding 1,500 new federal agents to police gun control laws, and creating a host of new ones, is not only costly, but threatens the rights of individuals to own firearms. Raising the minimum wage will only price the poorest youngsters out of the job market. And increasing military spending before the nation rethinks the level of its overseas commitments is not only wasteful, but could lead to further unwise foreign entanglements.

"The lesson of our history is that great goals are reached step by step: always building on our progress, always gaining ground," the president said.

We can't help but wonder what great goals the president is pursuing. In the nation's first State of the Union address, President George Washington delivered a short, unvarnished speech that focused on the need for Americans to "value their own rights; to discern and provide against invasions of them."

From that simple address came Thursday night's extravaganza, filled with boasts of the government's successes, promises of bigger and better programs, and nary a mention of the rights and responsibilities of a supposedly free people. We're not sure whether to be more frustrated at the president for delivering such a self-indulgent speech, or at the American people for tolerating it.

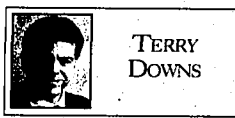
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EPA is making a power grab on America's farms

In a move not unlike the Egyptians of old, the Environmental Protection Agency has recently made a bold move to build a monument of power. In contrast to the pyramids that remain near the river Nile, this edifice of power will be built in the fields of our nation's farmland. In early January of this year, the EPA announced mandated planting arrangements to be used by farmers planting certain genetically modified crops.

Previously, the EPA has placed regulations on livestock operations to prevent pollution from livestock wastes. It has also tinkered in agriculture by educating row-crop farmers in the use of practices designed to reduce fertilizer migration into water supplies. But in an unprecedented grab for power, the EPA has declared that it has the power to regulate what crops our nation's farmers can plant. With exceptional chutzpah, these regulators state that pollen from genetically engineered crops may pose a threat to monarch butterflies. Citing one study that seems to support this observation, they take a hasty leap in logic that pollen



TERRY DOWNS

must therefore be a pollutant and they are legally justified in regulating the farms that could produce this "toxin." The farming community, battered by years of poor prices, has thus far conceded to the EPA's intrusion. Monitoring the planting of genetically modified crops might serve the long-term interest of our farms. It could prevent the accidental development of "super weeds" and preserve the ability to export farm products. But the U.S. Department of Agriculture has both the skills and the infrastructure to perform this task far more effectively than the EPA. Like a feeder pig racing to the slop trough, the EPA has raced to the regulating forefront to grab the power and eventually the dollars to carry this task before it is assigned to the USDA. The EPA's strategy for building their

regulatory empire is exceptionally ingenious. This new field fits the profile of other mandates they have previously appropriated. The biotechnology issue is rather complex and the EPA, by avoiding the scrutiny of the general public. Another hallmark of issues that have bolstered the EPA's power base is its ability to stir emotions. In both regards, the issues relating to genetically modified plants fit this profile. Further increasing the likelihood of this scheme's success is its timing. With budget surpluses, our political leaders are less likely to object to providing the revenue to duplicate much of the USDA's infrastructure on the behalf of the EPA. Economic turmoil, rapidly changing biotechnology and evolving public perceptions will make farming in the new century a challenge. The last thing our battered farmers need is the EPA plowing into their fields to build a monument of bureaucratic power.

Terry Downs is the chairman of the Twin Falls Chamber of Commerce's Agricultural Committee. He grew row crops and operated a dairy for 17 years.

LETTERS

Getting the facts straight

The debate continues in South Carolina about the meaning of the "Southern Cross." The Confederate battle flag, for any who have studied, in depth, the "War for Southern Independence," understand clearly that the flag began as an improved method of communication on the battlefield nearly one full year after the fighting started. The standardized bloody red square was first seen by federal troops at the battle of Glendale, June 30, 1862. Before that, the Stars and Bars and a mismatch of state, local and militia flags were used to guide the troops into action.

Some conveniently forgotten facts: The flag was never used universally throughout the South. It existed officially for only three years, and it was used almost exclusively by the Army of Northern Virginia (Lee's Army) and a few independent brigades; it was almost unknown in the western theater. But much more importantly, it never flew at the masthead of a slave ship. That dubious honor is left to the Stars and Stripes, which protected human cargo for 85 years, on foreign as well as American vessels, prior to and during the "Civil War."

Much has been written about Gen. Grant's magnanimity when he received Lee's surrender at Appomattox. I would suggest it was probably embarrassment, because Grant owned slaves, and every body knew it. Lee, most of his staff and certainly almost all of what was left of the southern army did not. The wife of Ulysses S. Grant, justifying their ownership, once quipped, "Good help is hard to find these days." With such logic, it is certainly implied that it is appropriate to chat with human beings as long as one needs good help.

"Civil War" history, as presently taught, states that the war began because of "sectional disputes over the continued

existence of slavery in the South (what about slavery in the North?) and state sovereignty." Not so!

The root causes were excessive taxation, misuse of those public funds and a flood of dictatorial mandates issued from the central government. The very same issues citizens grapple with today.

MARK SCHUCKERT
Twin Falls

Want change? Meet at Maxie's

The party faithful are plucking the ripe pieces as again we have musical chairs on our county commissioners. The hands that have the quality of our lives, our water, our environment are selected by the Republican Central Committee and a man that was re-elected by fewer than 80 votes.

May I suggest you join me at Maxie's Pizza on Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. and let's talk about getting things changed.

CAROLE STENNETT
Buhl

A swiftly tilting planet

On Jan. 21, a Times-News article reported evidence that the earth may have wobbled rapidly some 84 million years ago. This shifted the location of Washington to the tropics and was followed by a slow return to today's climate.

- 1. International prestige: World leaders would flock to DC at the slightest pretext.
- 2. Security: No one would want to bomb the city.
- 3. Industry: The tourist trade would reap a bonanza.
- 4. Homelessness: The homeless would swarm to DC, providing local color for the tourists.
- 5. Wealth: Affluent visitors would pro-

vide abundant wealth for the preying poor.

6. Endangered Species: Newly developing species would more than replace any old species that could not adjust.

7. Health: The more direct heating rays of sunshine would enhance the general health and welfare of both residents and visitors.

Before implementing this drastic change, a survey must be taken. It might also be a good idea to prepare an environmental impact study. As an added precaution, Alan Greenspan could arrange for the earth's tilt to adjust to changes in the economic climate.

Your voice is very important. If you have concerns about the way things are being run in Washington today, write to The Times-News supporting the "tropical shift."

INGRID STROPE
Twin Falls

'Snail mail' insults snails

Being a retired postal employee, I used to be offended by the term "snail mail." Now I believe the snails are being insulted. I now know why the Twin Falls Post Office is the only post office in Magic Valley that doesn't have a listed telephone number. It would take a couple of full-time employees to try and explain what is going on.

When I was a carrier and someone complained about missing mail, I would tell them we might mutilate it, lose it or deliver it to the wrong box but we sure didn't store it. Now I'm not so sure when a gift properly addressed mail guess I or four weeks after it was posted. I myself I shouldn't complain. I had 30 years of good mail service before the post office went "modernized."

DWIGHT SHAW
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LETTER

The perfect school

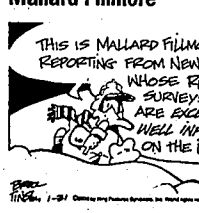
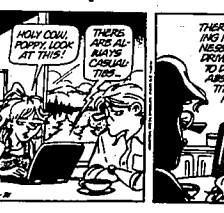
I have a dream. Since I am a teacher, my dream is of the perfect schoolhouse. There will be only 300 to 400 children so that we will all know each other. Our extended day will go from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. so that parents won't have to rush children to day care and so that we won't have latchkey children. Children will begin school when they are 3 or 4. All the children will have physical education every day because we know that they should. They will have music and art several times a week because we know that they should. Breakfasts, lunches and snacks will be low fat and healthy.

There will be lots of computers and lots of books. Lots of reading, writing, math, science and social studies. All children will learn basic Spanish. Field trips to museums, colleges, cultural events, farms, businesses, etc. Swimming lessons, community projects, hikes, ungraded classrooms and ungraded report cards.

Vacations? Two weeks in the summer, two weeks at Christmas, one week in the spring. You don't need to take much time off from something you love. Standardized tests? I don't think so. We won't need them. You don't need to prove something if it is self-evident.

TRIS WOODHEAD
Twin Falls

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore

By Bruce Tinsley

OPINION

Clinton's give-and-go policy

Why shouldn't women soccer players earn as much as their male counterparts, especially when the U.S. women's team are world champions and the men finished in last place? On Monday, President Clinton enlisted America's World Cup midfielder Michelle Akers in his effort to pass a \$27 million federal Equal Pay Initiative. Akers' teammates on the championship U.S. women's soccer team are currently embroiled in a bitter wage dispute with the U.S. Soccer Federation, which has proposed paying the women champions less than their male counterparts currently earn.



LINDA CHAVEZ

counterpart, so long as they are performing the same job. But it is not illegal for employers to pay different wages to employees who perform different jobs, even if the jobs seem in some way comparable.

