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ROADLESS LANDS



From left, Under Secretary of Agriculture Jim Lyons, U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson and Matt Jacobson of the Mortgage Forest Campaign discuss their differing perspectives on roadless land in Idaho during a conference Sunday at Redfish Lake in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Environmentalists hear three sides of issue

By N.S. Spitznagel
Times-News writer

REDFISH LAKE - In 1996, most of the opposition to a presidential proposal to create more forest preserves - as national forests were called then - came from western members of Congress.

Then-President Teddy Roosevelt and then-Forest Service Chief Gifford Pinchot had laid out boundaries that would add 16 million acres to the country's forest reserves that

What's new information?

What's on the agenda?

U.S. Department of Agriculture Under Secretary Jim Lyons, U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson and Matt Jacobson of the Mortgage Forest Campaign discuss their differing perspectives on roadless land in Idaho during a conference Sunday at Redfish Lake in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

The environmental issues discussed are available at local Forest Service offices and on the Internet at: www.roadless.fs.fed.us

Agriculture Jim Lyons said Sunday.

Lyons then did not want the president to have the authority to do that without Congress, Lyons told the annual conference of the Idaho Conservation League Sunday at Redfish Lake Lodge in the Sawtooth National Recreation Area.

Lyons shared a panel discussion about the current Forest Service proposal to protect 50 million acres of roadless national forest land. The bulk of the oppo-

kept the remaining forests out of private hands and established the national forests at issue today, Under Secretary of

Police look to link up

Local agencies eye county-wide records system

By Brian Hynes
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - With their current records systems, law enforcement agencies in Twin Falls County have no easy way to share information.

Local agencies hope to change that with a new computer records system that would allow agencies to share information, pawn shops, traffic accidents and more.

The Twin Falls Police Department and Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office have led the way, and every other police agency in the county is at least considering the system made by Executive Information Systems, based in San Jose, Calif.

A multi-agency records system is what Twin Falls Police Chief Lee DeVore got used to as an officer in Southern California; where agencies in and out of the county were linked, he said.

The system will allow agencies to share investigative reports; pawn slips, accident reports and other records. It also supports mobile devices in police cars and is compatible with the system used by the Southern Idaho Regional Communications Center.

"It gives us one big significant tool in fighting crime," Butl Police Chief Terry Tipton said.

But the ability to share isn't the only reason local agencies are mulling the new system. For most agencies the new system

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Plane crash kills 19

The Associated Press

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. - A commuter plane carrying 19 people home from a gambling trip to Atlantic City, N.J., crashed in a ball of fire after experiencing engine problems while trying to land Sunday. There were no survivors.

Flery wreckage was spotted in some woods about 9 miles south of the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport in northeastern Pennsylvania.

It appeared that both of the chartered turbo prop's engines failed, said Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Tammy Jones.

The plane missed its first landing approach and crashed on its second attempt, said George Black of the National Transportation Safety Board.

"There is some indication on the air traffic control tapes that they were encountering engine problems during the first approach and those continued into the second attempt," Black said at a news conference in Washington.

Investigators were reviewing a transcript from air traffic controllers who spoke with the crew before the plane crashed.

On a portion of the tape aired by ABC News, one pilot can be heard saying "tell him we lost both engines." The other pilot replies: "We lost both engines, six echo Juliet." The plane's cockpit voice recorder was recovered from the crash site, Black said.

Nearly 10 hours after the 11:48 a.m. crash, John Comey, executive assistant director for the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, said everybody on board had been killed.

"All the family members that gathered at the airport have been notified that no one survived the crash," he said.



A priest waits at a staging area near the site of a plane crash Sunday in Bear Creek, Pa. A charter plane crashed as it approached the Wilkes-Barre/Scranton International Airport.

Kicking the habit

U.S. cigarette sales see record fall; exports plummet

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Americans are rejecting the smoking habit at a surprisingly rapid rate, a trend that is going global.

But there are signs of increased smoking in poor countries and among teen-agers and young women in several countries, and deaths blamed on smoking still are rising worldwide.

U.S. cigarette exports are down 25 percent, with 50 billion fewer cigarettes sent abroad in just one year. That is 2.5 billion fewer packs of cigarettes exported each year.

The number of cigarettes sold per person in the United States fell a record 8 percent last year.

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Walkway collapse injures race fans

The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.C. - The Winston stock car race was winding down and fans were streaming across a pedestrian bridge to the parking lot when two loud cracks could be heard above the murmur of the crowd.

With the second crack, an 80-foot section of the 320-foot concrete-and-steel walkway sagged in half and fell onto the highway outside Lowe's Motor Speedway on Saturday night.

A total of 107 people received medical treatment, said track spokesman Jerry Geppena. Fifty-three remained hospitalized Sunday, three in critical condition.

"It was an amazing sight; everyone disappeared," said Mike Aquino, 41, of Atlanta, who was treated for minor injuries.

"There was a mass of people, and then they were all gone. For a split second, I was thinking I was going to die, and then I realized I was going to live."

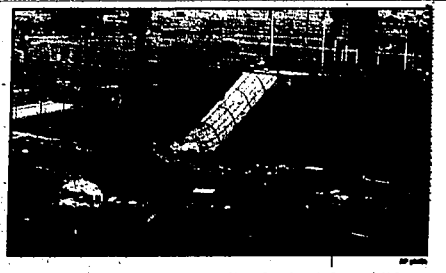
Flashing sirens filled the humid night air as adults and children said and tumbled to the

highway 17 feet below in a jumble of broken concrete, coolers, sneakers and grills.

"I heard it crack the first time, and the second time it went down," said Greg Southern. "It was just awful."

"All of a sudden, the bottom fell out from everybody," said Roger Dunham, who had just started across the bridge.

Steel bands in the concrete-and-steel bridge failed, said Don Idol, an assistant engineer with the state Department of Transportation. Exposed in the rubble, the steel showed signs of corrosion, probably caused by moisture, he said.



Heavy equipment arrives outside Lowe's Motor Speedway in Concord, N.C., Sunday to remove a pedestrian overpass that collapsed Saturday night injuring more than 90 people as fans left a NASCAR race.

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THE REGION

Camas Prairie

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Treasure Valley

High: 87 Low: 52
Mostly sunny and warm with light breezes. Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow.

Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High: 80 Low: 50
Partly cloudy and warmer. Mostly clear tonight. Partly cloudy tomorrow.

Eastern Idaho

High: 82 Low: 50
Mostly sunny and breezy. Mostly clear tonight. Partly cloudy and breezy Tuesday.

Northern Idaho

High: 72 Low: 45
Mostly cloudy and breezy, with light rain possible in the morning. Partly cloudy tonight and Tuesday.

Northern Utah

High: 87 Low: 60
Mostly sunny and warm. Fair tonight. Partly cloudy Tuesday.

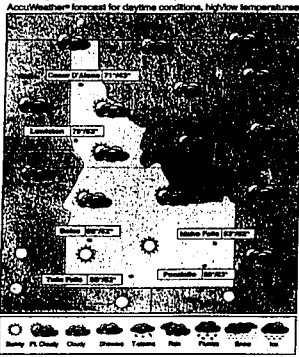
Northern Nevada

High: 86 Low: 57
Mostly sunny and warm. Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow.

MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday
High: 85 Low: 52 Mostly sunny and warm.
High: 79 Low: 45 Partly cloudy.
High: 75 Low: 44 Partly cloudy.
High: 72 Low: 43 Mostly cloudy.
High: 72 Low: 44 Partly cloudy.

Idaho weather Monday, May 22



National weather The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, May 22.



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UV INDEX ROAD INFORMATION

Index: 7 (high)
Barn time: 15-24 minutes

SUNWATCH
Sunset today: 9:00 p.m.
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:09 a.m.
Lunar phase: Last quarter, May 26; new, June 2; first quarter, June 8; full, June 16.

Nation's Showers and thunderstorms hit the East Coast and the Plains Sunday while the West also had scattered showers in some spots.

Much of the East Coast had scattered showers and thunderstorms, with a trough of low pressure bringing cloudy skies and scattered light showers over most of the New England states, Pennsylvania and New Jersey and eastern Maryland and Delaware.

ACROSS THE NATION

Widely scattered thunderstorms were also reported in far southeastern Texas. In the West, scattered showers fell on Washington, northern Idaho and western Montana in association with a cold front pushing onshore from the Pacific, and a weak cold front pushing southward from Canada.

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Table with columns: Twin Falls, Idaho, and The Nation. Rows include Yesterday, Last year, Normal, and various city forecasts.

Queen of the romance novel dies Roadless

LONDON (AP) - Dame Barbara Cartland, self-styled queen of romantic fiction and considered the world's best-selling author, died in her sleep at her estate near Hatfield on Sunday after a short illness, her family said. She was 98. Cartland's novels, about feminine virtue and many ideals, were dictated to a relay of secretaries as she reclined on a sofa, dressed usually in a glamorous Cartland-pink frock. Living on her 400-acre estate 15 miles north of London, she worked to a strict schedule, producing 6,000 to 7,000 words in an afternoon, and could finish a book in seven afternoons. Reviewers generally ignored her work and she did not pretend to be a great writer. But she was immensely popular. Against the increasing pressures of the sexual revolution,



Dame Barbara Cartland. She wrote hundreds of books. Cartland carried the banner of old-fashioned romance.

Sales of her 723 books exceeded one billion worldwide in 36 languages. The Guinness Book of Records lists her as the world's best-selling author. The popularity of her virginal heroines and commanding heroes seemed to grow as society grappled with infidelity, divorce, abortion, drugs and AIDS. "Personally I want to be loved, adored, worshipped, cosseted and protected, judging by the Romantic boom, this is what women all over the world want, too," she said in 1977, pointing out that she was a best seller in Europe, North America, Turkey, Singapore, India, the Philippines and Sri Lanka. "The permissive society has been an awful, crushing flop," she once said. "There's no reason for all that pornography, which is quite disgusting."

Continued from A1. sition to President Clinton's request of the Forest Service to develop rules for protecting roadless lands, like in 1996, is coming from the West. And nowhere would more land be affected by the proposal to carry out Clinton's request than in Idaho. U.S. Rep. Mike Simpson, during the two-day conference, expressed his concern that the proposal is a top-down directive that should instead be made in local forests or should include more local public involvement. "I think you need public input to do this," Simpson said. During their Sunday morning debate, Lyons said that the Forest Service's environmental impact study of the proposal has included an unprecedented effort to solicit public comment from people all across the country. "But there is no more public process," Lyons said. Simpson agrees that there are places in Idaho that should be protected, but he questions whether bureaucrats in Washington D.C. should make that decision for every piece of roadless land bigger than 5,000 acres. "I think it's gotta be done forest by forest," Simpson said. "Some said they are federal lands, and therefore it should be a federal decision. "I actually think the people in local areas make good decisions," Simpson countered.

But many environmentalists are disappointed that the Forest Service's preferred alternative doesn't include a halt to logging in those roadless areas. Surveys of the public in Idaho show that 66 percent of those surveyed supported an end to logging, mining and off-road vehicle use on 8 million acres of roadless land in Idaho, said Mike Jacobson, of the Heritage Forest Campaign, an environmental group dedicated to the protection of wild, unroaded forests. "I don't see keeping two-thirds of the people of Idaho from getting what they want as local control," Jacobson said. But you can't just eliminate

lems that require the forest to be logged. "The idea of protecting the landscape by cutting it down, boggles my mind," Jacobson said. Surveys would show that the people surveyed would not support a halt to logging if they knew the forests would be managed by letting them burn. He called the proposal "mismanagement of forests. Though many forest managers seem to think that forests can't survive without some kind of management, forests have survived for hundreds of years before the chainsaw was invented," Jacobson said. "The forests do a pretty good job of managing themselves," he said. And while the process goes on, the options and the remaining unroaded areas dwindle, said John McCarthy, conservation director of the Idaho Conservation League. Some, such as Jacobson and many ICL members, say the proposal doesn't do enough to protect roadless areas. People across the country have been increasingly demanding an end to logging, mining and off-road vehicle use on national forest lands, he said. But the Forest Service falls short of doing the right thing, he said. Lyons said protecting 43 million acres by halting road building is worthwhile. "The alternatives that would allow logging are not the only alternatives under consideration. Other alternatives would halt logging and some other uses. Add the proposal still is in draft form. If people have those concerns they should speak up, he said. "We encourage you to engage us in that debate," Lyons said. McCarthy said that the proposal is a significant change, but doesn't go far enough. He said he would go forward - though none in the Sawtooth National Forest would be affected. "We're going to end up with a lot of stump," he said. But perhaps there will be fewer stumps than before the proposal.

Link

Continued from A1. would be a big improvement over their current programs. "The system we have is so difficult to use, I've given up on it," DeVore said. Under the current system crime analysis is nearly impossible without delving through stacks of papers by hand, which isn't much use when police are trying to track short-term crime trends week to week, he said. The new system would give officers access to up-to-date

Crime statistics

crime statistics that focus on specific neighborhoods, a major necessity for the department's crime policing plans, DeVore said. It would also be compatible with mobile data terminals, which both the sheriff's office and Twin Falls police plan to use in the future, he said. Because it's a Microsoft Windows-based program, the system would be more user-friendly. Filer Police Chief Cliff Johnson said. Under the current DOS-based

System, even entering reports can be a hassle.

More complex problems can require costly technical support, he said. Ease of use and flexibility aren't the only reasons the new system is being considered. It's also the cheapest one around, DeVore said. Start-up costs for the Twin Falls police would be between \$35,000 and \$40,000, and the cost for other agencies would depend on their size, he said. "If you can solve a major case, it might be money well spent," Johnson said. The new system would give local law officers a better chance to crack cases, Tipton said. "Criminals have no boundaries, (but) law enforcement does," he said. "We're trying to break those boundaries with this system."

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Smoking

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NATION

Cancer drug targets genetic flaw

Treatment shows promise in tests

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — A new drug that targets one of the basic genetic flaws in cancer shows promise in early tests on humans, halting the growth of tumors and making them more vulnerable to chemotherapy.

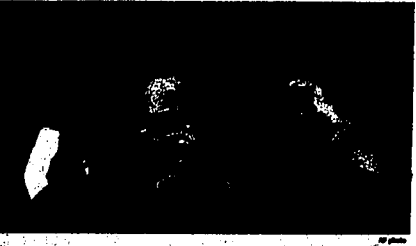
cancer treatment away from a broad attack on all rapidly dividing cells.

Instead, the new drugs focus on the specific genetic mutations that make tumors different from healthy tissue. Many of these new drugs attempt to interfere with tumors' use of epigenetic growth factors, one of the chemical signals that plays a crucial role in their survival.

named IMC-225. The drug was discovered by Dr. John Mendelsohn of Memorial Sloan-Kettering Cancer Center in New York City and is being developed by ImClone Systems Inc., which is financing the research. Although studies are still in early stages, the drug shows potential in victims of colon cancer and head and neck cancer who have failed standard treatments.

them open to the killing power of standard chemotherapy drugs.

"It's a two-hit hypothesis," said Dr. Mark S. Rubin. "The one-two punch takes the cancer down."



Secretary of State Madeleine Albright delivers the keynote address during commencement ceremonies Sunday at George Washington University on the Ellipse in Washington.

Albright: 'Be doers'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Secretary of State Madeleine Albright urged George Washington University graduates to "be doers, not dabblers" even as she acknowledged their criticism of her appearance Sunday and the Clinton administration's policy toward Iraq.

At an entrance to the outdoor ceremony near the White House, students and anti-war protesters distributed literature denouncing U.N. sanctions against Iraq. Critics say sanctions have led to the deaths of millions of Iraqis due to inadequate supplies of food and medicine.

Astronauts gear up for 200-mile-high feat

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — After an impeccable linkup with the international space station Sunday, the astronauts aboard space shuttle Atlantis geared up for their next 200-mile-high feat: a spacewalk to fix broken equipment on the outside of the station.

year's spacewalkers. The cranes will be used by future crews to move large items around the outside of the orbiting complex, which NASA hopes will eventually extend the length of a football field and top 460 tons.

"This is just the first of several exciting days," commander James Haise Jr. said after he guided the shuttle in for a smooth docking.

Jeffrey Williams and James Voss were scheduled to float out the hatch late Sunday night to fix and replace broken equipment on the station's exterior.

For now, the space station jutting out of the shuttle cargo bay is 77 feet long and a modest 35 tons. Construction is on hold until the Russians launch their long-delayed service module; liftoff is targeted for July.

NRA to give Heston third term

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The organization overrode the exhibit booths are down, but the National Rifle Association still has one order of business in Charlotte: an unprecedented third term for its chairman Heston.

ship has surged to a record 3.6 million. Meanwhile, the group's fiscal strength is such that it is making ambitious plans for a "Times Square" theme store in New York and planning \$10 million in spending on this year's general election.

its words in a speech at the members' banquet.

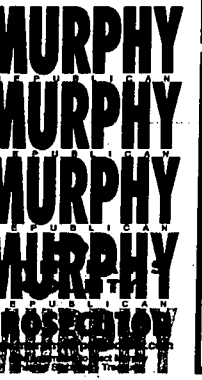
"We all — NRA, politicians, activists — we need to tone down our rhetoric," said Watts, who generally supports NRA positions. "It does no good in trying to attack the cultural rot in our society."

'Millionaire' wreaks havoc with new fall TV season

NEW YORK (AP) — Cows bumping over the moon aren't the last thing Leslie Moonves sees before he drifts off to sleep.

More likely, the top CBS executive plays an endless tape loop of Regis Philbin in his mind.

burst and things get back to normal. Networks stuck to the traditional fare of scripted comedies and dramas. There were no "Millionaire" imitators, no new "reality" shows and fewer hours of newsmagazines.



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Explosion rips apartments

LOS ANGELES (AP) — An explosion possibly caused by a large firework tore through an apartment building Sunday morning, injuring at least one resident and sending police on a search for explosives in one of the apartments.

evacuated from the building and the rest of the block.

Firefighters responded to a report of a fire and found that an explosion had blown a hole in the fourth floor of the building, which is near the Koreatown section of Los Angeles, police Officer Trevon Stokes said.

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WORLD

Nuclear powers to eliminate arsenals

U.N. announces new agenda for disarmament

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The five nuclear powers on the Security Council agreed Saturday to eliminate their nuclear arsenals, as part of a new disarmament agenda approved by 187 countries. The agreement by the signatories to the Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty was reached after all-night deliberations and intense pressure on Iraq and the United States to settle a dispute over Baghdad's compliance with U.N. sanctions.

"Today is a great day for the cause of nuclear nonproliferation and nuclear disarmament," said Algerian U.N. Ambassador Abdallah Bailli, the conference president, as he banged the final gavel to loud applause.

Although the agreement gives no timetable, and delegates said it would take many years to achieve

a nuclear-free world, it marked the first time the major nuclear powers had publicly affirmed their obligation to disarm. The five-year review conference for the global treaty — aimed at controlling and ultimately eliminating nuclear weapons — required a consensus, and the U.S.-Iraq dispute threatened to sabotage approval of a final document.

Signaling the importance Washington placed on the issue of Iraq's compliance with nuclear agreements, U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Robert

Ehabor, who is in charge of non-proliferation, flew to New York to take part in the final talks.

Hours after his arrival, Canadian Ambassador Chris Westdal, who had worked through the night, announced an agreement to a pending deadline. Delegates to the conference said the new agreement was significant because it marked the first time in 15 years that the signatories to the nonproliferation treaty have reached consensus on moving forward with nuclear disarmament.



