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GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Sunny and warmer, high 67. Mostly clear tonight, low 42.

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Spending ranks low: The per-pupil cost of public education in Twin Falls is close to the bottom nationwide, according to one analysis of national data.

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In the long run: Should you be jogging if you're over 40? Sure, but with some reservations.

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Top of the UConn Huskies claimed the NCAA women's national title Sunday night with a whipping of Tennessee.

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Reps using: While CSI split over the weekend and remained in sixth place, Dixie College overtook the conference lead.

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Big plans for yard water



Twin Falls resident Zvezdan Durelinovic waters his lawn near the downtown area. The new Twin Falls Water Co. wants to build a secondary pressurized water system for irrigation use.

Proposal could relieve pressure on city's treated-water system

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS—It's a big dream about pipes. But the organizer of the new Twin Falls Water Co. says his plan for a pressurized irrigation system is more than a pipe dream.

"We think this will work," said Tom Mikesell, a former City Councilman and local businessman.

Mikesell spoke to city officials last week on behalf of the company, a private, for-profit venture that would manage the system. Mikesell figures the project would cost at least \$50 million. The basic plan is to draw irrigation water from the Perrine

Coulee and pump it to Twin Falls households. Such a system could dramatically reduce demands on the city's existing water system, because purified city water would no longer be used to water lawns and gardens.

City officials, however, questioned the system's costs—and its potential impact on city residents' water bills.

"We're concerned about the consumer too," Mikesell said in an interview. "If we overcharge them, they'll shut our system down. The council will not vote to put a burden on the residents of Twin Falls."

The price of using the system would be based on lot size, Mikesell said.

About the Twin Falls Water Co.

What: The company is a private, for-profit corporation owned by local investors. The company was formed in January by former Councilman Tom Mikesell.

What: The company hopes to build a secondary pressurized water system for Twin Falls residents.

How: The system would draw irrigation water from the Perrine Coulee. A recharge and storm-water retention system would be part of the system.

"We think at least 20 million gallons a day would be available

for irrigation," Mikesell said. That could be a big relief to the city's water system. Twin Falls residents have been using more than 30 million gallons per day in the summer—close to the system's capacity. Demand has been forecast to hit 40 million gallons by 2015, and the city has been working to expand the supply.

But city officials said they have several major concerns with Mikesell's proposal.

"The economic feasibility along with the technical feasibility is what we're going to have to determine right off," City Engineer Gary Keung said.

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Moderates persevere in Legislature

The Associated Press

BOISE—Rep. Doug Jones has a framed print of Peter Paul Rubens' 17th-century masterpiece "Daniel in the Lions' Den" facing him on his desk in the Idaho House.

The personal symbolism of the work struck the eight-term Filner Republican when he saw the original painting on a recent visit to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.

"Certainly on some issues where I have not necessarily voted with the Republican majority, you have a little of that feeling of being alone in the lions' den," the farmer and Agricultural Affairs Committee chairman said. Jones may be in a lions' den, but he is not entirely alone.

The House and Senate each have a handful of Republican lawmakers who share his moderate

push to final days—B4

Legislators

There is no formal alignment, and their votes do not constitute a reliable bloc to which minority Democrats can turn for added leverage.

But the delineation between them and more reactionary legislators generally is clear enough that the official numbers—58 Republicans, 12 Democrats in the House and 31 Republicans, four Democrats in the Senate—often have little real meaning.

"What you have is three groups in this body," House Speaker Bruce Newton said. "You have the ultra-conservatives—their idea is to get rid of government entirely—which is a real small minority. Then you have the conservatives who say 'This is the taxpayers' money. Let's be careful how we spend it and let's give some back if we've got too much.'"

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GOP to hold summit on tax reform

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON—House Republicans this weekend announced they will hold a congressional "Summit on Fundamental Tax Reform" this month to consider far-reaching changes in a system they describe as confusing, unfair and middle-class.

The House Ways and Means Committee will also take up current legislation strengthening taxpayer privacy and tighten controls on IRS penalties and interest under the current system, said Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas.

In the weekly Republican radio address Saturday, Archer said the summit, to be held April 11-13, will "look at the national debate on the flat tax and other ideas, because we need to rip the current tax code out by its roots."

Archer said the taxpayer "bill of rights" to be considered this weekend will focus on safeguarding taxpayers from illegal disclosures of personal information and from computer hackers. It also would require the IRS to notify taxpayers immediately if their tax information is obtained illegally by a third party, and it would curb privacy abuses that occur when banks ask taxpayers to sign undated forms authorizing release of information.

Johnny's pack is full

Rising homework load cuts into family time

CHICAGO (AP)—Brendan O'Neill is home from school and emptying his backpack of books and worksheets, not his usual 3.5 hours of homework but still enough long division problems to make the 10-year-old complain.

"I don't want to do my homework," the fourth-grader groans. "Mom, there's 72 problems."

Recent studies show Brendan is not alone; the amount of schoolwork students lug home has increased.

The mean amount of time children ages 3 to 11 spent studying at home each week increased about 50 percent from 1981 to 1997—from 1 hour 25 minutes to 2 hours 7 minutes, according to a University of Michigan study released last year. For children ages 9 to 11, it was 3.5 hours a week, almost an hour more than in 1981.

"The whole homework issue has, I think, been raised to a different level than when we were in school," said Ginny Markell, president of the National Parent

Teacher Association. "Parents are very fearful that their children won't achieve with the new benchmarks. What they see is just a huge increase in homework."

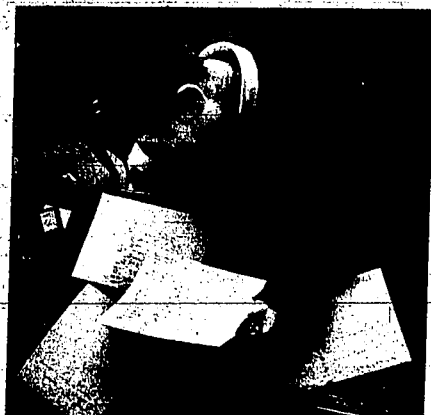
Some children are spending hours a day on homework, particularly in schools that stress high standardized test scores, said Ken Kiewra, professor of educational psychology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

Kiewra noticed that his seventh-grade son was bringing home two or three hours of homework a night, enough to disrupt their family time.

He wrote an article in his local newspaper and drew about two dozen e-mail responses, most complaining about the amount of homework assigned.

"It breaks a mother's heart to see her child in tears because they have so much homework that supper was their only break in the evening," one parent wrote. Another wrote: "You can

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Michael O'Neill, 13, works genetic problems for science class in the kitchen of his Chicago home on Wednesday. Recent studies show that the amount of schoolwork students bring home has increased in the past few decades.

Ad campaign calls for nursing home relief

Newaday

WASHINGTON—The black and white ad labels it a "nursing home crisis." And a nurse featured in the same newspaper ad complains that Medicare cuts make her job caring for the elderly much more difficult.

"Help me provide the quality nursing home care our seniors deserve," she says to her target

ed readers: congressional lawmakers and the elderly.

The ad, which began running last week in newspapers and on cable television across the country, including New York, is part of a campaign by nursing home providers to get Congress to restore billions of dollars in Medicare funding. The ad, launched by the American Health Care Association and the

Alliance for Quality Nursing Home Care, groups representing skilled nursing home facilities, also are aimed at highlighting the impact of Medicare cuts on nursing home providers and making this a campaign issue.

As part of an effort to balance the federal budget, Congress in 1997 called for cutting \$100 billion in spending for Medicare, the federal health insurance pro-

gram for nearly 40 million elderly and disabled people.

Health care groups and even lawmakers complained, however, that when implemented the Medicare cuts went too far, forcing some providers to reduce services or file for bankruptcy. They said the cuts also devastated some teaching hospitals, particularly those in New

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YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Camas Prairie

High: 59 Low: 31
Sunny and warmer.
Mostly sunny tomorrow.

Treasure Valley

High: 72 Low: 46
Sunny and warmer.
Mostly clear tonight and
mostly sunny Tuesday.

Sawtooth Mountains/
Wood River Valley

High: 57 Low: 25
Sunny and warmer. Clear
tonight and sunny tomor-
row.

Eastern Idaho

High: 58 Low: 34
Mostly sunny and
warmer. Clear tonight,
sunny tomorrow.

Northern Idaho

High: 66 Low: 40
Mostly sunny. Partly
cloudy tonight and
Tuesday.

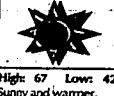
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tonight and mostly sunny
Tuesday.

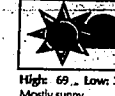
Northern Nevada

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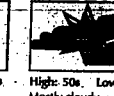
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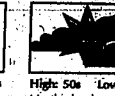
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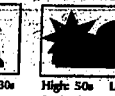
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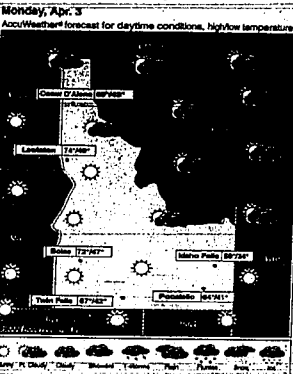
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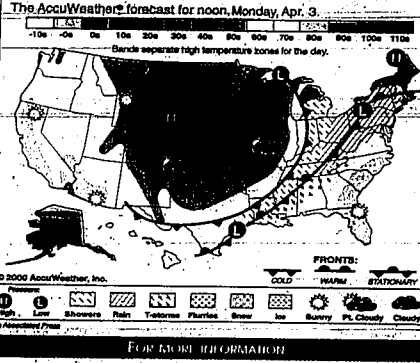
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Idaho weather



National weather



Twin Falls - Precipitation

Table with 2 columns: Yesterday, Normal mo. to date: 10, Last year 41: 28, Normal year to date: 6.23

Idaho - High/Lows

Table with 4 columns: City, Max, Min, Precip., Idaho: High/Low

The Nation

Table with 3 columns: City, Max, Min, Precip.

Canadian Cities

Table with 3 columns: City, High, Low

UP TIME

Index: 6 (moderate)
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ROAD TRIP INFORMATION

Nation: Mostly cloudy skies dominated the
East on Sunday, while rain fell in parts of the
Midwest. Fair skies stretched across the Pacific
Northwest.

ACROSS THE NATION

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SWEEPSTAKES

Starts today 8:05 p.m.
Sweep tomorrow 7:16 a.m.
Lunar phase: New, April 4; first quarter, April
11; full, April 18; last quarter, April 26.

Japanese leader suffers stroke

TOKYO, Japan (AP) - A top
ruling party figure took over as
Japan's acting premier Monday
after Prime Minister Keizo
Obuchi suffered a stroke and was
hospitalized in intensive care.

Aoki, a close confidant of
Obuchi, said he has assumed the
role of acting prime minister
because it was not likely Obuchi
would be able to resume his
duties soon. He said Obuchi had
asked him to take over when he
visited him in the hospital Sunday
afternoon.

Relief

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York where many teaching hospi-
tals are concentrated.
After intense lobbying last
week, Congress voted to restore
\$17 billion of those cuts, includ-
ing \$2.7 billion for nursing homes
and services. But some health
care providers say that's not
enough.

that the bankruptcies of two
large nursing home companies
were caused by outside financial
problems and not solely due
to the Medicare cuts.

Meanwhile, more than 1,600
skilled nursing home providers
have filed for bankruptcy and
access to nursing care is "threatened,"
said Eric Hoffman, a
spokesman for the association.
"We feel that both Congress and
the administration need to go
back and fix the problem."

Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa,
has asked the GAO to conduct a
study of the nursing home indus-
try's finances, particularly as it
receives \$39 billion a year in fed-
eral funding, Grassley believes
"that should be adequate to pro-
vide quality care," said his
spokeswoman Jill Kozeny.

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Times-News telephone directory

Table with 3 columns: Name, Title, Phone Number

Border crossing results in arrest
of trucker wanted for desertion

NEWPORT, Wash. (AP) - Until
last month, British Columbia
trucker Richard Allen Shields
had crossed the U.S.-Canada
border without any trouble hundreds
of times on business and pleasure.
But on March 22, after Shields
drove a lumber truck to the cross-
ing near the northeastern
Washington town of Metaline
Falls, U.S. Customs agents con-
ducted a routine funds background
check and found out about
Shields' past.

Shields, 47, a Vietnam veteran
was wanted on an old warrant
charging him with deserting the
U.S. Army in 1972.
The arrest on the felony count
came as a shock to Shields, a
Eugene, Ore., native who has
lived in Canada for 28 years and
recently started the trucking job.

Homework

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forget ever doing anything as a
family during the week."
When Brendan and his three
siblings are all doing assignments
from their private Chicago grade
school, their mother finds herself
serving as a taskmaster in addition
to answering an endless
stream of questions.

small amount of homework to get
them used to the drill, he said,
but they don't have the attention
span or study skills to benefit
from more.

Although Beth O'Neill agrees
with her two younger boys that
she sometimes get too much
homework, she believes the work
will help prepare her children for
high school and beyond.
That may be true for older ele-
mentary school grades, but not
for very young children, said
Harris-Cooper, a psychology professor
at the University of
Missouri.

For a mother like O'Neill, with
four youngsters in school, the
nightmare has become the days
her children come home with
assignments requiring poster
board, paste, markers and hours
and hours of help from Mom.
"When you have four kids, the
last thing you want to hear is
your son to come in and say
'We're doing a project on
America Indians and we're
doing roundhouses out of clay,'"
she said.

Water

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"and revenue streams they need
would pay off the loan."
Mikecell said the company's
investors would borrow money to
set up the system, but they
haven't determined where they
would get the loan.
"Our other major concern is
the interaction between the pres-
sure irrigation running down
these major canals and the
other storm water needs for these
canals," Young said. "How all
that water for them at the head
gate and then it would be their
responsibility to provide water to
their customers."

Water

tion water, the new company
will use the city's Twin Falls
Canal Co. shares.
"Two Twin Falls is a customer
of ours," said Twin Falls Canal
Co. General Manager Vince
Aberdi. "We would do the same
thing with the city as we do with
other customers. We would pro-
vide water for them at the head
gate and then it would be their
responsibility to provide water to
their customers."

Moderates

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"And then you have the moder-
ates, and they want to look at
programs that they think should
be funded, that government provides
the solution to," he said. "It's
based on the idea that for the
common man that's got no place
to go, education is the only way
that you can rise in our society."

ture and education issues.
-He also has gained an im-
portant perspective after early years
of frustration.
"The one person that you truly
have to please is the person you
see in the mirror in the morning,"
Jones said. "If you're happy with
yourself, that means you're doing
the best job you can do, and for
me that's how I view the good of
the state."

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Another Twin Falls County
Republican lawmaker, 10-term
Sen. Laird Noh, is chairman of the
Senate Resources and
Conservation Committee and one
of the Legislature's most respected
statesmen.
Like Jones, the Kimberly sheep
rancher is decidedly non-ideologi-
cal. Noh said his politics reflects
his constituency and his own
background and education.
"You can't succeed in business
and agriculture and livestock
production totally on the basis of
some ivory tower philosophical
concept. You have to have your
feet pretty firmly planted in the
real world and attempt to make
rational management decisions."

Campaign finance issues resurface

Justice task force head points to unresolved questions about Gore

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — The former chief of the Justice Department's campaign finance task force said Sunday that questions about Vice President Al Gore's truthfulness and motives were unresolved when Attorney General Janet Reno dropped a campaign finance investigation of Gore in 1998.



Charles La Bella

fund-raising.

La Bella said he repeatedly urged Reno to seek an independent counsel, which she rejected. The

standard was not whether crimes had been committed but whether there was enough evidence to justify a criminal probe, La Bella said. "I believe we had substantial information from credible sources to warrant a full-scale investigation of many of these allegations."

But he said he doubted criminal charges would have resulted. Reno opened two preliminary investigations into whether an independent counsel should investigate Gore. In 1997 the first probe examined the legality of Gore's White House office; a second examined whether Gore lied

to investigators during the first probe. In each case Reno faced a legally mandated decision to seek an independent counsel or drop the matter. Both times Reno shut down the investigations.

Sunday, La Bella defended Reno against charges by Republican leaders that she acted to protect President Clinton and Gore. "I really don't believe that the attorney general in any way, shape or form was protecting anybody, or anybody else at the Justice Department was politically protecting anybody," said La Bella, who left the Justice Department a year ago.

Clinton to go to Columbine to promote gun initiative

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON — President Clinton will visit Colorado on the eve of the first anniversary of the Columbine high school shootings to promote a state ballot initiative that would require background checks for firearm purchases at gun shows, a senior White House official said Sunday.

White House Chief of Staff John D. Podesta said the trip also would attempt to increase pressure on Congress, where the Republican leadership has blocked consideration of gun-show background checks at the federal level. Clinton will be in Colorado on April 12, White House officials said.

"We're going to continue to press the case with the public that they ought to do it, and in the meantime, I think the president is going to try to use his efforts and his bully pulpit to go out and deal with state initiatives that are dealing with this," Podesta said on CBS's "Face the Nation."

Gun-show background checks became a major political issue after it was revealed that two of the weapons used in the Columbine shootings last April 20 were purchased at a gun show. Twelve Columbine students and a teacher were killed by two students, who then killed themselves.

Proponents of the background checks argue that gun shows are unregulated arms bazaars where ordinary citizens sell weapons without any of the restrictions

and file-keeping required of licensed firearms dealers. Opponents claim the proposed regulations are cumbersome and unworkable.

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Hundreds march, urging action on flag

CHARLESTON, S.C. (AP) — More than 500 people set out Sunday a five-day, 120-mile protest march to Columbia to urge state lawmakers to move the Confederate Flag from the Statehouse dome.

"Take it down!" chanted some marchers. "The people of South Carolina — white and African-American — want the flag to come down," said Charleston Mayor Joseph P. Riley Jr., who had the idea for the march.

"The purpose is to say the people of South Carolina are in step, and we want the Legislature to get in step with the people of South Carolina," said the mayor, who carried the blue state flag with its white palmetto tree and crescent as he led marchers into the street.



