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Setting the stage



Johnny Meyers took six years to restore the once-rotted I.B. Perrine stagecoach, which will now be displayed around town for the city's centennial celebration.

Stagecoach to serve as centennial symbol

By John T. Husby
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Sitting on his living room couch, the afternoon sun shining through the window, highlighting numerous paintings of stagecoaches hanging on the wall, Johnny Meyers remembers the time it took to restore I.B. Perrine's nearly forgotten stagecoach.

"It took me about six years," said Meyers, who, at 74, dons a wide-brimmed cowboy hat and a gray handlebar mustache. Meyers is proud of his relic.

After all, he took the stage-

coach, left to rot down by the Snake River, and restored it into near-prime condition.

So, when the Twin Falls Centennial Committee asked Meyers if it could use the antique for displays around town, Meyers gladly accepted.

Under certain conditions, of course. "I told them this would be all right with me," he said. "But when I need it for a parade or for display at the Stricker Ranch, I reserve the right to take it."

Very soon, most likely by this summer, the antique will be dusted off and taken from its den in

Meyers' backyard shed for display at the Joslin Field Magic Valley Regional Airport.

Displaying a restored stagecoach at the airport is a good idea. It will help spur youngsters' curiosity about local history, Meyers said.

But getting the 3,000-pound relic through the airport's front doors is going to be a daunting task, he said.

"The airport doors are only 7 feet high and the stagecoach is 8 1/2 feet high," Meyers said. "They are going to have to take off the wheels."

Meyers has displayed his

restored stagecoach before, taking it to the Western Days parade and out to the Stricker Ranch to wow fourth-grade students.

But this will be the first time the stagecoach will be on display for more than just one day, Meyers said.

Local attorney and Centennial Committee member Paul Smith said the stagecoach will be a great symbol for Twin Falls' centennial.

"The commission decided that there were certain things that personified the community," Smith said. "The old stagecoach

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Lights, sirens, safety

Emergency vehicle drivers have limits

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Flashing lights. Wailing sirens. They mean pull over and clear the way, right?

Right, but they don't mean an emergency vehicle can speed recklessly through an intersection.

Emergency vehicle drivers, such as an ambulance driver involved in a crash last week, can be cited or criminally charged if they cause a crash, even if their lights and sirens are on. The driver was cited for failing to yield, after his ambulance collided with a car at the intersection of Blue Lakes Boulevard North and Pole Line Road.

Idaho law says emergency vehicle drivers must drive with regard to the safety of everyone and are not sheltered from the consequences of "reckless disregard for the safety of others."

"It's better to get there safely than not get there at all," Twin Falls police Capt. Jim Munn

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Millions contract infections in hospitals

The Associated Press

ATLANTA - Infections contracted in hospitals kill as many as 88,000 people each year, a number that could be reduced with increased use of technology and simple measures such as more frequent hand washing, a researcher said Sunday at a conference on the problem.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control opened a five-day conference on preventing and reducing healthcare-associated infections in Atlanta.

Dr. Richard P. Wenzel, chairman of the internal medicine department at the Medical College of Virginia, said new devices such as catheters coated with antibiotics have proven effective against infection spread at health facilities.

But those are still far costlier steps as getting doctors and nurses to wash their hands after every patient contact, he said.

"Hand-washing is cheap, but

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President Clinton leads memorial march

Over ten thousand gather to remember Bloody Sunday

The Associated Press

SELMA, Ala. - Thirty-five years after police beat and bloodied voting rights marchers at the Edmund Pettus Bridge, modern-day civil rights activists traced the same path Sunday with Bill Clinton - a white Southerner who credited that march for his rise to the presidency.

Clinton came here to pay homage to the event known as Bloody Sunday alongside two of the men who engineered it: Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., and Hosea Williams, former aides to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. Both men were badly beaten that day. Lewis marches every year to mark the anniversary, and invited Clinton to attend this year, his last in office.

More than 10,000 people stood peacefully in a downtown intersection to see the ceremony. As Clinton spoke, a black man in the



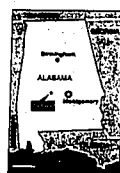
President Clinton, center, leads thousands of marchers across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Ala., Sunday. Also at the front of the march were, from left, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Corretta Scott King, U.S. Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., and his wife, Lillian Lewis.

crowd waved an oversized American flag, while a white man beside him held up two fingers in a peace sign.

"I, too, am a son of the South, the old segregated South. Those of you who marched 35 years ago

set me free, too, on Bloody Sunday," Clinton said. "Free to know you, to work with you, to love you. I think you all for what you did here."

Clinton locked arms with Lewis and King's widow, Coretta,



wheelchair.

Halfway across, they stopped and prayed. Then they marched on, singing "We Shall Overcome." On the opposite side, Alabama state troopers - white and black - and National Guardsmen saluted the marchers as they approached. The masses who followed covered the small bridge in a sea of people of all races, a crowd so large many marchers only traveled a few steps.

Brutal images of the ugly violence on the bridge galvanized many far outside the South to the civil rights movement, and helped win support for the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

Modified crops pack a punch, but carry financial risk

Growers shy away from using potent new biotech seeds

Los Angeles Times

CHESTERFIELD, Mo. - The corn in this rooftop greenhouse bites back. Although it looks and tastes ordinary, it can kill one of its most persistent pests, a fat brown worm called the corn borer. Its

secret weapon: Each cell of the corn contains a protein that causes corn borers' guts to explode. One bite and boom, the worm is history.

It's natural pest control. Except there's nothing natural about corn endowed with that particular protein. Scientists at Monsanto here in suburban St. Louis lifted the pest-killing protein from a type of soil bacterium, then inserted it into thousands of varieties of corn.

Farmers, for the most part, welcome this technology.

Increasingly, however, they're wary of using it.

Not because they worry that bioengineered food is dangerous. But because they fear the public might jump to that conclusion - and might turn down their crops come harvest time.

Already, executives at Frito-Lay Inc., Seagram Co., Garber Producers Co. and H.J. Heinz Co. have announced they will not use genetically modified crops in their products. Vandals protesting the technology, meanwhile, have trashed research labs from

California to Maine. On Friday, it was learned that the Clinton administration plans to seek a ban on genetically engineered grains in a food labeled "organic." Toss in noisy overseas protests against "Frankensteins foods" - rejected not only by the European Union but also by Japanese breweries and a Mexican tortilla maker - and it's clear the market is far from settled.

So as growers across the nation

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Three winners can split jackpot

The Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa - Three of the tickets sold for the Powerball game Saturday night matched all six numbers drawn, which were:

3-6-9-48
Powerball 1
(three, six, eight, forty-three, forty-eight, Powerball one)
Players matching all five numbers and the Powerball will share the \$150 million jackpot. The winners are in Kansas, Minnesota and Missouri. The prize goes to an estimated \$10 million for Wednesday.

Tickets that match the first five numbers, but miss the Powerball, win \$100,000 each, and there were 35 of those. They were sold in: Arizona (2), Connecticut (3), Washington D.C., Delaware (2), Indiana (5), Iowa, Kentucky (5), Louisiana (2), Minnesota (3), Missouri (3), Montana (2), New Hampshire, Oregon, Wisconsin (3) and West Virginia.

THE REGION

Carnas Prairie

High: 35 Low: 24
Cloudy with a 60 percent chance of snow. Cloudy tonight with a 40 percent chance of snow.

Treasure Valley

High: 45 Low: 29
Cloudy with a 60 percent chance of rain. Mostly cloudy tonight with a chance of rain or snow.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 43 Low: 24
Mostly cloudy and cooler. Chance of showers with a snow level about 6500 feet.

Eastern Idaho

High: 46 Low: 28
Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain showers. Mostly cloudy tonight with a chance of snow.

Northern Idaho

High: 49 Low: 27
Rain probable, with snow above 2000 feet. Drying later in the day. Mostly cloudy tonight.

Northern Utah

High: 48 Low: 32
Rain or snow showers likely. South winds 20-30 mph. Mostly cloudy tonight.

Northern Nevada

High: 48 Low: 31
Cloudy with a 60 percent chance of rain. Snow possible tonight.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today

High: 48 Low: 30
Cloudy with a 60 percent chance of rain. Snow possible tonight.

Tuesday

High: 44 Low: 30
Partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain.

Wednesday

High: 47 Low: 31
Partly cloudy and dry.

Thursday

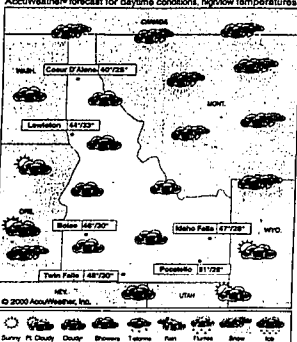
High: 40s Low: 30s
Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain.

Friday

High: 40s Low: 30s
Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain.

Idaho weather

Monday, March 6
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions. High/Low temperatures



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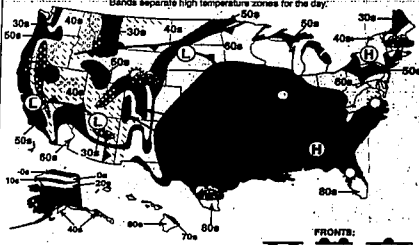
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SKYWATCH

Sunset today 6:34 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow 7:04 a.m.
Lunar phase: New, March 6; first quarter, March 13; full, March 19; last quarter, March 27.

National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Monday, March 6.



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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

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Idaho

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The Nation

Table with columns: City, Max, Min, Pcp, National High/Low, Degrees at Burley, Noon humidity, Noon barometer, National High/Low, Comfort factors.

Jet skids off runway, strikes car

BURBANK, Calif. (AP) — A Southwest Airlines 737 jet skidded off the end of a runway Sunday and onto a nearby street, narrowly missing a gas station. At least one car was hit by the plane, but it was not immediately clear if there was a motorist inside, Fox News Channel reported. Three people suffered minor injuries, said Burbank police Sgt. Scott Wilson. "One person was brought in

with a puncture wound and minor laceration to the head," said Kathy Daugherty, a nursing supervisor at Providence St. Joseph's Medical Center. "The two others complained of back pain." All were "awake, alert and in fair condition," she said. Daugherty did not know if the injured were passengers or crew members. Flight 1455 from Las Vegas to Burbank carried 137 passengers and five crew members.

Symbol

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was one of them." Used from 1884 to about 1913, the coach picked up mail from the railroad station in Shoshone and delivered it to little towns throughout the Magic Valley. Passengers also were delivered to all points. Meyers bought the stagecoach in 1982 from a grandson of Perrine, a pivotal early developer of Twin Falls. The stagecoach was almost destroyed, covered by weeds and brush down by the Snake River. But Meyers spent time and quite a bit of money, restoring the stagecoach that he thinks is at least 120 years old. Meyers loves his relic, and the Centennial Committee knows that. The committee hired Lyle Sign to design a barrier to construct a \$50,000 plastic barrier, designed to help keep children from climbing on the stagecoach. The barrier is about 28 feet

long and 11 feet wide, with 12 individual columns that hold the framework up, said Rex Lytle, owner of Lytle Signs. "We're using a scratch-resistant acrylic material," Lytle said. "It will be ready in the next couple weeks. All the framework is made out of the acrylic is." The red stagecoach will rotate throughout the city, likely staying at the airport for six months. After that, the Magic Valley Mall could be a destination. Meyers said he's happy to play a part in celebrating Twin Falls' history. "It's taken a long time for Twin Falls to get serious about its history," he said. "And what would Perrine think about the centennial fuss? "I think he would really be tickled," Meyers said. **Times-News staff writer John T. Huddy can be reached in Twin Falls at 733-0931, Ext. 259 or by e-mail at jthuddy@magicvalley.com**

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Follow these 'SIREN' rules

What to do when an emergency vehicle comes your way:
Stay alert — Drive defensively, keep the noise level down in your car.
Invigilate — Check your rear-view mirror, scan in front and on both sides of your vehicle, try to estimate increasing speed of the emergency vehicle and plan your next move.
React — React quickly but calmly, and scan in all directions before pulling over. Always use a turn signal when exiting the roadway. Do not touch the brakes or pull over abruptly.
Escape — Before re-entering the traffic, make a visual sweep in all directions, turn on your signal and proceed.
Never — Do not stop in places that block the flow of traffic. Do not pull over on the shoulder of a road that has an emergency vehicle.
Source: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration

ACROSS THE NATION

Nation: Heavy rain and a few thundershowers spread across California on Sunday as low pressure wheeled over the Western states. Rain fell steadily along the coast of southern California and along the interior valleys into the northern end of the state. More than an inch of rain fell in the first half of the day at Los Angeles and Monterey, and nearly an inch fell at Santa Barbara. The low pressure area and an associated cold front also carried scattered showers across parts of Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, Utah and Colorado. A few showers also were scattered over Idaho, Oregon and eastern Washington. Rain turned to snow showers in parts of California's Sierra Nevada and some mountain areas of Oregon, northern Arizona and northern New Mexico. Winter storm watches and warnings were issued for parts of southern California, southern Utah and northern Arizona, with up to 8 inches of snow possible in some spots.

Safety

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That point was made clear a year ago when Idaho State Police Trooper Steven Rodriguez crashed into a van at a Rupert intersection. Rodriguez, with his car's lights and sirens on, was traveling 54 mph when he entered the intersection against a red light. The crash killed the van's 67-year-old driver. Rodriguez was charged and pleaded guilty to unlawful operation of a motor vehicle before being sentenced to two years' probation and 100 hours of community service. He resigned and moved to California. The Idaho Department of Law Enforcement later settled with the victim's widow for an undisclosed sum. "That's our worst nightmare," Munn said. Twin Falls police have an emergency response policy aimed at preventing exactly those circumstances. The department's policy outlines four specific instances in which "running code" is allowed, but it doesn't ignore the officers' responsibility to "exercise due regard for the safety of life and property." The department and Idaho's police academy back up that policy with extensive training on emergency vehicle operation, Munn said. The same is true for firefighters, said Vernon Flott, a driver-operator with the Twin Falls Fire Department. Firefighters must be certified to drive fire engines and part of that certification means taking classes like the one Flott will teach at a driver's academy later this week. Defensive driving is the first class taught, Flott said. It's necessary to balance the need for speed and the need for safety, he said. "Our main concern is for us to get to our destination in one piece," Flott said. When Twin Falls fire engines reach an intersection, they'll slow down even at a green light. At a red light they'll stop and make sure the intersection is clear before proceeding, he said. "Just because you're driving a fire truck doesn't mean you're king of the road," he said. **Times-News writer Brian Haynes can be reached at 733-0931, Ext. 238, or by e-mail at bhaynes@magicvalley.com**

Infections

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The impact from it is great," Wenzel said. Using what he called conservative estimates, Wenzel calculated that bloodstream infections contracted at health care facilities could be the nation's eighth leading cause of death, claiming more than 25,000 people each year. On Thursday, the CDC reported that the rate of such infections fell by about 44 percent in the 1990s in medical intensive care units at 300 facilities that report to the government. The infections typically are caused by catheters, intravenous lines and breathing tubes common to most hospital stays. Such devices allow bacteria easy entry into the body. Wenzel said simply placing an alcohol dispenser at each patient bed cut blood infection rates by 40 percent in one hospital. American nurses disinfected their hands more often. Another effective method is for doctors to model good habits in front of colleagues and medical students. Dr. William Jarvis, with the CDC's Hospital Infection Program, said medical professionals must control infections better because the number of older Americans will soar in the next century. The elderly are particularly at risk for infection and

more likely to spend time in a hospital. Jarvis estimated the population of people over 65 in the U.S. — 40 million in 1998 — is likely to double by 2035. Overall, Jarvis calculates that about 80,000 people die each year directly from blood and other infections contracted in health care facilities. About 2 million Americans contract an infection each year while in a hospital or other medical center. At the same time the at-risk population is growing, more and more people are using long-term care facilities or even home healthcare, which also affects infection levels. "Few long-term care facilities have dedicated surveillance to even detect these infections," Jarvis said. Home health care is the fastest growing component of healthcare. An estimated 8 million Americans received medical care in the home in 1996, according to Dr. Michele Pearson, an epidemiologist with the CDC's Hospital Infection Program. It is difficult to track rates of infection passed to patients during care in their own homes, Jarvis said. Such cases are not adequately investigated and standards for home healthcare workers and documentation of infection rates are limited.

Growers

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finalize seed orders for their spring planting they face an agonizing conundrum. Corn, soybeans, cotton and potatoes, enhanced with alien genes in all sorts of climates. They can make it easy to control weeds and pests. They can slash the use of chemical sprays. And by eliminating the need to churn fields to kill weeds, they can even help prevent erosion. Which makes it all the more frustrating for farmers to pass up biotech seeds on the chance that the public backlash might mount. "Growers' instincts tell them (the modified crops) are a better product," said Doug Robinson, a seed salesman from Waterloo, Neb. "But they feel very much caught between the devil and the deep blue sea." Last year farmer Lonnie Shelton planted biotech soybeans — and loved them. They were pumped up with a gene normally found in soil bacteria that renders the herbicide Roundup ineffective. So Shelton could spray his whole field with Roundup, knowing he'd kill the weeds without harming the beans. It was quick, cheap and effective. But Shelton was so pleased, he

planned to branch out into biotech corn this spring. Then he started hearing rumblings. Shoppers were demanding labels if their corn was tricked up with bacteria genes, by gosh, they wanted to know. Grain elevator operators were hemming and hawing. They probably would accept biotech crops corn, but then again, maybe they wouldn't. And activists everywhere were pounding out warnings that genetic engineering is a scary new world with unforeseeable consequences. So he changed course, reluctantly but fully. He won't be planting any biotech this spring. "I would," he said. "I think it's the greatest thing we've ever had. But is the public going to want it?" Equivocation — often repeated on the corporate level — naturally, drives biotech advocates nuts. "If I hear one more company like Frito-Lay or Gerber say, 'We really like this technology, but we're not going to use it because products, I'm going to throw up,'" said Dean Urmon, vice president of the American Seed Trade Association. "I call them the 'we're not going to use it because'

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New term limits give many Florida lawmakers the boot

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — A clock is ticking on Florida's lawmakers, leaving some who have occupied the Statehouse for decades with just two more months to make a lasting impression.

