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# Nonlethal force

## Officers fill in space between shouting, shooting

By Mark Heinz  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — One night in the spring of 1981, Jim Massey, then a rookie Twin Falls Police officer — found himself holding a 12-gauge shotgun and facing a split-second life-or-death decision.

Twin Falls police and others are now considering nonlethal weapons for officers to grab in times of trouble.

Those options didn't exist in 1981, when two armed men robbed a Twin Falls convenience store. After leading a chase and firing numerous shots at officers between Twin Falls and Timmerman Hill, the gunmen approached a roadblock. Massey used his shotgun to blow out one of their car's tires, but the men kept shooting.

As the car moved past just a few feet away, Massey fired a round of buck shot — a nine-pellet load favored by many deer hunters because of its devastating short-range punch — through the driver's side door. The blast tore into the driver's left side and instantly incapacitated him. The car wandered off the road and stopped. Both suspects surrendered.

Recalling the incident while sitting in his office recently, Massey — now a captain — said he has no regrets about almost killing a man.

"He kind of wrote his own check," Massey said. "If it hadn't been me, it would have been some other police officer."

But shooting somebody was far from easy, Massey said, and not something he thinks any balanced person would want to do.

"It's a horrible thing, but sometimes, it's a necessary thing," he said.

Twin Falls police officers used shotguns again earlier this year against a violent suspect. But this time they fired low-velocity 'beanbag' rounds. They thump out a single projectile that can incapacitate most people but are virtually guaranteed not to cause serious or fatal injuries when used properly, said Twin Falls Police Capt. Jim Munn.

The suspect, a very large man, took five of the beanbag rounds without staying down, Massey said. But the shots slowed him down enough to allow officers to restrain him without anybody getting seriously hurt, Massey said.

Despite the lackluster performance of the beanbags in that case, the department will

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Above, Twin Falls Police Officer John Wilson demonstrates a canister of pepper spray, one of the key tools officers use to subdue suspects without using deadly force. The department also uses batons and shotgun fired beanbags to subdue combative people.

At left, officer Jeff Sklar, an instructor with the department, fires a beanbag round at a target. The last thing we want to do is get physical with someone," Sklar said.

# Survey: Violent crime plunges 10.4 percent

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — The violent crime rate declined by 10.4 percent last year, the largest one-year drop in the 26-year history of the government's largest crime survey, the Justice Department

reported Sunday.

The property crime rate fell 8.9 percent from 1998 to 1999, according to the Bureau of Justice Statistics' national crime victimization survey.

The survey estimated there were 28.8 million violent and

property crimes in 1999, the lowest figure since the survey was begun in 1973, when it found an estimated 44 million crimes.

The violent crime rate decline began in 1994. The decline in the overall property crime rate extends back a quarter of a cen-

tury — to 1974, the statistics bureau said.

The declines were no surprise — either in the short- or long-term.

As with earlier, similar reports, President Clinton called the fig-

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## Kemphorne extends status

By Times-News

BOISE — Governor Dirk Kempthorne extended Idaho's existing state of emergency status for another month Sunday, saying fire crews will still be battling wildfires well into September.

"The reports from the fire lines, as well as the weather reports, tell us that we have at least several more weeks of work before we can hope to get the upper hand on most of these fires," Kempthorne says in a press release issued Sunday. "Throughout August, the state's emergency declaration has allowed state resources to help federal officials fight these fires

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# Flying 'Bambi Bucket' requires aerialist artistry



California Air National Guardsmen Gary Volkman, left, and J.J. Moore look over a Bambi bucket used by helicopters to drop water on forest fires, at their base at Mather Field in Rancho Cordova, Calif., earlier this month.

## Guardsmen have 'real-life mission'

The Associated Press

RANCHO CORDOVA, Calif. — Sgt. 1st Class J.J. Moore first began dropping out of helicopters on a thin steel cable 15 years ago as a combat medic in the regular army.

He still doesn't like it. "I don't like closed areas and I don't like altitude. I still get that tingling in my toes. I haven't grown out of it," said Moore, 32, of Elk Grove near Sacramento. "I don't like it but I like it — it's the adrenaline rush."

Because they are strategically based between the Sierras and the coastal mountain ranges, Moore and other members of the

# Cheney presses Gore on military

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In recruiting, retention, morale and combat readiness, the U.S. military has serious problems that Vice President Al Gore either doesn't understand or has "chosen not to tell the truth about," Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney said Sunday.

He admitted, however, that major cutbacks in the military began on his watch as the first post-Cold War defense secretary. And, in response to an irate letter from a Democratic senator, Cheney refused to back down from a campaign statement depicting the Army veterans' group as being "AWOL on Veterans' Issues."



Dick Cheney

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Cheney said he had not seen the statement and, until he does, cannot say whether it was appropriate to use the acronym that means "absent without leave," a heinous military offense, to describe the Democratic presidential candidate. But, he said, he told "Meet the Press" host Tim Russert: "I have not used that word. I don't think it's appropriate of you to attribute it to me."

Cheney discussed military readiness on three Sunday talk shows.

"There is an enormous amount of evidence out there ... that the question in terms of readiness and morale, the problems with recruiting, problems with retention, that the military is in trouble today," he said on NBC.

On ABC's "This Week," Cheney said: "There are serious problems out there in respect to the overall quality of the force. There's no question that we've got a great military today, but it's headed in the wrong direction."

Based on his discussions with military people, he said, "either Al Gore doesn't know what's going on in the U.S. military, or he's chosen not to tell the truth about it."

In response, Gore campaign spokesman Douglas Hattaway said the Republicans have lost all credibility on defense.

"Cheney already admitted that military downsizing began under the Bush-Quayle-Cheney administration," Hattaway said. "So either Cheney doesn't know what he's talking about, or they can't get their story together on the military. I think all that shows that Bush is not ready to be commander in chief."

George W. Bush, who heads the Republican presidential ticket, raised the issue of military preparedness last week in a speech to the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Milwaukee.

## About this story

This summer's Great Burn has charred nearly 6 million acres across the country. This is one of a series of articles by The Associated Press on the firefighters and relief workers on the front lines and behind the scenes.

## Cycle of fire — A8

California Army National Guard's 126th Medical Company feel the rush perhaps more than any other air ambulance unit.

"They are one of the most active Guard aviation units in the country," said Walt Gouder, aviation resource manager for the California Army National Guard.

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# THE REGION

### Camas Prairie

High 76 Low: 41  
Sunny today and clear tonight. Sunny on Tuesday with highs around 80.

### Treasure Valley

High 83 Low: 52  
Sunny, with light winds in the morning then increasing to 10-15 mph in the afternoon.

### Sawtooth Mountains/Wood River Valley

High 73 Low: 43  
Sunny, locally breezy and cooler. Mostly sunny early Tuesday becoming partly cloudy. Highs near 80.

### Eastern Idaho

High 83 Low: 43  
Mostly sunny and breezy, with southwest winds increasing to 15-25 mph. Mostly sunny on Tuesday.

### Northern Idaho

High 83 Low: 50  
Sunny, with light winds. Partly cloudy on Tuesday with highs 80-85.

### Northern Utah

High 87 Low: 63  
Partly cloudy, with a 30 percent chance of evening showers and thunderstorms.

### Northern Nevada

High 83 Low: 55  
Sunny, with increasingly strong winds. Partly cloudy on Monday.

# MAGIC VALLEY FIVE-DAY FORECAST

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
High 82 Low: 50 Sunny, with increasingly strong winds.	High 83 Low: 50 Partly cloudy.	High 80s Low: 50s A chance of showers and thunderstorms.	High 80s Low: 50s A chance of showers and thunderstorms.	High 70s Low: 50s A chance of showers and thunderstorms.

### Idaho weather

Monday, Aug. 28  
AccuWeather forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures

Legend: Sunny, Partly Cloudy, Cloudy, Shower, Thunder, Rain, T-storm, Flurries, Snow, Ice, Bury, Pt. Cloudy, Cloudy

### National weather

The AccuWeather forecast for noon, Monday, Aug. 28.

Legend: COLD, WARM, STATIONARY, High, Low, Front, T-storm, Flurries, Snow, Ice, Bury, Pt. Cloudy, Cloudy

# YESTERDAY'S WEATHER

Twin Falls		Precipitation	
Yesterday	85	Yesterday in Twin Falls	....
Last year	86	Month to date:	14
Normal	85	Normal mo. to date:	40
		Water year to date:	5.62
		Normal year to date:	9.68

Idaho		Highs/Lows	
Max	Min	Idaho: High, 92	degrees at Hagerman.
Boise	89	Low, 32	degrees at Stanley.
Burley	89		
Coeur d'Alene	70		Nation: High, 109 at Lawrence, Kan., 109 at Stanley.
Grangeville	m		
Hagerman	m		
Idaho Falls	86		
Lewiston	75		
Malad	89		
Malta	88		
McCall	75		
Pocatello	90		
Salmon	84		
Stanley	75		
Sun Valley	m		

### U/V INDEX

Index: 7 (minimal)  
Burn time: 15-24 minutes

### FIRE DANGER

The BLM's fire danger in South-Central Idaho is: Mountain: High  
Prairie: High

Sunset today: 8:19 p.m.  
Sunrise tomorrow: 6:59 a.m.  
Lunar phase: New, Aug. 29; first quarter, Sept. 5; full, Sept. 13; last quarter, Sept. 21.

### ACROSS THE NATION

Scattered showers also moved through the northern Plains states. In the Northwest and Rocky Mountains, temperatures were relatively cool and dry, and skies were partly cloudy to clear. Western Arizona, with scattered showers, was the exception to the mostly dry conditions in the West.

Temperatures in the Lower 48 states Sunday ranged from a midday high of 102 degrees in Jacksonville, Ark., and Ft. Worth, Texas, to a morning low of 28 degrees in Waco, Tex. With the humidity, the temperature felt like 119 degrees in Tupelo, Miss.

—The Associated Press

### The Nation

City	Max	Min	Pcp
Albuquerque	90	68	0.0
Anchorage	53	49	0.0
Atlanta	75	72	0.0
Boston	85	63	0.0
Chicago	92	77	0.0
Dallas	102	79	0.0
Denver	89	55	0.0
San Diego	79	68	0.0
Detroit	76	63	0.0
Honolulu	88	74	2.8
Los Angeles	87	71	0.0
Indianapolis	84	67	0.0
Kansas City	81	61	0.0
Las Vegas	96	81	0.0
Los Angeles	79	64	0.0
Memphis	103	74	0.0
Miami Beach	83	74	0.0
Milwaukee	72	67	0.0
Minneapolis	77	67	0.0
New Orleans	93	70	0.0
New York	85	71	0.0
Oklahoma City	104	88	0.0
Omaha	88	67	0.0
Phoenix	92	84	0.0
Portland, Ore.	73	63	0.0
Portland, Me.	84	56	0.0
Portland, Ore.	73	53	0.0
San Francisco	93	58	0.0
St. Louis	93	74	0.0
Salt Lake City	87	65	0.0
Seattle	67	55	0.0
Spokane	81	70	0.0
Washington	96	86	0.0
Yuma	96	86	0.0

Canadian Cities		City	Temp
Calgary	68	42	cld
Montreal	81	61	cld
Toronto	80	61	cld
Vancouver	67	58	cld

## Ramsays, police to meet for first time in two years

ATLANTA (AP) — For the first time in over two years, John and Patsy Ramsey are scheduled to meet Monday with investigators to discuss the unsolved slaying of their daughter, JonBenet.

The couple, who authorities say are still under suspicion in the 6-year-old's 1996 slaying, last met with police in June 1998. They have rejected all other proposed meetings over the terms of the interviews, including all attempts to interview them separately — up now.

The Ramsays are scheduled to answer questions Monday in Atlanta in separate sessions with a seven-member investigative team led by Boulder, Colo. police Chief Mark Beckner, their attorney, L. Lin Wood said.

Patsy Ramsey will be interviewed first and then John, as Boulder police requested, Wood said Sunday.

There is no time limit on the interviews, which will be videotaped and transcribed by a court reporter at Wood's office. Wood said the interviews could take about two days.

"John and Patsy agreed to each and every condition imposed by the police department, and we imposed no conditions ourselves," Wood said.

However, the Ramsays will terminate the interviews immediately if they are "attacked, abused or treated unfairly," Wood said. Otherwise, they will help with any "legitimate investigative effort," he said.

Wood said the Ramsays agreed to the interview in hopes of get-

ting police to move past a theory that they could have played a role in their daughter's death.

"John and Patsy realize they need the Boulder Police Department to find the killer of their daughter," Wood said.

JonBenet was found strangled and beaten in the basement of her family's Boulder home Dec. 25, 1996. No suspect has ever been named, and the Ramsays deny any involvement.

A grand jury convened in 1998 to investigate JonBenet's death but didn't return an indictment.

Wood, the Ramsays' Atlanta-based attorney, said he advised the couple not to meet with police because he was concerned about the potential for innocent people to be caught up in a web of an overzealous prosecutor and unobjective or less than objective police officials.

"I think it would be safe to say there's probably no lawyer who would recommend they participate in this kind of interrogation," Wood said.

Wood will attend the interview along with an investigator the Ramsays hired to work on the case. The couple and their son, Burke, moved from Boulder to Atlanta after JonBenet's death.

Beckner declined to comment on the Ramsey interview.

While the interview may not conclusively establish the Ramsays' innocence, the couple may help their image by signaling to the public that the investigation remains open, said University of Georgia criminal law professor Ron Carlson.

## Mother of Kursk sailor denies being tranquilized

MURMANSK, Russia (AP) — A woman whose son was killed when a Russian nuclear submarine sank has denied that she was forcibly sedated when she criticized a top official over the government's bungled attempts to rescue the crew.

Video images broadcast around the world showed Nadezhda Tylik crying and shouting at U.S. Deputy Prime Minister Ilya Klebanov when he met with relatives of the crew shortly after the Kursk submarine sank Aug. 12. When Tylik resisted sitting down, a woman was seen standing behind her with a syringe.

Some media reports suggested that Tylik was sedated, forcibly to shut her up when her attack on Klebanov got too heated. The incident was portrayed by some critics as a throwback to the Soviet era, when dissent was sometimes suppressed with forced medical treatment.

But Tylik, whose 25-year-old son Sergei was among the 118 sailors killed aboard the Kursk, dismissed the reports as "a lie." She said Saturday that she was injected with medication she regularly took for a heart problem.

"Nobody gave me any tranquilizers, as those people have been writing," Tylik said in a

telephone interview from Vidayevo, where the Kursk was based and relatives have gathered since the tragedy. "If you want such reports to be circulated; they don't give such injections here."

Tylik said the injection was made on her doctor's recommendation and at the request of her husband, who was by her side throughout the meeting with Klebanov.

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continue to use them, Munn said. He said the Twin Falls Police Department is also seriously considering electric "tazer" guns, weapons that shoot small darts connected to a hand-held unit via wires. Once the darts stick suspect, an officer can deliver a stunning electric shock.

Jerome County Sheriff Jim Weaver said he doubts the effectiveness and reliability of tazers. Very strong or people or people under the influence of heavy drugs might be able to withstand the effects, he said.

But Weaver said he's been pleased with the performance of hand-held mace or "pepper" spray devices.

For years, police had almost no options between shouting warnings and firing guns when suspects got violent, Munn said.

In incidents such as the one Massey found himself in with the robbery suspects, firearms are

often the only viable option, Munn said. But in many other cases, non-lethal weapons are a good choice, he said.

For example, a man armed with a knife might not be much of a threat to officers with guns several yards away. But he could considered a deadly threat if he came any closer, he said, and officers almost always try to avoid toe-to-toe confrontations with anybody, Munn said.

Weaver said non-lethal weapons are indispensable in situations where a suspect might not intentionally harm anyone, but could still be a threat to himself or others.

"If you're faced with a mentally ill person who might have a knife in his own throat or chest, he isn't a danger to society but you don't want to send your deputies right up to him because somebody will get hurt."

Pepper and mace spray can work well at distances up to 30 feet, but they require a steady aim because the spray must hit the suspect directly in the face to be effective, Munn said.