Protesters march toward Columbia, S.C., Sunday, to oppose the flying of the Confederate flag over the South Carolina Statehouse in Columbia.

The marchers plan to arrive in Columbia for a rally on Thursday.

Space symposium kicks off today in Colorado

Knights Ridder News Service

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — NASA's Mars probes disappear. Ariadum LLC goes belly up and its \$7 billion satellite constellation is set to come crashing back to earth.

The nation's scientists and aerospace and government officials are going to have lots of explaining to do when the 16th National Space Symposium convenes today. A record 3,000 military, industry and government officials are expected to attend the four-day event, the premiere conference of its kind in the world.

"I'm sure Iridium and the others will come up for discussion," said Steve Eisenhart, communications director for the nonprofit U.S. Space Foundation, which sponsors the conference. "But the dominant theme is policy. Space plays a huge role in our national security — and it's also become very big business."

U.S. Transportation Secretary Rodney Slater is scheduled to speak at the symposium along with NASA Administrator Daniel Goldin. Top executives at aerospace titans Boeing Co. and Lockheed Martin Corp. also are scheduled to talk.

"We'll have aerospace executives, Air Force generals and private investors all taking part in the same panel discussions," Eisenhart said. "We'll cover a lot of ground from export controls on technology to new commercial processes."

In addition to 1999's spectacular failures, the space conference will have some major successes to celebrate: Sea Launch, a bold, innovative method of launching rockets from a floating platform in the ocean, will receive the U.S. Space

Foundation's top award.

By launching rockets near the equator, Sea Launch brings them closer to the positions their satellites will orbit — a move that decreases the amount of fuel the rockets must carry and increases the size of their payloads.

So far, Sea Launch has conducted two successful space flights. Randy Culver, president of Colorado Springs-based RT Logic, a 30-employee firm that builds and operates satellite test and control equipment, said the conference helps small companies such as RT Logic get noticed.

"Exhibiting our products lets people know we're a player in the industry," Culver said. "Our customers will be at the symposium, and so will our competitors. We all want to know where our market is headed."

The conference costs from \$425 to \$680 per person. The 75 exhibitors at the symposium will occupy a record 30,000 square feet of floor space.

Culver said he's pleased that Colorado Springs becomes the space industry's epicenter at least once each year.

"I'm always afraid they'll move the symposium to Washington to be closer to the policy people or to Los Angeles to be closer to the aerospace contractors," he said. "We want it to stay right where it is."

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Elian's father says he's ready to travel to the U.S. today

HAVANA (AP) — President Fidel Castro said Elian Gonzalez's father was willing to travel alone to the United States this morning if U.S. officials promise to turn over the boy to him and let them return to Cuba right away.

Failing that, visas would be sought for father Juan Miguel Gonzalez and an entourage of more than 30 people to leave for the United States as early as Tuesday to try to get Elian back, Castro said Sunday during a live appearance on national television.

The announcement was made in a letter signed by Gonzalez, which Castro read. Gonzalez sat in the television audience, looking distraught and exhausted.

"I am willing to leave tomorrow, absolutely alone and transport myself to where the child is," Castro read from the letter.

After picking up the child, the letter said, father and son would "return immediately to Cuba," said Castro.

Last week, Castro said Gonzalez was willing to travel to the United States and wait out the result of an appeal for custody by their Miami relatives in federal appellate court, if the U.S. government gave him custody of Elian in the meantime.

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Investigation saddens, doesn't surprise Forest Service ranger

RENO, Nev. (AP) - Guy Pence knows all too well about intimidation and harassment of U.S. Forest Service workers in Nevada.

As former ranger of the Carson District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, Pence was the target of two bombings six years ago. The attacks left him and his family unharmed, but shaken, and prompted the Forest Service to transfer him to Idaho for their safety.

His own encounters with violence and the findings of a recent Forest Service investigation are a sad testament to the darker side of mankind, he said.

"I've faced hostile verbiage and actions, posturing," Pence said. "There's some of that that goes with the territory. But how far does it go?"

The Forest Service investigation into claims by former Humboldt-Toiyabe Supervisor Gloria Flora that Nevada was hostile territory for federal employees cited dozens of allegations of harassment and intimidation against agency workers.

Flora resigned last year, saying she could not guarantee the safety of her employees.

Though the agency's investigation found no crimes that could be prosecuted, it documented incidents in which federal employees, mostly in northeast Nevada, were denied services at businesses and ostracized by others because of where they



Guy Pence worked for the U.S. Forest Service in the Carson City, Nev., area when he stood for this photo. The Forest Service transferred him to Idaho for safety.

worked.

"To refuse to serve someone in a business or to treat harshly their extended family - that's vindictive," Pence said. "Now you're no longer dealing with the issue of natural resources."

The investigation came as the Forest Service and Elko County locked horns over a remote dirt road and a threatened fish in the isolated hamlet of Jarbidge near the Nevada-Idaho line.

While the conflict thrust Nevada into the national spotlight, Pence said the attention

will wane as land management controversies erupt elsewhere.

"There is a lot of animosity over natural resource decisions. It's always been a contentious arena," Pence said. "Tribal wars and world wars have been fought over natural resources. It's nothing new."

"Nevada may be a hotbed right now, but any place can have its 15 minutes of fame."

Pence was at center stage the last time anti-Washington sentiments flared in Nevada.

On March 30, 1995, a small pipe bomb exploded outside the Forest Service building in Carson City. The building was unoccupied but the blast caused heavy damage to Pence's office.

Four months later, on Aug. 4, 1995, someone planted a bomb outside Pence's home.

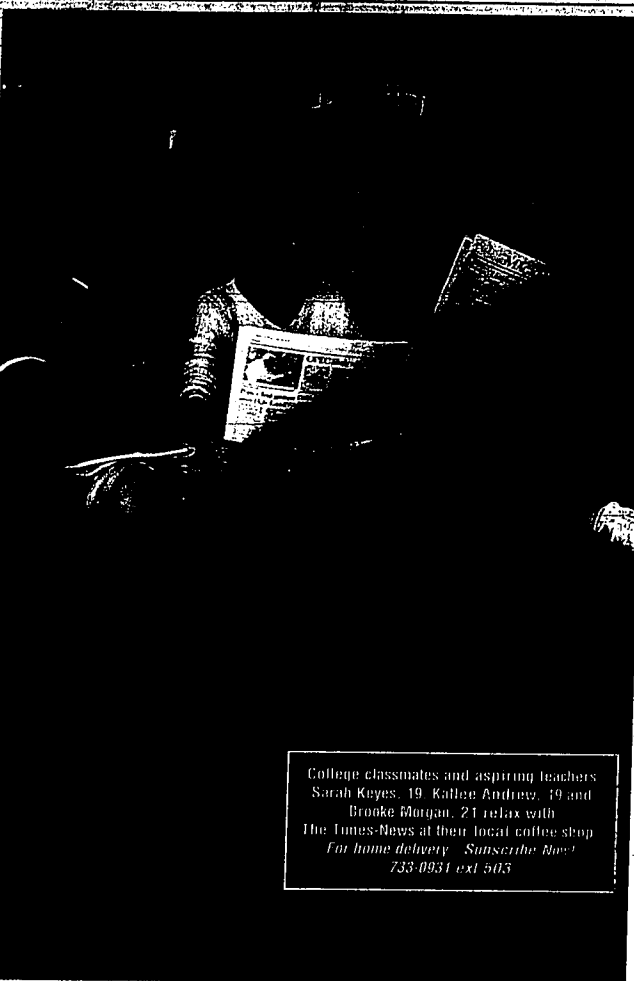
Pence was away on a horseback trip. His wife, Linda, and one of the couple's three daughters had just left their front living room when the bomb exploded outside about 10 p.m.

The blast rocked the home, destroyed the family's van and sprayed the living room with shrapnel and shards of glass.

No one was hurt.

Forest Service officials, concerned about the safety of Pence and his family, transferred him to the Boise National Forest in Idaho shortly afterward.

Despite a \$30,000 reward, no arrests were made.



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Dairy farms proposals may set precedent

KENNEWICK, Wash. (AP) - Proposals for two new dairies north of the Tri-Cities and another east of Yakima are raising questions about the industry's future at a time of increased environmental scrutiny.

While the proposals are prompting the usual concerns about the dairies' impacts on neighbors, officials also are wondering whether the industry can continue its growth in Eastern Washington.

"A lot of Benton-Franklin county farmers see this as a watershed politically," said Stu Turner, a Richland consultant for one of the proposed dairies north of the Tri-Cities. "If you can't site a dairy in an exclusive ag zone ... is there a future for it?"

Also at issue is whether some Western Washington dairies that have been pushed elsewhere by urbanization can find homes in less crowded areas such as Yakima, Benton and Franklin counties. In the 1990s, Whatcom and Skagit counties lost 200 dairy farms.

Together, the three proposed dairies outside Yakima and the Tri-Cities could eventually bring another 10,000 cows to those areas - along with millions of gallons of manure that potentially could pollute rivers and streams.

Two of the farms could end up vying for the title of the largest dairy in the state in an industry that is consolidating rapidly. Gone are the days of 200-head dairies. Only large, efficient operations with plenty of capital and land are expected to survive.

Tom and Dale DeVries are trying to relocate their Olympia-area dairy operations to a site 15 miles east of Yakima. The dairy would have about 4,400 cows, adding to the 67,000 already in the county.

Two other dairies are proposed in Franklin County, which now has about 7,500 dairy cows on 13 farms, said Franklin Conservation District project manager Mark Nielson.

Guards suffer injuries breaking up fight at Snake River prison

ONTARIO, Ore. (AP) - Two prison guards were injured Sunday while breaking up an inmate fight at Snake River Correctional Institution in Ontario.

Sergeant Robert Real broke an ankle and fellow guard Dustin Froshieslar suffered facial injuries while responding to the fight that started at 10 a.m. Mountain time.

The guards were taken to Holy Rosary Hospital for treatment. None of the prisoners required medical attention, said Perrin Damon, a spokeswoman for the

Oregon Department of Corrections.

"Hostility among inmates is not tolerated," she said. "The officers did a good and appropriate job containing the incident."

Four inmates - fighting three on one - started the melee in the recreation yard of Complex 3. A total of about 150 inmates were in the yard at the time.

Real and Froshieslar, stationed in the yard, responded immediately. Three more guards came to help them. The fight stopped after a tower guard fired a shot into the ground.

Senators secure easement funds

BOISE (AP) - Senators Mike Crapo and Larry Craig have received approval for an additional \$1 million for scenic easement purchases within the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Interior and Related Agencies has approved the request for unallocated Forest Service Land and Water Conservation Fund monies.

Previously, the \$1 million was included in the 2000 Interior Appropriations bill for easements in the Snake River area. The new authorization increases this year's funding to \$2 million.

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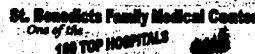
Breast cancer is the leading cancer diagnosed in women in America. This year, more than 175,000 women nationally will learn for the first time that they have this disease, and more than 43,000 women will lose their lives. In Idaho, it is estimated that 700 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer this year and 200 women will die from the disease. However, when breast cancer is detected early and treated promptly, suffering and, ultimately, the loss of life can be significantly reduced.



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How to win your own bureaucracy

"Unless you are hiding in a drain pipe, by now you should have received your census questionnaire from the federal government."

"How important is the census to you today? Here's a quote from a letter my household received from Census Bureau director of the Census Bureau."

"Huwag niyang sasagutin ang mga tanong na ninyang tatanggapin sa korea."

"I did not make this quote up. It is more than half of Mr. Frewitt's letter to my household is written in various foreign languages. As far as I can tell, in this particular quote Mr. Frewitt is saying: 'Anybody who gets sausage and eggs on the census form will end up (something bad) in South Korea.' This is not a threat that

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the federal government makes lightly."

Why is the census so important? For one thing, it enables the government to locate its citizens so it can administer programs to them.

The census also determines our congressional representation, which is very important. For example, in the 1990 census, a homeowner named "Ward A. Frensdlinger Jr. of Lawrence, Mass.," left his census form out on the diningroom table, and unbeknownst to him, his children filled it out and mailed it in, with the information that his household had 994 million members.

Next, the Frensdlingers are normally represented by 12 congresspersons and five U.S. senators, and they have their own payroll base.

The "bonum line" is that it is in your best interest, as a citizen, to fill out your census form. Here's some information to help you:

Q. What kinds of questions does the census form ask?

A. Most citizens will receive the short form, which asks you only for basic information that the government needs to administer programs to you, such as your name, age, sex, race, weight and whether or not you wear thigh underwear.

Q. What if I get the long form?

A. You had better know something about calculus.

Q. Is my census information confidential?

A. Absolutely. Nobody is allowed to see your personal census information except federal census employees and their families.

Q. What are my choices regarding my race?

A. You may choose from any of the following federally approved races: Black, White, Beige, Bush, Bisque, Asian, Latino, Caucasian, Person of Color, African-American, Native American Indian, Spanish, Original Hawaiian, Asian Minor, Native Alaskan, Person of Deity, Indian Indian from India, Caucasian-Asian Hawaiian, Hispano-African-Alaskan Native Indian, Ohioan, Native Hawaiian Tourist, Munchkin, Italian Samoon, Wisconsiner and Presbyterian. Or, if you prefer, you may invent your own race, and the government will create a large bureaucracy to keep track of you.

Q. I have a very friendly friend named Mr. Wookins. Should I include him on my census form?

A. Of course. The federal government spends billions of dollars on imaginary programs; these must be targeted to reach the people who really need them.

Q. Is there a place on the census form where I can tell the government how much I hate these stupid low-flow toilets?

A. The government has provided margins for this express purpose.

Q. What will happen to me if I fail to complete the census form?

A. In the words of Census Director Frewitt, "Matatanggap niyong ang Tagalog na census form sa loob ng dalawang linggo."

Q. Can he DO that?

A. Do not tempt him.

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LONG MAY YOU RUN



Mary Ritz trains with her husband, Marty Sharp, and their dog, Kirby, for Ultra Speedracing competitions. Ritz competes throughout the world and was the second female to finish a marathon in all seven continents. Ritz averages around 35-40 miles per week and in 1999 finished 21 marathons.

You don't have to stop at 40, but you must run smarter

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — At 59, orthopedic surgeon Robert Porter II hasn't run into trouble yet.

But then he's been at it for 30 years — for three miles a day.

"Some people say that you can't run after you get beyond a certain age," Porter said. "That's baloney. It's just important that you warm up and do your stretching."

Porter's not arguing that knees and feet aren't prone to trouble in pavement-pounding Baby Boomers; you have to know how to take care of them.

Where to learn more

The Internet offers a tremendous variety of resources for runners, from the new guy on the block to the seasoned ultramarathoner. Here's a sampling:

- A detailed guide for the beginning runner can be found at <http://www.runnersworld.com/>. Web site of Runner's World magazine. The site also has extensive reviews of running shoes, listed by company.
- Information on running injuries and tips for choosing a running shoe are at <http://www.americanrunning.org/>. Web site of the American Running Association. The group's running-shoe database can help you find a shoe that fits your needs; there's a \$10 processing fee for nonmembers. Brochures on running also are available; call (800) 776-2732.

After you fill out a short questionnaire, the "shoe dog" at <http://www.readrunnersports.com/> will fetch a list of running shoes that fit your specifications.

- A section on "Running Basics" is offered at <http://www.eft.com>.

Source: The Gazette of Colorado Springs, Colo.

moving. So you go out and run a couple of miles and you come back with shin splints or feet problems. Then you go right back

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Always be heart smart

By Steve Crump
Times-News writer

KETCHUM — Is your heart into jogging?

If you're not sure, a detour to your family doctor is in order before you start pounding the pavement.

Medical evidence — most recently a study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association last November — is mounting that sedentary men over 40 and women over 50 who suddenly exert themselves are courting big trouble.

Did you know?

B shown a 4 and 15 percent of all myocardial infarctions (heart attacks) occur during or soon after vigorous exercise. — Journal of the American Medical Association.

A study of 1,064 cardiac patients showed that habitually inactive people with multiple cardiac risk factors were 10 times more likely to suffer a heart attack during strenuous exercise than during their normal activities.

And running was a leading culprit, occurring in about two-fifths of the exercise-triggered heart attack cases studied.

That's reinforcing earlier research which showed that joggers in Rhode Island were seven times more likely to die while running than during other activities, while men in Seattle were 34 times more apt to suffer cardiac arrest during vigorous exertion.

"It just stands to reason," said Dr. Stephen Wasilewski, a Ketchum orthopedic surgeon. "If you have cardiac risk factors you need to get checked out first."

Besides inactivity, these red flags included being male, obese and a cigarette smoker and having diabetes, high blood pressure and/or high cholesterol.

Why?

"Exercising acutely alters both the geometry and hemodynamic function of the coronary arteries," the JAMA study said. "Exercise increases the systolic blood pressure and heart rate. Increased blood pressure augments shear forces in the coronary arteries and the elevated heart rate increases the frequency of bending, twisting and flexing motions required of the coronaries during cardiac contraction."

As a result, those arteries that are lined by deposits of fat-like plaque may constrict during exercise, and the plaque is more likely to break loose from the artery walls and block the artery — a classic myocardial infarction.

That's far less likely to happen when you build up your level of exertion gradually, according to the JAMA study, provided you also get your blood pressure and cholesterol under control.

"When you're 16, you can go from being a couch potato to running 10 miles and not pay the price," Wasilewski said. "If you try that when you're 40 or 50, you'll pay the price."

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Spring sports: Get your body ready first

What do you get when you put a blob in motion?

Injuries, baby.

"People want a jump on the sports season without doing preseason conditioning," says Monica Pagels, a Novi, Mich., exercise physiologist.

"As soon as the weather warms up and they get the chance, they go out just like they used to in their younger days, thinking they can do the same amount of exercise they used to."

Which they can't.

Experts say that it takes at least 2 weeks to get in minimal shape to play a recreational sport. For an athlete to get in decent shape for a sport he or she

takes a month for every year you've been away from a sport to approach the same competency you had at your peak. Haven't played tennis or softball in 7 years? It will take you 7 months to regain your form.

