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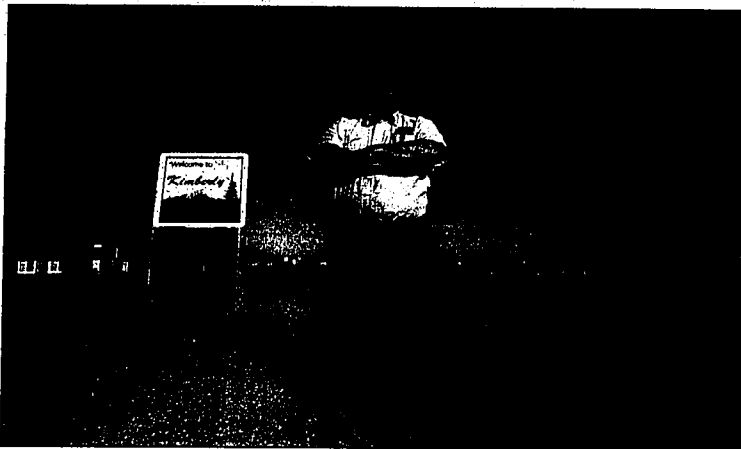
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Kimberly balks at paying SIRCOMM fees

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Poor service and too much cost.

That's how Kimberly Mayor Jim Sorenson described the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center, the Magic Valley's 911 dispatch service.

Sorenson has gone to battle with Twin Falls County officials over what he calls an unfair deal.

"We feel that we're paying our share of the bill through county taxes," said Sorenson, who works as a high school agriculture teacher when he's not tackling Kimberly's city business. "We've been paying our \$1-a-month tax for emergency service."

Beyond that, Sorenson said Kimberly doesn't owe Twin Falls County a dime.

But Twin Falls County officials disagree. They say Kimberly owes at least \$75,000 for SIRCOMM services. And it's time to pay up.

"I'd say that everyone else has paid their bill, but Kimberly has not," County Commissioner

SIRCOMM facts and figures

Here's a breakdown of what the four member counties are expected to pay to the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center in 1999-2000. Numbers are based on 30 percent on population and 70 percent on non-emergency call load. County payments are shared by cities in the counties.

Twin Falls County	\$508,275
Blaine County	\$120,257
Jerome County	\$184,096
Lincoln County	\$38,682

SIRCOMM's estimated operating budget for 1999-2000 is about \$1.5 million, up from 1998-99's \$1.3 million. That includes city and county revenue plus a monthly \$1 emergency 911 fee charged per household telephone line.

Marvin Hempleman said. Twin Falls County wants Kimberly to pay the \$24,253 it owes for 1999-2000. The rest of the money can be paid back later, Hempleman said.

The money doesn't come out of

how much they owe. The city never got into a contract with the county, Sorenson said. If Twin Falls County leaders want their money, then they'll have to take their problems to court.

But county officials have said they want to avoid legal battles. So to help calm nerves, county leaders are drafting up a contract to be given to city leaders involved with SIRCOMM.

The counties signed a formal contract guaranteeing payment when SIRCOMM was formed several years ago, but the cities and other parties involved with SIRCOMM never signed a contract, Hempleman said.

So another contract, outlining the responsibilities of the cities and entities involved with the system, is necessary, he said.

According to the new contract, if an entity does not pay its share, then its 911 service will be limited to what can be provided by the \$1 state imposed tax.

What kind of service would that pay for?

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Ketchum mulls smoke-free plan

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

KETCHUM - On Saturday New York skier Morty Schloffman walked into the Casino Club in Ketchum, ordered a beer and lit a smoke.

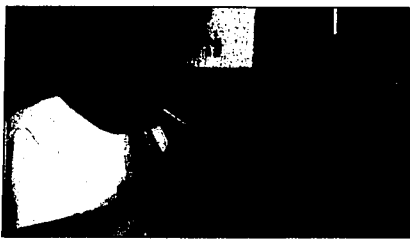
A common ritual but one that Schloffman might not be able to do next time he vacations in Ketchum. Not if a drive to ban smoking from restaurants and bars materializes.

The Ketchum City Council is pondering such a ban at the request of a Wood River Valley man who says the health of those

who must work in Ketchum's restaurants and bars is compromised by breathing second-hand smoke.

City Attorney Margaret Simms is investigating whether it's legal for a community like Ketchum to draft such an ordinance. Secondhand smoke - cigarette smoke inhaled by non-smokers - kills 53,000 people a year, according to SmokeFree Education Services, Inc.

The proposal has some smokers, like Harry Jones of Ketchum, fuming that it will impinge on their constitutional right to smoke. Some bar owners



BRIAN SULLIVAN/TheTimesNews

Doug Hoskinson of Fairfield lights up during lunch at the Western Cafe in Ketchum. Hoskinson says he supports a ban on smoking in restaurants but not in bars.

They predict will stack up outside like the mountains surrounding Ketchum.

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Jump away

Recent BASE accidents don't mean bridge ban

By Brian Haynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The body of a drowned parachutist presumably still lies in the Snake River, after his fatal February leap from the Hansen Bridge.

But despite Roger Butler's death and an October accident that broke another parachutist's back, local authorities aren't likely to ban jumping from area bridges anytime soon.

"It's a freedom, and I'm not sure we want to restrict that at this point," Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Touseley said.

The Perrine Bridge is a popular location for BASE jumpers, parachutists who dive from buildings, antennas, spars and the earth.

Local authorities ask BASE jumpers to notify police dispatch before they jump, but beyond that, BASE jumpers are free to fly.

"I've had no problems at all," Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said. "They police themselves."

Jerome County has never talked about a law restricting BASE jumping from the two area bridges, but they decided it wasn't necessary, Touseley said.

"Are you people really committing a crime?" Touseley said. "Whose safety are they bothering, but their own?"

Touseley likened BASE jumping to other risky sports such as snowmobiling, rock climbing and abseiling, which require rescues throughout the year.

"If the county restricted BASE jumping because of search costs or safety fears, would it have to do the same for those other activities?" he said.

The county discussed ideas such as registering jumpers or requiring jumpers to post bonds, but those could mean more liability for the county, Touseley said.

Twin Falls lawyer Ken Pederson doesn't see much risk of liability for local governments. A lawsuit by an injured BASE jumper would be tough to win, he said.

Parachutists know the risks when they take the plunge, and a jury wouldn't be likely to side with the injured jumper, Pederson said. An accident involving juveniles could make a better case, but it would still be tough to win, he said.

Safety of governments and jumpers is a priority for Mick Knutson, an avid BASE jumper who has done his share of Perrine Bridge jumps.

Knutson runs the Cliff Jumpers Association of America, an organization devoted to securing legal access to jumping spots around the country.

Knutson works with local governments and BASE jumpers to establish safety standards and regulations and to teach people about how BASE jumpers protect themselves.

The Perrine Bridge is a popular spot for jumping because it's not very difficult, Knutson said.

"It's a great place to learn and get lots of jumps," he said. "We're trying to protect that. ... If we don't protect it, we're going to lose it."

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And the envelope, please ...

American Beauty smells like a rose during Academy Awards

Knight Ridder News Service

It was a nailbiter. But just over four hours into the longest Oscar ceremony in history, "American Beauty" finally swept the 72nd Academy Awards in Los Angeles. The surreal satire of suburban meltdown won five awards, including best picture, director for first-time filmmaker Sam Mendes, actor for Kevin Spacey and original screenplay by Alan Ball. Conrad L. Hall's lush cinematography was also cited.

"The Cider House Rules" took two

awards, for supporting actor Michael Caine and adapted screenplay by John Irving, who translated his novel to the screen.

"The Sixth Sense," written and directed by M. Night Shyamalan, was shut out of all six categories in which it was nominated.

Hilary Swank took actress honors for her harrowing performance in "Boys Don't Cry" as Nebraska teen-ager Teena Brandon, a woman who lived as a man, was found out and brutally murdered.

It was midway through the closest

race in Academy memory that Caine accepted honors for his part as the crusty New England doctor in "Cider House." The 67-year-old performer, who won in the same category for "Hannah and Her Sisters" in 1986, also deserved the prize for most gracious winner, citing each of his competitors for their performances, and giving some sparkle to a dull event.

More than an hour earlier, Angelina Jolie took the supporting actress prize for her role as the sadistic psychiatric

THE REGION

Camas Prairie

High: 48 Low: 24 Mostly sunny this morning... clouds this afternoon. A chance of rain tonight.

Treasure Valley

High: 67 Low: 36 Mostly sunny in the morning, with increasing clouds by afternoon. Mostly cloudy Tuesday.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 59 Low: 32 Partly sunny and warm. Mostly cloudy tonight with a chance of snow. Mostly cloudy on Tuesday.

Eastern Idaho

High: 66 Low: 39 Partly cloudy, with a chance of rain Saturday. Mostly cloudy, breezy and cooler on Tuesday.

Northern Idaho

High: 64 Low: 36 Partly sunny early, then becoming mostly cloudy. Light winds. Partly sunny on Wednesday.

Northern Utah

High: 66 Low: 35 Mostly sunny and warm. Increasing clouds tonight. Breezy and cooler on Tuesday.

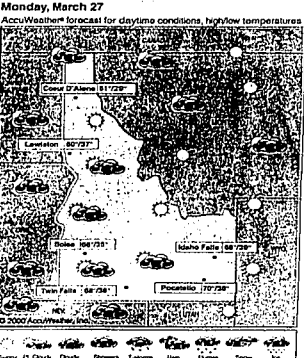
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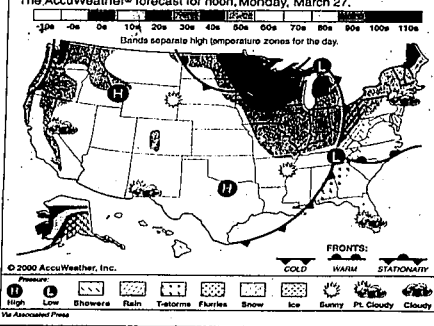
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National weather



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MINNESOTA: Low clouds were breaking up over central and east Texas. The Mid-Atlantic was dry and partly cloudy to fair, as were the Ohio Valley and middle Great Lakes...

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Table showing weather for Twin Falls and Precipitation. Includes data for Yesterday, Last year, and Normal.

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Table listing Idaho cities with Max, Min, Pcp, and High/Low values. Includes Boise, Burley, Coeur d'Alene, etc.

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SKYWATCH

Sunset today: 6:58 p.m. Sunrise tomorrow: 6:58 p.m. Lunar phase: Last quarter, March 27; new, April 4; first quarter, April 11; full, April 18.

The winners

Complete list of 72nd annual Academy Awards presented Sunday night in Los Angeles. Pictures: 'American Beauty', 'The Cider House Rules', etc.

Russia's Putin appears headed to victory

MOSCOW (AP) - Vladimir Putin looked set for victory Monday in Russia's presidential election after a surprisingly strong showing by the

Communists threatened to force him into a runoff vote. While Putin would almost certainly win a second round, it would have been a humbling

setback for the former KGB officer who has soared from nowhere to become the nation's most popular politician in a few months. Putin's call to strengthen

the authority of the state and the security forces worried some Russians, who fear the country's democratic reforms could be rolled back.

SIRCOMM

Continued from A1. "Probably not very good service," Hempleman said. But Sorenson said the county, under state law, would still have to provide the city with emergency service.

"There's something wrong internally there," Sorenson said. SIRCOMM officials concede that mistakes are made, but not to the extent some agencies say. SIRCOMM also says it has taken a step toward cutting down mistakes by hiring four employees to answer incoming phone calls, allowing dispatchers to focus on dispatching.

county officials have said. Sorenson said he respects local officials for at least trying to better things. "I commend Commissioner (Bill) Brockman for trying to get this solved," he said. "But we have agreed to disagree."

City Council members questioned the necessity of the agreement, and questioned why it was necessary to sign a contract that wasn't legally binding. The county is expecting the city's backing, when the paperwork is ready. Until then, negotiations will continue between Twin Falls County and Kimberly to find a solution.

Academy

Continued from A1. Dreamsworks turned the tables. Going into the evening, 'American Beauty' led the field with nominations (a total of eight) and was a favorite among the Academy's younger members. Close behind with seven bids was Lasse Hallstrom's more traditional 'The Cider House Rules'...

Costa Rica makes arrests

Knight Ridder News Service SAN JOSE, Costa Rica - Police arrested two men Sunday for the murder two weeks ago of a pair of teenaged American girls near the popular tourist beaches on Costa Rica's South Caribbean coast. The two men are being held in a jail in Limon, the largest city on Costa Rica's Atlantic Coast, police said, but would give no further details.

Smoke

Continued from A1. "A lot of people spend time and money to get here and we're going to tell them they can't smoke?" asked Shannon Beall, who owns the Casino Club. Others toast the proposal which they say would allow them to venture into a bar to hear a band without having to walk through a cloud of smoke. And, they point out, a ban is particularly apropos for an area like Sun Valley that sets itself up as a model of health and well-being by sponsoring a Mountain Wellness Festival each May.

Many of those who do smoke disagree would be ban as the latest of liberal Ketchum's far-out ideas. But, in reality, Ketchum would be following the lead of many cities, counties, states and even regions that have enacted such a ban, including California, Utah and Western Australia. Even President Clinton banned smoking in federal buildings after an Environmental Protection Agency report indicated second-hand smoke increases the risk of cancer and asthma.

Waller is unsure how a ban would affect tourism, which is Ketchum's bread and butter. But Sun Valley Councilman Lud Renick said he lost a portion of his Pasadena, Calif., restaurant business to restaurants outside the community after California banned smoking in restaurants. Eventually, the county, then the entire state, enacted a ban, leveling the playing field out, he said. "From a selfish standpoint, if Ketchum were to put in smoking ordinance, I think it would be good for restaurants in Sun Valley," he said.

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Studies point out shrinking tax bite

Federal taxes are lowest in 40 years

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - For all but the wealthiest Americans, the federal income tax burden has shrunk to the lowest level in four decades, according to a series of studies by liberal and conservative tax experts, the Clinton administration and two arms of the Republican-controlled Congress.

Each of the studies slices the data in different ways, but the bottom line is the same: Most Americans this year will have to fork over less than 10 percent of their income to Uncle Sam when they file federal income taxes.

The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that the middle fifth of American families, with average income of \$39,100, paid 5.4 percent in income tax in 1999, compared to 8.3 percent in 1981. The Treasury Department estimates a four-person family, with the median income of \$54,900, paid 7.46 percent of that in income tax, the lowest since 1965. And the conservative Tax Foundation figures that the median two-earner family, making \$68,605, paid 8.8 percent in 1998, about the same as 1955.

Federal income taxes are so low for so many Americans that it is little wonder that many voters place tax cuts near the bottom of their priorities in many opinion polls.

"It's a shocker," said Bill Aherm, spokesman of the Tax Foundation, of the group's calculation that families paid just 8.8 percent of income in federal tax.

Low federal taxes make it harder to make a case for tax cuts, he added. "With the lower- to middle-income taxpayers paying so little... there won't be pressure" for change.

George Velasquez agrees. "I don't have any complaints on the federal side," said the 29-year-old network engineer as he left a suburban Virginia H&R Block office last week. Velasquez, who says he makes about \$50,000, said he got hit with unexpected state taxes when he moved recently, but thinks his federal taxes are fair.

The low effective rates are the result of years of tinkering with the tax code by Congress and various administrations - rates were cut in the 1980s, millions of Americans were removed from the tax rolls in 1990s by an expansion of a tax credit for the working poor, and a boy of tax credits for children and education were added in 1997. More than one-third of eligible taxpayers pay no income taxes, according to the congressional Joint Committee on Taxation.

These effective tax rates don't include payroll taxes to fund Social Security and Medicare, which have risen since the 1970s, now taking on average about 9 percent of income, the CBO says. Most Americans, however, currently receive far more in benefits after retirement than they paid while working. Federal excise taxes for such items as alcohol, gas and cigarettes - on average 1 percent of income - also aren't included; neither are state and local taxes.