The state's "Eight is Enough" amendment that takes effect this year is forcing out nearly half of the House members and more than a quarter of the state senators.

"It's sort of like our last chance," said Senate President Toni Jennings, who is out after 20 years in that chamber and four in the House.

Sixty-three of the Legislature's 160 members can't seek reelection, meaning the session that starts Tuesday is their last chance to bring home money for roads and special projects.

Some of them, particularly House members, hope to continue their public careers by run-

ning for seats in the other chamber. Jennings is running for insurance commissioner and treasurer.

"It's the world's biggest job fair up here," said state Rep. Bob Henriquez. "A lot of folks will be very careful not to make people angry."

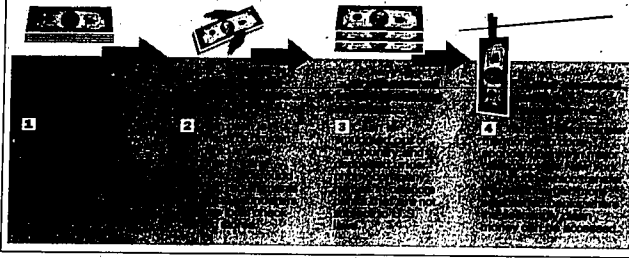
About 20 other states have term limit laws for state lawmakers, most put into effect after voters had petition drives and then voted them into law.

In Arizona, this is also the first year lawmakers are being forced out by term limits. California voters imposed term limits on their lawmakers in 1990. Under term limits in Michigan, 64 of the 110 state House races had no incumbents running in the 1998 elections.

Term limits on congressional candidates were declared illegal by the U.S. Supreme Court in 1995.

Show me the money trail

Some criminals launder their own dirty money while others hire specialists to do it for them. Here is a look at some tricks of the trade.



N. David/AP

Clinton attacks dirty money

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration, seeking to stem the flow of billions of illegally obtained dollars through U.S. banks, wants broad new powers from Congress to fight money laundering.

A new legislative proposal, outlined last week by Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers, would give the government the authority to ban financial transactions between offshore financial havens and U.S. banks and brokerage firms.

The leaders of the House Banking Committee liked the administration's proposal so much they said they would cosponsor it in Congress.

Money laundering came under the public spotlight last summer, when federal authorities said the Bank of New York, one of the country's largest banks, had served as a conduit for about \$7 billion in Russian money, some of it believed to be from criminal activities.

In a speech Thursday,

Summers identified Russia, Colombia and Nigeria as among the biggest sources of illicit money, and the Caribbean islands of Dominica and Antigua, Nauru in the South Pacific and Liechtenstein in Europe as some of the leading money-laundering centers.

"When dirty money finds its way into American banks, the reputations of all involved suffer," Summers told an audience of bankers and securities industry executives.

O'Connor earns medal of honor

NEW YORK (AP) — President Clinton signed legislation Sunday awarding the Congressional Gold Medal to the ailing Cardinal John O'Connor for his service to the nation.

"For more than 50 years, Cardinal O'Connor has served the Catholic Church and our nation with constancy and commitment," Clinton said in a statement.

The medal is the highest civilian honor awarded by Congress, and both houses rushed earlier to approve it for O'Connor, mindful of his precarious health. The medal has been awarded to 250 people including George Washington, the Wright Brothers and Mother Theresa.

O'Connor, recuperating from brain tumor surgery last year, drew applause from worshippers at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday. In brief remarks at the start of the service, he called it "a great privilege" to be present as Auxiliary Bishop William McCormack of Manhattan filled in as celebrant.

During the Mass, O'Connor, wearing his red cardinal's cassock, sat behind the altar, periodically helped to his feet by an assistant for prayers and hymns.



A man holds up a sign saying "Defendelo" or "Defend It" during a rally celebrating U.S. citizenship at the Capitol in San Juan, Puerto Rico Sunday. Puerto Ricans were granted U.S. citizenship by President Woodrow Wilson in 1917.

Puerto Ricans celebrate U.S. citizenship in rally

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Waving U.S. flags and dancing to salsa tunes, tens of thousands of Puerto Ricans packed Old San Juan's tourist district to celebrate their relationship with the United States — one which gives them U.S. citizenship.

Organizers called the rally an attempt to counter the "separatist message" sent to the United States by an 11-month battle to force the U.S. Navy out of its bombing range on the outlying island of Vieques. On Feb. 21, about 35,000 people led by religious leaders marched to call for

the Navy's expulsion.

"They misused the issue of Vieques to project to the United States that we in Puerto Rico were distancing ourselves from the United States," said Orlando Parga, a local senator. "That is why we are so worked up here today."

Police estimated that about 90,000 people attended the rally. Puerto Rico has been a U.S. territory since 1899, when the United States wrested it from Spain during the Spanish-American war. Its residents were granted U.S. citizenship on March 2, 1917.

'Whole Nine Yards' keeps top spot, other flicks lag

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Less than a week after its opening provided little to laugh about for the new comedies that hit the screens this weekend, according to industry estimates Sunday.

The top box office spot was locked up for a third week by "The Whole Nine Yards," with \$7.3 million in ticket sales.

The top new comedies were "The Next Best Thing," starring Madonna, which took second place with \$6 million, and "Drowning Mona" with Bette Midler, which took fourth with \$5.9 million.

By comparison, the comedy

"Analyze This" opened on the same weekend last year with \$18 million.

More than half the films in the top 10 were comedies, and the audience just wasn't large enough to go around, said Paul Dergarabedian of Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc., which tracks box office receipts.

"There's just so many of these adult-oriented comedies out there that audiences were sort of pulled in a lot of different directions," he said.

Gore, Bush in the lead as Super Tuesday looms

Challengers face win-or-die situation

The Washington Post

Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush have taken command of the "Super Tuesday" lineup of 16 presidential primaries and caucuses and could win enough delegates virtually to shut down the nomination race in both parties, an analysis by The Washington Post shows.

Arizona Sen. John McCain looks strong in several New England states, pollsters and party insiders say, and has a chance to defeat Bush in some of New York's congressional districts. But he trails badly in the winner-take-all battle for California's rich horde of delegates, has little hope in Georgia and appears to be battling uphill in Ohio and Missouri. Overall, if form holds, Bush is positioned to gain most of the delegates at stake in 13 Republican contests.

"He should emerge with somewhere in the high 60s to the low 80s in delegates," said Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., an early Bush supporter. With 1,034 delegates needed for the nomination, and March 14 offering 340 more in Texas, Florida and four other

Southern states, in all of which Bush is favored, McCain would indeed be in the catbird seat.

Polls and interviews with party officials indicate Democratic challenger Bill Bradley, winless in three tests so far, is trailing in all 15 of the states where Democrats will vote — including his native Missouri and New York, where he played for the NBA championship Knicks.

Ever since the nominating calendar emerged from 1999's scramble by the states to move up in the process, politicians in both parties have circled March 7 as the decisive day. The range of states and the number of delegates are the largest for a single date in the 48 years since primaries began to dominate the selection of presidential candidates.

The 1,315 delegates Democrats will choose Tuesday make up 61 percent of the 2,170 needed for nomination in Los Angeles in August. The 613 GOP delegates

at stake constitute 59 percent of the Philadelphia convention majority.

Bradley — who lost to Gore by a wide margin in the leadoff Iowa caucuses and failed by 4 percent of the vote to recover in New Hampshire — suffered another psychological blow when he was beaten in last Tuesday's nonbinding Washington "beauty contest," a primary he had chosen as a test case for a comeback.

After that loss, the former New Jersey senator said his Tuesday will be his "takeoff point," but there is little in the forecast to cheer his supporters. He trails by 32 points in a late Marist Institute poll of likely New York voters and by 20 points in a similar Mason-Dixon poll of Missouri.

After beating Bush in New Hampshire, Michigan and Arizona, McCain has found himself very much on the defensive in what is clearly the most important week of the campaign.

What began as a McCain

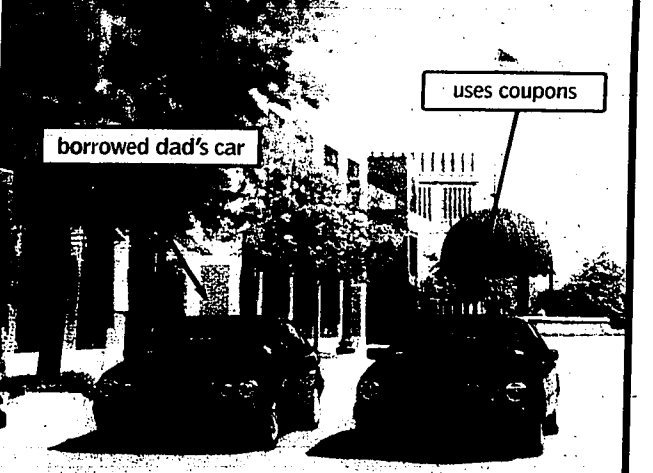
assault on Bush's appearance at Bob Jones University, a center of Protestant fundamentalism, at the start of his successful South Carolina campaign, escalated last week into a full-scale McCain attack on two icons of the religious right, Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell.

Interviews with Republican officials in almost all the battleground states support the view that the bitter exchanges on these topics were at least distracting to McCain's effort and, in many places, damaging. Less familiar than Bush to the public in the upcoming primary states, and with far less organization support from GOP elected and party officials, McCain needed to showcase his biography, his record and his reform positions quickly to millions of voters. He did not have the luxury of spending months introducing himself to a vastly smaller constituency, as he did so successfully in New Hampshire.

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California voters to have their say

Constituents will weigh in on social issues, candidates

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Along with the big decisions involving Al, Bill, John and George W., California voters will be weighing in on a slew of social issues in Tuesday's primary including how to define marriage, what to do when kids go bad, cheaper cigarettes, thrifter campaigns, father school budgets and legal Indian gambling.

Generating the most heat of the 20 propositions is Proposition 22, a measure declaring that only marriages between men and women are legally valid. California churches are among those lined up on both sides of the proposal.

None of Tuesday's issues have reached the same level of controversy as previous ballot battles over immigration, affirmative

action and bilingual education.

Still, the presidential candidates this year have paid close attention and sometimes entered the fray.

Democrats Bill Bradley and Al Gore oppose the measure, while Republican John McCain favors it. A regional chairman for Republican George W. Bush's campaign said late last week that Bush was "not taking a position" on the initiative.

California doesn't recognize same-sex marriages now, but it does validate marriages that are legal in the state where they were performed. Proposition 22, sponsored by Republican state Sen. Pete Knight, would prevent gay marriages from being recognized if they became legal in other states.

Knight's gay son is among the proposition's opponents.

Gay and lesbian groups have said the proposition will bring their members to the polls. But the measure also could mobilize

right-leaning opponents of gay marriage, which could help the Republican presidential candidate who can paint himself as the most conservative, said Shaun Bowler, an expert on the initiative process who teaches political science at the University of California, Riverside.

Among the other issues:

Film director Rob Reiner has taken a stand in opposition to a measure that would repeal the 50-cents-a-pack cigarette tax he championed in 1998 to fund early childhood development programs.

Software millionaire Ron Unz, who successfully campaigned against bilingual education in 1998, is boosting a measure to tighten campaign finance laws. It would ban corporate campaign contributions, limit other contributions and provide partial public financing of campaigns.

California voters will be voting their pocketbooks on several measures. One would make it easier to pass

school bonds; one would provide \$2.1 billion in bonds for state and local parks; another would approve \$1.97 billion in bonds for drinking water and flood protection.

Also on the ballot is a measure that would let the governor negotiate casino compacts with Indian tribes. Approval would likely lead to the ratification of compacts signed with 57 tribes in 1999.

Three propositions concern crime and punishment. They would let prosecutors decide if teens aged 14 to 17 should be treated as adults, extended the circumstances that warrant a death penalty, and increase the penalty for second-degree murder to life in prison if the victim was a Bay Area Rapid Transit or California State University peace officer.

And one measure would give voters the choice not to choose — a proposition that would put "None of the Above" on the ballot in all federal and state elections.

Golden State leads U.S. in campaign donations

Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — Flush with renewed economic confidence, increased wealth and a growing sense of political entitlement, individual Californians pumped a record \$17.8 million into presidential campaign coffers last year, an analysis of Federal Election Commission data shows.

That sum, representing contributions of between \$200 and \$1,000 donated in just the first year of the 2000 election cycle, more than doubled the total donations made by Californians in previous election cycles and once again made the state the nation's No. 1 source of campaign cash for presidential candidates.

The unrivaled participation of Californians in funding the presidential nomination process reflects not only the state's sur-

ing affluence and the increasing political involvement of its high-technology sector but also, some analysts suggested, a growing desire by some of the state's business and political leaders for influence on the national scene.

"You're beginning to feel that as California emerges as a technology center nationally — given the prominent role of Silicon Valley and Digital Cast — there's tremendous energy," said Andy Spahn, a Dreamworks SKG executive who is a major fundraiser for the Democratic party.

California was not the only state that busted its previous record of contributions. Voters across the country contributed almost twice as much to presidential candidates in 1999 — a whopping \$135 million in itemized contributions — as they did in the entire 1995-96 election cycle.

Sun powers Navajo homes with new energy program

DILKON, Ariz. (AP) — On the breezy grass plains where generations of Joanne Jackson's family have been born and raised, a wood bungalow with faded tan paint is lit up with electricity.

The house was built years ago in this western part of the Navajo Reservation using her husband's veterans benefits. And though it had white plastic outlet plates on the walls and lights in the ceiling, they were merely decorative until September.

That's when Jackson and her husband Raymond, became the first people to get power through a solar generator program that its founders hope will eventually spread power throughout American Indian reservations.

Of the 37,000 occupied structures on the Navajo Reservation, only 9 percent have electricity and 14 percent have utility gas, according to 1999 Census Bureau statistics. Most other Navajos cook and heat with wood, coal or fuel oil.

Solar: How it works

One kilowatt solar panel series of batteries to go! can't beat them! The 20 batteries are connected to thin silicon sheets that create a steady flow of roughly large enough to power a midsize car. The units can fuel a radio, television, small refrigerator, water pump, radio, telephone, computer, and lights, even on the cloudiest days. On bright, sunny days, they can generate twice as much energy as needed to supply all of the appliances.

Large spreads of open land frequently separate the homes on the reservation, which at 4.8 million acres covers an area slightly smaller than New Jersey.

The rambling expanses make hooking into the power grid eye-poppingly expensive. Stringing power lines costs roughly

\$30,000 per mile, according to Arizona Public Service, and is impossible sum for most families in this region where the unemployment rate hovers around 50 percent.

By comparison, one-kilowatt solar generators, which can provide for basic needs, cost roughly \$10,000.

The solar systems are ideal for Indian reservations because they are less expensive than power lines and don't tear up the landscape, said Gregor Kiss, president of Native American Photovoltaics, a non-profit corporation that helped install the Jacksons' system.

Boeing to impose last offer on Monday

SEATTLE (AP) — The Boeing Co. declared Sunday it will impose its most recent contract offer on engineers and technical workers whose union has been on strike against the aerospace giant for three-and-a-half weeks.

"Now it's time to get back to work and start focusing on our customers," said Allan Mulally, president of the Boeing Commercial Airplane Group.

Arizona proceeds with landmark e-election

State ignores doubters in first legal online vote

The Associated Press

On Tuesday, Arizona Democrats will become the nation's first to cast votes online in a legally binding public election.

Is the country ready? Even advocates of virtual voting have their doubts. Arizona and other states, they say, still have issues of security, identity and access to resolve.

Election Day continues all week, until the Democratic presidential primary on Saturday, March 11. Republicans offered no e-election option during their Feb. 22 primary.

Mark Fleisher, the state Democratic chairman, dismisses criticisms about readiness.

"Somebody has to be first," he said. "If you want to see elections on the Internet, you have to jump in."

He hopes to engage younger voters, predicting the Internet "will do more to increase voter turnout than anything since the repeal of the poll tax."

A week ago, Washington state's Thurston County tested Internet voting. Voters in the presidential primary cast mock votes on terminals at polling sites and real votes using paper ballots.

That followed a similar trial in two Iowa counties during November's general election.

In January, Republicans in Alaska used the Internet for a straw poll. Of 4,330 votes cast, only 35 came through the Internet. But those 35 would have needed a dog sled or aircraft to



Batty White experiments with online voting on a Macintosh after casting her vote in the Washington state presidential primaries in Olympia, Wash., Tuesday. Tom Thomas, right, represents the company that writes the software for voting online.

get to the polls, according to election vendor VoteHere.net of Bellevue, Wash.

Florida, South Carolina, Texas and Utah will let about 250 absentee voters go online this fall as part of a Pentagon pilot program for U.S. military and civilian citizens living abroad. Those

votes will count. Concerns over security delayed the effort in 1998.

"Legislators and election officials are just beginning to explore the possibilities — and the limitations," said Tim Storey, election specialist at the National Conference of State Legislatures

in Deaver.

Lorrie Cranor, an online voting specialist at AT&T Labs, supports Internet voting but advocates more testing and caution.

"There's a big risk," she said. "If something goes wrong in this election, it will set electronic voting back."