If, for example, a company employs both computer software programmers, who are mostly men, and librarians, who are mostly women, nothing in the law now mandates that the employer pay them the same wages. But "pay equity" advocates would like to change that. They argue that workers should be compensated based on their education, experience, responsibility and working conditions. If programmers and librarians measure the same on these criteria, then their pay should be equal. Any pay differential that favors the mostly male programmers must be discrimination, according to the feminists.

Of course, the feminists and Democrat politicians who make this claim probably haven't tried to hire any software programmers lately. If they did, they would quickly find that the supply of those trained to program software can't keep up with the demand, which is why employers are willing to pay a premium for programmers' services, no matter what their gender. Or in

other hand, there are more women — and men — with degrees in library science than there are jobs to accommodate them, which is why their salaries remain lower than they might deserve. Sex doesn't have anything to do with it.

But what about soccer players? Those marvelous women who won the World Cup last July were performing the same job as the men, only doing it better. So, why shouldn't they make at least as much money as their male counterparts? Well, maybe they should. And if they can generate the same enthusiasm and audience for their future games as they did last summer, I'm betting they will, eventually.

For now, the U.S. Soccer Federation, which employs both teams, claims the men's team generated about \$4.1 million last year to the women's \$1.6 million. In essence, that's the current market for the two teams, which could change if the women keep outperforming and out-drawing the men. If so, the federation would be foolhardy to keep the women's wages lower, especially if it means the best players refuse to play, as about 20 of the champion players have during this labor dispute.

Michelle Akers and her teammates would be better off placing their faith in the market to reward their skills than in some bureaucratic "pay equity" scheme that has little chance of passing.

Linda Chavez is a columnist with Creators Syndicate.

Cartoon titled 'THE EMERGING DEMOCRATIC FRONT-RUNNER...' featuring caricatures of Bradley, Gore, Bradlewke, and Bore.

LETTERS

Zip codes aren't too zippy
What has prompted this letter of complaint is the recent notification from our post office telling us that if you have a box number and your mail comes with a 83301 zip code, they will not put it in your post office box, they are going to return it to the sender.

And what about the farmer or the trucker who, on a person-to-person basis, has considerably more invested than our post office? Fantastic income: \$10,560 per ton. GROVER WILSON Twin Falls

summer, I read in The Times-News that senior citizens with a five-year license were being cited for not having a valid license. I went to the Fish and Game office in Jerome to inquire about it and was told that I'd have to buy a new license each year as they no longer honored the five-year license. The Fish and Game told me that it was the Legislature's doing, and when talking with the legislator, he said that it was what the Fish and Game wanted.

What will it take? About three weeks ago, a motor vehicle crash on Interstate 84 took the life of a young woman, who did not even have the chance to experience and enjoy life to it's fullest because she was not wearing her seat belt. The force of the crash threw her head-first through the front windshield causing severe head and possible spinal cord injuries, as well as potential serious injuries to her two other passengers.

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I have the new director of Fish and Game has more concern and appreciates the citizens of Idaho than has been shown in the last few years. I'll abstain from voting for or against the increase and hope the new director of Fish and Game will honor any agreements they make! WILLIAM VAN DYKE Twin Falls

How many more tragedies like this have to happen until people finally get the message to buckle up? TERRICK WALDEN Twin Falls

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PHILOSEC (OMEPRAZOLE) advertisement featuring a man in a suit, text about heartburn relief, and a coupon for a rebate.

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You might have seen this horoscope before, Pisces

IF JANUARY 31 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You might have loved your parents but were eager to be on your own, which you designated as freedom. You are controversial, original and speak always to be involved in far-out situations. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters, initials in names - D, M, V. During February, you will be relieved of burden you had no right to carry in first place.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You recover from emotional bruise. Views are vindicated, promotion long due takes place. You will be given more responsibility and more money. Capricorn involved.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Look to future, predict events in your life and make the forecast come true. You need not be satisfied with status quo. Read and write, learn by teaching.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Stress, originality, display courage of convictions. Moon position highlights legal affairs, reputation, marital status. Leo plays sensational role.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): People you have been unable to reach will be at your doorstep. Means now is the time to put forth material, concepts, formats. Another Cancer native involved.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Focus on entertainment, using your creative resources. You are relied upon to bring together people who hold opposite views. Emphasize cooperation, humor.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Be willing to reevaluate, reevaluate - Scorpio native will figure

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Sydney Omar

prominently in scenario. Proofread material, research subject at hand. Taurus also in picture.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be ready for change, travel, variety - people confide in you, tell about intimate experiences. Instead of blushing, give serious attention and come up with solutions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Click Libra message. Family member wants to confide in you but lacks nerve. Make it easier by first telling your own problems. Aries plays significant role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Moon in your sign, cycle high, circumstances turn in your favor. Imprint style, maintain aura of intrigue, mystery. Don't tell all Pisces featured.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): You could be talk of the town. People debate whether or not you can handle different responsibility. Focus on pressure, relationship, that can be nerve-racking.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): People have learned to pay attention when you make predictions. Don't shake their faith by outlandish statements. Libra becomes ally, proves, wise counselor.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You will be asking, "Is this deja vu?" Scenario features familiar places, faces. Start something, create profitable project - you can do it! Aquarian is involved.

Gates brings da Vinci's notebook to Berlin

BERLIN - Microsoft mogul Bill Gates brought Leonardo da Vinci's "Leicester Codex" to Germany's capital Saturday, opening an exhibit that includes drawings by 20th century artist Joseph Beuys.

Beuys, who began his studies in natural science, was inspired by the discovery of a lost Leonardo manuscript in Spain in the 1970s.

"Like Leonardo four centuries earlier, Beuys broke through barriers of art and science," Gates said.

The codex got its name in 1915 when it was acquired by Thomas Coke, the Earl of Leicester. Gates bought it in 1994 for \$30.8 million, making it the only known Leonardo notebook in private hands.



Bill Gates Gives Germany taste of da Vinci

People in the news

ple more than ever around the world," Gates said. "This notebook speaks to us by stimulating our own forces of creativity."

Court denies woman new trial against Jack Klugman

LOS ANGELES - A woman who lost her paternity case against Jack Klugman has failed in her bid for a new trial.

Barbara Neuggass sued the actor in 1997, claiming that Klugman owed her at least \$900,000 following an 18-year relationship that ended in 1992. She claimed she gave up her career as a television extra to be with him.

Last month, a jury ruled against her, and Superior Court Judge Kurt Lewin on Friday rejected her request for the new trial.

The jury found that the couple did not have an agreement requiring the 77-year-old to provide Neuggass, 57, with financial support for the rest of her life.

Shue was a student at Harvard in the 1980s before her film career took off. She is married to Davis Guggenheim, a director who has worked on episodes of "ER," "NYPD Blue," and "Party of Five."

Disney paves way for film about Pearl Harbor attack

PEARL HARBOR, Hawaii (AP) - The Walt Disney Co. has given the green light to a \$125 million movie about the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, according to a trade publication.

"Pearl Harbor" should begin production in April for release around Memorial Day 2001, Daily Variety reported Thursday. The storyline will be about two fighter pilots from Tennessee who fall in love with the same nurse.

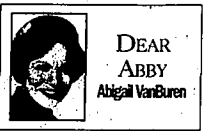
Actors being considered for the film include Charlize Theron, currently on the big screen in "The Cider House Rules," Wes Bentley who starred in "American Beauty," and Jim Caviezel, who played a soldier in "The Thin Red Line."

'Predator' spikes bar drink, fails to catch prey

DEAR ABBY: The letter about club drugs really hit home. I would like to warn all young women about the potential for their drinks to be "doxed" with these drugs without their knowledge.

I went to a neighborhood bar over Thanksgiving weekend, and found myself feeling very woozy and overintoxicated for the amount I had to drink. I just left my drink on the bar while I went to use the ladies room, and when I came back, it tasted strange. Since it was a new drink, I assumed the bartender had mixed it differently.

Shortly after consuming this drink, I became sick to my stomach and lightheaded. A fellow I had chatted with - and who coincidentally had offered to watch my drink - started asking me questions about how I felt and if I wanted a place to crash. I have no doubt he had less than innocent intentions.



DEAR ABBY
Abby Cadabby

Fortunately, two gentlemen by the names of Andrew and Chris came to my aid. They stayed by my side, talking to me, keeping me alert, calling a car service for me and making sure the other guy didn't bother me.

I left the bar before thanking them; so, Abby, please let me thank them now.

Ladies: Do not leave your drink unattended, no matter what! And if the drink tastes "funny," don't drink it! While most of these drugs are tasteless and odorless, others have a salty taste. Just be careful! And to all the Andrews

and Chrises out there - thank you. - CHRISTINE IN MIDLOTHIAN, VA.

DEAR CHRISTINE: You are a lucky young woman. You had a very close call. The young man who doctored your drink is a predator.

Your comments about never leaving a drink unattended are important. I hope other people will pay attention. It may seem like a cold reality, but it's part of being streetwise and self-protective.

didn't bother to put identification on them for one reason or another. As a result, thousands of these wonderful animals are put to death every year because their owners can't be located.

ABBY: It's heart-breaking to have to euthanize healthy animals due to lack of shelter space and available homes. Please inform your readers of the importance of putting ID tags on their pets. It could save a lot of heartache.

- ANIMAL LOVER
IN BEND, ORE.