Presidents fail to reach agreement

GENEVA (AP) - President Clinton and Syrian President Hafez Assad failed during three hours of face-to-face negotiations Sunday to nail down an agreement to restart negotiations between Israel and Syria for a landmark peace treaty.

"The differences are significant and important and obviously more work needs to be done to bridge them," White House spokesman Joe Lockhart said.

He characterized the meeting between Clinton and Assad - their first face-to-face summit in six years - as "very useful." But at the same time, he said, "We don't believe it would be productive" for Syrian-Israeli talks to resume at this point.

"It is impossible to predict when those talks might resume," he said.

Lockhart said Assad "articulated his position clearly and forcefully" throughout the "businesslike sessions. Clinton spoke to Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Barak both before and after the Assad meeting, Lockhart said.

Syrian presidential spokesman Jubran Kourieh said that during the talks Assad stressed the importance of Syria's long demand for an Israeli pullback to the country's 1967 borders.



U.S. President Bill Clinton, here strolling along Lake Geneva in Switzerland, met with Syrian President Hafez Assad Sunday.

"Since yesterday nothing earth-shattering happened in the peace process," Kourieh said afterward.

The summit discussed pending issues and the peace process and the "obstacles that Israel has put up and is still putting up," Kourieh said.

In Jerusalem, Deputy Defense Minister Ephraim Sneh said in a telephone interview that the main sticking point in Geneva was Syria's demand for a prior commitment to cede the strategic Golan Heights plateau.

"The fact that Syria insists upon dictating an agreement and

not obtaining an agreed-upon agreement is what made the resumption of the talks impossible," Sneh said. "They are quite intransigent about what they are supposed to give in terms of security arrangements and they have different ideas about normalization."

Probe casts shadow on Gore

WASHINGTON (AP) - Missing e-mail. The Buddhist temple. No controlling legal authority. These funding issues haunt Vice President Al Gore.

Federal prosecutors and Republicans threaten, for very different reasons, to extend the impact of the 1996 fund-raising missteps well into the fall presidential campaign.

The Justice Department opened an investigation last week into whether e-mails from Gore's office and other parts of the White House were hidden from criminal and congressional investigators who had subpoenaed them.

Republicans, from presidential rival George W. Bush to House Government Reform Committee Chairman Dan Burton, are keeping the issue alive with hearings, advertisements and campaign stump attacks. They are motivated by polling that shows the vice president is vulnerable on the issue.

"It's sort of a low-grade toothache - it's not going to kill you, but it's irritating, and it doesn't go away," Brookings Institution senior fellow Stephen Hess said of the fund-raising problems.

Gore breathed a sigh of relief two years ago when the Justice Department concluded there was no reason to name an independent counsel to investigate him or President Clinton, which essentially cleared Gore of wrongdoing.

While he maintains he broke no laws, Gore's discomfort level has risen in recent weeks since:

-A memo surfaced showing the chief of the Justice Department prosecution task force angrily disagreed with the decision not to name an independent prosecu-



Al Gore

tor and accused political appointees at Justice of engaging in "contortions" to avoid naming a special prosecutor.

The White House belatedly disclosed thousands of e-mails were never reviewed to determine if they were responsive to the fund-raising investigation. Several employees who knew about the problem said they were threatened if they talked about it. That gave the fund-raising task force new license to revisit the Gore issue.

-One of Gore's former friends and political supporters, Maria Hsia, was convicted of fund-raising illegalities at a trial that featured video of Gore with Buddhist nuns at a California temple event that generated \$50,000 in illegal donations.

The footage quickly made its way from the courtroom to the vast Internet, compliments of the Republican National Committee.

Gore long ago apologized for his initial answers to questions about fund-raising, such as an often-ridiculed response that "Hisia was acting under authority" prohibited him from making fund-raising calls from his White House office.

But FBI interview reports show Gore continued to use crafty answers to sticky questions. In one interview with FBI agents, Gore suggested he may have missed a key discussion because he drank too much tea and needed a restroom break.

Ventura to lobby on China trade

WASHINGTON (AP) - Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura says he will work to help the Clinton administration win passage in Congress of permanent normal trade relations with China.

"I've been asked by the administration to take a very loud role on trade of which I'm honored, and I will take that lead," Ventura said on "Fox News Sunday." "I believe in doing what's best for our country, and if I can help, I'll doggone well do it."

Ventura was scheduled to testify Thursday before the House Ways and Means Committee.

When Ventura was in Washington for a recent National Governors' Association meeting, he told Clinton he was a strong supporter of China's entry into the World Trade Organization, White House spokesman Jake Siewert said Sunday. The president said he hoped Ventura would play a visible role.

"Obviously we appreciate his support and hope he's visible on this because he speaks for an important and substantial portion of the American people," Siewert said.

Clinton is asking Congress to pass legislation that would award China permanent normal trade status with the United States in return for China's agreement to drop trade barriers that American manufacturers and farmers have complained cost them billions of dollars in lost export sales.

Biotech foes stage colorful but peaceful demonstration

BOSTON (AP) - Opponents of biotechnology - some dressed in colorful costumes and chanting "Our genes are not for sale" - staged a peaceful demonstration Sunday on the first day of the industry's biggest conference in the city.

More than 1,000 protesters gathered at historic Copley Square, then marched under police escort to the site of the 2000 conference at the Hyatt Convention Center.

Police had prepared for weeks in advance of the protest and conference, fearing a repeat of riots that ripped through Seattle last December during a World Trade Organization rally.

No arrests were reported. "We're trying to send a message to the biotechnology industry that their agenda in the U.S. is not good for the people."

"It's driven by profits," said Shawn Kay, 28, of Worcester, who dressed as an 8-foot, genetically engineered "killer tomato."

Some 8,000 scientists, researchers and chief executive officers were expected for the five-day conference that began Sunday.

Demonstrators who took part in the "Biodeviation" protest challenged biotech industry leaders to a debate, arguing that genetically engineered foods and medicines have not been proven to be safe and should be removed from supermarket shelves.

"The American public has been systematically deceived by the FDA (Food and Drug Administration) and the biotech industry," said Steven Drucker, executive director of the



Biotech protestors and counter-protesters wage a battle of signs in Boston Sunday.

Alliance for Biointegrity. Industry officials disagree, saying genetically engineered foods, from tomatoes to soybeans, have been studied and approved by federal regulators.

"There are studies on biotech foods that date back to 1973," said Gene Grabowski, a spokesman for the Grocery Manufacturers of America. "Biotech foods are the only foods that have been studied to any extent for safety."

Protesters ignore the industry's successes, said Carl B. Feldbaum, president of the Biotechnology Industry Organization, sponsor of the conference. He rejected the call for a debate.

In 1999 alone, Feldbaum said, the FDA approved 22 new biotech drugs to battle ovarian cancer, influenza, arthritis and other ailments.

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NATION

High court tackles school prayer case

SANTA FE, Texas (AP) — Amanda Bruce thinks she knows why so few classmates and neighbors have joined her in speaking out against public prayers at high school football games.

"They're scared they'll be shunned by the community or be labeled an atheist or devil worshiper like I was," said the 18-year-old senior, who wrote newspaper columns against the practice.

Nearly five years after two families filed a lawsuit against the Santa Fe school district over the prayers, the U.S. Supreme Court will hear oral arguments in the case on Wednesday. It will be the court's first major school prayer ruling since 1992, when it barred clergy-led invocations and benedictions at graduation ceremonies.

At issue is whether public school districts can allow students to initiate and lead prayers over the public-address system before the football games. A decision is expected by late June.

For some of the 10,000 residents of Santa Fe... the Supreme Court's decision has profound personal implications.

For some of the 10,000 residents of Santa Fe, a bedroom community 40 miles southeast of Houston with more churches than restaurants, the Supreme Court's decision has profound personal implications.

If prayer at sporting events is upheld, "it probably will destroy my faith in the Constitution and what this country stands for," said Debbie Mason, a Baptist who testified for the plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

On the other side, school board President John Couch II foresees trouble if prayer is disallowed.

"It would be a huge disappointment not only for us but for the nation," he said. "Students and private citizens would have their rights taken away from them on public property. I think it would be the start of further divisions."

"Gov. George W. Bush, who is seeking the Republican presidential nomination, and state Attorney General John Cornyn filed briefs supporting student-led prayer.

The identities of the two families who filed the lawsuit — one Catholic and one Mormon — were sealed by the courts.

Their lawsuit alleged that the school district's policy of allowing students to lead prayers at home football games violated the First Amendment by creating a "per-vasive religious atmosphere."

Mason, whose four children attended Santa Fe schools, said about 25 families, angered by numerous incidents including distribution of Gideon Bibles at Santa Fe High School, considered joining the suit but most dropped out as the conflict drew widespread attention.

A year ago, the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a federal judge's ruling that "nonsentimental and non-proselytizing" prayer could be allowed at public school events such as graduation.

The judge had also allowed the same limited prayers at football games. But the 5th Circuit said those prayers are out of bounds, ruling that the games are "hardly the sober type of annual event that can be appropriately solemnized with prayer."

The Supreme Court is limiting its review to only the prayers-at-football games issue.

which is unaffected by any agreement or treaty," said Jane Nolan, director of international programs for the Century Foundation and a former official in the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

U.S. plan to renovate nuke warheads stirs opposition

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The Energy Department plans to renovate more than 6,000 aging nuclear warheads over the next 15 years, almost double the number that the United States is allowed to deploy under the START II arms-reduction treaty, according to U.S. officials.

The added warheads will make up what Energy Department officials refer to as the "inactive reserve," some 2,500 to 3,000 refurbished warheads that would give the United States the ability to match another country's sudden production of additional warheads.

This plan, the legacy of a 6-year-old presidential decision, is coming under sharp criticism from arms-control proponents. They contend that it is unnecessary and possibly counterproductive to maintain an arsenal of 6,000 warheads at a time when President Clinton and other U.S. officials are attempting to persuade India, Pakistan, North Korea, China and Russia to halt or restrain their nuclear-weapon programs.

"While the president is talking about the dangers of nuclear weapons, technicians at the national laboratories are working to refurbish a stockpile the size

of which is unaffected by any agreement or treaty," said Jane Nolan, director of international programs for the Century Foundation and a former official in the Arms Control and Disarmament Agency.

Robert S. Norris, a nuclear-arms specialist with the Natural Resources Defense Council, has dubbed the plan "Cold War lite."

"This is the start of the end of the stockpile. We will spend vast billions to refurbish warheads which we cannot deploy but haven't decided to throw away," Norris said.

On the other hand, a Defense Department official with responsibility for strategic weapons contended that until Russia ratifies START II, the United States must hedge its bets against a possible reversal of that agreement. After the treaty enters into force and "we gain confidence" that the Russians are abiding by it, the official said, "then, yes, too, can eliminate additional warheads."

The United States spends about \$4.6 billion a year to maintain its nuclear arsenal. The Energy Department does not separately break out the cost of the 3,000 to 3,500 deployed warheads from the cost of the 2,500 to 3,000 that will be held in reserve.

LESSONS LEARNED

U.S. becomes more energy efficient to avoid crises of '70s

NEW YORK (AP) — With gasoline prices rising at a record rate, and the nation more dependent than ever on imported oil, are Americans condemned to relive the energy crises of the '70s? Probably not, thanks to lessons learned the hard way.

"There's a difference between 1973 and today," said Ed Porter, research manager for the American Petroleum Institute. "We haven't done any major stupid things yet."

In 1973, shocked by the Arab oil embargo, Richard Nixon declared that the United States should strive for oil self-sufficiency by 1980. The government imposed price controls and pledged to subsidize development of alternative fuels.

As motorists lined up at the pumps, prominent public figures warned that global oil supplies might run out within a decade or two.

Back then, imports accounted for 35 percent of U.S. oil consumption, compared to 55 percent now. Yet, this time, consumer complaints aren't accompanied by such high-level expressions of alarm.

The United States has become far more energy-efficient, and extensive new oil reserves have been discovered, many of them outside the control of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

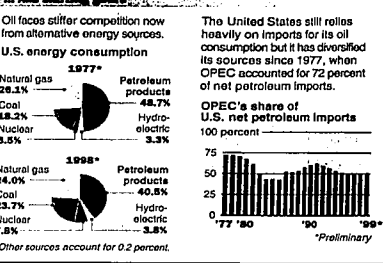
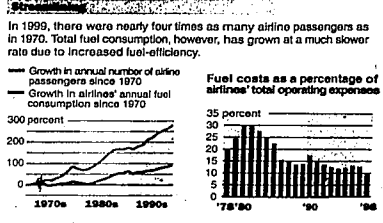
As OPEC meets today to consider a production increase that might ease prices, the Clinton administration urges Americans to be patient and the oil industry advises against overreaction.

Even conservationists, by and large, are avoiding doomsday rhetoric, though they hope a surge in prices will revive interest in fuel efficiency measures.

"There is less near-term concern about oil supplies running out," said Alan Noppe, energy

No longer over a barrel?

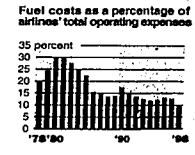
The energy crisis of the 70s crippled the U.S. economy but also prompted focus on fuel-efficiency and a goal of greater independence from OPEC. Some analysts believe this strategy is paying dividends today, softening the blow of decreased oil production by OPEC.



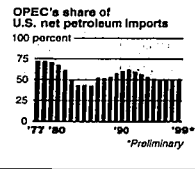
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program director for the Union of Concerned Scientists. "But we're still dependent on a volatile fuel where the supply is still controlled by a relatively small number of sources, where we're still largely dependent on imports."

Had the alarm not sounded in



The United States still relies heavily on imports for its oil consumption but it has diversified its sources since 1977, when OPEC accounted for 72 percent of net petroleum imports.



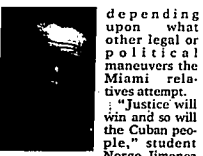
the '70s, current conditions might be far worse. Huge strides were taken to make houses and offices more energy-efficient, and U.S. car manufacturers steadily improved their vehicles' gas mileage, from an average of 13.4 mpg in 1973 to more than 19 mpg today.

And while motorists are upset

Castro declares Elian's Miami relatives lost battle

HAVANA (AP) — President Fidel Castro declared Sunday that the Miami relatives of 6-year-old Elian Gonzalez had lost their battle to keep the child in the United States and that it was only a matter of time before the boy was reunited with his father in Cuba.

"The Cuban mafia has lost," an animated Castro insisted before hundreds of pro-government university students gathered to press for the child's return to his communist homeland.



Fidel Castro

U.S. District Judge K. Michael Moore's dismissal on Tuesday of the family's lawsuit seeking to block Elian's repatriation was "just and moral," Castro said.

In rejecting the request for a political asylum hearing for the child, Moore "methodically reasoned and handed down an unobjectionable sentence from a judicial point of view," the Cuban leader said. "From a legal point of view it is invariable."

Castro said the boy should be back in Cuba within three weeks,

Handheld Visor takes on Palm

SAN JOSE, Calif. (AP) — The hot market for handheld electronic devices has rested in one company's Palm for years. Upsart challenge Handspring Inc. hopes people will see another world of possibilities when the Visor appears today in stores nationwide.

Handspring's electronic personal organizer has been selling briskly on the Internet since last fall.

Add-ons called "Springboards" are planned to turn it into everything from a phone to a digital camera to a music player.

Today's move into wider circulation is Visor's first serious test.

"We've got some explaining to do ... about how we're really different," said Greg Wood, Mountain View-based Handspring's vice president of North American sales.

The biggest differentiator, the thing that makes us not like any other device, is our Springboard expansion slot. It pops in and out of the back of the Visor and allows you to extend the software and hardware capabilities."

More than a dozen such products are in development for the Visor, although only three — a golf game, extended memory and backup module — are currently available. Modules that turn the device into a cellular phone and pager are expected by Christmas, Handspring executives say.

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So when is President Bradley's inauguration?

"Today, I'd like to share with you my thoughts on the presidential campaign. Unfortunately, I don't have any, because my wife and I just had a baby."

"The birth went very well from my perspective, which was the perspective of a person keeping an eye on the contractions via a hospital bedside computer monitor. My wife, who was experiencing the contractions in person, found it more challenging, although I know she appreciated my helpful reports."