Suspect's ire was raised, cops say

WILKINSBURG, Pa. (AP) — Sitting in handcuffs, waiting to be charged with hate crimes and criminal homicide for a shooting spree, Ronald Taylor leaned over to whisper something to his attorney. He was cold.

Jim Ecker, the lawyer hired to represent Taylor on allegations he had shot five people in a rampage Wednesday, asked around the courtroom if anyone had a jacket his client could wear? Those sitting nearby, all police, shook their heads.

"They don't care if I'm cold," Taylor said, brushing off only the latest insult he felt he had suffered in recent months.

In interviews with neighbors, witnesses and authorities, a picture of Taylor has emerged as a man filled with anger, but no criminal record. Police said his anger had apparently been simmering for some time.

He had complained about one thing or another since at least October, according to his landlord. Police said an argument over a broken door triggered the 39-year-old black man to go on a shooting spree that killed three people and wounded two.



Ronald Taylor, suspect in shooting spree

anger toward whites, Jews, Asians, Italians and law officers. One document called "The Satan List," named several businesses, describing them as "targets," according to a police affidavit.

Ecker, who is white, said he has no reason to believe his client is racist. He said Taylor feels sorry for the victims in the shootings.

One of the victims, maintenance man John Kroll, was buried Saturday in a small town of Cabot, about 20 miles north of Pittsburgh. Also killed in the rampage were Emil Santelevis, 20, who had been sitting in a McDonald's drive-through lane when Taylor opened fire, and Joseph Healy, 71, a retired priest who was at a Burger King restaurant.

Taylor moved to the Woodside Gardens Apartments in Wilkesburg last summer.

Receiving disability checks from the government, he paid his rent with help from a federal program for people who made less than \$14,950 a year, said Paul LaMarca of the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development in Pittsburgh.

Mike Levitt persuaded them to leave that fund alone, but he said he would start negotiating with the railroad.

The Legislature then dropped the proposed fund transfer but agreed to authorize other money to buy the rail corridor.

"The clear message is that they will support anything that we negotiate," English said. The rest could be a passenger train running at least from Ogden to Salt Lake City in two or three years, he said.

Utah makes commuter rail high priority

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Utah lawmakers have revived up a languishing idea for a commuter rail system along the Wasatch Front.

And now, after years of gathering dust, the commuter rail proposal could become reality in a few years.

Buoyed by lawmakers' commitment to buy a Provo-to-Ogden corridor from Union Pacific, the long-distance transit idea that was overshadowed by Salt Lake Valley light rail has momentum to compete for stations.

"It's an exciting time," said Utah Transit Authority General Manager John English. "The attitudes about transit along the Wasatch Front have just flipped 180 degrees. Instead of begging for attention, we're being invited to be involved in transportation solutions."

Legislators initially sought to divert nearly \$2 million annually from the Quality Growth Commission's open-space fund to buy the old Denver & Rio Grande corridor from Union Pacific. Gov.

Michigan State rioters face stiff fines, jail terms

EAST LANSING, Mich. (AP) — People arrested during riots at Michigan State University last year after the school's loss in the NCAA basketball tournament were jailed at a rate higher than that of convicted rapists and robbers nationally, the Detroit News reported Sunday.

"It is the strictest enforcement that I have heard of," said Sheldon Steinbach, general counsel for the American Council on Education, who has studied riots at campuses nationwide. "The town and the institution were making a very clear point that this is not going to be tolerated."

More than 130 people, the majority of them college students with no criminal records, were arrested after the March 27-28 riots. They ranged from troubled teen-agers with alcohol problems to boozehis straight-arrow students.

The 113 people convicted — from people who stole and burned a police car to a student caught roasting a hot dog over an illegal bonfire — paid more than \$300,000 in restitution and served a total of eight years behind bars, the newspaper said.

Out of those convicted, 93 went to jail. That 83 percent incarceration rate is higher than the 70 percent of first-time offenders rapists and 55 percent of first-time offender robbers put behind bars nationally, according to statistics from the Justice Department.

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When fat guys play Fantasy Baseball

When I was a boy, playing Little League baseball, I dreamed - as most boys did back then - of someday getting a call from the Major Leagues.

"Son," I dreamed the Major Leagues would tell me, "you stink. We're kicking you out of Little League."

I would have been grateful. I was a terrible player. I was afraid of the ball and fell down a lot, sometimes during the "National Anthem." So in 1950, I hung up my Little League uniform for good (it immediately fell down), and I did not contact the organized baseball for the next 40 years.

Then, recently, I was asked to participate in the Joe DiMaggio Legends Clinic, which raises money for the Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital in Hollywood, Fla. I said yes, because (a) it's a good cause, and (b) since they were asking ME to play, I figured it would be a relaxed, low-key event, like those company-picnic softball games where beer is available in the outfield and as many as six people play short-stop simultaneously.

HUMOR

Dave Barry

Imagine my horror when I found myself at a real stadium, with thousands of spectators in the grandstands. Imagine my further horror when I found myself in a locker room containing several dozen former major league baseball players. Some were older guys, such as Minnie Minoso of the White Sox, who I believe once caught a fly ball hit by Magellan. But there were also some guys who had played big-league ball recently and still looked capable of hitting a baseball all the way through a human body.

I expressed concern about this to one of my teammates, the great Orioles third baseman Brooks Robinson, who gave me some reassuring advice.

"Don't play in the infield," he said. "You'll get killed."

I was on the American League team, managed by former Yankee John Blanchard. He gave me a nice little pregame pep talk, which I will reproduce here verbatim:

BLANCHARD: You should see how these guys hit the ball.

ME: Hard?

BLANCHARD: Oh Lord God. Are you wearing a cup?

ME: I don't OWN a cup.

BLANCHARD: Oh Lord God.

I did pretty well for the first few innings. This is because I was not in the game. Then Blanchard sent me out to left field to replace Mickey Rivers, which is like replacing Don Ferguson with weasel spit.

I trotted out of the dugout wearing the stiff new glove I'd bought that afternoon. When I stepped on the field, I removed the tag and spent a few minutes fielding grounders thrown to me by my wife, who was nine months pregnant. That was my preparation for this moment, for standing alone deep left field, with a vivid Little League memories swarming in my brain - memories of praying for the ball not to come to me.

So I sat standing there, and for almost two innings, nothing comes my way. Then it happens: George Foster, five-time All-Star slugger for the Cincinnati Reds, rips a ground ball between second and short. I get a good break on the ball, going to my left, running hard. Foster is rounding first, trying for a double, and the crowd is roaring, and suddenly I realize, with a sense of elation, that I'M ACTUALLY GOING TO GET TO THE BALL. Yes! I have the angle, and I'm going to make it! I'm almost there. And now I RAN PAST THE BALL. OH NOOOOOO...

I've seen a video replay. I look like a man whose lower and upper body halves are being operated by two unrelated nervous systems. I make a pathetic, longing gesture toward the ball as it zips past to the outfield wall, where centerfielder Dave Henderson retrieves it. As he throws it in, he puts his arm on my shoulders and says, "You're supposed to catch the ball in your glove."

I also got to display my batting prowess in the pitcher's box. I was All-Star "The Mad Hungarian" Hrabosky, who can still throw pretty hard (by which I mean "faster than light"). He struck me out on three pitches.

So it was a pretty humiliating experience. But mark my words: I'll be back next year, and that's going to be a different year, because next time, I'll be ready to "play like the big boys."

That's right. I'm going to be wearing a cup. TWO cups, in fact, because I'm assuming you know for each knee.

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The trouble with hemorrhoids

One of America's unmentionable diseases is more common than ever

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Let's talk about hemorrhoids.

Don't want to? Well, you're not alone. The American Society of Colon and Rectal Surgeons estimates that 130 million Americans - one out of two - will develop hemorrhoids after the age of 30.

Dr. John Sluss, a physician at the Twin Falls Clinic & Hospital, estimates that the total for the population as a whole is closer to 15-20 percent. But that's still a lot of folks.

And it makes hemorrhoids one of the most widespread chronic medical conditions in the world.

"It's very common, and I suspect we're going to see more people seeking treatment for hemorrhoids as the population ages," Sluss said.

But personal chafing is not an experience that you share around the water cooler at work. Although \$100 million worth of over-the-counter hemorrhoid remedies are sold annually in this country, it's arguably the most embarrassing of diseases.

Not hard to see why: We're talking about what amounts to varicose veins of the anus and rectum.

Sometimes those blood vessels bleed. Sometimes they burn. Sometimes they itch. Sometimes they leave you sitting on an inflatable rubber donut.

And in a sizable percentage of cases, they send you to a doctor.

"The process of diagnosis includes ruling out other possible problems," Sluss said. "I like to do a sigmoidoscopy (an examination of the rectum and lower colon using a flexible instrument) to rule out cancer of the rectum, which can have similar symptoms."

There are other alternative



This too shall pass

- Avoid constipation by forcing fluids.
- Eat a high-fiber diet.
- Avoid standing for long periods of time.
- Avoid moderate to heavy lifting.
- Elevate legs and hips intermittently through the day.
- Take warm or cool baths.
- Place Vaseline at the rectal opening.
- Exercise regularly.

If these measures fail to bring relief, by an over-the-counter stool softener such as Colace or Surfak. Metamucil may be added to your daily intake to increase fiber. Tucks, Preparation H or Anusol cream can also be purchased. Be sure to check with your doctor for their recommendations, if no improvement occurs.

-Source: University of Michigan School of Health Sciences

bright red blood covering the stool, on toilet paper, or in the toilet bowl.

However, an internal hemorrhoid may protrude through the anus outside the body, becoming irritated and painful.

Symptoms of external hemorrhoids may include painful swelling or a hard lump around the anus that results when a blood clot forms.

This condition is known as a thrombosed external hemorrhoid.

"In some cases, the proper treatment for hemorrhoids is to relieve the symptoms," Sluss said.

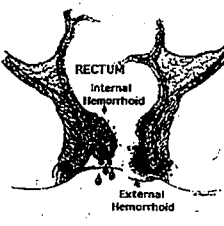
That can include warm tub or sitz baths several times a day, ice packs to reduce swelling, and application hemorrhoid cream - Anusol, for example - or suppositories to the affected area.

The long-term solution of choice for internal hemorrhoids is a rubber-band ligation.

"It's a quick procedure - five minutes or so - and it's effective," Sluss said. "There's usually not a lot of discomfort."

Using a specialized instrument, a rubber band is placed around the base of the hemorrhoid inside the rectum. The band cuts off circulation, and the hemorrhoid withers away within a few days.

"I do it in separate sessions, please see TROUBLE, Page A6



possibilities as well: fissures, fistulas, abscesses and irritation and itching not associated with hemorrhoids.

The real McCoy is caused by blood vessels that stretch under pressure, perhaps from straining to move the bowel. Other contributing factors are pregnancy, heredity, aging and chronic constipation and diarrhea.

But hemorrhoids aren't directly caused by obesity or working in a job that requires you to sit a lot,

GOT FIBER?

Don't eat just any old fruit

The message is everywhere: cut down on fat and get more fiber, as much as 20 to 30 grams a day. Eating a diet rich in fiber has been shown to help lower the level of cholesterol in the blood and therefore reduce the risk of heart disease. Fiber also helps lower the risk of colorectal cancer.

Federal health officials say that one of the best ways to increase fiber consumption is by eating eat more fruit. But does it matter what type of fruit you consume?

Actually, the fiber content of fruits can vary considerably. And the way they are prepared is also important. Dried fruit offers generous amounts of fiber, but that comes at a cost - high calorie counts. For example, 1 1/2 ounces of dried apricots has nearly 8 grams of fiber, but nearly 240 calories (about five times more than fresh apricots).

Below are some comparisons, taken from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's nutrient database (www.nal.usda.gov/nic/egib/nut-search.pl), showing how much fiber one cup servings of a variety of fruits contain.

Among the fruits highest in fiber:

- Dates 13.4 grams/cup.
- Prunes 12.1 grams/cup.
- Raspberries 8.4 grams/cup.
- Seedless raisins 6.6 grams/cup.
- Kiwi 6.0 grams/cup.
- Apricots 4.0 grams/cup.
- Oranges 4.0 grams/cup.
- Pears 4.0 grams/cup.
- Apples 3.4 grams/cup.

Among the fruits on the lower end of the spectrum are:

- Nectarines 2.2 grams/cup.
- Pineapple 1.9 grams/cup.
- Grapes 1.6 grams/cup.
- Cantaloupe 1.3 grams/cup.
- Watermelon 0.8 grams/cup.

But don't despair if you love watermelon. It has other healthful attributes, including high quantities of vitamins A and C. It is important to remember that fiber isn't the only nutrient that fruits provide. And eating any fruit is better than munching on a high-fat snack.

From high seas to high C Recycle your old sweaters

Loud music and singing at the top of your voice may be such fun because of a hearing mechanism we have inherited from our distant ancestors - fish. British scientists say humans still have a pleasure-inducing mechanism in the ear - the sacculus - that is able to respond to sound frequencies that predominate in music. The researchers tell New Scientist magazine that the frequency sensitivity of the human sacculus appears to mimic that of fish - the only other creature to use the sacculus for hearing.

E.R. bursting with children

When it comes to children, emergencies are all too common. Thirty-one million children - one out of every 24 - are admitted to emergency rooms in the United States every year, Parents magazine reports. That means that a child is admitted to an emergency department somewhere every second.

Liposuction's not the weigh

Sure! According to the American Academy of Cosmetic Surgery's annual guidelines for liposuction surgery, weight loss is not a proper reason to have the fat-removal procedure. The proper reasons include "body contouring" and to obtain fat for fat transfer.

Health notes

And though liposuction is not supposed to be for weight reduction, the group's guidelines say it "is a demonstrated safe procedure in the routine removal of volumes of fat up to approximately 12 pounds."

CDC: Gold mine of information

If you're interested in epidemiology, you definitely want to visit the government's Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at www.cdc.gov. There is so much interesting material that it's worth snooping around. Of course, you'll find CDC's famous weekly reports highlighting health and medical problems around the country. The latest entry in the site is the first atlas of geographic, racial and ethnic disparities in women who have died of heart disease (www.cdc.gov/nccd/php/cvd/womensatlas). Also, the Heart Failure Society of America has kicked off a national education campaign with its new Web site: www.aboutHr.org. There are 5 million people coping with congenital heart failure in the United States, and the organization provides much-needed information about signs, symptoms, prevention and treatments.

Compiled from wire reports

Here's a concept that's not only practical, but also fun to do: Create a new sweater by combining parts of old ones. It's a great way to salvage garments that might be flawed, strained or too small.

Utah sewing expert Pauline Richards, publisher of a newsletter called "Total Embellishment," offers some good advice for recycling sweaters.

When combining parts of sweaters, choose knits that are similar in weight, stitch gauge and fiber content. Look for related colors, visiting thrift shops if necessary. You can incorporate fabric yardage, too, to make pieces big enough.

Evaluate each garment so you can cut around any flawed areas. Dry clean or launder them. If the sleeves have ribbed cuffs, you may want to reuse them. Also save any interesting trim or areas of unusual stitches to combine with something else.

Choose a jacket or pullover pattern with a simple silhouette, or just draw a flat basic sweater shape - back, front and sleeves.

Cut the old sweaters apart, preferably along seamlines. Stitch along horizontal cuts to prevent raveling, and think of the sections as yardage.

Using pattern tracing cloth, determine how you will arrange the pieces. Once satisfied, cut apart the tracing cloth and position pieces on the sweater sections. Cut



SEWING
Barbara Gash

out each section, adding seam allowances where needed.

After sewing a seam, trim and zigzag-stitch seam allowances together to secure them. You can also serge them with a firm overlock stitch. Generally steam-press to help yarns relax.

Sweater knits are bulky, so you might reduce the pressure on your sewing machine or use a walking foot to help sew smoothly.

It's also fun to update or restyle a sweater by changing its shape or improving the fit. Try converting a pullover into a cardigan by adding a zipper or button closure.

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HEALTH & FASHION

PERSONAL

Walking and running shoes: What's the difference?

Walking shoes are made for people who like the fit and cushioning of running shoes but don't want the high-tech features and flashy decoration. However, some low-quality walking shoes have much less foot protection than running shoes.

Straight-ahead stability

Running shoes: Made specifically for running in a straight line. They hold the foot to the ground and prevent swiveling on the ball of the foot.

They can cause knee or ankle injuries if they are used for court games like tennis and basketball because the wearer can't swivel on the ball of the foot.

Walking shoes: Tread is not as deep and sole material not as sticky as running shoes, but still not appropriate for court games or vigorous swiveling motions.

Heel lift

Running shoes: Well built up to absorb the force of the heel striking the ground.

Walking shoes: Less heel lift needed because forces on heel are smaller than in running.

Cushioning may not be thick enough if the wearer tends to land on the heels or is bothered by heel bone spurs.

Forefoot

Running shoes: Thick cushioning under forefoot to prevent stress fractures.

Walking shoes: Forefoot cushioning is thin in lower-quality models, which can cause the ball of the foot to wear long distances on hard surfaces.

Forefoot flexibility

Running shoes: Good ones are made to flex easily, some have grooves here to improve flexibility.

Walking shoes: High-quality models flex correctly; inferior ones are not flexible enough or flex too far behind the forefoot.

Toe room

Running shoes: Wide toe box to prevent friction on toes.

Walking shoes: Most are more similar to street shoes; closer-fitting toe box.

SOURCES: Podiatrist Stephen M. Pribaz (Washington, D.C.), American Association of Podiatric Sports Medicine. Photograph: PAUL TRAFFERT

Idaho's First Lady to appear at party Friday

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Standard First Aid (adult CPR and first aid) six and one-half hour course will be offered at 6 p.m. today and Tuesday 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. in Twin Falls.