Experts also warn that the less fit you are, the more likely you are to be injured when you start a vigorous sport or exercise.

A new study of injuries among U.S. Army recruits in basic training, published in the April issue of the American Journal of Preventive Medicine, found that the slowest runners had more sports injuries than the fastest runners. Researchers' conclusion? Unfit people who want to stay free of injuries should take it easy the first few weeks of a

new activity.

But of course, they don't.

Last year, Mike Hendrie of Grosse Pointe Farms, Mich., joined an over-40 baseball league. Hendrie, who hadn't played baseball in 39 years, wrenched a leg muscle in the second game and spent the rest of the season nursing Achilles tendon problems and a sore shoulder, which resulted from throwing too much.

The problem? "A ball goes up in the air, and suddenly you're not 54; you're 17," Hendrie says. "Your mind just reacts as if you were 17. I had to learn to pace myself." This summer, he should do better on the team. He's been working out regularly for the last

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moving. So you go out and run a couple of miles and you come back with shin splints or feet problems. Then you go right back

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Lipstick won't camouflage yellow teeth

DEAR PAULA: I would like to know which lip color makes teeth look whiter or at least less yellow? I have heard multiple, contradictory answers about blue-based (cool) tones being better than yellow-based (warm) tones and vice-versa. Since everyone is putting so much effort into trying to whiten their teeth, which lipstick enhances the white effect? — JUDI

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DEAR JUDI: It actually depends more on the actual discoloration of your teeth and the actual color of the lipstick and how it looks on your lip color.

In essence that means you need to try on varying shades and see what works. The general rule you've probably heard is that yellow tones don't contrast with and downplay the yellow of your teeth while blue-tone lipsticks would (making the yellow look more yellow).

But rather than playing this game (which doesn't camouflage much, even if you find the right match), consider talking to your dentist about a teeth whitening

treatment. It's pricey but it works brilliantly, and then it doesn't matter in the least what lipstick shade you wear!

DEAR PAULA: I am prone to developing bumps or milia (as my facialist calls it) under my eyes, as well as wrinkles. What causes milia and how can I prevent them from forming? How do I get rid of them? — LYNN

DEAR LYNN: Milia are difficult to get rid of but there are options. However, your impression that so-called wrinkle creams are somehow necessary to deal with wrinkles is a cosmetics industry myth. Wrinkle creams are nothing more than moisturizers, and that's why they can be problematic for the white bumps you

are experiencing.

However, the real options for wrinkles mostly have a positive effect on milia, not a worsening effect. Retin-A, BHA, or AHA and a sunscreen (preferably in a foundation if you have problems with milia) are the best options for wrinkles and can actually improve the appearance of milia.

If you want to try a moisturizer for the eye area, a lightweight gel serum is your best option to not further clog pores.

From there, the real options you have are microdermabrasion, AHA or BHA peels, and laser resurfacing. Again, all these are things that have a low risk, if any, of making the white bumps worse, and they can vastly improve the appearance of wrinkles.

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

Unfortunately, you might never forget the day your baby was born. Labor and childbirth can trigger post-traumatic stress symptoms usually associated with war or other violence, psychologists report in the British Journal of Clinical Psychology. The researchers suspect that up to 3 percent of mothers may suffer from fear, anxiety, recurrent nightmares, intrusive thoughts and flashbacks weeks after the birth, especially if the pregnancy was unwanted.

A prescription for cavities

Antidepressants may set your teeth on edge. Literally. A recent study at the International Association of Dental Research in France reported that psychiatric and anti-anxiety medications reduce the ability to create saliva, and, as a result, people taking them have a rate of dental decay almost four times as high as normal.

Bottled water won't wash

Don't use tap or bottled water

Health notes

if you run out of contact lens solution. Shape magazine reports that researchers at the College of Medicine tested 23 brands of noncarbonated bottled water, 11 of the brands contained microorganisms that could cause eye infections, especially if the corner was scratched.

A dull ache

Migraines increased sharply during the 1980s with 1 out of 100 women aged 20 to 29 reporting such headaches, a Mayo Clinic study has found. Stress, dieting and a greater awareness of migraine symptoms may account for the 56 percent increase, Dr. Jerry Swanson reported in the journal Neurology. During the same period, migraines increased among men by 25 percent, but fewer men are affected, and 73 percent of those affected are women. Compiled from wire service reports.

HEALTH & FASHION

Early warning for osteoporosis might be underfoot

The Washington Post

Unexplained fractures of the foot may provide a new means of detecting osteoporosis in its earliest stages, says researcher Rodney L. Tomczak of Ohio State University.

from small fractures of the metatarsals, or long foot bones. None of the fractures was known to be caused by injury or repetitive movements that might overstress the foot.

Some patients reported a sudden painful snap while walking; others had unexplained nagging pain in their

foot bones.

To determine whether osteoporosis might be an underlying cause of the fractures, Tomczak conducted standard bone-density testing. He was surprised — as were his patients — to find "strong evidence" that 19 of the 21 had "significant bone loss."

CPR classes, support groups meet

A cardiopulmonary resuscitation class will be offered from 4 to 7 p.m. today in the doctors' meeting room at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Re-certification for CPR offered by Red Cross

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.

Co-dependents gather Wednesday at Canyon View

Co-Dependency Group will meet from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the Canyon View West Group Room in Twin Falls.

Childbirth, early parenting classes set in Jerome

Childbirth and early parenting classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning this Wednesday through May 3, in the Education Center at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome.

American Red Cross offers CPR class in Twin Falls

Standard First Aid (adult CPR

To do for you

and first aid) six and one-half hour course will be offered at 9 a.m. Saturday at the American Red Cross in Twin Falls.

Pre-registration and pre-payment is required for all classes. For more information, call 733-6464 or 1-888-367-6321 or visit the Red Cross office at 718 Shoshone St. E. in Twin Falls.

Pediatric CPR class teaches valuable life-saving skills

Magic Valley Lifeline will offer a pediatric and adult CPR course which includes a first aid portion on bleeding and shock from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday at the YMCA in Twin Falls.

This course meets the ICCP and day-care licensing requirements for Idaho.

Community first aid, safety courses offer training

A community first aid and safety (infant, child and adult CPR and first aid) nine hour course will be offered on Tuesday, April 10 and 11 at the American Red Cross 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.

Arthritis, lupus support groups meet at MVRMC

Arthritis-Lupus Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. April 11 in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC in Twin Falls.

For more information, call 737-2050.

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

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Continued from A5 the next day. "It's just a matter of common sense," he continued. "If you get hurt, you're far more likely to drop an exercise program that you would be if you worked up to it gradually."

How gradually? Very. Walk, if you've been inactive for a while. In fact the American Council on Exercise recommends that adults who are 20 percent or more overweight walk instead of run.

But it's self-correcting. If you walk consistently and briskly, you'll eventually get yourself into shape to run. "We're fortunate in the Magic Valley because the terrain is so flat," Porter said. "You're not dealing with a lot of hills, so it's easy to set a comfortable pace and stick with it."

For beginners, that probably means mixing walking with slow jogging.

Then set a goal, and make it doable. Maybe you want to lose 15 pounds, or run to work every day.

"The important thing is to be realistic," Richard Cotton, chief exercise physiologist for the American Council on Exercise and a runner for 33 years, told the Gazette of Colorado Springs.

If your goal is to run a 5K race, set your sights on simply finishing your first race, even if you walk as much or more than you run.

"Never make any big increases in speed or distance," Cotton warned.

"I've run three miles a day for years, and I always go for the distance," Porter said. "Any runner's magazine and many Internet websites have detailed information about how to warm up and stretch. Learn those lessons well, the experts agree, and do it every time."

"Never ignore pain," Wastlewski said. "It's your body, trying to tell you something."

Shin splints, which cause tenderness on the front or inside of the lower leg, are common in beginning runners, Cotton said.

If you're having shin pain, check your shoes and make sure they're not worn down. Icing the area may help. Kneecap pain, or "runner's knee," also is common and often related to a lack of strength in the muscles around the knee.

"If your knees start hurting," Cotton said, "slow down and back off." If the pain persists, see a doctor.

"It's important to balance your program with strength training," Cotton told the Gazette. That

training can help prevent injury by strengthening muscle as well as bone and connective tissue. It also helps reduce upper-body fatigue.

When injuries do occur, remember the "RICE" formula: Rest, ice, compression and elevation.

And buy yourself a decent pair of shoes — \$60 to \$120 — from a store that specializes in athletic shoes and from a salesperson who knows what he or she is talking about.

Once you get your shoes, use them only for running. "Walking around on them all day long reduces their shock absorbency," Cotton said.

Many veteran runners avoid concrete when they can — a firm dirt or cinder path, like the College of Southern Idaho Fitness Trail, is a lot easier on the knees and legs.

And remember that running is tough on an ankle, so an arch is to be endured for its own sake. "Choose your exercise to meet your fitness goals," Wastlewski said. "If you do that, you're more likely to meet them."

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five months at the gym. "I know, I know. You need to get in shape NOW. Right away. You don't have 7 months or even 7 weeks. More like 7 days."

You have your choice. You can either join the weekend warriors who at the first whiff of spring rush out to play, then ditch themselves off the field gulping ibuprofen and whining about sore backs, pulled hamstrings and blisters the size of pancakes. Or you can put yourself on a conditioning regimen for as many days as you have left before the season starts.

Any general get-in-shape plan includes:

• Aerobics: You already know you should walk, cycle or jog 30 minutes 4 times a week. That builds up your stamina for any sport or activity. Working out on a treadmill, elliptical trainer or stair stepper can also boost your

aerobic fitness. Walking is best for those who are still in the blob stage. Start slowly and work your way up to the 30-minute level.

• Weight training: Do 15-20 minutes of weight training twice a week. Start light and build your endurance by 10 percent a week. Use machines, free weights or those stretchy exercise bands, which are widely available at sports or discount stores.

• Warm-ups and stretching: Take 5 minutes to warm up. Walk, jog, play your sport or perform your activity slowly. That literally warms-up the muscles you'll be using and reduces injury risk.

Second, take a few minutes to do a series of slow, controlled stretches before your game or activity. After the game, take a couple of minutes to do a few more gentle stretches; this will help minimize aches or pains.

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Dennis S. Voorhees. It all depends on how the document reads and what you want your agent to be able to do with it. The safest course is to get legal advice on how to safely accomplish what you want. Store forms often take a one-size-fits-all approach giving too much to some and too little to others. More importantly, without some informed discussion of your needs and options, the use of a store form is little more than a shot in the dark.

Power of attorney options include limited or general scope, events making it effective, what constitutes a valid revocation, whether it permits extraordinary powers like gifting, and whether it applies to healthcare decisions. Tip: Become reasonably well informed before choosing and granting authority through a power of attorney.

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Written-off drugs make a comeback against cancer

Chicago Tribune

With hundreds of potential cancer drugs seeking to prove their mettle, two old drugs have been given new life by the discovery that they, too, have potent anti-tumor effects.

One is thalidomide, the sedative that caused thousands of babies to be born with severely malformed limbs in the late 1950s and early '60s. Years after thalidomide was banned and discredited, Dr. Judith Folkman's laboratory discovered that the drug was effective against tumors in mice - properties Folkman attributed to its ability to block new blood vessel formation.

Thalidomide does seem effective against some cancers, shrinking or arresting malignancies in small trials of patients with brain and prostate cancer, AIDS-related Kaposi's sarcoma and some other solid tumors.

Thalidomide recently made news after University of Arkansas researchers reported that nearly a third of 84 patients with multiple myeloma, a cancer of the bone marrow that is notoriously difficult to treat, responded favorably to the drug.

Of the 27 patients whose condition improved, eight were completely or almost completely cured.

"So it does work in that dis-

ease," says Dr. Walter Stadler of the University of Chicago.

But no one knows how Robert D'Amato, a researcher in Folkman's lab at Boston Children's Hospital, originally hypothesized that thalidomide caused truncated limbs in fetuses because it blocked the growth of blood vessels needed to extend the limbs.

That's still a possibility, but other researchers have since theorized that thalidomide may also shrink tumors by blocking a substance made by the body's immune cells.

Because the U.S. government long has insisted on proof of safety as well as efficacy before approving a new medication, thalidomide was not in use in this country 40 years ago, when pregnant women in Europe, Canada and elsewhere were taking the drug for morning sickness, with disastrous consequences.

In 1998, however, the Food and Drug Administration approved it for treatment of a complication of lupus. That means the drug is now available, and American doctors can prescribe it for other uses too. Celgene Corp., which manufactures the drug under the trade name Thalomid, has set up a program to make sure physicians don't prescribe it for pregnant women, but otherwise there are no restrictions.

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Injections without tears could soon be possible

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) - The days of being on pins and needles while you wait for your flu shot or insulin injection could soon be a thing of the past.

Devices that can deliver drugs into the skin at the speed of a supersonic jet, controlled-release micropills, and foods genetically modified to carry medicine were just a few of the approaches being discussed at a gathering of scientists as alternatives to the needle and syringe.

"Why don't people like needles? Very simply, it hurts - and people don't like what hurts," said Mark Prausnitz, a chemical engineering professor from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

"The needle's been around for quite a while, but we believe there are ways of achieving better drug delivery and getting inside the various barriers in the body," Prausnitz worked five years with electrical engineer Mark Allen to develop a prototype device, which looks like a nicotine patch, of 400 silicon-based microscopic needles, each no wider than a human hair.

The tiny, hollow needles are so small, the researchers say, that medication can be delivered through the skin without reaching the nerve cells that register pain. Microelectronics within also could control the time and dosage of the medicine delivered.

Tests of the device in delivering insulin found it significantly reduced blood sugar levels in diabetic rats, Prausnitz said in a presentation this week at a meeting of the American Chemical Society.

The race to develop alternatives comes amid concern about the danger of used needles transmitting diseases to health care workers and their patients. The researchers also noted that youngsters can develop an aversion to needles after receiving 12 to 19 childhood vaccinations.

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at the three-day conference are undergoing human testing but are at least two years away from coming to market.

Taking a page from the hypodermis seen on television's "Star Trek" in the 1960s, Powderject Pharmaceuticals of Fremont, Calif., is testing a device that uses pressurized helium to launch dry powder medicines through the skin.

Another device is an electronic inhaler that would deliver dosages of tiny liquid particles to the bloodstream by way of the mouth and small airways.

Scientists also are turning to genetically engineered food. More than 25 papers were expected to be presented on the benefits of modifying plants and foods to deliver drugs or pack a more nutritional punch.

Scientists say "molecular farming" could prove a safe, cost-effective way of administering vaccines.

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Aquarius: Listen to Cancer's advice

IF APRIL 3 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You are a strong, intriguing, temperamental. Once people get to know you it is difficult for them to forget. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play major roles in your life, could have these letters in names: C, L, U. Many changes, including travel and romance, due in May. You will be involved this year in political-charitable activities. August most important.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Cycle moves up, you will be at right place at special moment. Secrets will be confided, you'll know where you stand in romance.

Taurus (April 20-May 20): Cash hold of opportunity; cycle high as moon moves closer to your sign. Questions arise concerning cooperative partners, partnership, marriage.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Your kind of day! Accent humor, versatility, diversity, experimentation. Popularity on the rise, you'll be invited to join political-charitable activity.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You are drawn in two directions, choose familiar ground. Focus on challenge, change, transportation. Taurus, Scorpio persons play outstanding roles.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Read, write, teach - services will be in demand. Member of opposite sex confider: "I can hardly keep my hands off you." Gemini, Virgo persons figure in scenario.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Attention revolves around home, property, family, music. You'll be asked to decide on questions of partnership, marital status. Big-money deal soon.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Be diplomatic without being weak. Welcome mystery without being naive. You'll have heavy dealings with Pisces. Hold your ground without being arrogant.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Power play. Leadership role given, earned. You will be vibrant, sexy. Your passion will be catching, others respond in positive manner. Capricorn involved.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Challenge issued, journey overseas may be necessary. Maintain universal-outlook, predict your future and make it come true. Aries plays top role.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Don't hesitate to imprint style. Lead the way rather than follow. Wear bright colors, make personal appearances. You'll be asked to make campaign speech.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Details pile up, dig deep for information and then act. Family member remains by your side, proves loyal. Cancer native offers sound advice - listen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Social activities accelerate, people want to be with you, some want to wine-and-dine you. Sense of humor proves valuable ally, laugh at your own foibles.

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Researchers recruit for sex study

Q. How long do you have to do something consistently before it becomes a habit?
A. From 21 to 30 days, according to the psychologists.

In China, brides traditionally wear red.

Q. The "Che" in the name of the South American revolutionary Ernesto "Che" Guevara, what did it stand for?
A. Nothing. A meaningful interjection peculiar to Argentine speech, that's all.

Update that fastest land vehicle speed: Driver Andy Green pushed Richard Noble's Thrust SSC vehicle to 763.035 mph to break the one-mile record over Nevada's Black Rock Desert in October of 1997. The Thrust SSC was the first car to break the sound barrier.

The percentage of Americans who graduate from college today is higher than the percentage of Americans who graduated from high school in 1920.

The highly respected "Discover" magazine reports some scientists are eager to learn what physiological changes occur in the human body during sexual activity. So they have recruited volunteer couples to do the complete number within MRI scanners. No findings yet. Still watching maybe.

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'Right thing' is wrong

DEAR ABBY: Stop the press! The letter from "Soon to Be a Grandpa" describes the situation I found myself in almost two years ago. She was pregnant after two months, and I, too, wanted to "do the right thing." We married "after knowing each other five months.

If you think marrying someone you hardly know is stressful, wait until the birth of a child. I love my beautiful daughter with all my heart. However, my marriage to her mother was the most traumatic experience I have ever been through!

Abby, you were right on the money when you said that marriage can wait. The young man should not put himself in a bind to prove he is committed to the unborn child: That is what I did - and it was the worst decision I've ever made. The divorce we were married eight months still causes much pain for me and everyone I know.

Things are finally starting to normalize. We have joint custody of our daughter.

Please tell "Soon to Be a Grandpa" to warn his son. I know the son feels like his relationship is different and he can make it work. I felt the same way.