"ME (watching the monitor): OK, you're having a contraction now."
"MICHELLE: AARRRRRHGH"

"ME: It looks like a big one."
"MICHELLE: AAARRRRRGGGGGGHHHHHHOOOOOOOOOOOO"

The contractions went on for what seemed like two years, although it was really only about 14 months. In theory, the baby was supposed to be headed toward the exit at that point, but this particular baby seemed to like it in there. This baby was still up in the vicinity of Michelle's sinus cavities.

So with month 15 of labor looming, the doctors decided to remove the baby via Caesarian section, a medical procedure named for the Roman Emperor Julius Caesar. They put up a curtain, with Michelle's head on one side and the rest of her body on the other. Michelle and I both stayed



Tiger Mingo works with a speech language pathologist, Shelly Clark, at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Outpatient Pediatric Therapy last Thursday morning. Tiger's mom, Billie Mingo, watches from the background. Tiger suffers from cerebral palsy, but after more than a year of therapy, he's boasting the disease and is learning to talk and play.

What is pediatric therapy?

The Times-News

• Facility: Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Outpatient Pediatric Therapy, housed in a recently remodeled building at 497 Shoup Ave. W., Twin Falls, with 10 therapy rooms. Each is equipped with a one-way observation window and headphones so that parents can listen in on sessions if they choose not to go into the room with the child.

• Staff: Physical therapist, physical therapy assistant, three occupational therapists and six speech therapists.

• Ages treated: Birth to 21 years.

• Problems treated: Complications of premature birth, hearing loss, cerebral palsy, congenital defects such as Down syndrome, autism, traumatic brain injuries, visual-spatial and perceptual deficits, sensory deficits and speech/language and fine and gross motor delays of known origin.

Infants: "We see a lot of little preemies or little ones who have been very ill - maybe lost some of their skills," said Cheri Suter, speech and language pathologist and director of pediatric therapy. "Or maybe because they were born prematurely and not yet developed the skills they need to talk, walk or whatever."

When these kids have low tone musculature or poorly coordinated musculature, they can't suck or get a lip seal on the nipple, Suter said. Or they might not have normal sensation in the mouth and are not able to handle the food once it's in there.

That's treated by modifying food intake. Therapists also work with the oral musculature and the sensory system to bring it up to par so that they can manage their food.

• Older children: Most kids older than a year that are seen for speech therapy are there for language disorders, Suter said. Many of the teenagers who come to Pediatric Therapy have had traumatic head injury.

With a serious brain injury the young person could be left with incontinence, a slow incoherent speech, Gross or fine motor movements can also become slow and imprecise. Or, he or she might have to deal with apraxia, which is a sound-finding problem, where the victim might know what he wants to say, but can't get it out. Apraxia can also affect the limbs or movement of the hands.

"It became clear that the concentration problems for head-injured teens are cognitive and concentration deficits. These young people lose the ability to

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Tiger's brave journey

Pediatric therapy helps kids with cerebral palsy live more normal lives

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - By the time he was five months old, Tiger Mingo had never tried to roll over. His mom, Billie, knew that was a problem.

"He's my third, which was helpful because I knew when something was wrong," she said. "Kids at five months old are learning to roll over and trying to grab everything."

Three months later, Tiger was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. Now, after more than a year of pediatric therapy, he's making steady progress.

"When we first brought him there, at eight months he didn't do anything and he couldn't hold a toy in his hand," Billie said. "And now he crawls and he gets into everything and trashes the place."

At first she was told that Tiger would never be able to talk, but he's proving everybody wrong.

Tiger can say "dog" and "truck," and knows what he's talking about. "That's been the easiest part," she said. "It didn't affect him mentally at all."

Leslie Ruby, Tiger's occupational therapist at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center's Outpatient Pediatric Therapy, said the changes in the boy have been steady since she started working with him in September 1998.

"He was just starting to be able to roll over on the floor and he couldn't sit up or anything," she said. "And now he crawls - not commando crawling - he's up on all fours and able to get to high kneeling."

That's had the added benefit of decreasing the tone in his right arm and hand, Ruby said. Tight, rigid muscle tone is usually found in kids with cerebral palsy, and it makes it hard for them to control movement.

Now that he's crawling, physical therapist Debbie Cunningham has many more goals for Tiger.

One is to sit independently on the floor, and once he can do that, transfer in and out of a sitting position. A longer-term goal is to have him stand by himself without holding on to anything.

"The best approach is to address all the goals as you can - you don't just work on one thing;

there's different components that you can work on," Cunningham said. "You take a skill and you analyze what is required for a child to be able to perform that skill."

Ruby said that while Cunningham is working more on doing pre-ambulatory activities with Tiger - attempting to strengthen his legs and muscles for walking - she works with the boy's shoulders and arms for doing the more functional fine-motor tasks and self-care, such as dressing himself.

Shelly Clark, speech and language pathologist in the department, said Tiger used to have a tendency to stick out his tongue and push food out of his mouth when he was being fed. Having that pretty well conquered, she is working on helping him to master drinking from a cup.

"He's doing a nice job and he's really starting to make a gain on cup-drinking; pretty close to being able to drink from a cup without any difficulty," Clark said. "He'll need some assistance as far as holding it and maintaining that position and that's more due to his poor hand and arm control."

Clark is helping Tiger follow directions and identify objects in play.

And she's working on his speech production - imitating words and sounds in play. Clark can get more words in imitation than he is actually saying spontaneously. But she predicts that speech will be slow in coming.

"We've also tried to introduce some signing - gross gestures to help give him some way to communicate, but he really wants to talk," she said. "It's going to be a slow road, but I think we can get functional speech."

Along with working on all of these things, Ruby said Tiger's therapists also decide what adaptive equipment he'll need. They found a shower chair to hold him safely in the bathtub, and have ordered a special stroller, because he's getting taller and heavier and is harder for his mom to carry.

Ruby gives credit to Billie for Tiger's progress.

"She comes into the sessions, so she knows exactly what we're doing and can carry over," Ruby said. "We'll tell her things to watch for or what to work on and she can do it at home. That makes a huge difference with a child to have family involvement."

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She wants to spiff up her husband's outdoor jacket

Here are some questions I've been asked more than once:

Q. I'm looking for replacement cuffs for my husband's outdoor jacket, which is in good shape except for the lining.
A. -C. LIVONIA, MICH.

A. The best source I've found is The Rain Shed Inc., 707 NW 11th, Corvallis, Ore., 97330, or call 541-753-8900, 12:30-8:30 p.m. Mon.-Sat. Its free catalog lists heavy-duty ribbing in 21 colors, at \$16 a yard. At 50 inches wide, you need only 6 to 7 inches to make cuffs or a waistband.

Q. If a pattern has recently been discontinued, is there any way to order it from the company?
A. -L.W., DETROIT

A. Most companies have a consumer hot line. You can find out the availability of patterns, and ask about problems, too. Hours are 9-5 weekdays. Here are some numbers:

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SEWING
Barbara Gash

Q. How can I get hold of an instruction manual for my old sewing machine? The dealer doesn't have any.
A. -B.N., FLINT, MICH.

A sewing machine search service is offered by a company in Pennsylvania. Send your machine's brand name and model number, a \$3 service fee, plus a long self-addressed stamped envelope to The Paris Connection, 4314 Irene Dr., Erie, Pa. 16510. It's worth a try.

I get numerous requests for places that will accept fabric donations. If your organization is one of these, please let me know.

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Your nose really grows when you lie

Pinocchio told the truth! Your nose does grow when you tell a lie, Shape magazine reports. According to researchers at the Smell and Taste Treatment and Research Foundation and the University of Illinois College of Medicine, "when one lies, tissue inside the nose engorges. In response, the nose itches, tempting the person to touch it."

Poor role models

"Our noses may grow, but our actresses are shrinking to nothingness. Thin to begin with, actresses such as Jennifer Aniston, Heather Locklear and Calista Flockhart "have dieted down to a swizzle-stick thinness that makes their heads appear oversized and out of proportion." Fitness magazine says. Calling this the "lollipop look," Fitness notes that the average American woman is 5-foot-4 and weighs 140 pounds, but the average model is 5-11 and weighs 117. Most models are thinner than 98 percent of women.

Knees lock play

When women play basketball, most are out of joint. Coming down from a layup may be harder on a woman's knees than a man's because women do it incorrectly, suggests a study presented at the annual meeting of the

Health notes

American Academy of Orthopaedic Surgeons. But other new research indicates it may be due to different patterns of muscle use or simply being in worse physical shape.

See her smoke

Once it was glamorous and sexy: a Hollywood siren pulling out a cigarette and a suave man bending over to light it. But that was well before the surgeon general's report on smoking - well before we knew that smoking is deadly. Or was it? Researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health recently analyzed five films featuring 10 popular actresses, including Winona Ryder, Gwyneth Paltrow, Julia Roberts and Demi Moore. Smoking behavior was depicted on-screen 28 percent of the time. Surprisingly, they found that women in lead or supporting roles were more likely to smoke than the men and that the movie characters of both genders smoked more than the general population.

I want my HIV - not!

The secret to safer sexual behavior by young Americans may belong to the media's most

celebrated wild child: MTV.

The cable television network - the ultimate symbol for many people of sex, drugs and rock 'n' roll - has become one of the key allies in a sweeping educational campaign by Meno Park's non-profit Kaiser Family Foundation.

"The 'Be Safe' effort, which is heading into a new round of intensive blunt commercial spots, spotlights topics such as sexually transmitted diseases and HIV testing through public-service ads and occasional specials.

"It became clear a some time ago that public health organizations were not going to succeed by printing up informational brochures and putting them in clinics," said Vicky Rideout, the foundation's point person for the campaign since its first initiatives in late 1997.

"There is a sexual health crisis among young people today," she added. "We need to get information in their hands, and to do that we need to go where they are."

That's why the foundation teamed up with MTV, the network's cable channel, BET, to target a disturbingly large and elusive audience: teenagers and young adults who are misinformed about, or unaware of, the risks associated with being sexually active.

- Compiled from wire reports

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HEALTH & FASHION

Regis sets the standard for men's fashion

Knight Ridder News Service

Regis Philbin is the biggest influence on menswear in the United States today.

Laugh all you want, but it's true.

Since Philbin began hosting ABC's "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire" in August, his signature monochromatic wardrobe — a dark dress shirt coupled with a matching slinky tie — has become a menswear phenomenon.

"We get e-mail every day from people who want those shirts and ties," said Lou Melazzo, general manager of Beau Brummel, the New York retailer that provides Philbin's on-air wardrobe. "He's really put menswear on the map again, and it's nice. It's refreshing to have people go back to some elegance again."

Menswear stores report the same demand.

"We find that we are getting requests for that look at least once a day, with direct reference to Regis Philbin," said Gregg Andrews, fashion director for Nordstrom's Central States Region. "We're getting the requests from guys in the late 20s on up. I can see him being a

fashion icon for people in his age range, but he is that for younger people as well."

Even much younger people are buying into the trend. Inspired by Philbin's wardrobe, Ari Konheim, 18, a senior at West Bloomfield High School, near Detroit, wears a black suit, a gray shirt and a gray tie to school dances. He also dons the look for his job as a photographer's assistant.

"The black shirt and black tie is my favorite look, but I'm a little more conservative," he explained. "But I think Regis has a pretty cool wardrobe."

This newfound interest in elegant menswear is a striking turn of events given that sales of suits and ties have declined since the advent of the business-casual workplace.

But retailers all over the country are taking advantage of the trend.

The Shirt Box in Farmington Hills, Mich., features a "Dress Like a Millionaire" display. Earlier this month, owner Ron Elkus sent customers a postcard with the message: "Who Wants to Dress Like a Millionaire?" with a picture of Elkus — standing atop stacks of \$50 bills — dressed in a



Regis Philbin

Regis-style outfit. The card announces the store's annual trade-in sale, which offers customers a discount on dress shirts and ties if they bring in old ones for donation to charity.

"Not a day goes by without someone asking for the Regis look, and we thought we might as well take advantage of it as soon as possible," Elkus said. Shirts-and-tie combos in gray or blue are generally the best-sellers, but there's also a significant market for an early Philbin outfit — black suit, black shirt and shiny black tie. At first, Philbin balked at the gangster-esque look. "This isn't 'The Sopranos,'" he had said, referring to the HBO show about the mob.

But it grew on him. His audience loved the look that has become a staple for evening wear at many local restaurants.

"I'm seeing it on lots of men, absolutely," said Michael Korn, maitre d' at Forte restaurant in

Birmingham, Mich. "I'm wearing it all the time. It's the only look I find to be kind of classy."

Though retailers are reaping the benefits of Philbin-mania, they're also disgruntled that a game-show host has become such a fashion role model.

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Tipping need not be mandatory or automatic. Tipping should be done at your discretion and as a reward for good or exceptional service.

The following are tipping suggestions for travelers. Remember to carry a lot of change and small bills for tips.

Taxi/ Limo Drivers: A \$2-\$3 tip is usually satisfactory; more if he/she helps with your bags or takes special steps to get you to your destination.

Waiters: 15-20% of your pre-tax check is standard. Make certain you look at the charges before adding a tip. However, some restaurants automatically add it especially for groups.

Tour Guides/ Charter Bus Drivers: If a tip is not automatically included, tip \$1-\$2 for a half day tour, \$2-\$5 for a full day tour, and anywhere from \$10-\$20 for a week-long tour.

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Wide line connects forefoot and heel: Average arches

Outline is the same shape as top of foot: Low arches

Pronation
The angle that your ankle makes with the ground, viewed from the front, is its "pronation."

To prevent injuries caused by overpronation, shoes need to fit snugly and control foot's side-to-side movement

Physician or podiatrist may recommend a shoe insert or flexible "orthotic" put inside shoe

Too much pronation Normal pronation

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Breast Cancer Support group to meet today

The Breast Cancer Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. today in the Cancer Center reception area at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

For more information, call Char Basila at 737-2800 or Jody Tremblay at 733-3700.

First-aid class
A community first aid and safety (infant, child and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid) nine hour course will be offered at 6 p.m. today and Tuesday at the American Red Cross office in Twin Falls.

Pre-registration and pre-payment are required for the class. For more information, call 733-6464 or 1-888-367-6321 or visit the Red Cross office, 718 Shoshone St. E.

Red Cross recertification
The American Red Cross will offer re-certification classes at 9 a.m. Tuesdays and 1 p.m. Fridays at the Red Cross office in Twin Falls.

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Childbirth class
A prepared childbirth course will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning this Wednesday through April 26, in the Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2900.

Therapy

Continued from A5
sequence their ideas — and they also lose insight into what their problems are.

"We do see a lot of kids with language problems that aren't traumatic brain injuries who can't make complex sentences and can't sequence their ideas from beginning to end," she said.

"And, being able to initiate a conversation and knowing when their turn is finished and it's the next person's turn — and then it's their turn again — turn-taking skills."

Some youngsters have to be taught the words they need to be able to express themselves, Suter said.

There are a lot of different reasons for this," she said. "But many times the cause is unidentified."


• How it works: Therapy time varies with the needs of the individual child, ranging anywhere from 30 minutes to an hour. Most come twice weekly — some once a week and others three times a week. Those who have just come from the hospital might need 4-5 sessions a week for a short period.

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Bottled water lacks the benefits of fluoride

The Washington Post
It used to be simple: You're thirsty, you get a drink from the tap.

But today, water comes in other forms, including tap water that has been filtered in the home and a wide variety of bottled waters. And health officials caution that consumers — especially parents — need to evaluate the qualities and benefits these products may be missing.

A major health advance of the past half century was the addition of fluoride to public water supplies, which dramatically cut the number of cavities among children in the United States. Recent studies have also shown that fluoride also has beneficial effects on adults' dental health.

Some bottled water comes naturally with fluoride, other brands add it, but most brands have very low fluoride levels. Manufacturers are required only to declare the addition of fluoride, not the level the water contains. Yet for nearly 10 percent of

American children the primary source of water is bottled and many others use it frequently. Could they be paying a price in cavities later?