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

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 - An infant cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m.

To do for you

Tuesday in the Education Center at MVRMC.

Pre-registration is not required.

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

TWIN FALLS - A prepared childbirth course will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning this Thursday through April 6, in the Education Center at MVRMC. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2900.

TWIN FALLS - The Cancer Support Group meeting, scheduled for Thursday in the Cancer Center reception area, has been cancelled. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 15 in the Obenchain Building, 264 Main Ave. S.

The breast cancer, prostate cancer and general cancer support groups will join with the Tobacco Cessation group for a meeting. Speaker will be Dr. David McCluskey. For more information, call 737-2800.

TWIN FALLS - The MVRMC second annual Baby Fair will be held Friday and Saturday at the Magic Valley Mall.

A Neonatal Intensive Care Unit reunion party will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. Friday with Idaho's First Lady Pat Kemphorne as guest. On Saturday, activities will be held from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. including the stroller parade, crawling derby, baby-food eating contest and story time. Curious George and the Man in the Big Yellow Hat will make appearances at 2, 3 and 4 p.m. Saturday.

TWIN FALLS - CPR class will be offered from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC. Fee is \$11. To register, call

737-2007.

TWIN FALLS - Magic Valley Lifeline will offer a pediatric and adult CPR course, including a first-aid portion on bleeding and shock, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the YMCA. The course meets the ICCP and daycare licensing requirements for Idaho. To register, call the YMCA at 733-4384 or 733-3767.

TWIN FALLS - The Arthritis and Lupus Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. March 14 in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC. Randall L. Wraalstad will discuss "Arthritic Foot Conditions and Treatment." For more information, call 737-2050.

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

Treatments may improve macular degeneration

The Baltimore Sun

Macular degeneration, a leading cause of blindness in the elderly, appears to be yielding to new laser treatments that seal off destructive blood vessels behind the retina.

Although doctors caution that the treatments do not offer a cure, they say the therapies have in many cases arrested the downward course of a disease that ordinarily robs people of their sight.

Next month, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration is expected to approve a drug, verteporfin, that is used in concert with a low-powered laser. FDA approval would extend this therapy well beyond the 600 or so

patients who have received the treatment in an international clinical trial.

The trial, directed by the Johns Hopkins Wilmer Eye Institute, found that "photodynamic therapy" helped the majority of patients who meet a certain case definition - a predominance of fast-growing, newly formed, leaky blood vessels. When it worked, the treatment kept the condition from getting worse. Some patients even saw their vision improve. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. March 15 in the Obenchain Building, 264 Main Ave. S.

Dr. Neil Bressler, the Hopkins ophthalmologist who headed the study, said about 30 percent of the 200,000 Americans diagnosed each year with "wet" macular degeneration are candi-

dates for the treatment. But patients must be treated early in the disease while they have significant vision to save.

"We can't treat everybody," Bressler said. "But for the person who otherwise would have lost a lot of vision and now has some sight preserved, the treatment is very significant."

In a simple office visit, patients receive an intravenous infusion of the drug, which seeks out the abnormal blood vessels. Minutes later, the doctor targets the vessels with a low-powered laser that "turns on" the drug, setting in motion a chemical reaction that seals off the vessels and causes them to dry up.

For more than a decade, doctors have used lasers more

crudely to destroy bleeding vessels. The laser not only burned off the destructive vessels, but also a band of retinal cells in its path. In the best cases, the treatment kept the disease from progressing but left vision more impaired than before.

"Wet" macular degeneration occurs when tiny capillaries grow behind the macula, a small portion of the retina that is responsible for central vision. The vessels can bleed and scar, destroying light-sensing nerve cells and opening an ever-widening hole in a person's sight.

The disease can take years to progress but often moves with lightning speed. Some patients notice a wavy line one day, a huge blur weeks later.

Snoring women might risk heart disease, study suggests

The Washington Post

Snoring and its possible link to heart disease is not just a problem for men; a large study of women suggests.

Women who snore regularly are one-third more likely to be at risk of cardiovascular disease than those who don't, researchers found.

The increased risk for occasional snorers was smaller, but still significant. Previous research has found such a link in male snorers.

Why snorers would be at increased risk for heart disease is not known, but researchers said the findings may alert doctors to help patients who snore manage

other cardiovascular risk factors, including body weight, diet and exercise.

In the study, 10 percent of the women reported snoring regularly, 65 percent occasionally and 25 percent never. The link between snoring and heart disease showed up even after researchers accounted for other possible factors, such as smoking and overweight.

The findings are based on data covering nearly 72,000 women, who were followed for up to eight years as part of the Harvard Nurses' Health Study.

The results of the study appeared last week in the Journal of the American College of Cardiology.

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one for each location of the hemorrhoids," Shuss said. (Typically three sessions).

It's done in the doctor's office and costs about \$100 a session. There is a risk of infection with the bands, Shuss said, but complications are relatively rare.

Band ligation has greatly reduced the need for standard hemorrhoidectomies for internal hemorrhoids. That's a more costly procedure that patients - and their doctors - don't miss at all.

"There's usually discomfort involved with classic hemorrhoidectomy," Shuss said. "And the patient isn't able to resume normal activities for a while."

Hemorrhoidectomies are sometimes done on external hemorrhoids. Other techniques, such as laser coagulation and infrared photo coagulation, can also be used.

An alternative treatment for internal hemorrhoids is injection and coagulation, relatively painless procedures that cause hemorrhoids to shrivel up.

But once gone, they do some-

times come back, Shuss said.

Prevention is aimed at changing conditions associated with the pressure and straining of constipation. Doctors will often recommend increasing fiber and fluids in the diet. Eating the right amount of fiber and drinking six to eight glasses of fluid result in softer, bulkier stools.

A softer stool makes emptying the bowels easier and lessens the pressure on hemorrhoids caused by straining. Eliminating straining also helps prevent the hemorrhoids from protruding.

Good sources of fiber are fruits, vegetables, and whole grains. In addition, doctors may suggest a bulk stool softener or a fiber supplement such as psyllium (Metamucil) or methylcellulose (Citrucel).

"Proper care and diet help," Shuss said. "But it's not always possible to fix the problem permanently."

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Add style by embellishing jacket or jeans

Knight Rider News Service

Materials

• Studs. These metal decorations range in size from about 2 millimeters across to about 12 millimeters. They're sold at fabric and hobby stores and generally cost less than \$2 a bag. (The price and number of studs per bag depends on the size.)

• Needle-nose pliers or a stud setter. Mechanical stud setters do exist but aren't easy to find; they cost about \$40. Needle-nose pliers, about \$6, work fine for studding by hand. The pliers used on this project had extra-long tips.

• Something to mark the pattern with. You can use a chalk pencil, sold at fabric stores for \$4 or less, or tailor's chalk or even

regular chalk. You want to be able to blow your marking away if necessary, and not have to wash it out.

• Old or new jeans jacket, jeans or other garment made of heavy fabric. You might want to practice on something old before tackling a real project.

Directions

1. Be sure to wash and dry your garment before studding, in case it shrinks.
2. Figure out what design you want. If you have something specific in mind, use the chalk pencil to mark it on the garment. You could opt for a free-form pattern, just placing the studs wherever it strikes your fancy.
3. To hand-stud, take a single stud and push it through the fabric. Flip the material over so you see the prongs. Apply pressure from behind (you can use your finger), and with the needle-nose pliers, fold each prong down toward the center. Give the stud one more good squeeze to make sure it's together. Don't make it so tight that you can't undo the work by prying the prongs up and pulling the stud out in case the placement is wrong.
4. If you use a lot of studs, you might want to line the garment so that the prongs don't catch on your other clothing or hose.
5. To clean a studded garment, turn it inside out and wash it, or take it to a professional cleaner.

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Knitting: It all starts with a knot

The Washington Post

In the aptly titled "Knitting in Plain English," no-nonsense author Maggie defines the craft as "A way of making fabric by pulling loops of yarn through already formed loops of yarn." (The easiest way to see how knitting is put together is to take it apart and watch as each loop pops through the loop below.)

All knitting starts with a slip-knot. With this knot affixed to your needle, you "cast on," or build a foundation row. There are two basic stitches in knitting, the knit and the purl. Every pattern in knitting is derived from combinations of the two. Stitches are made by inserting the right-hand needle into a stitch on the left-hand foundation row, wrapping the yarn around it, pulling the resulting loop through the stitch and then drawing the original stitch onto the right-hand needle. Sound easy? Let's just say there's a reason the late knitting guru Elizabeth Zimmermann titled a 1971 book "Knitting Without Tears."

Knitting resources

- **Knitting in Plain English**, by Elizabeth Zimmermann, Simon & Schuster, \$12.95
- **The Knitter's Dictionary**, by Vicki Squares, 1996, Lovecraft Press, \$17.95
- **Vintage Knitting**, by Bob Pencheon, \$37.50

Knitting on the Web
 The Knitting Guild of America Web site, at www.knitting.com, contains

...a comprehensive, local directory of knitting shops, clubs, classes, and competitions. ...The Knitting Guild of America Web site, at www.knitting.com, is a non-profit, non-commercial resource that includes information on patterns, guilds, knitting-related events, local magazines, yarn suppliers and pretty much anything else you might think of. Basic knitting instructions appear on the Pattern, Homes and Gardens Web site, www.big.com, and the Craft Yarn Council of America Web site, www.leamont.com.

—Source: The Washington Post

There's a lot for beginners to absorb. Knitting has its own mysterious mathematics, starting with the nearly always staggering ratio of yarn to completed garment. (How can that tiny baby sweater contain 500 yards of yarn?) Stitches, be they twisted, doubled or dropped, come in many forms and tiny variations in form create big differences. And knitting is an unforgiving

discipline. There's no hiding a single purl stitch on a tidy field of knit stitches. Yet the most frequent mistake made by beginners, says Bethesda, Md., knitting instructor Claire Hearn, is not technical but psychological: Expecting instant results. "With knitting," she says, getting right to the heart of the matter, "instant gratification can take, like, two weeks."

Study: Usually doctors err on optimistic side

The Washington Post

When it comes to estimating how long a terminally ill patient will survive, doctors often are dead wrong, a Chicago study shows. Usually the error is on the optimistic side. In a study of 468 patients referred to five Chicago hospices, doctors predicted that their dying patients would live, on average, more than five times longer than they actually did.

The doctors' predictions were accurate in only one out of five cases. In the 80 percent of cases inaccurately predicted, researchers found that survival was overestimated nearly four times as often as it was underestimated. (A prediction was deemed accurate if it was within one-third of the actual survival time; for example, predictions ranging from four to eight months were considered accurate for a patient who lived six months.)

Another startling finding: The better the doctor knew the patient, the less likely the prediction would be accurate. Researchers said wishful thinking might be a factor. The issue goes beyond mere accuracy of medical prediction, a team of researchers from the University of Chicago Medical Center warned in reporting their results last week in the British Medical Journal. Undue optimism about a patient's chance of survival may delay the patient's referral to hospice care, they said.

Although some error is unavoidable in prognosis, the type of systematic bias toward optimism that we have found in doctors' objective prognostic assessments may be adversely affecting patient care," the study concluded.

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CALENDAR of EVENTS

- Cesarean Childbirth Class * Tuesday, March 7, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.
 - Co-Dependency Group * Wednesday, March 8, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Canyon View West Group Room. Fee: \$10. For more information call 734-6760.
 - Infant CPR Class * Tuesday, March 8, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.
 - CPR Class * Wednesday, March 9, 4 - 7 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. Fee: \$11. To register, call 737-2007.
 - Prepared Childbirth Course * Thursdays, March 9 - April 6, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
 - Cancer Support Group * SPECIAL NOTICE! The meeting scheduled for Thursday, March 9, 7 - 8:30 p.m., in the Cancer Center Reception Area has been changed. Instead, the meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 15, 7 p.m., in the Obenchain Building (264 Main Avenue South, Twin Falls). The Breast Cancer, Prostate Cancer and General Cancer Support Groups will join with the Tobacco Coalition for a "Town Meeting." Speaker for the evening will be David McClusky, M.D. (Please park and enter through the back of the building.) For more information call 737-2800.
 - MVRMC 2nd Annual Baby Faire * Friday and Saturday, March 10 and 11, Magic Valley Mall. A fun opportunity to focus on quality parenting and learn about the latest information and services available for children age 5 and under and their parents.
- Friday, March 10, from 2 - 4 p.m.**
 NICU Reunion Party (For Babies Who Spent Time in MVRMC's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit), Open to the Public
- With Special Guest Idaho's First Lady Pat Kempthorne
- Saturday, March 11, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.**
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- CPR Class * Saturday, March 11, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. Fee: \$11. To register call 737-2007.
 - Monthly MVRMC Board Meeting * Monday, March 13, 6 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room.
 - Arthritis/Lupus Support Group * Tuesday, March 14, 7 p.m., Doctor's Meeting Room. Featured speaker is Randall L. Wraastad, D.P.M., discussing "Arthritic Foot Conditions and Treatment." For more information call 737-2050.

For additional MVRMC educational offerings call 737-2007. If you require special accommodations, call 737-2102 or TDD 737-2980 at least 24 hours in advance of the event.

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HEALTH & FASHION

If you're under 16, cool your jet skis

The Washington Post

Personal watercraft, such as Jet Skis, have become increasingly popular and increasingly dangerous. So, the American Academy of Pediatrics has recommended that no one under the age of 16 be allowed to operate these fast-moving water toys. Some states have imposed age limits for operators of these craft, but often it is younger than 16.

The academy, in a report in the February issue of its journal Pediatrics, said that more than 1 million personal watercraft are in use in this country, up from 240,000 in 1990. Nearly 12,000 personal watercraft drivers and riders were taken to hospitals for emergency treatment in 1995, a fourfold increase from 1990. At least 83 people were killed in 1997, according to preliminary figures cited in the Pediatrics report.

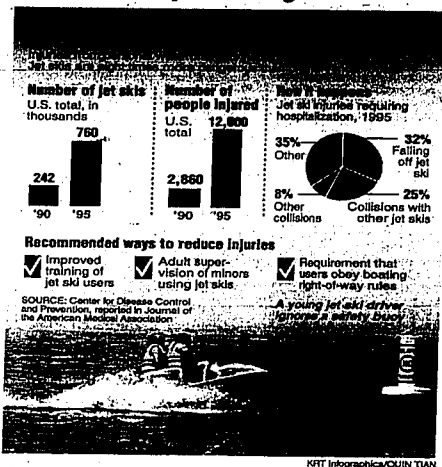
Deaths generally occur from blunt trauma, not drowning, because most injuries are caused by collisions with other boats or fixed objects, such as docks or tree stumps. Among the factors most often cited in such accidents are inexperienced opera-

tors (with less than 20 hours at the helm), inattention, excess speed and reckless use of the craft. People who rent the craft appear to be at an especially high risk.

Besides age restrictions, the pediatric academy recommends anyone using a personal watercraft wear a Coast Guard approved flotation device, refrain from alcohol or drugs, stay away from swimmers, not go out between sunset and sunrise, not jump wakes, observe posted speed limits and participate in a safe boating course with information specifically about these specialized craft.

Jack O'Dell, a spokesman for the Coast Guard, noted that many people do not understand the risk involved with these craft, most of which go between 35 and 60 mph.

"The myth out there is that the water is going to cushion your fall," O'Dell said. "What people don't realize is that [putting kids on a personal watercraft] is like giving your kids a big Harley. . . . Hitting the water off one of these is like hitting concrete."



Kids dying of cancer suffer pain needlessly, study says

The Associated Press

Children dying of cancer often suffer needlessly because their doctors and families refuse to give up hope of curing them, researchers say.

"It's entirely understandable: The life of the child is so precious, it's hard to give that up," said Dr. Joanne Wolfe.

But that approach can — and should — be changed, said Wolfe, an instructor in pediatric oncology at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute, Children's Hospital and Harvard.

Wolfe's study of suffering among children with cancer was published in the New England Journal of Medicine earlier this month.

The hard fact is that one-quarter of all children diagnosed with cancer will die of it. That is considerably better than it used to be — 30 years ago, the death rate was 90 percent.

But when the researchers talked to parents of 103 children who had died of cancer between 1990 and 1997, they were told that 92 had suffered "a great deal" or "a lot" more than at least one symptom. More than half had suffered significantly from at least three symptoms.

Fatigue, pain, trouble breathing and poor appetite were the most common complaints. Nausea and vomiting, constipation and diarrhea were next. More than 80 percent of the children hurt. Most of them were treated for the pain, but only 27 percent of those felt better. Fifty of the children were still

getting cancer treatments, such as radiation, chemotherapy or bone-marrow transplant, in their last month alive.

"For most children with cancer, the primary goal of treatment is to achieve a cure," Wolfe wrote. "Considerations of the toxicity of the therapy, the quality of life, and growth and development are usually secondary to this goal."

"We have created very successful treatments for childhood cancer, but on the way, something's had to go," she said. "One of those things, she said, is a focus on relieving symptoms of terminally ill children."

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Here's how you can quit smoking for good

New York Daily News

If three packed jumbo jets crashed in America every day, would you be more wary of flying? If you're a smoker, your answer should be no, since smoking-related illnesses cause over 1,100 lives in America daily more than that number who would perish in that many air disasters.

However, smoking doesn't just kill. It can cost you your neighbors, your kids and some great sex. British researchers recently said that smoking a cigarette takes 11 minutes of your life, with an entire pack costing 3 hours 40 minutes — time to "watch Titanic," run a marathon or have tantric sex," the scientists claimed.