Tazers, usually shot at the torso, and beanbags, recommended for below-the-waist shots, can give officers a better edge, Munn said.

Non-lethal weapons are also useful when someone is trying to commit "suicide by cop" by purposefully threatening police into shooting them, Munn said.

That kind of situation usually takes while it plays itself out which gives police officers time to gather at the scene, distract suspects and deploy non-lethal weapons from a safe distance, he said.

But in sudden, one-on-one confrontations, non-lethal weapons probably would not do much good, Massey and Weaver said.

"Most firearm situations develop very quickly," Weaver said.

And a tazer wouldn't be much protection for an officer facing an armed suspect alone, Massey said.

While non-lethal force might not always keep officers safe, it can keep departments clear of legal troubles, Munn said. Whenever a police officer shoots a suspect, the department becomes vulnerable to a wrongful death lawsuit or other litigation. The use of non-lethal weapons can eliminate the threat or at least soften the legal blows, he said.

No matter what weapons deputies have at hand, the outcome of a confrontation is almost always up to the person on the other end, Weaver said.

"He will ultimately dictate how far the use of force goes."

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## Crime

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headquarters, spokesman Ray Stovall said. "It's typical for the Clinton-Gore administration to take credit for good things in America but ... much of the credit for the decline in crime has to go to governors and local officials who have passed tougher laws, longer prison sentences and lowered parole rates." As governor

of Texas, Bush started toughening criminal and juvenile justice laws shortly after taking office in 1995, Sullivan said.

Academics have cited a wider set of causes, including the aging of Baby Boomers past the crime-prone years, a subsiding of the crack cocaine epidemic of the late 1980s, antigun campaigns by the late police and federal gun controls, crime prevention programs aimed at young people, and a healthy economy producing jobs.

"While these numbers are heartening, there is a great deal more work to be done," Attorney General Janet Reno said.

The 1999 survey figures confirmed preliminary FBI figures for 1995 released in May. The FBI data showed the total of seven major violent and property crimes reported to police dropped for an eighth consecutive year in 1999, down 7 percent from the year before.

The statistics bureau's survey is the government's broadest measure of crime because it is based on regular interviews throughout the nation with more

than 77,000 people over age 11. Thus it collects data not only on crimes reported to police but also on the larger number that go unreported.

The FBI data is based on reports made to 17,000 police agencies around the country.

Last year, 44 percent of violent crimes were reported to police, and only 34 percent of property crimes, the statistics bureau found. The most frequently reported crime in the survey is motor vehicle theft; the least reported was personal theft.

Murder, by far the least frequent but best reported of major crimes, shows up only in the FBI reports, because the statistics bureau records only crimes reported first-hand by victims in interviews.

The survey estimated that last year there were 32.8 violent crimes for every 1,000 Americans over age 11, down from 36.6 in 1998. The largest previous year drop from was from 1004 percent from 1994 to 1995, when victimizations declined from 57.8 to 46.5 per 1,000.

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# FBI nearly quintuples intelligence analysts

## Agency adds officers to track, catch terrorists

WASHINGTON (AP) — The number of FBI intelligence officers has grown almost fivefold during the Clinton administration, but internal security and terrorism cases accounted for only 45 of the FBI's 12,730 convictions in 1998, a Syracuse University research center reported Sunday.

The research center cautioned that convictions may not be the best measure of the effectiveness of the FBI intelligence effort, and an FBI executive said the small number may reflect the bureau's success in preventing actual terrorist attacks.

FBI Director Louis Freeh has publicly stated that the bureau is putting top priority on thwarting foreign spies and preventing terrorist attacks, but hard data about the change in emphasis has been sparse because so many of the operations are classified.

Citing federal employment data, Syracuse's Transactional Records Access Clearinghouse (TRAC) said the total of FBI intelligence officers increased from 224 in 1992 to 1,025 in 1999, but their exact duties are not known.

Assistant FBI Director John Collingwood said in an interview that these are intelligence analysts and that their increase is mirrored by an increase in field agents assigned to hunt spies and battle terrorists but that those personnel figures remain secret.

The new intelligence analysts were hired "as part of our effort to use our information more effectively through programs, as opposed to limiting its use within one program," Collingwood said in an interview.

Last year, the Justice Department inspector general criticized the national security division for not sharing key intelligence information about China.

So Freeh carved two new divisions out of the national security division: counterterrorism division and an investigative support division. Collingwood said analysts are assigned to all three, but most are in the investigative support division.

"It's all part of our effort to play a larger role in the intelligence community in counterintelligence and counterterrorism activity, to identify, prevent and disrupt terrorists," Collingwood said.

The TRAC study said Justice Department records show that in 1998 there were 37 terrorism convictions and eight internal security convictions from FBI cases. There was no earlier Justice data on terrorism cases because the category was only recently employed, but national security convictions totaled seven each in 1992 and 1993, four in 1994, 12 in 1995 and eight each in 1996, 1997 and 1998.

In 1998, drug cases, bank robberies and fraud were still the three categories producing the most FBI convictions, accounting for 54 percent of the 12,730 that year.

"The low number of terrorism convictions is a good thing, not a bad thing," Collingwood said. "We're now working with the CIA and foreign agencies to disrupt terrorists before they can carry out their actions and preferably before they get inside the United States. Figures on those actions aren't recorded, because they are secret."

He noted that the statistics can underestimate anti-terrorist efforts. "We recently convicted a gang in the Pacific Northwest of bank robbery and their convictions will show up that way, but they were robbing banks to support their terrorist activities," Collingwood said.

# Researchers find evidence of human pheromone links

The Associated Press

Scientists have identified the first human gene that may be linked to pheromones, odorless molecules that in other animals trigger primal urges including sex, defense and kinship.

Experts describe the discovery as possibly opening a new door into the role of pheromones in human development.

In animals, researchers have documented how pheromones trace complex neurological paths that are deeply rooted in instinct.

Researchers have long believed that humans also communicate through pheromones, but until now they had been unable to find any of the equipment needed to detect these potent molecules.

Now, in experiments at Rockefeller University and Yale, neurogeneticists have isolated a human gene, labeled V1RL1, that they believe encodes for a pheromone receptor in the mucous lining of the nose. A receptor is a patch on the surface of a cell that binds with specific molecules, like a lock that accepts only a specific key.

"This is the first convincing identification of a human pheromone receptor," said University of Colorado bio-

chemist Joseph Falke. Humans share the V1RL1 gene with rodents and other mammals that rely heavily on pheromones to survive.

However, it has not been determined whether the gene is active in humans or what pheromone-induced behavior the gene might induce.

"The ultimate test will be to find a pheromone that binds to the receptor and triggers a measurable physiological response," Falke said.

The research was published in the September issue of the journal Nature Genetics.

Researchers took samples from gene banks and scanned them for matches to the rodent genes from the Vir family. They found eight matches in human genetic material.

Further testing showed that seven of the eight human Vir genes are inoperative. The potentially functional gene, called V1RL1, subsequently was found in 11 out of 11 randomly chosen people from varying ethnic backgrounds, researchers said.

While rodents and other animals essentially are reactive animals to the rodent genes on pheromones for behavioral cues, humans use their larger brains to rely more on judgment and complex sensory cues, such as vision.

# Clinton: Break the AIDS silence

## President speaks to Nigerians about debt relief



President Clinton of the Nigerian village of Ushafa Sunday, Clinton is wearing a Nigerian garment reserved for royalty, a babariga, given to him by the local chief.

ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Africans must "break the silence" about AIDS or risk losing hard-fought democratic and economic gains, President Clinton said Sunday as the White House highlighted more than \$20 million in U.S. aid to fight AIDS, malaria and other diseases devastating Africa.

"In every country, in any culture, it is difficult, painful, at the very least embarrassing, to talk about the issues involved with AIDS," Clinton said after touring a health center in the Nigerian capital and hearing the stories of several people living with the disease.

Clinton's two-day stay in Nigeria was intended to underscore U.S. approval of the 15-month-old democratic government in Africa's most populous nation, with 123 million people.

Along with dealing with the heavy themes of AIDS and debt relief, Clinton used the trip to get to know a country he deliberately bypassed on his last trip to Africa, in 1998, when it was under a military dictatorship.

Led by a throng of singing children, he trudged through the Nigerian village of Ushafa on Sunday, past mud brick huts and flimsy metal sheds, with scrawny chickens scattering in his path.

"We want to help you build your economy, educate your children and build a better life," he told villagers, wearing a cream-colored royal African robe given to him by the village chief.

AIDS killed 2.8 million people worldwide last year, and is now the leading cause of death in Africa. The Clinton administration will spend \$9.4 million this year for AIDS and HIV infection prevention and care in Nigeria, \$8.7 million more for polio eradication and \$2 million toward prevention of malaria.

In sub-Saharan Africa, 13 million children have lost a parent to AIDS, and the disease is reducing life expectancies and dimming development hopes across the continent.

"It's harder to talk about these things than to watch a child die

of AIDS?" Clinton asked. "We have to break the silence about how this disease spreads and how to prevent it."

AIDS, which is primarily transmitted sexually in Africa, is entirely preventable, Clinton reminded his audience.

About 2.6 million Nigerians, 5.4 percent of the population, are afflicted with AIDS. That puts the country on better footing than many of its neighbors with higher infection rates, but in danger of letting the disease gain ground, Clinton said.

"AIDS can rob a country of its future," Clinton said. "I know you are not going to let that happen to Nigeria."

He promised continued U.S. support for Nigeria's transition to

democracy, but did not, as Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo had hoped, agree to cancel or cut the nearly \$1 billion U.S. portion of Nigeria's \$32 billion foreign debt, a move that would require congressional approval.

Speaking to business executives later Sunday, however, Clinton said he supports reducing the debt, but only if Nigeria spends the extra money on improving lives and diversifying the economy.

"There must be a dividend to democracy for the people of Nigeria," Clinton said. Clinton, accompanied by daughter Chelsea, began his day with services at a Baptist church in Abuja, and then ventured outside the capital to get a firsthand look Sunday at both the pauper and poverty of life in Ushafa, a pottery-making center.

"I came to Nigeria to express the support of the people of the United States," Clinton told villagers from a makeshift platform. "We support your democracy."

Khairat Abdulrazq Gwadbabe, who represents the village in the Nigerian Senate, said she explained Clinton's visit to villagers ahead of time.

"I had to translate it as the king of the world himself is coming. The president of the world is coming to their chief," Gwadbabe said.

Villagers said they hoped Clinton's visit would translate into a new school, a factory or some other investment, although they were unclear on how that might happen.

# New book claims Nixon took drugs

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new biography asserts that Richard Nixon over many years took a mood-altering drug without a prescription and that he beat his wife at times of personal crisis — a claim a Nixon aide calls "inconceivable."

"The Arrangement of Power" by Anthony Summers will be published Monday. It chiefly concerns the aspects of Nixon's life "that he and his supporters have preferred to conceal," writes Summers, a ABC journalist and author of biographies of J. Edgar Hoover and Marilyn Monroe.

The author named his sources for many of the book's assertions. But most of those he quotes got their information second-hand. Some of the book's claims have been made in the past but in less detail.

The book said that in 1968

Nixon was given 1,000 capsules of the drug Dilantin, an anti-convulsant used to counter epileptic seizures, by Jack Dreyfus, founder of an investment firm and an enthusiastic promoter of the drug. Dreyfus later supplied another 1,000, it said.

White House physician Dr. Walter Tkach, "a compliant as a patient asked," was also a user of the drug himself, the book said, citing Nixon aide John D. Ehrlichman as its source.

"When asked later if Nixon was still taking the drug, Tkach replied, 'I don't know,' but the amount of pills in the bottle in his bathroom is reducing in size, so I suppose he is," according to Summers.

Summers wrote that the relationship of Nixon and his wife was one of "prolonged marital difficul-

ty, of physical abuse, of threatened divorce." But that view was contested by John Taylor, Nixon's chief aide in his retirement years, now director of the Richard M. Nixon Library and Birthplace in Yorba Linda, Calif.

Summers said Nixon abused his wife came from second sources. Among others, he cited journalist Seymour Hersh, who said he learned of three instances of Nixon wife beatings but did not identify his sources.

Summers said Sears told him that he had been told "that Nixon had hit her (Pat Nixon) in 1962 and that she had threatened to leave him over it ... I'm not talking about a smack. He blackened her eye." Sears said he had been told of the beating by two lawyers, both now dead, Walter Taylor and Pat Hillings.

# Prescription drug plan details to come soon, Cheney says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Details of Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush's plan to provide seniors with a prescription drug benefit will come "in the not-too-distant future," vice presidential running mate Dick Cheney promised Sunday.

"That's a high priority for us, and we will shortly have the details of a proposal to lay out on the campaign," Cheney said on ABC's "This Week."

It won't be soon enough for Democratic presidential rival Al Gore, who is gearing up for a week of campaigning focused on the lack of detail from Bush on

the issue.

Gore's campaign even called on Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala to criticize Bush for not yet fleshing out his promise to "make prescription drugs available and affordable for every senior who needs them."

"They can't pay for it," she argued in a telephone conference call with reporters on Sunday. "The fundamental question is if they do ever roll out a plan or indicate they're going to support a plan is where they're going to get the money to pay for

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Lieberman calls for Americans to show faith

Los Angeles Times

DETROIT — Democratic vice presidential nominee Joseph I. Lieberman made a passionate call Sunday for Americans to bring more prominently into public life, arguing that the United States needs to draw values and strength from religious beliefs.

"While so much of our economic life is thriving, so much of our moral life is stagnating," said Lieberman, speaking during morning services at the Fellowship Chapel Church, a black congregation here. "As a faith and renew the dedication of our nation and ourselves to God and God's purposes."

The speech, in which he quoted extensively from Talmudic rabbis and the Bible, was the most dramatic demonstration of how the Connecticut senator has placed his religion front and center in the campaign. Lieberman may be the first Jew on a major party ticket, but has been shy about it by shy in expressing his Jewishness. He frequently mentions God in public — praising the Lord, thanking Him, invoking His name.

Although some Jewish leaders worried that Lieberman's high profile could expose lingering anti-Semitism — and indeed he has been savagely attacked on the Web sites of hate groups — his declarations of Jewish faith and culture appear to have been received positively by the overwhelmingly non-Jewish electorate.

"I think it shows him to be an honest, open and forthright person," said Joyce Krasnow, who heard Lieberman speak Friday at a community center in Claymont, Del. "It shows that he's willing to share a very special part of himself with people in this country." On Sunday, congregant Marie Baker, 44, said she was moved to hear a politician speak so candidly about his beliefs. "He knows who he is, he knows who God is. And he knows that we're all joined together by God."

Lieberman's sermon-like address drew "Amen"s and standing ovations from the congregation.

During his 30-minute speech, Lieberman noted that the country was founded on Judeo-Christian values such as equality and that many of America's major movements, such as civil rights, have been influenced by spiritualism.

He also acknowledged that not every American subscribes to a religious belief system. "Let us reach out to those who may believe or not observe, any assurance that we share with them the core values of America," he said, "that our faith is not inconsistent with their freedom, and that our mission is not one of intolerance."

But for the most part, the senator spoke in almost rabbinical tones, calling for "a constitutional place for faith in our public life."

"We know that the Constitution will separate church and state," he said. "But remember, the Constitution guarantees freedom of religion. Not freedom from religion."

Lieberman added, "So let us break through the fog of the inhibitions that have existed to talk together across the flimsy line of separation of faith, to talk together, to study together, to pray together and ultimately to sing together His Holy Name."

Lieberman's comfort with discussing his religion — and the ease in which it has been accepted so far — speaks to the complex role faith plays in the political sphere of presidential candidates. He said that mentioning their belief in God will offend voters, either nonbelievers or those of different faiths.

Democrats in particular have shied away from speaking about their religion, leaving the topic to Republicans, especially Christian conservatives. They, in turn, drew fire from liberals, who accused them of bringing God into politics and of trying to convert others to their way of thinking.

Yet public reaction to Lieberman's expression of faith has been a sharp departure from the way many people have chafed at the Christian right, experts noted. Why?