Self-declared Prime Minister of Fiji George Speight (right), surrounded by supporters during a news conference outside the Fiji parliament building Sunday in the capital of Suva.

Insult hidden in Coke logo?

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Hend Saeed's eyes widened at a rumor that made her set down her bottle of Coca-Cola. Seconds later, with a look of absolute longing, she snatched it up again.

"I don't give it up," Saeed, 21, said as she slurped down a healthy gulp. "It's a work of nature. God made it. It's water."

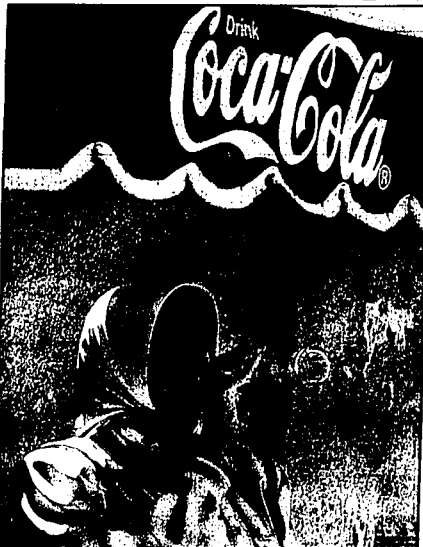
With that, Saeed, her hair covered with a headscarf in accordance with a modest dress code for Muslim women, put an end to her trauma over a rumor abounding in Egypt: that an insult to Islam was woven into Coke's century-old logo.

Buried in the script's curls, rumor has it, is "No Mohammed, No Mecca" in Arabic — blasphemous words about Islam's prophet and the Muslim world's holiest city, which millions turn toward daily for prayer.

The rumor became prominent enough to prompt scrutiny from a religious leader and a panel of Islamic scholars.

Whether there is any accuracy to the whispers of an insult in the logo is another matter. A reader would have to add a few strokes where they shouldn't be, lose a few letters and squint hard to straighten out those robust English letters. Flipped upside down, or reflected in a mirror, someone looking to pick a fight could find blasphemy in the swirls.

"They have a lot of imagination," Coca-Cola spokesman Mahmoud Hamdi said of whoever started the rumor. "Who would have thought that anyone would try to read English letters in Arabic? Why not read the Coca-Cola logo in Hindi?"



An Egyptian girl drinks from a bottle of Coca-Cola in downtown Cairo Sunday. Mufi Nasr Farid Wassef, the country's top religious authority concluded, after a study of the logo, that there was no defamation to the religion of Islam from the logo.

Chinese film takes prize at Cannes

CANNES, France (AP) — "Dancer in the Dark," Danish director Lars von Trier's musical tragedy about a Czech immigrant in rural America, won the Palme d'Or at the Cannes Film Festival on Sunday and took the best actress award for Icelandic singer Bjork.

The film had sharply divided critics at Cannes, but it was clearly the entry that caused the most excitement at the 12-day festival. Bjork, who'd barely acted before, also wrote the original music.

Von Trier — who won the second-place Grand Prize at Cannes in 1996 for "Breaking the Waves," then garnered mostly pans for his 1998 "The Idiots" — alluded to the much-publicized tensions he'd had with Bjork on the set. The 34-year-old singer, overwhelmed by the experience, reportedly ran off the set for days at a time.

"Though I know she doesn't believe me, if you meet her, tell her I love her very much," he said. Next to him stood his other stars, French icon Catherine Deneuve, who presented the Palme d'Or.

This year's Grand Prize went to "Devils on the Doorstep," by Chinese director Jiang Wen. It tells the story of a Chinese villager facing his fears of death during the World War II Japanese occupation.

Best actor went to Tony Leung for the Hong Kong film "In the Mood for Love." And a special acting award was given to the entire cast of "The Wedding."

Fiji hostage crisis continues mired in political conflict

SUVA, FIJI (AP) — Fiji's president on Sunday accused armed rebels who are holding the prime minister and legislators hostage of threatening to kill the captives if their demands for control of the country are not met.

Rebel leader George Speight denied the allegation, saying his

uprising in this South Pacific nation was a civilian coup, not an act of terrorism.

As the crisis entered its fourth day today, police and soldiers stepped up security in the capital Suva, where the rebels were holding their hostages in the parliament building.

Mexican president slides in poll

MEXICO CITY (AP) — New evidence of a surge by opposition candidate Vicente Fox emerged Sunday when a major poll showed him leading in the race for Mexico's presidency, which has been held by the Institutional Revolutionary Party for 71 years.

Discounting undecided voters, Fox was favored by 43 percent of those polled and Francisco Labastida of the governing party

by 35 percent, according to the poll. Cuauhtemoc Cardenas of the leftist Democratic Revolution Party was favored by 15 percent, and other candidates trailed farther behind.

The poll was conducted by Alduin y Asociados and sponsored by several newspapers, including El Universal of Mexico City and Frontera of Tijuana. The margin of error was 2.5 percentage points.

Sierra Leone rebels release hostages

FREETOWN, Sierra Leone — Sierra Leonean rebels released another 54 U.N. personnel Sunday after holding them hostage for nearly three weeks, a U.N. official said.

The group, which included three injured people, was composed of 42 Cambodians, 10 Kenyans, one Malaysian and one Norwegian, Winmuth said.

With Sunday's releases, the rebel Revolutionary United Front has freed 204 of the 500 U.N. peacekeepers it seized in early May. Less than 300 are still believed held. The reason behind Sunday's release was not immediately clear.

Sherpa guide sets climbing record on Mount Everest

KATMANDU, Nepal — A Sherpa guide reached the summit of Mount Everest in less than 16 hours on Sunday, shattering the record for the fastest climb of the world's highest peak.

Babu Chhiri, 34, made the climb through icy winds and rarified air to the 29,035-foot summit Sunday morning — a year after he set a duration record by camping for 21 hours on the peak.

Chhiri, a veteran climber, reached the peak in 15 hours and 56 minutes to easily break the previous record of 20 hours and 24 minutes, set two years ago by Kaji Sherpa.

Passion play tones down negative portrayal of Jews

OBERAMMERGAU, Germany

World in brief

— When enraged Temple leaders shouted "Crucify him! Crucify him!" during a climactic scene at the premiere Sunday of the world's most famous Passion play, dissenters defended Jesus for the first time: "Set him free!"

The revision is among a series of thoughtfully scripted changes introduced for the millennium production of the Oberammergau Passion play, acted roughly every decade since 1634. Critics now declare this version a milestone in decades-long efforts to expunge negative images of Jews. Jesus' Jewishness is emphasized for the first time in this play about the last five days of his life. He is called "rabbi" and gives a Hebrew blessing at the Last Supper, depicted as a Passover seder held around a menorah.

Most importantly, the oath that assigned Jews collective guilt for Jesus' death was removed.

Swiss approve free trade with European Union

GENEVA — Swiss voters approved a sweeping free trade pact with the European Union by a two-thirds majority Sunday, easing out of their self-imposed isolation in the heart of the continent. Government, industry and trade union representatives all hailed the outcome as vital to the continued prosperity of the wealthy Alpine nation with a population of just 7 million.

Ethiopia claims to capture another strategic town

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia — Ethiopia claimed Sunday to have captured another strategic town in Eritrea, as the border war between the Horn of Africa neighbors expanded still further.

Omhuier, a crossroads town in far southwestern Eritrea near Ethiopia and Sudan, fell on Saturday, the Ethiopian government said. Ethiopian forces "inflicted heavy damage" on Eritrean troops as they attempted to retreat, the government said.

Soldiers rescue two child hostages in Philippines

JOLO, Philippines — Philippine soldiers rescued two child hostages Sunday in a clash with Muslim rebels who had held the children and seven others since March. One soldier and several rebels were injured in the one-hour battle on the southern Philippine island of Basilan, the military said.

— compiled from wire reports

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Large advertisement for 'Southern Idaho's Finest Retirement Community' at BridgeView Estates. It describes a stimulating community with amenities like dining, housekeeping, and cultural activities. Contact: (208) 736-3933, 1828 Bridgeview Blvd., Twin Falls, Idaho.

Advertisement for Bessie M. Schrontz-Roberts-Wright celebrating her 95th birthday on Tuesday, May 23rd. It mentions her milestone in life and her current residence at Kimberly Nurseries.

Advertisement for 'The Times-News' featuring 'Microchips Everything That Connects'. It includes a logo and the text 'rotating banner and visit online...'

FOR THE RECORD

Grouse petitions concern ranchers, conservationists

POCATELLO (AP) — Ken Timothy has been watching grouse dance for 30 years. He, along with other area conservationists, ranchers and environmentalists are concerned about petitions to list both the sharp-tailed and sage grouse as threatened or endangered species throughout the West, in accordance with the Endangered Species Act. Declines in bird numbers throughout their range prompted the efforts. If the birds are listed, there could be severe impacts on cattle and sheep industries dependent on grouse habitat for grazing. Timothy has worked for the past 21 years in the Curlew National Grasslands south of Pocatello. As a biologist for the U.S. Forest Service, he helps manage the birds' habitat there. But he wonders if the move to list the birds as endangered is justified. "They're a unique bird. No question about it. I'd hate to see them decline or go out myself," he said, but he doubts their demise. "Grouse populations are cyclic. They have highs and lows. Is there a real problem? Are sage grouse declining?" Timothy's data for the Curlew shows populations that are reasonably stable over time. But Rick Johnson, executive director of the Idaho Conservation League and a proponent of listing, says sage grouse in particular act as keystone indicators of the health of the sagebrush system. "People look at the sagebrush around here and say, hey, there's lots of sage brush." But he says overgrazing, road-building and other intrusions are breaking up sagebrush expanses. Opposition to listing grouse has been strong among local grazers, who say it could threaten their livelihoods. "Obviously, listing is a bad thing, because of all the regulations that go with it," said Rochelle Oxenango, whose family runs five sheep bands on public and private lands from the Big Desert to Soda Springs.

pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$20,000 cash bond. Scott Miller Jones, 28, 451 Second Ave. W., Twin Falls; possession of paraphernalia of an offender; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed; \$20,000 cash bond. Randall Damon McCallough, 29, 2900 E. 3600 N., Twin Falls; robbery; slaying an officer; warrant; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed; \$20,000 cash bond. Randall Damon McCallough, 29, 2900 E. 3600 N., Twin Falls; slaying an officer; warrant; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed; \$20,000 cash bond. Randall Damon McCallough, 29, 2900 E. 3600 N., Twin Falls; possession of drug paraphernalia; warrant for failing to appear at sentencing; sentenced to six months in jail. Jeremy James Moore, 21, 120 W. 330 S., Jensen; driving under the influence; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$20,000 cash bond. Lawrence T. Mowbray, 21, 748 Washington St. N., No. 2, Twin Falls; invalid license; warrant for failing to appear at sentencing; sentenced to one day in jail. Norman Chapel Walker, 17, 230 Richardson Drive, Twin Falls; driving without privileges; pleaded innocent; public defender appointed; \$20,000 cash bond. Gregory T. McQuinn, 22, address withheld; possession of methamphetamine; preliminary hearing Friday; public defender appointed; \$10,000 cash bond.

Child Support
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Civil Rights
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Divorces
Nancy Lee Smith vs. Gregory Smith.

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- 20 City on the Big Island
- 21 Joining up
- 23 Couple with sixteen arms?
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- 36 Tactless
- 37 Archipelago
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- 32 Org. of flames and lightning
- 33 Solidly
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Vets' widows have benefits

DEAR ABBY: Over the years, you have honored the men and women who have served our country in military service.

As the widow of a military man, I want to express my gratitude. For the past two years, I have taken part in the ceremonies in Arlington Cemetery and at the Wall in Washington, D.C., and found them emotionally moving.

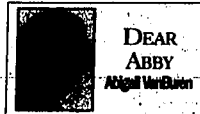
Our country is free because young men and women in the service sacrificed their lives for their beloved America.

So often the "forgotten" ones are the wives and children left behind by the death of the military person.

After World War II, four war widows felt the need to establish an organization called Gold Star Wives of America for widows whose husbands died on active duty, or who died as a result of disabilities incurred while on active duty. It was incorporated in the state of New York in December of 1945.

The organization has worked to preserve and to institute government programs pertaining to the welfare of the widows and their children.

We need to reach the widows who have married again, and lost a second husband, with some good news. Their benefits can be reinstated by contacting their state director of veteran affairs.



DEAR ABBY
Nigel Warburton

Abby, will you be the bearer of these good tidings? It could be beneficial to thousands.

—FLORANCE B. HERBERT,
NATIONAL PRESIDENT
EMERITUS

DEAR FLORANCE: That's important news, and I am pleased to pass it along.

For further information, military widows may write: Gold Star Wives of America Inc., 5510 Columbia Pike, Suite 205, Arlington, VA 22204. Please enclose a long, stamped, self-addressed envelope.

The organization also has a Web site: www.goldstarwives.org.

DEAR ABBY: "Joel," my husband of 40 years, and I sleep in different bedrooms because he snores. He has a job that requires him to get up at 4 a.m.

After he showers and gets dressed, he comes into my room to say goodbye.

Abby, in the process of saying goodbye, Joel feels for my face

to kiss me and ends up leaning on my throat, poking me in the eye or pulling my hair. I naturally become frightened and jump, which causes him to clunk me again!

I have asked him countless times to allow me to sleep, but he still comes in to adjust my covers or rub my feet, both of which wake me up. I have tried locking my door, but then he plays with the dog outside my door, causing her to bark, and that wakes me up!

I have tried getting up early with him, but I just can't function the rest of the day. I told him that waking me up early is a form of abuse, but he refuses to listen.

Any ideas?
—SLEEPLESS
IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR SLEEPLESS: Face it. Your husband is doing this deliberately. He resents your not getting up to be with him. Since he wakes you anyway, perhaps you should get up to see him off, and then take an afternoon siesta.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "AFRAID TO BREAK OUT OF MY RUT": The biggest human temptation is... to settle for too little." (Thomas Merton, 1915-1968)

Meaning of word tied to outlaws

You may know the Cimarron as a southwest river.

But Spanish speakers know it's also the word for the runaway wanted by the law. In the Old West,

the Cimarron was a territorial refuge where such men hid out. Earlier on Caribbean islands,

the African slaves who fled to set up free communities in the hills, were called "cimarrons," another offshoot of the

fugitive word Cimarron. Twenty was colored yellow when a film censor said the original animated bird looked naked.

One social study turned up this curiosity: If the wife snores, the husband usually keeps it a secret. If the husband snores, the wife usually mentions it to her friends.

When British physicists were asked to name the 10 greatest physicists of all time, the leader on their list was — this is their final answer — Albert Einstein.



WHAT'S WHAT
L.M. Boyd

Aries - better prepare for money encounter

IF MAY 22 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You left influence of authority, parents at relatively early age. You are fascinated by design, color, architecture. You also are drawn to mantic arts and sciences including astrology. Taurus, Leo, Scorpio persons play active roles in your life — could have these letters, initials in names: D, M, V. During June you could be involved in important financial transaction. Marriage is also highlighted.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You will come in contact with money people. Promote favorite project — do so with humor. Remember recent resolutions concerning exercise, diet, nutrition.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You will be revitalized. Focus on philosophy, theology, long-distance traveling. Individual you once loved will make surprise appearance. It is not the same.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Excellent for exercising intellectual curiosity. Find out how things work, learn and teach. Write impressions; take note of dreams. Virgo represented.

CANCER (June 21-July 22): People request your advice concerning home beautification. Spotlight on architecture, design, color coordination. Accent harmony, special sounds, music.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Maintain aura of mystery. Some members of opposite sex are so intrigued they state frankly, "We can hardly keep our hands off you." Don't become everything you hear.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): Grasp opportunity — means more responsibility, financial gain.

HOROSCOPE

Sydney Omarr

Lunar position highlights special appeal, creativity, sensuality. Cancer native involved.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You tend to jump from one thing to another — locate representative for talents, products. Trip overseas could be involved. Land deal is in the making. Aries in picture.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Highlight originality, a different kind of love. Experiment. Go where angels fear to tread. Your pioneering spirit is of great help. Aquarius plays sensational role.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Check Scorpio message for added information. Emphasis on partnership, public relations, marriage. You learn plenty, most of it good. Capricorn is involved.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Check Scorpio, Sagittarius messages. Ask questions, make inquiries. You will be pleasantly received, could be given prosperous assignment. Laugh at your own Shakti.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): What you do today could add up to a sensation. You hurdle obstacles as if they were not there. Go (in); don't stop in mid-stream. Tear down in order to rebuild.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): Read and write, learn through process of teaching. Creative juices stir. Imprint style; don't follow others. Wishes will be fulfilled in dramatic fashion.

Weed Watch:

Diffuse Knapweed



This Noxious Weed is Not an Ornamental or Wildflower

These plants solely reproduce by seed. It is a tough competitor of dry sites and will rapidly invade and dominate disturbed areas. The most common sites to find this plant is along roadsides, waste areas, and dry rangeland.

Keep this plant from taking up valuable space!

- Apply herbicide in the spring — apply in the fall if moisture prompts germination and rosette growth.
- Pull and destroy
- Mow or cut off tops to prevent them from seeding

For more information on noxious weed control, contact your local county weed department.
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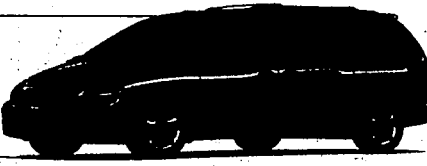
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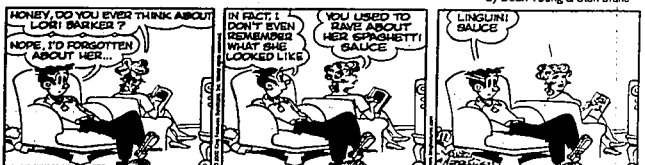
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B.C.

By Johnny Hart



Pickles

By Brian Crane



Garfield

By Jim Davis



Denzo the Menace

By Hank Ketcham



The Family Circus

By Bil Keane



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By Chance Browne



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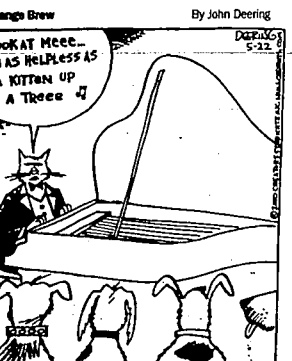
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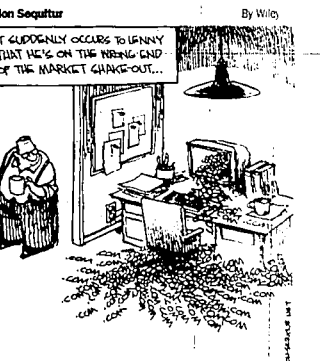
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By Wiley



The Born Loser

By Art Sansom & Chip



EDITORIAL

Bush is coming to grips with nation's No. 1 issue

From the Chicago Tribune

Critics who lament that presidential candidates never talk about "the issues" may be forced to shut up this year. As issues go, nothing in America is more bedrock than Social Security. Now Gov. George Bush has slapped it on the table as Issue No. 1 in his presidential campaign against Vice President Al Gore.

This could well be a defining issue of the campaign - and it's a worthy one. It goes to the heart of the relationship between citizens and their government. For 65 years, Social Security has operated fundamentally the same way. The program has been expanded over the decades to cover more and more Americans, taxes and benefits have been raised.

But fundamentally, it's as it was in the Great Depression. Workers are taxed to pay benefits for retirees. It's an intergenerational transfer of wealth that insures Americans of a basic monthly benefit when they get old.