He should enjoy his newborn and participate in his/her life as much as possible. But marriage is not the answer. If it turns out that their commitment to each other is genuine, best of luck to them! However, nothing is harmed by a little patience.

- LESSON LEARNED IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY
Abigail VanBuren

DEAR LESSON LEARNED: I agree; a child should be raised in a home where the parents love each other.

DEAR ABBY: Please reprint the forms of government you had in your column a few years ago. I believe there was something

DEAR A.P.: I'm happy to grant your request. My readers got a "kick" out of it then, and I have since had several requests for it. Read on:

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NAZISM: You have two cows. The government takes both your cows, then shoots you.

BUREAUCRACY: You have two cows. The government takes both of them, shoots one, milks the other, then pours the milk down the drain.

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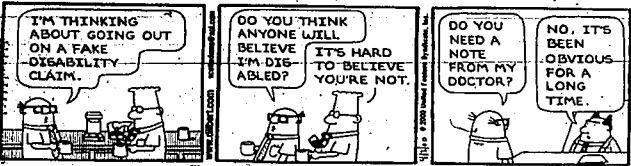
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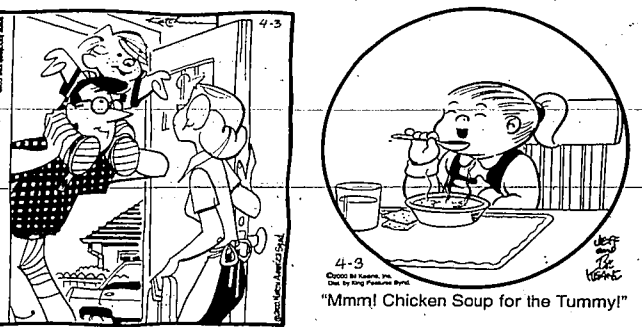


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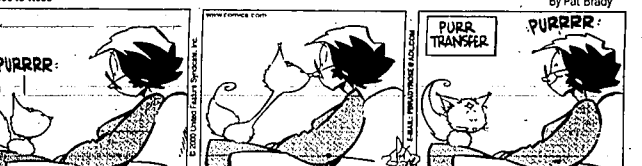
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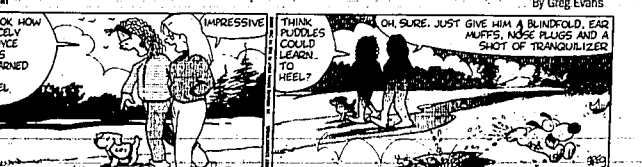
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OTHER VIEWS

Latest tobacco verdict shows how personal responsibility is passe

From The Salt Lake Tribune

A San Francisco jury's \$21.7 million verdict against two cigarette companies will be lauded as just and fair by those who have made a career of demonizing tobacco so they can better profit from it. Cynics who see it as a sign that critical thinking skills are going the way of the dodo are more correct.

The Superior Court jury decided 9-3 to order Philip Morris and R.J. Reynolds to pay \$10 million each to Leslie Whiteley and her husband, plus \$1.7 million in compensatory damages, after deciding the public about the dangers of smoking. The decision is not surprising. The 40-year-old plaintiff is dying of lung cancer, which the jury decided was caused by her smoking, a habit she said she took up at the age of 13. She is much too young to die, although plenty of people, even in this day of miracle drugs and procedures, live shorter life spans than this.

Never mind that no tobacco company forced the plaintiff to take up smoking. Never mind that she ignored government-mandated warnings about smoking's dangers printed on every package of cigarettes she bought.

None of this, like the notion of personal responsibility and accountability, matters. For the majority of this jury, the plaintiff and others simply are tall children who need to be looked after because they are too stupid to make choices and to be accountable for them.

What with the popularity of demonizing tobacco as the gateway to all manner of substance abuse and the leading cause of death, bar birth, it is hardly astonishing that the jurors in this case share this attitude. If politicians can impose indirect sin taxes on smokers via government-sponsored litigation against tobacco companies, why can't jurors do something similar for a victim of "Big Tobacco"? This is just what the jurors in this case did.

Smokers who sue tobacco companies are simply tall children who need to be looked after because they are too stupid to make choices and to be accountable for them.

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LETTERS

Jerome bond issue and the KGB

Mr. Savage, before you try to discredit anyone for an opinion (Terri L. Weir), you best have all of your facts together (some new ones would be nice). I read her letter; she said nothing that should have upset you. She didn't like the way the school is run, and there are many who don't, but they know the difference between the School Board, Mr. Cobble and the wonderful teachers we have. Fact is, Jerome Middle School had two teachers in 1999 who were selected Teachers of the Year. This year, one of the same teachers was chosen Teacher of the Year for the whole Magic Valley. No one is more proud of them than me. So, add that to what you already know, and one has to wonder where you are coming from. You sound like a bureaucrat who has sour grapes over losing the bond issue. And since you are in the know about the school deal, where were you when House Bill 725 was in committee? Our legislators sure could have used your support! Had this bill passed this year, our citizens would have had almost a million dollars for a new school.

A couple of years ago, I think building a skatepark is a great idea; maybe give those kids something to do. If they had a job, they wouldn't have been at the shopping center. When it's done, find something more for them to do, like build it themselves, and after that find another project. What's great way to burn that energy in a creative way - everyone wins!

As for your proud police department's effort checking for seat belts, I wonder if I had been in a motorhome, my only home, if that would have been invasion of privacy? Wonder whatever happened to the peeping Tom law? Can we put cameras in renter's apartment bedrooms now? Is anyone reading what is going on?

Your sheriff says it is OK to jump off a bridge, they aren't hurting anyone. How about those who must argue the body slings down the canyon wall? Is that driver who isn't wearing a seat belt hurting someone else more than the guy jumping off a bridge? Maybe it's easier to give the driver a ticket. I wonder how smart and educated or dumb and stupid we really are? The police looking into our cars and homes! At least the KCB does it in secret!
J.B. KNUDSON
Jerome

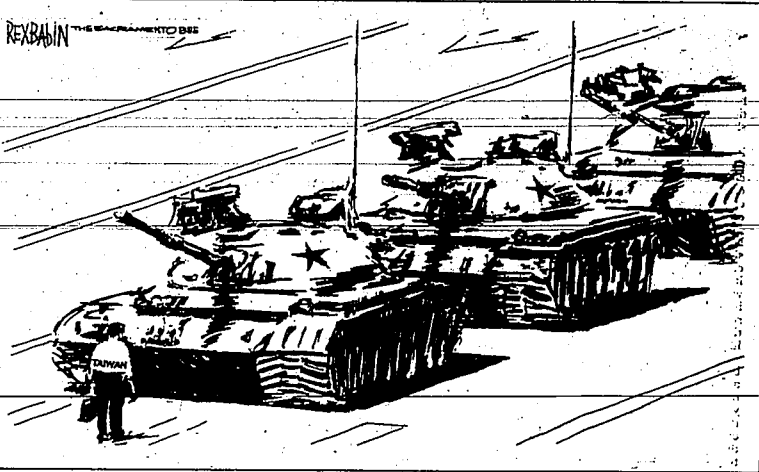
Fence the canal before it's too late

We are concerned about the open canal on Seventh Street next to the Gooding Elementary School. This has been an issue since the past School Board had the election to pass the levy to build the new school. At that time, concerned parents were assured that the canal would be "taken care of" so it would pose no threat to our children. It's been four years since we started using the new building, and there is still an open canal for our children to walk across. Granted, one side has been fenced off, I have seen the fence left open and children standing on the bank throwing in rocks, dirt and sticks into the water. And, as kids will do, they stand as close as possible to the water's edge. This past December, I also watched a group of five kids walk across the frozen water after school on their way home. This happened on the south side of the road. Fortunately, the ice did not break and they all made it.

I see these things because I am a parent who takes the time to drive my children to and from school every day. I am fortunate to have the time to do this, but not all parents have that luxury. Also, some parents choose not to accompany their children to school.

It has been frustrating to try to accomplish this small task of fencing off the canal. Every place we have turned has said basically the same thing: "It's not our responsibility."

I would like to ask, whose responsibility is it? Isn't this a responsibility for the community? We have a group in town called, "It Takes a Village," and that is exactly what we need to accomplish this one small task. At what point did money and time become more important than the safety of our children? Also, if you didn't know or remember, in the early 1970s we lost a child to drowning in this canal. I was 6 or 7 years old and living next to the canal at the time. I remember the people looking in the canal for this small boy. I also remember how upset my mother was. We are trying to prevent this from happening again. When the school was on Main Street, the canals were fenced. We would like to see the same consideration for the children in our new school. I hope that a solution will be found and implemented soon.
FETE AND RENEE ORTH
Gooding



Big Brother is censoring Idaho Public TV

Our rights are so fragile. Without a single public hearing, censorship of Idaho Public Television has been approved by the full House. In fact, before news of the proposal had even escaped the Statehouse, the directive to censor had already been approved by the powerful Joint Finance and Appropriations Committee, where no public testimony is permitted, and sent to the floor of the House. Of course, it has been no secret that certain legislators have opposed IPTV's full-funding request because of the station's unwillingness to self-censor controversial programs.

READER COMMENT
Jack Van Valkenburgh

Unspoken, but unnecessary, was additional language: "And don't expect future funding if you don't censor!" Aside from the obvious issue of censorship, what's sad is how poorly many legislators understand public broadcasting.

Idaho public television, like other public broadcasting stations, does employ program policies and standards that guide its programming decisions. IPTV has also signed principles of editorial integrity in public broadcasting. The Public Broadcasting System and IPTV have adopted editorial standards that include fairness, accuracy, objectivity and balance, as well as "courage and controversy."

It is courage and controversy that the House is directing IPTV to downplay in its program selections. But, as the PBS and IPTV program policies state, "(t)he surest road to intellectual stagnation and social isolation is to stifle the expression of uncommon ideas; today's dissent may be tomorrow's orthodoxy. The ultimate task of weighing and judging a program's information and viewpoint is, in a free and open society, the task of the viewer."

But where in the House-passed directive is there respect for our independence? There recognition of our independence? Why can't we each simply change chan-

nels if we don't like a program? By seeking to impose restraints on program content, the House is inducing self-censorship, micromanaging IPTV, undermining Idahoans' intelligence and seeking to override the editorial standards of IPTV and PBS.

Moreover, the policy approved by the Idaho House conflicts with federal law, the Communications Act of 1934, the very act that created the Corporation for Public Broadcasting. In that act, Congress declared, "It is in the public interest to encourage the development of programming that involves creative risks and that addresses the needs of underserved and underserved audiences, particularly children and minorities."

By contrast, the policies approved by the House will mark the first time, to our knowledge, that a state Legislature has sought to censor the content of a public broadcasting network. Now, as the state of Idaho engages in an "image" campaign to soften the perception that Idaho is intolerant of diversity, the Legislature has taken a step in the opposite direction - a step of censorship, to restrict the diversity of viewpoints and topics that can be received by those watching public television in Idaho.

It is time for our Legislature to respect Idahoans' ability to hear a variety of perspectives and discern among them, even when those views are controversial. Call your state senator and Gov. Kempthorne and tell them to strike the legislative intent language from the appropriation for IPTV!

Jack Van Valkenburgh is an attorney and executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Idaho.

What the House approved is called "legislative intent" language, authored by Sen. Hal Bunderson, that is attached to an IPTV funding appropriation much reduced from what the network had requested.

The language sets policy specifically prohibiting IPTV from broadcasting any program "which promotes, supports or encourages the violation of Idaho criminal statutes."

As a result, no documentary on the history of civil disobedience can be broadcast on IPTV without violating the policy. And what about a documentary on the life of Martin Luther King Jr. or Mahatma Gandhi, both of whom used civil disobedience to promote peaceful change?

The language also directs the State Board of Education, the parent agency of IPTV, to monitor "any decision to broadcast programs expected to be of a controversial nature."

And finally, as if to make the pressure to self-censor absolutely clear, the language concludes, "The SBOE shall report

Support for Gene Turley

To us, it is ridiculous that parents are suing Gene Turley. Really, this should be reversed. He was trying to do his job. We have known Gene for many years and feel he was working with his job and encountered young people who had evidently been taught little regard for the law.

Our community should wake up and realize that Gene is a dedicated member of our city and county, Twin Falls has an abundance of good young people. Let's keep it that way. Gene, we are for you - more power to you.
DEWAINE JENSEN
BETTY JANE JENSEN
Twin Falls

Property taxes are unfair

Well, Jerome didn't get its water bond so it is going to a judge to say it's an emergency so it can get judicial confirmation. What is next? The school bonds that keep falling, sneak up, people. Stop this. Now let's talk taxes. My one-bedroom house after home owners exemption is only worth about \$17,000. I pay \$485 a year in taxes, up from last year. Then somebody has a house worth \$170,000 and pays about

\$1,000. I don't think this is very fair. What if everybody put their houses for sale and moved out of this town or everybody refused to pay their high taxes? What are they going to do, take their homes? No, they would go broke. I mean the city of Jerome.

Stop this madness. All it takes is everybody to wake up and vote no.
PERRY W. REASCH
Jerome

Some Ideas aren't healthy

Thanks to you on your editorial on sound moral values. This country needs more of these thoughts. Our young people think that what they see on TV and the movies is a normal thing and that "every-one does it." The violence on TV and movies and the sex after meeting a person for 30 minutes is not a normal fact of life.

-As for me, I attend movies for entertainment, not to be exposed to new "ideas." The "ideas" some people get from these movies are not necessarily good ideas.
LENOIRA KASWORTHY
Rupert

Park won't address real problem

Been thinking about this skateboard

confrontation. If these boys are 3-plus, 3.0 honor roll or higher, how come they can't read? I've read in the past two weeks the results of a survey that approximately 66 percent of the students surveyed thought that rules and laws did not apply to them but others.

I've worked with people and young people years and I've read in the past two weeks the results of a survey that approximately 66 percent of the students surveyed thought that rules and laws did not apply to them but others.

"Johnny" is the main underlying problem with education, unruly gangs, and social behavior, etc. I do think that a skateboard park would help. But the real problem is teaching our children, "Do unto others as you would have others do to you." Today, the teaching is "Don't get caught and to work with anyone else."

I do community volunteer work at about 200 hours a year, so I do work with people. The words, "separation of church and state," are not in the Constitution or the Bill of Rights. It was in a letter that Jefferson wrote. I've read in the past two weeks the results of a survey that approximately 66 percent of the students surveyed thought that rules and laws did not apply to them but others. The courts are interpreting it today from the original meaning.
CLARA WOOD
Gooding

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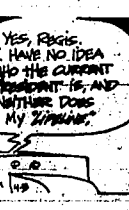
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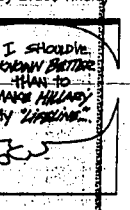
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Where there's smoke, there's a lawsuit

MIKE DOWNEY

I can't wait to sue tobacco. Can't wait. It's so easy, a child could do it. The only hard part is how long the line is going to be. You'll have to take a number, like in a deli or a frozen yogurt shop.

Let's see: You can sue and win if you smoked cigarettes before the surgeon general's warning came on all the packs. Or you can sue and win if you smoked cigarettes after the surgeon general's warning. Cool.

These people make us sick. Now it's our turn to make them sick. We've got these pack rats coming and going. We've got 'em if we don't smoke. We can sue even if we just accidentally breathe in somebody else's smoke. Suing the tobacco industry feels good, like suing an industry should.

And here I'm actually happy to have been thinking all this time that if a company warns you not to use its product, that it is deadly, that you are literally playing with fire, that millions of innocent lab mice exposed to burrito tobacco have died so that more of us may live, then we obviously couldn't sue

and win. Oh, how wrong I have been. We can sue, even if we ignore every warning. We've come a long way in lawsuits, baby.

So, come on, let's litigate. Let's sue while the suing's good. We've got tobacco by the short leaves. Just get in line, turn your head and cough. You can teach those tobacco pushers a lesson. How naive they are, expecting you to quit smoking - just because they warn you to quit smoking.

Did you read about the latest case? A jury just awarded \$21.7 million to a 49-year-old California woman who has - naturally - cancer. Her condition is no laughing matter. She is a mother of four. She smoked and she shouldn't have.

And whose fault was that? Why, it's tobacco's fault - who else? This bulletin just in: The tobacco industry makes tobacco. Tobacco can make you sick. How do I know? Well, mainly because

I can read English. Because it says so on every pack. Take a tip from me: Read the pack. A warning works so much better if you actually read it.

If this woman hadn't used that product, maybe she wouldn't be so sick. But did the jury blame her for smoking cigarettes? Of course it didn't. It blamed the people who made the smokes, the people who warned her that smoking could make her sick.

The woman and her husband recently were awarded \$1.72 million in compensatory damages. And then the jury came in last week with \$20 million more in punitive damages. It didn't matter that the woman disregarded a printed warning for the entire time she smoked. Tobacco made her sick. End of story.

A reporter was told later that at least one juror wanted to make it a billion dollars - billion, with a B. For disobeying a warning.

That's when I knew you could sue. That you could sue a product that is manufactured and sold legally, a product that you really shouldn't be using because it isn't good for you, and you could win because a jury

wouldn't hold you responsible.

You could sue beer. Beer can be hazardous to your health. Beer can contribute to alcoholism. Beer can contribute to accidents. Beer can affect your liver, and you really should take care of your liver. Therefore, don't drink beer if you wish to remain in perfect health, but remember, if it harms you, just sue the company that made your beer. After all, you wouldn't have drunk it if those people hadn't made it.

You could sue wine. Ditto. You could sue matchbooks. Many matchbooks warn you to close the cover before striking. But suppose you don't close the cover. Is that your fault? Those matchbook-makers have a lot of nerve, expecting you to understand such complicated instructions.

You could sue glue. The glue's supposed to hold objects together, not go up your nose. But suppose you sniff it. Suppose you freak out because you almost die. Who's fault is that - yours? Sue the glue!

Jurors will be sympathetic. In last week's case, for example, after the Philip Morris and R.J.