Some health officials think so and counsel people using bottled water to check the fluoride level and supplement it if needed.

Researchers in Ohio highlighted the dilemma in a report this month in which they compare bottled water to Cleveland's drinking water. They found that 95 percent of bottled water samples had fluoride levels short of state recommendations. In addition, they reported in the Archives of Family Medicine that city water had low bacterial counts but the counts in the bottled water were widely variable.

Thirty-nine of the 57 samples of bottled water were purer than tap, and three were basically the same. But 15 samples contained significantly more bacte-

ria than tap water and six of those contained 1,000 times more.

The International Bottled Water Association in Alexandria, Va., said the study sensationalized the findings. It pointed out that none of the bacteria were dangerous and all levels were within ranges allowed in foods. On fluoride, the association suggests concerned people contact their dentist or doctor for advice.

Dental officials agreed that parents using bottled water at home shouldn't automatically give their children prescription fluoride supplements. The children are getting fluoride from other sources, such as soft drinks and juices that are reconstituted by manufacturers using

tap water, according to John Stamm, dean of the University of North Carolina School of Dentistry and a spokesman for the American Dental Association.

In addition, fluoridated toothpaste and topical dental treatments can prevent tooth decay, though they are not as effective in helping a broad population as fluoride in the water. The ADA recommends supplements only in communities that don't fluoridate the water.

The problem for consumers is knowing what's in their water. Few bottled water companies put fluoride information on their label. So the only way to know for sure is to have the water independently tested, which can cost from \$10 to \$20 per sample.

To do for you

Co-dependency group
Co-Dependency Group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Canyon View West Group Room in Twin Falls. Fee is \$10. For more information, call 734-6760.

Learn CPR
A CPR class will be offered from 4 to 7 p.m. April 3 in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC in Twin Falls. Fee is \$11. To register, call 737-2007.

Early parenting
Childbirth and early parenting classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning April 5 through May 3, in the Education Center at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. The second class in the series will qualify as a refresher course for mothers who previously have taken the classes.

No fee for patients delivering at St. Benedict's. To register, call the medical center at 324-4301.

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

Families are encouraged to participate in the therapy. This in fact improves the child's progress, because a "therapist" (the mother or father) goes home with him, and practices what has been done in therapy sessions. This greatly improves his progress.

"All the therapists use a coaching approach in treatment," Suter said.

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Dennis S. Voorhees

Last week's column discussed the basic elements of reverse mortgages and how they serve seniors wanting to stay at home in the face of rising costs and decreased income. However, rip-offs and bad deals await the unwary shopper. Forwarded is forewarned.

Keep these three things in mind: (1) some "independent" mortgage counselors are, in fact, closely allied with one lender; (2) loan costs and counselor fees can vary widely; and (3) contract benefits and options differ from one lender to the next.

Good news: A non-profit organization - National Center for Home Equity Conversion - is available to make mortgage shopping easier and more economical. NCHCE has a list of counselors and lenders who have qualified for its "NCHCE-Preferred" designation by adhering to a prescribed code of ethics and disclosure standards.

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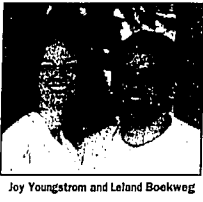
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TWIN FALLS - Mr. and Mrs. Roy Youngstrom of Twin Falls announce the engagement of their daughter, Joy Dawn Youngstrom, to Leland Edward Bookweg (Buckway), son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Blake Bookweg (Buckway) of Shoshone. Youngstrom is a 1998 graduate of Bozeman High School in Bozeman, Mont. She is attending

the College of Southern Idaho and working full-time.

Bookweg graduated in 1996 from Shoshone High School and served a two-year Missouri St. Louis Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is also attending CSI.

The wedding is planned for Friday in the Rose Temple. A reception to honor the couple will be held at 7 p.m. Friday at the Twin Falls State Center on Maurice Street.

The couple will reside in Twin Falls.

Excessive facial hair on women can be more than just embarrassing

Los Angeles Times

What could be more mortifying, at an age when one's looks can be an all-consuming preoccupation, than unwanted face and body hair?

Excessive hairiness in women is just one sign of a poorly understood condition often referred to as Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome, or PCOS. Other signs of PCOS, which may affect 5 percent of women, include thinning head hair, irregular periods, infertility, weight gain and acne.

The cause of the condition, which often runs in families, is unclear. Levels of male hormones (which are naturally present in women in small amounts) are often abnormally high. The ovaries, when examined by ultrasound, often contain multiple cysts. And the body responds sluggishly to the blood-sugar-regulating hormone insulin.

Doctors tend to either not diagnose PCOS or to pay insufficient attention to it, says Dr. Andrea Dunaf, chief of the Division of Women's Health at Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. "Physicians just have tended to dismiss complaints of hirsutism, even when women do bring it up — they consider it just a cosmetic, and vanity, issue."

In fact, though, it's more than just hard on the psyche. Women with PCOS often have trouble conceiving. Obesity endangers their health. They are at high risk for developing type II diabetes and possibly heart disease and hypertension. They are also at higher risk for uterine

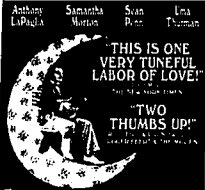
cancer if the condition goes untreated. Thus, say experts, it's very important that girls or women who may have PCOS seek a diagnosis so their condition can be managed.

Women with PCOS, for instance, may need to be especially vigilant with diet and exercise. They should have their blood lipids regularly checked, and their doctors should watch out for any early signs of diabetes. Drugs such as oral contraceptives, Provera (an injectable contraceptive) and a male hormone-blocking chemical called spironolactone help establish monthly periods and reduce the growth and thickness of hair.

For cosmetic help, such women can turn to laser treatment and electrolysis. Emotionally, they can glean strength from support

groups such as the Polycystic Ovarian Syndrome Association (on the Web at <http://www.pcos-support.org>), which now has a special effort geared toward teens.

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COLORECTAL CANCER AWARENESS MONTH PART III

Colorectal cancer, cancer of the colon or rectum, is the leading cause of cancer deaths in the United States for both men and women combined. In the year 2000, approximately 130,000 new cases of colorectal cancer will be diagnosed, and 56,000 people will die from the disease. Surpassing both breast cancer and prostate cancer in mortality, colorectal cancer is second only to lung cancer in the number of deaths in the United States.

WHAT IF I AM DIAGNOSED WITH COLORECTAL CANCER (CRC)?

If you are diagnosed with CRC, surgery is generally required to remove the cancerous polyp, cancerous tissue. The type of surgery and follow-up treatment will depend on how far advanced the cancer is. In the past, a colectomy was usually necessary. However, new surgical techniques can eliminate the need for colectomy in many patients.

HOW CAN COLORECTAL CANCER BE PREVENTED?

While the statistics are alarming, there is good news. Colorectal cancer is also one of the most preventable cancers and when detected early, it is often curable. There is no way to completely eliminate the risk of developing CRC. That is why screening is so important. However, there is evidence that you can reduce your chance of getting CRC by choosing a basically healthy lifestyle.

There are three basic ways to reduce your risk of developing colorectal cancer:

- 1) Adopting a proper diet
- 2) Being physically active
- 3) Undergo colorectal screening

The American Cancer Society advises these lifestyle habits:

- 1) Eat lots of fruits and vegetables at least five servings per day, preferably more. This can lower your colorectal cancer risk by 40% to 50%. It is

especially good to eat fruits and vegetables in a variety of colors. The colors are from substances called flavonoids that interfere with the process of developing cancer. And, you should cut back on fats, especially saturated fats in foods like beef, pork and lamb.

2) Get at least 30 minutes of physical activity on most days. This helps speed food through the digestive tract so any cancer-causing agents in food do not have time to do much damage. And, you should maintain a healthy body weight because being overweight can increase your colorectal cancer risk.

3) Following The American Cancer Society's screening guidelines is one of the most certain ways to prevent or detect colorectal cancer.

Researchers are also investigating the possibility that some drugs such as aspirin, ibuprofen, calcium supplements, folic acid and others may help prevent colorectal cancer.

ADENOMATOUS POLYPS: A grape-like shaped growth that occurs on the lining of the colon and rectum. This type of polyp can be cancerous.

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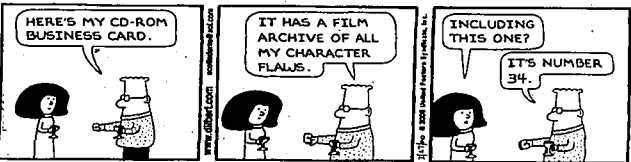
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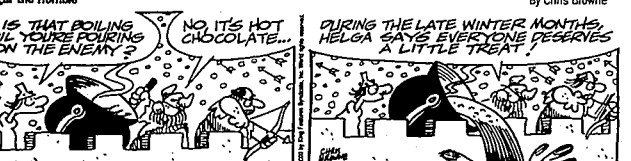
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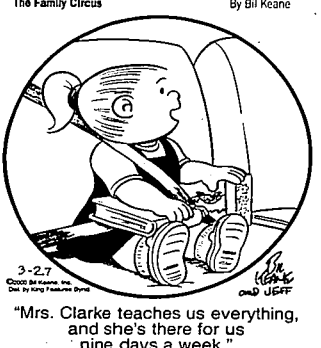
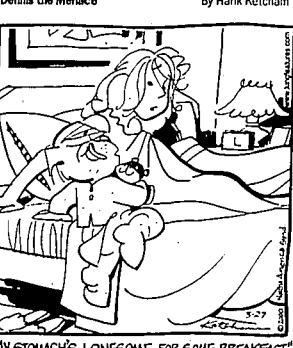


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OTHER VIEWS

Lawmakers hold public television hostage; viewers pay the penalty

From the Idaho State Journal (Pocatello)

The state Legislature grudgingly opened its purse strings and awarded what amounts to a pittance to Idaho Public Television, which, over the next three years, needs \$11 million to meet a federally-mandated digital conversion schedule.

IPTV asked for \$4.7 million to meet its first-year conversion plans. The Legislature awarded the Public Broadcasting Service affiliate network less than half that — \$2 million, which is \$500,000 less than Gov. Dirk Kempthorne recommended.

While the network will gladly take the money, the stingy funding is essentially the Legislature's way of saying, "Be good next year, and there's more where that came from."

Many of the state's ultra-conservative legislators deliberately withheld funding from IPTV based essentially on the network's decision last fall to air "It's Elementary," a controversial documentary that discussed methods of explaining the homosexual lifestyle to students.

The program, according to the cadre of lawmakers, was inappropriate for the eyes and ears of Idahoans.

"The framers of the Constitution purposely included the power of the purse strings with the Legislative branch," said

Rep. Kent Kunz, R-Pocatello, earlier in the legislative session. "It's our prerogative."

Unfortunately, Kunz, by making statements such as the one above, comes across to many Idahoans as someone who treasures not only the opportunity to control the "power of the purse strings," but as someone who likes to do a good bit of thinking for his constituents as well.

Perhaps Gov. Kempthorne, a vocal opponent of the "It's Elementary" broadcast, said it best.

(Public television is) something that helps us link the state together," he said Kempthorne, rather than work to tie IPTV to the whims of the state, did his fighting last fall, when the program was scheduled to air. Proving that reasonable heads can prevail, he reached a compromise with Morill and the IPTV board. The documentary aired late at night when most children would not see it. By not insisting the program be pulled, Kempthorne cast a vote in favor of Idaho's parents and their good judgment.

But, with the Legislature short-changing IPTV this year, a clear message has been sent: Public television programming in 2000 will be on a "pay per view" basis. Any problems, and IPTV will pay the price... well, actually, viewers who look to public television for thought-provoking, quality broadcasting will be paying the price.

Yellowstone needs to stick to its guns on snowmobile issue

From The Salt Lake Tribune

The National Park Service has indicated that it would rather listen to the thousands of comments in favor of preserving Yellowstone National Park than to the winter-long drone of snowmobilers. That is a responsible and welcome choice.

In trying to establish a winter use plan for America's oldest national park, the NPS worked up a draft environmental impact statement last year and declared that the alternative it preferred was one that would have permitted snowmobiling but would have removed snowmobilers' most traveled route, the road from West Yellowstone to Old Faithful, by plowing it and opening it to automobile traffic.

But last week, park officials, in meeting with representatives of neighboring communities, said that their "preferred alternative" was preferred no longer.

The NPS's seven alternative drafts of the EIS's seven alternatives, Alternative G, which would ban snowmobile use in Yellowstone, much to the chagrin of locals who rely on snowmobilers' businesses.

The NPS's apparent change of heart represents a recent recognition of its primary responsibility to preserve the park and a heartening response to some 35,000 comments it had received to the draft EIS, most of which favored the "preferred alternative." The park service was getting flak from both sides on that one: Snowmobilers didn't like it because it would remove their most popular route, and environmentalists didn't like it because it didn't address the basic problems of air and noise pollution.

Park officials knew they couldn't please both sides, so they have opted to

honor their mandate to protect the park, which in the last 30 years has seen snowmobile traffic escalate to about 75,000 per winter. The result of this pressure has been a particulate pollution problem that, on some winter days at the West Yellowstone, can be as bad as the smog in Los Angeles, and a constant buzz of snowmobilers that drowns out any sense of solitude.

Instead of allowing individual snowmobilers in Yellowstone, the park would allow "oversnow mass transit motor vehicles," known as snowcoaches which can carry about 10 persons into the park and thus would presumably cut vehicle traffic by 90 percent. Also, according to Alternative G, the park could consider the return of snowmobilers at such times that technology adequately addresses the air and noise-pollution problems they cause.

Snowmobile advocates who claim that the NPS's new alternative might lead to restrictions on snowmobile use on other public lands overlook the unique status of Yellowstone as a national jewel that needs protection now. Besides, national parks in Glacier and Yosemite do not allow snowmobilers, and Yellowstone likely would not have opened its doors to them if park officials had known 30 years ago what they know now about their impact.

The NPS's new direction on the winter use plan for Yellowstone and Grand Teton national parks shows that the EIS process works, that the gathering of comments and data can change preconceived notions. Park officials will face harsh criticism from snowmobile advocates and their political allies, but they have taken an honorable, preservationist stand, and they should stick to it.

The canyon is not a dump

The park proposed for the north rim of the Snake River Canyon east of Highway 93 is an idea which merits the full support of communities on both sides of the river. Not only will it enhance the canyon rim, it will help protect the canyon itself. The stretch of canyon between Centennial Park and Shoshone Falls is one of this area's treasures.

The recently published "Guide to Idaho Paddling" by Katherine Daly and Ron Watters describes it as "one of Idaho's most interesting paddle trips and spectacular." Unfortunately, it has been for many years one of Magic Valley's dumping grounds. There is easy access to the north rim above it, and the fragmented land ownership and management responsibility for this area leaves it wide open to abuse of all kinds, including heating tires, old appliances and even car bodies over the edge.

For the past three years, a number of groups have been working together to try to remove as much of this detritus as possible. Boy Scout Troop 93 of Jerome has provided much of the labor, with support from Idaho Power, Idaho Fish and Game, the Jerome County Commission and the Bureau of Land Management. In the spring of 1998, we cleaned much of the area around Fink Lake, including a dramatic helicopter jump led by the BLM. For the past two years, we have concentrated on the slopes upstream from Pillar Falls; these have been much more labor-intensive due to the lack of easy access and a safe landing place for helicopters. (Thanks are due this year to the Jerome LDS 6th Ward, Underwood Recycling and Idaho

Guide Service, as well as the "regulars.")

The discouraging aspect of this effort is that we find newly trashed items by the following year. Another color of mangled shopping cart is added soon after the opening of each new retail outlet on the Twin Falls side of the river! This is liable to continue as long as the rim above remains "no man's land." In future years, we hope to see the canyon and its rim become the source of pride and pleasure for the residents of the Magic Valley that they deserve to be.