Bush is proposing to shift some part of the 12.4 percent Americans pay each year in payroll taxes into private retirement accounts that could be invested in the stock market. Individual investors would make their own investment and make their own decisions about risk and reward. They would have more control over their own retirement funds. That has a lot of appeal.

This proposal is radical; it contains risks and there's no guarantee the nation has the stomach for it. Those are all reasons George Bush deserves great credit for putting it on the table.

The enormous baby boom generation - 76 million strong - begins to retire in 2013. If no changes are made in taxes, benefits, retirement age or the current rate of return, Social Security will begin paying out more than it takes in each year by 2025 and will be able to pay just 75 percent of promised benefits by 2037.

Bush, to this point, is vague on details. How much money? How much risk? Who manages the investments?

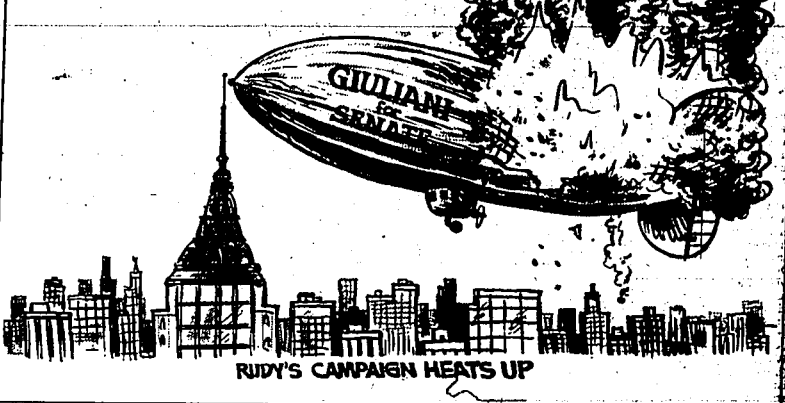
What happens if people make bad investments or the whole stock market heads south?

The cost of transition - that is, paying current promised benefits while setting aside money to allow for individual investments - has been estimated at \$1 trillion. That's a hefty piece of change, but given the current prosperity, it's not unthinkable (although coupled with the GOP's promised tax cuts, it might be more than the nation can afford).

Americans have to come to some consensus about the future of Social Security. It is a great debate, and the differences between Republican and Democratic positions will be explicit. Bush has taken a political risk by talking about financial risks. Give him a hand.

George W. Bush deserves credit for putting his Social Security plan on the table.

Breaking News



Dexter should get Cassia's vote

It is time for a positive change in the office of Cassia County sheriff. As a business owner and former Burley city councilman, I have, on more than one occasion, been disappointed in the poor response or lack of response from the sheriff's department. Were I to treat my customers that way, they would walk out and not come back. A little professionalism and courtesy can go a long way with the public.

The sheriff has a distinct role in answering not only to city and county officials, but also to the citizens themselves. The sheriff should be someone who is well-trained in all aspects of law enforcement and should be dependable and hard-working. The position calls for someone who stands out as a leader and a manager, and that candidate is Dennis Dexter.

I attended the South Idaho Press-sponsored forum on May 11 and was disappointed that only the mayor of the city of Burley and one Cassia County commissioner were present. There have been complaints from Burley and other outlying cities that they were not getting their money's worth in law enforcement. Why then was there not any better representation from the city and county officials at that forum? The working relationship is not one-sided. Some of the issues were indicated to have been recently resolved, but if it can be accomplished in the heat of a campaign, why has nothing been done up until now?

As the administrator of the Criminal Justice Center, Dennis is currently responsible for a budget nearing \$2 million. He has a team of jailers that promote professionalism in their facility and in the county as a whole. He has a certification. He has set a standard for himself for education, as he is one semester away from obtaining a business degree. Dennis has been involved in the development of programs that have been of great benefit to this county: the 911 emergency response system, the consolidation of the Local Emergency Planning Committee, the Magic Valley Drug Task Force, the inter-city labor and adult work camps that have worked closely with state and federal agencies. This is the kind of drive and investment needed in the sheriff's department. That is why Dennis Dexter has my vote.

BRENT KERBS
Burley

Murphy will cut down on crime

I have watched with interest the race for Twin Falls County prosecutor. Since I know neither candidate well, I must look at the information that is publicly available about Murphy and Loeb. I must say that Mark Murphy is the better candidate. I appreciate the website (murphyforprosecutor.com) which gives a good look at Murphy as well as his opponent.

I learned that Murphy has lots of experience in prosecuting drug dealers. As drug dealers are shut down in other parts of the state, they will naturally come to Twin Falls. We need someone with experience and the toughness to prosecute these drug dealers.

Twin Falls County has the highest crime rate in the state of Idaho. I have to wonder how much the current prosecutor's 50 percent dismissal rate, i.e., putting these criminals back on the street, has to do with our crime rate.

I am supporting Mark Murphy for Twin Falls County prosecutor, and I urge you to do the same.
ADAM FRUGOLI
Twin Falls

Rob Sauer makes best choice

I would like to urge the Gooding County voters to get out and vote for Rob Sauer, the best choice for Gooding County commissioner.

I believe he is very well-qualified to do a fine job as one of our county commissioners. As a lifelong native resident of our county, he has the necessary background to make the right decisions. He knows what needs to be done to keep Gooding County growing economically and at the same time maintaining the great quality of life that we currently enjoy. He has proven as the Elias School principal that he can make the tough decisions that are best for our entire school community, not just best for a few. There is no question in my mind he will do for Gooding County what he has done for Elias.

You can be sure as Gooding County commissioner, Rob Sauer will do his best to do what's best for Gooding County.
JONATHAN GOSS
Elias

Sauer has necessary ability

The people of Gooding County should elect Rob Sauer for Gooding County commissioner. As Rob's former teacher, I know that he is intelligent, kind, thoughtful and caring. I'm sure if you checked with people who know him in Elias, he has been an active member of the community as well as being an outstanding addition to the Elias schools, not only as a teacher but also as a principal. Teaching government and taking his Constitution classes to Washington, D.C., has enhanced his knowledge of the procedures necessary to make government work. He is an active participant in the politics of the state, and he truly cares about the people of Gooding County.

I believe that Rob Sauer would be an excellent county commissioner. I intend to vote for him. I hope that you will, too.
GAY PETERSEN
Wendell

Lierman has leadership traits

Veronica Lierman is running for the position of Jerome County commissioner from District 1 in the upcoming election to be held on May 23. It is my feeling that her return to office as a Jerome County commissioner can be nothing but positive for the citizens of Jerome County. During her previous terms, Veronica Lierman demonstrated a willingness to put in the time necessary to research an issue, access all the pertinent facts and make a decision based on sound judgment. Her willingness to listen afforded citizens an opportunity to have input into the issues which affected them. These traits, coupled with her strong desire to protect the tax dollar of Jerome County

citizens, made her an excellent Commissioner.

For a return to a commissioner willing to spend the necessary time to do a good job, respond to citizen input and expend your tax dollars wisely, I urge every voter within Jerome County to vote for Veronica Lierman, county commissioner candidate from District 1.
CARL H. MONTGOMERY
Eden

Republican party isn't only party

Latest strange revelation by The Times-News editorial board urges voters to support Dan Eismann rather than Cathy Silak as Idaho Supreme Court justice. We are asked to abandon Silak, who is approximately twice as qualified as Eismann in both education and professional experience, because she has - gasp - documented contact with such Democrats as former Gov. Cecil Andrus, possibly others. Eismann, of course, is Republican to the core, lacking, if anything, a GOP brand on the right hip.

Open question is why The Times-News editorial board, which consists of Steve Harrigan and hired hands muted by concerns about job security, persists in the notion that all of Idaho's brightest and best are conservative Republicans. That blind obedience to the Howard Newspaper creed extends beyond editorial to the choice of news items to be either headlined or buried in back pages. Long gone is the bright, broad-minded columnist Molly Ivins, replaced by Cal Thomas. Holy Cal is there to remind anyone tempted to stray that God is a conservative Republican.

It would also be nice to see a few educated and professionally qualified Democrats and independents endorsed for jobs as county commissioners and planners. Those jobs currently go to local Republicans who typically know quite a bit about cow manure but little or nothing about the scientific evidence they refer to in explaining their decisions.

Some 50 years ago, I knew a Twin Falls butcher who routinely asked his fidelity banker for job letters. The banker took careful notes and voted against all the banker's candidates. What was good for the banker, he explained, couldn't possibly be good for him.

I think we might wisely apply that reasoning to the people endorsed by The Times-News editorials.
Strayed son and grandson of pioneer Idaho Republicans,
LEN MIRACLE
Filer

Vote for Mark Murphy

Residents of Twin Falls County have an opportunity in the May 23 primary to elect a very qualified man to the office of Twin Falls County prosecutor.

I know Mark Murphy well, and he is the best choice in this race. Please join me in electing to office someone who will represent this community with competence and who will vigorously prosecute those committing crimes in Twin Falls County.
Vote Mark Murphy for Twin Falls prosecutor.
TERYL STUTZMAN
Twin Falls

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LETTERS

County needs to vote for Loeb's

This letter is in support of Grant Loeb's for prosecuting attorney for Twin Falls County. I became acquainted with the prosecuting attorney's office in February of 1997 when I became a victim of domestic violence. During this time, I became well acquainted with the people and the workings of the prosecutor's office. Grant Loeb was always up front with me about the case and kept me informed of the progress and future plans, always treating me with kindness and respect. His assistant, Stacy, was always the person I contacted, and at no time was I ever made to feel foolish about my concerns or worries, and believe me, over the three years I must have called that office 500 times with one problem or another. They always made me a part of any decision or change in the case.

I spent a great deal of time watching the newspaper for information that I was positive that the man running against Grant Loeb could never have helped me as well as Grant, Stacy and the rest of Grant's hand-picked wonderful staff. This kind, caring man saved my life, and I'm sure he is the only person at that time who could have. I wish that every victim could have a Grant Loeb in their corner when they have to go to court.

Please do this county a great service and keep Grant Loeb in the prosecuting attorney's office.
THELMA MAXWELL
Twin Falls

Loeb's demonstrates capability

I'm writing to support Grant Loeb's for Twin Falls County prosecutor. At a time in 1997 when virtually no attorney in this county wanted to take on the task of prosecuting several pending murder cases, Grant jumped at the opportunity. Grant thereafter obtained convictions and achieved justice in these cases, and this process has left Grant far better equipped than his challenger to handle murder cases.

Grant Loeb's has also demonstrated a balanced approach to handling drug asset forfeitures. These proceedings result in the transfer of ownership of private property to prosecutors and law enforcement agencies. Innocent third parties such as lenders, landlords or even family members may claim liens or ownership of seized property, and they can and sometimes do lose time, money and property in these proceedings. Consequently, I believe the voters should be wary of promises by Grant's challenger to significantly increase the number of these types of cases.

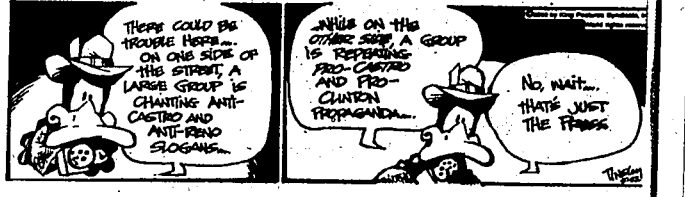
Finally, the promises by Grant Loeb's challenger to take many more cases to trial and plea bargain less are essentially the same as the famous "no new taxes" promise. The last prosecutor in Twin Falls County who promised "no more plea bargains" was able to keep that promise for less than a month after he was elected.

Grant Loeb's has a demonstrated ability to carry out the duties of the prosecuting attorney in Twin Falls County effectively. I strongly urge you to vote for Grant Loeb on May 23.
MARK CLERRY
Castelford

Doonesbury



Mallard Fillmore



By Garry Trudeau

By Bruce Tinsley

OPINIONS

LETTERS

Slak holds good track record

A judge is "conservative" or "liberal"? It would be tragic to reduce judicial elections to this kind of simplistic reasoning. Labels are particularly misleading as to judges because, in making decisions, the question is not political philosophy but justice and law.

You suggest Justice Slak is a "liberal." To test that claim, I have read all of the past two year's decisions in criminal law, the area where labeling is least susceptible to criticism. This is what I found:

1. Justice Slak joined with the other members of the court in nearly all of the decisions, including those authored by Justice Kidwell, who the media has labeled as "conservative." One significant variation was when she joined Kidwell in a dissent to the reversal of a DUI conviction (State vs. Miller). She dissented as to the reversal of another DUI conviction (State vs. Daniel), joining Justice Walters, District Judge Eismann (her opponent) reversed a magistrate's determination of unconstitutionality of a criminal statute (State vs. Cobb), and Justice Slak joined in affirming Judge Eismann.

2. Justice Slak either authored (State vs. Creech) or joined in the affirmation of five death-penalty murder convictions (State vs. Arrowsmith, State vs. Trevino, State vs. Hairston, State vs. McKinney). She also joined in the affirmation of a life sentence for murder (State vs. Wood).

3. She has been consistent in agreement with the court majority in the reversal of inappropriate suppression of evidence orders (State vs. Newton, State vs. Hall (authored by Justice Kidwell), State vs. Tucker).

4. She authored the opinion affirming conviction of a snowmobile driver for DUI (State vs.

Barney).

Can this record justify labeling Justice Slak as a judicial "liberal"? Hardly!

While a judge should neither be commended nor condemned for a particular record in any particular field, this shows that to label Justice Slak as "liberal" is wrong.

Judge Slak is criticized for her vote in a water-law case and two other cases. The media chooses to ignore her record, otherwise a "conservative" record.

I wonder if the justice's opponent could withstand a review of his record without criticism. Fortunately for him, his record is not nearly as readily available to the press and public. At least the media has not seen fit to review it.

A vote for Justice Slak is a vote for a good judge and for the preservation of our non-partisan judicial system.

LEOYD J. WERRY
Twin Falls

Lincoln County needs change

In 1994, there was a recall election to remove Lincoln County Sheriff Steve Southwick from his office. Many petitions were presented to remove the sheriff. Had everyone who signed the petitions voted, this action would not have to be repeated. However, the same problems are still present.

The sheriff allows private use of county vehicles. If one individual gets injured, the county could be subject to a lawsuit of unknown losses. A question to the sheriff about this practice brought the response that he was providing extra law enforcement. No further explanation is required.

I have heard of several instances where the sheriff will not respond because he does not have enough help. A third deputy was added to his force to

provide 24-hour service. Yet there are times when no one is available to respond. He says there are 1,204 square miles to patrol in Lincoln County. Let's be truthful with the statistics. Approximately 69 percent of these miles are federal lands under the Bureau of Land Management with no roads. Although these lands are used for recreation, I don't feel that patrol time spent exploring caves is a good use of tax money.

It's apparent to me that it's past time for a change. I know Carol Bogardus is committed to spending our money wisely, and she will not abuse county vehicles. Carol will operate a professional office, and she will cooperate with the communities and local and state agencies to make Lincoln County a good place to live.

The person to serve as our sheriff for the next four years will be determined in the primary election on Tuesday, May 23. I hope that you exercise your right and vote for a much-needed change in Lincoln County.

ELLWOOD R. WERRY
Shoshone

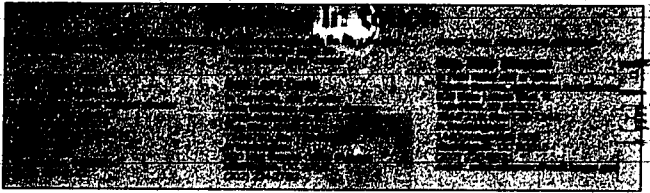
Kudos to Mark Murphy

Yes, Mark Murphy! I compliment you. Someone has finally taken a stand on a legitimate issue such as asset forfeiture in the race for the Twin Falls County prosecutor's position.

Your reader's comment in the May 8 issue of The Times-News was excellent and clearly explained this essential tool in deterring drug dealers.

It's refreshing to have a very qualified candidate with a genuine desire to be a prosecutor and not merely a politician. You've got my vote on May 23, and I urge others to join me in this wise decision.

SHARON TREAT
Twin Falls



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"Grant has done an outstanding job in this position and deserves the support of those in the law enforcement community."

Wayne Tausley,
Twin Falls County Sheriff
Times-News, March 13, 2000

"When you combine intelligence with good work ethic, that's a dangerous man to have on the other side."

Monte Carlson,
Former Twin Falls Defense Attorney
Times-News, July 9, 1997

"His department is as well oiled as any I've seen. I've seen the good ones, and I've seen the bad ones, and his is good."

Marvin Hempleman,
Twin Falls County Commissioner
Times-News, August 17, 1998.

"Launching a community discussion on school violence is absolutely the right thing to do. We commend Twin Falls County Prosecutor Grant Loeb for calling a broad-based meeting on this subject."

Editorial, Times-News, May 26, 1999

"I have lived criminal law and I don't see any abuse of plea negotiations in this county. What I see is an efficient use of resources."

Roger Burdick, Fifth District Judge
Times-News, February 28, 2000

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"I know in your line of work, as in ours, we often don't hear positive praise for what we've done, but I want you to know that your devoted efforts did not go unnoticed by the members of the Buhl Police Department, or the community. Thanks again, Prosecutor, for helping us to maintain safety and security in the City of Buhl."
Terry L. Tipton, Chief of Police, Buhl
Letter to Grant Loeb, October 23, 1998

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—Rush Limbaugh

"Alan Keyes is the only candidate still in the running [for President] that the Founding Fathers would have endorsed."
—W. Cleon Skousen

Alan Keyes has a Ph.D. from Harvard and wrote his dissertation on the Constitution. He spent 11 years as a State Department diplomat, becoming a U.S. Ambassador to the U.N. under Ronald Reagan and an Assistant Secretary of State.

"I believe that it remains the destiny of the American people to uphold the right of all mankind to practice responsible self-government. Decision to this providential purpose is the heart and soul of what it means to be an American. As President, I will labor to: abolish the income tax, liberate entrepreneurial and charitable initiative; honor marriage and the family; respect the equal dignity of all human beings, born and unborn; reclaim American sovereignty from global bureaucracy, and show, by word and deed, the role of statesmanship in a free republic."
—Alan Keyes

How is the Keyes campaign doing?
Alan Keyes has already proven that he sits passionate support wherever he has a chance to speak. He is widely considered the winner of the Republican presidential debate, even among supporters of George W. Bush and John McCain. Keyes did remarkably well in the Iowa caucuses, the first test of the primaries, gathering 14% in a crowded field. Since then, he has gotten 20% in Minnesota and 21% in Utah. Despite Bush's apparent lock on the nomination, Keyes vows that he will continue to campaign through the primaries in order to give voters a real choice.

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NATION

Unknown jumps into race

NEW YORK (AP) — Rep. Rick Lazio appeared on six TV talk shows, gave the commencement address at a Long Island college and flew to four upstate cities Sunday to rally support for his brand-new Senate campaign against Hillary Rodham Clinton.

It was a whirlwind tour by a man determined to overcome his biggest immediate obstacle: his own obscurity.

"My challenge is to make sure that people know the real Rick Lazio before the other side gets out and tries to fool the New York people about who I am," Lazio said on CNN's "Late Edition."

The four-term Republican congressman said he wasn't troubled by a new poll that showed



Rep. Rick Lazio

Clinton ahead by 14 percentage points.