Reynolds companies were found liable for \$21.7 million worth of negligence and fraud, one fellow said of his fellow jurors that some "wanted a much higher amount... they wanted to shut down Big Tobacco."

I guess they were hoping to, you know, send a message. But there's another message they could have just as easily sent:

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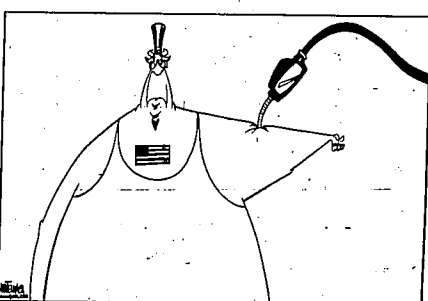
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Higher oil price is no national emergency

Oil is an issue today for one reason: the large and relatively sudden surge in oil prices, from just over \$10 a barrel little more than a year ago to around \$30 today. This has led to a dramatic increase in retail gasoline prices, from less than \$1 a gallon throughout most of the United States to more than \$1.50. Action by OPEC oil ministers meeting in Vienna to increase production will ease prices but not return them to where they were a year ago.



RICHARD N. HAASS

What is more important than the specific price of oil is price stability and predictability. Both are needed for planning and budgeting. All this suggests that use of the government's Strategic Petroleum Reserve would not be warranted under current circumstances. The reserve ought to be reserved to deal with true supply crises, not price-related problems. Second, the United States should engage in regular consultations with OPEC producers, who collectively account for some 40 percent of the oil produced in the world. Such talks cannot determine market funda-

mentals. Technology and larger economic trends will account for these, but they can prove useful in dealing with major market fluctuations such as those we have seen during the last year. More than anything else, this would involve the sharing of the most accurate projections of supply and demand, so that producers could adjust in time and thereby keep prices relatively level. Implicit in this is an acceptance of the notion that low prices per se should not be a goal of American energy policy. This goes beyond the adverse impact of low prices on American businesses and communities that depend on income from oil production or from the reality that low prices encourage consumption, with all that does to worsen the balance of pay-

ments and the environment. Low prices also discourage exploration and production, which over time all but guarantees supply shortages and higher prices. In addition, low prices, such as existed a year ago, cause great economic, social and political hardship for producer countries, including Mexico and Saudi Arabia, whose stability is a vital interest of the United States. American politicians should resist threatening sanctions (such as cutting off economic and military assistance) against those producers who join to constrain output. Such a confrontational approach would be inconsistent with the reality that we need to cooperate with many of these governments on a range of national security and economic undertakings. Today's focus on price should not obscure what is arguably the more important consideration of supply. What matters is that there is enough oil to meet the bulk of the world's demand. It is not that the United States imports more than half the oil it consumes daily, but also that the U.S. economy could not prosper in a world recession, something that would be triggered by a shortage of supply even if U.S. import needs were somehow met. There is only one global oil market; major supply shortages from any source will affect us all.

Richard N. Haass is vice president and director of foreign policy studies at the Brookings Institution. He writes this commentary for Newsday.

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A shepherd wears a placard reading "the presence of wolves has a serious incidence on breeding" as about 2,000 sheep take to the streets in Aix-en-Provence, southern France, Sunday.

Shepherds fear wolf attacks

AIX-EN-PROVENCE, France (AP) — Bearing anti-wolf signs and crying "wolf," dozens of shepherds led 2,000 sheep through this town in the south of France to protest the resurgence of the sheep's predator and to demand authorities remove it from their Alpine pastures.

"We're not against the wolf, but against the way it was reintroduced into France," said Louis Escoffier, of the Sheep Federation of the Bouches-du-Rhone.

Ancestors "had to burn entire forests" to get rid of the wolves, said Escoffier. Following a 50-year campaign to eradicate the wolves, they were removed from the region by 1924.

Now, the wolves are back and doing devastating damage, the shepherds said.

Some 5,000 sheep have been killed by wolves since the predators were reintroduced to the Alps in 1992, according to sheep farmers.

France's leftist government has tried to reconcile its wish to regenerate the wolf population with the shepherds' fears for their flocks.

A recently unveiled "wolf plan" would set up protection zones for wolves while allowing them to be hunted in other areas, like the Alps.

But sheep farmers said they want the animals — known for their roaming nature — to be penned up or killed.

Beatles reunite for book

LONDON (AP) — Thirty years after they split up, the three surviving Beatles have written a book setting the record straight about the "Fab Four," Sir Paul McCartney's spokesman said Sunday.

McCartney, George Harrison and Ringo Starr have spent six years writing the 360-page "Beatles Anthology 2" to be published in Britain and the United States in the fall.

The book will provide the frankest account of how the band ruled the pop world in the 1960s.

"We're making a huge volume of work, it's encyclopedic — it weighs something like two kilos (4.4 pounds)," said Geoff Baker, McCartney's spokesman.

"It goes across the board, everything is in there. It is about the Beatles as a band, the music, but it deals with everything else — the courts, the drugs, the disputes," Baker said. "This book answers all the questions."

No one was immediately available for comment Sunday at the offices of Harrison or Starr.

The Sunday Telegraph newspaper said the book will sell for about \$99.

Yoko Ono, the widow of John Lennon, the fourth Beatle who was shot to death in New York in 1980, will receive a quarter share of the profits, the newspaper said.

"It will dispel some of the myths — as every Tom, Dick and uncle of a friend has been writing books on the Beatles since 1963."

Egyptologists announce new pyramid discovery

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — French archaeologists have discovered the remains of a 4,000-year-old queen's pyramid south of Cairo, complete with texts of special prayers previously found only with kings.

The finding was one of several announced at the Eighth International Congress of Egyptologists, a weeklong conference that ends Monday and has drawn some 1,500 archaeologists to Cairo.

The French team, led by Jean Leclant, uncovered the foundation stones March 25 in Sakkarah, an ancient royal cemetery about 20 miles south of Cairo. The pyramid belonged to Queen Ankhes-Pepi, the wife of King Pepi I.

The archaeologists dug into the queen's burial chamber and found a stone bearing pyramid texts, or special prayers to protect the dead and ensure sustenance in the afterlife. Until this discovery, such texts had been located

only in the pyramids of kings. It is not yet known why they were in the queen's burial chamber.

"Who knows what else they may find?" said Gaballa Al-Gaballa, head of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities. The team will work at the site, now one of the country's largest, until the end of May.

In another discovery, Egyptian archaeologists said they found a painted tomb in the Western Desert from a 500 B.C. culture that exported wine to the Nile valley.

Leading Egyptian archaeologist Zahi Hawass, who is chairing the dig, said that through a hole in a wall of the tomb, he saw a burial chamber containing a stone coffin. The coffin was roughly 25 feet by seven feet.

"It may be intact, and inside there is likely a wooden sarcophagus and maybe even a mummy," Hawass said Sunday. "We will start excavating next week."

Colombian rebels storm jail, release 74 prisoners

BOGOTA, Colombia — Leftist rebels stormed a provincial jail, detonating a powerful car bomb to rip a hole in the prison wall and free 74 prisoners, officials said Sunday.

Guerrillas from the National Liberation Army and the People's Liberation Army unleashed automatic fire Saturday night against guards at the Modelo jail in Cucuta near the Venezuelan border, said regional police commander Col. Rafael Cepeda.

Prisoners inside the jail joined in the onslaught and fighting continued in the streets for more than an hour. A total of 74 inmates escaped, taking one guard with them as a hostage.

Two prison guards were wounded and four prisoners were killed, said Gen. Alfonso Arellano, operations director of the Colombian National Police.

Japan prepares for extended evacuation from volcano

DATE, Japan — Disaster relief officials are making plans for long-term accommodations for some of the 16,000 people forced to flee their homes because of the continuing eruption of Japan's Mount Usu volcano.

"We have to think about long-term preparations," said Takashi Nishino, an emergency preparedness official. In a strategy meeting Sunday morning, Hokkaido Prefecture Governor Tatsuya Hori told the heads of agencies involved in the evacuation that

World in brief

"this will be a long-term siege," Nishino said.

About 5,500 evacuees remain in public shelters — mostly school gymnasiums — and 13,000 are staying with friends or relatives as the volcano that first erupted Friday continues to shoot steam and ash into the air. Residents of one small farming community on the opposite side of the mountain from Mount Usu's eight spewing fissures were allowed to return home Sunday, but otherwise evacuation orders remain in place.

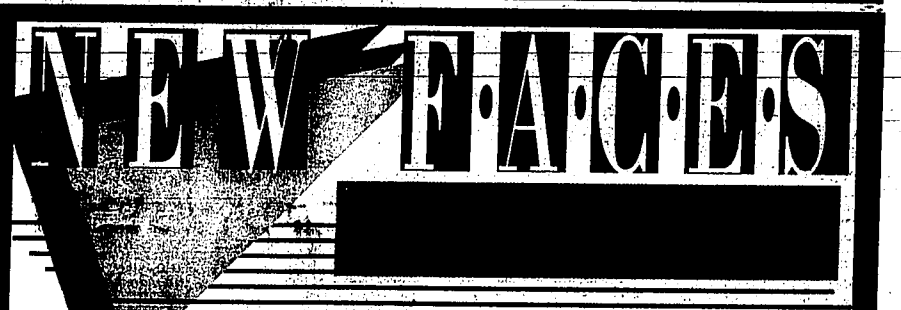
Congo rebels accuse army of attacks despite cease-fire

KIGALI, Rwanda — As Congo slides back into war, Congolese rebels on Sunday said they had killed at least 20 government troops in fresh attacks by President Laurent Kabila's army.

Rebel spokesman Kin-Kley Mulumba said the Rwandan-backed rebels had fought off government attacks at Maloba and Kisele in southern, diamond-rich Kasai Province, killing 17 soldiers and capturing one. The fighting last week also left five rebels wounded, two of them in critical condition in a hospital in the eastern rebel stronghold of Goma.

"We're fighting every day. There is no cease-fire," Mulumba said on telephone from Goma.

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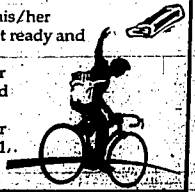
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SPORTSQUOTE

“I got kind of fired up after I hit it, and then I realized I had to calm down. It still has 162 games to go.”

—Giants outfielder Barry Bonds, who became the first player to belt a ball out of Pacific Bell Park and into San Francisco Bay — where it is retrieved by Tom Hoopes, a disease control investigator floating in his inflatable dinghy

IN-BRIEF

CSI finds career bests in Oregon

GALEEM, Ore. — The College of Southern Idaho track team left last weekend's Willamette Open with six career bests and national qualifying times for three runners.

Finishing first overall in the men's 3,000-meter steeplechase was Burley's B. J. Christensen, who ran a 9:12 and qualifies for the national championships. John Burkey finished fourth overall at 9:47, and also qualifies for nationals. John Datta was seventh at 10:22. In the men's 5,000, Mike Giampini finished as the top college runner and second overall with a 15:08 to qualify for nationals. Anson Toldal was 10th at 15:49 and Matt Reddington was 19th at 17:01.

On the women's side, Courtney Copenhagen ran an 11:20 for sixth in the 3,000, followed by Teamie Katto (14th at 13:34), Jen Cumber (16th at 14:00), Kristie Warner (17th at 14:07) and Amber Carroll (14th at 12:31). Both also took 11th in the 1,500 at 5:03, while Laura Hernandez placed ninth overall but first in her heat with an 800-meter time of 2:26.

The CSI team runs at the Micron Invitational this week in Boise. The regional meet takes place at the end of the month in Orem, Utah, with nationals slated to start May 11 in Edwardsville, Ill.

Burley boosters meet tonight

BURLEY — The Burley High School Boosters Club will meet at 7 p.m. today in the conference room next to the front office, at 2100 Parke Ave.

The agenda will include discussion of the craft fair scheduled for Saturday at the school and new officers.

Golfer Dan Hall holes Vineyard Greens No. 6

GLENN'S FERRY — Golfer Dan Hall recorded a hole-in-one at Vineyard Greens on Sunday, using an 8-iron to ace the 175-yard No. 6.

Jack Sharum, Oscar Ogden, Dan Blackwell and Travis Crane witnessed the shot.

Deadline is today to register for tennis

TWIN FALLS — Registration will be accepted through today for the week-long Windermere Combined NTRP doubles tennis tournament, which is set for April 9-16.

Registration forms can be picked up at the YMCA, Elevation Sports or CJ's Framing. Fees are \$15 for Twin Falls Tennis Association members and \$20 for nonmembers. High school tennis players are ineligible to participate. Players can also register online at: www.twinfallsna.com

Softball meeting for Mini-Cassia is set

BURLEY — Anyone wanting to organize a Mini-Cassia men's or all softball team must attend a meeting Friday at 7:30 p.m. at the Magic Valley Community College. For more information, call Phillip St. 733-3333.

Boys of summer open new season Rebels regain lead

The Associated Press

Ken Griffey Jr. will be in his new Reds jersey.

Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa will have the first facelift in the Home Run Central.

Andrés Galarraga, Kerry Ligtenberg, Moises Alou and Jason Kendall will be back.

And John Rocker, John Smoltz, Curt Schilling, Kerry Wood, Matt Williams, Darryl Strawberry and Richie Garcia will be among the missing.

The first full day of baseball in the new century did those games in Japan last week really count? — is filled with a year's worth of plot lines.

"My son's skipping school on opening day. It's a tradition," Griffey said. "Cincinnati expects that a lot of kids are not going to be there."

Griffey renewed baseball's

buzz in Cincinnati when he forced Seattle to trade him to his hometown team on Feb. 10. With their annual parade, the Reds — who started play in 1869 — get the most worked up about opening day.

"I can't wait to see Junior get announced," Reds first baseman Hal Morris said. The Reds open the North American portion of the baseball season against Milwaukee today.

"In '91, there was tremendous excitement because we'd just won the World Series," Morris said. "I think this matches if not surpasses that."

While the New York Mets and Chicago Cubs split a two-game series at Tokyo last week — the first season opener outside North America — the other 28 clubs were still at spring training.

The rest of the NL schedule has

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Chicago Cubs manager Don Baylor, left, and Sammy Sosa visit behind the batting cage Sunday at Busch Stadium.

Rebels regain lead

By Jeff Rosen
Times-News Sports Editor

TWIN FALLS — For the last several weeks, you had a sense it was coming. And over the weekend, with a three-of-four baseball series against Lake Community College, it finally happened.

Dixie College, Snow Summit, Utah, won the Athletic Conference championship two years ago, over Utah Valley State College and Salt Lake for the Region 18 lead. The Rebels are 11-3 in conference, 27-5 overall, and maintain a half-game lead on No. 2 Utah Valley.

The Wolverines fell to 11-4 (19-14 overall) over the weekend splitting a four-game swing with the College of Southern Idaho, while the Golden Eagles (7-9, 16-15) stayed in sixth place with the shared outcome.

Southern Idaho is five games out of the conference lead, but 1999 runner-up Salt Lake (11-5, 20-11) sits in third just one game back despite losing three of four to the Rebels. Treasure Valley Community College (10-6, 19-15), meanwhile, is two games back and in fourth place after dropping three of four to Snow College.

The fifth-place Badgers (9-7, 13-12), Southern Idaho's opponent this weekend for four games in Ephraim, Utah, are three games out.

North Idaho College (6-8, 13-14) is in seventh place in the conference standings after taking three of four contests from Ricks College (6-10, 8-19), who checks in at ninth place this week.

The College of Eastern Utah (6-9, 11-18) fattened itself on three victories and one tie against Colorado Northwestern Community College (0-16, 2-20), and occupies eighth place.

Colorado Northwestern is in last place in the conference.

But what does it all mean? For the hot-and-cold Golden Eagles, who have split their last seven conference doubleheaders, it means it's time to pick up the pace.

With this weekend marking the halfway point of the SWAC season, defending champion Southern Idaho would scrape into the Region 18 Tournament only by the slimmest of margins were it held today.

The top six teams qualify while the other four stay home.

"I'm not interested in simply winning," Southern Idaho coach Jim Walker said. "It's interesting the right way that interests me."

The Golden Eagles face a non-conference doubleheader Tuesday against the Weber State University club team at Frontier Field before embarking on what could be a pivotal road trip to Snow Friday and Saturday.

That four-game series against Colorado Northwestern awaits April 28-29 after contests against North Idaho and Salt Lake.

Southern Idaho closes out its regular season at Price, Utah, against CEU May 5-6, with regular season and postseason titles on the line.

Sun Valley supplied three of the six boys picked by the U.S. team for a Scandinavian Cup

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Huskies are champs - again

UConn bites Vols with 71-52 rout

The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Connecticut had too much talent, too much depth and too many quick hands. And now the Huskies have something else as well: a second national championship.

With an impressive display of ball-hawking defense and efficient, balanced offense — the foundation of UConn's play all season — the Huskies over-

whelmed Tennessee 71-52 Sunday night to win the women's NCAA title.

The top-ranked Huskies (36-1) beat No. 2 Tennessee for the second time in their careers this season and did it in a way that left the Lady Vols (33-4) dazed and looking helpless.

"I thought if we could play 40 minutes of really solid basketball, we'd be all right," UConn coach Geno Auriemma said. "We did. Our defense was just spectacular tonight."

Tennessee was in the Final Four for the 12th time and was seeking its seventh national championship. But the Lady Vols could offer little more than token opposition to the UConn machine, which completed an impressive run through the NCAA tournament.

No one in the tournament came

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Connecticut's Swintayia Cash, second from left, Kelly Schumacher and Kennitra Johnson celebrate as their team scores in the second half against Tennessee.

Men play today

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Michigan State and Florida both started the season in the Top 10 and never dropped far below. Now they're the only teams left.

Similarities over.

While the Spartans are most effective in a half-court game, where they can crash the boards and be physical, the Gators prefer to play at warp speed, using a 10-man rotation and full-court pressure.

Michigan State (31-7) was the only No. 1 seed to reach the Final Four and has lived up to the role in its bid for the national championship. The Spartans won every game in the NCAA tournament by at least 11 points, including

The big dance

Michigan St. (31-7) vs. Florida (29-7)
Today, 7 p.m. (CBS)

Saturday night's 53-41 victory over Wisconsin.