**JIM AND LORNA IRWIN
Jerome**

Donate to the skate park fund

Over the years I have read a lot of articles and heard complaints and seen new signs go up, "No Skateboarding." I realize that skateboarders are hard on cement, but what are they really hurting? These kids don't break into the shops or vandalize. Granted, some kids might be out of line sometimes, but there are problems with most every avenue in society. Don't let the exception to the rule ruin or ruin the programs and activities of society and the kids. Is it against the law to use a skateboard and have a bunch of kids rallying around to have fun? Or is it better that they have nothing to do and then dream up other things to do that can get them in trouble with the law?

What kind of an example are we setting as adults to use forceful measures to be rid of skateboarders? What do zero-tolerance policies solve? Are we such a complex society that we can't let kids have some fun in a sport that is perfectly wholesome?

LETTERS

I have heard in other cities, we can't build a skate board park because someone might get hurt and we will have a liability problem. Well, so what, I'd rather have to pay for a broken leg or arm or repair some cement over taking up our court system's time and money to prosecute kids who get into trouble because they didn't have anything to occupy their time.

I would like to call on the shopping center owners and the owners of the security company and anyone else in the community to put up a donation to match my \$50 donation or exceed it. I have limited resources, and I do not live in Twin Falls.

Give these kids a place to play where they can go and not be hassled.

Remember these kids spend money in our community on skateboards and the accessories, on snacks, clothes, etc., and they are going to grow up to run this country and pay our Social Security checks.

Anyone else interested in donating to the skateboard park, please send your donation to the address below. The city of Twin Falls has agreed to put up half the money. The Skateboard Association needs to raise \$90,000 by September. They don't have much time.

Please put aside your feelings and fears, open up your hearts and wallets, and donate to Magic Valley Skateboards Association, P.O. Box 5826, Twin Falls, ID 83403. It is tax deductible, and you will be mailed a thank you letter and a receipt.

**LARRY LAUB
Jerome**

Give the kids a place to play
I have been reading with great interest

the recent letters submitted regarding Mr. Turley vs. Skateboarders. As an adult, I am anxious to hear the outcome of the investigation before forming my own personal informed opinion. However, the letters submitted in the Sunday, March 19, edition have really made me wonder what kind of justice really exists in this town.

I have read letters from friends of Mr. Turley coming to his defense as being a moral and upstanding person who would do anything for anybody. I'm not disputing that, but what does it have to do with the skateboard incident?

I have read a letter from Mr. Turley's own wife slamming The Times-News, quite exuberantly, and stating what a fine person her husband is. Again, I am not disputing Mr. Turley's reputation, as I don't know the man. However, as Mr. Raymond G. Clark of Jerome referred to the parents of the youths involved as "mother storms into the act like an old setting hen to protect her little chick," sure sounds to me like that's what Mrs. Turley did for her husband as well as all his friends who have written letters in his defense without actually witnessing the scene. Sometimes good people make bad mistakes. Aren't we human?

I also wonder why another off-duty

security officer found the need to call Mr. Turley when seeing the skateboarders. Was this security officer told to call Mr. Turley because he had it out for the skateboarders? Who was the adult here? The adult should never have allowed this situation to get physical.

It's not The Times-News' fault this happened. A security officer has the choice to call the police. If, too, would have canceled my contract with Gem State Security. Violence is never a solution.

Instead of putting all our energy into writing these support letters favoring one side or the other, why don't we do something productive here? Let's bring the generations together and open the communication in both directions. Maybe both generations could learn something by getting the gripes off their chests and finding out you might just have something in common.

Let's not resort to the "redneck justice" which is apparent here. Maybe skateboarding wasn't as popular 25 or 30 years ago (I had one) but it is now. The skateboard park is desperately needed for these kids (and us adults who want to join them).

**GENIE WILLIAMS
Twin Falls**

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New magazine gets it all wrong

MARJORIE WILLIAMS

Real Simple, the fastest new magazine ever launched by Time Inc., hits the stands today, billing itself as a "magazine for a simpler life/home/body/soul." Stressed-out women of America, the secret can now be told: The key to a simple life is to have invisible children.

Even though Real Simple expects that about 70 percent of its thirtysomething target audience will be mothers, its debut issue pictures not a single child, except in advertisements.

If you're looking for a fantasy, why not go all the way? No sticky fingers, no sweaters dropped on the floor, no cracker crumbs ground into the sofa.

Fresto! serenity. "It was definitely our intention to do a magazine that speaks directly to the woman, and not to her roles," editor Susan Wyland says.

The first issue tells "today's over-extended, over-committed, over-scheduled woman" how to clean her medicine cabinet every month. "Just then, as you replace the toiletries, dust them." As if! It tells her about skin-care products that "it even tells her, just like the rest of us."

It even tells her how to create special moments in your day for reflecting and recharging."

But it doesn't tell her what she really needs to know about simplifying her life: Black trash bags. A mother's lot is the constant beating-bad of a tide of things. And if you use white trash bags during your periodic sweeps of the house, your children complain about the cruelty of throwing away their old tangles, Slinkies and toys from ancient Happy Meals, that fossilized lollipop from last December. You must strike at night, and use opaque black bags.

Simplifying your own life is easy; it's this living with other people, especially small ones, that's complicated. What stands between me and the spare beauty shown on Real Simple's pages is a sea of

front of the toaster, sopping up a fine sheen of butter and a dusting of crumbs?

Where's the method for reminding yourself to call the pediatrician for a check-up appointment a good three months in advance, to schedule it after the school year is finished but before the deadline for submitting the inoculation record to summer camp?

Where's the treatise on car-pool politics, starting with the appropriate penitential for a male spouse who always hands over the phone, shrugging helplessly, when another parent (surprise -- a mother!) calls with a question about car pools or play dates?

Of course, the canny editors of Time Inc. aren't alone in lulling harried mothers with a vision of child-free simplicity.

The people who appear in home magazines, for example, almost never have children; they have collections of antique white pudding molds or English garden trugs or, if they have a nurturing streak, Orrington chickens. The ads have children in them, but even less trouble than Orrington chickens.

Real Simple starts its life under a heavy burden of oxymoron, since there are probably limits to the definition of "simple" that can lure advertisers at \$28,000 a page.

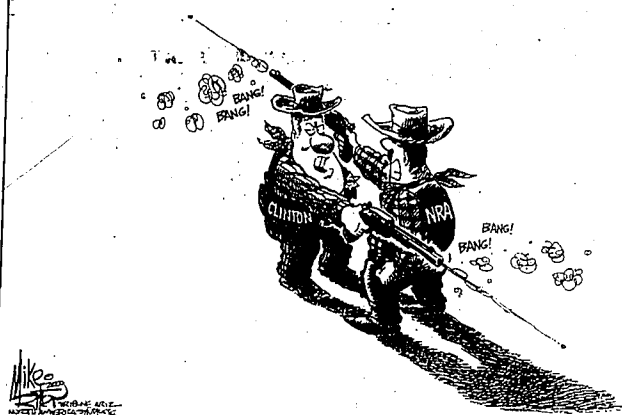
Perhaps it was wise of the editors to avoid taking on the even larger tension between the real and the fantasy lives of their vast audience.

A lot of family life is an endless series of repetitive tasks that can't be simplified away, and doing those tasks with patience is the simplest rigor of our life/home/body/soul.

But where's guidance on how to corral all the homework papers that collect in

Marjorie Williams writes for the Washington Post.

Rhetoric at the OK Corral



LETTERS

Host a student, change a life
It was a delight to read the nice article about Thiago Rocha in the Tuesday, March 21, Community page. What a step to take—leaving all that is familiar to come to the small town of Bliss! As an ASPECT Foundation representative, I had the privilege of meeting Thiago in the Salt Lake City Airport and accompanying him on the flight to Twin Falls, followed by a brief stay in my home in Bliss. He was so full of questions and so excited about everything. What an opportunity not only for him but for his host family and the community.

In my 12 years of hosting and working with student exchange, I can only say I've had the opportunity to hear many accounts such as Thiago's, helped facilitate some of them and have had my life as well as the lives of many others greatly enriched through hosting or simply becoming friends with these students from around the world.

This is the time of year students such as Thiago (a year ago) are waiting at their mailboxes and phones to hear from that special family that wants to be their family for a school year. There are several organizations in the Magic Valley that are currently seeking homes for these contact your school for the names of organizations with which they work, visit exchange student websites such as www.aspectfoundation.org, or call (800) 559-1467 to find out how you can make a very own international exchange experience.

Participation in student exchange is your opportunity to bring the world a little closer to home while helping a teen achieve goals that will influence him for a lifetime. I encourage all of us to not let this opportunity pass them by. It is an opportunity to make a difference for good.
JEANETTE SPARKS
Bliss

Skater speaks out
I have been a skater since the year of 1994, and ever since then, I have been the first person to look at when trouble comes around. Just because I dress in "baggy" clothes and hang out or skate in "big groups," I'm a "bad kid." I'm sick and tired that we get the bad rap when some poser breaks the law.

No, I'm not saying that we're all innocent, but we're all not criminals either. We are told that we can skate in dozens of places, but until March 20, the city had not allowed any funds to provide us with any place to skate. This led to confrontations such as the one that happened at the Lynnwood Mall.

I would like to thank the City Council for finally acting to help gain a park that we have needed for years. Now we need the help of the rest of the citizens of Twin Falls to make this dream a reality. If you see a fund-raising event for the park, please contribute. If you have any ideas or can contribute in any way, call the Magic Valley Skateboarders Association Inc. If you see a fund-raising event for the park, please contribute. If you have any ideas or can contribute in any way, call the Magic Valley Skateboarders Association Inc. If you see a fund-raising event for the park, please contribute. If you have any ideas or can contribute in any way, call the Magic Valley Skateboarders Association Inc.

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Pope John Paul II, at the Western Wall, places a signed note into a crack in Jerusalem's Old City Sunday.

Pope's final gesture awes Holy Land

JERUSALEM (AP) — Pope John Paul II crowned his Holy Land sojourn Sunday with a stunning gesture to the Jews at their holiest site, shuffling slowly up to the Western Wall and placing a plea for forgiveness in a nook between its yellowed stones.

The gesture by the 79-year-old ailing pontiff was sure to become the most indelible image in a week of unforgettable moments. It came on a whirlwind final day that saw the pope visit the sacred sites of all three faiths, all within the confines of Jerusalem's walled Old City, one of the most disputed patches of land in the world.

At the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the pontiff knelt at the spot where tradition says Jesus was resurrected. At the Haram as-Sharif, the hilltop where Muslims say the prophet Mohammed ascended to heaven, he met with Jerusalem's top Islamic cleric.

At each stop, he couldn't help but witness the passionate dispute over a city that both Israelis and Palestinians claim as their capital. But many who glimpsed him witnessed something equally potent: the charisma and healing power of this aging, ailing pontiff. "Some wonderful things are going to happen in this century,"

said Bishop William Murphy of Boston, who followed the week-long journey.

Hunched and leaning on a cane, the pontiff showed doubters he was more than up to the rigors of an ambitious and grueling itinerary.

For Israelis, the highlight of the day, and indeed the week, was when the pope navigated the 86 steps it took him to reach the Western Wall and place a note in its stones, echoing a tradition of generations of Jewish worshippers. He had earlier in the week reached out to Jews at their Holocaust memorial, Yad Vashem. But this was a gesture at the holiest site of all Judaism.

The pope's words were from an address he made earlier this month in Rome, expressing sorrow over the past errors of his church.

"God of our fathers, you chose Abraham and his descendants to bring your Name to the Nations," read the typewritten message. "We are deeply saddened by the behavior of those who in the course of history have caused these children of yours to suffer and, asking your forgiveness, we wish to commit ourselves to genuine brotherhood with the people of the Covenant."

OPEC likely to boost oil output

VIENNA, Austria (AP) — OPEC oil ministers were close to reaching a consensus Sunday on the need to boost output to rein in galloping petroleum prices and mollify the United States and other oil-importing nations.

Although the ministers refused to confirm the size or timing of any such increase, Kuwait's oil minister, Sheikh Saud Nasser al-Sabah, said OPEC is likely to raise its official production by as much as 1.7 million barrels of crude a day.

The 11 ministers from the Organization of the Petroleum

Exporting Countries will meet today to decide whether to extend cuts in output made in 1998 and 1999 that have propelled oil prices to their highest levels since the Persian Gulf War.

The United States is hoping for an even bigger increase in production than what appeared to be under discussion. High prices for gasoline and home heating oil have become a hot political issue in this American election year, and Washington has applied intense diplomatic pressure to try to persuade OPEC member countries to open their taps further.

OPEC ministers met privately in small groups in an effort to resolve differences ahead of today's semiannual meeting.

"We are arriving to a consensus," Venezuelan Oil Minister Ali Rodriguez told reporters at a downtown hotel.

Any official increase would not be as large as it may seem because of the more than 1 million "unofficial" barrels that OPEC members are currently pumping each day. This cheating on production quotas means that a daily increase of 1.7 million barrels would add only about 600,000

barrels of actual new oil to the market.

OPEC produces more than 26 million barrels of crude each day, or about 35 percent of the world's supply.

The United States and other oil-importing countries are hoping OPEC will raise production by 2.5 million barrels per day. Many industry analysts worry that OPEC won't produce enough to let consuming nations replenish their meager oil inventories and simultaneously meet higher seasonal needs for gasoline.

Officials: Cult leaders may be behind deaths

RUGAZI, Uganda — The investigation into the suspicious deaths of at least 490 members of a Christian doomsday sect was tangled in logistical confusion Sunday as a leading legislator speculated that sect leaders were behind the deaths.

Local police guarded a half-open grave at the sect's remote compound in southwestern Uganda, awaiting the arrival of a pathologist from the capital of Kampala and investigators from a nearby town to continue exhuming the burial pit.

But Uganda's chief pathologist never left the capital, police said.

"Logistics were a problem," police spokesman Mugenyi Assuman said by telephone from Kampala.

Meanwhile, a team of investigators started by for the pathologist in Rukungiri, 19 miles from the compound, were never informed of the delay.

Senior Ugandan officials have quoted a 17-year-old sect member as saying the sect's two top leaders — Cleodonia Mwerinde, 40, and Joseph Kibwetere, 68 — may have fled the area March 17, when a fire in a sect church killed 330 members. Those reports are unconfirmed.

The deaths in the village of Kanungu were initially viewed as a mass suicide. However, officials, police and villagers have speculated that the two leaders



Children cover their noses against the stench in Rugazi, Uganda, Sunday, as they watch police inspect a house belonging to a top leader of the Movement for the Restoration of the Ten Commandments of God, where at least one body was found.

Six people remained missing and were feared dead. Nine people made it to shore. Police said, no one in the group of 15 oil company executives, five members of a law firm and their four guides was wearing a life preserver.

Widespread starvation threatens Mongolia

GOBI DESERT, Mongolia — From one isolated family of nomads to another, the grim sight is the same across Mongolia's vast and frozen Gobi Desert and nearby mountains.

Thickly furred, frozen carcasses of livestock are stacked waist-high near the traditional tents of their herders. More animals lie where they fell in bare pastures, all victims of the country's coldest winter in 30 years.

The toll is staggering. An estimated 1.8 million herd animals, or about one of every 15 in the nation, have died, affecting a fifth of Mongolia's 2.6 million people, the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs says.

The toll could rise to 5 million animals, the office warns, and if more aid from other countries is not provided by April or May, half million Mongolians could be desperately short of food.

— Compiled from wire reports

World in brief

flod as the sect grew increasingly divided over the fact that the world did not end Dec. 31 as was predicted and wanted back their belongings, which they had surrendered on joining the sect.

Seven dead, six missing as flood hits adventurers

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa — With seven people known dead and six others miss-

ing, rescuers braved sheer cliffs and a raging torrent Sunday to save two survivors of one of the worst tragedies to hit adventure tourism in South Africa.

The two survivors were among a group of 24 whitewater enthusiasts, all South Africans, who were hurled down the Storms River Gorge on Saturday after a flash flood hit. The two were pitched from the inner tube and clung to rocks near the rolling current for 36 hours before two helicopters finally plucked them to safety at dusk Sunday.

Tuesday, March 28

Women's Day Out Show

Tuesday, March 28, Noon to 6:00 p.m.

Twin Falls High School "Old" Gymnasium

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“Yeah, but I'm running away with the NIT office pool.”