Smokers are increasingly being sued by residents in neighboring apartments who claim the ventilation system reroutes smoke into

Five steps

Dr. Michael Fiore recommends a five-point approach for people who plan to stop smoking:

- Set a quit date. Choose a date sometime in following two weeks when you will totally abstain from nicotine.
- Review past quitting experiences. What helped you and what hurt during previous attempts to break the habit?
- Anticipate challenges to this attempt. All smokers know what circumstances will put them at risk of

relapsing. Plan how to avoid or deal with them.
 □ Alcohol. Half of people who relapse do so with alcohol in their bloodstream. Don't drink for three months or, if that is not possible, limit yourself to two drinks a day.
 □ Other smokers in the household. It's near impossible to quit if you live with a smoker. Quit as a couple or establish ground rules where the smoker won't leave cigarettes around or keep part of the house smoke-free.

—Source: New York Daily News

their homes and in more than a dozen states courts have ruled that whether a parent smokes is relevant to deciding child custody.

None of that seems to faze Mary McCabe of Manhattan. "You're not even thinking about sex. You're gonna have a cigar-

rette!" she says, firing up another butt.

About 25 percent of Americans — roughly 50 million people — smoke, according to Dr. Neil Schachter, director of respiratory care at Mount Sinai Hospital. "It's a dynamic situation," she says. "There are people dying,

there are people quitting, and there are new smokers: It's an equilibrium."

While the numbers remain steady, attitudes toward smoking have changed. "The majority of the population doesn't smoke and the majority considers it a dirty habit," Schachter says. "It's not something you do in the office or in most public places. Given the current social-political environment, most of the adults who can easily stop have done so. What we tend to see now are people who are very difficult to treat."

McCabe is one of those people. Last week she embarked on her fifth attempt to break a habit she began at 15.

She once quit for six years after hypnosis. "I was not around any smokers and there was no smoke in my environment," she says. "But the minute smoke was back in my environment, I was back smoking."

New clothes, new fabrics change dry cleaning

Los Angeles Times

What that dry-cleaning expert Helen Campbell knows about dirty, wrinkled clothes that you don't ink, wine, paint, nail polish and blood are the most stubborn stains, soaking them in vinegar and water is a bad idea, as are most home remedies for "schmutz" removal; cotton often comes out better in the wash than if it's dry-cleaned; linen is the most difficult fabric to press well; and gabardine tends to get shiny if it isn't given a soft press.

But only 20 percent of the clothes taken to the cleaners are actually dirty, according to research by soapmaker Procter & Gamble. Campbell agrees. "People just like that fresh, newly pressed look, so they send in their clothes whether they're dirty or not," she says.

For the last 18 years, Campbell has presided over the clothing of a highly particular clientele as manager, then owner of Emerson LaMay Cleaners in Los Angeles. She and her staff keep Diana Ross, Billy Crystal, Michelle Pfeiffer, Laker basketball star Kobe Bryant and many other loyal customers looking spiffy. The unfailingly pleasant and cheerful Campbell is so well-

regarded that people who move as far as away as 100 miles still bring their cleaning in when they're in town.

"Our customers have beautiful, expensive clothes, and they want them taken care of in the very best way," she says.

Over the years, as new fabrics and new products come to market, the waning of the dry-cleaning industry has been predicted with metronomic regularity. But professionals such as Campbell don't break a sweat.

"When polyester first came out, everyone thought it would do harm to the dry-cleaning business, but it didn't," says Campbell. "People like being taken care of. They don't have time to do it themselves."

Recently, a new home dry-cleaning product from P&G came to market amid predictions that it too could cut into the dry-cleaning business. Dryel, a name chosen because it sounds like it can be used in the dryer (which it can), comes in a \$10 starter kit that includes a reusable white plastic bag, a bottle of cleaning fluid and four absorbent pads for treating stains, plus a 12-page instructional brochure.

After conspicuous stains are rubbed out (one hopes, as many

as four garments can be put in the bag with a treated cloth and tossed into the dryer, and 30 minutes later, they are supposed to come out clean. (We tested the product. Clothes actually emerged from the dryer warm and somewhat damp. Some can be hung up and worn without ironing. Anyone enamored of a crisp, pressed look, however, would have to spend some time with an iron to achieve that. The Dryel brochure warned that the product wouldn't remove "harsh

stains" such as blood or ink. In our test, a grease spot faded, but a smudge of chocolate didn't budge. Musty-smelling sweaters emerged smelling like fabric softener.)

Danton Jones, a Procter & Gamble spokesman, says Dryel never was intended to replace dry cleaning completely. "It's being used mostly for women's clothes, and it's particularly good at removing smoking, cooking and body odors, so it's good for freshening clothes that aren't heavily soiled."

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Confronting religious right is a bold stand by McCain

From the Miami Herald

Now he really has done it. Presidential-hopeful John McCain's stinging criticism of the religious right...

With this latest twist in his unorthodox campaign, Sen. McCain is forcing a serious, long debate about issues that cut to the very core of his party's ideology...

Sen. John McCain is forcing the GOP to define once and for all its core policies on such divisive issues as abortion rights, religious tolerance, openness to minorities, taxes and campaign finances.

Politically speaking, Sen. McCain's attack on the Revs. Jerry Falwell, founder of the Moral Majority, and Pat Robertson, founder of the Christian Coalition...

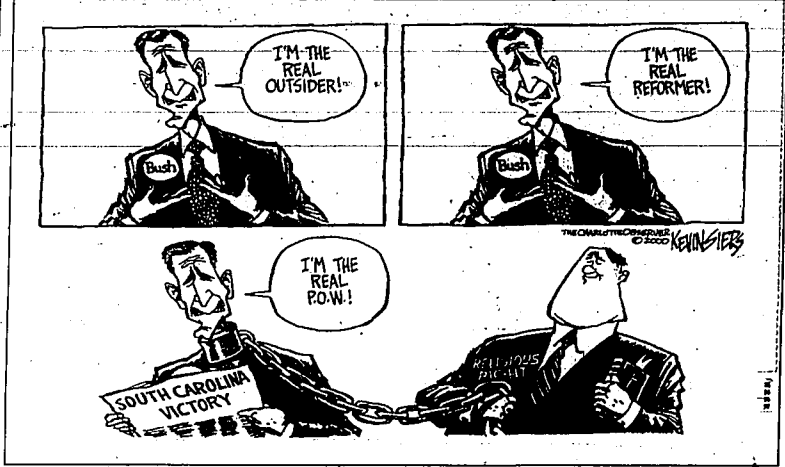
Sen. McCain's goal seems clear enough: Deraill Gov. Bush by winning delegate-rich New York and California...

states with large numbers of minority and Catholic voters. We'll know soon enough whether the attacks on the religious leaders will prove either to have been part of a brilliant campaign strategy...

But whether Mr. McCain wins or loses, the American political process will be the better for it.

The senator's broadside against religious extremists isn't his first departure from traditional Republican ideology. He launched his presidential bid preaching reform of campaign financing and later proposed tax cuts and fiscal measures that dovetail more with President Clinton's stand than his own party's line.

"The politics of division and slander are not our values," Sen. McCain said about religious extremists whose agenda has dominated the party in recent years.

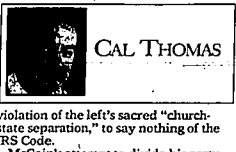


McCain embroils GOP in unholy war

When preachers of the Gospel get down and dirty with the politicians they can expect to be treated as, well, politicians. Still, Sen. John McCain has gone too far in denouncing Pat Robertson and Jerry Falwell as "agents of intolerance."

McCain said he wasn't criticizing all religious conservatives, just Falwell and Robertson. The distinction will be lost on many. What could have been on McCain's mind when he launched such a nuclear strike? Surely it was an appeal to "moderate" Republicans in New York and New England...

The hypocrisy overflows. Bob Jones was denounced as an anti-Catholic bigot (and by association George W. Bush, who recently appeared at Bob Jones University)...



ters not only individuals, but society as a whole - diminishes itself by behaving like a spiritual Teamsters Union, riding roughshod over all who get in its way.

The unholy war within the Republican Party is becoming a free campaign commercial for Democrats.

We are viewing the casualties from a 20-year culture war in which highly visible preachers of a gospel and a kingdom that are not of this world have tried to have it both ways.

Cal Thomas is a Los Angeles Times columnist.

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LETTERS

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The same improvements can be achieved in constructive ways! We've already become a "brave new world." Big Brother needs a boot in the rear, not a kiss on the cheek. BILL WOODFIN, Twin Falls

There's a better way
RED2 or Darth Vader? I recently heard a Boise spokesman extol the virtues (against) of school uniforms.

Let's have the truth
I would like to get some answers. I am not in Jerome county, but fair is fair. Why did Principal Zurewulw put two classes together to look overcrowded?

Dictatorial governments frequently promote uniformed students, youth groups, etc. As did Hitler, Mao, Stalin and numerous others before and since.

Food for thought
Thought I would give you two or three things to think about while you have your morning coffee.

Doonesbury



Mallard Fillmore



Corporate America should make it easier for seniors to keep working

BEVERLY GOLDBERG

Older workers certainly can learn new tricks — the fastest growing group of Internet users are those over 50, according to a Nielsen survey. Almost half a million people over 50 are pursuing degrees full- or part-time, according to the U.S. Department of Education.

As to training costs, in a period when tenure is about seven years for all workers and where technology changes about every 17 months, amortization of training is no longer an issue.

Besides, people over 50 tend to stay longer at a given job than those under 50, simply because they know it will be harder for them to find new jobs.

As to illness, while older workers do have more chronic conditions — high blood pressure, for example — those conditions do not affect their performance or attendance. Human resource managers make it clear the attendance

records of older workers are better than those of younger workers.

The message of corporate America is that Washington is going to make it easier for older workers to stay on the job. But that doesn't solve the problem of the recruiting and retaining older workers to grow and prosper unless you do more to encourage them.

Provide those older workers with training, especially in technology, allow them to choose flexible work arrangements, make sure managers have had some diversity training and make sure your organization places value on all its workers.

In other words, build an organization open to those who want to make a contribution, and the workers you need will find you.

Beverly Goldberg is a vice president of the New York-based Center for Retirement and author of "Age Works: What Corporate America Must Do to Survive the Graying of the Workforce." She wrote this commentary for *Bridge* news.

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Pushing military is no job for stars

ANDREW J. BACEVICH

At a news conference last month, Secretary of Defense William Cohen described a recent visit to Beverly Hills. The purpose of Cohen's trip — part of a larger effort aimed at alleviating the Pentagon's acute recruiting problem — was to cajole stars such as Julia Roberts, Tom Cruise and Robert DeNiro into making TV spots touting service in the armed forces.

Cohen is pinning his hopes on that segment of society from which young Americans habitually take their cues: the entertainment industry.

But what is the basis of that influence? Hollywood's allure derives not from sacrifice, service and self-denial, but from glamour, profit and self-indulgence — not exactly the stuff of warriors.

The point is not that Hollywood lacks patriotic fervor. Indeed, as movie such as "Saving Private Ryan" testifies to the industry's high regard for the historic achievements of the American combat soldier.

But the subtext of Steven Spielberg's film is that the courage of the GIs who expended themselves on Omaha Beach has since become unimaginable. Like celluloid or other forgotten virtues, it inspires awe but absolutely no inclination to do likewise.

In truth, among those who shape the Zeitgeist — film stars, pro athletes and media headlines — soldiering has become something that other people do. The old republican notion that citizen-

ship entails a personal obligation to contribute to the nation's defense got left conveniently behind on the near side of the 21st century.

Acutely sensitive to the slightest shift in fashion, American youngsters know the score. They know that even if Cohen succeeds in cajoling Harrison Ford or Will Smith (two other stars he button-holed) into promoting the Marine Corps, their own kids won't be trooping off to boot camp anytime soon. Nor are they buying the line that multithetic democracy is a bloom in Bosnia or that Kosovo was an epic victory. However wacked out on pop culture they may appear to be, they understand that the military's record of performance since Desert Storm has been less heroic than faintly embarrassing.

Back on the block, young Americans wait for someone to explain why, a decade after the end of the Cold War, service to country remains worthy and important. That can be made. But making it is not Julia Roberts' job. It remains Cohen's — and his boss's.

Andrew J. Bacevich is director of the Center for International Relations at Boston University. He wrote this commentary for *The Washington Post*.

LETTER

Dr. Suits is innocent

"I am writing in regard to Dr. Charles Wesley Suits. I sat in the district court room every day for two weeks and listened to the charges that were trumped up against him. I couldn't believe they were even holding a trial. The only thing that Dr. Suits was on trial for was possession of illegal drugs. That charge was never proven beyond a reasonable doubt, although the jury returned a verdict of guilty. There was so much smoke and mirrors in the court. Dr. Suits' lifestyle, his relationship with Kathy Gann, doctor, patient, nanny, bookkeeper and former lover, audio tapes, hand-writing experts to prove forgery or not. Everyone forgot what Dr. Suits was on trial for. As I listened to the evidence, there were many unanswered questions that failed to prove his guilt. "The sting took place in the hospital parking lot. Why wasn't he arrested there? Why did the police encourage follow Dr. Suits' car from the hospital parking lot to

Smith's parking lot and make the arrest there? There were nine police officers involved in the arrest, and only one testified he saw Dr. Suits throw something at him and it fell to the ground. The other officers testified they didn't see anything fall to the ground. Dr. Suits testified he didn't throw anything to the ground. The police secured his hands as soon as he stepped from his car. Who invited KMTV-TV cameras to the party (arrest)? They showed the arrest on the 10 o'clock news that night. The prosecution went on at great lengths about Dr. Suits writing prescriptions in the parking lot at Cassia Regional Medical Center. Since when is it a crime for a dedicated and caring doctor to lend a listening ear to a person asking for help?

When the prosecution, in its closing arguments, was assassinating Dr. Suits' character, my thoughts were, "Let he that is without sin cast the first stone." Dr. Suits is an intelligent and kind man and my husband, and I

will stand by him. Dr. Suits has testified that he is innocent of the charges brought against him. I witnessed his trial. I believe he should be exonerated based on the evidence presented. MARY ELLEN RASMUSSEN Burley

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WORLD

Obesity now matches starvation, study says

WASHINGTON (AP) — The world's population is growing — at the waist. For the first time in history, there may be as many people overweight, 1.1 billion, as underfed, researchers report.

Just because people are gaining weight does not mean the world is better fed or healthier than it was two decades ago when the millions more were starving, the environmental research group Worldwatch Institute said in a report released Sunday. In fact, the report says being obese and underweight often results from the same problem: malnutrition.

In some countries there is a growing "weight gap." Well-off minorities in India, China, Brazil and some other developing nations are growing fat as the poor go hungry.

America and other wealthier countries have the opposite problem: The rich, better-educated tend to eat right, while the poor often fall from a diet of cheap and fatty fast foods.

Often, nations simply have traded hunger for obesity, and

diseases of poverty for diseases of excess, said Worldwatch researcher Brian Halweil, who wrote the report with fellow researcher Gary Gardner.

In the United States, 55 percent of the population is overweight, with one in four adults considered obese, according to the most recent surveys cited in the report. Russia, the United Kingdom and Germany also have overweight majorities, U.N. studies show.

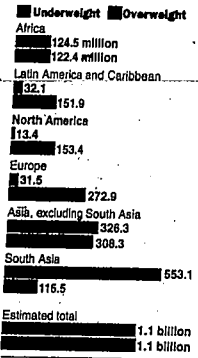
In comparison, 56 percent of Bangladesh's population is underweight. The figure is 53 percent for India.

Despite overall progress in feeding the world that has led to sharp reductions of underweight children in Asia and Latin America since 1980, the number of underfed children continues to grow in the poorest countries, in sub-Saharan Africa.

Both the overweight and the underweight live in worlds of sickness, disability, shortened life expectancy and lower productivity levels, Halweil said.

Weight of the world

According to a recent report, there may be as many overweight people in the world as there are underfed. Here is a look at major regions of the world during the mid-1990s.



Troops house volcano victims

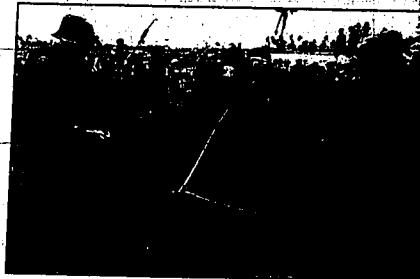
ANISLAG, Philippines (AP) — U.S. soldiers pitched tent shelters Sunday to relieve overcrowding at evacuation centers where tens of thousands of people have been living to escape a volcano that began erupting last month.

Disaster relief officials have been busy feeding more than 66,000 people and preventing diseases from spreading at the centers in the wake of a series of powerful eruptions by Mayon volcano, which remained relatively quiet for a fourth day Sunday.

Working side by side with Filipino troops, about 30 U.S. soldiers hammered tents into place while throngs of evacuees watched in a clearing in Anislag village in Albay province.

The U.S. military contingent, led by Navy Capt. Bob Harward, brought the tents, bottled water, mats and 20,000 gas masks, funded by a \$418,000 donation from the U.S. government.

The American soldiers were among more than 2,000 U.S. troops who had joined the month-long joint military exercises — called Balikatan, or "shouldering the load together" — in the Philippines that ended Friday.



American troops set up a tent to house Mayon volcano evacuees in Anislag village in Albay province Sunday.

"It's tied in with the Balikatan because the same counterparts we have been training with, learning how to fight, can show their flexibility in quickly transitioning into humanitarian operations," Harward said.

A convoy of army trucks brought the relief cargo from U.S. C-130 planes to Anislag. There, U.S. troops, Philippine soldiers and police, some wearing yellow hard hats and orange vests, unloaded the relief goods as smiling evacuees milled around.