Florida, seeded fifth, get a first-round scare from Butler before wearing down higher-seeded teams — Illinois, top-ranked Duke and Oklahoma State — with its hectic pace. The Gators (29-7) used the same style to end North Carolina's surprising run with a 71-59 win Saturday night.

"We like to run, too," Michigan State coach Tom Izzo said.

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Florida forward Mike Miller, left, jokes with teammate Teddy Dupuy during a new conference Sunday at the RCA Dome in Indianapolis.

Not just Alpine: Baldy builds a great cross-country reputation

By Karen Bosack
Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Baldy gets all the glory when it comes to making headlines in the alpine ski world.

But during the 2000 International Cross-Country Series held last weekend at Sun Valley, it was important to recognize that the cross-country ski program in the Wood River Valley is second to none, said Pat Sawyer, head coach of Sun Valley's alpine ski team.

"Sun Valley's program is a pipeline for youngsters bound for the U.S. Junior Games and the

Sun Valley's program is gaining acclaim

national Nordic team.

Baldy's big selling point is 182 kilometers of cross-country trails that run right through Bellevue up to Galena Lodge, 24 miles north of Ketchum, with few breaks.

"You can't overestimate how important the terrain is," said head Nordic coach Rick Kappala. "Every little town in Scandinavia has their own cross-country ski area and most of them are lighted. Drive around Anytown, USA and you see baseball fields, football fields, soccer fields, basket-

ball courts. But rarely do you see cross-country tracks."

The scenic, well-groomed trails are considered among the best in the United States — so good, in fact, that the world-leading Norwegian cross-country men's team is considering making Sun Valley its summer and winter training camp for the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City.

If the Norwegians pick Sun Valley over Yellowstone, other teams will likely follow, said Jan Wilson, a member of the Idaho

2002 Committee, which is exploring ways Idaho can capitalize on the Salt Lake City games.

The Ukrainian Biathlon teams already are negotiating for winter and summer Olympic training camps in Sun Valley.

Alison Kiesel, who competed in Nordic events at the 1976 and 1980 Olympics, trained in Alaska before moving to Sun Valley. She has established WIND — Women in Nordic Development — for promoting female cross-country competitors like Laura Wilson, who placed 10th in the 5-kilometer relay in the 1996 Olympics. Wilson also competed in the 1998 Olympics.

In Alaska, Kiesel said, she trained in survival mode, worrying more about bears, bad weather and challenging brush than her times. Here, she said, the wilderness is friendly and accessible, a fun place to train.

"I can be on a great trail just five minutes from my door, and the snow is good but it's not bitterly cold and dark," she said. "And there are a lot of outdoors-minded women, strong, emotionally healthy women, to ski and run with."

Sun Valley supplied three of the six boys picked by the U.S. team for a Scandinavian Cup

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Avalanche buries Dallas in overtime, 3-2

Candleridge Men's Association meets
TWIN FALLS - The Candleridge Men's Golf Association will hold its first meeting of the year Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Candleridge Golf Course clubhouse.

Wendell Rec sets sign-ups for summer
WENDELL - The Wendell Recreation District will hold registration for summer youth baseball, softball and T-Ball programs this Thursday and Friday from 6-8 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. to noon at the Wendell High School Gym.

Baseball, softball players can register
RUPERT - Local athletes can register for the Rupert Parks and Recreation Department's baseball and softball programs at the Rupert City Hall or at the Rupert Recreation Office.

Little E claims first Winston Cup victory
FORT WORTH, Texas - Dale Earnhardt went to victory lane again Sunday. This time it was to celebrate his son's first Winston Cup win.

Bum thumb will sideline Reds' Casey
CINCINNATI - First baseman Sean Casey will be sidelined for 2-3 weeks with a broken thumb on his throwing hand, ending the Cincinnati Reds' remarkable run of good health.

Mariners send Tomko down to Tacoma
SEATTLE - Right-hander Brett Tomko, who came to Seattle during the offseason as part of the trade involving Ken Griffey Jr. but has posted an 0-2 record at 6.59 ERA, won't start the season with the Mariners.

Space Needle impresses at Safeco Field
SEATTLE - Ryan Anderson made his Safeco Field debut for the Seattle Mariners' final spring exhibition. He may be back soon.

Mickelson ends dream week for young Nicklaus
DULUTH, Ga. (AP) - Streaks and sentimental victories don't stand a chance against Phil Mickelson.

Golf
rest just 4 inches from a lip that was 10 inches high, but looked more like Mount Everest from his view.

Kite beats Watson
SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. - Tom Kite made a 1-foot birdie putt on the sixth hole of a playoff with Tom Watson in the Tradition, the Senior PGA Tour's first major of the season.

Ski
Wood River High School was recently honored for having the top Nordic program in the United States.

Game
because they're the Yankees," Chuck Knoblauch said. "It's a double-edged thing, because we're the Yankees and we're the defending champions, so everybody is gunning for us."

NHL
DENVER (AP) - Shjon Polden stole the puck from goalie Ed Belfour behind the net and scored the shoo-in goal with 47 seconds left in overtime, lifting the Colorado Avalanche to a 3-2 win over the Dallas Stars on Sunday.

Hurricanes 1, Flyers 0
RALEIGH, N.C. - Arcann Irbu stopped 31 shots and Bates Bataglia scored as Carolina beat Philadelphia.

Champs

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closer than 15 points to the Huskies, whose only loss was a 72-71 setback to Tennessee on Feb. 2.

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) - Mateen Cleaves, Charlie Bell and Morris Peterson.

Men
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Devils 4, Lightning 1
TAMPA, Fla. - Patrick Elias had two goals and Martin Brodeur stopped 26 shots as New Jersey beat Tampa Bay.

Blues 4, Senators 1
ST. LOUIS - Backup goalie Jarric McLennan stopped 26 shots, and Scott Young scored twice, leading St. Louis over Ottawa.

Canucks 3, Blackhawks 4
CHICAGO - Denis Pederson had two goals and an assist as Vancouver inched closer to a playoff spot.

Thrashers 5, Islanders 4
ATLANTA - Donald Audette scored on a third-period break away as Atlanta snapped a 17-game home-winless streak, beating the New York Islanders.

NCAA notebook
always hear kids saying they want-to-get-better-so they can be like us.

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Lakers now own the East with KO of Knicks

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Shaquille O'Neal scored 24 of his 34 points in the first half as Los Angeles rolled to a fight-marred victory over New York.

The Lakers have won nine straight and 28 of 29. O'Neal also had 12 rebounds, four assists and five blocked shots in dominating the middle against Patrick Ewing, who shot only 6-of-17 and had 14 points and eight rebounds.

Heat 88, Spurs 84
MIAMI — Jamal Mashburn scored 26 points and Miami capitulated on Tim Duncan's poor free-throw shooting for its 16th win in 17 home games.

David Robinson had 28 points for the Spurs, who had won five straight. San Antonio's Duncan missed three of four free-throw attempts in the final minutes of the game.

NBA

Bulls 83, Cavaliers 74

CLEVELAND — Chris Carr scored 40 points in the fourth quarter to spark Chicago, which ended a four-game losing skid.

Trail Blazers 95, SuperSonics 92

PORTLAND, Ore. — Steve Smith scored 21 points and Scottie Pippen had 18 as Portland completed a season sweep of Seattle for the first time since the 1990-91 season.

Mavericks 100, Grizzlies 86

VANGOUVER, British Columbia — Dirk Nowitzki scored 15 of his 22 points in the third quarter to lead six Dallas players in double figures.

The Mavericks have won 12 of their last 19 road games.

Vancouver was led by Shaq of Abdur-Rahim's 23 points

Williams hit four of his five three-pointers in the third period as Sacramento broke open a close game with a 13-0 run against Philadelphia.

Platons 113, Nets 92

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Jermy Stackhouse scored 34 points, 10 off second-quarter dunks, as Detroit pounded New Jersey to avoid falling into eighth place in the Eastern Conference.

Pacers 104, Raptors 83

TORONTO — Sam Perkins made all six of his three-point attempts and scored a season-high 22 points for Indiana.

Jalen Rose, who has led the Pacers in scoring in eight of the last nine games, had a team-high 23 points. Toronto's Vince Carter left the game early in the third quarter with a bruised right shoulder. He was examined by team doctors and didn't return.

Suns 87, T'Wolves 86

MINNEAPOLIS — Kevin Johnson made his return Sunday two years after leaving the NBA for what many thought was a premature retirement.

Kings 117, 76ers 95

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Jason

Sampras edges Kuerten in thriller

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Pete Sampras earned his first tournament title of the year Sunday, defeating a boisterous crowd by beating Brazilian Gustavo Kuerten in a dramatic four-set marathon in two hours and 11 minutes.

Looking weary, Sampras took a 6-2 lead in the final tiebreaker. But he made four consecutive errors to make the score 6-6. He held another match point at 7-6 but double-faulted, and hit a backhand return long at 8-7.

Sampras went ahead again, 9-8, then came to the net behind his serve. Kuerten's forehead passing shot clipped the net cord and sailed into Sampras' arms. Both arms in jubilation as Kuerten angrily swiped at the ground with his racket, mangling it.

The sellout crowd of 14,145 was evenly divided in its loyalty, with many fans waving Brazilian flags and singing Kuerten's nickname, *Guigo*. Sun chants of "Let's go Pete!" dominated during the final tiebreaker.

"It was choking there at the end, feeling my nerves," Sampras said. "But it got through it. It was a hard-fought match. My conditioning wasn't there, but the crowd was tremendous. They really got behind me."

Sampras, seeded second behind Andre Agassi, earned his third title at Key Biscayne but his first since 1994. He received \$410,000 and Kuerten earned \$215,000.

The 18th-seeded Kuerten, 23, beat Agassi in the semifinals as he was bidding for his first hard-court title of his career.

Sampras, who had 20 aces, dominated with his serve for much of the match, and Kuerten converted just one of six break-point opportunities.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Area libraries receive grants to go online

TWIN FALLS - A dozen southern Idaho libraries are among a long list in the state that will receive a chunk of the more than \$1 million donated by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The money will be used to buy computer equipment to get Idaho residents online. The foundation will provide software and training for the libraries.

"Technology experts say that large parts of rural America are losing out because they lack skills to access digital information," said Charles Bolen, state librarian. "As we gain speed on the Internet, people will need those skills to find jobs, to develop businesses, and to participate in the democratic process."

Libraries serving communities with poverty levels higher than 10 percent qualified for the grants. The awards were distributed based on a library's size. Area libraries combined received more than \$128,000 in grants. Local recipients are in Buhl, Burley, Camas County, Glenns Ferry, Gooding, Hagerman, Hansen, Jerome, Carey, Oakley, Shoshone and Twin Falls.

Jerome City Hall will close for an hour due to funeral

JEROME - Jerome City Hall will be closed from 11 a.m. to noon today so employees can attend funeral services of former city council member Elza Hall.

Funeral services will be held at the LDS Church on Tiger Drive in Jerome.

TF City Council to discuss commission appointments

TWIN FALLS - The City Council will discuss a request to appoint Richard Goddard and Susan Waters to the Historic Preservation Commission today.

The council will meet 5 p.m. at City Hall. The meeting is open to the public.

Sun Valley Center for the Arts offers crafts classes

KETCHUM - Free craft classes for kids on spring break are being offered today through Thursday by the Sun Valley Center for the Arts.

"Exploring the Natural World" will be taught by naturalist Ann Christensen and artist Marilyn Frazier. They will investigate the natural world through stories, art projects and scientific observations.

Classes will be held 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. the first three days, with a full-day field trip to the Hagerman Fossil Beds, the Oregon Trail and other sites of interest the final day.

The class is designed for kids ages 7 through 10. Enrollment is limited. To register, call 726-9491.

Spouses of deceased vets can keep military plates

TWIN FALLS - A new bill allows surviving spouses of veterans to retain and display military license plates, according to a news release from the Idaho Transportation Department.

If special plates have been relinquished, the surviving spouse may reapply for up to five years after the death of a spouse. If the original plate number is no longer available another number may be assigned. The plates must be used on a vehicle owned by the surviving spouse.

Application for military license plates are available at auto licensing offices statewide or on the Internet at www2.state.id.us/itd/dmvstats.htm.

Army extends comment period for river study

TWIN FALLS - The public comment period on the draft of the Lower Snake River juvenile salmon migration feasibility report and environmental impact statement has been extended to April 30, according to a news release from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Comments should be sent to the Department of the Army, Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers, Attn: Lower Snake River Study, 201 North Third Ave., Walla Walla, Wash. 99362.

Compiled from staff reports

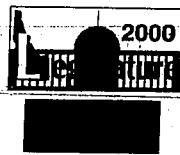
Legislators push toward final days

By Michael Journee
Times-News writer

BOISE - Prospects of a Tuesday or Wednesday adjournment, not to mention the sunny spring weather, gave weary legislators a boost last week as the Statehouse's bill mill picked up steam.

Education money and more tax relief debate dominated what was likely the final full week of the 2000 legislative session.

On Friday, the House warily agreed to an unusual proposal from the Legislature's joint budget committee to allow Demo-



cratic State Superintendent of Schools Marilyn Howard to divert up more than \$870 million in education funds as she sees fit.

Tired of criticism from the Republican-dominated Legislature about the power they wield over public policy through their control of the state's purse strings, and unable to overcome their own impasse on how to budget the money, committee members sent an appropriation bill giving Howard the power to fund her own priorities without legislative oversight.

Exhausted from one of the longest legislative sessions in Idaho history, and likely unable to find the time or the political will this late in the session to

rework the idea, the House agreed to the bill in a 49-17 vote Friday.

A rarely used joint conference committee was unable to find enough common ground in the House and Senate's debate over how big and what kind of tax cut should be given this year.

With the conference committee at loggerheads, House tax committee members met Thursday and threw together three substitute packages which were approved by the full House Friday. The Senate will likely take a look at the proposals

today or Tuesday.

If the Senate rejects all three of the proposals any tax relief measures will not likely be passed this session.

Here are a few other issues from this past week at the Statehouse of interest to the Magic Valley:

Beef CAFO regs become law
Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signed into law Wednesday a measure

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FREE FALL



Eric Lyman, owner of Over The Edge, a Boise-based bungee jumping company, leaps off the 500-foot Perrine Bridge on Saturday. The bridge is a popular location for bungee jumpers and BASE jumpers, parachutists who dive from buildings, antennas, spans and the earth.

TF school spending ranks low

Two national studies show it in bottom 4 percent, bottom 15 percent

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The per-pupil cost of public education in Twin Falls is close to the bottom nationwide, though its exact ranking depends on how you crunch the numbers.

One analysis of national data shows the district's per-pupil spending ranks in the bottom 4 percent nationwide. Another analysis of the same data shows the district in the bottom 15 percent.

The positive side of the low rankings is that the community gets a lot from its education dollars, said Terrell Donicht, the Twin Falls school superintendent.

"While we do well, we cannot be apfully proud of the level of financial commitment we make to education in the whole state

About this story

Ranking school districts can be confusing, because data can be interpreted in various ways. This article attempts to shed light on how per-pupil spending in Twin Falls compares with schools nationwide.

Twin Falls school officials previously have said the district's per-pupil spending ranks in the bottom 2 percent nationally, a figure based on their own survey of state education departments and school districts nationwide. Independent analysts, however, say

and the Magic Valley," he said. Rankings of this kind are not the most valid indicators of educational quality, Donicht said. But he noted that a soon-to-be-released economic study of the Twin Falls-Jerome area mentions per-pupil spending. Low

that type of ranking would not take into account the way different states report their financial data.

An initial calculation by The Times-News in January concluded the district's spending was around the 31st percentile, ranking about 11,000th out of roughly 16,000 districts nationwide. But those figures reflected incomplete information from Education Week magazine's database.

Today's story attempts to dig more deeply into the numbers.

spending hurts the community's attractiveness to businesses looking to move to the area, he said.

A district's ranking is not as important as how it spends the money, said William J. Fowler Jr., an education finance specialist for the U.S. Department

While we do well, we cannot be awfully proud of the level of financial commitment we make to education in the whole state and the Magic Valley.

- Terrell Donicht,
Twin Falls
school superintendent

of Education's National Center for Education Statistics.

"It's not so much where you rank. It's how you deploy the money," he said.

Ranking per-pupil spending is

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Rupert evaluates tree ordinance

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - A committee would like to make the city a little greener. Trees will be the subject of discussion at Tuesday's City Council meeting when the Tree Advisory Committee presents its draft of a proposed tree ordinance to the council, said Sherry Miles, a member of the committee.

The purpose of the ordinance is to promote, preserve and protect trees on city-owned property, Miles said. The committee, in conjunction with the county extension office, also wants to educate the public about tree planting and the proper trimming of trees and shrubs.

Kathy Norris, chairman of the

Tree care workshop

A free tree care workshop will be held from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. April 19 at Doo's Pizza in Rupert. The workshop fee is \$10 for pre-registration or \$15 at the door. For information, call Gery Bates at 208-522-5964.

committee, is already hot on the trail of tree preservation. Committee members want to set up a program to protect trees and beautify the city, she said. The plan includes a list of trees in need of trimming, places where trees need to be planted, and trees that need to be removed.

"We are dead-set against topping

trees," she said.

Norris said some trees may appear healthy but are actually dead in the middle. She said topped trees are susceptible to death because they are left open to all kinds of fungal and bacterial diseases. Weak trees can also be blown over in a wind-storm.

The committee will recommend planting cone-shaped trees such as Linden trees instead of trees that could grow up into power lines, she said.

One of the biggest advantages of having a tree ordinance is that it will enable the city to apply for Tree City USA status which will allow the city to apply for grants for trees, Miles said.

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Castleford students dig into archaeology

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - Castleford High School students wanted to learn more about the history of the land around them.

So under the supervision of Superintendent Kelly Murphy and teachers Bill Garrison and Randy Maves, 10 students got the opportunity to explore some of Idaho's south-central desert uplands.

"They took everything they learned from the experience and put it into a book that was recently published."