—Bud Geracis, sports columnist for the San Jose Mercury News

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

High school baseball
 Eagle at Twin Falls, noon

IN BRIEF

Register online for local tennis tourney

TWIN FALLS — Registrations are now being accepted for next month's week-long Windermere Combined NIT doubles tennis tournament, set for April 9-16.
 Entry deadline for the tourney is Monday, April 3, and registration forms can be picked up at the YMCA, Elevator Sports or CJ's Framing. Fees are \$15 for Twin Falls Tennis Association members and \$20 for non-members. High school tennis players are ineligible to participate.
 Players can also register online at: www.twinfallsta.com. For more information, call Robin Barton at 733-9174 after 6 p.m.

Muni men's twilight league tees off April 12

TWIN FALLS — Registrations are being accepted for this season's Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course men's twilight golfing league. Play begins Wednesday, April 12 and costs \$125 per two-man team.
 Three divisions of play will make up the league with scoring consisting of A vs. A, B vs. B and best ball for the third point. Divisions consist of the following: A is 0-12 handicap, B is 13-18 and C is 19 and above.
 For more information, call the Pro Shop at 733-3326.

Steelheads' Ingraham, Patrucic reach 50 goals

TWIN FALLS — Bolstered by forward Cal Ingraham's hat trick and Jeff Patrucic's 50th goal of the season, the Idaho Steelheads skated to their third straight win Saturday in a 5-4 defeat of the Fresno Falcons.
 Ingraham's three goals also propelled the team's all-time scoring leader onto the 50-goal plateau, marking the first time in club history that Idaho has had two 50-goal scorers.
 The win gives Idaho (29-32-5) a 5-0 record against Fresno (25-35-7) this season and puts the Steelheads into a third-place tie in the West Coast Hockey League Northern Division.
 Meanwhile, Idaho signed right wing Blue Bennefield from the Alberta Junior Hockey League Bonnyville Pontiacs on Friday, and called up center Gavin Morgan from the Utah Grizzlies.
 Bennefield scored 60 points and had 210 penalty minutes in 59 games for Bonnyville and won the Molson Canadian Top Plus/Minus Award for the AJHL.
 Morgan is being called up for the second time. He had a plus/minus rating of +2 in seven games for Long Beach in February.

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TWIN FALLS — The Twin Falls Bruins will hold a softball camp six days in grades 3-8 Wednesday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. each day at the Twin Falls High School softball field.
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Boise's Dean Park wins Canyon Springs Amateur

By Kevin Hill
Times-News Staff Writer

TWIN FALLS — As shadows crept ever west through the Snake River canyon floor Sunday, Boise golfer Dean Park was trying to figure out how to break a two-hole bogey run.
 Hitting his second shot on the 364-yard par 4 18th to within 18 inches of the hole and he tried.
 “My legs were tight and I cased them up a little,” he said. “Then I hit that shot and it almost went in the hole. To top in for birdie is a nice way to finish.”
 Park, 33, captured this weekend's Canyon Springs Amateur with a 1-

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under 143, besting playing partners Gordon Barry (73-75) and Bruce Robinett (74-74) by five strokes in his third attempt at the tournament.
 “I really love the golf course, it sets up well,” he said.
 Though it didn't come easy on Sunday.
 He shot 76 after an opening round 67 that put Park six strokes ahead of Barry going into Sunday's play. Barry didn't fare much better, carding a 75 on the day after picking up one stroke on the front nine.

“I couldn't get it rolling,” Barry said. “I hit it out-of-bounds on 11 and had a couple of eagle putts, but I couldn't make those. I just didn't putt.”
 But Barry and Robinett hit their birdie putts on the par 5 479-yard 14th while Park took a par to pull within five and six shots respectively, with four holes to play.
 On the par 3 15th, Robinett remained hot, holing a 14-footer for birdie, and keeping the pressure on Park. After Barry made par, Park whose tee shot landed 25 feet short of the green, pitched to within 17 feet. Then, with a pause and a look, Park calmly rolled it in to save par and the tournament.

“I was obviously really struggling coming down the stretch and I just wanted to put a good roll on that one,” he said. “I did, and it put me in a position where I felt like I could just get home on it.”
 The par kept both Barry and Robinett a solid five shots back, but the long-hitting, hot-putting Robinett kept the pressure squarely on Park through the par-5 16th.
 Robinett reached the 517-yard green in two shots, hitting a mammoth five-iron second shot to 20 feet of the flag. Meanwhile, Park was on the lower fringe on three and needed a trio of putts before holing in with a bogey six. A surging Robinett, however, sank a 20-

foot bomb for eagle, shaving Park's lead to two shots with two to play.
 “I was getting tired late,” Park said.
 And it didn't get any easier. Park put his approach on 17 into the facing bunker and finished with a bogey five. Fortunately for Park, Robinett had already erred. After his tee shot flew far left, he duffed his second shot for about 25 yards. His third flew long of the green, and facing a 30-foot chip for par, Robinett cuffed his wedge far short of the hole.
 Three putts later, Robinett stormed off the green with a triple bogey 7, effectively ending his run.

Two longshots hit Final Four

The Associated Press

Surprise, surprise.
 Two long-shot teams that almost didn't make the NCAA tournament are headed to the Final Four. They'll be joined by the only remaining No. 1 seed and another unlikely team that came within a second of losing in the opening round.
 North Carolina and Wisconsin, both seeded eighth, will play along with top-seeded Michigan State and No. 5 Florida in the national semifinals next Saturday at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.
 For the Tar Heels and Badgers, the Final Four berths are payoffs for peaking at the end of difficult seasons. For the Spartans and Gators, the trip to Indianapolis is an opportunity to punctuate successful seasons.

At No. 8, Wisconsin and North Carolina are the lowest seeds to reach the Final Four since No. 11 LSU made it in 1986. The last No. 8 to get this far was Villanova, which won the national championship from that spot in 1985.
 Wisconsin (22-13) vs. Michigan State (30-7)
 Wisconsin finished sixth in the Big Ten but has lost just three games since Feb. 2, all of them to conference champion Michigan State, winners of nine straight.
 “We haven't figured out a way to score against them yet,” coach Dick Bennett said. “Michigan State is one of the premier defensive teams in the country. They're hard to score against.”
 Michigan State coach Tom Izzo knows the three earlier games don't matter much now against a Wisconsin team that is in the Final Four for the first time in 59 years.

“I don't think it's ever easy to beat a team twice or beat a team three times,” he said. “We know it's going to be tough to beat a team four times. They are on a roll and making shots now.”
 These are two grind-it-out teams with Michigan State depending on the senior leadership of Mateen Cleaves, Charlie Bell and Morris Peterson and Wisconsin riding the hot 3-point shooting of Division II transfer Jon Bryant.

To add to it from Mike Kelley, the Badgers aren't going to roll over now.
 “We had a chance for a let-down after Fresno State, after



Arizona, and after LSU,” he said. “We could have fallen to that temptation, but we didn't. We are a very competitive group. It

doesn't matter if it is basketball or bridge, we all go out to win.”
 North Carolina (22-13) vs. Florida (28-7)

For the Tar Heels, this marks a 15th trip to the Final Four and third in the past four years. It was Please see NCAA, Page B2

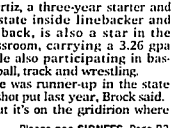
Glenns Ferry stars sign on with WMC

The Times-News

GLENN'S FERRY — A pair of small-town boys are headed to a small-time school as Glenns Ferry senior Bernabe Ortiz and former Pilot Damian Gill have signed letters-of-intent to play football next fall at Western Montana College.
 The NAIA Bulldogs are going to need the talented Ortiz and Gill, as they struggled through a 1-8 campaign last season under first-year coach Duane Rilla.
 Glenns Ferry athletic director and football coach Brock said the pair should flourish at WMC.
 “They're both great kids who've worked extra hard on and off the field,” Brock said. “They're great role models for our kids.”

Ortiz, a three-year starter and all-state inside linebacker and fullback, is also a star in the classroom, carrying a 3.26 gpa while also participating in basketball, track and wrestling.
 He was runner-up in the state for shot put last year, Brock said. But it's on the gridiron where

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Bernabe Ortiz



Damian Gill

Hal Sutton leads by three

Sutton leads as lightning delays play

The Associated Press

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. — Hal Sutton got the challenge he wanted and played the way he expected. The only thing that stopped him from winning his showdown against Tiger Woods in the Players Championship on Sunday was the weather.
 Sutton was nearly flawless for 11 holes in building a three-

Golf

stroke lead over Woods when thunderstorms drenched the TPC at Sawgrass and suspended the final round until today. Play will resume at 9 a.m. EST.
 “Obviously, I'd have liked to keep playing,” Sutton said.
 No wonder. Sutton didn't miss any fairways and only one green, and that followed a bunker shot that he ranks among the best of

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Seattle brings down the house

The Associated Press

SEATTLE — With a rumble that reverberated throughout downtown, the great gray roof of Seattle's Kingdomo collapsed in a controlled implosion Sunday, making way for a new stadium.

It took less than 20 seconds for 5,800 gelatin dynamite-filled holes to reduce to rubble the home of baseball's Mariners and football's Seahawks.

The demolition of the 24-year-old Kingdomo — dubbed the mushroom, the concrete cupcake and other less charitable terms over the years — clears the way for a new \$430 million football stadium.
 The ribbed roof dome has been a city landmark since its 1976 completion at a cost of \$67 million. The Seahawks made their debut in the Kingdomo that year and the Mariners arrived a year later.
 The dome was a necessity for Seattle's rain, but fans complained the cold concrete stadium was too small for football and



not intimate enough for baseball. What's more, it leaked, and in 1994, four ceiling tiles crashed into the stands just hours before a Mariners' game.
 But smallness and concrete had advantages, too. The noise level

was immense, and as Ken Griffey Jr. proved, it was a home-run hitter's paradise.
 Sunday's implosion had little impact on the Mariners. The team moved into the new \$517 million Safeco Field last summer,

complete with real grass and a retractable roof. As for the Seahawks, their new stadium will be ready in about two years. Until then, they'll share the University of Washington stadium.

The Kingdomo begins to collapse after being blasted with explosives Sunday morning in Seattle.

AROUND THE VALLEY

F-22 study hearing set at Mountain Home

MOUNTAIN HOME - The Air Force plans public hearings next month on a proposal to locate the first operational wing of its newest fighter jet, the F-22 Raptor, at one of five bases across the country, including Mountain Home Air Force Base.

Air Force officials expect to get 72 of the controversial aircraft in 2004, and they propose to establish an operational wing, split into three squadrons of 24 each.

Officials are looking at five alternative locations for the wing, with Langley Air Force Base in Virginia the preferred alternative in an environmental study. In addition to Mountain Home, Air Force bases also is looking at two bases in Florida and one in Alaska.

Public hearings on the environmental impact statement will be held in each of the five potential locations. The hearings in Mountain Home will be from 7 to 9 p.m., April 11, at the Mountain Home Junior High School, 1600 East 6th South.

Written comments on the proposal may be sent by June 30 to: HQ ACC/CEVP, 129 Andrews St., Suite 102, Langley AFB, Va. 23665-2769. Attn: Brenda Coo. Gen. Albert L. Pruden, Lockheed Martin's F-22 program manager will speak at an Air Force Association banquet April 7 at Mountain Home Air Force Base.

Carey principal lobbies in Washington, D.C.

CAREY - Carey School Principal Joni Cordell visited Capitol Hill earlier this month to meet with Idaho's Congressional delegation.

She was among 100 public school principals from around the country who traveled to Washington D.C. for the annual federal relations conference sponsored by the National Association of Elementary School Principals and the National Association of Secondary School Principals.

Idaho faces a shortage of public school principals, Cordell said. Within the next five to seven years, 87 percent of Idaho's principals will reach retirement age, she said. She encouraged Idaho's congressional delegation to support legislation that would help districts recruit and retain principals and asked for professional development support not only for teachers but also for administrators and counselors.

Cordell also urged the congressional delegation to continue support of federal funding for disadvantaged students, keep up the momentum with federal support of class size reduction, maintain funding for prevention programs in schools, and help districts modernize their schools and upgrade educational technology.

Cordell is in her first term as Idaho's federal legislative coordinator for two national principals' associations.

Twin Falls City Council to review Strategic Plan

TWIN FALLS - The City Council will review the city's Strategic Plan at its meeting tonight.

The plan outlines nine objectives for city leaders to work on over the next two years. The council has revised the draft and will give it another close look before making a final decision on the plan.

Objectives in the plan include continued work on the city's traffic signal system and continued participation in the revitalization of Downtown/Old Towne Twin Falls.

The council will meet at 5 p.m. at City Hall.

Elmore commissioners to hear department reports

GLENN'S FERRY - Elmore County commissioners will hear reports from department heads at 9 a.m. today at the courthouse.

Today's agenda also includes a discussion about the street naming and addressing ordinance and the American Towers appeal.

The meeting is open to the public.

Compiled from staff reports

Hansen still lacks city fire department

By Margaret Jones
Times-News correspondent

HANSEN - The city lost its fire department last month after Fire Chief John Hinton and volunteer firefighters resigned.

The city is currently getting free fire protection through a mutual aid agreement with the Kimberly-based Rock Creek Fire District but how long that

agreement can last is unknown.

Mayor George Urie said the city is waiting to find out if it can join the district. Rock Creek Fire Commissioner Clarence Hoffield said the district is waiting to find out if it can legally provide Hansen with fire protection on a permanent basis.

If the city decides to join the district, Hansen residents would be asked to approve an increase in their property taxes to help pay for the fire protection.

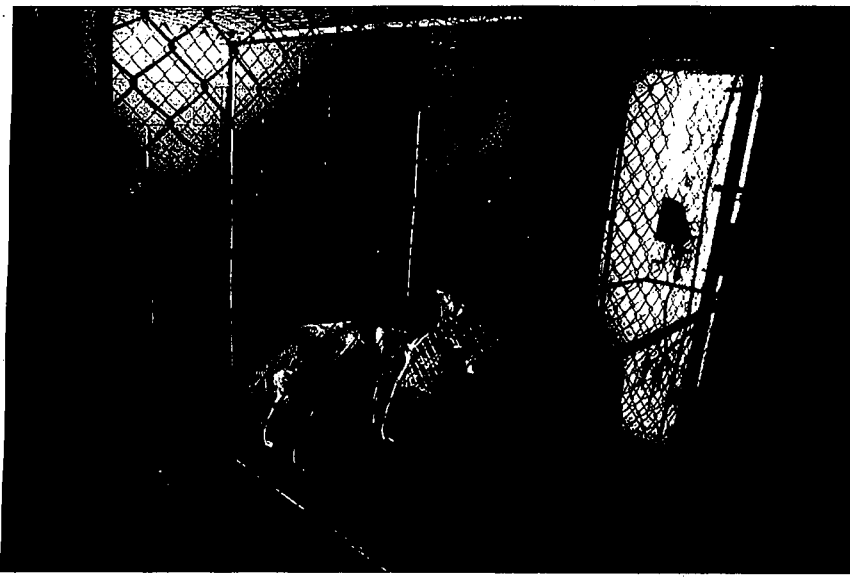
Some residents would like to see a fire department located in the city. Crossroads Cafe owner Jim Larue said he is concerned his insurance rates could go up if the city continues to get its fire protection from a department located outside the city.

Before it folded, Hansen's fire department had upgraded its equipment and purchased a large firetruck. The improvements raised the city's fire rating

which in turn can lower insurance rates. Former Mayor Joe Ratto said it was a shame that Hansen had upgraded its firefighting equipment only to have it sit unused for the rest of the year. He said he hoped the city could eventually find the firefighting personnel it needs and put the equipment to good use.

Times-News correspondent Margaret Jones can be reached in Kimberly at 423-5430.

HOPEFUL HOUNDS



A pair of dogs share a cage while waiting to be adopted from the Jerome Animal Shelter. Those interested in adopting an animal may call the shelter at 324-8436.