DEAR ANIMAL LOVER: I'm pleased to publicize this important reminder to pet owners. Dogs and cats are curious creatures who often like to wander; if the animal is picked up, proper identification can literally mean the difference between life and death, so please don't procrastinate.

Kiwi bird's bark must be louder than its bite

Q. Is English the official language of the Internet?

A. Unofficially maybe. The 'net has little official anything.

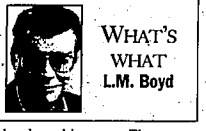
Grand Canyon guides say they get interesting questions. Such as: "Is the mule train air-conditioned?"

Q. What were the first Clydesdale horses bred for?

A. Hauling coal. Their initial appearance on show was at the 1826 Glasgow Exhibition in Scotland.

The kiwi bird growls like a dog.

Pioneer filmmaker Thomas Ince asked out silent studios with real Sioux Indians. He imported them around 1910 - along with an entire Wild West Show - and set them up near his Los Angeles studio in a village



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

that bore his name. They were called the Inceville Sioux. No doubt you've seen them on film repeatedly.

Q. Why did those old grandfather clocks lose time in the summer?

A. Heat lengthened so slowed their pendulums.

Any female character who broke up a marriage in a film was required to die before the picture's end. That was Adolf

Hilder's decree to Nazi Germany's filmmakers.

In 1741, sailors discovered Steller's cow, a 25-foot-long sea creature. Its meat tasted fairly good. Go get 'em, men! Twenty-seven years later, the species was extinct.

If the man weighs 200 pounds, his brain, if typical, weighs four pounds.

A jigger of lemon juice diluted with five jiggers of water gives you a skin balm that relieves itching. Or so say the home-remedy folk.

Come dusk, that toad under your porch, if toad under your porch there be, sees about 10 times better than you do with the same amount of light.

Under England's flag in the Crimean War of 1854-56, the

First Baron Raglan and the Seventh Earl of Cardigan suffered some disgrace, Raglan in the siege of Sebastopol, Cardigan in the deadly charge of the Light Brigade. But though the names of these two titled fellows were muddled in combat, they survived in fashion. With the Raglan sleeve. With the Cardigan sweater.

Leonardo da Vinci also drew plans for a sort of alarm clock that awakened the sleeper by raising his feet.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“ Anyone who says one loss cannot ruin a season never lost a Super Bowl. ”

—St. Louis Rams coach Dick Vermeil

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Girls' basketball

- Region III Tournament
- Highland at Pocatello, 7 p.m.
- Century at Burley, 7 p.m.
- SCIC Tournament
- No. 6 Buhl at No. 1 Filer, 7 p.m.
- No. 5 Gooding at No. 2 Wendell, 7 p.m.
- No. 4 Kimberly at No. 3 Wood River, 7 p.m.
- Canyon Conf. Tournament
- Glenns Ferry at Valley, 7:30 p.m.

Boys' basketball

- Carnas County at MVCS, 7:30 p.m.
- O'Leary at TFCA

IN BRIEF

Ex-CSI guard takes Nevada past BSU

BOISE — Guard Adrian McCullough, who played junior-college ball at the College of Southern Idaho through last season, scored 23 points to lead Nevada to a 69-57 win over Boise State in a Big West Conference men's basketball game Saturday night.

McCullough hit all four of his three-point field goals and seven of eight free throws as the Wolf Pack won its first road game in 10 tries. The improved Nevada led to 2-3 in league play, 4-12 overall.

Boise State, 1-4, 7-9, was led by forward Abe Jackson and center Justin Lyons with 15 points each. But the team could get no closer than six points, when Jackson made a three-point basket with 1:16 remaining to pull the Broncos ahead.

“After that, Boise State was forced to foul and McCullough hit three free throws in the closing minute to help secure the win.”

ISU men snap skid with victory in Pocatello

POCATELLO — Kevin Sweetweyne had 15 points and 10 rebounds to help Idaho State beat Sacramento State 72-61 Saturday night.

The win broke an eight-game losing streak for the Bengals (6-13, 1-7 Big Sky Conference). After trailing by ten points or more for much of the first half, Sacramento State (8-9, 2-4) came back in the second half as Ricky Glenn scored 17 of his 19 points. The ISU women also won Saturday, beating Sacramento State 79-59.

Niemann snaps scoring mark against N. Texas

MOSCOW — The game and the night belonged to All-American Ari Nieman Saturday, as the Lady Vandal senior became the University of Idaho's all-time leading scorer in a late 86-68 triumph over the University of North Texas.

Niemann's 12th point of the night, at the 16:13 mark in the second half, pushed her ahead of Denise Brose with 1,936 career points. She went on to finish with 21 points for the third straight game to give her 1,945 for her career.

Deadline is Wednesday for Singles Only tourney

TWIN FALLS — People interested in signing up to participate in the Feb. 7-13 First Federal Savings Bank Singles Only Tennis Tournament have until next Wednesday to do so.

Registration will take place at the YMCA. Players of all ratings are welcome; juniors can play at whatever NTRP rating suits their ability. Entry fee is \$20 for TFTA members and \$25 for non-members. For more information, call Connie Thompson at 734-2795, or J.C. Burdick at 736-8142.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

St. Louis 23

Tennessee 16

RAMS ARE CHAMPS!

Storybook season ends with world championship

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — The St. Louis Rams rediscovered their offensive firepower just in time, and the Tennessee Titans came up just one yard short.

Kurt Warner's 73-yard touchdown pass to Isaac Bruce with 1:54 left gave the Rams their first Super Bowl win Sunday, 23-16.

The TD capped an improbable turnaround for St. Louis, which was 3-13 a year ago and 13-3 this season as they scored 526 points, third best in NFL history.

But Steve McNair and Eddie George almost led Tennessee to another miracle finish, rallying them from a 16-0 deficit.

On the game's final play with six seconds left, McNair's pass was caught by Kevin Dyson at the Rams 5. He scrambled for the end zone only to be stopped just short by Mike Jones, as Dyson's outstretched arm held the ball toward the goal line in vain.

“I always believed in myself, and had a whole bunch of people who believed in me,” said Warner, the Super Bowl MVP who did a victory lap around the Georgia Dome. “We're the world champions! How about the Rams!”

Warner, a former Arena League and NFL Europe quarterback, finished 24-of-45 for 414 yards and two touchdowns.

The Rams dominated for much of the game but had to settle for three field goals to take a 9-0 lead before finally scoring a touchdown.

St. Louis seemed to have put the game away when Warner threw a nine-yard pass to Torry Holt with 3:59 left in the third quarter to take a 16-0 advantage.

But suddenly the Titans' offense came to life and the St. Louis defense began to wear down behind the battering of George and short passes from McNair.

Tennessee scored on its next two possessions, both on one-yard



St. Louis quarterback Kurt Warner (13) attempts a pass as Tennessee defensive end Jevon Kearse leaps to block it in the third quarter of Super Bowl XXXIV in Atlanta Sunday.

exciting finishes in Super Bowl history. The Titans, however, just didn't have enough at the very end.

“We've been doing this off and on during the year. We knew we had an opportunity to go on in and score,” McNair said of the game's final play on Dyson's

near-touchdown lunge. “We said on the sideline when they scored that the only fault they did was scoring too quick. We felt just short.”

Dyson almost became a big hero for the second time this season. He was the key player in the miracle finish that beat Buffalo

in the wild-card game, taking a lateral and going 75 yards for a touchdown on a kickoff return with three seconds left.

The Rams' victory was vindication for coach Dick Vermeil, who returned to coaching in 1997, after being gone for 14 years. He had lost his only other Super Bowl appearance, in 1981 with Philadelphia.

“You know ‘I'm an emotional guy but right now I feel so good and so proud of this football team and organization,” said Vermeil, known for shedding a tear or two at times. “To be able to bring this home to St. Louis, such a wonderful city. I know they appreciate us a little more right now.”

The Rams outgained the Titans 294 yards to 89 in the first half, but led just 9-0.

The first three possessions ended with field-goal attempts and the Rams holding a 3-0 lead.

St. Louis took the opening kickoff and drove from its own 31 to the Titans 17, twice converting third and long plays. But holder Mike Horan fumbled the snap on what would have been a 35-yard field-goal attempt and Tennessee got the ball at its own 29.

The Titans then moved to the St. Louis 26 on a 32-yard screen pass from McNair to George.

But a delay of game penalty stalled the drive and Del Greco missed a 47-yard field goal.

Warner then hit two quick passes, 32 yards to Torry Holt and 17 to Marshall Faulk. But that drive stalled at the 9-yard line and Jeff Wilkins hit a 27-yard field goal to give St. Louis the lead.

The Rams got another chance when Warner found Faulk all alone for a 52-yard completion to the 17. But Wilkins missed a 34-yard attempt 12 seconds into the second quarter.

The Titans kept the Rams out of the end zone again after St. Louis drove 73 yards from its own 16 to the Tennessee 11. This time Isaac Bruce dropped a pass in the end zone and Wilkins ended up kicking a 29-yard field goal to make it 6-0.

The Rams then went 67 yards in 13 plays but ended up again with just a field goal, a 29-yarder.

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From the supermarket to the Super Bowl

Warner runs away with MVP award

The Associated Press

ATLANTA — Kurt Warner laughs at the suggestion that this season of his is some kind of fairy tale, a fabled script dreamed up by a writer with a vivid imagination.