Israeli Cabinet votes for withdrawal from Lebanon

JERUSALEM — Israel's Cabinet voted unanimously Sunday to withdraw its troops from south Lebanon by July, committing itself to ending a bloody 18-year occupation and at the same time putting new pressure on Syria to reach a peace deal.

The Cabinet said Israel would try to withdraw through a peace agreement with Syria, but officials said the troops would leave by July in any case.

Barak has been promising a July withdrawal for the past year. The firm deadline now presses Syria, the main power broker in Lebanon, either to return to suspended peace talks or to continue hostilities with its leverage impaired.

Tribesmen put pressure on government with kidnapping

SANAA, Yemen — For the Yamaneyatian tribesmen of Yemen, the logic was quite simple. The government had recently arrested one of their prominent sheiks. To secure his release, they didn't seek shrewd lawyers. Instead, they snatched the first foreigner they could lay their hands on — the Polish ambassador. And then the rigorous bargaining began.

Krzysztof Suprowicz, the first ambassador to be kidnapped, was released unharmed Sunday after four days in captivity. In return, a mediator from another tribe said, his captors got five cars, five medals and five of the curved daggers known as jambiyas that Yemeni men wear in their waistbands and guard as fiercely as their honor.

Putin sparks criticism by suggesting Russia join NATO

MOSCOW — Acting President Vladimir Putin set off a wave of criticism Sunday from his rivals in the presidential race by telling a British television network that Russia could join NATO.

Some critics called Putin's comments a betrayal of Russia's interests. Others called them a bid for votes from Western-minded Russians in the March 26 election, or an effort to soften his hardline image abroad.

World in brief

Asked whether Russia could join NATO, Putin told British Broadcasting Corp. interviewer Sir David Frost: "I don't see why not. I would not rule out such a possibility. But I repeat — if and when Russia's views are taken into account as an equal partner." The interview was broadcast Sunday and picked up by Russia's main networks.

NATO has been keen to cooperate with the Kremlin since the 1991 Soviet collapse, but has not shown any sign it is inviting Russia to join. U.S. Secretary of State Madeline Albright has said NATO could expand to include Russia, but other U.S. politicians strongly resist the idea.

Militias fight near Somali capital, witnesses claim

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Fighting between rival militias in a town near Mogadishu left several people dead and others wounded, witnesses said over a high-frequency radio channel Sunday.

The fighting Saturday took place in Corlele, about 50 miles south of the Somali capital. Militiamen of the Islamic court battled the Digil Salvation Army and the Rahanwein Resistance Army, the witnesses said.

Fighting had subsided by nightfall, but the town remained tense Sunday because another attack was expected from the DSA and RRA, a witness said on condition of anonymity.

Police find bomb near center where Clinton spoke

DAVOS, Switzerland — Police found a bomb hidden close to a conference center where world leaders, including President Clinton, gathered earlier this year, a newspaper reported Sunday.

The bomb, weighing between 11 and 22 pounds, was found inside a trash sack in an electricity substation 200 yards from the conference center in Davos, the eastern Swiss ski resort, the weekly SonntagBlick reported.

— compiled from wire reports

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“Sparky’s the only guy I know who has written more books than he has read.”

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—Hall of Fame broadcaster Ernie Harwell on Sparky Anderson’s autobiography—and third book—“They Call Me Sparky”

IN BRIEF

High school coaches: deadline is today

TWIN FALLS — With the exception of Class A-4 track and field, spring sporting events start in three days — meaning The Times-News will be running its spring sports previews this week.

Accordingly, area athletic coaches are asked to return their completed questionnaires, schedules and rosters filled out to the best of their ability based on information now at hand — today. Misplaced a questionnaire? Call us at (208) 733-0931 or 800-658-3883, Ext. 229 today for a replacement. Completed forms should be faxed to (208) 734-5538.

Long Beach spoils

Senior Night for Vandals

MOSCOW — The University of Idaho women’s basketball team honored three seniors before the game, but Long Beach State rained on the Vandals’ parade Saturday night by sending Idaho to its sixth defeat in seven games.

The loss dropped the Vandals to 13-14 overall and 6-8 in the Big West Conference. Idaho still qualifies for the Big West tournament by virtue of New Mexico State’s loss to North Texas Thursday night. UI finished fourth in the Eastern Division and will face ninth-ranked UC Santa Barbara, the Western Division champion, in the first round of the tournament at 6 p.m. Wednesday in Reno.

Idaho men lose, but still qualify for tourney

RENO, Nev. — Saturday night’s men’s basketball loss at Nevada came down to basics for the University of Idaho Vandals — turnovers and missed free throws.

What the Idaho loss did to what became a wild Big West tournament scenario was put the Vandals into next week’s tournament as the Eastern Division fourth seed, Nevada in the Eastern Division third seed and eliminate Boise State from the tournament altogether.

Idaho (12-16 overall, 6-10 Big West) plays Western Division leader Long Beach State (23-4, 15-1) at 6 p.m. Thursday night at the Lawlor Center at Reno.

TF Men open season at municipal course

TWIN FALLS — Kevin Eckard, Lynn Lee, Joe Thiel and Roy Dixon took first place at a 117 Sunday at the Twin Falls Men’s Golf Association Opening tournament, a 1 gross, 1 net, best ball at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

Tying for second at 120 were: Dan Schnobelen, Dave Parry, Mike Federico and Curt Hernandez. Kevin Kelly, Marie Miller and Gary Rene-Boher; and Jessie Hernandez, Jon Jacobson, Ramby Bahenhaus and Bill Schmahl. In fifth with a tie at 131 were: Scott Jerome, Bob Slater, Pat Day and Rod Sherry. Also: Gary Roland, Randy Clark, Ray Hackley, John Root and Cal Ebaugh.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Just call him ‘Mr. Versatility’

Valley’s top guns not done

Jazz’s Big Apple win showcases Malone’s skills

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Karl Malone reached into his bag of tricks and pulled out a few rarities: A sky hook, a Kareem Abdul-Jabbar, a three-foot finger roll, a George Gervin and a dagger as the 24-second clock expired, a la Michael Jordan.

“I’ve got those kinds of things,” Malone said after leading the Utah Jazz past the New York Knicks 88-79 Sunday. “My teammates are always telling me: When are you going to do this and when are you going to do that? But (my normal stuff) is working for all these years, so why should I change it?”

“I’m not going to do (other things) until guys stop me from doing what I’ve been doing all these years,” Malone said. “I just did that today for the guys.”

Malone scored 30 points and Bryon Russell added 19 as Utah’s forwards dominated New York’s, outscoring Kurt Thomas and Larry Johnson 49-8.

It was the fourth straight victory and the 11th in 13 games for the Jazz, who led for almost the entire game in becoming just the second Western Conference team to win at Madison Square Garden this season.

Jeff Hornacek added 13 points and John Stockton had 12 assists for the Jazz, who went undefeated on a three-game road trip to Detroit, Charlotte and New York.

“We’ve got a lot of road games left, and if we want to make some noise we’ve got to do it on the road in hostile territory,” Malone said.



Utah Jazz forward Karl Malone shoots over New York’s Chris Dudley, rear, Latrell Sprewell and Chris Childs during the Jazz’s 88-79 win Sunday at Madison Square Garden in New York. Malone scored 30 points in the win.

The Jazz gave an almost textbook example of how to play from ahead, rarely letting the Knicks gather any momentum

after taking their first 10-point lead late in the first quarter. The one time New York did make a move, going on a 13-3 run

to close within three early in the fourth quarter, the Jazz quickly countered with an 8-0 run to reassert control.

Four Gem State athletes are headed to the Hall of Fame

The Times-News

COEUR D’ALENE — Four Gem State athletes have been nominated to the Idaho Athletic Hall of Fame.

This year’s four honorees are University of Idaho football legend Jerry Ahlin, youth and North Idaho College advocate William Nixon, former U of I and Canadian Football League quarterback Craig Juntunen and ex-Boise State University star quarterback-turned-rodeo world champion Dee Pickett.

The induction awards banquet will be held at the convention center in Coeur d’Alene on March 18. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Tickets, \$23 for adults and \$9 for students, are available by calling (208) 882-4213. Here’s a look at each 2000 inductee:

Jerry Ahlin

Ahlin was raised in Boise, where he excelled in high school football, basketball and baseball. After completing high school, Ahlin entered the University of Idaho in 1963, playing linebacker, quarterback, and defensive safety during his college career and competing in the Big Sky Championship team.

After graduating from the U of I in 1967,



Ahlin signed with the Dallas Cowboys and played in the Continental League in 1971.

Today, he lives with his wife, Susan, in the Sacramento, Calif., area, where the couple owns and operates the Creative Arts Company. Jerry has been very active in developing high school rugby programs. Participating on the Northern California Pelican Rugby All-Star Team, he has had the opportunity to tour several countries around the world.

Presently, he is a board member of the Sacramento Rugby Club and Cordova High School Rugby program.

William Nixon

Nixon was born in Payette and moved to Bonners Ferry soon after, where he participated in high school baseball, football and basketball. After graduation, he entered the University of Idaho in 1950 and played freshman football for the Vandals.

Despite seeing his career end early due to injury, he continued to be very active in intramural sports. After receiving his Juris Doctorate, Nixon practiced law in Bonners Ferry and was active in the Kiwanis program, serving as president in 1972, and helped set up the Sports Future, Inc., a sev-



enth- and eighth-grade football program. He now lives in Coeur d’Alene with his wife, Judy, practicing law and participating as a member of several professional legal associations. He has been an active leader for the Rotary Club and North Idaho College.

Craig Juntunen

After graduating high school in Saratoga, Calif., where he played football and baseball, Juntunen enrolled at the University of Idaho, where he quarterbacked the Vandals as co-captain of the 1977 team.

After playing for Idaho, he competed in the Canadian Football League as quarterback of the Calgary Stampeders and the Winnipeg Blue Bombers.

When his football career ended, Juntunen founded Juntunen Corp., an employment services company. During his time with the company he was also an active volunteer for the Special Olympics, establishing a golf tournament which generated more than one million dollars for the San Francisco Special Olympics Chapter.

In 1995, Juntunen sold his company, and, with the help of his wife, Kathi, established the Juntunen Foundation, which provides



scholarship and tutoring for disadvantaged Bay Area high school students. His foundation also helps grammar school-aged children in Idaho attend the U of I football games.

Dee Pickett

Pickett grew up in Caldwell, where he attended Valluvis High School and was an all-state football and basketball selection in 1974.

After graduating, he attended Boise State University, where he played football and became a star quarterback ranked second in the nation for offense in Division I-AA football. In 1984, Pickett was inducted into the Boise State University Hall of Fame.

Throughout his life, Pickett has been active on the national rodeo circuit as a team roper. He met and married his wife, Brenda, a former Miss Rodeo of America, through his investment in rodeo. In 1984, he was named World Champion All-Around Cowboy of the Year.

Pickett was recently nominated one of Idaho’s Athletes of the Century by the World Humanitarian Hall of Fame. He now directs free calf and team roping clinics for high school and elementary school students.



Junior parks first homer for Reds

The Associated Press

SARASOTA, Fla. — Ken Griffey Jr. homered in a Cincinnati Reds’ uniform for the first time, leading a split squad over the Texas Rangers 2-2 Sunday.

Griffey hit a solo shot in the fourth inning off Jeff Zimmerman that broke a 2-2 tie. Dmitri Young added a two-run single and Scott Casey an RBI single for the Reds.

Lee Stevens and Tom Evans homered for Texas.

At Lakeland, Fla., Juan Gonzalez played his first game against major leaguers for the Detroit Tigers, going 1-for-3 with a single in the Detroit Tigers’ 9-5 win over the Kansas City Royals.

Gonzalez, acquired in a nine-player trade with the Texas Rangers, came up with a tight left hamstring following an exhibition game Wednesday night against Florida Southern. It wasn’t a serious injury. — AP Wire



Cincinnati’s Ken Griffey Jr. hits his first spring training home run for the Reds in the fourth inning of Texas Rangers reliever Jeff Zimmerman on Sunday in Sarasota, Fla. The Reds won 2-2.

Furyk steals Doral-Ryder show with big comeback

The Associated Press

MIAMI — Jim Furyk overcame a six-shot deficit with seven holes to play by pouring in putts from all over and taking advantage of Franklin Langham’s collapse to win the Doral-Ryder Open on Sunday.

It was a chilling replay of Pebble Beach last month, when Woods came from seven strokes down with seven holes to play to beat fast-fading Matt Gogel who, like Langham, was trying to win for the first time on tour.

Furyk wasn’t nearly as spectacular — there were no wedges holed for eagle from the middle of the fairway — but he was no less efficient.

With six birdies for a 30 on the back nine, Furyk closed with a 7-under 65 on another tame day at the Blue Monster for a 265, tying the tournament record set by Greg

Golf

Norman in 1993. Furyk won \$540,000 for his fifth career victory. “I told my caddy on the 10th that I needed to shoot 30 on the back nine. I didn’t think it would be enough,” Furyk said.

Begay will be released today ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — PGA pro Neah Begay resumes his journey from Albuquerque to Augusta with his release today from the jail where he’s been serving a seven-day sentence for drunken driving.

Begay, one of the top rookies on the tour in 1999, will play in The Masters next month, but first must complete his stay in surroundings far removed from the glamour and glory of Augusta National.

SPORTS

Capitals beat Sabres to forge Southeast tie

WASHINGTON (AP) — Calle Johansson and rookie Jeff Halpern scored, and Olaf Kolzig made 28 saves Sunday as the Washington Capitals beat the Buffalo Sabres 2-1.

Washington, which has earned a point in 13 of its last 14 home games, moved to tie for first in the Southeast Division at 80 points with the Florida Panthers. Stu Barnes scored the only goal for Buffalo.

Blackhawks 7, Coyotes 3

CHICAGO — Tony Amonte had two goals and an assist for the second straight game, and linemate Alex Zhemnov had a goal and three assists as Chicago beat slumping Phoenix.

Boris Mironov, Michael Nylander, Josef Marha and Derek Plante also scored for the Blackhawks, who have won four of five games. Shane Doan had a goal and an assist and for the Coyotes, 1-5-1 in their last six games. Benoit Hogue and Mike Alatalo also scored for Phoenix.

Islanders 4, Flyers 3, OT

PHILADELPHIA — Mariusz Czerkawski assisted on the tying goal late in regulation and then scored in overtime, giving New York a victory over Philadelphia. Jamie Rivers broke a 72-game scoring drought and Dave Scatchard and Olli Jokinen added goals for the Islanders, who won at Philadelphia for the first time in nine games (1-6-2).

Keith Jones and Simon Gagne scored power play goals in the second for Philadelphia and Gino Odjick, acquired last month in a

trade with the Islanders, had his first goal with the Flyers.

Red Wings 5, Stars 3

DALLAS — Sergei Fedorov scored the tiebreaking goal in the second period and added a short-handed tally to send Detroit over Dallas.

Pat Verbeek, Nicklas Lidstrom and Brendan Shanahan also scored for Detroit, which gained a split of the four-game season series with the Stars. Dallas rookie Brendan Morrow had his 13th goal and Aaron Gavey scored on the power play for Dallas.

Devils 2, Flames 2, tie

CALGARY, Alberta — Patrik Elias scored with 11:03 left in the third period to cap New Jersey's two-goal rally in a tie with Calgary.

Calgary's Jarome Iginla extended his point streak to an NHL season-high 16 games with an assist on Marc Savard's first-period goal. Jason Arnott had the other goal for New Jersey, 2-5-1 in its last eight.

Mighty Ducks 1, Predators 0

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Guy Hebert made 33 saves for his 26th career shutout and Johan Davidsson scored hours after being promoted to the NHL as Anaheim beat Nashville.

Hebert, who has four shutouts this season, handed Nashville its fifth straight defeat. The goal ended a 42-game drought for Davidsson, dating to Dec. 9, 1998 when he scored twice against Vancouver. He has four goals in 65 career NHL games and tallied nine goals and 30 assists in 55 contests since the season for Cincinnati at the AHL.



New Jersey's Ken Daneyko slams Calgary's Dave Roche into the boards during the first period of Sunday's game in Calgary.

Burton wins yet another shortened NASCAR race

LAS VEGAS (AP) — People might start calling Jeff Burton "Rainman."

For the third time in less than a year, Burton was the beneficiary of wet weather that cut short a race. It also was the second time a rain-shortened victory has given both Burton and one lucky fan a \$1 million bonus.

Burton passed teammate Mark Martin for the lead on lap 136 of the scheduled 267-lap CraftsDirect.com 400 on Sunday at Las Vegas Motor Speedway. It turned out to be the winning move.

The second rain shower of the day began just nine laps later and the cars were parked on the main straightaway of the 1.5-mile oval for the second time on lap 146.

With the rain still falling steadily after a wet day of about an hour, 20 minutes of NASCAR gave up, sending home about 140,000 disappointed spectators.

"We'll take it," Burton said. "You always like to win it on the track, but we were fortunate enough to be out front when the rain came. It wasn't anything we planned. I just got by Mark when I had the chance and the timing was right."

Tony Stewart also managed to get past Martin before the final red flag, earning last year's top broadcast reports.

Marino is talking to Vikings

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Dan Marino was offered Minnesota's starting quarterback job last week in talks with Vikings coach Dennis Green, according to broadcast reports.

rookie a second-place finish. Bill Elliott, Bobby Labonte, Johnny Benson and defending series champion Dale Jarrett followed Martin across the finish line while the race was stopped.

"We were running left on a little bit at a time," Stewart said. "If we had had 10 or 15 more laps, we might have been able to catch him and get by."

But Stewart was actually pretty happy to take a second-place finish.

"I felt my car was down on power and I was more worried about the other guys gaining more than we could gain as the race went on," he said.