"I think what makes a difference is the assessment that evangelical Protestants are much more likely to impose their religious values on others outside their community," said James L. Guth, an expert on the Christian right and politics at Furman University in Greenville, S.C. "Whereas with Sen. Lieberman, it's clear that it shapes him, but he doesn't try to shape others."

WASHINGTON (AP) — During the presidential primaries, The Associated Press picked an issue three times a week and asked candidates a question about it. Here are some of the answers of Republican George W. Bush and Democrat Al Gore on subjects as diverse as education, Internet taxes, offshore drilling and race relations:

Abortion

What changes, if any, should be made to abortion law? Bush: "I support the goal of a Human Life Amendment with exceptions for rape, incest and to save the life of the mother. Recognizing there is currently insufficient support for that amendment in Congress and the states, I will provide leadership to take positive, practical steps to reduce the number of abortions: ending partial-birth abortion, helping women in crisis through maternity group homes, encouraging adoption, promoting abstinence education and passing laws requiring parental notification and waiting periods."

Gore: "A woman's right to choose is fundamental. That decision should be made by the woman, in consultation with those she trusts. Abortion must remain legal and safe — and increasingly rare. I support the Freedom of Choice Act, which would codify the Roe v. Wade decision into federal law so that states could not limit or chip away rights provided by the decision."

Would you sign legislation banning the procedure that opponents call partial-birth abortion? Bush: "Yes. I strongly support legislation to end the inhumane practice of partial-birth abortion. No one who stands on abortion, surely our society can agree that we should not allow the brutal abortion of late-term babies who are able to survive independently."

Gore: "I strongly support a woman's right to choose, and the Supreme Court's decision in Roe vs. Wade that declared that right. Consistent with that decision, however, I have long opposed late-term abortions. I would sign a bill that bans the procedure except where necessary to protect the life or health of the mother. I would not sign a bill that failed to include those protections."

Alaskan refuge

Should oil exploration be permitted in Alaska's Arctic National Wildlife Refuge? Bush: "Our country better become less dependent on foreign crude. That's why I am for the exploration of ANWR." Gore: "Yes."

Arts

Do you support federal subsidies for the arts? Bush: "I believe we should continue federal funding for the arts but give states a greater say in how the funds are spent. I don't believe we should spend public money to support obscene material or denigrate religion." Gore: "I strongly believe in encouraging and supporting the arts and would continue the current policy of support."

Campaign finance

Should soft money be banned? Bush: "I support campaign finance reform that bans soft money contributions from corporations and labor unions, so long as that legislation prohibits labor unions from taking money from mandatory workers' dues and spending it on politics without workers' permission." Gore: "Yes. As president, I will fight to secure legislation banning soft money contributions as part of a comprehensive plan to clean up campaign finance."

Children

If you could tell Americans one thing about your commitment to acting on behalf of children, what would that be? Bush: "I have worked to strengthen families, improve public schools and increase access to quality health care so no child is left behind." Gore: "I am committed to providing access to affordable quality health care for all children, making special services widely available and bringing about revolutionary improvements in our schools."

Cuba

What would Cuba have to do for you to favor dropping the embargo? Bush: "Free elections, free speech and freedom for political prisoners." Gore: "We will not normalize relations with Cuba until it is democratic."

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Should the death penalty for federal crimes be expanded? If so, how? Bush: "More than 60 federal crimes are already subject to the death penalty, and I do not believe that needs to be expanded." Gore: "As president I would continue to support the death penalty and expansion of it where appropriate."

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The federal government spent a record \$22.7 billion last year in direct payments to farmers. Is Washington spending too much money on farm subsidies? Bush: "I believe the long-term solution to our farm problems is to open foreign markets and increase demand for U.S. agricultural products. I have supported disaster relief to help our farmers weather crises and programs to help transition to a market economy." Gore: "The fact that we have spent billions of dollars in emergency aid in the last two years shows that the 1996 Freedom to Farm Act, designed by the Republican Congress, doesn't work in a climate of declining crop prices and turmoil in foreign markets."

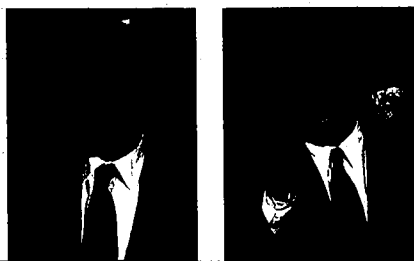
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We now have an inefficient system that is run by a 132,000-page document where the government makes all the decisions. I support increasing competition and giving seniors the right to choose their health-care plan, including the right to keep the traditional Medicare plan they have today."

Gore: "When I became vice president in 1993, the Medicare trust fund was scheduled to run out in 1999. We took steps to keep it strong until 2015. However, given the fact that the number of people on Medicare is scheduled to double over the next few decades, Medicare will need additional resources to keep the trust fund strong for the future. That is why I have proposed devoting nearly \$300 billion of the projected budget surplus over the next 15 years to keep Medicare solvent for at least the next quarter-century."

Missile defense

Does America need a national missile defense system to protect itself against nuclear attack? Bush: "Yes." Gore: "The decision to proceed toward deployment of a national missile defense system needs to be based on: 1. the level of our confidence in the technology; 2. its impact on our ability to protect our vital interests; 3. an assessment of the cost; and 4. an evaluation of the threat."

Offshore drilling

Should companies that together spent over \$1 billion to secure oil leases off the California coast be allowed to drill on them, or should an existing moratorium be expanded to ban drilling in those waters? Bush: "I support the current moratorium banning any new leases for drilling off the coast of California. As governor of Texas, I understand the importance of listening to state concerns. I'll work with California state leaders and the local communities to determine on a case-by-case basis whether or not the drilling ought to go forward on the leases in place right now."

Gore: "Protecting our precious coastal areas is critical to maintaining a clean environment. I support the existing moratorium on granting new leases to drill off the coasts of California and Florida. As president, I will go even further to protect our oceans and coastal waters from offshore oil drilling, doing everything in my power to ban new drilling off these sensitive coasts — even in areas already leased for drilling by previous administrations."

Race relations

What is one example of something you could do as president to improve race relations? Bush: "A president must provide leadership that sets a positive, inclusive agenda and brings people together to achieve common objectives, rather than dividing people into groups and pitting one against another. The president can lead by speaking out against hatred, bigotry and prejudice." Gore: "I think that the most important thing we can do today to correct the legacy of slavery and racial discrimination of all types is to ensure that all

Americans have the opportunity to succeed and make the most of their God-given potential. ... I will continue to work to break down barriers in our work places, our schools, in our police stations and in the hearts of Americans. I will work to close the opportunity gap that too often divides this society and expand economic opportunity in underserved markets in American cities. ... I will vigorously enforce our civil rights laws, protect affirmative action programs that have worked for minorities and women and pass tougher hate crimes legislation."

Schools

Should federal money for education be linked to how well students perform on national or statewide tests? Bush: "We will grant unprecedented freedom and flexibility in our schools. ... I will ensure that federal dollars will no longer follow failure. We will ask states and local school districts to set their own standards to achieve excellence in the core areas of math, English, science and history and hold them accountable for results. I oppose a national test because it would undermine curriculum developed at the state and local levels." Gore: "Federal money should be used to reward success and to support what works. I am pleased to note the success of the standards-based movement with the help of our Goals 2000 program. Today 48 states have developed standards for student performance. ... Every state and every school district should be required to identify failing schools and work to turn them around — with strict accountability for results and strong incentives for success. And if these failing schools don't improve quickly, they should be shut down and reopened with new leadership and a full peer evaluation of every teacher."

Do you support allowing parents in areas that are poor or with bad schools to use tax money to subsidize private education? Bush: "My proposal says any school that receives federal Title I funds must measure student improvement. If, after three years, student performance does not improve, the federal funds should be given directly to the parents to use as they see fit, including private education." Gore: "No. I oppose any proposal that would divert funds from our public schools."

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# NAFTA BOOM

## More job-hungry Mexicans migrate north, but stop short of U.S. border

**MONTERREY, Mexico (AP)** — Roberto Zepeda heads north in search of the American Dream. He thinks he found it — without crossing the border. Zepeda and her family moved four months ago to this gleaming city of modern office buildings, highways and strip malls. Her husband easily found construction work that paid \$54 a week, nearly 70 percent more than his job in Chiapas, a poor southern state.



Juan Carlos Martinez washes his hands after working in construction of a new middle-class neighborhood in the growing city of Monterrey, Mexico, Friday. More Mexicans like Garcia are finding jobs in prosperous northern Mexico towns.

Side-stepping the expense and danger of sneaking into the United States, more and more Mexicans like Zepeda are finding an attractive alternative in prosperous business havens in northern Mexico. Foreign investment under the North American Free Trade Agreement has created an abundance of jobs and labor shortages.

Mexico's vision of a borderless future can be seen in Monterrey, the capital of Nuevo Leon state, which is governed by the pro-business party of President-elect Vicente Fox. Fox, a former top Coca-Cola executive, asserts that free trade and economic development could erase the huge income gap between the United States and Mexico in 10 years, after which restrictions on

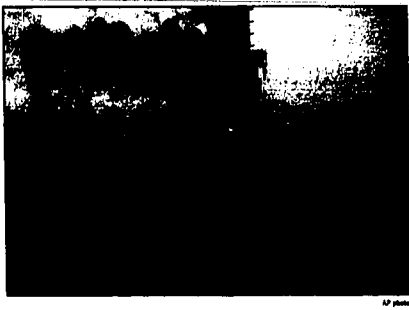
Mexican immigration could be lifted. Labor shortages in Monterrey could help stem the tide, Fox told The Associated Press in a recent interview. "I think this shows that flow (to the United States) will be reduced real soon, because they will have opportunities here now," Fox said. To be sure, millions of Mexicans still dream of going to

the United States, where jobs easily offer 10 times the pay in Mexico. The number of people illegally crossing the border appears stable, with 1.5 million apprehensions a year, said Nicole Chulick, a spokeswoman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington. Yet the shift to northern Mexico could point the way as penetrating the border grows

more dangerous. U.S. authorities are cracking down on easier routes, forcing immigrants to pay smugglers who direct them to walk miles through scorching, remote deserts. The latest U.S. figures show that 157 Mexicans died crossing the border between last October and June. Zepeda's family took a safer route after struggling to live on her husband's \$32 weekly salary in Tuxtla Gutierrez, the Chiapas capital.

Although the four now live in a cramped room in downtown Monterrey, her husband earns \$54 a week and Zepeda has applied for government-subsidized housing — rows of tidy homes stacked side-by-side in the steep mountainsides of the city's outskirts.

Life is somewhat better than in Chiapas, she says. "Everyone pays well. But everything is expensive." Monterrey, 120 miles south of the Texas border, already is home to factories owned by Johnson & Johnson, Honeywell, Whirlpool and other American firms. Their offices in the city's industrial park, surrounded by green grass and fountains, stand in contrast to the scrubby desert and sheer mountains surrounding the capital of Nuevo Leon state.



Smoke and flames are seen wafting out of the Ostankino tower Sunday in Moscow. A fire broke out in the wiring system of the structure which holds the offices of more than 20 radio and television stations.

## Fire engulfs Moscow's famed television tower

**MOSCOW** — Fire engulfed the Ostankino television tower, the world's second-tallest freestanding structure, trapping four people in an elevator and knocking out most TV channels in the Russian capital Monday.

Firefighters have had trouble fighting the fire, which started Sunday about 1,520 feet above ground, due to the difficulty of hauling chemical fire extinguishers and other equipment up so many flights of stairs. The tower's spire is narrow at that point and the cramped quarters hampered movement.

Dozens of tired, smoke-stained firefighters in heavy rubber coats sat on the grass around the tower in northern Moscow late Sunday. Scores of fire engines and ambulances were parked at the bottom of the tower, which was lit by at least three searchlights, as officials tried to figure out a way to fight the blaze.

Yellow flames licked out from the glassed-in platform as darkness fell on the city. Thousands of people thronged to the base of the tower, gathering in a carnival atmosphere: drinking beer, laughing and a few dancing to transistor radios before they were pushed back by police.

By early Monday, the fire had been burnt out for almost 12 hours. Rescuers battled to locate the stuck elevator where three firefighters and a female elevator operator were trapped about 860 feet above ground.

### U.S. Navy divers photograph wreckage of Gulf Air crash

**MANAMA, Bahrain** — U.S. Navy divers photographed the sunken engines and other fractured sections of Gulf Air Flight 072 Sunday, shooting still pictures and videotapes at the wreckage before it is lifted from the shallow sea floor.

"You guys find that other piece I was talking about — piece with the shaft? It's around here some where ... maybe here," one diver

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says to his colleagues before bobbing beneath the surface. A few seconds later, he's back. "Hey, right here." The Navy divers accompanied an investigator from the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board, all part of the early stages of the probe into Wednesday's crash of the Airbus A320 that killed all 143 people aboard. Bahrain, which has close ties with the United States' 5th fleet, appointed NTSB investigator Frank Hilldrup the chief investigator.

### Tensions flare after Albanian driver kills Kosovo Serb child

**SKUTLANOVO, Kosovo** — A car driven by an ethnic Albanian struck a group of Serbian children playing in a Kosovo field Sunday, killing one and injuring four. Serbs in this province divided by ethnic hatred quickly charged that the killing was deliberate.

Protesting a lack of security, angry Serbs attacked U.N. cars and peacekeepers' vehicles after the hit-and-run attack, breaking windshields. Both the United Nations and the peacekeepers ordered their forces to withdraw from the area.

### Five hostages gain freedom after Libya agrees to ransom

**JOLO, Philippines** — Five foreign hostages released by Muslim rebels walked into freedom Sunday looking stunned, some in tears and leaving family members still captive in the jungle on a remote Philippine island.

The Abu Sayyaf separatist guerrillas released the four women and one man after Libya agreed to pay \$1 million for each, negotiators said. The rebels were still holding seven other Westerners and 12 Filipinos. — compiled from wire reports

## After accord, United looks to repair image

**CHICAGO (AP)** — A tentative contract agreement between United Airlines and its pilots is welcome news to travelers Sunday, but both sides say better weather and a reduced flight schedule already have improved service on the world's largest airline.

Now, experts say, United has some repair work to do on its image.

United and its pilots reached a contract agreement Saturday, ending a four-month dispute that had forced the airline to cancel or delay thousands of flights. The agreement still must be approved by the membership of the pilots

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## Marines ground all Ospreys

**WASHINGTON (AP)** — The Marine Corps announced Sunday the temporary grounding of all 11 of its MV-22 Osprey tilt-rotor aircraft, the hybrid airplane-helicopter that has been under increased scrutiny since one crashed during a training exercise in April, killing all 19 Marines aboard.

The decision to suspend Osprey flight operations was made late Friday by the Naval Aviation Systems Command, which also ordered the Marines to temporarily ground its fleet of CH-53E Super Stallion transport helicopters and AH-1W Cobra attack helicopters, spokesman Lt. David Nevers said.

Nevers said the most significant of the three actions was the grounding of the workhorse CH-53E Super Stallions, because it is likely to take longer to get them back in the air than either the Ospreys or the Cobras.

Nonetheless, the Osprey's problem is likely to draw the most public attention, in part because of recollections of the April crash — the worst Marine helicopter loss in more than a decade — and in part because some members of Congress have criticized the Osprey program as too expensive and technically flawed.

The Osprey takes off and lands like a helicopter but flies like an airplane. It is built by Boeing Co. and Bell Helicopter Textron. The Osprey fleet was taken out of operation for about two months after the April crash in Arizona. Investigators determined the crash was caused by mistakes made by the pilot and co-pilot, not a mechanical problem.

## Family loses custody of daughter with a serious weight problem

**ALBUQUERQUE (AP)** — The parents of a 120-pound, 3-year-old girl say they have lost custody of the toddler because they couldn't control the girl's weight. Miguel Regino and Adela Martinez say the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department took their daughter, Anamarie Martinez-Regino, after a doctor claimed the child's condition was life-threatening.



Adela Martinez clutches a portrait of her daughter after the state of New Mexico took custody of the girl.