“I don't think of it as a Hollywood story,” he said after finishing it off Sunday with the ultimate exclamation point — a record-breaking Super Bowl MVP performance. “It's my life. I take it one day at a time. I'm really blessed. It can be a source of hope to anybody. I'm happy to be a part of it.”

The quarterback who once tossed rolls of toilet paper around an Iowa supermarket turned the Super Bowl into his private playground in a 23-16 victory over the Titans.

He picked apart Tennessee's secondary, completing 24 of 45 passes for a record 414 yards, breaking Hall of Famer Joe Montana's mark of 357.

First, Warner constructed a 16-0 lead. Then, when Tennessee made a furious second-half comeback to tie the score with two minutes to play, he won the game with a 73-yard touchdown pass to Isaac Bruce.

Stuff like this reads like fiction. Warner knows that. He just shrugs it off and delivers an important message for every outsider, every player who was ever told he wasn't good enough.

“Don't ever lose sight of the goal,” he said. “Don't let anybody tell you you can't reach it. Keep it in your mind and there's no reason you can't do it.”

Warner did not for a moment believe the Rams would win this game, even in the face of the



Kurt Warner Brandishing the Super Bowl trophy

Titans' comeback.

“We've got two minutes,” he said. “We've been up and down the field all day. There was no reason we couldn't move it for a field goal to win it. By no means were we doubting that we could win the game.”

But like a kid in a sandlot, Warner went for broke on first down instead of playing it conservatively.

Naturally, it worked.

“It was a go route,” he said. “We called it earlier and Isaac beat his guy. We thought we could get a big one right off the bat. Maybe they weren't expecting it.”

Bruce broke loose and took Warner's pass into the end zone, giving the Rams the lead and pushing the quarterback into exclusive company — Super Bowl heroes such as Bart Starr, Roger Staubach, Terry Bradshaw and Joe Namath.

The difference was that those guys were future Hall of Famers, expected to produce championships for their teams. Warner came out of football's shadows to

Passing phenomenon

On the way to earning Super Bowl MVP, St. Louis Rams quarterback Kurt Warner, who stocked shelves at a supermarket for a living five years ago, passed for the most yards ever in a Super Bowl — more than Joe Montana, and more than John Elway.

- 434 — x-Kurt Warner, St. Louis vs. Tennessee, 2000
 - 357 — Joe Montana, San Francisco vs. Cincinnati, 1989
 - 340 — x-Doug Williams, Washington vs. Denver, 1988
 - 336 — x-John Elway, Denver vs. Atlanta, 1999
 - 331 — Joe Montana, San Francisco vs. Miami, 1985
- x — named Super Bowl MVP

bring this one to the Rams, who had struggled through nine straight losing seasons before finding him almost by accident.

This was a success story almost too corny to be true.

After playing at Northern Iowa — hardly a hotbed of NFL talent — Warner spent three seasons on the outskirts of pro football with the Iowa Barnstormers of the fringe Arena Football League, and one more in NFL Europe with the Amsterdam Admirals.

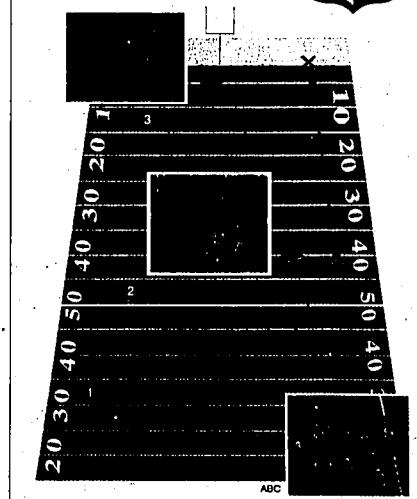
He was a backup with the Rams, an insurance policy that St. Louis cashed in when \$16.5 million free agent Trent Green was injured in training camp.

And suddenly, the anonymous quarterback blossomed into a full-fledged NFL star.

Warner directed a high-powered St. Louis attack to a 13-3 season, setting a team record for passing yards with 4,353 and throwing 41 touchdown passes. He joined Dan Marino as the only player in NFL history to throw 40 or more TDs in a season.

Warner touchdown

Kurt Warner capped his MVP season and the Rams' Super story with a game-winning touchdown pass to Isaac Bruce. Here's a look at the play that gave St. Louis its first Super Bowl victory.



Source: Compiled from AP wire reports

He was the regular season MVP, a most unlikely candidate for the award, given his humble football roots. A year ago, he said, even he wouldn't have dreamed of this.

“At the time, it wasn't very realistic to think I'd be the

starter in the Super Bowl,” Warner said. “They were trying to figure out if I was good enough to be the backup.”

“I always believed in myself. There were no doubts that I ever got the opportunity, that I

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SPORTS

Knicks' win gives Gundy the All-Star reins

Lehman ends dry spell with big win in desert

NEW YORK (AP)—The coach of the Knicks will be the coach of the East.

Jeff Van Gundy is going to the All-Star game. Latrell Sprewell scored 32 points and Allan Houston had 28 Sunday as the New York Knicks had their highest-scoring game of the season in a 120-111 victory over Sacramento that made Van Gundy the Eastern Conference All-Star coach.

"It certainly is an honor, more for the team than it is for me," Van Gundy said. "I really didn't have anything to do with it. It was just a part of a good team."

The Knicks gave a rare high-octane performance, leading by as many as 24 while looking perfectly content to play run-and-gun with the Kings, the NBA's highest-scoring team. The victory improved the Knicks' record of 26-15, moving them into a tie with Miami for the Atlantic Division lead.

All-Star coaches are determined based upon records following Sunday's games, and Van Gundy got the call over the Heat's Pat Riley because of a tiebreaking formula that gives the edge to whichever man has lost the fewest games.

Indiana's Larry Bird has the conference's best record, but he is ineligible by virtue of having coached at the last All-Star game in 1998.

"I was surprised that he didn't perform better than that on national TV. I was very disappointed."

NBA

happy for Jeff. He deserves it, so I hope he has fun. My advice to Jeff is to go out there and don't try to make it a Knicks practice. Let guys do what they do. You don't have to do too much coaching. Just let the players happy."

Rockets 89, Lakers 83

HOUSTON—The Los Angeles Lakers came in with the best record in the NBA, but their left feeling embarrassed.

Cutino Mobley hit a crushing three-pointer with 19 seconds left, and Kelvin Cato led a late fourth-quarter charge that included blocking a shot by Shaquille O'Neal as the Houston Rockets beat the Lakers 89-83 Sunday.

O'Neal led the Lakers with 27 points and 19 rebounds, but he didn't perform better than that on national TV. I was very disappointed."

"That was an embarrassing performance by our basketball team," Lakers coach Phil Jackson said.

"I was surprised that he didn't perform better than that on national TV. I was very disappointed."

With the score tied 79-79 with 3:32 to play, Cato blocked a shot by O'Neal.

Seconds later, Walt Williams nailed a three pointer from the side and the Rockets didn't lose



Houston rookie guard Steve Francis drives around Los Angeles' Robert Horry in the fourth quarter of Sunday's game in Houston. The Rockets defeated the Lakers 89-83.

the lead again.

Cato drew an offensive foul from O'Neal, and after he was fouled by Glen Rice, hit one of two shots. Cato followed with a

slam dunk on a feed from Mobley with 2:07 remaining for an 89-79 lead.

Mobley's three-point closed the scoring.

Golf

18-foot birdie putt on the first playoff hole to win four skins and \$220,000.

"In Japan they have a special name for patience: nintai," Flyer said. "It means special patience. I had great patience today."

The comeback was the biggest since 1991 when Nicklaus holed out on the third extra hole to go from \$125,000 to \$310,000 and wrest the championship from Lee Trevino.

Campbell snared lead in two tours, despite difficulties

PERTH, Australia—New Zealander Michael Campbell was in the unique position of leading two professional golf tours after winning the \$1 million Heikeken Classic Sunday by six strokes.

Searing heat, a violent thunderstorm and tough competition couldn't break Campbell's concentration as he shot a final-round 66 to tie tournament record 20-under 268 in the Australasian and European PGA tour event.

In winning his second straight tournament and third of the season, Campbell became the top money earner on both the Australasian and European PGA tours.

Campbell won the Johnnie Walker Classic late last year, also a European-Australasian event, and last week's New Zealand Open.

SCORES AND STATS

IN THE BLEACHERS

Table with columns: Super Bowl XXXIV, NFL Postseason 2000, Divisional Games, Conference Championships. Includes game results and scores.

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Table with columns: NCAA Women's Standings, Last Week's Scores, NCAA Men's Standings, Last Week's Scores. Includes various sports results.

AROUND THE VALLEY

Meeting will discuss plant facility levy

HAILEY - A town hall meeting to discuss a proposed \$39.5 million plant facilities levy will be held at 7 tonight at Wood River Middle School.

Topics to be discussed include population projections, funding sources and building plans.

The public will have an opportunity to ask questions and give comments.

Twin Falls County commissioners to meet

TWIN FALLS - County commissioners will meet at 8:30 a.m. today at the courthouse.

The meeting is open to the public.