Marino lost the Busch Series race Saturday in Green after he got stuck behind the spinning car of Jack Sprague. On Sunday, he let Burton get by in traffic.

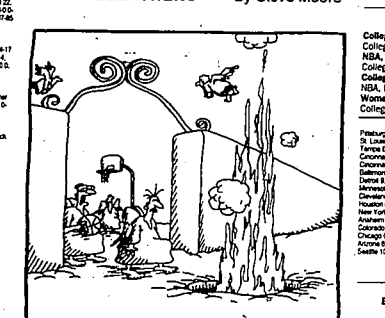
"I didn't know it was going to rain and that we were about to stop racing," Marino said. "I would have tried harder to keep the lead. But I thought we were just one adjustment away from keeping the lead and never got a chance to make that adjustment."

Burton, who has 12 career victories, also won two rain-shortened races Saturday in Green, said last year, with the September win in the Southern 500 earning the big bonuses.

ing unidentified sources, said Sunday night that Green assured the former Miami Dolphins starter that he would be the starter. Marino, who has not attracted much interest from other teams, also is considering retirement.

SCORES AND STANDINGS

IN THE BLEACHERS By Steve Moore



"Sorry, Mike. That's the rule. Two technical fouls and you're outta here."

Table with columns for various sports leagues and their current standings. Includes sections for NBA Standings, NHL Standings, and CBA Standings.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Bomb threat shuts down swimming pool

TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls Pool was closed for about a half hour Sunday afternoon because of a bomb threat.

A male called in the threat around 2:30 p.m., forcing police to evacuate and search the building, Twin Falls police Sgt. Bill Handeey said.

Police and pool staff searched the building for about a half hour and found nothing, he said.

During the search police took the swimmers across the street to the Twin Falls High School football field and called parents. The pool reopened when the search ended, Handeey said.

Local students will sing at Statehouse in Boise

BOISE - Local singers will be among the more than 1,500 students who will perform in Boise this week during the annual State Capitol Rotunda Concerts. The eighth grade Emberly Visonon Choir from Kimberly Middle School led by Heather Hacking will perform at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday on the second floor of the Statehouse Rotunda.

The sixth grade chorus from Hansen Elementary School led by Janice Hamby will perform at 11:30 a.m. Thursday on the second floor of the Statehouse Rotunda.

The concert series is sponsored as part of the National and Idaho Music in Our Schools Month celebration. The Idaho Department of Education estimates that about 48,000 students participate in music programs across the state.

Ketchum City Council might ban public smoking

KETCHUM - The City Council is scheduled to make a decision as to whether to ban smoking from public places, including bars and restaurants, at its meeting Tuesday. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. at City Hall and the council is expected to discuss the smoking issue at 7 p.m. The meeting is open to the public.

Blaine commissioners null stream alteration

HAILEY - The Blaine County Board of Commissioners will not consider a stream alteration permit and funding for scenic easement in its monthly meeting today. Flying Hat Ranch is seeking a permit to enhance an eroding bank along the Big Wood River south of Hailey in an effort to prevent the river from reaching an irrigation canal. The project includes unplugging a gravel bar and using large trees, rock and willows to stabilize approximately 75 feet of bank.

Wood River Land Trust Representative Becker will present a plan to obtain enhancement funds from the Idaho Department of Transportation. The money would be used for scenic easements a mile west of the Highway 20/State Highway 75 intersection.

Commissioners will also consider three applications for plat amendments. The Board meeting will begin at 8:45 a.m. at the courthouse and is open to the public.

Public can review latest approved textbooks

TWIN FALLS - New state-approved curriculum for science, health and handwriting in Idaho's public schools will be on display Tuesday for review.

The Idaho Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development in cooperation with the State Department of Education is sponsoring the Idaho Curricular Materials Expo from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Weston Plaza Hotel, 1350 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. The association is taking the materials on a state tour. Tuesday's stop is the only one planned for southeastern Idaho.

The State Board of Education in January approved new materials for the three subjects. Supplemental materials were adopted for computer applications, mathematics, business education, career education, counseling, vocational technical education, social studies, and music.

This year materials were reviewed and selected based on how well the information supported Idaho's new achievement standards, the Department of Education said.

Compiled from staff reports



Classical guitarist Angel Romero, center, plays for a group of English as a Second Language students at Wood River High School. Romero has been called 'the Spanish master of the guitar.'

Six-string cultural lesson

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Twenty students in an English as a Second Language class at Wood River High School recently got a break from mastering English conjunctions and prepositions.

Instead, they got to listen to the music of a man hailed as the Spanish master of the guitar.

Angel Romero and his two sidekicks showed the kids that three classical guitars can fill a room with just as much sound as the heavy metal and rock music they're more used to hearing.

"It's fun to see their faces as they hear something they haven't been exposed to before. After all, these kids are our future," Romero said.

Romero painted Spanish-flavored musical pictures of bull

Spanish guitar master shares talent, wisdom with Wood River students

fights, dancing mariachis and lovers basking under a full moon as his fingers slid along the strings. His fingers tripped over the strings faster than the students could trill their RRRs, only to halt in musical mid-sentence to pluck, strum up a frenzy with the backs of his fingernails and rap the guitar with the butt of his hand.

"Is this all you do?" asked one student. Then, as his fellow classmates laughed, he reprised his question. "I mean, is this your job? You're not like a businessman?"

Modestly, Romero gave them a short resume in Spanish and English.

Not only is he the conductor of the San Diego Chamber Symphony, but he's recorded more than 150 records for RCA, he told them. He also writes music for films and won a 1995 Ariel - Mexico's equivalent of an Oscar for the musical score of "Bienvenido - Welcome."

He is in the second of three generations of classical guitarists, he added.

His father, also a composer, came here from Spain in 1957. Angel's brothers play with him in one quartet. His son Lito, who accompanied Angel to the school along with Angel's protegee Eric Symons, plays with cousins in a younger quartet.

"Wow, you're famous," one admiring convert said in the back of the room.

Teacher Stacey Roth said the private concert was a treat for her students because the majority of outside speakers who come to the school speak in English, and it's difficult for newer kids especially to follow along.

"Plus, little do they know it but they'll get to write about this," she said.

A writing assignment was the last thing on Carlos Anguiano's mind, however, as he savored the strains of guitar music fading through the air. "Fantastic," he said. "I really enjoyed that."

Times-News correspondent Karen Bossick can be reached in Hailey at 578-2111.

TF council mulls expanding water system.

By John T. Hudby
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The City Council today will consider an agreement to start expanding the city's waste water treatment plant.

The council will consider a supplemental agreement for professional services by CH2M Hill for the construction phase of the Twin - Falls Wastewater Treatment Plant Phase I expansion.

The estimated cost of the first phase of the project is \$717,360, according to a contract between

City Council meets

The Twin Falls City Council will meet at 5 p.m. today at City Hall.

CH2M Hill and the City Council.

The total project is expected to cost \$7.4 million. The city received project bids ranging from \$6 million to \$6.7 million. The city will pay for the plant's expansion with an \$8 million state revolving loan and the expansion is expected to take 465 days to complete.

The city's water treatment

plant is located in the canyon near the city's pipeline replacement project. The expansion will include:

- A new blower system.
- Several piping changes.
- An addition to the plant's laboratory.

Also today, the council will consider the final plat of the Incom Industrial Park Subdivision No. 1.

Incom Industrial Park would be located east of the 300 and 400 blocks of Hankins Road South and south of the Eastern Idaho Railroad tracks within the city's area of impact. The park

will be located on 24 acres and will include 10 industrial and commercial lots.

In other city business, the council will consider the following items:

- An agreement for professional services by Dale Riedesel for the development of Washington Street North expansion projects.

Consideration of a Planned Unit Development agreement between the city of Twin Falls and Bob Latham Sr. and Bob Latham Jr.

- Approval of the water department's general inventory bid.

Shooting suspect faces sentence

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

JEROME - A Jerome man faces up to 75 years in prison when he is sentenced today for shooting two sheriff's deputies and another man during a Sept. 19 rampage at his home.

Erik J. Buchanan, 24, pleaded guilty in January to aggravated battery and two counts of aggravated battery on a peace officer. "I want to take responsibility for what I did," Buchanan told 5th District Judge Nathan Higer, who will determine the sentence.

Buchanan, who could also be fined up to \$150,000, had also faced three counts of aggravated assault on a peace officer, but those charges were dropped by Jerome County Prosecutor John Lothspeich when Buchanan agreed to plea guilty to the other charges.

Aggravated battery carries a maximum sentence of 15 years in prison. When a peace officer is involved the penalty doubles to 30 years.

Buchanan was arrested in the early morning hours of Sept. 20 following the shootings and a three-hour standoff.

The incident began when Jerome police arrived at the house, 515 N. Lincoln St., for a possible domestic dispute. The officers saw Buchanan on the front porch holding a gun, and they watched him send a hail of bullets into the car of Ken Barrett as it pulled into the driveway.

Barrett was hit in the shoulder before he could drive away.

Buchanan then fired in the officers' direction before going back into the house.

The officers had taken cover when Jerome County sheriff's deputies Stuart Smith and Dan Hamrick arrived and approached the side of the house.

Buchanan fired at them, sending a bullet into the chest of Smith's bullet-proof vest and bullet fragments into Hamrick's face.

No one was seriously hurt. The following three-hour standoff ended when Buchanan surrendered to SWAT team members.

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Family and friends remember Sursely

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

BUHL - She was many things in life, including coffee shop owner, talk show host and activist, and along her many paths she touched many people.

More than 100 of the people Kathy Sursely touched through life crowded into the Eighth Street Center in Buhl Sunday to remember her. She died last week of cancer.

"She was a very unique person who touched a lot of people in a lot of different ways," her longtime companion Bill Chisholm said.

Chisholm and Sursely were brought together by activism, which sometimes nearly pulled them apart, but they always stuck together in the end, Chisholm said.

The couple met 20 years ago and since then had teamed together for many causes, including protests against nuclear waste. On one trip back from a protest at the Nevada Test Site, Chisholm and Sursely tied the knot, he said.

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Offering a helping hand through a few locks

By Ruth Streater
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Ever since 4-year-old Marisa Pena heard she could donate her long brown hair to sick children, she's been waiting for the day.

It might have been her mother's idea, but it's something Marisa has been reminding her mom that she wants to do. "She's the one who's been wanting to do this," Yolanda Lopez of Burley said as her daughter waited for her turn at the Finishing Touch salon in Rupert.

Began in December 1997, Locks of Love has provided hair for 186 children up to the age of 17 who have lost their hair for medical reasons. Each hairpiece is made from 12 ponytails 10-inches or longer, and synthetic hairpieces are given to children under eight years old because they grow out of them so fast. The organization is of special

Learn more

For more information on Locks of Love, call 888-896-1588, or visit the organization's web-site at www.locksoflove.org.

help to financially disadvantaged families, or families burdened by medical bills - consider your custom made natural hair wigs start at \$3,000.

The vacuum cap allows children to swim and shower while wearing their wigs, and protects a child against the possible embarrassment from hair-pulling peers, said Kary Karr, spokeswoman for Locks of Love.

The organization strives to give children self-confidence at a time when identities are being shaped, especially for girls for whom hair has such social importance. And because most of Locks of Love clients are girls, authentic hair takes kindly to styling as it won't burn from high

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Marisa Pena, 4, of Burley, donated about eight inches of her hair Friday for Locks of Love, a program that creates wigs for children who've lost their hair due to medical reasons.

ON THE AGENDA

THIS WEEK AT CSI

Today
Aequia City Council, 8 p.m., Larry Wall's home.
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Hansen Community Library Board of Trustees, 7 p.m., library, 120 W. Maple.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Ketchum City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.
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., courthouse.
Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.
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
Castletford City Council, 7:30 p.m., J&D Printing Enterprises.
Declo City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
E-911 Regional Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., dispatch center, 911 E. Ave. H, Jerome.
Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Glenns Ferry School Board, 7 p.m., administration office, 820 old U.S. Highway 30.
Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Murtaugh School Board, 7:30 p.m., high school library.
Paul City Council, 7:30 p.m., city office.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls Public Library Board of Trustees, 5 p.m., library board room.

Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Wendell School Board, 7 p.m., board room at high school.

Thursday
Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center.
Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, noon, Price's Cafe, Burley.
Minidoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., highway district office.
Rupert, DeMary Memorial Library Board of Trustees, 4 p.m., library, 417 Seventh St.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., office building, 246 Third Ave. E.

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

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

Today
CSI Booster Club luncheon, noon to 1 p.m.; Taylor cafeteria.

Tuesday
Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition board meeting, 9 a.m., Taylor 276.
Public comment on the associate degree nursing program accreditation, 3 to 4 p.m., Taylor cafeteria.
'Repliche Review - Mingle in the Jungle,' 6 p.m., Herrett Center.
Idaho Small Business Development Center Supervision 1 workshop, 6 to 9 p.m., Taylor 276.
'Search for Life in the Universe,' 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
'A Geologist's Collection,' gems and minerals display, Herrett Center.
Browning/Severns Gallery (Tuesdays-Saturdays through May).
'Half Time,' works by CSI Art Department faculty, Herrett Center, Jean H. King Art Gallery (Tuesdays-Saturdays through March 16).

Wednesday
Gifted and talented chemistry program, 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.,

Evergreen A09.
Latinos Unidos Club meeting, noon to 1 p.m., Shields 105.
GLAB (gays, lesbians and bisexuals), 4 p.m., Taylor 258.
Idaho Small Business Development Center - advanced Quickbooks Pro 99, 6 to 9 p.m., Evergreen C93.

Thursday
Arborist training, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 276.
Adult re-entry community luncheon, 11:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., Taylor 276.
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance for low income and elderly taxpayers, 2 to 6 p.m., Evergreen C93 (through April 13).
Baptist Campus Ministries Bible study and meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor cafeteria.

Friday
Arborist training, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Taylor 276.
CSI Outdoor Program introduction to kayaking, 6 p.m., Outdoor Program office, Taylor building. Fee is \$25; pre-registration and pre-payment required. All equipment provided.
'Search for Life in the Universe,' 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

Saturday
Certified Nursing Assistant written test, 8 a.m. to noon, Aspen 108.
Idaho State Creditors training, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Evergreen C74.
Twin Falls Music Club Music Festival, 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Fine Arts 133.
Idaho Society of Radio Amateurs instruction and exams, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields 106.
Idaho Small Business Development Center - small business advertising on a shoestring, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., Evergreen C93.
'Rusty Rocket's Last Blast,' 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
'More Than Meets the Eye,' 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
CSI Outdoor Program introduction to kayaking, 6 p.m., Outdoor Program office, Taylor building.
'Search for Life in the Universe,' 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Magic Valley Astronomical Society meeting, 7 to 8 p.m., Shields 117.

Sunday
Magic Valley Bible Church, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields 117 and 118.
CSI Outdoor Program introduction to kayaking concludes, 6 p.m., Outdoor Program office, Taylor building.

Mesa Falls visitor fees might start next year

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - The U.S. Forest Service might start charging a fee to people visiting Mesa Falls in 2001.
The site could be included in the statewide user fee program being planned by the Forest Service, National Park Service,

Bureau of Land Management, Bureau of Reclamation and Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation.
The Forest Service considered charging fees this year but decided to wait until construction on the Big Falls Inn and the Mesa Falls scenic

Byway were finished, Recreation Forester Kaye Olin said.
She said the fee amount had not been set.
Under the federal fee demonstration program, the Forest Service can charge entrance fees at up to 100 of its sites.

Cattle association asks for wolf management

MACKAY (AP) - The Idaho Cattle Association recently submitted a request to the federal government for enhanced wolf recovery efforts.
The \$1.3 million request was compiled with input from wildlife managers, Agriculture Department officials, ranchers and outfitters. It incorporates components from the Idaho Wolf Management Plan.
The largest part is increased funding of \$850,000 annually for wolf control efforts in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming by the Agriculture Department's Wildlife Services.
The request also includes \$188,000 to enhance Idaho Fish and Game's monitoring of affected deer and elk to measure the impact on the state's wildlife pop-

ulation. And it seeks money for compensation programs to family ranches and outfitting businesses.
'If the federal government really wants to see wolves here in years to come, they must fund efforts to make the recovery program work,' said Dave Nelson, the Cattle Association's vice president. 'Long term, the best way to ensure wolf recovery is for the state to take over management with full federal funding.'
Nelson said a short term solution would come from maintaining the state's wildlife population and keeping family operations in business.
'Ranchers have often said we can live with wolves if we can manage wolves,' Nelson said. 'This request for funding will

make management of wolves possible and help folks who have been severely affected by wolf-related losses to scrape out a living in the meantime.'

SERVICES

Julio Reynoso of Burley, funeral mass at 11 a.m. today at the Little Flower Catholic Church, 1601 Oakley Ave. (Payne Mortuary in Burley).

Clifton Edward Bailey of Heyburn, graveside service at 1:30 p.m. today at the Twin Falls Cemetery (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Eileen C. Brandt of Burley, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today and one hour before the service on Tuesday at the funeral chapel.

George Oliver Wallace of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary Chapel.

NaDene Eloise Ott of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin

Falls; friends may call from 3-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel. The family will receive friends from 5-7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Karma Porter Floyd of Gooding, graveside service at noon Wednesday at the Franklin Cemetery in Franklin; friends may call from 1-5 p.m. today and from 1-7 p.m. Tuesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Eleene Sina Rogers Grull of Pocatello, service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Burley 3rd Ward LDS Chapel, 2200 Oakley Ave.; friends and family may call

one hour before the funeral at the church (Hansen Mortuary Burley Chapel).