Volunteers, city join forces to fix up shelter

Jerome tackles problems with hard work, city funds

By Dixie Thomas Reale
Times-News correspondent

JEROME - The city's animal shelter will finally be getting some much needed repairs thanks to volunteers from the Animal Control Committee and funds from the city. The committee and the city have joined forces to fix up the shelter. Members of the Animal Control Committee recently met with Mayor Dennis Moore and animal control employees for a tour of the animal shelter to see what repairs remain to be done.

The city's public works department has already brightened up the outside of the shelter by planting grass, trees and shrubs and installing a sprinkler system. Volunteers have rolled up their sleeves

and began work on the shelter. They recently removed broken tiles from the shelter's ceiling.

"At some time in the past insulated tiles were installed in the ceiling below the heating elements," said Fred Tate, spokesman for the Animal Control Committee. "This shut off the heat to the kennel area. Once the tiles were removed the temperature in the kennel area improved considerably."

Tate said the chain-link around the kennels needs to be replaced and some of the larger kennels need to be divided up into smaller kennels to help relieve overcrowding. He said the concrete floor in the kennel area needs to be rescaled and exhaust fans need to be repaired or replaced. The ceiling, walls and exterior all need painting and the outside run area needs new steel fence posts.

"The outside runs are full of bullhead thistles," Tate said. "Something needs to be done to eradicate them."

We need to pour a concrete floor in one of

the outside runs because at this point they are completely useless.

Moore estimated it would cost about \$2,275 to fix up the shelter. Jerome County gave the shelter \$2,000 which the city earmarked for repairs and the shelter is trying to raise the rest of the money. Tate said the committee is working with an attorney to set up a special fund for donations - money that would only be used for the shelter.

"People may not trust the government but they do donate if they know where the money is going," Tate told the City Council at its last meeting. "It has been six months since any dog food has been purchased for the animal shelter because local citizens have been donating dog food."

Those interested in volunteering at the shelter or in making a donation may call the shelter at 324-8436.

Times-News correspondent Dixie Thomas Reale can be reached in Jerome at 324-3670.

Minidoka proposes maintenance levy for schools

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Voters in the Minidoka County School District will be asked next month to help keep schools in working order.

A proposed supplemental maintenance levy would bring in \$1.89 million over the course of two years. It would replace an existing levy that expires this year.

The levy won't add to a property owner's taxes unless the property's appraised value increases, said George MacDonald, a School Board member.

To figure what the levy would be, you would have to multiply .0011537 times the taxable value of your property. The annual tax bill for the current levy is \$43.61 for a house with a market value of \$70,000.

School Superintendent Nick Hallett emphasized this levy is not a bond issue. A bond issue

About the buildings

- Minidoka County School District facility facts, provided by the district:
- The district has 12.6 acres under-roofs.
- The district has 140 acres of play fields.
- The district has 70 buses requiring replacement over a 12-year depreciation schedule.
- The district has about 4,600 students at 10 building sites

allows a school district to borrow money for school construction, to be paid off with long-term taxes. One such bond issue failed in Minidoka County last fall.

A supplemental levy, in contrast, is a short-term levy. It would cover facilities maintenance, but not salaries and supplies, Hallett said.

"We need to replace aging

About the election

- A supplemental maintenance levy election will be held from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. April 25.
- Polls will be open at all schools in Minidoka County.
- Cassia County voters within the district can vote at the home of Lois Nelson northeast of Rupert.
- Jerome County voters within the district can vote at the John Ottman residence west of Paul.
- Lincoln County voters within the district can vote at the Wayne Moughan residence north of Paul.

school buses, to provide major building maintenance and repairs, to replace and acquire equipment and to maintain and improve the district's sites," he said.

MacDonald agreed the levy is needed. "The school district would be in extreme difficulty without it," he said. "I'm a taxpayer myself. We have to pay the same thing

"We need to replace aging school buses, to provide major building maintenance and repairs, to replace and acquire equipment and to maintain and improve the district's sites."

- School Superintendent Nick Hallett

they do. I'm willing to pay mine."

The district has many aging buildings. Though they require considerable maintenance, they still have good years in them, Hallett said.

An 18-member facility committee consisting of district residents recommended the levy to the School Board, he said.

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M-C blood donations skyrocket in February

CPR classes see record attendance

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - Presenting classes and drawing lots of blood kept volunteers busy during American Red Cross Month in February.

The Mini-Cassia Red Cross Chapter recently had the most successful month in the history of the chapter as far as the number of community members becoming certified in first-aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation, said Mini-Cassia Chapter Manager Patricia Hansen.

"Over 300 individuals took training from local volunteer instructors in February," she said.

The courses increase lifesaving awareness, said Patricia Hansen, health and safety service administrator of the Mini-Cassia chapter.

"If someone has a heart attack, 30 seconds people are not aware of what to do," she said. "You can use this for a lifetime and take it anywhere in the world."

CPR and first-aid classes are held every month at the local Red Cross facility, she said.

Disaster courses which cover preparedness and delivery of assistance are also available.

"We are always looking for volunteers to take these courses," Madera said.

The agency is encouraging young people to take the disaster classes so they could help with community care projects, Madera said.

Adult and youth volunteers are needed in outlying areas such as Malta and Oakley and the chapter is also looking for a Spanish-speaking volunteer to teach CPR and first aid classes, she said.

"We want to expand knowledge in the community," Madera said.

February's blood drawings brought record turnout, said Lori Topfiff, Burley blood chairman.

"We wanted to turn people away at the door, but we could not handle the number of people who came to give blood," Topfiff said.

The chapter is working with the region to remedy a blood donation shortage, she said.

"In a country crying out because of blood shortage, Mini-Cassia always has an adequate supply thanks to the volunteers and donors who support the drive," Hansen said.

Volunteers provide a lot of support to the Mini-Cassia agency, but financial support is also needed. A fund drive is being conducted through the end of the month.

"Your donations will allow us to answer calls for help when it's need most and to fulfill our promise that we will be there," Hansen said.

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Learn to save lives

The Mini-Cassia Red Cross will hold a community CPR course from 6:30 to 10 p.m. Wednesday at the Red Cross building at 707 F St. in Rupert. To register, call 438-7339 or stop by the office between 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Long-standing silence in abuse case frustrates attorney, detective

LOGAN, Utah (AP) - Since Jay Toombs was charged with sexual abuse, Logan Police Detective Rod Peterson says he has received more than a dozen calls from other alleged victims and their parents.

Peterson said some claims date back 20 years. But what frustrates Peterson and Cache County Attorney Scott Wyatt is that so many people did not tell police earlier.

"Pedophiles repeat. That much we know," said Wyatt.

Toombs was charged in February with three counts of aggravated sexual abuse of a child, a first-degree felony, stemming from allegations that he fondled a boy over three years until the boy's pants fell out in 1994.

This month, Toombs was charged with sexually abusing another child in 1989.

Toombs and his attorney, Gil Ahtay, wouldn't comment. Toombs is free on bond, awaiting a preliminary hearing in on Wednesday.

A former Scoutmaster and private investigator who taught clogging and dance classes, Toombs is well-liked, even by some who claimed he once abused them or their sons, Peterson said.

"They've forgiven him. They believe him, that he's repented," Peterson said.

Wyatt had considered charging

a West Valley City counselor and two Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints bishops for failing to report the abuse, but did not.

Clergymen aren't required by law to report abuse when they learn of it from a perpetrator, but are if they hear about it elsewhere, Wyatt said.

His four-year statute of limitations not lapsed, Wyatt said he would have charged against Vickie Cooper, a substance abuse counselor at The Utah Boys Ranch who runs self-improvement workshops on weekends, with failing to report the abuse.

Wyatt said Cooper heard many times that Toombs was abusing boys, Cooper denies it. She said she heard of one incident in the 1980s, before she knew Toombs, and was not obligated to report it.

"He is not a predator. He's a very loving father," Cooper said. "He has had regret in the past. As far as I'm concerned he has taken care of it legally, spiritually ... in every possible way."

The mother of the boy allegedly abused for three years said she and a counselor from Mormon Social Services reported Toombs to police late last year. And she said she told Cooper, two bishops and Toombs's family between 1991 and 1999.

"I didn't want to see him go to prison. I wanted him to get help," she said. "I was always told to be patient with Jay, he was a good man. I was even given priesthood blessings that I had been chosen to help him."

The bishops told her that church officials decided Toombs didn't need to be reported as long as he was repentant and getting professional help, the mother said.

The bishops referred questions to church attorney Von Keetch, who said the bishops acted appropriately and made sure local law enforcement knew of the abuse, although neither called police.

Keetch said one, Robert Owens, knew the Cache County Sheriff's Office investigated Toombs in 1929 and his second son, Brent Bryner, made sure a counselor notified authorities in 1997.

But the mother said she told Bryner of the abuse four years earlier.

The earlier investigation by the sheriff's office was dropped, Wyatt said the deputy said he was unable to substantiate allegations that Toombs kissed and fondled a 12-year-old boy.

That boy's mother said Toombs was always "too good to be true."

"He was always coming to get him, wanting him to be his son, wanting him to stay overnight."



U.S. Forest Service archaeologist Linda Farnsworth points out details of a picture of a Spanish church that was carved in the bark of a tree on the slopes of the San Francisco Peaks, near Flagstaff, Ariz. The Forest Service is trying to record the thousands of items of graffiti left by Basque sheepherders dating from the 1890s to the 1920s.

Forest Service fights to document historical tree carvings in Arizona

FLAGSTAFF, Ariz. (AP) - Robert Auza doesn't remember exactly where or when he sliced his name into the soft white bark of an aspen tree here.

He and his cousins were just boys then, exploring the hills during a lazy summer while his grandfather herded sheep.

"The trees remember, though. They've kept a record."

"The only reason I know they're still out there is people say, 'I saw your name or your grandfather's name,'" said Auza, now a 31-year-old Forest Service firefighter.

Auza's markings are among thousands of bark carvings done by sheepherders and their families on aspen stands in northern Arizona over the decades - some dating back to the 1880s.

And now the U.S. Forest Service is fighting the clock to document the tree graffiti, ranging from rough self-portraits to churches and nude women, before they are wiped out by old age, pestilence, fire or vandalism. Some trees in the area have already exceeded an aspen's typical lifespan of 90 to 120 years.

"They are a living record of people who don't necessarily show up in written history records," said Linda Farnsworth, a Forest Service archaeologist.

The carvings, gray and raised on white bark, document the changing demographics of sheepherders, part of what had been one of Arizona's major industries from the late 1800s to mid-1900s. Many of Flagstaff's early herders were Basque, coming from France and Spain to work, while carvings indicate that later herders came from Mexico, she said.

"I don't think we'll get to all of them, ever," she said. "In a way, it's sort of a salvage operation."

Since 1996, Farnsworth and volunteers in an Elder Hostel program have documented about 2,000 tree carvings. A weekend program trains people to sketch and photograph carvings and to log their location and tree condition, Farnsworth said.

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- Linda Farnsworth, Forest Service archaeologist

name, dated July 14, 1927, marks a tree that contains nails, which Farnsworth said are remnants of tree furniture used by herders.

Other herders went beyond leaving their names. Andres Diez, for example, left his face - on several trees.

"He liked to carve himself. Well, I think," Farnsworth said, noting a profile of Diez dated 1935. One tree has two faces - one apparently a woman wearing a hat - leaving Farnsworth to wonder if Diez brought a date to the hills.

Other carvings focus on things herders might have missed in their often solitary lives, such as the church, wine and women.

"Long live the church," reads one carving, in French, next to an ornate carving of a church that wraps around one tree.

Martin Etcheberry carved his name, home country of France and a town he visited with a wine decanter and glass - on July 21, 1932.

Years later in 1976, Raul Ornellas of Mexico added a life-size nude woman to the memory of the trees.

Farnsworth said she used to worry about what the elderly volunteers would think about the sometimes risqué carvings.

"I kind of thought they might be offended by stuff like this, but I've never found anyone that is," she said, laughing.

Farnsworth said she and volunteers have become familiar with the names in certain groves.

"You say things like, 'Oh yeah, here's Frank,'" she said.

Robert Auza said he never knew he would be part of history.

"We were just passing the time," he said.

Changes loom for Northwest hatcheries

SPOKANE (AP) - Columbia River system salmon and steelhead hatcheries are coming under increasing scrutiny as biologists study the extent to which hatcheries bred fish dilute the genetics of wild fish.

In the next three years, some hatcheries may close and others may see their missions shifted from mass production to preservation of wild runs. And federal-funded hatcheries will soon operate under new rules intended to protect native fish.

Stephen Smith, regional hatcheries chief for the National Marine Fisheries Service, said

he doubts any Northwest salmon are genetically pure after decades of hatchery influence.

But even those salmon runs that suffered the most genetic pollution can be turned around if hatchery practices are reformed, Smith said.

"If you stop the pollution, just like in a stream, it will eventually clean up," he said.

Many biologists blame past hatchery practices that emphasized production of large numbers of fish for helping bring on the current decline in salmon and steelhead populations.

Eggs from one river were rou-

tinely shipped to spawn fish for another without regard for the local adaptations the fish had evolved for dealing with the specific demands of their home rivers.

At the time of the Lewis and Clark expedition, 10 million to 16 million salmon and steelhead returned each year to spawn in the Columbia system, which includes the Snake River. Today only about 1 million fish return, and monitoring shows about 80 percent are hatchery-bred, rather than the wild fish protected by the federal Endangered Species Act.

SERVICES

Vera Ann Botl of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the Paul Pine Chapel, Paul Cemetery, 550 W. 100 N.; viewing will be one hour before service at the chapel (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Dard Laughlin of Hagerman, service at 2 p.m. today at the Reorganized LDS Church in Hagerman; friends may call from 1 p.m. until service time today at the church (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Delma Rose White of Filer, graveside service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls; friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Marcella Keeffe Sundby of

Vancouver, Wash., and formerly of service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vancouver; rosary service at 6 p.m. today at Hamilton-Mylan Funeral Home in Vancouver. Viewing will be held from 9-10 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Georgia Lee Volklers of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Mix Funkhouser of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; family and friends may call from 1-7 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Alice Rose Litter Anderson of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in

Twin Falls; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral chapel.

Alton H. Johnson of Bakersfield, Calif., service at 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Buhl 1st Ward LDS Church, 301 Main; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. Tuesday at White Mortuary in Twin Falls and from 9-10:45 a.m. Wednesday at the church.

Arn Louise Tok of Twin Falls, graveside service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Sunset Memorial Park in Twin Falls (Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home).

W. Lee Tucker of Fairfield, memorial graveside service at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Mountain View Cemetery, north of Fairfield (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

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.

JEROME

worked and retired from Ore-Idaho foods.

Georgia was a member of the Rupert and Jerome Methodist churches. She is survived by her 8 children, Roberta (Frod) Chastin of Colorado; Raymond (Emy), John (Melanie), Leland (Vivian), David (Linda), all of Idaho; Linda (Jim) Nield of Utah; Jeff (Bridge) of Washington; Judy (Ron) Stunberg of Arizona; one brother, Jay (Edith) Boatright; and one sister, Tomasin Simonson of Layton, Utah. She has 24 grandchildren and 24 great-grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband in 1998, 3 sisters and 2 grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2000, at the Hope-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome with Rev. Quinon Kimbro officiating. Burial will follow at 1 p.m. at the Rupert Cemetery in Jerome.

GOODING

Mix Funkhouser.

Mix Funkhouser, 78, a resident of Gooding, died Friday, March 24, 2000, at the Shoshone Elder Care Home in Shoshone.

Mix was born on May 2, 1921 in Challis, Idaho, the son of Fred and Vera Bradbury Funkhouser. He was raised and educated in Challis.

Mix married Wilma Florence Salibus on July 5, 1945. They lived and worked in the Challis area for a number of years before moving to Nevada, where Mix worked at the San Jacinto Barron Ranches. He later retired as a caretaker on the goatherm plant in Malheur.