"I expect to be behind for a long time," Lazio told reporters as he left the New York Institute of Technology in Old Westbury, on Long Island. "I expect to be the underdog throughout this race."

The Zogby poll, published Sunday in the New York Post, also found two-thirds of likely voters don't know enough about Lazio to have an opinion of him,

either favorable or unfavorable. Seventeen percent said they were undecided about whom to support, up from 11 percent a week ago when the Republican candidate was Mayor Rudolph Giuliani. The poll of 506 voters had a 4.5-point margin of error.

Clinton, who spent Sunday in Albany and Troy, spoiled Lazio for using his campaign announcement a day earlier to attack her as a liberal carpetbagger with political ambitions beyond the Senate.

"I was a little disappointed yesterday that my latest opponent has already started hurling insults instead of offering ideas about what we can do to improve the lives of New Yorkers," Clinton said.

Bush's plan strikes chord with seniors

Los Angeles Times

ORLANDO, Fla. — To the chagrin of the most powerful lobby for older Americans, Republican George W. Bush appears to have struck a vein of political gold with his call to allow workers to divert some of their Social Security payroll taxes into personal investment accounts in the stock market.

At the AARP convention here, the appeal of the stock market as a partial substitute for Social Security received a surprisingly positive response among the very constituency that once feared any change in the program.

Of course, the seniors' monthly Social Security checks wouldn't be touched under the Bush plan, which is likely to be aimed at workers 45 and younger. But some retirees, rather than being fearful, seemed willing to encourage their children and grandchildren to risk a portion of security for a bit of independent wealth — even in a troubled stock market.

Texas Gov. Bush, by keeping his plan vague and drumming insistently on the themes of financial independence and individual freedom, may have sensed not only a demographic shift but a political one as well. If seniors intrigued with the idea of investing some Social Security funds vote their convictions, Bush, the likely GOP



Texas Gov. George W. Bush

presidential nominee, may reap a big political dividend.

"Bush has absolutely tapped into two important themes: the widespread distrust of government and the perhaps irrational belief that the stock market will continue to generate huge returns," said John Rother, director of public policy for AARP (formerly the American Association of Retired Persons).

This is a politically painful but realistic admission coming from one of the leaders of AARP, whose 34 million members make it the key lobby on senior issues. AARP has been among the strongest defenders of Social Security's function as a provider of guaranteed retirement, disability and survivors' benefits for all Americans.

Although officially nonpartisan, AARP is clearly worried about the potential of the Texas governor's plan to alter the perception of Social Security and make people question its rate of return rather than focus on the guaranteed benefits it provides.

California's growth rate slows down

By Soraya Sarabadi Nelson, Los Angeles Times

California's declining growth rate during the past decade might net it only a single new seat in the House of Representatives when Census 2000 numbers are sent to President Clinton at the end of the year, the smallest gain for the state in a century, a Los Angeles Times analysis of population estimates shows.

The recession helped slow the Golden State's population growth in the 1990s to 3.3 million new people, prompting many Californians to move to Nevada and the Pacific Northwest at the same time immigrants were streaming into California. A decade earlier, California grew by 6.1 million residents, earning it seven new House seats, which boosted the delegation to its current 52 members. The biggest winners after Census 2000 will be Arizona and Texas, according to The Times analysis, which plugged Census Bureau population estimates into the national reapportionment formula. Each state will add two new House seats if results of the ongoing census turn out to be similar to the estimates, as was the case in 1990.

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Grant money:
Idaho gets federal dollars to
fight noxious weeds.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Twin Falls City Council cancels meeting

TWIN FALLS - The City Council has canceled tonight's meeting. Said necessary July fall.

Also, the council will not meet May 29 due to the Memorial Day holiday. The council will meet later that week, Hall said.

Shovels for Solidarity will hold meeting today

TWIN FALLS - Shovels for Solidarity will hold an organizational meeting at 6 p.m. today at the Rock Creek Restaurant.

Organizer Damar Dahl will be the guest speaker. For more information, call Gretchen Clelland at 326-4257.

Jerome planners to meet tonight at courthouse

JEROME - The Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission will meet tonight instead of next Monday due to the Memorial Day holiday.

The meeting will begin at 7:30 a.m. at the County Courthouse, 300 N. Lincoln Ave.

The meeting is open to the public.

Blaine commissioners to meet at courthouse

HAILEY - Blaine County commissioners will consider dog impoundment fees today during their regularly scheduled meeting.

The dog catcher is scheduled to meet with commissioners beginning at 10 a.m. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. at the old County Courthouse.

The meeting is open to the public.

Wood River watershed group to meet Tuesday

HAILEY - The Wood River Watershed Advisory Group will hold a board meeting at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday on the second floor of the Blaine County Courthouse.

The agenda includes an update on the total maximum daily load (TMDL) pollution guideline and a committee presentation.

The meeting is open to the public.

Wood River Land Trust distributes public survey

HAILEY - The Wood River Land Trust is mailing out 2,500 surveys this week to Blaine County voters and property owners throughout the U.S.

The survey is used to gather opinion about preserving open space land. Surveys should be returned no later than June 5.

The Wood River Land Trust was formed in 1994 with the mission to protect open space in central Idaho, according to a news release.

Filer council to meet Tuesday at City Hall

FILER - The City Council will meet at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at City Hall.

The council will consider hiring a public officer, staff member and other employees.

The meeting is open to the public.

Buhl City Council mulls Ken Hansen subdivision

BUHL - The City Council will meet at 7 tonight in council chambers.

The agenda includes a hearing for the Ken Hansen subdivision. The Buhl Tennis Association will discuss concerns about tennis courts.

The meeting is open to the public.

Burley commissioners will discuss canyon road

BURLEY - Cassia County commissioners will give an update today on repairs that need to be made to Bowler Canyon Road.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. in the basement of the county courthouse.

Also on the agenda are discussions on proposed methods controlling noxious weeds along the Snake River and a progress report of the Red River Water Advisory Board.

Compiled from staff reports

A healing friendship

Program pairs mentally ill with caring volunteers

By Jay Newsum
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Buhl residents Janice Naser and Micky Schlueter have been close friends for almost a decade. They spend many hours together every week shopping, going to movies and attending church. At first glance it would be hard to tell that there is anything unusual about their friendship, but there is.

Naser suffers from a chronic mental illness, and Schlueter is her volunteer companion through Mental Health Services in Twin Falls.

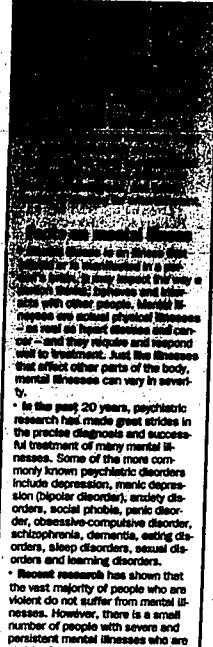
The two were brought together through a citizen companion program, which matches paid, non-professional people from the community in one-on-one, supportive relationships with people suffering from long-term mental illness.

Naser and Schlueter have been together for eight years now, and officials at Mental Health Services say they couldn't be a better match. The two friends couldn't agree more.

"I can be very upset and she can calm me down," Naser said. "If she has time for me she always takes time for me. She cheers me up and prays for me, and she's been right there for me."

Naser did not want to disclose the specific nature of her illness, but she said she has been receiving medication to treat it since the 1950s. She has been hospitalized many times because of her illness, but not once after Schlueter became her citizen companion. She said she knows her friend has had a lot to do with that.

Though the job is part-time, Schlueter usually spends about 40 hours a week with Naser. She has welcomed Naser into her family and they have spent many Christmas, Thanksgiving and



Janice Naser, foreground, suffers from a chronic mental illness, and Micky Schlueter is her volunteer companion from Mental Health Services. The two were brought together eight years ago and have since become close friends.

Christmas together.

John Brannen, a caseworker at



Janice Naser, foreground, suffers from a chronic mental illness, and Micky Schlueter is her volunteer companion from Mental Health Services. The two were brought together eight years ago and have since become close friends.

Mental Health Services, said the relationship the two have formed and the effect it has had on

Naser's mental health has been extraordinary.

"If we could have about 20 companion relationships like

extraordinary. Please see CARE, Page B3

Boise technologist talks sleep problems

By Karen Bessick
Times-News correspondent

HAILEY - Having trouble sleeping at night? You might want to ditch the "Tonight Show." And get off the Internet, as well.

Bright lights from a TV or computer screen can stimulate some people, especially men, making it harder for them to get to sleep. If that's the case, you should turn off your TV or computer at least an hour before bedtime, says a sleep technologist.

Katana Hean, a registered polysomnographic technologist for St. Luke's Sleep Center in Boise, recently talked about sleep problems and their solutions at the Wood River Medical Center's Women's Resource Center in Hailey.

It's a subject that affects a lot of people - at least 100 million Americans. Ninety percent of us need eight hours of sleep. But the average American gets only 6.8 hours of sleep every night, Hean said.

If you think that's not a problem, look at the wreck of the Exxon Valdez oil tanker in Alaska or the Chernobyl nuclear disaster, both believed to be

Take the test

Do you have a sleep problem? Take the test. If you score nine or higher, you may have a sleep problem. If you score seven or eight, you may have a sleep problem. If you score six or lower, you may not have a sleep problem.

attributable to sleep problems. Most of the formal treatment seems to center on extreme

cases, such as sleep apnea where people stop breathing briefly during 30-second cycles at night. This is best treated with an air mask, although surgery does help in some cases.

Other more extreme problems among 84 identifiable sleeping and waking disorders include narcolepsy, where people can fall asleep without warning in the midst of giving a speech. And R.E.M. behavior disorder, where a person acts out their dreams, a condition treatable by such medicines as Ritalin.

Some people do swear by the new nasal strips for snoring, although doctors tend to scoff. In his opinion, Hean said. The best thing you can do for snoring is wear a mouth device that pushes the jaw forward.

Short bouts of insomnia due to menstruation, pain from an injury or a pressing deadline at work are to be expected. It's chronic insomnia, which plagues more than 35 million Americans, that's harder to deal with.

Some people are actually more vulnerable to insomnia during periods of stress, just as some people react to stress by getting headaches or indigestion.

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Burley City buys new building for call center

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - The city of Burley recently bought a building that officials hope will pay for itself.

City officials and economic development leaders were enthusiastic when news first hit that a new employer was coming to town. It's a call center that eventually expects to expand its staff to more than 100 people.

But Tele-Servicing Innovations, a telemarketing company from Idaho Falls, still had to secure a permanent building. Meanwhile, its nearly 20 local employees would have to work out of temporary facilities.

Last week, the City Council approved the \$250,000 purchase of the old M.H. King Building on the corner of Overland Avenue and Eighth Street. The city will lease the building to D.L. Evans Bank, which in turn will lease it to Tele-Servicing Innovations for \$4,300 a month.

"We didn't feel we could lose a business that could employ between 100 to 200 people,"

Mayor Doug Manning said.

The building requires improvements that meet Tele-Servicing's basic needs, such as installation of new phone lines. Some walls also need to be taken out and new walls put in to provide the setup the company needs.

The agreement between the city and the owner of the building, Tom King, isn't final, city attorney Randy Stone said. The agreement will be completed Tuesday.

King will agree to install the walls, and Tele-Servicing Innovations will agree to install its own phone lines. Stone said, while the city will make improvements outside of the contract as best as it's able.

The call center was helped into motion by Bechtel BWCT, the contractor that runs the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory. Bechtel BWCT contributed \$215,000 toward economic development in the Magic Valley, including \$150,000 to the call center.

Rupert Renaissance seeks donation

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - The Rupert Renaissance committee is working to enhance the city's entrance with a landscaping project - but it needs money.

Chris Jackson, coordinator of the Rupert Renaissance Initiative, is asking for community donations. Beautification of the town, along with some attractive signs, is one of the Renaissance group's goals, Jackson said.

Charles Wagon, chairman of the Renaissance "C.A." committee on community image and attitude, has solicited donations from businesses and labor from city crews, Jackson said.

The planter box project on the east side of F Street is almost completed, and the project on the west side is under way.

Warren said. "Hopefully both of these projects will be completed in time for our Fourth of July celebration."

The planter box - designed using railroad ties - was made to recognize the Eastern Idaho Railroad and to enhance the town's east entrance, Jackson said.

"The railroad has been a vital part of our community and held an influential position in our historic past," Jackson said.

A brick sign touting Rupert is in the design stage.

The sign will match the historic design of the city of Rupert and the Renaissance are planning. It will highlight the 1920-'30s era, as we work to diversify our economy to include tourism."

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Mini-Cassia residents can take nursing program at Minico school

By Lorraine Cavener
Times-News writer

RUPERT - So you want to be a nurse? If you live in Mini-Cassia, you will no longer have to drive to Twin Falls to get a licensed practical nursing education.

A College of Southern Idaho practical nurse class will be offered at Minico High School.

Registration starts now for summer prerequisite classes necessary in order to take CSI licensed practical nursing classes - which will be offered at Minico for spring 2001, said Clauden Buetter, CSI's nursing director.

The college is partnering with Minico and several Mini-Cassia

If you are interested

Minico High School is offering a Licensed Practical Nursing (LPN) program. The program is a two-year program. The first year is completed at Minico High School. The second year is completed at the College of Southern Idaho. The program is designed to prepare students for a career in nursing. For more information, contact the school at 2187 Legault, Ed. 2187, Legault teaches health occupations at Minico High School and will be teaching the practical nursing class there.

health facilities to enable students to get the full package without having to drive to Twin Falls, Buetter said.

Minidoka Memorial Hospital, Cassia Regional Medical Center, Parke View Care and

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MAGIC VALLEY/WEST

THIS WEEK AT CSI

Tuesday
 Advanced Regional Technical Education Coalition board meeting, 7 to 9 a.m., Taylor 276.
 FBI training on "Domestic Terrorism," 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Sage/Cedar 276-277.
 Helping Hands Inservice, 1 to 4 p.m., Desert 113.
 "Reptile Review - Mingle in the Jungle," 6 p.m., Herrett Center.
 "Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 "Wood Be," works in wood exhibition, public reception from 7 to 9 p.m., Herrett Center Jean B. King Art Gallery (Tuesdays-Saturdays through Aug. 12).
 "A Geologist's Collection," gems and minerals display, Herrett Center.

Wednesday
 Boise State University/CSI Bilingual Partnership luncheon, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Taylor 276.
 Sawtooth National Forest public information meeting, 7 to 9 p.m., Taylor 276-277.

Thursday
 Baptist Campus Ministries Bible study and meeting, 7 p.m., Taylor cafeteria.

Friday
 "Search for Life in the Universe," 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
 Kimberly High School graduation, 7 p.m., CSI gymnasium.

Saturday
 Woodcarvers Jamboree, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Desert 112, Evergreen A24, C74, A06, A15 and A20.
 "Rusty Rucker'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.
 Filer High School graduation, 7:30 p.m., CSI gymnasium.

Sunday
 Woodcarvers Jamboree, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Desert 112, Evergreen A24, C74, A06, A15 and A20.
 Magic Valley Bible Church, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., Shields 117 and 118.

Today
 Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
 Cassia County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
 Elmore County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
 Gooding County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
 Jerome City Planning and Zoning Commission 7 p.m., city council chambers.
 Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
 Jerome County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., courthouse.
 Ketchum Planning and Zoning Commission, 5:30 p.m., City Hall.
 Lincoln County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
 Minidoka County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
 Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.

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

Tuesday
 Camas County commissioners, 10 a.m., courthouse.
 City of County Memorial Hospital Board, 7:30 a.m., conference room.
 Gooding School Board, 7 p.m., district administration office.
 Hailey Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., Hailey Town Center.
 Shoshone Planning and Zoning Commission, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
 Sun Valley Planning and Zoning Commission, 9 a.m., council chambers, City Hall.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

Wednesday
 Glenns Ferry City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Heyburn City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
 Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administrative offices, 208 Main Ave. W.
 Wendell City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.

Thursday
 Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
 Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.

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

Police drag river for missing woman

POCATELLO - Police still have no leads on a woman missing since May 8, even though her pickup truck was found last week.
 Authorities Saturday searched the Portneuf River for any evidence of Kimberly Keller, 35, of Pocatello, but with no luck.
 Keller was reported missing May 8. A missing person report was filed by Keller's sister who did not hear from her when expected, said Det. Joe Kingsley, Pocatello police.
 Keller's husband, Fred Vitapando, Pocatello, said he knew of no reason why his wife would disappear.
 Keller's pickup truck was discovered this week in Pocatello and impounded by police.
 Keller is described as a white female, 5 feet 2 inches tall and weighing 115 pounds. She has brown hair and blue eyes.

Idaho in brief
 not part of the Idaho Republican Party.
 "The voters of Idaho must know these organizations do not speak for the Republican Party by the fact that each is supporting or opposing the new Hampshire First District Congressional race," Clark said. "The real party rarely gets involved in primary races."
 A similar problem cropped up in this week's New Hampshire Presidential Primary. The Republican National Committee unanimously enacted a resolution authorizing legal action to protect the Republican Party name.
Qwest to make refunds in slamming case
 BOISE - Consumers who were slammed by Qwest Communications Services are eligible for refunds under the terms of a consumer protection settlement.
 Idaho Attorney General Al Lance announced the settlement Thursday.
 Slamming is a practice in which a long distance company switches a consumer's service without that person's knowledge or consent.
 Refunds will include a credit in the amount equal to all charges billed to a consumer after the unauthorized switch in service.

Republican leaders denounce 'wannabe's'
 BOISE - Republican leaders are denouncing organizations statewide using the party name in such a way that implies support by and endorsement from them.
 Republican State Chairman Trent Clark said recent voter guides, flyers and phone campaigns from organizations calling themselves the Republican Assembly, the Republic Leadership Council and the Republican Liberty Caucus are

Lance alleged in the settlement agreement that Qwest's telemarketers engaged in misrepresentation in soliciting Idahoans to switch their long distance telephone service. Although Qwest did not admit to any wrongdoing, the Denver, Colo.-based company agreed to change the way it conducts business in Idaho and to pay \$25,000 in civil penalties, costs and attorney fees.
Interfaith Alliance asks candidates to sign pledge
 BOISE - The Interfaith Alliance of Idaho is asking candidates to sign a pledge of civility.
 "The Candidate Code of Civility asks candidates not to use religion as a weapon and not to appeal to intolerance and prejudice as a means of generating support for their campaigns," said Rev. Elizabeth Beck, Beck co-chairs the Interfaith Alliance.
 Beck said candidates are quickly returning the pledges. They have until May 31. The Interfaith Alliance then will announce which candidates pledged civility in their campaigns.
 "We believe it is critical that those who serve the public office provide leadership in promoting a more civil and tolerant society," said Lesley Goranson, chair of the Alliance.
 - compiled from wire reports

DEATH NOTICES

Orpha Peterson
 BURLEY - Orpha Peterson of Burley died Sunday, May 21, 2000 at Alamo Wynwood in Twin Falls. Services are pending and will be announced by the Farmer Funeral Chapel.

Gladys F. Sherfy
 BURLEY - Gladys Ferne Sherfy, 93, of Burley, died Sunday, May 21, 2000, at her home.

Funeral arrangements are pending and will be announced by the Rasmussen Funeral Home in Burley.

Francisca Guajado Pena
 HEYBURN - Francisca Guajado Pena, 79, of Heyburn, died May 21, 2000 at Cassia Regional Medical Center.
 Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2000 at the Praise Chapel in Rupert.