"They dragged her out of the room kicking and screaming," a grieving Martinez said after her daughter was taken from the Presbyterian Hospital on Friday.

All she's known her whole life is me, Miguel, my mother, the family, she was terrified. Anamarie weighs 120 pounds and is 3.5 feet tall — three times heavier and 50 percent taller than an average 3-year-old, according to the girl's physician, Monika Mahal, who made the recommendation that she be removed from her parents' custody.

Mahal was out of town and unavailable for comment. But Irene Moody, who is in private practice with Mahal and has examined Anamarie, said Friday the decision was done in the best interest of the child.

"I can't tell you what is causing her to be this large in absolute certainty," Moody told the Albuquerque Journal. "But we do know that her size is life-threatening." Anamarie has been in and out

of the hospital since she was 2 months old because of her weight problem, but doctors have not been able to determine a cause. Glandular tests have been conducted and nothing abnormal has been found, Moody said. But the family says the problem has medical roots and is not caused by overeating or bad nutrition at home. And Martinez said tests done on Anamarie a month ago found the weight hasn't yet placed unhealthy stress on her heart.

No state agency or law enforcement office has accused the family with anything improper in the treatment of Anamarie, Martinez said. But the legal papers she received Friday charged the family with not being able to keep the child's weight down.

## Decline ends; average gas price spikes

**CAMARILLO, Calif.** (AP) — Gas prices rose nearly 2 cents per gallon nationwide over the past two weeks, ending a summer-long decline that still left drivers dropping an extra two dimes per gallon compared to a year ago, an industry analyst said Sunday.

The average price for a gallon of gasoline climbed to \$1.55 per gallon, up 1.87 cents, thanks to an increase in the cost of crude oil, said industry analyst Tribby Lundberg.

Surveyed prices ranged from a low of \$1.34 in El Paso, Texas, to a high of \$1.86 in San Francisco. The increase comes at the end of a nine-week decline, in which the average price dropped 18 cents per gallon after peaking this spring at over \$2 per gallon for the first time in some cities.

Prices this year are an average of 24 cents per gallon above this time last year, approaching the Labor Day weekend, Lundberg said.

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## OTHER VIEWS

### Give fire volunteers the training they need

Idaho State Journal (Pocatello)

Last week, the Idaho state fire marshals office pointed to the need for better training among rural volunteer firefighters. The need, said Deputy State Fire Marshal Richard Hahn, has been highlighted this summer by the worst fire season in decades.

Hahn recognizes the commitment it takes to devote time and energy to rural fire departments. Volunteers are usually everyday people with lives, families and problems of their own. To drop everything to fight a fire takes some selfless devotion.

But, as Hahn pointed out, under-trained firefighters can hurt the overall effort, a problem he says officials have encountered this year.

With that in mind, he says, more comprehensive training is needed among rural volunteers. If men and women are willing to donate their time protecting property and lives from fire, they might as well do things the right way.

Many could take Hahn's comments out of context and think he doesn't appreciate the work done by volunteer firefighters. That's just not the case. It's clear to us that he, along with others forced to deal with this year's record number of wildfires, wants firefighters on the front lines with enough training to effectively do the job. And with volunteer firefighters often being the first line of defense it only makes sense that these men and women receive the

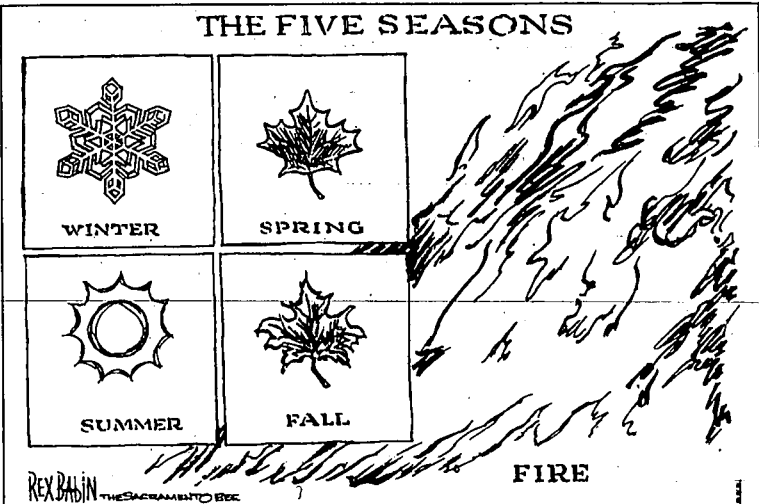
very best training available.

But, one thing Hahn didn't mention is how to go about paying for that necessary training. There's no practical way a small community could afford to train its firefighters to a standard required by most urban and federal fire departments. The money has to come from state and federal coffers.

Another concern Hahn has is the lack of time and money rural fire departments have to commit to fire investigations. On this issue, we side with Hahn, who is simply asking fire chiefs to ask for state assistance when it comes to looking into the cause of an unknown fire. This would do two things: it would lighten the financial load on a small department and ease manpower stress; and by watching state fire investigators go about their duties, knowledge is bound to rub off.

The most important message, though, is that volunteer firefighters are a vital part of the overall firefighting machine. The work they do is generally thankless, yet they save countless lives and millions of dollars in property across the United States each year. Without their help, many living in rural areas would be paying exorbitant insurance prices and wildfire would be a yearly concern rather than an occasional worry.

Nobody is discounting the value of volunteer firefighters. It would just be nice to make sure they're given every resource needed to help them do their jobs



### Don't judge a race by some individuals

GREGORY KANE

On Sept. 17, 1852, The Sun - that Baltimore newspaper founded 15 years before - ran an ad offering a \$100 reward for "A Negro Boy named George Stewart, a slave for life." Stewart was an escaped slave. The Sun and many papers of the antebellum era frequently ran and made money from such ads.

In July 2000, Sun Editor William K. Marimow received a call from Paul Zielbauer, a reporter from The New York Times, "about (The Sun's) 19th-century practices." The call was inspired by The Hartford Courant, a Connecticut newspaper that is part of the same chain that owns The Sun. It seems The Courant had offered one of the orgs of apologies that had started with Aetna Inc., a Connecticut insurance company that had issued policies on slaves. The company had profited in the 1850s. In the year 2000, it groveled before the forces of political correctness and sought to appease those with perpetually hurt feelings about a slavery that their ancestors had suffered. Aetna repented.

The Courant four months later followed suit, apologizing for the profits it had reaped in the 18th and 19th centuries from running ads for the sale of slaves. Perhaps looking to get a trifecta, folks turned their attention to The Sun. Hey, Marimow, what about those runaway slave ads from the 19th century?

I've worked with Marimow the last seven years. He does not look a day over 50, so I was reasonably sure when I got wind of this tale that he wasn't alive in the year 1852. But editors urge journalists to always check, which I did. It turns out that Marimow was, indeed, not alive in 1852. Not only was he not alive, but his ancestors weren't even in this country.

Courant editors weren't alive in the 18th and 19th centuries either, but they apologized anyway for crimes they hadn't committed. This was done to appease those latter-day African-Americans who insist that the government, white folks or SOMEBODY had better apologize for slavery.

Marimow didn't apologize but still took the high road in responding to the reporter.

"I think we've shown in the work we do our commitment to human rights and civil rights," he told the reporter. "What the newspaper did then in my mind was one symptom of an atrocity in America."

Marimow also mentioned The Sun's 1996 series on slavery in Sudan. Ironically, white Americans have reacted with the most revulsion to these revelations about human bondage. With some notable exceptions, slavery in Sudan hasn't riled American blacks. In fact, some, including Louis Farrakhan and some radical Muslim groups, avidly support the Sudanese government, despite this record of slavery.

I've pondered what I would have said if I were in Marimow's shoes. After much reflection, I've concluded I would have fallen flat on my back and howled with laughter that could have been heard from here to Canada.

Not that slavery is funny, mind you. It's just that African-American angst about it circa 2000, our insistence on apologies, our pouting for reparations, our constant attempt to bust every white person except about sins past is hilarious, given our own conduct.

When black comedians Eddie Murphy and Martin Lawrence made a comedy about Mississippi's Parchman Prison 70 years ago, it was the movie "Life." Not one of those blacks looking for apologies and reparations that I know of has demanded an apology from either Murphy or Lawrence. In fact, when Lawrence came out with his latest film, "Big Momma's House," and Murphy with "Nutty Professor II: The Klumps," there were blacks again, er, masse, clapping and giggling and cheering them on.

It's odd, this apology business. Blacks want none from Murphy or Lawrence, but many would no doubt love the sight of Supreme Court justices Clarence Thomas doing penance for the crime of thinking independently of the herd. I didn't hear blacks as a group or black leaders specifically apologize to Reginald Dennis, the white guy nearly killed in 1992 by black rioters in Los Angeles.

African-Americans correctly recognize that not all blacks were responsible for that act or for the actions of black criminals in general. Simple fairness dictates that we give whites the same benefit of the doubt, hush up this foolish talk about apologies and reparations, and admit that not all of them were responsible for slavery.

Gregory Kane is a Baltimore Sun columnist.

### Fix unfair timber trade

Coeur d'Alene Press

Idaho's congressional delegation should dedicate itself to correct the unfair competitive advantage Canadian timber producers enjoy at the expense of their U.S. competitors.

Throughout the nation the boom in building continues at a strong pace, but much of the lumber used in those homes and commercial buildings is coming from Canadian mills, not those in Idaho or other parts of the country.

Canada subsidizes its timber producers by licensing public lands to the companies, while U.S. producers must bid competitively for rights to public and private lands. Canada's position is bolstered by Clinton administration policies which have drastically reduced access to public lands, adding to the problems for U.S. producers

Canada now supplies 38 percent of the U.S. market, up a whopping 10 percent from just 10 years ago.

Idaho's delegation to Washington should be preparing now for an assault on the U.S.-Canada Softwood Trade Agreement which is up for renewal next year. That agreement and all others concerned with Canadian lumber imports should be revised and amended to create a level playing field for producers in both countries.

The timber industry in North Idaho is in its worst financial doldrums in the last 20 years. Hundreds of jobs have been lost in our region and some of the oldest firms, highly successful in past years, are fighting to stay in business.

The unfair Canadian timber imports must be ended if a viable lumber industry is to be part of this region's economic future.

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### U.N. wields dictatorial power

Which world will it be? An independent United States with individual rights protected under the Constitution and Bill of Rights or a world dictatorial government under United Nations control with no individual rights?

Sept. 2, the United Nations Millennium Assembly plans to celebrate "Global Governance" (World Government) Day. Then the assembly intends to rejuvenate the U.N. Charter and adopt a Charter for Global Democracy.

They want to eliminate national independence and empower the United Nations to be the supreme governmental authority on the planet. Our elected officials will simply become administrators of a U.N. world government.

Some of the principles of the charter include:

- Eliminate U.S. veto power in the Security Council.
  - A U.N. tax.
  - Register and confiscate all individual firearms.
  - Authorize a standing U.N. army.
  - Distribute our wealth to poor nations and cancel their debts.
- Also the United Nations wants to control our families, deny our right to a trial by jury and states that our unalienable God-given rights are conditional as they are "determined by law." Which means, the people have no rights!

The solution to preserving independence and freedom is for the United States to get out of the United Nations by passing H.R. 1146.

ADRIAN L. ARP  
Twin Falls

### Make your own political choice

Well, the dog and pony shows are over and it is time for the side shows to hit the road. The Republicans feel they have to win this time. They were so sure four years ago that they even passed the line item veto so it would be ready for the new president. I wonder what happened? If they don't make it this time, I doubt if their egos can stand the shock.

Why do we keep having these political conventions when the results are so cut and dried ahead of time? Maybe it's true what one lobbyist said, "These people work hard and are entitled to have a little fun." And have fun they do!

The best hotels, wine, women and song, all paid for by the big corporate lobbyists. But you understand this doesn't affect the way politicians vote! Yeah, sure!

It's true the big corporations give to both political parties. This reminds me of the Protestant boy who went to Notre Dame to play football and crossed himself in the middle - "just in case."

I have voted for some winners and some losers but have never passed up the chance to vote in a national election. Don't be satisfied with the best

politicians money can buy, get off your backside and go to the polls and vote.

KENNETH F. GOLLER  
Twin Falls

### Australian gun ban backfired

It has now been 12 months since gun owners in Australia were forced by new law to surrender 640,381 personal firearms to be destroyed by the Australian government, a program costing Australian taxpayers more than \$500 million.

The first year results are now in: Australiawide, homicides are up 3.6 percent, Australiawide, armed robberies are up 44 percent (yes, 44 percent). In the state of Victoria alone, homicides with firearms are now up 300 percent. (Note that while the law-abiding citizens turned them in, the criminals did not and criminals still possess their guns.)

While figures over the previous 25 years showed a steady decrease in armed robbery with firearms, this has changed drastically upward in the past 12 months, since the criminals now are guaranteed that their prey is unarmed.

There has also been a dramatic increase in break-ins and assaults of the elderly.

Australian politicians are at a loss to explain how public safety has decreased after such monumental effort and expense was expended in "successfully" ridding Australian society of guns.

You won't see this data on the American evening news or hear your governor or members of the state assembly disseminating this information.

The Australian experience proves it: Guns in the hands of honest citizens save lives and property and, yes, gun control laws affect only the law-abiding citizens. Take note, Americans, before it's too late!

These facts were reported by an official in the Australian government. Taking away guns will not solve the problem. Marijuana is highly illegal, yet it is very easy to get and is commonly used every day.

The same will be with firearms. The black market for them will flourish beyond belief. Guns do not kill people, people kill people.

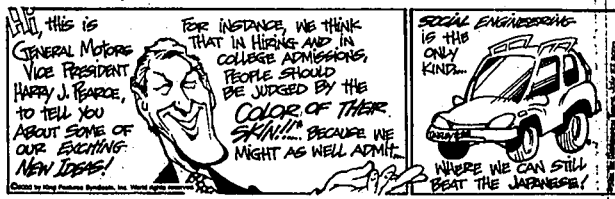
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# Why did we watch 'Survivor'?

ROBERT SIBLEY

fight to the death for pure prestige, or "recognition," by the "other." In this fight, one of the adversaries surrenders to the other, preferring to live unrecognized as a slave rather than die for the sake of prestige.

Thus, began the basic social and political conflict between "masters and slaves" that characterizes history. For Hegel, history is the story of slavish man's struggle to free himself from various "masters"—God, tyrants, nature—and be recognized as fully free.

As slaves, we developed technologies to create civilizations that freed us from nature's domination. The end of history is achieved and our journey ended when nature is conquered and all tyrants are replaced by a social and political order in which every one recognizes everyone else as a free and equal citizen.

Now, as everyone knows, history ended 10 years ago. After the collapse of communism, liberal democracy stood triumphant, the final form of man's social and political development. All that's left is to bring the unenlightened regions of the planet into the liberal-democratic fold. We call this globalization.

But beyond this technocratic administration of society, there's nothing really important to do—nothing nothing nothing raising our lives. We have been left in shopping and entertaining ourselves. Obviously, in an entertainment culture, you try to get on television if you want recognition. Being on television "gives people a sense of being desired, of sense of being known and a sense of being powerful," says Tyler

Cowen, a George Mason University professor and author of "What Price Fame?" We watched "Survivor" less for the romanticism of a castaway life or as a character test (in an age of moral relativism, maybe manipulating others is a valid lifestyle choice), but to vicariously satisfy our desire for recognition.

Those unremarkable and often inarticulate contestants were easy to identify with because they were like us. Having grown up on television, we, like them, possess the nagging sentiment that if the camera lens would only look our way, we too would be elevated into the pantheon of celebrity-hood.