Jerome planners to meet at courthouse tonight

JEROME - The Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission will meet at 7:30 tonight at the courthouse. The meeting is open to the public.

Glenns Ferry School Board holds meeting

GLENN'S FERRY - The School Board will hold a special executive session at 5 p.m. Wednesday to consider approval of a settlement of an Environmental Protection Agency complaint.

The agenda also includes a discussion about the board's role on the Athletic Philosophy Committee and consideration of making new substitute pay retroactive to Dec. 8, 1999.

The board will also consider approval of a letter to law enforcement on the use of drug dogs and the hiring of a class size reduction teacher.

Kimberly to hold chili supper, silent auction

KIMBERLY - The Kimberly Parent-Teacher-Student Organization will hold its annual chili supper and silent auction from 4:30 to 7 p.m. Friday in the elementary school cafeteria.

The menu will include chili, baked potatoes and the cook's special cinnamon rolls for \$3 per person or \$15 per family.

The evening will feature a silent auction of donated items. Drawings of the proposed high school and gymnasium will also be displayed.

Medical coding class available at CSI

TWIN FALLS - A professional medical coding for physicians class is being offered by the College of Southern Idaho's medical assistant program.

The two-semester course prepares students for work in a physician's office setting.

Upon successful completion of the course, and subsequent national certification examination, the student will be a certified professional coder.

The cost is \$250 per semester, plus books and a \$50 membership to the American Academy of Professional Coders. The course will begin Feb. 10 at 6 p.m. in Aspen 139. For more information, call Bonnie Brown-Lewis at 736-3733 or Penny Glenn at 733-9554, Ext. 2166.

Kimberly dog owners can get rabies vaccination

KIMBERLY - The city of Kimberly assisted by Dr. Jerry Jackson will sponsor a rabies clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Feb. 12 in the garage at City Hall.

Residents will be able to have their dogs vaccinated and to purchase licenses.

Vaccinations are \$7.50 and the dog license fee is \$5.

For more information, call 423-4151.

Commissioners will meet at courthouse

BURLEY - Cassia County commissioners will hold their weekly meeting beginning at 9 a.m. today in the basement of the county courthouse.

The agenda includes a discussion about the city of Burley's recent resolution supporting the lifting of the moratorium on confined animal feeding operations larger than 10,000 animal units.

The meeting is open to the public.

Compiled from staff reports

United Way falls short

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The United Way of Magic Valley set a high mark for fund-raising this year, but to the disappointment of its executive director, the campaign

fell short.

That means the group will fall short of what it wanted to give to agencies. But Diane Boyd doesn't like to dwell on the money that didn't come in.

She prefers to focus on the 11.8 percent increase in fund-

raising to a record \$343,000, an amount that means \$30,000 in new money for the 22 local non-profit agencies who benefit from the United Way, she said.

The \$400,000 goal "is a dream" based on the needs of all the agencies, and not meeting

that goal means some agencies will be left short, she said.

"The real pressure is knowing that every dollar you don't get means not meeting the need. That's the real pressure," Boyd said.

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Hemingway Elementary School first-grader Kelly Hennessy watches classmates board the bus to Sun Valley Co.'s Dollar Mountain. The Hemingway Ski Program, held each Thursday through mid-February, is designed to give children who might not otherwise have the chance an opportunity to ski.

Hemingway skiing program open to all

By Barb Nelwert
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - With their school sitting at the foot of Bald Mountain, students at Hemingway Elementary School can do more than gaze up at its peak. All students - no matter their income level - can learn to ski in a program set up more than 30 years.

"Our goal is to make sure every child who lives here can participate in the activity that makes this place famous," said Sandy Scott, a fifth-grade teacher at Hemingway.

Scott has been involved in the ski program for 20 years and witnessed the program grow from a handful of Hemingway students to include skiing opportunities for all students in Blaine County, whether in public, private or home schools.

The ski program was the brainchild of Alice Schermerhorn in 1969. It began with just a handful of students, but now its popularity entices most students to opt to leave the classroom to slide around on the slopes. At Hemingway alone, about 400 students ski or snowboard on Baldy or Dollar mountains one afternoon a week for

five weeks.

The volunteer effort behind program coordination is mind boggling, Scott said.

About 100 parent, teacher and community volunteers are needed to ski or snowboard with the students. With the growing demand to learn snowboarding, it has been difficult to find volunteers proficient in boarding, Scott said.

Another time-consuming factor is placing students in small classes of four or five based on age and ability. Simply handing out ski passes to everyone becomes a challenge.

"Coordinating the effort is

really a part-time job," she said.

Moving the children from classrooms to the mountains, teaching them to ski and bringing them safely back to school can be a trial, Scott said in all the years she has helped, she can remember only two broken bones and one twisted knee.

There was an incident, however, when the ski group returned to school with an extra child. A Brazilian family had been skiing on Baldy that day, and in the commotion of rounding up students for the return bus ride, its daughter was herded onto the

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Legislators take calls, e-mail while in session

The Times-News

BOISE - With the delayed legislative session now under way, talking to your legislators is as easy as dialing an 800 number or clicking a mouse.

Here's a rundown of the best ways to reach Magic Valley lawmakers during the session:

Online: The state's home page is located at <http://www2.state.id.us/index.html>. Click on "Legislature" and follow the easy directions from there.

Telephone: 1-800-626-0471. Senators have individual phone lines, but they're a long distance call from the Magic Valley.

Fax: 208-334-5397. E-mail: infocnt@iso.state.id.us

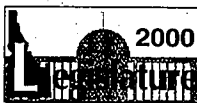
Mail: Address the letter to your legislator c/o Idaho State Legislature, State Capitol Building, P.O. Box 8320, Boise. The ZIP code for the Senate is 83720-0081; for the House, it's 83720-0038.

Here's a list of the area's legislators and their committees:

District 20, Elmore and Owyhee counties

Sen. Robbi King, R-Glenns Ferry; Judiciary and Rules (vice chairwoman); Commerce and Human Resources; Health and Welfare. Phone: 324-1339.

Rep. Frances Field, R-Grand



View Agricultural Affairs (vice chairwoman): www2.state.id.us/aglink

Appropriations: www2.state.id.us/aglink

Resources and Conservation:

Rep. Sher Sellman, R-Mountain Home; Education; Judiciary, Rules and Administration; Local Government.

District 21, Blaine, Camas, Lincoln and parts of Elmore and Gooding counties

Sen. W. Clinton Stennett, D-Ketchum; Senate minority leader; Agricultural Affairs; Local Government and Taxation; Resources and Environment. Phone: 332-1351.

Rep. Wendy Jaquet, D-Ketchum; House minority leader; Environmental Affairs; Judiciary, Rules and Administration; State Affairs; Ways and Means. Phone: 332-1150.

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Census Bureau hiring

More than 600 temporary jobs available in area

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - The U.S. Census Bureau is looking for part-time help.

More than 600 temporary jobs are available to workers in southern Idaho as part of Census 2000.

Employees are required to work at least 20 hours a week for several weeks. They work flexible hours mostly during evenings and weekends.

Each of the work will take place during spring, but employees must take basic skills tests, available at the following locations and times:

• Bowladrome Inc., 220 Eastland Drive, Twin Falls: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Feb. 14; and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Feb. 28.

• Idaho Department of Health and Welfare building, 601 Pole Line Road, Room D: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Wednesday; 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Feb. 9; 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Feb. 16.

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Wendell gets new fire truck

By Gina Mulder
Times-News correspondent

WENDELL - A recent purchase has some city officials seeing red - fire engine red.

Last month, the city and rural fire departments added to their firefighting fleet by purchasing a 1999 Pierce firetruck. The truck came with a \$110,000 price tag, which will be evenly split between the two fire departments.

Wendell Fire Chief Red Orr, who oversees both fire departments and 21 volunteer firefighters, said he had been looking for a new truck for a little over a year to replace two of the department's aging pumps - a Freightliner and a Ford, both 10

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Minico High teaches equine class

By Connie Remsburg
Times-News correspondent

RUPERT - Minico High School is planning to offer a new class to help students learn more about horses and earn college credits.

A number of other dual-credited classes offer credits for high school and college, said Steve Bott, Minico's agriculture teacher.

The equine science course should be a favorite of many students, Bott said. The class will offer information on the health, management, anatomy, physiology, nutrition, genetics, reproduction, and other aspects of the horse industry.

"I think it will be a fun experience," said Shannon Woodman, a Minico student and a horse owner involved in various horsemanship activities. "It could teach people a lot about the basics of horses."

"If you look at all of the veterinarians, farmers, rodeo participants, livestock buyers and sellers, and others that are involved in the horse industry, there are a lot of people involved with horses in this area," said Brandi Schwilke, who will teach the equine science class.

"(This class) would help a lot of former or non-horse owners to get the experience of horses that they couldn't have at home," Schwilke said, "and hopefully they will learn many basic skills."



Shannon Woodman works with her horse after school Friday. A new equine class at Minico High School will teach students the basics of horses.

During spring preregistration for fall classes, Minico students can sign up for the equine science class and five new agriculturally based classes, Principal Dan Rogers said. With student support, 19 agricultural credits are planned for next semester.

These classes offer two or three credits per class. All of the credits are being administered through the College of Southern Idaho and have a class fee ranging from \$5 to \$20.