SERVICES

Arline Ruge' Schiffer of Denver, Colo., and formerly of Twin Falls, graveside service at 11 a.m. today at Twin Falls Cemetery (Reynolds Funeral Chapel in Twin Falls).

Guylla Madge Young Hodge of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert 1st Ward building, 806 G St. Friends may call one hour before the funeral at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Delsman R. Glauser of Rupert, service at 11 a.m. today at the Rupert West LDS Stake Center; graveside service will follow at 4 p.m. today at the Hagerman Cemetery. Friends may call one hour before the funeral at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).

Fern Edith Sudderth Holmquist of Twin Falls, service at 2 p.m. today at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.

Mary R. Peterson of Gooding, graveside service at 2 p.m. today at the Hailey Cemetery (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Linda Shome of Kimberly, service at 11 a.m. Tuesday at the Hansen Ward LDS Chapel in Kimberly.
 Friends may call from 4-8 p.m. today at White Mortuary in Twin Falls.

Henry J. Wilkins of Gooding, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Demaray's Gooding Chapel; graveside service will follow at a later date at the High Valley Cemetery near Hillsburg, Wash.
 Friends may call from 1-7 p.m. today at the chapel.

Jon H. Baker of El Cajon, Calif., and formerly of Fairfield, memorial graveside service, 3 p.m. Wednesday at the Elmwood Cemetery (Demaray's Gooding Chapel).

Francis Alvin Wilson of Wendell, memorial graveside service at 3 p.m. Friday at the Wendell Cemetery (Demaray's Wendell Chapel).

INEEL gets grant for research

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - Researchers interested in cleaning up the earth's atmosphere are devising ways to sweep up excess carbon dioxide - a potentially problematic greenhouse gas - and store it out of harm's way.
 Through the Fossil Energy Program, the Department of Energy is funding research projects to explore ways to sequester newly produced carbon dioxide before it hits the atmosphere.
 Ultimately, the Energy Department says it wants to develop methods that cost only \$10 per ton of carbon, equivalent to adding a fraction of a cent per kilowatt-hour to the cost of electricity.

Researchers at the Idaho National Engineering and Environmental Laboratory have been awarded nearly \$1.4 million to pursue three projects that pull carbon dioxide out of various gaseous streams before the greenhouse gas mixes in with the air.
 Officials say sequestering greenhouse gases might reduce the impact on global warming.
 "If fossil energy is beginning to turn the climate in a different direction, then we need to start looking at carbon dioxide management," said Vick Rice, manager of the INEEL's fossil energy technologies department.
 One way to manage that carbon dioxide is to remove it from sources before it hits the air.

"If you can get carbon dioxide out of an exhaust stack, that might be a way to son dicate its effect on the environment," Rich said. "The earth can heal itself - we're just giving it too much to handle."
 While the grants examine ways to remove the carbon dioxide from sources, other research is looking at ways to store the gas after its collection.
 The INEEL carbon sequestration projects include developing membranes for filtering carbon dioxide from methane and gas streams, developing a vortex tube to spin out carbon dioxide from exhaust streams and improving the ability of algae to remove carbon dioxide from power plant exhausts.

Man defends fruitarian diet that left infant son malnourished

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Christopher Fink defends the strict fruitarian diet that left his infant son weak and malnourished but says he wouldn't do it to a child again.
 "People would look at that as me trying to hurt my children," he said.
 In a jailhouse interview, Fink, 24, reflected on how he and his former wife became the target of a national manhunt after forcibly taking their 21-month-old son, weighing 16 pounds, from a Salt Lake hospital.
 "I made a lot of mistakes," said Fink, who said his biggest mistake was trying to fight authorities who took away his son, David.
 "I learned from this experience that you can't always fight for what you believe to be right," he said. "I wish that I had been more responsible."

Fink said he wants to publish fantasy novels after his scheduled Aug. 29 release from 18 months in Salt Lake County jail, where he has prepared several manuscripts.
 A judge closed the book on their flight from justice last week by sentencing his ex-wife, Kyndra Lee, to three years' probation for her part in Fink's treatment and kidnapping.
 The couple lost custody of two children, including Elijah, born in the Bearfoot Mountains of Montana while they were on the run.
 "I know the pain of losing my babies will never go away," Lee said outside court last week, sobbing.
 Lee, who divorced Fink on Feb. 4, had been living under his spell,

according to her lawyer Ed Brans and 2nd District Judge Roger Bean.
 But Fink asserts he "never forced my wife to do anything."
 The father relinquished his parental rights and decided to plead guilty when he found out "my wife wasn't going to stand by me."
 "I do love her very much," Fink said. "I do feel betrayed; but that doesn't diminish my love for her. In fact, it's made me love her even more. I put her on such a pedestal. I've gained the ability to see that she's human, that we're all human." She had her back against the wall.
 Fink also plans to write a book explaining his fruitarian beliefs.

OBITUARY

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

HEYBURN
 Pona, a 69 year old Heyburn, resident was called home May 21, 2000 at Cassia Regional Medical Center after a courageous battle with an extended illness.
 Francisca was born March 8, 1931 in Pawnee, Texas, the daughter of Manuel and Lucia Maria Salazar Guajardo.
 She married Antonio G. Pena December 24, 1955 in Houston, Texas. They moved to the Mini-Cassia area in 1956, and lived in Heyburn since 1969. She enjoyed fishing, camping, and spending time with her three sons, and grandchildren. She was very active in church, and loved to sing.
 She is survived by three sons Dionizio G. Pena of Boise; Raymond G. Pena of Burley; and David G. Pena of Heyburn; three grandchildren Nicholas, Gabriel, and Marissa; two brothers Lupo Guajardo of Aransas Pass, Texas; and Manuel Guajardo Jr. of Texas City, Texas; seven sisters Maria Larza of Brownsville Texas; Francisca Guajardo and Sofia Vela of Vieck, Texas; Dolores Santos of Martha, Oklahoma; Maria Guajardo of El Paso, Texas; Hope Denny of Boise; and Lucy Valdez of Cortez, Colorado.
 She was preceded in death by her husband and parents.
 Funeral services will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, May 23, 2000 at the Praise Chapel at 8th and B Street in Rupert with Pastor Roy Maldonado officiating.
 Friends may call Monday evening from 6-8 p.m. at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel and one hour prior to the service on Tuesday at the church.

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Last minute ad attacks Silak

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - A last-minute ad campaign by the Idaho State Supreme Court Justice Cathy Silak will rule in favor of partial-birth abortion and same-sex marriage expressed in weekly editions of the Post Register.

The ad, paid for by a group called "Concerned Citizens for Family Values," drew a quick response from Silak, who called it a last-minute smear tactic not based in fact.

Frank Vanderhoof speaks for the group. He is the Melaleuca executive who helped purchase 25 billboards across the state last fall protesting Idaho Public Television's decision to air "It's Elementary," a program about homosexual issues in public schools.

"The advertisement, also scheduled to run Tuesday, says in large letters: 'Will partial birth abortion and same-sex marriage become legal in Idaho? Perhaps so, if liberal Supreme Court Justice Cathy

Silak remains on the Idaho Supreme Court," the ad says.

It also suggests Silak's past association with the American Civil Liberties Union because she will likely rule with liberal ACLU positions on abortion and homosexuality, and urges a vote for her opponent, 4th District Judge Daniel Eismann, in Tuesday's primary election. Eismann said he had no knowledge of the ad and has not heard of Concerned Citizens for Family Values.

"I have endeavored to run a campaign that does not criticize my opponent. That's not the type of campaign I run," he said.

However, Eismann said he probably would not be able to convince those who bought the ad to pull it, though he did write down a phone number for the group.

"If their focus is going after her, they may not care much what I say," Eismann said. The group are scheduled to run in

newspapers in Boise, Idaho Falls and Blackfoot, according to Ken Sheppard, an Idaho Falls attorney.

Sheppard said the group registered with the secretary of state's office late last week as a political action committee.

Silak said she was "shocked and dismayed" that yet another interest group uses a last-minute smear tactic against me and my superior court.

She said the state Supreme Court has not heard a case on either partial-birth abortion or same-sex marriage and she has not stated a vote on either.

Silak said her involvement with the ACLU in 1985 through 1987 does not mean she endorses the views of the national organization.

"My work was focused here in Idaho and not on any kind of national ACLU platform. I believe in the mid-1990s, partial-birth abortion and same-sex marriage were not being discussed in Idaho," Silak said.

Idaho secures grant to fight noxious weeds

BOISE (AP) - The state will receive a \$150,000 grant from the federal government to fight noxious weeds that threaten plants and animals.

Gov. Dirk Kempthorne worked with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to secure the grant. He said it will allow the efforts of a coalition of public and private interests to continue fighting the spread of destructive plants in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness.

Noxious weeds are a variety of fast-spreading plants that choke off native vegetation, overtaking critical winter range for game species. The plants also drive out native birds and insects and can cause soil erosion.

Forest Service officials have identified noxious weeds as the number one ecological threat to the 2.4 million-acre wilderness area and estimate that more than 500,000 acres of habitat are at risk.

The coalition - comprised of state, federal and private groups - has identified 300 weed locations in the wilderness totaling 2,000 acres. The Forest Service will identify the grant, which will fund field crew efforts to use herbicides and to rip out weeds within the wilderness boundaries.

RENAISSANCE MAN



Earl Corless, a member of the Rupert Renaissance Committee, works on a landscaping project at the intersection of Oneida and F streets in Rupert. The group is seeking donations to help pay for the project.

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Jackson said. "Presently when people travel through our community there aren't any signs to lead them to our wonderful and historic square."

But the projects come with a price, she said.

A \$2,000 Land of Lakes grant was spent on landscaping, and the group needs to raise an additional \$3,000 for the project, along with \$6,000 for the signs.

"We need help," Jackson said. "If anyone would like to assist

the Rupert Renaissance in this beautification and signage project, we would deeply appreciate it. We feel it is extremely important to make the entrance to our city as inviting as possible."

She hopes the project will reflect the charm of Rupert and the people of the community, she said.

"Our community as a whole should be commended for the progressive steps taken in brightening Rupert's future," Warren said.

Assessments jump for Ada County commercial landowners

BOISE (AP) - Ada County property owners heard some bad news last week: the tax value of their land will go up by at least 25 percent.

County Assessor Bob McQuade told a group of property owners and managers on Friday the boost was needed to catch up with the market value for commercial land and relieve a tax shift to residential property owners.

The increase also meets the assessor's legal obligation to make the assessments accurate and prevent the state from making the adjustment unilaterally.

"I think we've lagged market value, so we've tried to address that this year," said McQuade, who previously noted the increase was "hefty."

At week's end, 130,000 preliminary notices will be mailed. "Nobody likes to have anybody step up and say, 'Your taxes are going up,'" said Bob Howe, a commercial developer in Boise and president of the Building Owners and Managers Association. "That's a big hit toward our bottom line."

Local property taxes are a combination of the tax rates of local governments and the prop-

erty value established by the assessments. The rate is multiplied against the assessment to establish an individual tax bill.

An increase in land value can translate into a larger tax bill if the tax rate stays about the same. The limit potentially will be felt by occupants of commercial properties, including industrial parks and shopping centers, said David Turnbull, president of the Brighton Corp., a commercial development firm.

"Rents are going to be going up across the valley," Turnbull said. "I don't think anybody's happy about it."

Police find stolen beef in suspect's toilet

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - The 200 pounds of meat stolen from Bubba's Bar-Que last week may still be gone, but it is no longer missing - it is flushed.

Police found traces of the meat when they searched a 34-year-old suspect's home and found a man's girlfriend, 45, and their 1-year-old daughter apparently flushing the hamburger.

A search earlier revealed a large amount of chicken and beef wrapped in grocery bags in the suspect's freezer. The suspect said he had purchased it at WinCo, a store managers said they had not sold meat in those amounts or packaging.

Sierra Club proposes expanded grizzly recovery

JACKSON, Wyo. (AP) - The Sierra Club has proposed more than triple the millions of acres previously suggested for the recovery of grizzly bears in Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.

A study by the Sierra Club shows grizzly bears need blocks of land of more than 1,000 square miles and a range of food sources including fish, army cutworm moths and pine nuts.

The conservation group wants to add 14 million acres to a 5.9 million-acre federal recovery zone suggested for the greater Yellowstone area.

Additional land would include the Wind River Mountain Range and the southeastern Absaroka Mountains in Wyoming; the Centennial, Gravelles, Tobacco Riads, northern Absaroka and part of the Beartooths in Montana; and the Palisades portion of the Caribou-Targhee National Forest in Idaho.

The Sierra Club came up with the alternative management

plan after studying areas where bears went extinct between 1920 and 1970.

Researcher Troy Merrill found that bears survived only in areas greater than 1,000 square miles. They were restricted to the off-leasing, narrow strips of land closer to people.

Grizzlies inhabit about half of the proposed 14 million additional acres, and nearly a third of the land has some level of protection, including designated wilderness and unroaded national forest, Sierra Club members said.

Two million acres are privately owned.

"This is what is meaningful to a bear," Merrill said. "This is where bears would be if there weren't people in the way." hit the bear.

In addition to expanded bear habitat, the Sierra Club would prohibit road building, sheep grazing and oil and gas development, limit motorized recreation, limit protected habitats,

protect open space on private lands and keep human food away from bears.

Some officials said the proposal could create a political backlash. "There's a lot of people who think it's too big as is, and it better not change," said Chris Serbensen, grizzly bear recovery coordinator for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

Serbensen said he has not yet seen the Sierra Club's analysis. But the federal conservation strategy includes "more and detailed habitat monitoring than we've ever had for any species," he said.

Also, bears will be protected outside the recovery zone to some extent by the states, which are drafting management plans, he said. There are an estimated 400 to 600 grizzlies in the greater Yellowstone area. They are spreading deep into Wyoming and are moving north in Montana about to Interstate 90.

Camp provides fun for children with cancer

The Times-News

KETCHUM - Camp Rainbow Gold, a free one-week summer camp for children with cancer, will be held July 30 through Aug. 4 at the Cathedral Pine Campground north of Ketchum.

A dedicated core of volunteers, including a physician, certified oncology nurses, social workers

and trained counselors, address the health issues these campers face and attend to any special needs they might have, said Camp Rainbow Gold Director Sharon Dingman of Twin Falls.

The camp is open to Idaho children as well as children from surrounding states. Applications have been mailed to parents of children known by the Camp

Rainbow Gold staff, but new campers are enthusiastically welcomed and encouraged to attend.

Sponsored by the American Cancer Society through donations from individuals and organizations, there is no charge for campers and their families. For further information, donations or applications, contact Camp Rainbow Gold at 734-2425.

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them, we'd be doing very well. They really are a wonderful match," Brammen said.

But Mental Health Services does not have 20 more like Schluerer in fact, right now it doesn't have any more at all. After peaking at about a dozen citizen companions a year ago, the number has dwindled to just one.

Brammen said a major factor to the decline was the departure of the program coordinator a year ago. No one was available to replace the volunteers when they left, but that rule has now been assumed by Brenda Grupe, a community resource development specialist.

Grupe said she thinks many people would volunteer if they knew about the opportunity - and if they can get past the negative connotations of the words "mental illness."

"We want to get rid of the stigma that's attached to mental illness," Grupe said. "We need the community to know that people with mental illness are not violent killers. They're people who work alongside you at work, and their medication can help them control their illness."

Brammen said very few of his clients have a propensity for violence, and it's his job to oversee the relationship to make sure clients and volunteers are safe.

There is no stigma toward people with mental illness because the headlines only tell about the most spectacular cases like the guy who walks into a bar and shoots people, Brammen said. But for every one of those people, there are a million others on the street who are not violent, he said.

"We don't put people in a situ-

ation where it would endanger anyone," Brammen said. "Our job is to make sure that things are stable and safe for both parties concerned."

Brammen said that statistically, people with mental illnesses are no more likely to commit acts of violence than the general public. The number does increase when they abuse substances, but that is the case generally, he said.

Brammen said citizen companions serve as another set of eyes and ears to help monitor the patient. They also help keep them "connected" to society. This is important because people with mental illnesses tend to isolate themselves, which is counter-productive to their treatment, he said.

Schluerer said the "connections" Naser now has in her life through the program have made her no different than anyone else.

"When their medicine is working right, people with mental illnesses are just as normal as you and I, and there's no way to tell they have a mental illness. I

think people need more understanding of that," Schluerer said.

Naser is the third person with a mental illness Schluerer has volunteered to help in Twin Falls, and her experience goes even deeper than that. Her best friend from Minnesota and one of her older sisters both suffer from bipolar disorder.

But one cannot have any experience with the mentally ill to become a citizen companion, Schluerer said. Both she and Naser agree the most important quality volunteers should have is compassion, and Schluerer said the rewards of serving go both ways.

"I think the more we do for other people the more we'll be blessed, and I've really seen the blessings come back tenfold. I like making a difference," she said. "Justice is just easy to love. She is family."

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Sleep

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If you do suffer from chronic insomnia, can the nighttime - while alcohol may help you get up, sleep initially, it'll wake you up a few hours later as the effect wears off. Cigarettes are also a stimulant, as are some drugs for weight loss and colds.

"Some doctors also counsel avoiding caffeine - in coffee and chocolate, Pepsi or tea - up to eight hours before bedtime. Conversely, a snack, such as milk or yogurt, may help induce sleep."

"Skip the nightly news, too, if it stresses you out so much you can't get to sleep.

Most seem to be more sensitive to light - turning on a bright bedroom light in the middle of the night may jar them awake the rest of the night. Women in

turn, seem to be more sensitive to noise of passing traffic, barking dogs, even the person breathing next to them.

If your mind is racing it keeps you from getting any ZZZ's, give them a mouth device that pushes the jaw forward. Some people also swear that nasal strips reduce snoring. Although doctors aren't so hot on them, Haan said.

Some people can spend the evening dozing on the couch only to come instantly awake when they change into their pajamas and get ready for bed, worrying they won't be able to sleep. The act of changing into their nightclothes serves as a cue to encourage wakefulness, a habit that needs to be retained.

Go to bed at the same time and rise at the same time at least six days of the week. If you do

wake up in the middle of the night and are too wired to resume sleeping, do something that will help you relax enough to hit the pillow again.

If you do spend a late night on the town, rise at your normal time, anyway, Haan suggested. For some reason, getting up at the same time is more important than going to bed at the same time, she said.

Doctors can prescribe short-term sedatives, such as Ambien, to help people get to sleep while establishing better sleep habits, Haan said. Prescription pills typically don't leave you feeling groggy, unlike over-the-counter drugs which can cause sleepiness the next day.

For more information, contact the Idaho Sleep Disorders Center at 381-2440.

Nursing

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Rehabilitation Center and the Berkeley Care Center are teaming up with the college to offer Minicosta students clinical experience, said several faculty members who will be involved as well.

Through a telecommunication system, students can get the same benefit of CBI instructors, she said.

"There's a large need for nurses," she said. "LPN jobs are in the paper all the time."

Long-term care and home

health facilities are growing, Brammen said.

The health occupation classes available at Minicosta enable students to be on track to have all credits necessary to receive the LPN degree a year after graduating from high school, Minicosta principal Dan Rogers said.

The LPN course seemed to fit with Minicosta's curriculum, Rogers said.

"It was one more piece," he said. "The school needs to become more of a community-

type school."

The classes will be offered during the regular school day. The program isn't closed to high school students, anyone from the community can sign up. The cost is \$25.00 per credit.

"I hope they take advantage of it," Rogers said.