"The Art and Science of Archaeology" was the result of a year-long endeavor which began in late 1998. According to Murphy, the project took students from the pre-fieldwork to actually doing the technical writing.

"The academics of the project included many things," Murphy said.

Students not only learned more about the area's history, they also learned how to do surveys, computer graphics and technical writing. It was a challenging project that required advanced mathematical skills.

The completed work was made possible by an Experimental Creative Grant from the Idaho Department of Education. It includes photographs of petroglyphs (ancient rock drawings) in the area.

With the assistance of Suzann Hendrikson, an archaeologist with the Shoshone office of the Bureau of Land Management, the area of research was selected for its safety features - no too many snakes - and its accessibility.

According to Jim Woods, a professor of anthropology and director of the Herrett Center at the College of Southern Idaho, the work will be beneficial as a reference guide for rock art research.

"It's a wonderful thing ... and adds so much to our understanding of the past," Woods said.

Nic Clark, a high school junior and one of the book's authors, said the experience gave him a new respect for nature.

"Now when I happen on to something like an old water hole or a small pile of rocks - something that's not quite natural - I'll leave it just like I found it, or report it to an archaeologist," Clark said.



Steve Pool, a Rupert maintenance worker, trims a tree in a Rupert park. The tree was damaged by a recent storm and its branches needed pruning.

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OBITUARIES

For obituary rates and information, call 733-0931, Ext. 278, between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Deadlines are 4:30 p.m. for next-day publication. Death notices are a free service and can be placed until 5 p.m. every day.

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DOE looks at incinerator options

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Fresh from another incineration defeat, the Department of Energy is forced to look at alternatives. Wealthy landowners, ski bumps and longtime watchdog groups and lawyers successfully pressured the agency last week to postpone building a controversial incinerator at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. For the fourth time, the Department of Energy has halted plans for a nuclear waste incinerator, largely because of heated public opposition.

Secretary of Energy Bill Richardson also has committed to look for technologies that could replace burning hazardous and radioactive wastes at Department of Energy sites across the country. In settling that lawsuit, Richardson postponed plans to construct an incinerator at the INEEL, until a panel of seven scientists evaluates other options for destroying hazardous chemicals in nuclear waste. The Department of Energy will proceed with a plant that will crush and package the majority

of the waste in Idaho, which does not need to be specially treated to go to a permanent dump. The panel of scientists also will recommend up-and-coming technologies that do not involve incineration for the department's environmental Research and Development arm. Panel members still could decide that incineration is the best treatment option for the small portion of the waste in Idaho laced with chemicals. Environmentalists say they will fight to keep the panel more forward-looking.

RUPERT

son, Colby Clark. She was preceded in death by a brother, Minor Ishino, and her parents. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, April 5, 2000, at the United Methodist Church, 450 East 27th Street in Burley, with burial to take place in the Pleasant View Cemetery in Burley. Friends may call at the Payne Mortuary, 221 West Main Street in Burley, on Tuesday 7-8:30 p.m., and at the church one hour prior to the funeral on Wednesday. The family suggests memorials be given to the Cassia County 4-H Foundation or the ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease) Association in care of Payne Mortuary.

before settling in Paul in 1982. He retired in 1983. Since retirement he has enjoyed traveling and camping in their fifth-wheel trailer, golfing, fishing and being with his children and grandchildren. He was member of the Burley Elks, the Rupert Country Club and the LDS Church, where he served as a home teacher. He is survived by his wife, Mardonne, of Paul; one daughter, Nicole Smith, of Burley; one son, Michael, of Grand Junction, Idaho; five grandchildren and three great grandchildren; one brother, D. D. Sreid, of Alton, Wyoming; two sisters, Mona (Byrce) Allied, of Burley, and Joyce (Nolan) Dransy, of Mission Viejo, California. He was preceded in death by his parents, two brothers, one sister, and two daughters.

BOISE

Lester G. Culley

Lester G. Culley, 90, of Rupert died April 1, 2000, at Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Unit. Lester was born April 11, 1909, in Tungerton, Illinois. He was the son of Millard Franklin (M.F.) and Ida Bailey Culley. He attended school in Illinois and the family moved to Rupert, Idaho, in 1917. He graduated from Rupert High School in 1929. He worked for the State Highway Department surveying and mapping roads after high school. Lester also studied and earned a Junior Watchmaker certificate. He married Mildred Harbock on January 16, 1935, in Rupert. Soon after Lester sold Real Estate and Farmer's insurance with his father. In 1940 he purchased a farm north of Rupert and farmed until retirement in 1978. Lester spent his retirement years enjoying friendly exchange with the people of Rupert. Each day he looked forward to joining his friends for coffee and conversation at Amen's Cafe. Then he would go on to visit the folks at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital. Lester basked in the warmth of other people and gave rays of sunshine to all he encountered on his daily rounds.

He is survived by his wife, Mildred; his son, Earl (Jean) Culley, of Paul; his sister, Thelma Anderson (Grant) Filmore, of Burley; his grandson, Alan Culley, of Arvada, CO; his granddaughter, Jana (Walter) Berger, of Milton, LA; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Leland Culley; and his sisters, Thelma Anderson and Charlotte Manning, and Wilma Badger.

Funeral services will be held 2 p.m. Monday, April 3, 2000, at Hanson Mortuary Rupert Chapel with Pastor Dan Lovelace officiating. Friends may call Tuesday evening 6-8 p.m. at the Hanson Mortuary one hour prior to the service on Wednesday. Burial will follow at the Rupert Cemetery.

BURLEY

Hisayo 'Mary' Hondo
Hisayo "Mary" Hondo, 75, of Burley, died Friday, March 31, 2000, at her home in Burley. She was born November 22, 1924, in Syracuse, Utah, the daughter of Kinichi and Saku Horii Ishino. Mary attended grade school in Syracuse and graduated from Davis High School in Kayville, Utah, in 1943. She then moved to Salt Lake City, Utah, where she worked in the alterations department of ZCMI. In 1948, she met Roy N. Hondo, and on February 2, 1947, they were married in Rupert. They farmed in Rupert until 1949, when they purchased a farm in Burley, where they raised their children, "Patty," Gaylen, and "Jimmy," and where they have since resided. Mary devoted her love and attention to her family but still found time to keep the farm books and later work part-time in different retail businesses while her children were in school. She was active as a 4-H leader for nearly 20 years and traveled to Japan and Washington as a 4-H group chaperone and advisor. In 1983, she and Roy were honored as the Grand Marshalls of the Cassia County Fair. They retired from farming, Mary and Roy enjoyed traveling, camping, and fishing with the Good Sam Club and their many friends. Survivors include her husband, Roy; of Burley; a daughter, Pat (Robert) Hinckley, of Nyssa, Oregon; two sons, Ryan (Cathy) Hondo and Jim (Debi) Hondo, of Burley; two sisters, Akiko Hondo, of Burley; Yoshiko Kohatsu, of Ontario, California; and grandchildren, Chae Morinaka, Kellan Morinaka; Tantor Morinaka, Amy Hondo; Katie Hondo; Ryan Hondo; Zetelle (Ryan) Wilson; and Jarmy (Brent) Clark; and one great grand-

BOISE

Maria del Rosario Sanchez Mota
Maria del Rosario Sanchez Mota, 52, of Boise, peacefully joined hands with the Lord, her first love, on Thursday, March 30, 2000. She was born August 22, 1947, in Laredo, Texas, the daughter of Francisco and Benedita Sanchez. She was a graduate of Nixon High School in Laredo in 1966. Chayo married and had one child, Roberto Mota III. The family lived in San Diego, CA, for a short while and later moved to Twin Falls, Idaho. She began a career as a technician for the local phone company. In 1980, she and her son moved to Pocatello, Idaho, to pursue her career. After seven years, her son joined the Air Force and Chayo was transferred to Boise to work for U.S. West. She worked for the company for 18 years.

Rosa, as she was known by her friends, was an example of a true believer. Her love for her make-up, exudes and anyone she talked to was able to feel it. She was the epitome of a perfect mother. She was very loving, caring, understanding and supportive. She was hardworking, friendly and most of all very committed to God. She shared her love and faith to everyone. She always looked at the bright and positive side of things and in doing so, was able to ease the burdens of others.

She is survived by her son, Roberto Mota III (Cibolo Rodriguez); one grandson, Roberto Christian of Sulist City, Calif.; four brothers, Francisco Sanchez of Corpus Christi, Texas; Manuel de Jesus Sanchez, Jose Arturo (Marty) Sanchez and Gerardo (Lava) Sanchez all of Twin Falls, Idaho; three sisters, Wilmas Sanchez, Maria Benedita (Floyd, Sr.) Padilla and Veronica Castillo all of Twin Falls, Idaho; 11 nieces and five nephews. She was missed by all ways be loved and missed by all who knew her. A vigil service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 3, 2000, at the Guadalupe Catholic Church, 630 Falls Ave., Twin Falls, Idaho, with a Mass of the Resurrection service to be held on Tuesday, April 4, at the church with burial to follow. Friends may call at White Mortuary on Monday, April 3, 4-6 p.m.

YUMA, ARIZ.

Andra 'Andi' Holmstead
The little yellow horse woman went to her cowboy in the sky on Monday, 26, 2000, in Yuma, Arizona. Our family "Rebel" was born in Jacksonville, Florida, June 13, 1949, to John and Anna Potts, the third of five girls.

"Andi" was preceded in death by her husband and soulmate, Leonard W. Holmstead; her father and mother, John and Anna; grandmother, Helen Maymouthe; and niece, Halley Bakso.

She is survived by her daughter, Nicole Sherwood, son, Ron Holmstead and wife Kim, granddaughters, Taylor, son, Mike Holmstead and Pam, grandson Brandon; daughter, Linda Holmstead, grandson, Tyler; sisters, Karen Bonnett and husband Jerry, Georgia Scriver and husband Rick, Sherry Blanton and husband Rick, and Bridget Totton and husband, Jerry; brother-in-law, Ron Holmstead and wife Ruth and special dancing partner nephew, Jacob Shane; nephews and nieces, Rick Gauger, Goorriann Poynter, Jeremy Withuhn, Jeri Clements, J.R. Blanton, Terri Turner, Sandra McCabe, Kathy Trudgou, Scott Bonney, special boxing partner cousin Mick Potts and wife Liz; cousins, aunts, uncles, numerous grandchildren and grand-nephews; best friends, Marcia Long, Ellen Finney and special friend, Ed Aitchison.

She was a wonderful wife and mother. She was one heck of a sister and will be missed by all. She tried just about anything and succeeded. In her life, she was a truck driver, roller coaster, bartender, call puller, hay baler, team ropo, 4-H leader, antique shopper, and Elk camp cook (Saborra Ranch). She loved sing and dance, fish to jig and hunt, and she liked a good poker game at the Legion.

She had just returned from Australia, which was her lifelong dream. She was a longtime Whitebly Island resident. She lived many places and laughed many lives and we were all fortunate to have known her. Private family graveside services will be held, Marie will flow on Sunday, April 9, 2000, at 2 p.m. at the Bayview American Legion, Whitebly Island, Washington.

TWIN FALLS

Mary Elizabeth Suter
Mary Elizabeth Suter, 86, of Twin Falls, died Saturday, April 1, 2000, at Twin Falls Care Center. Mary was born September 14, 1913, in Aurora, Illinois; the daughter of Anthony and Elizabeth Tourie. On March 29, 1930, she married Everett J. Suter in Aurora, Ill. He preceded her in death on June 15, 1999, in Cottonwood, Ariz. She is survived by her daughter and son-in-law, Joan and Gerald Lynch of Twin Falls; four grandchildren, Connie (Dan) Hagamen of Sammamish, Wash.; Ken Lynch of Twin Falls; Glen (Annie) Lynch of Las Vegas, Nev.; and Ron (Caryl) Lynch of Grand Junction, CO. She has seven great-grandchildren, four step-great-grandchildren, and one step-great-great-grandson. She was preceded in death by her parents, husband, three sisters and two brothers. At Mary's request, no services will take place. Cremation will take place under the direction of White Mortuary and Crematory. A private burial will take place in Cottonwood Cemetery in Cottonwood, Ariz., at a later date.

PAUL

Paul Oran Nield
Paul Oran Nield, 76, of Paul, died April 1, 2000, after an extended illness at Cassia Regional Medical Center. Oran was born December 19, 1923 at Alton, Wyoming, the son of L. Dee & Ellen Phonda Nelson Nield. He graduated from Star Valley High School in Alton in 1942. He went on to attend University of Wyoming before enlisting in the Air Force in 1943 and served until 1946, flying 25 missions as a tail gunner in a B-24. He married Marjorie Johnson on April 13, 1946, in Alton, Wyoming. He ranched with his father until moving to Idaho in 1956. He farmed in Richfield, Idaho, until 1960 when he went to work as a logger in the Snake River Impacts. He lived in Twin Falls, and Kimberly

SLC police shoot man dead in his home

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - A Salt Lake City police SWAT team officer is an administrative leave for shooting to death a knife-wielding man after a three-hour standoff. The man, who was not identified by police, may have taken too much medicine for manic depression, Salt Lake Police Capt. Scott Atkinson said. Officers responded to a domestic dispute complaint Friday night. "Officers found the victim in the front yard yelling and screaming and carrying on," Atkinson

said. He brandished a pair of hunting knives and threw things at officers, then retreated to the house. A handwritten note on the front gate accused the man "was prepared to die," Atkinson said. The man broke windows in the house and challenged police to get him; then left the house and again threatened officers with the knife, Atkinson said. Police shot the man with a bean-bag gun in an effort to subdue the man, but he barricaded himself in the house. For three hours officers tried to

negotiate before launching tear gas into the home early Saturday morning. Suspecting the man may have attempted suicide, officers entered the house and the man rushed at officers with a kitchen knife. "Again, we hit him with a bean bag and that momentarily stops him. He continues to advance. The officer fires," Atkinson said. The officer who fired wasn't identified. It was the first police shooting death in Salt Lake City this year and the third in the state.

Seed growers get closer to contract agreements

NAMPA (AP) - Seed growers enmeshed in the AgribioTech Inc. bankruptcy will soon have some real numbers in their hands. An agreement has been reached between AgribioTech and Dairyland to have grower contracts picked up by Dairyland, a Wisconsin-based company. The agreement - expected to

be signed within the next two or three weeks - includes a price structure to make the arrangement as fair as possible for both sides. "The growers committee felt that this offer may be our best option to bring the contract issue to some closure," reads a letter that growers will receive this week. "Considering the legal costs, possible acre reduc-

tion and current seed oversupply, we felt that this was an acceptable offer for the growers as a group." "The committee felt this was the best offer we could get," Growers Committee Chairman Jim Briggs said. "In the bankruptcy process we've got to settle for what we can get and get some security for the acres that are in the ground."

SERVICES

Etza H. Hall of Jerome, service at 11 a.m. today at the Jerome LDS Church on Tiger Drive, 26 N. 100 E. (Hove) Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Wallace G. Savage of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.

Roy L. Stewart of Lubbock, Texas, service at 2 p.m. today at the Rupert Christian Church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Guadalupe Catholic Church, 630 Falls Ave. in Twin Falls; Mass of the Resurrection service at 10 a.m. Tuesday at the church. Friends may call from 4-6 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Monte Dean Dryden of Pocatello, graveside service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Rupert Cemetery; family and friends may call from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. today and 10-10:45 a.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel.

Larry Allen DeThorne of Pine, memorial service at 2 p.m. Saturday at the Sheep Bridge, one mile north of Pine.

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Money for schools

How Twin Falls School District ranks financially among its 'peer' districts

The National Center for Education Statistics maintains a web site of school district financial information. Internet users can pull up comparison data about school districts. This site's analysis of Twin Falls School District pulled up a list of 75 peer school districts out of a national database of roughly 16,000 districts.

Average spending per pupil

Table with columns: Twin Falls, State, Peer Districts, National. Values: Twin Falls \$4,194, State \$4,735, Peer Districts \$4,735, National \$5,689.

(Includes expenditures for instruction, support services, and instructional services for salaries, employee benefits, purchased services and supplies and payments by the state made for or on behalf of school systems. Excludes expenditures for debt or capital outlay. Source: Common Core of Data, fiscal year 1996. State of Idaho data lists the district's average spending per student for the same year at \$3,550.)

Average core spending per pupil

Table with columns: Twin Falls, State, Peer Districts, National. Values: Twin Falls \$2,270, State \$2,995, Peer Districts \$2,908, National \$3,882.

(Includes expenditures for instruction, student support services such as health, guidance, and speech; and instructional staff support services such as curriculum development, in-staff training; and educational media including libraries. Source: Common Core of Data, fiscal year 1996.)

Average student-teacher ratio

Table with columns: Twin Falls, State, Peer Districts, National. Values: Twin Falls 20, State 19, Peer Districts 16.8, National 16.8.

(Source: 1992 National Public Education Fiscal Survey, State of Idaho data for 1998-99 lists the district's student teacher ratio at 18-1 in both elementary and secondary grades.)

Average administrative ratio

Table with columns: Twin Falls, State, Peer Districts, National. Values: Twin Falls 16.2%, State 13.7%, Peer Districts 13.5%, National 13.5%.

(The ratio is the sum of administrative costs divided by instructional costs and expressed as a percent. Source: Common Core of Data, fiscal year 1996. State of Idaho data for 1998-99 shows the district had 255 students for every administrator, compared with the statewide average of 216 students for every administrator.)

Demographic information

Median income

Table with columns: Twin Falls, State, Peer Districts, National. Values: Twin Falls \$24,443, State \$23,054, Peer Districts \$22,249, National \$28,450.

Percent of households with high school graduates

Table with columns: Twin Falls, State, Peer Districts, National. Values: Twin Falls 77.8%, State 75.5%, Peer Districts 64%, National 73.5%.

Median housing unit value

Table with columns: Twin Falls, State, Peer Districts, National. Values: Twin Falls \$55,043, State \$48,594, Peer Districts \$49,361, National \$71,109.

Children in poverty

Table with columns: Twin Falls, State, Peer Districts, National. Values: Twin Falls 16.2%, State 18.3%, Peer Districts 22.4%, National 16.7%.