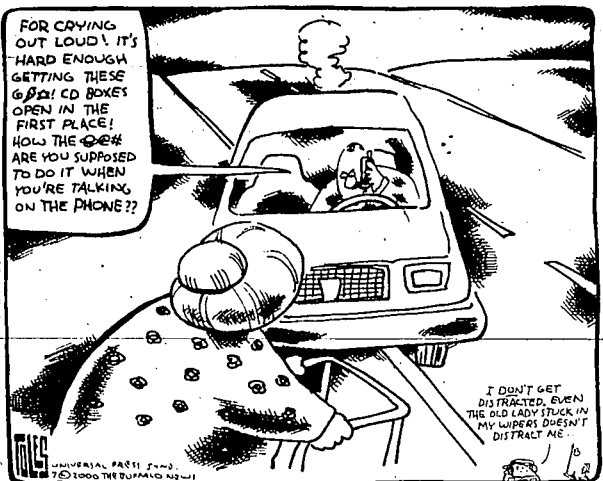
But fame and fortune are only counters in the ongoing game. Television, as Cowen notes, has vastly expanded the reach of recognition, creating myriad opportunities for people to project their personae to millions of others.

In this way, through an alchemy of technology and cultural psychology, entertainment has become our most essential "value," our effective reality.

In an entertainment culture, the standard of value is whether something can grab and hold public attention. And why not? Dominating a make-believe world is probably the only risk left to slavish minds at the end of history.

The phenomenon of "Survivor" reveals a society no longer able to distinguish between reality and entertainment; or more precisely, a society in which the line is entertainment. And why not? Dominating a make-believe world is probably the only risk left to slavish minds at the end of history.

Robert Sibley writes for the Ottawa Citizen.



## Pressure to be buff takes its toll

Here are some little known and surprising facts about how men feel about their bodies:

Most half of all men are dissatisfied with how they look, and even more than women are unhappy with the appearance of their chest. As many as 3 million men have taken potentially dangerous anabolic steroids or other black-market drugs to buff up their bodies. An equally large, even more secret, group of men has developed eating disorders. Each year, hundreds of thousands of men seek cosmetic surgery, from hair replacement to liposuction.

Body image dissatisfaction isn't just a woman's problem anymore. In "The Adonis Complex: The Secret Crisis of Male Body Obsession," my co-authors and I have documented the growing and alarming epidemic of body image concerns among males, including teenagers and even young boys.

The Adonis Complex refers to an array of usually secret but surprisingly common body image concerns of boys and men—from manageable dissatisfaction to full-blown psychiatric disorders. These may include eating disorders, body dysmorphic disorder (a problematic preoccupation with minimal or nonexistent appearance flaws, such as thinning hair or small genitals) and muscle dysmorphia (a preoccupation with not being large and muscular enough).

Men almost never talk openly about these concerns, because in our society, men aren't supposed to be hung up about how they look. But men's appearance concerns have dramatically increased in recent years.

This problem, we believe, is created by biological and psychological forces that combine with modern society's and the media's powerful and unrealistic messages emphasizing an ever-more-muscular, ever-more-fit and often unattainable body ideal.

Men are increasingly being exposed to such images, just as women have been for decades. As we show in our book, half-naked, buffed male bodies are

KATHARINE A. PHILLIPS

being used to sell everything from ironing boards to mobile phones to bank loans.

In Cosmopolitan and Glamour magazines, the proportion of undressed men in advertisements has skyrocketed, from as low as 3 percent in the 1950s to as high as 35 percent in the 1990s. From the 1970s to the 1990s, the average Playgirl centerfold shed about 12 pounds of fat while gaining approximately 27 pounds of muscle.

No wonder men are worried! Trapped between impossible ideals on the one side and taboos against feeling and talking on the other, millions of boys and men are suffering. Of greatest concern are the messages boys are getting. While GI Joe from the 1960s looks like an average man, Joe from the 1990s has a six-pack of abdominal muscles and biceps close to the limits of what a man could attain without steroids.

Anabolic steroids, which can be obtained illegally to bulk up, allow men for the first time to break through the normal biological ceiling of muscularity and soar into a range far beyond what Mother Nature ever intended.

Is the Adonis Complex also fueled by threatened masculinity? We believe that it is. Today, with the ascendancy of women, what can men do to distinguish themselves as masculine?

Women can now do virtually anything that men can do: enter formerly all-male military schools, fly jets and be CEOs of international corporations. For some men, there may be only one thing that allows them to feel masculine: No matter what the crowning achievements of women, they will never, ever, be able to bench-press 350 pounds. What can be done about this widespread problem? The first step is for men and the women in their lives, including those who are parents, to recognize and acknowledge that men's concerns about their bodies can be a problem.

In our book, we provide clues

to the various forms of the Adonis Complex—showing where healthy concerns leave off and the Adonis Complex begins. For more severe forms of the Adonis Complex, we recommend getting effective treatment (cognitive-behavioral therapy or medication such as Luvox, Prozac or Celexa) from a professional.

A far larger number of men with the Adonis Complex don't need professional help but should resist buying into the media images around them and recognize that a vast industry profits from making them feel insecure about their bodies. Men need to realize that masculinity isn't defined just by how they look.

Another important thing for men to know: Most women don't prefer a super-muscular male body. The male body that men think women like is typically 15 to 30 pounds more muscular than what women actually like.

If men realized that women actually prefer a more ordinary body, and recognized the societal forces fueling their concern, they might cast off the Adonis Complex, with all the unhappiness it has bred, and regain the comfortable acceptance of their bodies that earlier generations took for granted.

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**Time to liquidate? Use The Times-News Marketplace classifieds to turn possessions into cash.**

If you've ever played "Risk" you can appreciate why Richard "The Snake" was the last man standing on CBS's reality TV series "Survivor." As you might remember from your wasted college nights, "Risk" is a game of world domination. The object of the game is to acquire territories by using your armies to destroy opponents. If you use your armies wisely and aren't uneasy about betraying allies when necessary, your Napoleonic genius will be recognized.

Isn't that basically what we saw Wednesday night, albeit in a form palatable for prime-time television? It was "Gilligan's Island" as scripted by a nice Niccolò Machiavelli.

After out-manipulating the other contestants, Richard Hatch, a 39-year-old corporate trainer, claimed the \$1 million prize and celebrity status.

You can mock the whole thing, of course. "Survivor" was as realistic as a Hollywood relationship. Certainly, it can be seen as a reflection of North American culture, with Richard's cold-blooded plotting mirroring the survival-of-the-fittest ethos of contemporary society.

But "Survivor" also tapped something more fundamental. One of the strongest desires we possess is to have others recognize and value our existence.

Indeed, the German philosopher Georg Hegel saw the struggle for recognition as the key to history. He located the origins of society in what he poetically called the "life-and-death struggle with the other," or the master-slave dialectic.

"Human" history began when proto-man first risked his "animal," or biological existence, in a

### More troops needed for fires

I love the outdoors, like most people in the Western part of the United States. I am very concerned about the wildfires that are terrorizing our forests. What I'm wondering is why it is taking so long to do anything about it.

We have brought in troops from the armed forces, money has come in to help, but from what I'm reading, seeing on the news every night, this is just a drop in the bucket compared to what we actually need to make a dent in these fires.

I understand that some of these fires may not be out until the snow flies. Is this really the best we can do? Why aren't we doing more, like mobilizing more troops (more than a couple of thousand)? Why can't we put those snow-making pellets that they use at ski resorts into these dry thunderstorm clouds, make some rain come down?

As with everything (like the salmon issue), our elected officials are taking their sweet time to make an important decision. If we wait too much longer, the entire Western part of the United States will be a barren wasteland.

TROY JONES  
Twin Falls

### Safe Kids director's farewell

It is with a touch of sadness, yet a great deal of optimism that I leave the position of director of the Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition.

Being the director of Safe Kids for the past 11 years has been much more than a job, it's been my passion. I know why God put

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me on earth—to work at bettering the lives of children and youth. I've made mistakes, I've stepped on toes and I've missed appointments (which I hope all will forgive me for), but I've also had my successes. One of the most rewarding outcomes of this year of work has been our relationships developed with people who believe in what Safe Kids is doing.

These people have provided invaluable insight into issues and situations that seemed overwhelming at times and have provided the much needed manpower to man booths at events, conduct presentations at schools and churches and climb into the back seat of endless lines of cars to click on child safety seats. There are no words to thank you enough! I'm a much better person because of the opportunity I've had to work with them.

It is my sincerest hope that as I move on, this community will continue to work on making the Magic Valley the safest place for kids and continue to utilize the great resource you have in Safe Kids. I'd like to thank the Safe Kids staff (Lisa Hills, Clinton Elzer, Carin Miller) and the board of directors of the coalition for their friendship, support, time and commitment, especially Tommy Hobbs, Dr. Kevin Kraal, Michael Mathews and David Nil.

The Magic Valley Regional Medical Center has been the backbone of the Safe Kids effort since its inception in 1988, and the MVRMC Foundation has been a true friend in their ongoing efforts to help fund the coalition.

Thank you, Magic Valley—wherever I go, I will always consider you my home.

BLOSSOM JOHNSTON  
Director, Magic Valley Safe Kids Coalition  
Twin Falls

### Wolves are vicious animals

Already, the big bad wolf is knocking at our doors. Did anyone ever think about why the wolves were done away with in the first place? They do not fit into the food chain. Advocates say, "Oh, they are so beautiful to see in the wild, they belong there."

It is beautiful to see a pack of wolves hamstringing a cow or baby calf, an elk or deer or sheep, then tear out its throat and eat out its guts while it is bleeding for its life? All of our other wildlife and domestic livestock are being sacrificed for this one vicious animal and at a huge monetary expense to our governments.

If we keep trapping and relocating these wolves to the north, maybe we can eventually get them all relocated back to Canada where they were relocated from in the first place.

GARY HUNTINGTON  
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# CYCLE OF FIRE

## Wildfires a normal part of life for forests

Forest fires like the large ones now burning in the West seem like disasters from the human perspective, but they are essential to the life cycle of forests. Here's how a typical pine forest changes during one round of the fire cycle, which in this example takes about 25 years.



**BURNED FOREST**  
 ■ Wood ash covers ground  
 ■ Seeds of some plants have been destroyed  
 ■ Many animals killed, but many survive; burned trees provide cover and nesting spots

**FIRST SPROUTS**  
 ■ Wildflowers reappear, nourished by minerals in ash  
 ■ With no large trees to obstruct the sunlight, small trees grow fast, but they must compete with grass and shrubs

**YOUNG TREES**  
 ■ Small pines and other trees have risen above grass and weeds and grow steadily  
 ■ Streams recover as ash is washed away and fish and insects reappear

**MATURE FOREST**  
 ■ Fast-growing pine trees and other conifers usually reach their full height faster than deciduous trees (those with leaves)  
 ■ A lower layer of shrubs and small plants grows in shade of the trees

**OVERGROWN FOREST**  
 ■ A layer of leaf litter and dead plants builds up on ground; fungi and bacteria break it down  
 ■ Disease and storms kill some trees, and their trunks pile up on the ground or stand in place

**A NEW FIRE**  
 ■ During dry seasons, a single lightning strike can start a fire in the piles of flammable material  
 ■ Some fires are doused by rain only days after they start; some burn for months, until the first snow

**Most fires are small**  
 A few big fires, about 3% of the total, cause more than 95% of each year's damage

**People increase chance of a fire**

Lightning starts about 10% of U.S. wildfires  
 People start about 90%

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## Guardsmen

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"We have a real-life mission," said Staff Sgt. Gary Volkman, 34, of Galt, Calif., a helicopter crew chief and instructor. "We get to help people."

Their job includes plucking injured hikers out of the Sierras or off 14,162-foot Mount Shasta one day, dodging smoke and flames to fight forest fires the next.

Sometimes it involves rescues and firefighting at once.

During the 1995 fires in Northern California's Siskiyou County, "We were literally lowering medics into flames to evacuate injured firefighters. Going down in flames," Moore recalled. "We've rescued several firemen when they've been surrounded by fire."

More typically this time of year, the unit's UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters ferry firefighters — 10 at a time, plus their equipment — and from the front lines against the worst wildfires raging across the Western states.

Once the firefighters are on the ground, each helicopter latches onto a Bambi Bucket — that's the official trade name — and spouts water or chemical fire retardant on the flames, 500 gallons or so at a time.

"We're saving Bambi. We're saving forests," said Volkman, who as crew chief equips and collapses orange bucket. "I have no idea if that's why they call it that, but it works for me."

It's a potentially deadly job. Six helicopter pilots or crew members have died since May fighting fires across the nation, according to the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho.

Picking up water with a Blackhawk is tricky because they are so large — longer than a six-story building laid on its side, with its whirling rotor blade cutting a wide swath.

The Bambi Bucket hangs about 20 feet below the helicopter's belly. Volkman lies face-down on the cabin floor to peer out the gaping side doors as he guides the helicopter between valley walls and trees toward a beaver pond, reservoir, water tank or whatever else has been approved as a water supply. Once the Bambi Bucket is full, the pilot heads toward the fire line.

That can get dicey in its own right. Large fires create their own weather with thermals and shifting air currents.

"It gets pretty bumpy," Volkman said. "The wind might be coming in one direction, and you cross a ridge and it's coming from another direction."

Where there's fire, there's smoke, and the helicopters must get close enough to the flames to be effective without getting lost in the haze. It's particularly dangerous when several helicopters are working together, as is often the case. The helicopters take turns dropping their loads of water in a trail, each load stretching 60 or 70 yards along the fire's edge.

"The next helicopter picks up where you left off," said Volkman, who operates the

Bambi Bucket's release as he watches the approaching target.

Sometimes the helicopters fly higher and faster to spray the water out in a cloud to raise the humidity, lower the air temperature and cool firefighters on the ground. Sometimes on intense fires they drop their entire loads on a single building or blazing tree. "If you spread the water out (in a trail), it would be like spitting in the fire," Moore explained. "It would just turn to steam."

On a typical day fighting a fire in Kern County in August, one Blackhawk made 17 water drops in between ferrying 72 firefighters to and from the fire.

"We were doing continuous 12-hour days," Moore said, not including all the paperwork and maintenance on each helicopter. "We do it all," Volkman said. "The Blackhawk's such a versatile aircraft, they use it for everything. We just kept the seats configured (to transport firefighters) and the water bucket ready."

Volkman grew into the same crew chief-instructor job his uncle once held. "I was going to join the military from the time I was 5 years old," he recalled. His father, grandfather and another uncle were all in the Navy. "But I got seasick when I was a kid — so that ruled out the Navy."

Moore was an Army brat, and signed himself up at age 17. When he's off-duty he is a guard at Folsom State Prison, and is taking classes to become a history teacher.

One of Moore's most dramatic rescues involved not a fire, but a flood. He wound up on national television and the front page of the Sacramento Bee in January 1997, when he pulled a man from a stranded pickup truck.

Moore was hanging by cable 60 feet below the Blackhawk when the man prematurely jumped into his arms. The momentum started the two men wring across the floodwaters, toward nearby trees. Then the man's grip started slipping.

Fortunately, the arc carried the two men over dry land. The man fell free, hit the ground and took off running. Moore never saw him again.

## Winds spark firestorm in S. Dakota

HELENA, Mont. (AP) — Firefighters were on their guard Sunday as 30 mph wind gusts threatened to worsen wildfires that have turned hundreds of thousands of acres of forest to ash.

Wind already was blamed for whipping up a firestorm in South Dakota's mountainous Black Hills. The fire had swept across more than 90,000 acres by Sunday, and Forest Service officials said they feared it could remain explosive.

More than ten thousand people were still fighting 23 major fires in Montana that had charred some 670,000 acres. Officials there and in Wyoming said the fire lines were quiet Sunday, but they weren't letting down their guard.

"I have a feeling that we'll discover that some of the fires have increased dramatically," said E. Lynn Burkett of the National Interagency Fire Center in Boise, Idaho. "There's so many elements out there working against us — steep canyons, winds that make fires run."

Another blaze was sparked by a motorcycle accident late Sunday near the northeast corner of Yellowstone National Park and had quickly spread to 3,000 acres within a few hours, officials said.

More than 100 homes between the fire's advancing edge and the



Soldiers from Fort Hood, Texas, take down tents, fold up cots, and turn in their fire gear Sunday in McCall in preparation for their trip home. The soldiers were in Idaho to help fight wildfires.

town of Red Lodge were evacuated, but the blaze was spreading through the upper limbs of trees and moving too fast to bring in firefighters, officials said.