The credits can be used at CSI, or used as elective credits at other Idaho colleges, Bott said.

Dual-credit ag classes that might be offered later include botany and horticulture science, equine science, agriculture business and economics, zoology and

animal science, ag issues, and participation in the Minico Future Farmers of America.

"We're trying to bring a variety of classes into the school," Rogers said.

The school is trying to involve more girls in the agriculture programs, Bott said.

"We hope these new classes will help," he said. "Anytime you can offer more classes to students and offer the opportunity for students to better themselves, you should take every opportunity."

Times-News correspondent
Connie Remsburg can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau in Burley at 677-4042.

ON THE AGENDA

Today
Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Tuesday
Albion City Council, 7 p.m., city office.
Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers.
Friedman Memorial Airport board, 5:30 p.m., Blaine County courthouse.
Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers.
Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., community center.
Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Shoshone City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W.

Wednesday
Minidoka County Fair Board, 8 p.m., board office at the fairgrounds.
Mindoka County School Board, 7 p.m., school district office in Rupert.
Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Thursday
Bellevue Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Fairfield City Council, 7:30 p.m., fire house.
Murtaugh Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

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

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

Today
Social services competency based training for Head Start staff, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 276.
CSI Booster Club luncheon, noon to 1 p.m., Taylor cafeteria.
Arts Review presents "Chanticleer," 7:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.

Tuesday
Social services competency based training for Head Start staff, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 276.
Advances Regional Technical Education Coalition - electronic PAC meeting, 10 a.m. to noon, Taylor 258.
GLAB (gays, lesbians and bisexuals), 4 p.m., Taylor 258.
"Reptile Review - Mingle in the Jungle," 6 p.m., Herret Center.
"Where in the Universe is Carmen Sandiego?" 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"A Geologist's Collection" gems and minerals display, Herret Center Brown/Keever Gallery (Tuesdays through Saturdays through May).

Wednesday
Twin Falls Area Chamber of

Commerce economic meeting, 7:30 to 9:30 a.m., Taylor 256.
Social services competency based training for Head Start staff, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 276.
Latham Car Show, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Expo Center.
Quickbooks Pro 99 introduction, 6 to 9 p.m., Evergreen C93.

Thursday
Social services competency based training for Head Start staff, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 276.
Latham Car Show, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Expo Center.
Volunteers Income Tax Assistance for low-income and elderly taxpayers, 2 to 6 p.m., Evergreen C93 (through April 13).
U.S. Census Bureau, 4 to 10 p.m., Shields 114.
CSI Golden Eagle women's basketball against Treasure Valley Community College, 5:30 p.m., played in Ontario, Ore.
Baptist Campus Ministries Bible study and meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor cafeteria.
CSI Golden Eagle men's basketball against Treasure Valley Community College, 7:30 p.m.,

played in Ontario, Ore.

Friday
Certified crop adviser exam, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 277.
Social services competency based training for Head Start staff, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 276.
Latham Car Show, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Expo Center.
Advisory Board for Addiction Counseling Certification training, noon to 1:30 p.m., Taylor 276.
CSI Outdoor Program pre-trip meeting for back country skiing, 1 p.m., Outdoor Program office, Taylor building.
Idaho Department of Fish and Game - Project WET Idaho workshop, 4 to 9 p.m., Shields 101.
"How to Build a Planet," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
JUMP Co. Variety Show, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is \$6.

Saturday
CSI Outdoor Program back country skiing trip. Pre-trip meeting on Friday required.
Master of business administra-

tion seminars, 8 a.m. to 3 p.m., Evergreen C74.
Idaho Department of Fish and Game - Project WET Idaho workshop, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Shields 101.
Magic Valley Fly Fishers flying demonstration, 9 a.m. to noon, Taylor 276.
Latham Car Show, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Expo Center.
"Where in the Universe is Carmen Sandiego?" 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"More Than Meets the Eye," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"How to Build a Planet," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
JUMP Co. Variety Show, 7 to 9:30 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Admission is \$6.

Sunday
Magic Valley Bible Church, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields 117 and 118.
CSI Outdoor Program open paddling for water craft (must have taken paddling course), 6 to 9 p.m., YFCA. Fee is \$4.50.

SERVICES

R. Beryl Lemmon of Kula, Hawaii, and formerly of Twin Falls, memorial service at 10 a.m. today at the First Presbyterian Church in Cozad, Neb.
Mary Ellen Archer of Twin Falls and formerly of Jerome, N.D., on Dec. 21, 1951, the son of Harry and Edna Smith. He attended school in a one-room schoolhouse and worked on the family farm. In 1947, at the age of 16, the family moved to Nampa, where he graduated from high school. When Jim became 18, he joined the Idaho Air National Guard and was called to active duty, serving from 1951-1952. After his honorable discharge, he attended barber college in Boise and was a barber for many years in Pocatello and Boise. Jim owned the majority of his life in Boise. He owned a barber shop for several years and then owned and operated a service station. He also worked in the real estate business and later operated a property maintenance business. In 1995, he retired to Twin Falls.
He was reliable and dependable, with a strong work ethic. These qualities he passed on to his children and grandchildren. He loved to fish, repair and improve things. He loved gardening, and especially liked to grow flowers. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking, and playing the harmonica.
He is survived by his wife, Karlene; two sons, Barry Smith and Michael Smith; a daughter, Linda Walls; two step-daughters, Peggy Carter and Julie Hiltbrand; two step-sons, Mike Lusk and Tom Lusk; 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, one sister and one grandson.
Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000, at 2 p.m. at the Fairview Funeral Home of Twin Falls. Visitation will be held Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000, at 1 p.m. at the Funeral Home just prior to the services.

at Payne Mortuary.
Wilda Hattie Williams of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. today at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Viewing will be held from 1 p.m. until service time today at the chapel.
Pauline Emelia McCollum of Jerome, memorial service at 2:30 p.m. today at the Jerome Free Will Baptist Church (Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel and Cremation Service).
William L. "Bill" Garrison of Buhl, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hagerman Christian Center with graveside service at 3 p.m. at West

End Cemetery in Buhl. Friends and family may call from 1 to 7 p.m. today at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl.
Mildred "Kay" Symes of Albion, graveside service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at the Larkin Sunset Lawn Cemetery, 2350 E. 1300 S., in Salt Lake City, Utah. Friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at a Payne Mortuary in Burley.
Marjorie E. Hobson Miller of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church in Twin Falls. Friends may call from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel.

DEATH NOTICES

Viva D. Horsley
TWIN FALLS - Viva D. Horsley, 86, of Twin Falls, died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000, at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Reynolds Funeral Chapel of Twin Falls.

Maria Thompson
KING HILL - Maria Thompson, 86, a resident of King Hill, died Sunday, Jan. 30, 2000, at the Gooding Rehabilitation and Living Center in Gooding. Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Joe Frank Trujillo
RUPERT - Joe Frank Trujillo, a 63-year-old Rupert resident, died Jan. 29, 2000, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Services are pending and will be announced by Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

HOSPITALS
MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at patients' request.
Admitted
Myrtle Graesch of Buhl.
Released
Jeremy Phephtadoux of Twin Falls and Brian Smith of Wendell.

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AUCTION CALENDAR
THROUGH FEBRUARY 5th

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd - 6:00 PM
ANTIQUES AND COLLECTIBLES SALE
Taking Consignments Daily - Twin Falls
Preview 9-5, Monday thru Friday
HUNT BROTHERS AUCTIONS
208-734-2548

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1st - 5:00 PM
Household - Tools - Antiques
Consignments Welcome - Jerome
KLAAS AUCTION BARN
208-324-5521

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5th - 11:00 AM
Juanita Howell Estate
56 Classic Mercury Coupe - Antiques
Household - Kimberly
Advertisement: February 3rd
JMA AUCTIONEERS
jmauctions.com

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 5th - 11:00 AM
Barbara Hatch Estate
Household - Glassware - Furniture
Handwork - Twin Falls
Advertisement: February 3rd
MASTERS AUCTION SERVICES
www.mastersauktion.com

SATURDAY, MARCH 25th - 10:30 AM
Annual Spring Antiques
& Collectibles Auction
Consignments Welcome
Twin Falls County Fairgrounds
Advertisement: March 23rd
ALL AMERICAN AUCTION CO
www.auctionidaho.com

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Community Of People Extending Support
A Step-by-Step Program and Support Group to overcome loss and regain happiness
Beginning Tuesday, February 7:00 - 8:30 p.m. 9 sessions 18 weeks
First Church of the Nazarene
1231 Washington St. N.
Twin Falls • 733-6610

We want your input

The U.S. Department of Energy, Idaho Operations Office (DOE-ID), with the State of Idaho as a cooperating agency, recently released the Idaho High Level Waste and Facilities Disposition Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This EIS analyzes the potential impacts from two sets of alternatives:

- For treating calcined high-level radioactive waste, either onsite or off-site, and liquid mixed transuranic waste (sodium bearing waste) at the Idaho Nuclear Technology and Engineering Center to a form suitable for disposal.
- For closing associated waste management facilities at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory (INEEL).

Some alternatives involve shipments of waste out of Idaho along transportation corridors in the following states: Idaho, Washington, Oregon, Montana, Wyoming, Utah, Colorado, Nevada and New Mexico.