(Source: National Center for Education Statistics)

School

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A useful rule of thumb that illustrates a relative sense of the resources devoted to educating students, he said. The figures often are used in state school equity lawsuits and for comparisons by states wanting to devote more money to education.

To examine school spending in Twin Falls, The Times-News obtained two analyses of national data. Both are based on the Common Core of Data, a national database compiled by the National Center for Education Statistics. The database uses statistics from fiscal year 1996, the most recent available.

The center's goal is to compile data that compares "apples with apples," taking into account that various states report their information differently. Here's what the two analyses say about Twin Falls:

Education Week, a national, periodical based in Bethesda, Md., concluded the Twin Falls School District ranks in the bottom 4 percent nationally in per-pupil spending. Education Week used the Common Core of Data, combined with a U.S. Census database of school financial information. Out of 16,427 school districts nationwide, 4,238 districts were excluded from the analysis because they are either state or federal schools districts; because they don't have any schools or students; because they have no financial data in the database; or because have fewer than 200 students.

That drops the number used for comparison down to 12,129 districts, of which Twin Falls ranked 11,654, spending \$3,616

See for yourself

You can conduct a peer search for your school district by using the national database online at the U.S. Department of Education's National Center for Education Statistics website. Link directly to the site by visiting The Times-News online at www.magicvalley.com and clicking on "Newslinks."

per student. The average spending per student among all the districts was \$5,554. The figures are not adjusted for size and economic differences among districts. The National Education Data Resource Center concluded that the district ranks in the bottom 15 percent nationwide. The center used all 16,427 districts registered in the database, and Twin Falls ranked 13,989, spending \$3,816 per student.

The average spending per student among all 16,427 districts was \$5,595. Mark Glander, the Data Resource Center analyst who provided the numbers, said Education Week's research was more thorough.

Regardless of whose analysis is used, education experts say the rankings have only limited value. Fowler noted that the raw figures don't show how the money is spent or how far a dollar goes in one community compared with another.

Points to consider when comparing spending among districts include how much a district spends on its teaching staff and administration, its size, and the community's demographics. "The simple comparison as to where you rank in spending isn't as simple as you would like it to be," Fowler said.

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Pipeline proposal draws interest in northeastern Nevada towns

By Elaine Swanson Times-News correspondent

WELLS, Nev. — A proposed natural gas pipeline and power plant in northeastern Nevada is bringing hope of economic diversification to civic leaders in Wells and other Elko County cities along the pipeline's proposed path.

The Ruby Pipeline would come from Colorado, through Utah, to Elko County along the Interstate 80 corridor. Despite delays and setbacks to the project, area leaders still express optimism that the power plant and the pipeline will be a go.

Wells Mayor Rusty Tybo said last week that there is a concerted, unified effort by area leaders to see that this project becomes a reality.

"It is definitely a benefit for all parties along the I 80 corridor," Tybo said. "The power plant and pipeline will affect the economy of the entire county in a positive way."

"Natural gas is essential for

cheap production for a large corporation," said Jolene Spurr, Wells city manager. "The natural gas pipeline makes the new Wells Heavy Industrial Park marketable to put together a feasible bottom line for a company."

According to the Elko Daily Free Press, the parties involved in bringing the pipeline and the power plant to Elko County are Coastal Corp. and its subsidiaries, including Coastal Power and Colorado Interstate Gas, and its subsidiary, Fluote Pipeline, along with other big gas users, Newmont Mining Corp. and Barrick Goldstrike Mines Inc.

The proposed gas-fired power plant is slated to be built near Carlin, Nev. The power plant would justify the natural gas pipeline.

Negotiations stalled several months ago when Coastal announced that it was unable to sign contracts with the two large gold mines that would anchor the

project along with the 450-megawatt power plant. According to sources in the Elko Daily Free Press, poor economic conditions for the mines contributed to negotiation problems.

In February, Coastal Power Co. requested a one-year delay of their hearing on their water right application for the power plant because the project has not been fully committed.

Recently civic leaders and the Elko County Economic Diversification Authority were invited to speak to several Nevada legislative subcommittees about the importance of the Coastal project, and why natural gas is needed for economic development.

Gene Guttry, Elko city councilman and chairman of ECEDA, told legislators last month that, "nobody's going to come to dinner if the table's not set" with utilities.

While Southwest Gas supplies the Elko area with natural gas, the supply is nearly at capacity. Wells and Wendover have no natural gas service.

THIS WEEK AT CSI

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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. State FFA Conference, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fine Arts auditorium. Golden Eagles baseball against Weber State, 2 p.m., Frontier Field.

"Replic Review - Mingle in the Jungle," 6 p.m., Herrett Center. "Student Annual," artwork exhibition by CSI art students, public reception from 7 to 9 p.m., Herrett Center, Jean B. King Gallery (through May 4). "Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.

"A Geologist's Collection," gems and minerals display, Herrett Center, Browning/Koveren Gallery (Tuesdays-Saturdays through May).

Wednesday

State FFA Conference, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fine Arts auditorium. Latinos Unidos Club meeting, noon to 1 p.m., Shields 105. GLAB, lesbians and bisexuals, 3:30 p.m., Taylor 258.

IF company receives hazardous waste citation

IDAHO FALLS (AP) — Amcor Precast has agreed to perform a site investigation as part of a deal with the Division of Environmental Quality. The company needs to resolve eight alleged violations. If necessary Amcor will take care of any hazardous waste or dangerous materials released to the environment in the areas included in the investigation. The Division of Environmental Quality will waive the \$36,800 civil penalty if Amcor successfully complies with all requirements.

Rupert

Continued from B4 Miles said the committee hopes to make people in the community more aware of trees and the importance of taking care of them. She said having people like Norris and other master gardeners serving on the committee is a plus. "They are a great help to those of us who don't have expertise in that area," she said.

City council meeting

Trees will be the subject of discussion at the next Rupert City Council meeting at 7 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall. The meeting is Times-News staff writer Lorraine Cavener can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau in Burley at 677-4042 or by e-mail at lcaavener@magicvalley.net.

Legislators

Continued from B4 that will tighten operating regulations for beef cattle confined feeding operations.

Senate Bill 1398 (Beef Cattle Environmental Act) aims to protect beef producers from possibly unwieldy restrictions. The bill was drafted by the cattle industry and sponsored by Sen. Don Burdeshaw, R-Terrest.

The measure consolidates state regulations for beef cattle operations with federal law. The measure should streamline how these requirements are administered and enforced, by defining the Department of Agriculture's authority within the boundaries of the operations and the Department of Health and Welfare's authority outside of the operations. The bill provides guidelines for the construction of new and modified operations, requires nutrient management plans and provides for enforcement. It now moves to the House for debate.

Dead animal disposal measure

Senate Bill 1436, which clarifies the authority of the Department of Agriculture to ensure proper disposal of animal carcasses, was sent

Thursday

FFA Ag Career Show, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., gymnasium balcony. State FFA Conference, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fine Arts auditorium. Volunteer Income Tax Assistance for low income and elderly taxpayers, 2 to 6 p.m., Evergreen C93 (through April 13). Quickbooks Pro 99: An Introduction, 6 to 9 p.m., Evergreen C93. Baptist Campus Ministries Bible study and meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor cafeteria.

Friday

State FFA Conference, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium. Golden Eagles baseball against Snow College, 1 p.m., Ephraim, Utah. "Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium. District 5 and 6 High School Rodeo Challenge, 7 p.m. to midnight, Expo Center. Tickets are adults, \$6; children 5 and under, free.

Saturday

State FFA Conference, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Fine Arts auditorium. Certified Nursing Assistant written test, 8 a.m. to noon, Aspen 108. CSI Judo Club Kata (Judo)

Clinic, 9 a.m. to noon, gymnasium room 236.

Boy Scouts of America Merit Badge Pow Wow, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Shields 105, 109, 113 and Art Building 111. Twin Falls/CSI Judo championships, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., gymnasium. Golden Eagles baseball against Snow College, noon, Ephraim, Utah. Karate Club Clinic, 1 to 6 p.m., gymnasium room 236 (aerobic room). "Busty-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 Astronomical Society meeting, 7 to 8 p.m., Shields 117. Monthly Star Party, 9 p.m., in front of the Herrett Center. District 5 and 6 High School Rodeo Challenge, 7 p.m. to midnight, Expo Center. Tickets are adults, \$6; children 5 and under, free.

Sunday

CSI Judo Club Kata (Judo) Clinic, 9 a.m. to noon, gymnasium room 236. Magic Valley Bible Church, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields 117 and 118.

Vet tech students hold dog wash fund-raiser today

The Times-News TWIN FALLS - Got a dirty dog? Give him or her a good bath and help raise money for the College of Southern Idaho Veterinary Technology at the same time. CSI vet tech students are holding a dog wash at the CSI Vet Tech Clinic from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. today. The clinic is located at A Pet's Place at 206 2nd Ave. S. in Twin Falls.

The students will provide baths for all breeds, as well as pedicures and ear cleaning. Students are asking for a minimum \$5 donation to the CSI Vet Tech program. For more information, call Amanda at 736-0351, or the CSI Vet Tech department at 733-9554; Ext. 2408.

ON THE AGENDA

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Today

Acquia City Council, 8 p.m. Larry Wall's home. Blaine County commissioner, 8:45 a.m., courthouse. Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Hansen Community Library Board, 7 p.m., library, 120 W. Maple. Jerome County commissioner, 9 a.m., courthouse. Ketchum City Council, 6:30 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County commissioner, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Tuesday

Albion City Council, 7 p.m., city office. Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers. Friedman Memorial Airport Board, 5:30 p.m., courthouse. Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall. Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A. Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., community center. Murghat City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall. Shoshone City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County commissioner, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Meditation and Arbitration Center, 167 Second Ave. W.

Wednesday

Minidoka County Fair Board, 8 p.m., board office, fairgrounds. My Fair County School Board, 7 p.m., district office, Rupert. Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main. Twin Falls County commissioner, 8:30 a.m., courthouse. Wood River Medical Center Board, 5:30 p.m., medical center in Hailey.

Thursday

Belleuve Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall. Fairfield City Council, 7:30 p.m., firehouse. Murghat Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., City Hall. Twin Falls County commissioner, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Friday

Twin Falls County commissioner, 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.

TF County Fair Board meets today

The Times-News TWIN FALLS - The Twin Falls County Fair Board will discuss several items of new business at its meeting today. The board will hear new business from its foodline committee and will hear about the progress of electrical improvements at the rodeo arena. The fair board will meet today at the fair office at the Twin Falls County Fairgrounds in Filer.

becoming "heroes" by giving the money to charities, Senate Bill 1438, requires the money be given to the county where the dairy is located.

Guns in schools bill goes to governor

A measure to keep guns off of school campuses resoundingly passed the Legislature last week. The bill, drafted by Rep. Randy Hansen, R-Twin Falls, was sent to Kempthorne after the Senate approved the measure Friday.

House Bill 444 makes it illegal for any person to possess a firearm or any other dangerous or deadly weapon on school campuses or at school activities. The bill is the result of a compromise between an unlikely coalition of education, gun rights advocates, law enforcement advocates and lawmakers. A similar measure drafted by Hansen was vetoed by Kempthorne last year.

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LDS church plans six new temples

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The Mormon church plans to build six new temples — three in the United States and three abroad — church president Gordon B. Hinckley announced Sunday at the close of the faith's 17th semiannual General Conference.

The new temples in this country will be built in Lubbock, Texas; Snowflake, Ariz.; and somewhere in the tri-cities area of Washington, comprised of Kennewick, Pasco, and Richland.

Overseas, temples were announced for Abu, Nigeria; Asuncion, Paraguay; Helsinki, Finland.

Schedules have yet to be set for groundbreaking or construction.

"And so will go on building temples," Hinckley said.

As head of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Hinckley has made temple-building a top priority.

Temples, where Mormons perform sacred ordinances like eternal marriage and baptism of the dead, are open to church members only and differ from the more common meeting halls where regular services are held.

"There are 76 temples in operation around the world — up from 55 less than two years ago — and the 77th is set for dedication Thursday in Palmyra, N.Y., the home of the church's founder, Joseph Smith. A 78th is to be



Mormon faithful wait to board as a four-car light rail train arrives at a stop after the morning session of the Mormon church's semiannual general conference Sunday in Salt Lake City. The Mormon church rented the TRAX light rail system to tote members to the conference.

opened in Fresno, Calif. next Sunday and 34 more are under construction.

Five other temples have been announced previously but are not yet being built.

Mormonism's rapid growth was a central theme throughout the conference as participants called attention to the massive new conference center used for the first time this weekend. With seats for 21,000 — far more than the 6,000-seat Tabernacle that housed conferences for 133 years — the modern hall was cited along with the

temple building as a symbol of the young faith's incredible expansion.

The church announced Saturday that it baptized 306,171 new converts around the world in 1999, bringing the total number of members to more than 10.7 million, up from about 10.3 million in 1998 and 10 million in 1997.

Some have worried that the speedy expansion could dilute the church's basic principles.

"Someone who knows organizations in the world might pre-

dict failure for a rapidly growing church depending on so many novice-lay members," Elder Henry B. Eyring, a member of the Quorum of the Twelve, told the faithful Sunday. "Even those called have felt some apprehension."

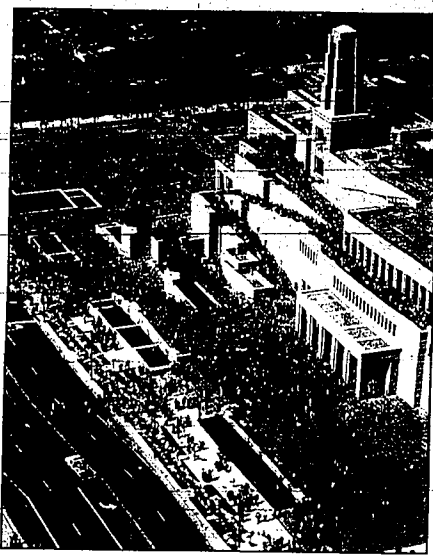
But Eyring and others said the faithful could find strength in numbers.

"Brothers and sisters, you are not alone. In The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints today, millions of people stand beside you," said Elder Joseph B. Wirthlin, also of the Quorum of the Twelve, the group of church leaders just below the president and his two counselors.

"When we work together to benefit those in need, we eliminate the weakness of one person standing alone and substitute the strength of many serving together," Wirthlin said.

Elder Thomas S. Monson, First Counselor to president, recalled his time as a young naval officer left to stand alone as Catholics, Protestants and Jews filed out to religious services. He said he was relieved to find other Mormons standing with him before a puzzled officer.

"He said, 'And what do you men call yourselves?' He used the plural — men," Monson said. "In unison, we said 'We're Mormons.'"



Attendees file out of the Mormon church's new conference center after the morning session of the conference Saturday.

Ski resort offers bargain pass

WINTER PARK, Colo. (AP) — The worst-ever season for the nation's No. 1 ski site is producing unprecedented best bargains for skiers, and the price wars are spreading to the East Coast.

Winter Park, the resort that set off the ski-pass wars in 1998, is offering a \$100 pass for weekday skiing next season. It requires four people to sign up together.

"That's less than I paid to ski when I was 17," said Winter Park spokeswoman Joan Christensen, who is 40.

"Skiing was becoming cost prohibitive for your average person. This is good because it's getting back the skiers," said Gail Marshall, office manager for Blue River Sports in Brockton, Mass.

East Coast resorts, which also

suffered through a poor season because of late snow and holiday no-shows due to Y2K fears, are joining in the promotions.

Butternut Basin Ski Area in Massachusetts is offering unlimited season passes for \$199. Hunter Mountain, N.Y., is offering an individual pass for \$199 that is good for midweek days.

Some California resorts already offer discounted season passes.

To get the 2000-01 season discounts offered by Winter Park and other Colorado resorts, skiers and snowboarders must buy them by the end of April, giving resorts a big cash boost to tide them over in the off-season and next season's slow opening months.

"It will make a huge differ-

ence," said Gary DeFrango, Winter Park chief executive officer.

For the second straight year, skier numbers are down at most Colorado resorts. This year's 9 percent decline, coupled with last year's 4 percent drop, has resorts bartling more than ever for skier loyalty.

Vail Resorts is offering a season pass for \$299 that is good at Breckenridge and Keystone as well as 10 days at Vail itself. It is the first time Vail has permitted the "buddy-pass" holders to ski at its flagship Vail Mountain.

Intravest, Vail's biggest competitor and owner of Copper Mountain, joined with Winter Park to offer an unrestricted season pass good at both resorts for \$349.

Statue's wording draws complaint

SPOKANE (AP) — The city's Human Rights Commission is considering modifying a plaque on a 94-year-old statue of a Navy sailor that refers to Samoans the sailor "battled as" "the savage foe."

The commission last week formed a panel to review the complaint filed by a man who thinks the word "savage" needs to be framed in a modern context.

"It was a racist word used by a racist society," said Mark Lanterman, a 43-year-old contractor.

The bronze statue of Ensign John Robert Monaghan in his Navy uniform stands at the corner of Riverside and Monroe streets in downtown.

The young Spokane sailor, according to news reports at the time, died in 1899 while protecting his wounded commanding officer on the South Pacific island of Samoa.

A plaque on the statue reads, "During the retreat of the allied forces from the deadly fire and overwhelming number of the savage foe, he alone stood the fearful onslaught."

Another sculpted scene on the statue depicts Samoans firing guns and arrows at Monaghan, who is claspng his chest.

"It concerns me that any child who reads that now would receive a mixed message," Lanterman said.

Slightly altering the plaque would be a "constructive step

forward" for an area that has experienced image problems for not being ethnically diverse, he said.

Mark Mustoe, head of the five-member committee reviewing the complaint, said some have suggested adding another plaque to explain the word "savage" and the "thought process at the time."

The goal would be to maintain the statue's integrity, while showing that people have moved beyond viewing native groups as savages, he said.

The human-rights panel can only issue a recommendation on what course of action to take.

The site on which the monument stands is maintained by the city parks department.

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