Instead, five air tankers were attacking the flames from the sky.

"It's just moving too fast for us to be doing any good on the

ground," said Jeff Gilhdhus, fire information officer.

In Idaho, where more than 705,000 acres of forest and range land was burning, Gov. Dirk Kempthorne signed a proclamation Sunday extending a 30-day state of emergency for another month to keep government aid and resources flowing to the fire lines.

"The reports from the fire lines, as well as the weather reports, tell us that we have at least several more weeks of work before we can hope to get the upper hand on most of these fires," Kempthorne said.

High winds pushed a brush fire in the heart of the Black Hills National Forest, northwest of Custer, S.D., exploded from 30,000 acres on Saturday to an estimated 90,000 on Sunday.

Firefighters were forced off that fire's north side Saturday because the wind created firestorm conditions. Three outbuildings and a tractor were destroyed in the sparsely settled region and two homes were damaged, officials reported.

The few people in the region were urged to evacuate an area of 300 square miles, forest officials said. Fire lines along the eastern side of the blaze were being strengthened because a cold front moving into the region was expected to bring northwest wind.

## Fires

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and provide assistance to affected communities."

So far, 10 Idaho counties have declared local states of emergency.

In order to use state resources, county governments must first declare a state of emergency because of wildfire conditions. Once they have declared an emergency, the counties can contact the state's Bureau of Disaster Services to obtain additional state assistance.

The Idaho National Guard, the Idaho Transportation Department and the Idaho

State police have all been helping in the fire containment efforts.

While some fires have been contained, other fires are still being worked on, including the Trail Creek Fire.

The Trail Creek Fire has charred more than 29,000 acres.

But crews are making progress on the blaze. Almost 50 percent of the blaze is contained, a Boise Interagency Logistics Center press release says.

Fire costs to date are \$3.8 million dollars," the release says.

The most intense burning is still on the southeast and west flank of the fire, according to the release, with active burning in Camp Gulch, East Fork of the Yuba River and Corbus Creek.

Strong winds and humidity remain a concern for fire officials. The health and welfare of the crews camped out on the fire line is also of concern to fire officials.

No serious injuries have been reported, however, the release says.

The Trail Creek Fire has been burning for 12 days.

### Fire facts

As of today, 10 Idaho counties, one city and one tribe have declared local states of emergency due to wildfires. Bannock, Lemhi, Power, Valley, Idaho, Clearwater, Lincoln, Jerome, Lemhi and Boise County have been affected by wildfires. The City of Kendrick and the Shoshone-Bannock Tribe have also been affected.

To obtain more information on fires still burning, log on-line to the Boise Interagency Logistics Center at [www.id.blm.gov/boisedspatch](http://www.id.blm.gov/boisedspatch)

(Source: Governor Dirk Kempthorne's office, Boise Interagency Logistics Center)

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## AROUND THE VALLEY

### Schools offer free screening for children

**TWIN FALLS** - The Twin Falls School District is offering a free screening clinic for children 3 to 5 years old to detect and provide early intervention services.

Children can receive services for the following delays or problems: speech and language, motor skills, pre-academic skills and hearing. The clinic will be held Sept. 5-6. To make an appointment, call 733-1311 by Friday.

Likewise, the school district also invites individuals who know of a child 2 to 21 years old who may have needs resulting from disabilities or developmental delays and is not enrolled in school to call the district at 733-8486.

These children might have difficulty walking, talking, hearing or learning or display behavior that appears different from other children their age. These services are part of the district's Child Find efforts, activities coordinated to create public awareness of special education programs, advise the public of the rights of students, and alert community residents of the need for identifying and serving children with disabilities.

### CSI Shakedown class will begin in September

**TWIN FALLS** - Maintaining proper weight and developing healthier lifestyles is a family affair through a College of Southern Idaho class called Shakedown which begins in September.

CSI fitness trainer Jaime Tigue will teach the class to families on Mondays from 8:15 to 10 p.m. Mondays Sept. 11 through Dec. 4.

The goal of the program is to help children develop a healthy weight for the genetic build of their body. Families are taught how to create a more active and healthy lifestyle.

Tigue stresses that Shakedown is not a diet. Diets typically cause children to feel deprived. As a result, they often overeat. The program promotes the adoption of a moderate food intake so that weight loss is gradual, according to a CSI news release.

Shakedown was selected by the American Medical Association at its National Congress as an exemplary health promotion program and also received an award for excellence in consumer education from the Food and Drug Administration, the news release said. Tigue is certified as a personal trainer, fitness instructor, and lifestyle and weight management consultant. The cost of the class is \$140 per family. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext. 2290.

### Blaine commissioners will consider subdivision

**HAILEY** - Blaine County commissioners will meet today to reconsider an application for a subdivision by Louis Harris to subdivide 159.58 acres into seven lots.

The meeting will be held at 1:30 p.m. at the old County Courthouse, 206 First Ave., S. The county approved the final plat of the Au Da Urrutian Serua Subdivision in 1995. The Fifth District Court remanded the application to the board to provide for public hearing after neighboring property owners filed appeals.

The board then denied the subdivision, only to have the decision appealed. The Idaho Supreme Court remanded the subdivision application to the commissioners for further proceedings in April 2000.

### Ketchum chefs to turn food into art for benefit

**KETCHUM** - Gail Severn has shown a lot of different types of art in her gallery. But Tuesday she will show off a new type - food as art. Twenty Ketchum and Sun Valley chefs will turn food into art for the "Food is Art" event from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Sun Valley Gallery, 400 First Ave. The event will benefit the Advocates for the Survivors of Domestic Violence.

Participants will prepare dishes and table settings revolving around such themes as the Pacific Rim, Oceania, Zhivago, Afro-Brazilia and Morocco. The tabletop items, which organizer Judith McQueen shopped for on around-the-world shopping trips, will sell for between \$100 and \$10,000. Tickets to the event are \$20, available at Gail Severn Gallery.

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# City employees might get raise

## City Council will hold public hearing on 2000-01 budget

By John T. Huddy  
Times-News writer

**TWIN FALLS** - The City Council will hold a public hearing tonight on the city's \$26 million 2000-01 budget - a budget that includes increases in city water and sewer rates, recreation fees and salaries for city employees.

Gary Evans, the city's financial director, said the city has been reviewing the salaries of its employees.

It's been 10 years since the city last did a department job review, Evans said.

"Maybe we'll find that the police chief is a lot more valuable now," Evans said.

"Maybe engineering skills will be a lot

more valuable now than they were. The job content tends to change over a period of time, too."

Evans said some employees might see 5 percent raises in their paychecks. "We want to be fair in the jobs that people are expected to do and we want to be fair in the salaries," he said.

BDPA Inc., a firm in Boise, is doing a salary analysis for the city.

The new budget has already been structured around possible salary increases. The new budget year begins Oct. 1.

The city's water and sewer rates are expected to increase by 5 percent in October to help pay off the more than \$10 million that the city spent on water and sewer system improvements. City recreation fees will also increase 5 percent.

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### More on TF City Council

The Twin Falls City Council will meet at 5 p.m. today at City Hall. Public hearings begin at 8 p.m.

Today's agenda includes a public hearing on the city's \$26 million 2000-2001 budget and possible salary increases for city employees.

The agenda also includes a discussion on "Operation Cruise Control," a new driving safety program for young people.

Twin Falls police officer Rick VanVooren created the program after he recognized that many of the young people cruising on Blue Lakes Boulevard were not aware of several common equipment and seat belt laws, a police department staff report says.

Police will offer free vehicle inspections from 8 p.m. to midnight Friday in the Fred Meyer parking lot. People who have their

cars inspected will receive free gifts.

### Annual salaries of Twin Falls city employees

Mayor Elaine Steele - \$12,000  
Council members (8) - \$8,700  
City manager - \$78,402  
City finance director - \$64,837  
City development director (planning and zoning) - \$50,832  
City economic development director - \$58,073  
City engineer - \$68,346  
City Parks and Recreation superintendent - \$42,764  
Police chief - \$68,575  
Fire chief - \$54,478

## CATCHING AIR



Chad Johnson rides his skateboard on a ramp at the new skate park in Shoshone. Johnson was one of the community members involved in setting up the park.

# First bell rings for classes

The Times-News

**TWIN FALLS** - The bell's ready to ring. And don't count on a snow day.

Classes begin today in many Magic Valley communities and at the College of Southern Idaho.

"Children pose risks to themselves the first few weeks of school, partly because many are expanding their boundaries for the first time," said Dave Carlson, public affairs director for the Oregon Idaho chapter of AAA. "The first few days of school can be a real wake-up call to motorists."

Local police departments say they'll patrol school zones next week.

More parents drive their children to school during the first week of classes than they do during the rest of the school year, to help their children settle into a routine, Twin Falls Police Officer John Wilson said. Traffic patrols will hit school zones with radar guns, to remind motorists to slow down.

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Work is all in a day's play for, from left, Caroline, Daniel and Zachary Ross who grow and sell their own vegetables. The three young entrepreneurs visit with customers, occasionally negotiate and handle the cash with fairly good results said their father, Darrell Ross.

# Tending to business

## Garden stand is no small potatoes for Burley youths

By Corren Hart  
Times-News correspondent

**BURLEY** - If you've driven down Fifth Street where it turns off from Hilland Avenue, you've probably seen the stand.

Just big enough for three children, it's chock full of vegetables and even has a refrigerator and a few cans of cold pop.

Seven-year-old Caroline, 8-year-old Zachary and 11-year-old Daniel are the young entrepreneurs who run the stand and work the one-acre garden with a little help from their parents

Darrell and Marsha Ross.

The commercially-zoned garden is still paying for itself, Daniel said. They put in drip irrigation this year and about \$5,000 worth of weed-smothering fabric.

"But we each have our own small plot, and we get to keep all the money from our own plots," Daniel said, noting that his take is usually \$5 to 10 a week.

"The kids make a percentage of the total sales, too," Darrell Ross said.

Marsha Ross said her children have learned how to manage their money.

"They've learned how to save

for a goal," she said. "Two of them have bought bicycles this year, for instance."

"They seem more interested in saving their money to see how much they can accumulate than in spending it on candy or junk," Darrell Ross said. "The principle of savings is always a part of what they do. They immediately set aside a percentage for tithing, an equal amount for savings, and then the balance is theirs to do with as they please."

Karlynn Netwert of Heyburn made her first visit to the stand

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# BLM looks into alleged complaint against pilot

By Ruth Stroeter  
Times-News writer

**BURLEY** - The Bureau of Land Management is looking into whether it lodged a complaint against a Burley pilot - an alleged complaint that almost cost the pilot his privileges at the Burley Municipal Airport.

The city of Burley alleges that the BLM complained Aug. 18 that pilot Mike Jones had been hostile toward BLM firefighters on airport premises. The city then summoned Jones to the Aug. 21 City Council meeting to explain why his airport privileges shouldn't be revoked or restricted.

Jones accused the city of fabricating the complaint. He suggested the city's action was retaliation against him for blowing the whistle on safety violations at the airport, and for threatening to report fire retardant spills by the BLM.

Last year, Jones complained to the Federal Aviation Administration that the airport had ignored safety violations since 1998. More recently, he notified the U.S. Department of Environmental Quality and the Environmental Protection Agency that BLM firefighters had let spilled retardant run into a storm drain that leads into a pond by the Snake River.

Mayor Doug Manning denied retaliating against Jones.

"We didn't generate that complaint. It was Mike's actions (that) generated the complaint from the BLM," Manning said.

Jones admits he confronted the BLM firefighters at the airport, but he denies being hostile. He said he was "very matter of fact" in telling the firefighters what they were doing was illegal and that he would contact the Environmental Protection

Agency if they didn't stop. City Administrator Mark Minton said he received a complaint from one of the firefighters. He could not with certainty recall the firefighter's name.

Andy Payne, fire management officer with the BLM office in Shoshone, said he couldn't release the names of the firefighters without their consent. The firefighters had been contracted out by New Mexico, Arizona, and Payne said Friday he would try to contact them, but they might be on another assignment.

Payne said the firefighters had contacted him about the incident, and he wasn't aware of whether they had complained to the city. Firefighters told Payne Jones was fairly forceful and somewhat aggressive. Payne said he advised them in the future to call 911 if they felt threatened.

But Payne said he only called the airport to ask who Jones was and to make sure there were no problems with the BLM's employees.

The city then invited Payne to the council meeting regarding the spill and the confrontation, Payne said. BLM officials were too busy with firefighting to attend, he said.

Because no BLM official was present, the city dropped the issue.

A similar occurrence of fire retardant spills was reported to the DEQ last summer, according to an Aug. 18 letter from DEQ water quality science officer Pat O'Rourke to the BLM.

The drain gate was subsequently covered with plastic and sand, and a sand dike was used to allow for containment, evaporation and removal of any residue, the letter said.

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# Jury selection starts today for lawsuit against Aryan Nations

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Jury selection begins Monday for trial on a lawsuit filed against the Aryan Nations by a woman and her son, who were shot at and assaulted near the white supremacist sect's Hayden Lake compound.

First District Judge Charles Hosack called more than 100 potential jurors to the Kootenai County Courthouse, where Victoria and Jason Keenan are suing Aryan Nations leader Richard Butler and three former security guards.

The Keenans, who are seeking unspecified actual and punitive damages, contend the security guards were acting as agents of the Aryan Nations when they fired at the Keenans and forced them off the road on July 1, 1998.

Butler, 82, contends Edward Jesse Warfield, John Yeager and Shane Wright acted on their own.

The lawsuit says the Keenans were chased for more than two miles by men who "shot at them with assault rifles, detained them, battered them and threatened to kill them."

The car, which careened into a ditch during the chase, was hit by at least five bullets from an

assault rifle, a sheriff's report said.

Warfield and Yeager were convicted of felony assault in the confrontation and are serving prison sentences. Wright remains a fugitive.

The Keenans' legal team includes civil-rights advocate Morris Dees, co-founder of the Southern Poverty Law Center, who has won multimillion-dollar judgments against several hate groups.

The Keenans named Butler and his former chief of staff, Michael Teague, the three guards and Sapphire Inc., the corporation that controls the Aryan Nations property, in their lawsuit.

If a jury finds for the Keenans and awards punitive damages, the plaintiffs could go after the Aryan Nation's assets, which consist mainly of the compound.

Security around the courthouse is expected to be tight. Cameras and all forms of electronic equipment have been banned from the courthouse, which has metal detectors at entrances.

In pretrial documents filed with the court, Butler described the Aryan Nations as "an extremely non-mainstream

church and homeless shelter for exceedingly politically incorrect drifters and ne'er-do-wells."

The group is the political arm of Butler's white separatist Church of Jesus Christ-Christians.

According to the lawsuit, the Keenans stopped outside the compound that July night to search for Jason Keenan's billfold, which "had inadvertently fallen out of the car."

He retrieved his wallet and the Keenans were driving away when their 1977 Datsun backfired, the lawsuit says.

Immediately, Warfield, Wright and Yeager and as many as three other unidentified skinheads "left the Aryan compound in a truck and began chasing the Keenans."

Warfield later said the chase began when Wright told him he had heard a gunshot and believed someone had fired at the compound.

The 1998 confrontation occurred about two weeks before Butler's annual Aryan World Congress, which attracts about 100 members of white supremacist, anti-Semitic and anti-government groups each year.

# Ishi flies home, but process is slow for return of Indian remains to tribes

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) - The return of Ishi's remains to his Indian homeland 80 years after scientists removed his brain in the interests of science has drawn new attention to the quest to retrieve ancestral bones from museum basements.

Shi, it turns out, is an exception. Ten years after Congress ordered Native American remains returned to their tribes, only 10 percent of the up to 200,000 remains estimated to be in public collections are even officially inventoried, federal records show.

With more than 8,000 Indian remains, the collection of the University of California, Berkeley, is third only to those at the Smithsonian and Harvard. So far, however, the school has returned only an amulet and an earthenware jar.

While a variety of factors lie behind the delays, two stand out: Institutions have been slow to reveal their holdings to Indians as they try to match bones to tribes, and federal officials have been slow to do anything about the data that have been turned in.