Earl Jensen of Jerome, memorial service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Olive Crothers of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. Thursday at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

John L. Howe of Twin Falls, memorial service at 3 p.m. March 31 at the Grace Baptist Church (Parker's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls).

DEATH NOTICE

Marie Owen
BUHL - Marie Owen, 85, of Buhl, died March 5, 2000, at

her home.
Services are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel.

HOSPITALS

MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER
Some names are omitted at patients' request. Admitted Richard Ryaal of Twin Falls.

OBITUARIES

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

IDAHO FALLS
James T. Moore

James T. 'Jimmy' Moore, 72, a former resident of the Paul area, died March 4, 2000, in Idaho Falls at the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center following an illness with strokes and renal failure.
Mr. Moore was born Nov. 14, 1927, at Teton City, the son of Harlin T. and Ethel Elizabeth Hughes Moore. He grew up in Teton, where he received his schooling.
During World War II he was in the Army Air Force, serving in Tokyo, Japan.

He married Helen B. Haws on Dec. 6, 1945, at St. Anthony. He worked for the Sidloway Family farming for several years. He then moved to California, where he worked in the building trade for three years. In 1959 they homesteaded a farm on the Minidoka project near Paul, where they lived until their retirement in 1977, when they moved back to Teton, where they resided until five months ago when they moved to Idaho Falls to be near the hospital for dialyses.
While in Teton he served as town Marshall and worked as sexton for the Teton-Newdale Cemetery.

Jim is survived by his wife Helen of Idaho Falls; children Judy Ward, Maxfield of Paul, Randy (Peggy) Moore of Chubbuck and Brent H. Moore of Idaho Falls; two brothers, Sherman Moore of Rexburg and Vergil Moore of Ridgecrest, Calif.; eight grandchildren; five great-

grandchildren and five great-great-grandchildren. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers and one granddaughter.

Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday, March 8, 2000, at 11 a.m. in the Teton LDS Church with Bishop Thane Sidloway officiating. Friends may call at the Bidwell Funeral Home Tuesday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. and at the church Wednesday one hour prior to the time of services. Burial will be in the Teton-Newdale Cemetery where military rites will be performed.

HANSEN

Hansen, passed away, Saturday, March 4, 2000, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center of natural cause.
She was born Dec. 23, 1906, in New Castle, Penn., the daughter of John and Blanche Farrell. She moved with her family to California in 1924. She married Pete Pedersen in Las Vegas in 1953. He preceded her in death in 1978. She moved with her family to Arizona in 1955 and then in 1985 she moved to Hansen to be close to her daughter.
Ella is survived by her daughter, Kathleen Mugavero of Hansen; two grandchildren, Sharon L. Olson of Hansen and Leo Pedersen of West Virginia; four great-grandchildren, Ronn (Crisann) Schwarz, Lanora (Tody) Rasmussen, Kelly Olson all of Twin Falls and Brian Olson of Hartland, Maine; five great-great-grandchildren, Aaron Schwarz, Alexandra Anderson, Cruz Balos, Clarissa Olson and Astin Olson. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, two great-grandchildren, Nathan E. Anderson in 1989 and Saccora Olson in 1995.

Memorial services for Ella are scheduled for Saturday, March 11, 2000, at 1 p.m. at Shoshone High School with Rev. Mike Seward conducting. A private family, Old Fashioned Irish Wake will follow to celebrate her life upon her request. Cremation will take place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory in Twin Falls.

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Tax cuts pose political risks for GOP, opportunity for Dems

BOISE (AP) — Legislative Republicans could be putting themselves at political risk with their plan to give back more than \$40 million in tax revenue, inevitably at the expense of such competing budget priorities as public schools.

But only if: There was no real chance of effective electoral opposition. Democrats had any prospect of someone other than Supreme Court Justice Clarence Thomas, no friend of Idaho's resource industries, being atop their national ticket.

The tax cutters are wrong about the state's priorities, that remaining in runaway government growth by returning much of an estimated \$65 million cash surplus, mostly to the relatively prosperous, is more important than supporting education.

"I can see some very, very interesting 30-second radio commercials that could be targeted against individual Republican legislators with respect to lowering the school budgets, don't care about education and all of that," Senate Education Chairman Gary Schroeder of Moscow said. "There's an increasing group of folks on this side that are getting nervous about the political ramifications."

Financing the compromise tax cut proposal before the House Revenue and Taxation Committee on Monday would almost certainly require allocating about \$15 million less to public schools than the \$809.5 million that Gov. Dirk Kempthorne's budget contemplates.

The money likely would come out of the \$552 million that Kempthorne said would be used for salaries or the \$46 million the governor said he wants for districts to use as they see fit.

That generally means such basics as electricity and textbooks.

Yet far from being agnostic at having the executive budget virtually ignored by members of his own party, Kempthorne so far



has shown no willingness to step into the debate on behalf of the GOP's more moderate elements or his own "Generation of the Child."

In keeping with the administration's apparently intentional hands-off approach to the legislative process, spokesman H.D. Palmer refused to speculate about the consequences of a tax cut package arriving on the governor's desk.

"Any political assessment is premature, and that's because we don't know as of today what that final package is going to look like. And there are any number of proposals before the Legislature that they are still considering," Palmer said. "Obviously, the governor's going to have discussions with leadership on this and other issues, as he does on a regular basis."

Democrats, meanwhile, are reacting with a combination of shock at what such a move would mean to their underclass constituency and glee at the prospect of the Legislature's overwhelming majority getting its compuncance.

"We're all watching as the Republicans self-destruct. We're watching that in utter disbelief, and a sort of cheering," House Democratic Floor Leader Wendy Jaquet of Ketchum said. "We knew it was going to be pretty bad. Everything told us this was going to be a pretty bad session. But I don't think that we had any idea about how bad it was going to be."

Jaquet acknowledges her party's shortcomings. Fewer than a dozen challengers had been identified for 89 Republican legislators by late last month, and Democrats figure to be at a distinct disadvantage

in November with Vice President Gore sure to finish far behind whomever the GOP fields for president.

But she also draws some hope from the idea that things could be different in 2002 or 2004. Reapportionment should make the legislative districts more reflective of Idaho's increasing urbanization, which Democrats see as a plus, and by then the impact of this year's tax cut — if it becomes reality — might have come home to roost.

Education interests and the public at large — the same kind of people who made Democrat Cecil Andrus Idaho's only four-term governor — might be ready to turn out the party that turned its back on education. Or the state's economy, after more than a decade of solid growth, could stop producing budget surpluses and require Republican governor and lawmakers to further cut spending or raise taxes.

"It's a total gift to the Democratic party," Jaquet said. "The only caution I would have is that it may take us four years to be able to pull it off."

The Senate Finance Committee appears to be the most likely GOP firewall if House tax cutters continue disregarding House Speaker Bruce Newcomb's warnings.

If even the senators are unable to stop the charge led by House Revenue and Taxation Chairman Dolores Crow, and Kempthorne either finds a way to love the idea or refuses to assert executive authority to kill it, Schroeder correctly points out that the Legislature will have allocated the lowest percentage of state funds for education overall since the 1970s.

"What's happening here, from a fiscal standpoint, is just disastrous for the schools and the colleges and universities," he said. "Our party is going to have to be able to stand up and defend the decisions we made, why we made those decisions. Then it will be up to the voters who made the right decision."

Elko shovel stays for now

By Karen Terrell
Times-News correspondent

ELKO, Nev. — After listening to more than an hour of public input regarding the future of the giant shovel on the courthouse lawn, Elko county commissioners on Thursday made it clear that the shovel will remain in its present location until they decide if and when to move it.

The 28-foot-tall shovel is a symbol of the Jarbridge Rebellion — a movement to take a stand against the federal government and reopen the South Canyon Road near Jarbridge on July 4.

Commissioner Brad Roberts said the decision for the placement of the shovel was made by commissioners and they alone will decide on when and where it will be moved. His fellow commissioners agreed.

The shovel and the procedure for placing displays on county property was on Thursday's agenda after Elko resident Jan King questioned the commission's actions in deciding to place the giant spade on the courthouse lawn last January. During a meeting last month, King asked commissioners how other citizens can go about placing displays on the lawn that express their political beliefs.

After learning the county has no written procedure for approving displays on county property, King appeared before the commission this week to discuss the request for a uniform code for the use of county-owned land/properties for political purposes. She also said the county might have violated open meeting laws in approving the placement of the display.

King said the shovel "represents a political stance" which is not shared by all residents of the county. She said she was not trying to weigh the county down

with more rules and regulations, but wanted a process that would be consistent for everyone. King said the shovel was placed on the courthouse lawn without any public discussion.

"Once one political statement is allowed on county property, which is supposedly here for us all, where do you draw the line and who makes the decision of which statements are allowed?" King asked. She told commissioners they should "separate yourselves from your feelings about South Canyon Road" in deciding what displays are put on public property.

"The county courthouse lawn is not the appropriate place to display political ideology," King said.

Elko resident Beth Carpel agreed the shovel has become a "fallying cry" for those sharing the same viewpoint. However, she said, not all citizens agree. She urged the commission to keep the county agenda as clear of political displays and cautioned them to "be careful how you yield power and not be bullied."

Nevada Assemblyman John Carpenter defended the placement of the shovel, which he ordered and helped pay for, by saying it is a symbol of the feelings of the "great majority of people in Elko County." He told those opposing the shovel to find people to run for his legislative seat or for future vacancies on the county commission. He indicated that anyone seeking office would be defeated if they did not approve of the shovel or the county's stand against the federal government.

"This is a nation of people and we rule by majority and the minority doesn't have the right to tell the majority what to do," Carpenter said.

Commissioner Nolan Lloyd accused King of using the open

meeting law and lack of a formal vote on the shovel as a "smoke screen" because she was against reopening the South Canyon Road. He said if the item had been on the agenda, "no one would have come." King denied the charge.

But if the matter was dropped, what would happen if someone wanted to put a display on the lawn, Lloyd asked his fellow commissioners. Roberts said the matter would be quickly taken care of by telling them to come forward with engineering specifications. Then, he said, the commission could make a decision.

Roberts said commissioners didn't need a rule, because they couldn't "make one smelly shoe fit all" referring to the several boxes of shoes mailed to the county in support of former Humboldt-Tahoe Forest Service head Gloria Flora.

While the commission has made its decision, the discussion might not be over. Elko County Manager George Boucher has said the shovel should be moved before crews begin summer yard maintenance at the courthouse because the stakes holding the shovel in the ground might have damaged the courthouse's irrigation system.

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Bingham clerks file claims against county

BLACKFOOT (AP) — Two Bingham County clerks have filed a tort claim against the county, claiming they work in a hostile environment.

Put Freeman and Donna Capson filed separate claims, but both named County Clerk Judie Hampton as the reason for the poor treatment.

Freeman's claim says her duties as secretary to the county commissioners "has been compromised by Mrs. Hampton's

attempts to control commission decisions and policies."

She also claims that she witnessed Hampton breach confidentiality about personnel matters and single out employees for hostile treatment.

Capson's claim states that Hampton has singled her out and threatened her job. She said she was "ordered to leave the personnel officer's office by Hampton while I was meeting with the personnel officer concerning

"employment problems."

A tort claim shows intent to sue. Freeman and Capson each are asking for at least \$10,000, according to their claims. Both noted they would willingly discuss damages with the county commissioner.

Freeman has worked for the county for three years and Capson has worked there for nearly two years. Hampton has worked for the county for five and a half years.

Foundation underwrites laser-based lab

MOSCOW (AP) — The National Science Foundation has given a University of Idaho chemistry professor a grant to develop a prototype laser lab that will help both college students and high school teachers.

During the three-year grant, four high school science teachers a summer will spend two weeks learning the latest in physical

chemistry and working in the laser lab. Chemistry professor Rick Fletcher said those teachers will leave with up-to-date skills.

"All high schools that have really good students recognize they need to be challenged," Fletcher said. "Our best students here are as good as the best students anywhere in the country. But they sometimes have not had

the opportunities others have."

Fletcher will use the \$27,000 grant to assemble the lasers and optical equipment needed to create a physical chemistry lab for students. The lasers will cost between \$60,000-\$80,000. Fletcher's project will develop a basic laboratory setup that any college or university can install.

Memorial

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In June 1994 Sursely and friend Trudee Jackson opened the Cosmic Jolt coffee shop in Bull.

Jackson remembered the time she and Sursely built a float for the Bull Fourth of July parade. The float, which featured a beautiful queen sitting atop an MX truck, drew some boos from the audience, Jackson said, but when a group of nuns jumped up and cheered the "Miss Appropriation" float, Sursely said, "Thank God for

us Catholics."

That's not because her loved ones didn't care, but because she wanted it that way, Chisholm said.

"She wanted us to remember her as she was, not as being sick," said Kathleen Sursely, her mother.

She also wanted everyone to celebrate her life when she died, so after some tearful recollections Sunday, the Eighth Street Center broke into a party with

beer, wine and food.

That was by design, Chisholm said, and it was a chance for her family and friends to celebrate Sursely's ideals.

"The thing that was most important to her was the expansion of ideas and making the world a better place," Chisholm said. "And not just talking about it, but getting out and physically trying to make a difference."

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Locks

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heat, Karr said.

Although men and women of all ages and races are needed for donations, the organization says half of all donations come from children.

Judie Gonzalez, the woman who cut Marisa's hair, said she hasn't had customers voluntarily contribute their hair like Marisa did. But she has suggested the idea to nearby salons, otherwise being leaving a good deal of hair to be swept up.

But because a donor's hair must be a minimum length, donors willing to make such drastic changes in their appearance are few and far between.

"How many times do you have people come in and go from this to this?" Gonzalez said, gesturing toward the transformation Marisa's hair had undergone.

Not only does Marisa's hair grow like wildflowers, at just 4 years-old she has a great deal of empathy for less fortunate children, her mother said.

Lopez heard about Locks of Love not long after she had whacked a good six inches off of Marisa's hair in December. When she told her daughter about the charity that transforms tresses into wigs for sick children who have no hair, Marisa said, "Oh, my other hair, we could have given the kids that hair."

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Richfield man wins open government award

RICHFIELD (AP) — Jessie R. West has received the 2000 Max Dalton Open Government Award.

The award, sponsored by the Idaho Newspaper Foundation, is an annual recognition of citizens who have advanced the cause of open government in the state.

West received a commemorative sculpture and a \$1,000 check from the Idaho Newspaper Ceremony.

West, 63, retired in 1989 in

Richfield, northeast of Twin Falls. But he became involved in local government in 1997 when he discovered the Richfield School District Board of Trustees frequently was holding closed sessions and violating the Idaho Open Meeting Law.

West mounted a public campaign to pressure the trustees for more openness.

The action resulted in his 1998 election to the school board where he continues to campaign,

in the minority, for open discussion of school topics.

The Max Dalton Open Government Award is named after Max D. Dalton who was killed at age 78 by squatters on his Costa Rica ranch in November 1997. He spent most of his life in Idaho where he operated a Meridian milk-testing business.

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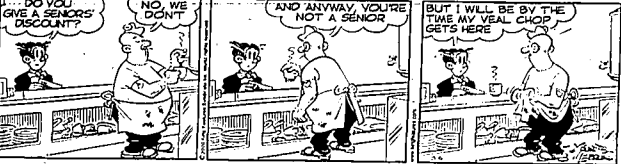
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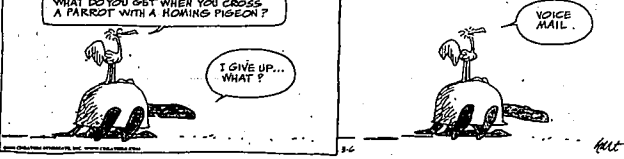
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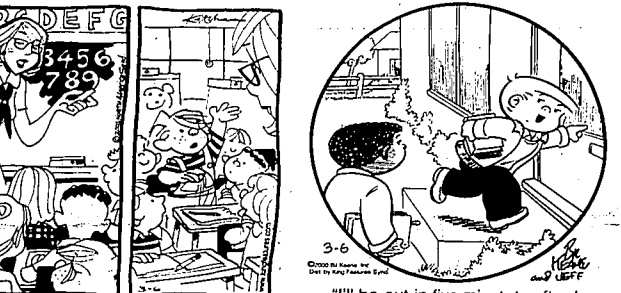


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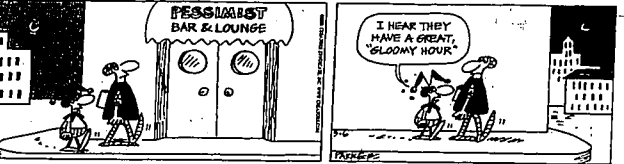
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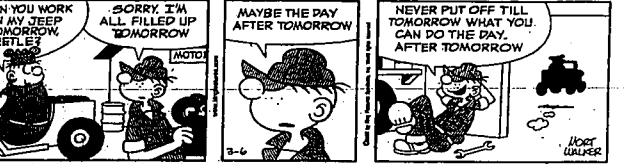
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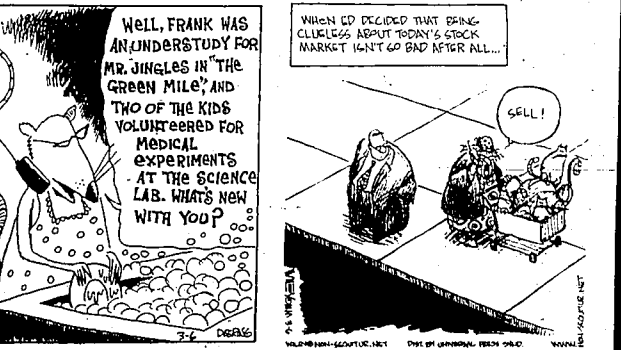


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