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Probe implicates 28 in LA scandal

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Names of 28 police officers implicated in crimes connected to the Rampart corruption probe have been turned over to public defenders, along with 3,242 pages of transcripts from disgraced former officer Rafael Perez.

Four of the named officers remain in custody. Unidentified sources quoted in today's Los Angeles Times said that at least 40 current or former officers are suspected of criminal activity.

LAPD Cmdr. David J. Kallah, the department's spokesman, declined comment on the why the

four officers have not been relieved of duty.

So far, 30 Los Angeles Police Department have been relieved of duty in the burgeoning corruption scandal in which anti-gang officers in the LAPD's Rampart station allegedly planted evidence, shot unarmed suspects, falsified reports and gave false testimony to convict innocent people of crimes.

More than 80 felony convictions have been overturned since the scandal came to light last summer.

Los Angeles County District Attorney Gil Garcetti on Friday

gave the public defender and the Indigent Defense Panel the transcripts of interviews with Perez.

The disgraced officer and convicted thief, who gave testimony in exchange for a lighter sentence, led investigators to the LAPD's worst scandal in its history.

Victoria Pipkin, a spokeswoman for Garcetti, said the office will be forwarding names of other officers suspected of wrongdoing as early as next week.

Garcetti wrote in a confidential letter obtained by the Times that the 28 officers "are alleged in the transcripts to have participated

in criminal activity ... to have committed acts involving moral turpitude or ... may have substantial material evidence favorable to an accused."

The county public defender and the Indigent Defense Panel, which is composed of private attorneys appointed by the court, represent individuals too poor to retain their own attorneys. Most of the people allegedly victimized by Rampart-related police misconduct fall into that category.

"We felt we should have had this information a long time ago," said Public Defender Michael P. Judge.

Descendants sue for island rights

BROWNSVILLE, Texas (AP) — She grew up in a small house on a dirt road near the Mexican border. There was no television, no telephone, no newspaper — nothing but wind. Rebecca Gomez Sexton recalls. But there was a funny thing they would say sometimes in quiet moments when family dinners were winding down.

"We used to own Padre Island," her mother would whisper.

"Yeah, right, Gomez thought. How could a family of first-generation Mexican immigrants have any stake in the pristine sands and swaying palms of the resort island? Most of her relatives couldn't even speak English.

As it turns out, the last laugh could be hers — Gomez is one of 500 island heirs headed for court this month. In a massive lawsuit, the family claim they are owed millions by a New York lawyer who bought Padre Island in the 1930s.

Jury selection begins May 24 in a trial that could put on for a decades-long struggle, one that has become the stuff of legend in the southern tip of Texas: The bat-



Rebecca Gomez Sexton of McAllen, Texas, stands near the statue of Padre Nicolas Balli Wednesday on South Padre Island. Gomez is one of the 500 island heirs headed for court.

tle of the Ballis.

The island was almost deserted when Gilbert Kerlin first laid eyes on it in 1938. Fresh out of Harvard, the young lawyer had stepped off an overnight flight in Brownsville with instructions from his uncle to buy an island.

Kerlin walked away with deeds to 61,000 acres and Laguna Madre, the ribbon of water between the island and the mainland. As for how much he paid — well, that depends on who you ask. Kerlin's lawyer won't say, and the heirs aren't sure.

Teens find summer jobs in tight market

BOSTON (AP) — Fernando Amorin wasn't expecting much when he called a small technology company as a high school senior looking for summer work.

"I came in with very little hope," said Amorin, 19, of Marlboro. "Why would they hire a teen-ager?"

Because they needed him, as it turned out.

While his friends were working at fast food counters, Amorin started handling computer network duties for a company called ESD, which makes electronic control devices for electronic

equipment.

"He's the main go-to guy for any computer program or software problems," said Dan Taylor of ESD. Amorin, now in college, is back for a second summer, and he's not the only teen doing well in the nation's tight labor market. Nationally, unemployment was a low 3.9 percent last month, and in Massachusetts, it was an even lower 2.8 percent. In Maine, the labor market is the tightest it's ever been in that state.

With a scarcity of workers, some companies are only grudgingly offered internships are

giving young hires more opportunities and increased responsibility — particularly if they've picked up computer skills in school or on their own.

Many hope to train students who will return summer after summer and eventually join their companies full-time.

"It's more looking at high school students in a new way — that they need to develop the work force," said Mark Foley, who runs the Assabet Valley School to Career Partnership, which will match about 200 students and internships this summer.

Microscopic margin holds off tests on suspect part

The Seattle Times

SEATTLE — A measurement of one-thousandth of an inch was all that kept Alaska Airlines from having to closely monitor the part now suspected as a cause of the crash of Flight 261.

If not for that microscopic margin in a September 1997 maintenance test, Alaska would have been required to periodically check the jackcrew assembly of the MD-83 in the 28 months leading up to the Jan. 31 crash.

The plane, which was bound for Seattle from Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, plunged into the Pacific off Southern California, killing all 88 aboard.

National Transportation Safety Board investigators are focusing on a worn jackcrew assembly as a possible cause of the crash. Other federal agents conducting a criminal investigation of Alaska are trying to determine whether that 1997 test result, which came after mechanics had initially decided to replace the jackcrew, was legitimate or was manipulated by company workers to get the plane back into service without further inspections.

The jackcrew assembly tilts the horizontal stabilizer on the plane's tail section, controlling the

plane's up-and-down motion.

Government officials close to the criminal investigation by the FBI and the Department of Transportation's inspector general — a wide-ranging probe in which the airline's overall maintenance practices are under scrutiny — say the 1997 test is a central focus.

Alaska officials, citing the ongoing criminal investigation, declined to respond to questions about the jackcrew test. Previously, the airline has said the test was conducted properly and the part was well within safety standards when the plane left the maintenance facility.

Meanwhile, the criminal investigation has been hampered because some mechanics and inspectors involved in the test are refusing to talk, government sources said.

The jackcrew assembly of the MD-83 underwent an inspection Sept. 29 and 30, 1997, during a major check at Alaska's Oakland, Calif., maintenance facility.

When mechanics first tested the jackcrew, they found it close to its maximum wear limit and recommended replacing it, according to federal officials and an Alaska employee who have seen the maintenance records.

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IN BRIEF

Six seniors cash in at Canyon Springs

TWIN FALLS — Six seniors representing six different golf courses took top honors Sunday at the USGA Senior Stroke Play Tournament at Canyon Springs Golf Course.

Twin Falls Municipal's Virginia Dindjiam won the women's championship with a two-day total of 155, beating runner-up Helga Fest (174) by 19 strokes.

First-day leader Nils Backsdock shot a 71 Sunday for a 140 total as the senior Valley resident beat Walter Linsenbergh by four shots in the Age 55-59 division. Gary Jenkins' 147 on his home course was good enough to win by 17 shots over Judson Miller in the 60-64 age division. For the 65-69 crowd, Eagle Hills golfer Johnny Everett hosted Jerome A. Bolt (143) and 146-159, while Teton Lakes golfer Bob Menley fired a two-day round of 153 for top honors in the 70-year-old and over category.

But the golfer that showed up everybody was 80-year-old Doc (W.C.) Boyd, the oldest player in the tourney whose 140 net finished second in the Age 70 and over division.

Black, Berry team up for win at Candleridge

TWIN FALLS — Ted Black and Gordon Berry took a wire-to-wire win Sunday at the Candleridge Two-Person Best Ball, teaming for a 56-59 card for the gross win. Terri McNew and Gary Krumm-Weid passed five teams Sunday to place second.

Steve Vining and Jeremy Jensen shot a two-day, 24-under score to capture the net championship.

Jackpot's Reiersgard wins Gooding Amateur

GOODING — Shooting a 5-under 66, Jackpot golfer Lynn Reiersgard captured a two-stroke win Sunday over Brian Sakas for the 2000 Gooding Amateur. Both men battled all day with each tied at 4-under before Reiersgard parred the difficult 17 and 18 holes for the win.

Other gross winners were Dan Armstrong (147) in first flight, Brad Greene (158) in second flight and Bob Cordell (172) in third flight.

Rash scores hole in one on Candleridge No. 8

TWIN FALLS — Filler golfer Wayne Hash scored his second career hole in one Sunday on the 144-yard, par-3 No. 8 at Candleridge Golf Course. Hash used an 8-iron for the shot, which was witnessed by Brian Smith, Jackie Smith and Larrie Hosh.

Correction

Bad information resulted in an erroneous score reported in Sunday's Class A-1 state golf tournament scores.
 Twin Falls High School golfer Jennifer Hedberg shot a 75, the lowest hole-in-one of the day on Sunday at the state golf championship for the first time since 1966. The Times-News regrets the error.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

Local drivers dominate Intermountain class at Speedway

The Times-News
TWIN FALLS — Warm weather welcomed great racing as the Cactus Petes Intermountain Super stocks made their first of three appearances at the Magic Valley Speedway Saturday evening.
 Boise driver Kenny Rich set the early pace for the Late Models in qualifying by running a blistering lap of 14.336 seconds around the 1/2-mile track.
 Once racing got under way, former track Street stock champion Joe Hood made his way into the top five after two laps before grabbing the lead from the No.16 of Brett Houckkeeper on lap 9.

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 But one lap later, Burley's Clint Kidd (No. 88) displayed some mighty horsepower by creeping his way into the pack of five front-runners.
 A spectacular fire brought out a rare red flag with the first coming on lap 14 as the No. 95 car of Art Smith caught fire along the backstretch. Smith stopped the car in turn 3 and quickly exited it as the NAPA Auto Parts safety crew extinguished the

flames. During the red flag, Rich parked near the track entrance in turn 1, where his engine burst into flames.
 Luckily, corner flagman Woody Cullen quickly extinguished the fire, but both cars were eliminated, bringing the 18-car field down to 16.
 By lap 21, Kidd found himself on the back bumper of Hood. The excitement continued as the two home track drivers battled for the lead against some of the best drivers in the West. On lap 40, as the two exited turn 4, Hood went to the low side and punted lapped traffic as Kidd went high using the momentum to take over the lead.
 Five laps later, local Mountain Dew

Modified driver Brett Thompson, who earlier had won the Modified main event, moved into fourth where he would later finish in his series debut at Magic Valley Speedway.
 Veteran driver Jeff Hillock finished third and Wellsville, Utah driver John Sharp rounded out the top five.
 "My goal was to win for the fans at my home track just once and give them back just a little of what they have given me over the years," Kidd said.
 Thompson had his hands full in the Modifieds, outdueling current points

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Knicks turn off the Heat

The Associated Press
MIAMI — Same setting, new ending, familiar result: The Knicks are moving on and the Heat are going home.
 The New York Knicks did it again in Miami, ending the Heat's season in a hostile arena for the third straight year in yet another riveting win-or-lose game — this time with a finish that left the home team crying foul.
NBA playoffs
 Getting the winning points from Patrick Ewing with 120 left and the benefit of an official's call with 21 seconds left, the Knicks knocked the Heat out of the playoffs 83-82 Sunday in Game 7 of their second-round series to advance to the Eastern Conference finals against Indiana.



Miami Heat's Alonzo Mourning frisks during the fourth quarter against New York at the American Airlines Arena Sunday. The Knicks defeated the Heat 83-82 in Game 7 of the NBA playoffs.

50-upset were the Heat with 34 seconds left when they felt an official had awarded the Knicks a timeout when no one had asked for one — that Jamal Mashburn chased the referees as they ran off the court while Miami's coaches yelled that they had been robbed.
 Referee Bennett Salvatore said Sprowell had called a timeout, although Sprowell admitted he hadn't. Chris Childs said it was he who had called time out from several feet away, while Sprowell thought it was Marcus Camby who called it.
 "They had three officials in their pocket," Mashburn said.
 After running the rest of the time off the clock without allowing the Heat to foul, the Knicks mobbed each other at midcourt, celebrating again on another May afternoon in Miami after a draining, all-out battle with their former rivals.
 "This was vintage Knicks-Heat, another gripping chapter in a rivalry so strong, with games so intense, that it almost seemed predestined to go down to the final shot."
 Tim Hardaway hit a 3-pointer with 1:32 left to give Miami an 82-81 lead, and Ewing slipped behind Alonzo Mourning for a dunk that made it 83-82 with 1:20 left.
 Mashburn missed a jumper in the lane but atoned for it by

stealing the ball from Childs with 34 seconds left. Hardaway then missed a runner, and the rebound was hatted around until a jump ball was called. Mourning won the tap to give the Heat the ball with 12.4 seconds left.
 The Heat called a timeout and then got the ball to Mourning, but he passed out of a double-team and the ball ended up in the hands of Clarence Weatherspoon for a 12-footer that bounced off the back rim.
 "We weren't going to let Alonzo beat us," said Childs, who singlehandedly kept the Knicks in the game during the fourth quarter. "With Weatherspoon, I don't think he's been in that situation many times before."
 Sprowell rebounded, and

Salvatore stopped the clock with 21 seconds left after ruling that Sprowell had called a timeout. The Heat argued that Sprowell never called for a timeout — an argument backed up by television replays and Sprowell's own admission.
 "The referees huddled but did not change the call.
 Childs took the final 21 seconds off the clock by catching Charlie Ward's inbound pass and hurling it high in the air.
 Just like that, it was over. A series that had included Heat guard Anthony Carter's incredible shot from behind the backboard in Game 3 and the Knicks' stunning comeback from an 18-point deficit in Game 6 ended with New York's third

straight celebration on the Heat's home floor.
 This one might have hurt the most for the Heat, especially with the way they booted Game 6 and then frittered away a lead down the stretch of Game 7.
 "Losing all measures up to be the same — it's bad all the time," Mourning said. "It can't get any worse. It's all misery."
 Sprowell led the Knicks with 24 points, 20 coming in the first half. Ewing added 20 points and 10 rebounds and Childs scored 15 points in his best game of the postseason.
 Mourning led the Heat with 29 points but missed three foul shots in the fourth quarter when Miami was trying to increase slim leads.



Los Angeles' Kobe Bryant drives to the basket against the defense of Portland's Rasheed Wallace (30) during Game 1 of their Western Conference game in Los Angeles Saturday.

Trail Blazers' troubles go deeper than the Lakers

The Associated Press
LOS ANGELES — If the Portland Trail Blazers hope to win Game 2 of the Western Conference finals tonight, Arvydas Sabonis needs to show up and Rasheed Wallace can't blow up.
 Shaquille O'Neal outscored Sabonis 41-0 and outrebounded him 11-1 in the Los Angeles Lakers' 109-94 victory in Game 1 Saturday.
 It's hard for a 7-foot-3, 282-pound Lithuanian to disappear, but Sabonis was virtually invisible in his 33 minutes on the court — 0-for-4 from the field, zero points, one rebound.
 Is Shaq the toughest player Sabonis has ever faced? Sabonis acted Sunday as if it was the most ridiculous question he'd ever heard.
 "What do you think?" he said in English, one of the four languages he speaks. "Of course. It's difficult, you know."
 Sabonis said it was coach Mike Dunleavy's decision to limit his involvement in the offense Saturday after the game plan changed when the Blazers fell behind by 24 points in the second quarter.
 "Everything happened in the second quarter," Sabonis said. "It changed how we decided to play."
 At least Sabonis talked on

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Stars even series with Avalanche

The Associated Press
DENVER — Being outshot 39-15 in a must-win game on the road isn't the usual formula for success. But thanks to Ed Belfour, the Dallas Stars regained home advantage.
 Belfour was brilliant in goal, recording 38 saves, to lead the Stars to a 4-1 victory over the Colorado Avalanche on Saturday.
 Brett Hull had two goals and an assist as the Stars started the best-of-seven Western Conference finals at 2-1. Game 5 is Tuesday night at Dallas.
 Mike Modano added three assists for Dallas, which scored four times on its first 11 shots.
 "We're sitting here at 2-2 with three games left, two at home," Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock said. "Our team feels pretty good about their right now."
 "We got the win in this building that we badly needed. Colorado plays perfect in this



Colorado defenseman Adam Foote, right, tangles with Dallas right winger Jamie Langenbrunner in the third period of Sunday's Game 4 of the Western Conference finals. The Stars won 4-1.

building. We play really well in our building, too. The game changes dramatically when it goes into our building now."
 Hitchcock, who switched his

lines in an effort to inject life into a squad that was shut out twice in the first three games of the series,
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Idahoans Hamilton, Unser qualify for Indy 500 field

The Times-News
INDIANAPOLIS — Nampa native Davey Hamilton and Halley's Johnny Unser turned on the drama Sunday and qualified for the 74th Indianapolis 500 at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.
 After making no attempt to qualify Saturday, Hamilton qualified the Team Xtreme G-Force/OldsmobileV8, at 219.878 and will start on the inside of the 10th row. Hamilton has never started farther back than the fourth row in his four previous races.
 Unser qualified the Delco-Remy G-Force/OldsmobileV8 at 219.066 in his final try Sunday with about 90 minutes to go. Unser will start his fifth Indy 500 from the middle of the 10th row next to Hamilton.
 "We found our real speed during qualifying a great time to peak," Unser said. "I can't take

too many more days like this when I qualify on my last attempt. Our first two laps were the best, then the car began to tighten."
 Unser joins cousin Al Unser Jr. in the race's starting lineup for the first time in their racing careers.
 Brazilian native Raul Boesel was the fastest qualified Sunday at 222.113.
 Greg Ray, the 1999 Indy Racing League champion, is on the pole at 223.741.
 The 33-car starting field average is 220.794, and only 5.181 miles an hour separates the fastest and slowest qualified cars in the field. The 2.5-mile oval remains closed for practice until Thursday for Carburetion Day.
 The 84th Indianapolis 500 is scheduled Sunday.



Mickelson takes third season title

FORT WORTH, Texas (AP) — Phil Mickelson overcame a six-stroke deficit with a closing 7-under-par 63 Sunday to win the Colonial and join Tiger Woods as a three-time winner on the PGA Tour this season.

Mickelson had eight birdies, including a 20-footer on the 18th hole, to end with a 121 under 288 total.

Two strokes ahead of Stewart Cink and Davis Love III, Mickelson, who along with Love, lost in a playoff to Jesper Parnevik at last week's Byron Nelson Classic, finished in second place for the eighth time since his last victory at the 1998 Deutsche Bank Open by three strokes Sunday.



Phil Mickelson reacts to making a birdie on 18 in the final round of the Colonial in Fort Worth, Texas. Sunday, Mickelson set a tournament record for lowest final round. Mickelson shot a 7-under-par 63 in the round, and finished two shots ahead of Stewart Cink and Davis Love III.

Westwood wins after Tiger's shot lands in water

ALVESLOHE, Germany — England's Lee Westwood, taking advantage of a double bogey that cost Tiger Woods the lead, shot an 8-under par 64 to win the Deutsche Bank Open by three strokes Sunday.

Westwood wound up 15-under at 273. Italian Emanuele Canonica finished second after a closing 67. Woods finished four strokes back, after two late birdies helped him to a 70 and his 17th Top-five finish in his last 20 events.

Sorenstam overcomes Webb's pizzazz to win Firstar

BEAVERCREEK, Ohio — The gallery didn't know Karrie Webb and Christie Kerr didn't either.

Annika Sorenstam was one of the few people aware that her 15-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole

gave her a one-stroke lead — and would eventually give her the victory — in Sunday's final round of the Firstar LPGA Classic. And even she was worried.

"I think you could hear it in Orlando," Sorenstam said of the ground-shaking roar after Webb holdd a 131-yard 9-iron shot for eagle on the final hole. The massive crowd sitting on the grassy amphitheater surrounding the final green thought Webb's dramatic shot had pulled her into a tie with Sorenstam and Kerr at 18 under.