Underlying the logistical jargon is a clash of science and sacrament - a struggle to balance the study of the rites of man with the rights of men.

"It really comes down to a distinction between thinking that you own remains or sacred objects versus understanding that you are custodians or stewards for them," said Martin Sullivan, a historian who recently completed eight years on the national advisory committee



Ishi

Remains return to homeland

Smithsonian, where it remained largely forgotten until a group of California Indians began searching for him in 1997.

Although Ishi was known as the "Lone Indian of the Yahi," the Smithsonian ruled that Ishi had ties to a surviving tribe, which decided to reunite his brain with his cremated remains for burial in a secret ceremony near Mount Lassen.

"Hopefully, he will be at last at rest and at peace and free to join his family and ancestors," Mickey Gemmill, a member of the Pit River tribe, told the Mercury News before he and other tribe members went to Washington earlier this month to take custody of the brain.

The 1990 federal law requires all federally funded agencies and museums to return remains. Inventories were to be completed in 1995. After an extension and a threat of fines, Berkeley finally finished its inventory of remains on June 15.

About 17 percent of Berkeley's remains have been determined to be affiliated with a particular tribe, meaning they can be claimed. Three requests are pending.

Compliance with the law is overseen by the National Park Service, but there is a two-year backlog on publishing the legal notices required before some items can be returned, said John Robbins, NPS assistant director for cultural resources.

The parks service doesn't keep track of remains returned, only of remains inventoried.

Some of the headaches, Sullivan believes overall that the law is working.

# Transforming Ricks to BYU-Idaho keeps administration busy with plans

IDAHO FALLS (AP) - When Ricks College students start classes on Tuesday, they will not be attending BYU-Idaho yet, but higher-ups at the school are busy figuring out how that transition to a four-year school will happen.

More than two months after the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints President Gordon B. Hinckley announced the country's largest private junior college would be transformed into Brigham Young University-Idaho, there are few specific plans for how the school will change.

That does not mean nobody has been working on it. Since the announcement was made June 21, faculty and staff have been meeting at least weekly and taking inventory of their resources - everything from how many microscopes and computers they have to the number of buildings and professors. That is all part of the accreditation process. Ricks must figure out what it has and what it will need to make the change.

Ricks President David Bednar has said the transition will be phased in over the next few years;

it will not come all at once.

The departments needing the most new equipment, professors and space will be the ones that switch to four-year programs later, said Brent Kinghorn, Ricks' vice president of communication services.

"We want to make sure we're not duplicating programs that are available elsewhere - not just in the LDS Church but also at other institutions in the area," he said. Some of the 122 majors will be cut altogether, although which ones has not yet been decided.

# Small plane crashes east of Boise airport

BOISE (AP) - Two people were seriously injured when their twin-engine plane crashed on Gowen Road as they prepared to land at the Boise Airport.

Police identified the two on Saturday as Jim and Brenda Davis of Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., east of Los Angeles.

The victims were taken by Lifelight medical helicopter to Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center. Both were listed in critical condition with head injuries late Saturday.

The Federal Aviation Administration was on the scene shortly after the crash and was preparing to update the National Safety Transportation Board, an FAA spokesman said.

The crash happened at 2:55 p.m. as the Cessna 411 prepared to land at the airport.

It had taken off from Tonopah, Nev., about 200 miles north of Las Vegas. Authorities did not know why the plane went down. The pilot did not indicate any problems as he approached the Boise Airport. Witnesses said the

plane suddenly banked sharply and fell toward the ground.

"I thought it was going to turn," said witness Kris Birt of Boise. "Then, boom, it hit the ground."

Birt witnessed the crash from across the airport, near the National Interagency Fire Center.

The plane narrowly missed hitting an electrical substation and some wires. It landed on the shoulder of Gowen Road, with its dentured nose lying on the pavement.

# Utah feels effects of teacher shortage

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - With school bells set to ring along with the start of this week, many districts have been scrambling to ensure there's a teacher for every class.

This year's hiring problem is part of a national teacher shortage that's hitting Utah at full force.

"It's been the most difficult year I've seen across the board," said Martha Kupferschmidt, director of personnel and student services for Murray School District.

A few years ago, the U.S. Department of Education warned of an aging generation of teachers who were expected to begin retiring in droves and force a need for 2.2 million new teachers nationwide. To recruit teachers, Massachusetts began offering \$20,000 signing bonuses to 125 new teachers who would commit

to working four years in the state. Utah, which spends the least per student in the nation despite putting just under half of state tax revenues toward schools, can't compete with that.

"It's very difficult now that outside states with higher pay are invading our state to acquire candidates and pull them out of the state," said Susan Stone, Alpine School District's assistant superintendent of personnel.

Most Utah school districts still have jobs to fill going into classes next week. A shortage of special education teachers warrants the greatest concern in most districts.

According to federal figures, an additional 40,000 to 100,000 children are projected to enroll in Utah schools by 2010. Meanwhile, colleges are limiting the number of education students.

"It's disastrous for us from

to do that at the same time we are having these scarcities," Stone said.

Colleges are, however, expanding some programs, such as special education, to meet needs.

The Legislature this year recommended school districts' increase beginning teachers' salaries. Some districts try to get commitments from college students before they've completed their studies.

The Utah Education Association's Children At Risk Foundation is offering scholarships to those wanting to work with at-risk students, said executive director Susan Kuzak.

"We're going to be facing these issues, and they will expand beyond (needs in) math and science and special education to every class before long if we don't encourage people to become teachers," she said.

# Proposal to dam river creates controversy

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - Fast-growing counties want more water by 2015 and are looking toward proposed dams on the Bear River. Opponents say the need is overstated.

The river is the next big water source for Utah's population center, according to Richard Bay, chief engineer for the Jordan Valley Water Conservancy District.

Critics say Jordan Valley is pushing the project too quickly. They say water officials are overstating projected demand and ignoring less-costly and more environmentally sound options.

"Bad science and fear are being used to hoodwink the public into building expensive and unnecessary water projects," said Zach Frankel, director of the Utah

Rivers Council.

At stake are historic family farms, homes and cultural sites in Box Elder and Cache counties that could be inundated if dams are built on the river to store water for the Wasatch Front.

Additionally, the Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge, a critical nesting and resting ground for waterfowl and other birds, could suffer habitat loss. The dam project has been considered for 10 years, the state has retooled the idea to siphon water from the Bear River and store it in the existing 200,000-acre-foot Willard Bay reservoir.

But that's unlikely to happen in the current political climate.

Storing water in Willard Bay would require the permission of

the Weber Basin water district, but the district's board is against it amid concerns doing so would increase salinity in Willard Bay.

"There are a lot of negatives to using Willard Bay as a permanent storage reservoir," said Weber Basin manager Ivan Flint.

The most likely scenario is a \$60 million dam in Elwood, north-east of Honeyville. The reservoir would drown more than 4,000 acres of land, displacing dozens of families.

The water also would inundate historic pioneer sites and ancient burial grounds of the Shoshone Indians.

Farther upstream, state officials have proposed building an \$84 million off-stream reservoir in the Barrens, just west of the Cache County town of Amalgam.

# Conference: Doctors might avoid prescribing pain killers to patients after criminal case

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - In the wake of the criminal case of Utah psychiatrist Robert Allen Weitzel, some physicians may have stopped giving pain medication to patients.

"I think the Weitzel case intimidated a few (physicians) who are leery to prescribe appropriate medication to the dying," said Dr. Mary Jane Norman. "I want to encourage physician treating pain to feel secure about it and safe."

Norman, who is vice president of the Western Medical Directors' Association, organized the End-of-Life Issues Conference held Saturday.

Weitzel was recently convicted of manslaughter and medical negligence in a much-publicized case involving the deaths of five elderly people suffering from end-stage dementia.

Weitzel claimed he was providing comfort care by giving the

patients morphine injections and other medications. The jury found his care inappropriate and criminal.

"The fear and paranoia because of the Weitzel case is absolutely unnecessary," said Arthur Lipman, a professor in the University of Utah College of Pharmacy.

Lipman told a group of about 25 medical workers that the Weitzel case has had unfortunate impacts on people who suffer from pain.

When it's appropriate, physicians shouldn't be afraid to give pain medications that are derived from opium and morphine, otherwise known in the medical community as "opioids."

"Patients are suffering unnecessarily because of opia-phobia," Lipman said. "We can and should use the medications for all types of chronic pain."

Physicians can protect them-

selves by documenting their treatments, Lipman said. "We're fortunate that Utah has a much better regulatory climate than other states," he added.

Lipman was joined by a panel of experts, including doctors who treat terminally ill patients.

Dr. Sharon Weinstein, director of Fairview Medicine Palliative Care at the Huntsman Cancer Research Institute, said it's difficult to treat patients who suffer from dementia and Alzheimer's because they often cannot talk about their pain.

"It puts a huge burden on the practice," she said, because it requires the nurse, for instance, to follow the patients' orders.

A survey found that rural physicians are most reluctant to prescribe morphine or other pain medication because they feel they are most vulnerable to being sued, said Weinstein.

# Complaint

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Payne said the violations had been the result of miscommunication and that the containment issue was resolved. The BLM is basing its firefighting operations at the Twin Falls airport, until a permanent containment solution can be implemented at the Bley airport.

The fire retardant is a non-toxic, nutrient-based nitrogen phosphate that could affect water

quality over time, O'Rourke said.

Mark O'Rourke, a hazardous waste team leader with the federal Environmental Protection Agency in Boise, said that because the substance is not considered hazardous and the EPA is satisfied with what it has heard from the DEQ and BLM, there is no reason to look into possible water contamination.

Because the pond into which the spill is running already has a

significant algae problem, it would be difficult to prove that the fire retardant was the sole contributor to the increased nutrients, said Carla Fromm, an EPA environmental scientist with the Middle Snake River Watershed Group.

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# School

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Getting there on time Here is a list of school start times for the larger districts in the area:

- Twin Falls School District - 8:09 a.m. to 8:15 p.m.
- O'Leary Junior High School - 8:20 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Robert Stuart Junior High School - 8:15 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Bickel Elementary School - 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- Harrison Elementary School - 8:45 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- Lincoln Elementary School - 8:35 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- Morningside Elementary School - 8:40 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- Oregon Trail Elementary School - 8:40 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- I.R. Perrine Elementary School

- 8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m.
- Sawtooth Elementary School - 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m.
- Jerome School District
- Jerome High School - Freshmen only start school, Monday, and all other grades start Tuesday. On both days, the first bell rings at 8:05 a.m. and the tardy bell rings at 8:10 a.m. School is out at 3 p.m.
- Jerome Middle School - First bell rings at 8:05 a.m. and the tardy bell rings at 8:10 a.m. School is out at 3 p.m.
- Central Elementary School - 8:20 a.m. to 3 p.m.
- Horizon Elementary School - 8:15 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.
- Washington Elementary School - 8:15 a.m. to 2:50 p.m.
- Getting there safely Parents can take a minute to

talk with their children about these McGruff the Crime Dog safety tips, provided by the Jerome Police Department:

- Work out a safe route to school, choosing the quickest way with the fewest street crossings and crossing at intersections monitored by crossing guards.
- Have children walk to and from school with school buddies.
- Teach children their home addresses, phone numbers, their parents' work phone numbers and that of another trusted adult and how to use 911 for emergencies.
- Children home alone after school should check in as they walk in the door or notify parents if they plan to stay after school or go to a friend's house.

# Vegetables

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last week.

"I love this," Neiwert said.

"The kids are fun, the vegetables are fresh."

Marsha Ross home schools the three children and keeps one or two subjects going all summer to make up for the time they miss

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## MORNING LINE

### SPORTSQUOTE

“ I told Chad when he left at about 10:30, I was going to do everything I could to get him back on the team. I didn't know it was going to be at 3:30. ”

— Washington Redskins coach Norv Turner, after releasing then-reclaiming former Arena League running back Chad Dukes

### TRIVIA

#### QUESTION:

When was the last time a Buick won a NASCAR Winston Cup race, and who drove the car?

...answer below

### TODAY'S SCHEDULE

**High school volleyball**  
Hansen at Camas, 6 p.m.  
**High school boys' soccer**  
Bliss at Buhl, 4:30 p.m.

### IN BRIEF

#### Gooding's Johnson misses NFL cut

THIBODEAUX, La. — The final day of NFL cuts Sunday saw former Canadian Football League and Idaho State player Eric Johnson waived by the New Orleans Saints.

Johnson, of Gooding, had been listed as a backup free safety on the team, which had to pare down to the league-mandated 53-man roster.

#### Spots remain open for Magic Valley Amateur

TWIN FALLS — This is the final week to register for the McDonald Insurance-Tony's Pizza Magic Valley Amateur Saturday through Monday at Twin Falls Municipal Golf Course.

Entries close Thursday at noon.

#### U of I running back Tenner breaks wrist

MOSCOW — Senior running back Anthony Tenner broke a bone in his left wrist during Saturday's scrimmage.

He is scheduled for surgery Wednesday and is out for the season. Tenner played as a true freshman and has a redshirt year remaining.

#### Final sign-ups set for M-C football/volleyball

RUPERT — Mini-Cassia youth interested in playing flag football (boys, grades 1-5) or co-ed volleyball (grades 5-7) this fall can register Tuesday between 5-8 p.m. at the Civic Gym in Rupert.

This is the final registration date before the season starts. The cost is \$15. For more information, call Ron Dietz at 434-2400.

#### Havemann records ace at Muni golf course

TWIN FALLS — Jeanne Havemann made a hole in one Sunday with a 7-wood on No. 4 at Twin Falls Golf Course. Jon Havemann and Quinn Garner witnessed the shot.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

### TRIVIA ANSWER:

Brett Bodine, in 1990, at North Wilkesboro, N.C.

# Spackman nets A.K.I. in two-hole playoff

### The Times-News

TWIN FALLS — Birdies on two playoff holes allowed Terry Spackman to defeat runners-up Jim Purves and Nate Stinson Sunday at the Fourth Annual A.K.I. Tournament at Candleridge Golf Course.

At the end of regulation, all three golfers were knotted at 119 after two rounds. The troika went back to the first hole, which proved fatal for Stinson, who found par.

Both Spackman, of Burley, and Purves holed 25-foot birdie putts advancing them to the second playoff hole.

There, Spackman drilled a tee shot to within 7 feet of the cup, where he promptly drained the tournament-winning putt.

A shot back for fourth was the tandem of Jason Meyerhoeffer and first-day leader Brady Stanger. Brett Klienkopf won first lap with Ted Black placing second.

In first flight play, Doug Mackay tied first-round leader Bob Anderson with a

pair of 125 scores. Jim Thompson took third a shot back at 126, followed by Chad Urlic with a 127. Duane Schmeberger won the first lap with Terry McNew and Dave Hanchey each a shot back.

Eric Hovey and Doug Schwarz tied atop the second flight with 129 totals and Carl Berger finished third with his 130. E.C. Molyneux was the first lap winner and second lap went to Pat Donnelly.

Sunday's play also netted the second

hole in one of the tournament. Kimberly's Terry Morrill scored an ace on the 125-yard par-3 third. Witnesses included Chris Schmal, Pat Donnelly and Curt Harris.

Doug Bryson claimed the Huck-n-Chuck competition over defending champion Doug Florke with a 93-yard heave of a club.

A benefit dinner and raffle Saturday raised approximately \$3,000 for the College of Southern Idaho Foundation.

# COATS STANDS TALL

## Twin Falls senior may be best in the Magic Valley

By Matt Peterson  
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — It's a few minutes before 3 on Friday afternoon and Twin Falls senior Kerl Coats is sitting idly on a stool, her right leg draped over the edge of a steel whirlpool.

Looking up, she forces an apologetic smile.

This wasn't how her senior season was supposed to start. Not for perhaps the best high school volleyball player in the Magic Valley.

But like it or not, this is how it has started. With a sprained right ankle in the week's first practice.

So now, instead of preparing with her team for Tuesday's opener at Pocatello, she's sitting by herself in the school's training room, receiving periodic visits from junior varsity coach Lawrence Pfefferle and waiting for the ring of a reluctant timer.