DOE will hold public hearings on the draft EIS in the following cities:

February 7, 2000 • 7:00 p.m. Shilo Inn 780 Lindsay Blvd. Idaho Falls, Idaho	February 17, 2000 • 6:00 p.m. Doubletree Riverside 2900 Chesnut Blvd. Boise, Idaho
February 8, 2000 • 6:00 p.m. Idaho State University Student Union Building North/Middle Ford Room 1065 S. 8th Pocatello, Idaho	February 22, 2000 • 6:00 p.m. Doubletree Loyd Center 1000 N. E. Moultonmah Portland, Oregon
February 9, 2000 • 6:00 p.m. Snow King Resort 400 E. Snow King Ave. Jackson, Wyoming	February 24, 2000 • 6:00 p.m. Doubletree Pasco 2525 N. 20th Pasco, Washington
February 15, 2000 • 6:00 p.m. College of Southern Idaho Tyler Building Cedar/Sage Room 315 Falls Ave. Twin Falls, Idaho	

Participants who wish to speak at the hearings are asked to register in advance by calling 1-888-918-5100. Requests to speak that have not been submitted prior to the hearings will be handled in the order in which they are received during the hearings.

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TWIN FALLS
James Matthew Smith
James Matthew Smith, 68, of Twin Falls, passed away at his home Saturday, Jan. 29, 2000. He was born on a farm near Carpio, N.D., on Dec. 21, 1931, the son of Harry and Edna Smith. He attended school in a one-room schoolhouse and worked on the family farm. In 1947, at the age of 16, the family moved to Nampa, where he graduated from high school. When Jim became 18, he joined the Idaho Air National Guard and was called to active duty, serving from 1951-1952. After his honorable discharge, he attended barber college in Boise and was a barber for many years in Pocatello and Boise. Jim owned the majority of his life in Boise. He owned a barber shop for several years and then owned and operated a service station. He also worked in the real estate business and later operated a property maintenance business. In 1995, he retired to Twin Falls.
He was reliable and dependable, with a strong work ethic. These qualities he passed on to his children and grandchildren. He loved to fish, repair and improve things. He loved gardening, and especially liked to grow flowers. He enjoyed fishing, woodworking, and playing the harmonica.
He is survived by his wife, Karlene; two sons, Barry Smith and Michael Smith; a daughter, Linda Walls; two step-daughters, Peggy Carter and Julie Hiltbrand; two step-sons, Mike Lusk and Tom Lusk; 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, one brother, one sister and one grandson.
Funeral services will be held Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000, at 2 p.m. at the Fairview Funeral Home of Twin Falls. Visitation will be held Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000, at 1 p.m. at the Funeral Home just prior to the services.

GOODING
Wilda Hattie Williams
Wilda Hattie Williams, 87, a Gooding resident, died Thursday, Jan. 27, 2000, at the Gooding County Memorial Hospital in Gooding. Wilda was born on Dec. 17, 1912, in Sheridan, Wyo., the daughter of James and Emily Bishop. She was raised and educated in Montana and Idaho. Wilda married Jack E. Williams on March 11, 1934, in Midvale, Idaho. They lived in Midvale and Higgins before moving to Alaska, where they lived for eight years. In 1974 they moved to Gooding, where they have since resided. Wilda was a member of the Assembly of God Church in Higgins, and had attended the Church of the Nazarene in Gooding.
Wilda is survived by her husband, Jack E. Williams of Gooding; three sons, David (April) Williams of Soldotna, Alaska, John (Marlene) Williams of Boulder Creek, Calif., and Jim (Koleen) Williams of Higgins; one daughter, Virginia (Lincoln) Hastings of Gooding; two sisters, Lorna Guilloird of Weiser and Jackie Taylor of Spokane, Wash.; 15 grandchildren, Linda Clements, Carol Stans, Connie Alexander, Donna Weber, May Paulsen, June Reid, Monty Morgan, Debbie Reid, Wayne Morgan, Chelsea Thompson, Lynette Williams, Teresa Mignerey, Tammy Estberg, Troy Williams, Tony Meyers and numerous great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three brothers, Waldo, Wayne and Gordon.
Funeral services will be held on Monday, Jan. 31, 2000, at 2 p.m. at Demaray's Gooding Chapel with the Rev. Randy Jones officiating. Burial will be at the Fairview Cemetery in Annex, Ore., on a later date. Family members and friends may call on Monday from 9 a.m.

until service time on Monday at the chapel.
WENDELL
Veva Lurene Durfee Jensen
Veva Lurene Durfee Jensen died at her home in Wendell on Jan. 29, 2000, of cancer. She was born Nov. 5, 1935, in Blanding, Utah, to Enzley and Anna Lurene Lins Durfee. Soon after her birth, her family moved to New Mexico, where they lived for many years. In 1952, Veva married Arthur Ray Thompson, and they were later divorced. In 1968, Veva married Evan Stanton Jensen of Phoenix, Ariz. Their marriage was later solemnized in the Boise LDS temple on Oct. 16, 1999. In 1995, Evan and Veva moved to the Wendell area where she resided until her death. Veva was a very creative woman, and many of her children and grandchildren were given beautiful treasures made by her. She especially loved spending time with her grandchildren, crocheting, knitting, tating, and sewing. In 1998, Veva entered a collection of Barbie dolls dressed in authentic hand crocheted Victorian dress in the Twin Falls County Fair, and won first prize in best of show. She worked in the Primary organization for over 20 years. She also loved traveling and camping with Evan, and they spent many wonderful hours in their camper.
She is survived by her husband; her children, Dabra (Terry) Hight and David (Pam) Jensen, of Phoenix, Ariz., Kathy Weddman and Rocky (Holly) Thompson of Idaho Falls, Kelly (Eric) Jones of Wendell, Eric Jensen of Orem, Utah; 24 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; her mother; and sisters Carol (Ray) King and Elaine Frisbie of Las Vegas, Nev. and brothers Lawrence (Judy) Durfee of Burley, and Larry (Doris) Durfee of Muskegon, Mich.; 18 nieces and nephews, and 35 grand nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her father and sister, Norma House.
Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 1, 2000, at the Buhl LDS First Ward Chapel, located at 501 Main in Buhl. Burial will follow at the West End Cemetery. Friends may call at Farmer Funeral Chapel in Buhl on Monday from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., as well as on Tuesday from 10 a.m. to Tuesday at the church prior to the funeral service. Memorials are suggested to the Friends of Hospice and Idaho Home Health and Hospice.

MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

Governor lacks budget support; asking public to help sell proposal

BOISE (AP) - With legislators unwilling to embrace his plan to tack away \$54 million from the state's cash surplus, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne is asking the public to help him sell the proposal as the essence of responsible government.

But there is no indication so far that constituents are rallying to his side. In fact, lawmakers are hearing that voters have a better plan to put that extra money - back in their own pockets.

"I get calls every day, 'Where's our tax cut,'" said state Rep. Mike Moyle of Star, who sees his chance after running for office two years ago with a pledge to rein in taxes. "There's no better time to cut taxes than now."

If even a Democratic president can recommend a tax cut, as President Clinton did in his State of the Union message, why not a Republican governor? The Legislature's big GOP majority finds it difficult to argue with that logic.

Even the few who think otherwise are not so mulling than the tax cutters to sock all that cash in the Budget Reserve Account. They have plenty of ways to spend it on what they consider pressing needs that have gone wanting in less flush years.

And some favor a title of both. They would like at least to com-



pletely lift the so-called marriage income tax at a cost of about \$10 million in state revenue, and to use a sizable chunk of the remaining surplus to provide loans so local school districts can ensure their facilities are safe.

Kempthorne has heard all those arguments, but he remains confident that his is the best, most prudent way to ensure Idaho's long-term financial security. So the governor and his surrogates - department heads and staff members - continue cajoling the Legislature and taking the case to chambers of commerce, professional organizations and other interest groups, enlisting their help in encouraging legislative support for his position.

"It's early in the session. The Legislature is going to begin with their initial reactions, and we're going to continue to have a dialogue with them," Kempthorne communications

director H.D. Palmer said. "He's convinced that this is the right effort for the state."

Darrell Manning, director of Kempthorne's Division of Financial Management, even wrote a newspaper column aimed at publicly counteracting a tax cut. In reiterating points that Kempthorne has made repeatedly, Manning said the plan to boost the reserve fund to 5 percent of the state's general fund budget is "rooted in fiscal conservatism."

He even held out the prospect of eventually giving public sentiment one better.

"By building the reserve this year, we're laying the groundwork for even greater tax relief," Manning wrote, potentially painting the governor into a corner from which his party may not let him escape if the economy remains strong.

The fact that Kempthorne's entreaties have not yet resulted in a groundswell of public support may be a sign that people disagree. Or maybe, they just don't get it.

The governor's bonding scheme that would have the state pay \$2.5 million a year in interest on loans to districts that need to address safety problems can be particularly difficult to grasp.

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"But if they are going to be here for us, they must be heavily regulated."

Working with large dairies is one issue, but huge hog farms are a completely different one, Sandy said. "A hog farm has the potential to become a Superfund site," he said. Meanwhile, the pork industry calls the plan excessive.