Quigley outduels Watson, Colbert to win Waterhouse

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Figuring he had no business beating one of the best players in golf history, Dana Quigley did anyway.

With the gallery of 25,000 cheering every step hometown heroes Tom Watson and Jim Colbert took, the self-effacing Quigley rolled in a 12-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole for a dramatic one-stroke victory over Watson on Sunday in the TD Waterhouse Championship.

Driver in Sealy crash has DUI charge in history

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The man blamed in the crash that killed Malik Sealy of the Minnesota Timberwolves was convicted of drunk driving in Iowa in 1997, court records show.

Authorities believe Souk-sanguaneu Phengseue, 43, was driving the wrong way on Minnesota Highway 100 in St. Louis Park early Saturday morning when his truck collided head-on with Sealy's sport utility vehicle.

Sealy, 30, was dead at the scene.

Phengseue, who recently moved to Minnesota from Des Moines, Iowa, was in satisfactory condition at Hennepin County Medical Center with head and chest injuries, a hospital spokesman said Sunday.

It was not clear Sunday if alcohol was a factor in the crash. Cathy Clark, a spokeswoman for the State Patrol, said on Saturday that a paramedic on the scene told troopers he smelled alcohol on Phengseue.

Blood samples were taken from both drivers and will be tested to determine if alcohol was in either driver's system.

Clark said the investigation will likely take several weeks.

The Des Moines Register reported Sunday that Phengseue was charged with drunken driving in Des Moines in June 1997.



Malik Sealy

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Nets win the NBA draft lottery

SECAUCUS, N.J. — The New Jersey Nets, a team looking for a coach, a president and a director of basketball operations after another dreadful season, finally won a big one, getting the No. 1 pick in the NBA draft lottery on Sunday.

The Nets (31-51) only had a 4.4 percent chance of jumping from the No. 7 spot in the lottery to the top spot in the draft, but luck was on their side when the numbers 6-9-14 were drawn in the ping-pong ball lottery.

The lottery was filled with upsets as the Vancouver Grizzlies also made a move up, jumping from No. 4 to the second pick. On the other end, the Los Angeles Clippers and Chicago Bulls, the two worst teams in the lottery, slipped to the third and fourth picks in the draft, respectively.

Orlando has the No. 5 and also has Nos. 10 and 13 picks overall. Atlanta will pick sixth and will have two first-round picks in the draft, according to the Philadelphia Inquirer, which on Sunday quoted unnamed sources who had seen the e-mail.

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Iverson and family allegedly threatened

PHILADELPHIA — The FBI raided the home of a Pennsylvania man, just hours before the Philadelphia 76ers lost to Indiana on Friday night, following an alleged e-mail threat against 76ers star Allen Iverson and his family, a bureau spokesman said.

The sender, identified as a "Philadelphia sports hater for years," insulted Iverson and threatened to harm "those near and dear" to him, making specific threats against his two children, according to The Philadelphia Inquirer, which on Sunday quoted unnamed sources who had seen the e-mail.

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Baseball hits new grand slam mark with six

Major league baseball had its grandest day ever. Less than one year after the first five grand-slam day in major league history, there were six hit Sunday. Anaheim's Garrett Anderson hit the record-breaker with two outs in the third inning off Kansas City's Chris Fessel.

J.T. Snow of San Francisco, Brian Hunter of Philadelphia, Jason Giambi of Oakland, and Los Angeles' Adrian Beltre and Shawn Green connected with the bases loaded earlier in the day, bettering the record set last Aug. 9.

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NHL

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gird Hull's second goal was critical.

"They scored their goal after an unfortunate turnover (to make it 2-1), and we were on our heels," Hitchcock said. "That goal by Hull was huge for us."

The Stars focused on not being careless and not how many pucks they sent toward Patrick Roy.

"We weren't concerned about

the number of shots," Hull said. "We concentrated on not making mistakes first, and then making the most of the shots when we got them."

Roy stopped 11 shots for Colorado, which lost for the first time at home in the playoffs after seven wins.

"Dallas played well with the lead, and whenever we had a good scoring chance, Belfour was

there," Colorado coach Bob Hartley said. "We had great pressure and we put tons of pucks at the nets. But it's not the number of shots, it's the number of goals."

Joe Nieuwendyk and Hull scored first-period goals as Dallas, despite being outshot 10-4, took a 2-0 lead.

Colorado missed a prime scoring chance later in the period. Belfour stopped Milan Hejduk's

shot and Peter Forsberg batted the rebound toward the goal, but Joe Sakic hit the post from just left of the crease.

The Avalanche turned up the pressure in the second period, outshooting the Stars 21 in the period, but Dallas emerged with its two-goal advantage intact.

Dave Reid made it 2-1, beating Belfour from the left circle after a turnover by Modano at 1:43.

Speedway

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leader Steve Jones to take his second win of the season.

Defending track champion Bruce Qualtrick took advantage of a caution period to pass Rick Corbridge for third place with Harold Warfield rounding out the top five.

Budweiser Grand National Sportsman and defending Street stock champion Dale Miles won his first race of the season in his new Dodge.

"The handling of the car is totally different from the car last year," Miles said. "I just don't have the horsepower I need yet, but I'll get it back."

It didn't appear that way as Miles made his way to the front picking off competitors one at a time.

Though he needed the win to

stay in the points hunt, the "Rebel" admitted he was pulling for birthday boy and B heat race winner Randy Eric, who led for over half the race.

But Price got loose coming out of turn 4 on lap 25, when Miles took advantage of the Jerome driver's mistake and kept the pack in his rear view mirror the rest of the way.

Current class points leader Jeffrey Meads motivated his No. 1 Mopar to a strong second place finish, but didn't have anything for Miles, while Troy Carothers had his best finish of the 2000 season to hold on for third place.

Brian Welch had a horrible night of luck after problems plagued him in the hot lap sessions and again in the A heat race where he lost a right rear axle in

each event. Two-time main event winner Kelly Chappell also suffered axle problems in the A heat race, sending the right rear tire and part of the axle into the canal.

But Jerome's Cory Keher had no such problems as he won his first-ever NAPA Auto Parts Pony stock main event.

After a first lap caution sent pole-sitters Dan Wilkinson and Andy Going to the back for the restart, Keher inherited the pole and never looked back, running the entire 25-lap main event out in front. Kimberly's Alan Larson took second with last year's class champion David Caldwell Jr. outlasting two-week winner Todd Audest for third.

A pair of Idaho Falls drivers made season debuts, with Levi Burgener in the 17A and Todd

Lowe in the 11X, finishing an impressive fifth and sixth, respectively.

Returning returns next Saturday night as Wilson Bates brings the Modifieds, Sportsman, Western Custom Trucks and Dairy Queen Thunder stocks to the track.

But action begins Thursday at the Speedway with the return of the Extreme Motorcycle Free-Air Festival. High-flying motorcycle maniacs will be showing off their 125-foot jumps and acrobatic tricks with several Idaho bikers participating in the festival. Gates open at 4 p.m. with the hair-raising jumps beginning at 7 p.m. Live music will accompany the competitors.

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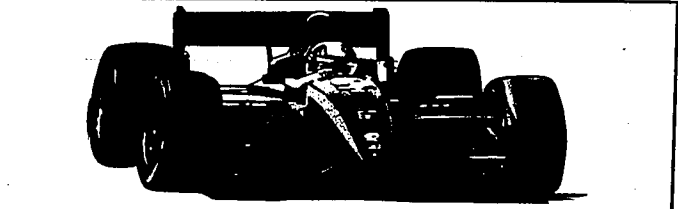
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Section D

The have-nots are eating yakburgers

What lies ahead for the U.S. economy? Will it remain strong? Or will it collapse? Will all the Internet billionaires go broke and be forced to use their Palm Pilots to kill rats for food? Wouldn't that be great?

To answer these questions, we need to understand how the U.S. economy works. We'll start by following an imaginary dollar bill on its fascinating journey as it circulates through our economic system.

Our dollar is "born" in the U.S. Mint where a blank piece of paper goes into a printing press and comes out with a picture of George Washington and a pyramid with a weird eyeball. It then travels, with millions just like it, on a conveyor belt to the office of the Treasury Secretary, who sits at his desk 24 hours a day with a pen and a large bottle of amphetamines. After he signs the dollar, he places it into circulation by tossing it out the window behind him. At this point we lose track of it. All we know is that it eventually winds up in the possession of Bill Gates.

So never mind following the money. Money is an outdated idea anyway. The hot thing is stocks. Stocks are BETTER than money, because with money, there's no money about when it's worth: If you have \$2,038 at 10 a.m., it will be the same old boring \$2,038 at 5 p.m.

When you buy stocks, you have the excitement of knowing that at any moment you could be wiped out by economic forces which you do not control. This is called "owning a piece of the pie," and it is the dream that has millions of hard-working, clueless Americans investing everything in the Stock Market, a place operated by a few men in white shirts. You should get in on this immediately. It's easy! You need to understand only two things, which are called the "Dow" and the "NASDAQ."

The "Dow," or the Dow Industrial Average, for short, is calculated by adding up the stock prices of 50 major companies, then dividing by the number of times they go up or down. The Dow represents the Old Economy, defined as anything that will write on animal skins. These are the obsolete, dinosaur companies that are still trying to make money by - just ready to laugh - actually manufacturing some kind of hardware.

This concept has two big economic flaws. First, it involves labor, which, almost by definition, work. Second, when you produce a physical product, you run the risk that it will fall into the hands of the American consumer, who is the least intelligent life form on Earth, including the sugar beet. Whatever your product is, some consumer will find a way to injure himself with it, and the plaintiff's lawyer will make you admit, in court, that NOWHERE on your product did you put a warning label stating that the consumer should not set it on fire and throw it into his car.

So the "Dow" is a bunch of letters. The key activity is buying stock in "NASDAQ" companies, which have value because they run the Internet, which is the engine that powers the economy because it provides everybody with virtual communication, mostly about how the "NASDAQ" is doing.

The other essential tool of the "information economy" is the cellular telephone, which enables, by shouting, to tell others they are, to attempt unsuccessfully to return each other's voicemails. In airports, I have overheard on hundreds of businesspeople's phone conversations (they use "high-tech" handsets that vibrate when to shout, so the only way NOT to overstep on them is to be deaf). As far as I can tell, none of these people has ever actually reached the person he or she wanted to talk to. But they keep trying! They are in the airport right now, pacing and shouting to nobody. This kind of productivity would be impossible without information technology.

And it's just the beginning. Some day, our economy will become so advanced, so purely informational, that we won't even walk around. We'll just be on our backs, motionless, while the Third World takes care of all of our bodily functions for us, including chewing our food. I hope you like yak.

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SIGNS OF TROUBLE

Mini-strokes can be your body's warning of danger ahead

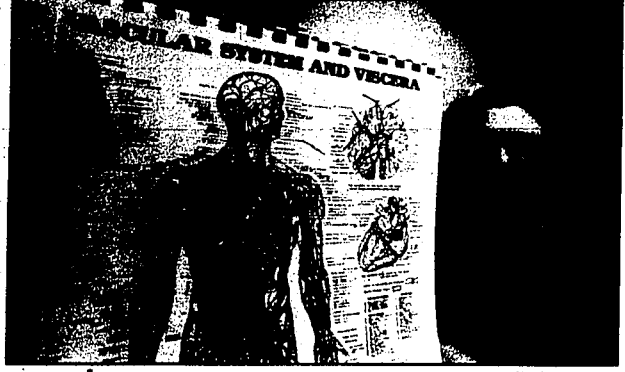
By Joan Nease
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - Every body knows about strokes - dramatic events that can transform, and in some cases, end, your life. But it's less well known that you may have some early warning.

Still, Dr. Randall Skeem, a Twin Falls internist, said people are less apt to ignore the symptoms of "transient ischemic attacks" or a temporary reduction or cessation of blood flow to a certain part of the brain, than in the past.

"I think in the last 10 years people have become more aware of the meaning of these changes in brain function," he said. "Most people have an awareness that something bad is happening and tell their doctor about it."

Skeem said symptoms of TIA - often dubbed "ministrokes" - depend on which part of the brain is being affected. There are any number of things that can happen, depending upon where the blood flow problem is.



Dr. Randall Skeem treats patients with transient ischemic attacks, more commonly known as mini-strokes. These attacks are short and cause no permanent damage.

The most common signs of trouble are temporary weakness, paralysis or numbness of an arm or leg or the face, transient slurred speech or difficulty forming words, loss of a part of the vision or distorted vision, or less frequently, loss of consciousness.

This can last for a few minutes up to about a half an hour. Its outcome is a matter of timing.

By definition, TIAs are reversible and there's no permanent injury, Skeem said. And whatever causes the reduction in blood flow (a clot, a decrease in blood pressure or heart rhythm change) it usually reverses itself and circulation is restored before permanent injury occurs.

"But if the symptoms last longer than about a half an hour, it is not reversible," he said. The brain is very sensitive to changes in blood flow, and a decrease or cessation in blood flow to a part of the brain that lasts longer than 15 to 30 minutes probably is going to result in some permanent injury."

Skeem said some strokes and TIAs are caused by a clot that forms in a blood vessel in the brain - usually around an area in the blood vessel that is already narrowed due to atherosclerosis (hardening of the arteries). If this is the case, then the warnings will be the same

Strokes are more prevalent than people realize, changing the lives of 700,000 Americans a year. And contrary to popular belief, 15 percent of stroke victims are under age 40.

In about 80-90 percent of cases, Skeem said a permanent injury occurs without warning. The first symptom the person ever has is stroke.

"So the warnings are very important to bring it to the attention of a physician, because it's then with the warnings that we have the most chance of preventing some major injury," he said. "The person could have one or several of all such warnings before a stroke actually occurs."

It's possible to have more than one TIA in a day. Having the same symptom each time is possible, but this depends upon the cause.

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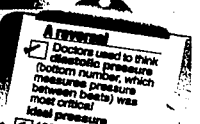
Reading your blood pressure

The National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute has begun a campaign to increase awareness of the danger of high systolic blood pressure.

WHAT IS SYSTOLIC BLOOD PRESSURE?

Top number when pressure is measured; indicates maximum pressure when your arteries during each heartbeat.

Danger: Too much pressure can eventually damage vessels walls.



every time, because it's the same part of the circulation that's being affected by the narrowing in a specific blood vessel.

However, he said a warning could mean the circulation problem is due to a clot that has broken up and is with upstream being either the heart or the carotid artery in the neck - and the clot has floated up to an area in the brain.

If that is the case and another clot forms and breaks off, it would not necessarily go to the same place. There are millions

of blood vessels in the brain, and the clot can choose its own path.

If it stays there, it will result in a TIA if the body can dissolve the clot in time. Or if it can't, then a permanent injury or a stroke occurs.

There are several things that can be done, Skeem said. If a person is having TIAs, the first course of action would be to put him on aspirin. That interferes with the blood clotting and will buy a little time to evaluate the circulation in the neck, or perhaps with the heart valves, to

Risk factors

Just being male makes you a good candidate for a stroke or coronary heart disease. Dr. Randall Skeem, a Twin Falls internist, said in general men tend to be more at risk for this, whether it's the heart or stroke-related.

Aside from gender, he said the primary risk factors for stroke or transient ischemic attack include hypertension or high blood pressure, diabetes, smoking, and elevated cholesterol. Genetics also play a role.

"It could become a problem as early as the 40s or 50s if a person had bad genetics and all of the risk factors, continue to smoke and they don't watch their blood pressure or control their diabetes," he said. "In general it becomes more common after about age 65."

Prevention of TIAs, or ministrokes, and strokes is a matter of controlling risk factors. It depends on their number, how frequently the person should be examined.

Skeem said if a patient has five risk factors, for instance, he would probably want to see him three or four times a year, and make sure he can control all of the things that can be controlled. "In general, the more risk factors, the more often you should see these things," he said.

For more information, contact:
The American Stroke Association (a division of the American Heart Association), 7300 Woodloch Forest Dr., Bethesda, MD 20814-1488-4876.
The National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke at medlineplus.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/stroke.html.

Strokes arrive without warning

Newsday

Sudden is the key word in stroke: sudden mental confusion; difficulty understanding others; slurred speech; sudden loss of vision; loss of an arm or leg; loss of feeling; numbness or tingling; sudden vertigo, a spinning or rocking sensation; sudden loss of vision. Not surprisingly, the number of strokes is symptomatic of hemorrhagic stroke.

Studies at the University of Cincinnati and UCLA showed

that the patient made only one of 700 emergency calls to 911 that turned out to involve stroke. That means that family and friends should be alert to the signs and act quickly to get their loved one to an emergency room. Even with transient signs of a stroke, what doctors call a mini-stroke, patients should not go to their family doctor, but to a hospital. Fifteen percent of strokes occur in people under 40.

Risk factors include atherosclerosis, family history, peripheral

vascular disease, smoking, high cholesterol, hypertension (high blood pressure), diabetes, and a sedentary lifestyle.

There are some new risk factors scientists discuss at a recent meeting on stroke. One is an amino acid in the blood called homocysteine. High levels of this amino acid are thought to put people at risk for heart disease and stroke. A large federally sponsored trial is under way to test the effectiveness of lowering homocysteine levels.

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Medical advances help does home in on damage

Newsday

STONY BROOK, N.Y. - Dr. George Newman hardly ever has time on his side. As head of the Stroke Center at University Hospital and Medical Center at Stony Brook in New York, he often has only minutes to activate brain-saving treatment for people who arrive at the emergency room in the throes of a stroke.

Newman must figure out pre-

cisely what time the blood supply to the brain was blocked, sending the brain and the body into a spasm of symptoms - loss of feeling on one side of the body, motor skills, slurred speech, muscle weakness - that, unlike the symptoms of a heart attack, rarely seem dire enough to patients for them to make that emergency call. The result is that people get to the hospital

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Dermatologists shouldn't hustle skin-care products

DEAR PAULA: Is there benefit to buying skin care products from a dermatologist? I'm not talking about prescription items but rather regular skin care products like lotions and sunscreens. My dermatologist has been prescribing me to buy a line of products he's selling, listing they are better than anything else.

CHERRI, LOS ANGELES



DEAR CHERRI: Indeed, dermatologists and cosmetic surgeons are selling skin-care products these days, lots of them. Not surprisingly, the number of lines, marketed to dermatologists and cosmetic surgeons has increased more than 100 percent over the past 10 years.

There is nothing medical about any cosmetic products being sold by a doctor's office. Every line being sold at doctors' offices comes under the guidelines of FDA cosmetic regulations, and the ingredients and formulations are the same as for the rest of the industry.

The benefit comes by physicians in defense of their selling

skin care products if who else is better able to prescribe products for someone's skin?

I find that a plausible argument, except when I see the price tags and the products these doctors are selling. I'm not that there aren't good skin care products being sold by physicians - because there are - but they are not special or different than products being sold in department stores, drugstores or in-home sales.

Doctors should be able to offer several alternatives to their patients, not just the high-end stuff because there are great inexpensive options available in the world of skin care.

Paula Begoun is the author of "Don't Go to the Cosmetics Counter Without Me (4th edition)."

Mattel gives Barbie a new look

At 41, is Barbie finally losing her figure? Yes, says Mattel, which is giving Barbie her first full-body makeover. Health magazine says the new-look Barbie will lose her 36-18-33 figure and have a "more athletic shape" when she hits stores in September. Barbie critic Kelly Brownell, a Yale psychologist, says "she's better than before," but that "one has to ask if she's something to aspire to."