He won, or died in, a death by his wife, Wilma, on August 18, 1993. In 1994 Mix moved to Gooding. Mix is survived by three sons, Mike Funkhouser and Pat Funkhouser, both of Fairfield, and Monte Funkhouser of Gooding; two daughters, Sue Curtis of Gooding, Bobbi Wainwright of Boise; a foster son, Mark Lee of Gooding; one brother, Mike Funkhouser of Challis; 14 grandchildren; and 9 great-grandchildren. He was also preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Earl and Wayne; and one daughter, Ronnie.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, March 28, 2000, at 2 p.m. at Demaray's Gooding Chapel. Burial will be in the Elmwood Cemetery in Gooding. Family members and friends may call from 1 to 7 p.m. on Monday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Jerome, Idaho, who was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Vancouver and the Park's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Demaray's Gooding Chapel.

Eastern Idaho schools win competition

BOISE (AP) - The Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory Scholastic Tournament drew 24 finalists over the weekend.

Eighty-three schools from all regions of the state participated in the tournament that began with regionals at the three university campuses three weeks ago.

"When it comes to brainpower among Idaho's high school students, eastern Idaho wins. The region won all three state titles. Idaho Falls High won in Class A and Marsh Valley of Arimo in Class B.

Idaho Falls won the Class A championship for the fifth time in the 10-year history of the tournament, defeating their cross-city rivals, Stuyling High School.

Marsh Valley defeated Soda Springs for the Class B title with North Fremont taking Class C honors.

The three state final games were televised Saturday on Idaho Public Television.

Five members of the team now go to the National Science Bowl in Washington, D.C., in early May.

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Minidoka welcomes new extension agent — THIS WEEK AT CSI

Southwestern Idaho native takes over county position

By Coren Hart Times-News correspondent

RUPERT — The office has stood empty for months. But Minidoka County's new extension agent, Matthew Schuster, has finally arrived.

And the Oregon State University graduate has come a long way.

He got his start at the tender age of 9 as a member of his local 4-H club.

"I remember showing sheep in Fayette County," he said.

Schuster recently graduated from Oregon State's program in weed science. While at the university, he served as an ag ambassador, vice president of the Ag Student Affairs Council, and president of Alpha Zeta. Schuster is a native of southwestern Idaho and his parents still live in Caldwell.

He wrote his thesis on "annual bluegrass emergence under various residue management practices in perennial ryegrass." Schuster studied the germination of herbicide-resistant and herbicide-susceptible annual bluegrasses using controlled temperatures and moisture levels.

He has also worked as a field research assistant for three ag companies: BASF, Zeneca and Stukenholz.

Since he has a background in agriscience and pathology, Schuster believes he can aid local farmers.

"I can help in developing effective farm plans," he said. "I'll also be the 4-H agent and manage the master gardener program."

He and his wife, Destinee, were married in December in Salem, Ore., and the newlyweds look forward to establishing their home in Minidoka County.



Matthew Schuster, Minidoka County's new extension agent, says organic farming has a place in the economy since the number of growers is shrinking.

Debate argues necessity of lead tests

KELLOGG (AP) — For years, school children in northern Idaho's Silver Valley have been warned about the dangers of lead contamination left over from a century of hard-rock mining and smelting.

But several of the valley's public schools have never been tested to see how much lead dust lurks inside the buildings.

"That's set to change as a result of a judge's order last week that has local residents debating the need for the tests.

"Personally, I think something should be done every year," said Jeanie Smith, whose son is a Kellogg High School junior. "My son's in track. We've been down there while that stuff (lead dust) is blowing."

Smith worries about students at Kellogg Middle School, which is next to the Bunker Hill Superfund site's 260-acre pile of mine tailings.

Other residents are satisfied with steps the schools already have taken to protect students.

"The attention being paid is reasonable," said Steve Morley, pastor of the Silver Valley Church of the Nazarene and a parent of a Sunnyside Elementary second-grader. "I don't see parents going around wringing their hands."

Idaho 4th District Judge Deborah Bail ruled from Boise last week that a dozen Silver Valley schools must be tested for lead contamination.

The ruling came at the end of a trial stemming from a lawsuit by 15 Idaho school districts. The complaint alleges the state has not fulfilled its constitutional responsibility to provide all students a safe environment conducive to learning.

Bail last week ordered safety evaluations at specific schools.

She has yet to rule on the constitutional questions in the case.

State lawmakers are trying to agree on a school-funding package that could head off the possibility of a court decision forcing the state to pay to address health and safety problems in school districts that have been unable to raise the cash conventionally.

Bail based her Silver Valley order on experts who testified that children face a health risk because of high concentrations of lead in the soil. Exposure to lead can damage the nervous system.

Environmental cleanup is under way in the valley to deal with contamination from lead and other heavy metals linked to a century of mining operations. Much of the work has focused on limiting residential lead contamination through cleanup in yards and inside homes.

Residents battle spud-processing wastewater spray

SHELLEY (AP) — Hundreds of people living in the area are trying to keep potato processors from spraying the wastewater from their plants onto fields near their homes. Not only does it smell, but some residents fear it contaminates the wells from which they draw their tap water.

The processors say they do not have many alternatives to spraying right now. It would be expensive to pipe the waste to irrigation pivots in fields farther away, and that would result in an even worse odor for whomsoever lives nearby. That is because the longer the waste travels in pipes, the more time bacteria have to break it down.

Now processors are faced with another obstacle. State environmental regulations are requiring them to spread the waste over larger areas, to keep groundwater from being contaminated by the nitrate-laden waste.

With more houses appearing in rural areas, extra land is hard to find. The processors, who dehydrate potatoes to make products such as hash browns and mashed potato mixes, are trying to be better neighbors. But there are no quick, easy or inexpensive solutions, they say.

The waste from the potato plants includes the water used to wash potatoes and a mix of elements as varied as cleaning solutions or dirt.

The processors know there is a problem disposing of waste in an area where more homes are appearing all the time, who deny that it's been a real hard change for us to realize that Bingham County is growing," said Dan Hatch, a vice president for Basic American Foods, one of two companies that spray on fields between Shelley and Firth.

Basic American, established in 1956, and Idaho Supreme, established in 1966, are two of the three largest processors in Bingham County. Basic American employs nearly 1,300 people and Idaho Supreme nearly 300, most of whom are residents of Bingham County.

- Today**
CSI Booster Club luncheon, noon to 1 p.m., Taylor cafeteria.
- Tuesday**
Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition board meeting, 7 to 9 a.m., Taylor 276.
CSI Golden Eagles baseball against Weber State, 2 p.m., Ogden, Utah.
"Reptile Review — Mingle in the Jungle," 6 p.m., Herrett Center.
"Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"A Geologist's Collection," gems and minerals display, Herrett Center, Browning.
Kevenen Gallery (Tuesdays-Saturdays through May).
- Wednesday**
Latinos Unidos Club meeting, noon to 1 p.m., Shields 105.
GLAB (gays, lesbians and bisexuals), 3:30 p.m., Taylor 258.
- Thursday**
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**
CSI Golden Eagles baseball vs. Utah Valley State College, 2 p.m., Frontier Field, Twin Falls.
"Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Idaho State Police Association Special Olympics charity basketball game, 7 p.m., CSI gymnasium.
- Saturday**
American College Test administration, 7:30 a.m. to noon, Shields 101-105, 308-110 and 113-118.
Idaho Society of Radio Amateurs instruction and exams, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields 105 and 108.
CSI Golden Eagles baseball vs. Utah Valley State College, noon, Frontier Field, Twin Falls.
"Rusty Rocket's Last Blast," 2 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"More Than Meets the Eye," 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
"Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Magic Valley Choral concert, 8 p.m., Fine Arts auditorium.
- Sunday**
Magic Valley Bible Church, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields 117 and 118.
Magic Valley Choral concert, 3 p.m., Fine Arts auditorium.

ON THE AGENDA

- Today**
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
College of Southern Idaho Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., board room, Taylor Administration building.
Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Gooding County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., city council chambers, City Hall.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., courthouse.
Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.
Lincoln County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
- Tuesday**
Burley Public Library Board of Trustees, 5:30 p.m., library conference room.
Camas County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
Gooding County Memorial Hospital Board, 7:30 a.m., conference room.
Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office.
Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hailey Town Center.
Minidoka County Democratic Party, 8 p.m., courthouse.
Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 8:30 a.m., council chambers, City Hall.
Twin Falls City Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., council chambers.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
- Wednesday**
Cassia Regional Medical Center Board, 5 p.m., board room.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
- Thursday**
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
- Friday**
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

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

Gypsy leader sues Utah's motor vehicles division

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — A self-declared leader of 200 Gypsies in Utah says state automobile officials are trying to "eradicate" his family by ruining its reputation as car dealers.

Jimmy Marks and 19 family members filed a multimillion-dollar lawsuit in federal court this month, alleging the Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division violated the group's civil rights. The purported violations culminated with a raid on nine Gypsy homes a year ago.

In March 1999, the state raided nine Gypsy homes in Salt Lake and Weber counties. Marks' lawsuit claims armed officers roused half-naked sleeping women from their beds, groped and leered at them.

He claims they put a gun to the head of a 78-year-old man, causing a stroke several days later, and pointed guns at Marks' grandchildren.

And he says MVED officers took family photo albums, jewelry, cash, and gold coins, which have disappeared.

Deputy Davis County Attorney William McGuire, who participated in the searches of three Salt Lake County homes, called the lawsuit allegations "totally incredible."

State officials compare Marks' story to a sort of mafia, investigating the group for alleged racketeering and fraud.

"The lawsuit is an attempt by an organized crime organization to stop us from doing our jobs," said MVED Capt. Kent Jorgensen. "But it's not going to work."

But Marks' cousin, also named Jimmy Marks, won a \$1.4 million settlement from Spokane, Wash., in 1997 over civil-rights violations during police raids at Gypsy homes in 1996.

Born in a trailer, Marks traveled with carnivals as a boy while his mother worked as a fortune teller. The family settled in Salt Lake City and he started a business selling used cars. At about that time, the lawsuit claims, an MVED officer vowed to run the Gypsies out of town.

Police claim seven Marks family members, including Jimmy Marks, defrauded Menlove Dodge Toyota in Bountiful and Fairway Motors in Clearfield.

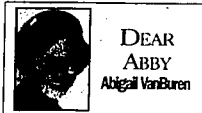
Charging documents filed in 2nd District Court said five men sold 119 cars to Menlove for more than \$300,000 in 1997 but delivered only 90 vehicles and 46 titles.

SHOP 'TIL YOU DROP



Erin Firkins, of Doclo, left, and Shirley Watts, of Burley, peruse the Pure Country handmade gifts both during a recent craft fair at Wal-Mart in Burley.

Hospice enhances remaining life for patients and family members



DEAR ABBY
Abby VanBuren

DEAR ABBY: I am a former hospice nurse, now completing my graduate training as a nurse-practitioner in oncology.

I am dismayed by the frequency with which physicians and the media ignore or misrepresent hospice as an option for terminally ill people and their families.

Hospice is NOT "giving up." It is changing the focus of care to enhance quality of life.

The hospice team of nurses, social workers, chaplains and physicians accompanies patients on a difficult journey with an eye to relieving physical, emotional and spiritual pain and suffering. Hospice care alleviates the fear of dying.

Indeed, it allows patients to die with dignity and in a way that enhances the beauty and meaning of life and death for them and their families.

-ROSIE TOWNLEY
BAKEWELL

DEAR ROSIE: I hope your letter generates the kind of response it deserves, because it's an important one as our population ages.

I'm sad to say that even today, patients die protracted and painful deaths because some physicians and misguided but well-intentioned families seem

unable or unwilling to admit that the person is terminal.

Perhaps some of the fault lies with the medical schools, which have not given end-of-life issues enough attention in their curricula.

Since everyone has to die, a death with dignity seems like the way to make every minute of life one that's worth living.

DEAR ABBY: I am writing with a message of warning to newlywed wives.

When I first married "Jim," I used to spend hours after dinner every night on the phone with my mother talking about family news - what was happening with my father, my sister, my sister's husband, etc. When Jim complained, my mother and I both felt he was being selfish and ignored him.

Soon Jim took up jogging, and as soon as I picked up the phone in the evening, he would leave the house to run his miles.

Then Jim started traveling to races on the weekends, and eventually met "Peggy," a pretty schoolteacher from a neighboring town who also liked to jog.

My inability to "let go" and build my primary family ties with my new husband cost me a great guy.

How do I know he's so great? Because he still waves to my mother and me when we see him in the park jogging with Peggy and their two beautiful daughters.

-OUT OF THE RACE IN N.J.

DEAR OUT: I'm printing your cautionary tale for all to see. How sad that your preoccupation with your family caused you to shut out the person with whom you vowed to build a life.

I find it interesting that when your ex-husband sees you in the park, you're still with your mother. Unless that's the way you want it to be for the rest of your life, I recommend some counseling.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "CALL ME LUCKY":

You are right. As author J.C. Holland observed: "The most precious possession that ever comes to a man in this world is a woman's heart."

Mom's pic appears on shower curtain

MILWAUKEE (AP) - A woman who made the cover of Playboy as a college student in 1967 learned the picture has reappeared on a shower curtain after her daughter saw it while shopping.

Bo Black, the director of Milwaukee's Summerfest musical festival, said her 20-year-old daughter Kellyn, a student at Arizona State University, bought the shower curtain and counted her mother's picture on it 22 times.

"Her friends saw it," Black said. "They said, 'I think your mom is on this shower curtain.'" Black was a 21-year-old cheerleader at the University of Wisconsin when Playboy went to the Madison campus to photograph women of the Big Ten Conference. In the cover photo, she is wearing high athletic socks and a football-style jersey that reaches to mid-thigh.

Black's oldest daughter, Stephanie, born three years after the photo was taken, was looking through a Playboy catalog at a friend's home when she noticed the picture on a shirt. She bought three of the shirts.

Playboy Enterprises spokesman Rob Hillburger said Black likely signed away any rights to the picture.

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Horoscope Sydney Omarr

IF MARCH 27 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have universal outlook, are the opposite of narrow-minded. At times you seem capable of accurately predicting future. You are a natural humanitarian, will fight when it comes to right. Aries, Libra persons play significant roles in your life - could have these letters, initials in names: I and R. Current cycle relates to travel, variety of experiences, marital status.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): A family member is on the verge of becoming famous. Don't be envious. Instead, offer congratulations. Focus on home, insurance, protection of loved ones.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): You have peculiar talent of accurately forecasting future. Know its use. It look beyond the immediate. Long-distance call verifies views.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Power play. Focus on pressure, responsibility, more money. Review accounting procedures. Someone could be taking liber-

Hear that dog howling? It may be a key to the future

If you base a prophesy on the howling of dogs, you're practicing "olologymancy." No law says you can't. Do it.

Q. Where'd the phrase "Open Sesame" come from?

A. Sesame seeds burst open when they ripen, that's probably where.

Q. Do rabbits swim?

A. Only if frantic.

Item 5470B in our Love and War man's file labeled "Complaints about Sex" is an observation by that keen observer George F. Will: "It is no longer enough to be lusty. One must be a sexual gourmet."

In the 600s BC, Babylon's King Nebuchadnezzar II told everybody he ate spinach, and loved it. Imagine he had a valley full of spinach, and needed more spinach eaters. Anyhow, nobody after King Neb II pushed spinach to the public in such a grand manner until Popeye Sagittarius plays top role.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Show off talent, product. Odds are you will not make it - but you'll be the oddsmakers. This could be a winning day. Taurus.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Keep plans flexible; find creative outlets for feelings, talents. Gemini, Virgo and another Sagittarius figure in dynamic scenario. Flirtation serious.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Attention revolves around home, security, income potential. Even as you read these words, circumstances are turning in your favor. Taurus plays top role.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Don't panic. Do not equate delay with defeat. If patient, you win. Otherwise, acknowledge defeat. Follow through on psychic impressions. Number 7.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You get your wish. Figure out what it is you want as contrasted to what you need. You obtain. Music, entertainment part of scenario - you could be in charge.

WHAT'S WHAT L.M. Boyd

A radio broadcast will be heard 12,000 miles away before it's heard at the back of the auditorium where it originated.

It has been determined that the typical municipal firefighter can eat two out of every five meals without interruption.

TV's most admired police characters are those who act like outlaws. TV's most admired outlaws are those who act like police characters. Odd.

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