The Idaho Pork Producers Association says language in the Division of Environmental Quality's rules states that only two Idaho hog farms are large enough to require state inspections.

"I'm just hoping for the best," she said.

At the Crisis Center of Magic Valley, Executive Director Deborah Gabardi says the United Way distributes its money fairly and she'll take what she can get.

"I go in high and feel thankful for what I get," Gabardi said. "In a perfect world ... (the United Way) would be able to give everybody the total amount they apply for."

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Committee meeting to discuss hog farms

BOISE (AP) - In an effort to give the Legislature some direction regarding hog farms, the House's Environmental Affairs and Health and Welfare committees have scheduled a meeting for Wednesday.

Committee members also will attend the meeting. And even though they are concerned about committee jurisdiction, legislators agree they must find a way to accommodate economic growth and environmental concerns.

Even though a number of legislators agree the Division of Environmental Quality's temporary rules for pig and poultry

superfarms will become law, some say more measures are needed to guard the Idaho environment and lifestyle.

"Adopting the rules is a step," said Assistant Senate Majority John Sandy, R-Hagerman. "But we will have to go further."

The debate over hog farms hinges on how much the state should regulate such operations. Cassia County commissioners currently are debating the merits of a proposed large pork farm.

"There are some who say large pig farms should not be allowed in this state," said House Minority Leader Wendy Jaquet,

United Way

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The United Way came close to hitting its goal in 1997, when it raised \$280,000 of a \$300,000 goal. The following year it bumped the goal to \$400,000 and raised \$306,000.

This year's goal might be set a little lower to make it more reachable, she said. "Putting the goal that high takes some of the fun out of it," she said. Despite falling short of the goal, the latest campaign was a success, she said, and the United Way wants "the community to feel positive, because they did make a big impact."

How much impact each agency

feels won't be known until Feb. 8, when the United Way announces who gets what. The agencies will make their requests during the next several days, and a board of community members will decide on the breakdown.

The fund-raising shortfall doesn't bode well for the Jerome Senior Center, which in recent years has not gotten all it asked for, said Ramona Spencer, the center's manager. The center has had a 13 percent increase in the number of Meals on Wheels it delivers, and Spencer hopes to see an increase in funding to match that, she said.

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Hemingway

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school bus with the Hemingway students. Speaking Portuguese and knowing very little English, the young girl was glad when she was reunited with her family, Scott said.

Hemingway Principal John Dominick praises Sun Valley Co. and other community leaders for making the program possible.

"The whole community is involved, and we just have a lot of wonderful support," Dominick said.

Sun Valley Co. gives ski passes to all students and volunteers, and local shops provide ski gear at reduced rental prices, or

through scholarships. Parent volunteers lend extra goggles, gloves and hats to make certain everyone is outfitted.

The success of the Hemingway program spread to other schools in the Blaine County School District and became the model for the other schools.

Scott and other Hemingway volunteers also like to boast that they have helped shape Olympic champions through the ski program.

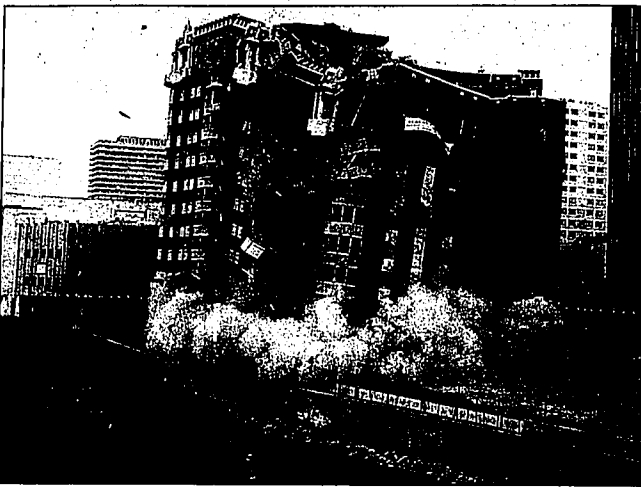
"(Olympic gold medalist) Picabo Street started as a skier in the Hemingway program, skiing first on Dollar and then on

Baldy," Scott said. Students get a chance to ski with their race coaches during this time, giving them an extra training session.

While the ski program is fun for the students and an activity they look forward to, Scott said, it also helps them fit in socially in this ski town.

"This is a good example where a village is helping to raise these children and give them an opportunity," she said.

Times-News correspondent Barb Newcorn can be reached in Hailey at 788-9530.



The Mapes Hotel implodes Sunday in Reno, Nev. After many years of standing vacant and after a recent court battle, the grand old lady of Reno finally came down to make way for development of the waterfront.

Historic casino tumbles down

RENO, Nev. (AP) - Dynamite blasts rang out Sunday as one of the nation's oldest brick-casinos crumpled into a pile of bricks and rubble. The National Trust for Historic Preservation suffered its first major defeat in more than a decade.

Thousands gathered downtown to pay their last respects to the 12-story Mapes Hotel or conversely cheer on its destruction - the end of a years-long battle between

preservationists and Reno leaders who want to remake the face of the old gambling town. The implosion, challenged in lawsuits all the way to the Nevada Supreme Court, went off without any apparent problems about 8 a.m. PST.

"I hated to see the old lady go down," said Sherrie Clark of Reno, who watched with a cousin she used to accompany to shows at the Mapes.

"I feel very badly, almost in mourning over the loss of this beautiful building," said Ronald Russom, whose parents held one of the first wedding receptions at the Mapes on Jan. 6, 1948.

The crowd estimated as large as 10,000 stretched for blocks along Reno's main street, some from as far as San Francisco. A police officer gave a 10-second warning, and the crowd counted down to the explosion.

Twin Falls couple dies in fatal car crash Sunday

PAUL - A Twin Falls couple died Sunday morning after their car was hit on Interstate 84. Robert and Mildred Meyer, both 67, died at the scene of the crash near the Kasota Road exit, the Idaho State Police said.

The crash occurred when Robert Meyer tried to cross his Geo Metro over to the median and turned in front of a Chevrolet Lumina, the ISP said. Robert and Mildred Meyer were not wearing seat belts, the

ISP said. The two people in the Lumina, 25-year-old Elizabeth Marone of Renton, Wash., and 50-year-old Andrea Rivera of Idaho Falls, were treated at Minidoka Memorial Hospital and released, the ISP said.

Census

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Feb. 16; and 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., Feb. 23.
*College of Southern Idaho, Shields building, Room 114: 4:30 and 7 p.m., Thursday; 4:30 and 7 p.m., Feb. 17; 9:30 a.m., Feb. 19; 9:30 a.m., March 11.
*Twin Falls Job Service building, 771 N. College Road: 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., today; 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Feb. 15; 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Feb. 22; 9:30 a.m. and 1

p.m., Feb. 29.
*Hagerman Senior Citizen Center: 2:30 and 6 p.m., Feb. 11
Bliss City Hall: 2 and 6 p.m., Feb. 18.
*Camas County Courthouse Annex, Fairfield: 2 p.m., Feb. 24.
Wendell City Hall: 1 p.m., Feb. 22.
*Lake View Apartments office, Hazelton: 2:30 p.m., today.
*Jackpot Recreation Center, 2395 Progressive Road, 1 p.m.,

Tuesday.
*Ambulance Community Room, East Main Street, Jerome: 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., today.
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Wendell

years old. "The old girls have done their job," Orr said of the two trucks being sent out to pasture. "It's time to give them a break."
The new truck has the capability of pumping 1,250 gallons of water per minute and carrying 1,000 gallons on board. That's nearly the workload of the two old pumps combined.

Besides its pumping, potential, the '99 Pierce's control panel sits on top of the truck, making it a more effective piece of machinery. With the panel situated on top of the truck, the firefighter operating the controls has a full view of the emergency and his fellow firemen. Both the Freightliner and Ford had side-mounted panels, which meant many times, the truck obstructed the controller's view.

"By being able to see all around, the person manning the pump panel can better assess what the men below need," Orr explained. Orr said equipment from the older pumps such as hoses, nozzles and breathing apparatus would be used to stock the new truck. Once surplus, the older trucks would be recycled, one into an extraction unit and the other might be declared surplus fire equipment allowing it to be sent over to the city's public works department.

Wendell Fire Commissioner Jack Hirai said the Fire Board

had sent Orr out a little more than a year ago to scout around for a replacement truck. He said the upgraded features on the new truck and the larger extraction unit will allow Wendell's emergency crew to be more versatile and will provide taxpayers with better fire protection. Mayor Gwen Rost agreed.

"This will make our fire departments that much more efficient," Rost said. "We're just lucky we had Red working so hard to find us the best truck for the best price."

Since coming to Wendell, the truck has sat quietly behind the fire department's metal garage doors, only coming out for an occasional training session.

"We haven't had the opportunity to put her to work yet but that's fine with me," Orr said. "Firetrucks are a necessity, but you hope you never have to use them. If I never take this new truck out to a fire, I'll be happy."

Times-News correspondent Gina Mulder can be reached in Wendell at 536-6649.

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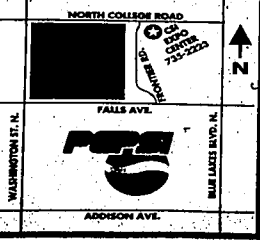
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