Health notes

Stony Brook found that when people with mild-to-moderate cases of asthma and rheumatoid arthritis (both linked to impaired immune function) wrote for 20 minutes on three successive days about the most stressful event in their lives, their immune function improved.

and to protect against heart disease and osteoporosis - the soybean - is getting a drubbing, wary about Americans going hog-wild for soy, soy protein and the estrogen-like chemicals (isoflavones) that soy protein contains. A 2001 study published study linking tofu to a faster decline in mental abilities is particularly unwelcome news for any woman who sees eating soy as a risk-free alternative or supplement to conventional hormone-replacement therapy. "The majority of evidence indicates that soy is a safe food that's eaten by two-thirds of the world's population," said Dr. David Heber, director of the Center for Human Nutrition at the University of California, Los Angeles. But Heber and others warn against eating soy to the exclusion of other foods. And they caution against consuming very large amounts of soy protein or popping isoflavone pills available in stores.

- compiled from wire reports

A backward step

Have athletic shoes had their run? American Demographics magazine says the NPD Group clocked the total number of pairs sold last year at 313 million, down from 325.4 million in 1998.

Stressing good writing

You probably know that stress can lower your resistance to disease. But would you believe that just writing about stress can improve your resistance? According to New Choices magazine, researchers at the School of Medicine at

It isn't working out

Many of you parents are getting exercised about phys ed. Eighty-one percent of parents with children in elementary, middle and high schools want their kids to receive daily physical activity, but only 44 percent of them are receiving it, reports a new opinion survey commissioned by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education.

The trouble with tofu

A much-celebrated food that many women eat to help ease the symptoms of menopause

HEALTH & FASHION

It's a long road back from brain injuries

New York Daily News

NEW YORK - Joey Lengfeld has no idea how the fat, pink scars making around his skull got there. He is utterly mystified as to why he is not at home in Deer Park, Long Island, with his mother, Josephine, and brother, Chris, or why a coterie of therapists and psychologists keeps pestering him with impossible questions such as "What year is this?" "How old are you?" and "Where are we right now?"

Lengfeld is one of 25 patients at Mount Sinai Medical Center's Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center. The 36-year-old construction worker is struggling to reclaim a personality that vanished Dec. 7, 1999, when he fell off a scaffolding and went into a coma for about three weeks.

Victims of severe brain injuries who emerge from coma never have any memory of the aneurysms, overdoses, car crashes, asphyxiations, near-drownings, surgical screwups, neck snaps, violent attacks, infections, falls or myocardial infarctions that vandalize the delicate, oxygen-dependent hard drives controlling their bodies and emotions.

"Patients with severe brain trauma never remember what happened to them: The memories

Use your head

Panel on Traumatic Brain Injury
The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention will host a panel on traumatic brain injury on June 15. The panel will discuss:
- Drowning hazards for all contact sports, snow skis, ice skating and sledding, horse riding, motorcycle and bike riding.
- Installing window guards and stair safety gates in all homes where children reside.
- Source: New York Daily News



just don't have time to get laid down," says Dr. Steven Flanagan, vice-chair of rehabilitative medicine at Mt. Sinai and director of its Brain Injury Rehabilitation Unit. While the specter of permanent brain damage strikes terror in families, new discoveries have increased the odds that patients can survive - and sometimes thrive - after injury.

result in a hospital admission each year, although 80 percent of those are deemed mild, according to the 1998 Consensus Development Panel on Rehabilitation of Persons with Traumatic Brain Injury. Clinicians suspect that the

longer the period of time that cannot be recalled before brain trauma, the more difficult it is for patients to fully rebound. Then again, notes Flanagan, "we still don't have all the pieces of the puzzle."

Strokes

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artery in the neck can prevent problems, depending on the cause of the TIA.
It's very common for atherosclerosis to occur in a carotid artery. That's the main artery that supplies the brain with blood; there's one on each side of the neck.
This artery doesn't have to be 80 or 90 percent narrowed to be causing trouble, Skem said. It can sometimes have what is called an irregular plaque, which can become unstable and rupture and release chemicals that trigger a clot, even if the artery is not

very narrow.
Some strategies to prevent stroke are designed to stabilize the natural sclerotic plaque, either in the neck or in the brain, he said.
"It doesn't work after a clot's already formed, but to prevent things further down the line we'll use drugs to stabilize plaque - whether it be aspirin or cholesterol medications called statins," Skem said. "They've been shown to decrease the risk of strokes or TIA."

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Sudden

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teine levels by a mix of high-dose vitamins B6, B12 and folate. Thousands of stroke patients nationwide are enrolled in the study and will be followed for two years to see whether the superdoses of vitamins prevent subsequent strokes or heart attacks compared to a normal multivitamin supplement. Results should be available by 2003.

Could chronic infection trigger hardening of the arteries? "We just don't know," Sacco said. But they are trying to find out.
In a first-of-its-kind study, they measured the thickness of the carotid artery in 1,422 people enrolled in the Northern Manhattan Stroke Study and matched it to each individual's white blood cell count at several periods over a year. Those with the highest white blood cell count were also those with the greatest amount of plaque (and thus thickness) in the carotid arteries, Sacco said. The evidence that reactive proteins triggered by inflammation may also put people at risk for stroke. If it's true, doctors could add another treatment to their management strategy: antibiotics.

Advances

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the lesions caught by the new scanner, said Dr. Candice J. Perkins, a stroke researcher at Stony Brook.
"What's more, Newman added, this device - an echo planar MRI that is retrofitted with an additional set of rapidly changing magnets - allows doctors to view the brain in motion so that they can see the initial damage and figure out how likely the surrounding tissue is to survive subsequent damage.

Newman and his colleagues are advancing the stroke field to give doctors enough time to correct the brain's reduced blood flow and lack of oxygen.
In one of the latest advances, reported recently at the American Stroke Association's annual meeting in New Orleans, Stony Brook researchers told colleagues about a new, high-speed brain scan they developed that enables doctors to capture the stroke process in action, minute by minute, as the loss of oxygen creates a cascade of chemical reactions that can take out the nerve cells in its path.
To the surprise of many clinicians, a study of the first 118 stroke patients who arrived at the Stony Brook hospital in the past year shows that a normal MRI or CAT scan, which has been the standard in stroke triage, would not have picked up 77 percent of the lesions (stroke injury) that they uncovered in these patients using the new device within the first hours after stroke. Even 24 hours later, the standard MRI or CAT scan would still have missed 35 percent of

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CLINICAL TRIALS FOLLOW HEPATITIS C INTO THE AMERICAN HEARTLAND
Disease "Just As Devastating" In Twin Falls as in Big Cities, Investigators Say
Twin Falls, Idaho (March 22, 2000) - Hepatitis C has struck at the heartland of America in the same ways it has hit major metropolitan areas: through blood transfusions and Cesarean sections; occurring before 1972, risky sex, and intravenous drug use. Clinical trials for advanced drug therapy have also followed the disease into the countryside.
The Smith & Ron Digestive Health Center is recruiting patients for a Hepatitis C clinical trial in Twin Falls, Idaho. The center is part of a multi-site clinical trial evaluating the effect of a new dosage regimen for the leading treatment for hepatitis C, which combines alpha interferon (an immune booster) with ribavirin (an antiviral medication).
"The statistics for hepatitis C are just as devastating here as they are in big cities," said Dr. Ted Rea, who is responsible for overseeing the study at the site.
Hepatitis C when not controlled can lead to cirrhosis (scarring of the liver), liver failure and death. It is the leading cause of liver transplantation in the United States. The incubation period, the time it takes for noticeable symptoms to first appear, is three decades. The blood-borne virus kills approximately 10,000 American annually, and that the death rate is expected to triple in the next 10 to 20 years.
The team at the Digestive Health Center will give one group of patients a higher than standard dose of interferon alpha-2b injection in combination with ribavirin capsules on a daily basis for an initial "induction" period of four weeks. The goal is to determine if this regimen will result in a greater reduction in Hepatitis C viral loads earlier in the course of therapy. After the induction period, the dose of interferon alpha-2b will be reduced to three million international units (3 MIU) each day for an additional four weeks, followed by the standard therapeutic dosage of 3 MIU three times weekly (3TW), both in combination with daily ribavirin for the remaining 40 weeks of the trial. A second group of patients will receive only the standard dose of interferon alpha-2b (3 MIU 3TW) in combination with daily ribavirin throughout the 48-week trial. The progress of the two groups will be compared in each other, as well as to patients at other centers.
"As the prevalence of hepatitis C increases, we need to determine if using larger doses of interferon will knock the disease earlier in therapy," Dr. Rea said. "Researchers believe that the increased dose may help reduce viral loads enough to decrease the chances of causing permanent and potentially fatal liver damage, as well as the chances of infecting others."
Past clinical studies have shown that approximately 40 percent of patients treated with the combination of alpha interferon and ribavirin (REBETOL) in combination therapy for one year see their virus levels reduced below detectable levels, and remain undetectable six months after therapy ends. The only other approved therapy for hepatitis C, alpha interferon monotherapy, shows only a moderate response in 10 to 15 percent of patients. There currently is no vaccine for hepatitis C.
Participation in the study may last from 12 to 72 weeks, depending on the efficacy of treatment. To be eligible for the trial, patients must be at least 18 years old and have not received any form of interferon therapy in the past. For more information about this clinical trial, please contact the Smith & Ron Digestive Health Center at (208) 734-2222.
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CALENDAR of EVENTS

- Childbirth Refresher Course • Wednesday, May 24, 7 - 10 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
- Co-Dependency Group • Wednesday, May 24, 6 - 7:30 p.m., Canyon View West Group Room. Fee: \$10. For more information call 734-6760.
- Volunteer Sign-Ups, 1 - 4 pm, Wednesday - Friday weekly at MVRMC front information desk, or call Loraine Devey, Director of Volunteer Services for more information 737-2006.
- Infant CPR Class • Thursday, May 25, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.
- Prepared Childbirth Course • Tuesdays, May 30 - June 27, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.

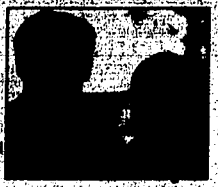
For additional MVRMC educational offerings call 737-2007. If you require special accommodations, call 737-2102 or TDD 737-2980 at least 24 hours in advance of the event.

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CORRELLDAY-LLOYD
ALLA - Agnada and Martha Correlday of Elko, Nev., announce the engagement of their daughter, Heidi Marie Correlday, to Alan Kristian Lloyd, son of Stanley and Jeanette Lloyd of Elko. Heidi is studying graduate level geology at the University of Colorado. She is also working on her master's degree in geology at the Colorado School of Mines at Golden, Colo. The wedding is planned for Saturday at The Bishop's House.



Heidi Marie Correlday and Alan Lloyd will be joined with a reception following the ceremony.

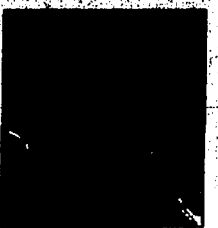
THOMPSON-ANDRUS
HAGERMAN - Dennis and Renee Thompson of Hagerman announce the engagement of their daughter, Erin Andrus, to Eric Andrus of Hagerman and Dyan Andrus of Idaho Falls. Erin is employed at the College of Southern Idaho in Twin Falls. The wedding is planned for Saturday.



Erin Andrus and Janel Thompson.

ANNIVERSARY

THE BLACKMONS
GEROME - Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Blackmon of Jerome will be honored at an open house Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 3 to 5 p.m. at 5621 U.S. Highway 93 in Jerome. Blackmon and Maxine Lawrence were married May 26, 1950, in Hawthorne, Nev. They have lived in Hawthorne, Nev. and Jerome. He worked at Jerome schools. The event is being given by their children, Candy (Karam) Cochran, Joyce (Dobson), Cindy (Borjain) and Vernie (Karen) Blackmon.



Jerome and Maxine Blackmon. The couple has eight grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

HUNT-LOVELL

HEYBURN - Frank and Janet Hunt of Heyburn announce the engagement of their daughter, Hilary Jo Hunt, to Matthew Ferrin Lovell, son of Ferrin and Donna Lovell of Brigham City, Utah. Hunt is a 1993 graduate of Minico High School. She graduated from Utah State University in Logan, Utah, with a bachelor's degree in accounting. She is working on a master's program in accounting and is employed at the Utah State University Research Foundation. Lovell graduated from Utah State University in production and operations management. He served a Texas Dallas Mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He is employed at Harris Karsch in Logan. The wedding is planned for Thursday in the Logan LDS Temple. Friends and relatives are invited to an open house from 7 to 9 p.m. Friday at the Hunt residence, 484 S. 900 W. The couple will reside in Logan.



Hilary Hunt and Matthew Lovell.

Red Cross offers first aid class

A Workplace Training Standard First Aid (adult CPR and first aid), five and one-half hour course will be offered at 6 p.m. today and Tuesday at the American Red Cross in Twin Falls. Pre-registration and 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.

To do for you

at St. Benedict's. To register, call the medical center at 324-4301.

Learn birthing

A prepared childbirth class will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning May 30 through June 27, at the Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2500.

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 & Fitness. Mail notices to: The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or deliver to our office at 132 Third St. W.

Brush up your skills

Re-certification classes will be offered at 9 a.m. Tuesdays and 1 p.m. Fridays at the American Red Cross in Twin Falls. For more information, call 733-6464 or 1-888-367-6321 or visit the Red Cross office, 718 Shoshone St. E.

Childbirth refresher

A childbirth refresher class will be offered from 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesday at the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2500.

Co-dependency meet

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

CPR class planned

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

Tips for new parents

Childbirth and early parenting classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Thursdays, beginning June 1 through June 29, in the Education Center at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center in Jerome. The second class in the series will qualify as a refresher course for mothers who previously have taken the classes. No fee for patients delivering.

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CAUSES:
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DIAGNOSIS:
 The history alone will often suggest the cause, although tests may be necessary. After a physical examination, your doctor may need to perform a biopsy, to look at a small amount of tissue under the microscope to rule out more serious causes such as cancer. Hormonal levels may be checked. Ultrasound is often used to evaluate the uterus or ovaries. Hysteroscopy is occasionally used, which is a thin telescope like instrument by which we can actually view the inside of the uterus. Laparoscopy is also used sometimes to look at the abdominal or pelvic organs. Most of these procedures can be safely performed in a doctor's office, where others are performed in the hospital.

TREATMENT:
 In most cases, treatment will consist of taking medicine to correct the imbalance. Occasionally simple reassurance is all that is necessary, once serious disease is ruled out. Sometimes various surgical procedures are useful in correcting DUB. If you have noticed that your periods have changed, see your doctor. If you are concerned about any of your symptoms, please call your doctor. We will help you solve your problem and get you back into a normal, healthy life.

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Beneficiary clauses in these modern-day assets operate independently of wills and trusts and control delivery of assets owned by a decedent at time of death. The lesson here is to understand the effect of beneficiary clauses and to assure that they are phrased properly so that your property is distributed in a coordinated fashion according to your wishes.

You can choose to have benefits paid to your estate. In that event, your will would govern the disposition of assets. Sometimes this is the simplest way of assuring that assets flow out to the next generation in the manner and proportion you desire in design an estate plan in one document - a will or trust - than to create estate plans - placement in each annuity, IRA, or life insurance policy.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Kids risk permanent damage with 'overuse' injuries

Injuries in young athletes

Intensive sports training can increase a child's risk of stress fractures and other "overuse" injuries. A look at the problem:

■ The growing part of young bones are especially vulnerable to repeated pounding and pressure
 ■ If not treated properly, the injuries can lead to abnormal bone growth and a lifetime of problems

MOST COMMON SPORTS INJURIES

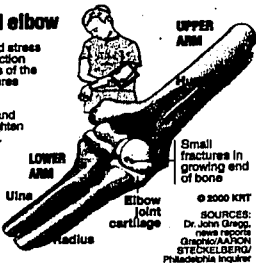
- Upper arm, shoulder:** Baseball
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- Forearm:** Lacrosse
- Wrist:** Gymnastics, football
- Hand/wrist:** Tennis, boxing
- Upper leg:** Running
- Knee:** Soccer
- Lower leg (tibia bone):** Baseball, basketball, gymnastics, running, swimming, volleyball
- Lower leg (fibula bone):** Gymnastics, running, ice skating
- Foot:** Running

Inside an Injured elbow

Causes of injury: Repeated stress of the elbow can cause friction between the growing ends of the young bones. Small fractures develop in the cartilage.

Symptoms: Pain begins, and the youth is unable to straighten the elbow joint all the way. The feeling is sometimes described as a "catching" or "clicking" in the elbow.

Treatment: Resting the elbow will often resolve pain and restore full range of motion. In more severe cases, in which fragments break free, surgery may be needed.



Knight Ridder News Service

More and more children are setting themselves up for injury because they are playing sports with the intensity of elite athletes.

Children as young as 8 are abandoning recreational sports and joining "travel teams" that often require two or more practices a week, not to mention tournaments that can consume entire weekends. Instead of dabbling in a variety of sports — a little soccer in the fall, basketball in the winter — the trend for many children is to concentrate year-round on one sport, figuring that this more-must-be-better approach will lead to greater skill. That may or may not turn out to be true, but in the process of growing, the body is subjected to the same motion time after time.

In other instances, children juggle two or three sports in one season, dashing from the baseball diamond to the lacrosse field with barely a day for rest. While doctors agree that playing sports is important for children's health and socialization, they worry about the growing sports frenzy. The result, they say, is that more young athletes are suffering "overuse injuries" brought on by too much wear and tear on developing bones, tendons and ligaments.

"Overuse injuries happen when you do too much, too soon, too frequently, too intensely," said Nicholas D'Nabile, an orthopedic surgeon in Havertown, Pa.

John Gregg, an orthopedic surgeon with Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Graduate Hospital, said children today don't really "play" sports; instead, they are taught to compete from the time they can

barely swing a bat or kick a soccer ball.

"Now we bring to childhood the intensity that should be reserved for adulthood," Gregg said. "We're trying to turn our kids into elite athletes."

A report in March in the medical journal Pediatric Annals noted, "It now seems that the frequencies of overuse injuries rival those of acute injuries in children." Youngsters are still breaking fingers and legs, but just as often they are turning up with bad elbows, knees and ankles.

Julianne Rolly, 11, a competitive equestrian from St. David, Pa., took to crutches this year after she developed tiny fractures in her thigh bone and shin bone near her knee.

"The doctor said the injury was probably because of all my sports," said Julianne, a fifth grader at the Baldwin School who rides four days a week and competes in horse shows, plays on a lacrosse team, and likes to swim, ski and play tennis. "I just had to cool down."

Not only do injuries keep children on the sidelines, but they also can put them at risk for problems such as abnormal bone growth and arthritis later in life.

More than 800,000 children between the ages of 5 to 14 were treated in hospital emergency rooms in 1998 for sports-related injuries, according to the federal Consumer Product Safety Commission. It's not known how many of them were acute injuries and how many stemmed from overuse. Many more young

athletes were treated in doctors' offices and clinics.

A survey released last week by the National Safe Kids Campaign and the National Athletic Trainers' Association reported that of children ages 5 to 14 who play team sports, three out of 10 have had an injury.

Still, doctors say, the risk of injury needs to be weighed against the many benefits sports offer children: the chance to learn new skills, make friends, have fun, improve self-esteem and stay fit.

"When you have a figure that 25 to 30 percent of our children are overweight, that's frightening," said Ronnie Nye, medical director of the Sports Medicine and Performance Center at Children's Hospital.

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