"I was going up for a hit, and I think it might have been our setter, I'm not even sure," Coats said. "And it just went 'phoo.'"

By Friday, the awkward landing had already stolen a week of practice.

If all goes well, it will only get one more.

"Hopefully, I'll be back next week," Coats said. "It looks pretty good right now. Our first home game is Thursday, so I hope I'll be ready for that."

As do the Bruins.

At 6-foot-4, Coats brings a physical presence to the Twin Falls net. More importantly, however, she's capable of changing the

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Kerl Coats, a 6-foot-4 middle blocker for Twin Falls High School, cuts an imposing presence on the volleyball court. This fall, after she recovers from an ankle injury, she'll aim to help the Bruins to their first state tournament appearance in years.

## High School Sports Previews

The Times-News continues its week-long, team-by-team preview of the fall high school sports season in southern Idaho.

**Today:** Class A-1 volleyball, pages B6-7  
**Tuesday:** Class A-2 football  
**Wednesday:** Class A-1 football

# USC rolls over the Nittany Lions

Chicago Tribune

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — When the folks from the Kickoff Classic first invited Penn State to meet Southern California, Joe Paterno wanted nothing to do with the Trojans.

The wise old Nittany Lion coach saw a national powerhouse awakening from a decade-long slumber. But Paterno asked his players what they thought and, being players, they replied, "Why not?"

They found out why not Sunday afternoon. No. 15 USC flayed the 22nd-ranked Nittany Lions 29-5 in front of a Kickoff Classic-record 78,902 in Giants Stadium.

Meanwhile, severe thunderstorms postponed the season debut of Virginia Tech quarterback and Heisman Trophy favorite Michael Vick in the school officials called the delay after severe thunderstorms and lightning rolled into the area just as the teams were lined up for the opening kickoff.



Penn State punter David Royer kicks the ball as Southern California safety Frank Strong (4) comes in to block the ball during the first quarter of the Kickoff Classic Sunday. USC recovered the ball for a touchdown and went on to pound Penn State 29-5.

After waiting about an hour as thunder rumbled in, lightning bolts lit up the sky and heavy rain pelted Lane Stadium, Virginia Tech athletic director Jim Weaver announced the postponement.

In Penn State's loss, the Nittany Lions rushed for 6 yards.

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# Youth movement

## Spokane, Wash.'s Gambill heads tennis future at U.S. Open

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — When Pete Sampras dubbed Jan-Michael Gambill the future of American men's tennis after a tough quarter-final match at Wimbledon, it was a compliment that could be taken different ways.

For the 23-year-old Gambill, it could have been an honor or a burden.

From Sampras' point of view, it could be read as a comment that the future may or may not be bright.



Jan-Michael Gambill

As the U.S. Open begins today, Gambill hopes he will show that he is ready to live up to the most

# Few surprises arise during NFL cuts

The Associated Press

One of the things that hurt Dan Reeves in Denver and New York was trying to get involved in personnel decisions as well as coaching.

On Sunday, he released cornerback Michael Booker, his first-der draft pick as the Atlanta Falcons' coach and general manager in 1997.

Reeves blamed some of Booker's problems on injuries, but his fate was apparently sealed when he was beaten last week for a 68-yard touchdown by Jacksonville's Alvis Whitted.

Another recent first-rounder, wide receiver Marcus Nash, was released after reaching an

injury settlement with Baltimore. He broke his jaw

early in training camp and never got much of a look.

Overall, there were only a few surprises as all 31 NFL teams got down to the 53-player limit.

Kansas City axed 12-year veteran cornerback Kris Dishman, who was beaten out by Eric Warfield.

The Falcons traded tight end O.J. Santiago, a key player on their NFC championship team two years ago, to Dallas for two draft picks.

Denver sent cornerback Chris Watson, who sparkled on returns as a rookie last year, to Buffalo for an undisclosed draft choice.

Cleveland placed tackle Orlando Brown on the physically unable to perform list. Brown has been unable to play since being hit in the right eye by a referee's penalty flag in December, and his career is in jeopardy.

Veteran quarterback Billy Joe Tolley, who started seven games last year for New Orleans, was let go by the Saints.

Eight-year veteran Doug Pederson, who began last season as Philadelphia's starting quarterback, was released by the Eagles, leaving Koy Detmer as Donovan McNabb's backup.

Chicago released tight end Ryan Wetnight, a seven-year veteran who had 38 receptions last year.

San Diego released Charlie Jones, the team's top receiver two years ago who suffered a dislocated hip last year and had only 10 catches for 90 yards and nine punt returns for 93 yards.

## 120th U.S. Open

When: Today through Sept. 10  
Where: USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y.  
Surface: Hard  
Prize money: \$15 million  
Today's featured matches (play begins at 9 a.m. Mountain)  
Arthur Ashe Stadium  
Martina Hingis (1, Switzerland), vs. Alina Jidkova, Russia  
Pete Sampras (4), United States, vs. Martin Damm, Czech Republic  
Venus Williams (3), United States, vs. Anna-Cecilia Sjöström, France  
Andre Agassi (1), United States, vs. Alex Kim, United States

optimistic interpretation of Sampras' remark and build on the confidence he gained at Wimbledon — his best Grand Slam effort so far.

"This is the biggest tournament for me, and I'm looking forward to having a great U.S. Open," Gambill said. "I'm steadily improving every tournament,

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# Football

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the palriest total in Paterno's 35 years at the helm. The Nittany Lions let the Trojans score touchdowns on a blocked punt (SC Frank Strong blocked it) and Sandy Fletcher returned it 6 yards for the score) and an interception by Troy Polamalu,

who picked off a Rashad Casey pass and returned it 43 yards. "We just didn't have it," Paterno said. Paterno still needs seven victories to pass former Alabama coach Bear Bryant as the winningest coach in major college football. If Sunday's performance has any indication, he may

have to go into 2001 to do it. August games are decisive, but seven wins might be making a lot from a team with glaring weaknesses on offense and special teams. Casey personified the Nittany Lions' struggles. The game carried special sig-

nificance for the fifth-year senior from nearby Hoboken. Casey is facing felony aggravated-assault charges arising from a fight outside a bar in his hometown last May 14. He had hoped to show the heavily pro-Penn State crowd that the incident hadn't distracted him. But

he heard boots when he one-upped a pass to an open receiver in the fourth quarter and derisive cheers when Paterno replaced him with Matt Seneca last in the 24th. Casey went 7 for 24 for 106 yards and was intercepted once. The rout sealed a humiliating

opening weekend for the Big Ten, widely viewed as the nation's top conference in 1999. On Saturday, Iowa fell to No. 8 Kansas State 27-7 in "neutral" Kansas City. There was no shame in that score. But combine it with Sunday's rout and the scoreboard reads Nation 56, Big Ten 12.

## SCORES AND STATS

### BASEBALL

#### American League Boxes

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### IN THE BLEACHERS

By Steve Moore



### ON THE AIR

#### TELEVISION

**Tennis, U.S. Open, Opening rounds**

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**Baseball, Reds at Braves**

**Golf, Tiger Woods vs. Sergio Garcia**

**Auto Racing, Thunder Midways (tape)**

**Boxing, Friday Night Fights (tape)**

### TV Listings

**USA 9 a.m.**

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**TBS 5:35 p.m.**

**ABC 8 p.m.**

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## HIGH SCHOOL CLASS A-1 VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

### Coats

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game's momentum with one powerful swing or one devastating block.

And it's that big-play ability that makes Coats such a valuable asset.

"Volleyball is such a game of momentum," said new head coach Kelly Youree. "It's really the only sport where if you score, you get to keep the ball. ... So emotion can play a really big factor."

Entering her final season, Coats has already attracted interest from several big college programs, among them Colorado State University and Cal State-Berkeley.

"I would really like to go to Colorado State," Coats said. "But everybody here wants me to go to CSI."

That's a possibility Coats said she has yet to rule out. "No, I haven't," she said. "Because I know that Ben (Stroud) is really good friends with the Colorado State head coach. So if I talk to Colorado about playing with them and they want me to play a year at CSI first and then go there, then I would do that."

Playing at CSI would also make for an interesting story. Coats' mother played for the Golden Eagles in the 1970s.

"My mom actually played at CSI when they were first kind of getting into the whole volleyball program," Coats said. "She was always telling me that she was the only one that they let serve underhand because she had a



Coats reacts with delight after blocking a kill attempt against the Jerome Tigers last season.

wicked little underhand serve that would curve as it went over the net."

But all that can wait. Coats' immediate focus is regaining her health. After that, she's eyeing a trip to the state tournament.

"Last year, when we lost that playoff game to go to state," Coats said, "I was just like, 'OK, my senior year, this is it.' I'm taking them to state whether they like it or not. We have to go. We haven't been to state in a while and I think our program is kind of getting sick of that."

Spoken like the team leader

she's expected to be, in words bolstered, perhaps, by an increased confidence gained in the offseason.

Two months ago, Coats was one of 250 girls from across the country selected to play in a national volleyball tournament in Hawaii. Not only did she play, her team won the 20-plus team tournament, and Coats — the only player there from Idaho — earned all-tournament honors.

"It was a lot of fun," Coats said. "It made me feel really good to be recognized as one of the top players there too."

Even with all the individual

accolades, Coats needs the team to be successful, Youree said.

"Having a player like Kerri Coats — she's only as good as the rest of the team," Youree said. "And I think the rest of the team elevates their play and makes her that much stronger."

After picking up the sport in junior high, Coats developed quickly as a player and made the Bruin varsity team — even starting a few games — her sophomore year. Ever since, she's been a staple in the Twin Falls lineup. Her intimidating height has no doubt played a part in that.

But it's something Coats wouldn't change.

"When I was younger, I wasn't really that happy about (being tall) because I always got teased so much," she said. "But now, people are realizing it's not a bad thing to be tall — it's like being tall. It's rather be tall than just average height."

Even if it means intimidating more than just her opponents. "Yeah, I'm not that big," Coats said. "But when (guys) see me and how tall I am, they're just like, 'Oh...'"

With the season fast approaching, the Bruins are anxious to get their dominating middle blocker out of the training room and onto the floor.

"She earns the respect of everyone in the gym when she plays ball," Youree said. "(Her presence) affects everything."

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## Experience keys A-1 area volleyball teams

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One thing all four Class A-1 Magic Valley high school volleyball teams have in common this season is senior leadership.

That intangible, mixed with each club's special bounty of size, athleticism and skill should make for some exciting matches throughout the season. Though Burley and Jerome drop to Div. II classification this year, Minico and Twin Falls remain at the A-1 Div. I level in a tough Region III boasting state runner-up powerhouse Highland.

Heading the list of area teams are the tallish Twin Falls Bruins, who came a much away last year from going to the state tournament.

Led by 6-foot-4 senior middle blocker Kerri Coats, the Bruins starting six are all seniors, four of whom are 5-10 or better under first-year coach Kelly Youree. Senior Paige Allen, a 5-10 setter, keys the Bruin passing game, which relies on the outside attack of hitters Marci Danielson (5-10 senior) and 5-10 senior Morgan Levings.

Adding defense behind the 3-meter line will be senior defensive specialist Spryke Helthecker, while coming off the bench, the Bruins can look to senior hitters Shawna Lancaster and Ashlee Pfeiffer for production.

Across the river, Jerome looks to rebound from a disappointing 4-11 season. Second-year coach Mishie Child goes big as well as athletic with 6-0 senior Kendra West in the middle. Around West, the Tigers return five seniors in 5-10 hitter Andrea Olsen, 5-10 middle Keeley Osborn, setter/hitter Brandi

Recover, defensive specialist Patricia Anderson and setter Kathryn Stebe.

"We'll be able to mix up our offense with some quickness," Child said.

East down Interstate 84, the Burley Bobcats and Minico Spartans come prepared with athleticism and height. Though first-year Burley coach Hal Strain lost all-region players Heidi Golcochea and Cristina Fommesbeck, the Bobcats sport an athletic squad for this year's campaign.

"We've got kids who can play just about anywhere," Strain said.

Five players return from a team that went deep into the region tournament. Among the starters are four seniors including 6-1 middle Alissa Sorensen, setter Tiffany Wade and outside hitters Nicole Rollins (5-9) and 5-6 Jade Chard.

"When it comes to size, we may not have a lot," Strain said. "What we lack, we'll make up for in athleticism."

The spunky Spartans from Minico hope this is the year Minico returns to power. With six varsity players back, coach Kelly Fosocco is counting on her team's newfound experience to carry it deeper into the postseason than last season's two-and-out district tournament performance.

Atop the list of returnees are 5-9 senior opposite hitter Lisa Patterson, 6-2 senior opposite Lindsay Phillips and 5-10 senior middle Kay Story. While Phillips is the team's tower, Patterson brings the power.

"I think we're looking pretty tough," Fosocco said. The season shall tell.

## Williamsport still inspires Little League dreams

WILLIAMSPORT, Pa. (AP) — No, said actor and former Little League Kevin Costner, when asked if he had ever been to Williamsport.

"But I've dreamed about it," Costner's allusion to his movie, "Field of Dreams," also was a reflection of what goes through the minds of Little Leaguers around the globe. After 54 years, 12-year-olds still lay in bed in wonder of making it to Howard J. Lamade Stadium in August.

While the world around it has changed immeasurably, Williamsport maintains a sense of innocence, a place where hot dogs still cost 75 cents, a soda

goes for a quarter, and kids still whoop and holler and cry when the final out is made.

The challenge facing Little League Baseball in the new century is how to preserve its history and protect its relevance.

Starting next year, the World Series will change dramatically. A new stadium is under construction, allowing the Series to double to 16 teams.

With that come concerns that the corporate world eventually will force itself into the picture.

"That's a fair concern," Little League president and CEO Stephen Keener said. "I think it's incumbent upon us to keep the

proper perspective. We've worked very hard to try to keep the focus on kids playing the game on the field."

Even as officials dealt with controversy on two fronts last week, it was the kids who stole the show.

There was the team from Vancouver, Wash., which drew its inspiration from Tyler "TJ" Jacobs, a 6-year-old recovering from brain surgery. Vancouver also earned praise for not laying down in its preliminary round finale, something that — because of the Series' complex tiebreaking formula — would have clinched it a berth in the U.S.

Pool final. Then there were the Little Leaguers from Maracaibo, Venezuela, who arrived with one bat but wound up winning the title, beating Bellaire, Texas, 3-2 on Saturday.

"This is a team that has a bunch of fighters," Maracaibo manager Edivino Quevedo said. "They're from a very poor neighborhood in Maracaibo and they don't give up very easily."

It was Quevedo, following Maracaibo's 5-4 win over Tokyo in the International Pool final, who celebrated by hugging every player on the field — including Tokyo's.

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# HIGH SCHOOL CLASS A-1 VOLLEYBALL PREVIEW

## Team-by-team preview

**Burley Bobcats**  
**Coach:** Hal Strain, first year  
**1999 record:** N/A  
**Returning starters:** Sr. Allisa Johnson (5-1 middle), jr. Kennis Madden (5-4 setter), sr. Tiffany Wade (5-6 setter), sr. Nicole Kollins (5-8 outside), sr. Jamie Chard (5-6 outside).  
**Others:** Jr. Amber Aston (outside), jr. Tiffany Andersen (outside), jr. Natasha Blauer (outside), jr. Aryelle Peterson (middle).  
**Outlook:** Experience and athleticism are the Bobcats' forte. With five returning starters and four who are seniors. Versatile and quick though not especially tall with only one player over 6-0.  
**Coach says:** "I like our all-around ability. We've got an athletic bunch of kids who can play just about anywhere."

**Minico Spartans**  
**Coach:** Kelly Fossecco  
**1999 record:** N/A  
**Returning starters:** Sr. Kay Story (5-10 middle), sr. Lindsay Phillips (6-2 opposite), sr. Lisa Patterson (5-9 outside), sr. Paige Marrigon (5-7 outside), sr. Kirby Gillette (5-5 setter).  
**Others:** Jr. Natalie Thompson (5-7 defense specialist), sr. Ariane Crystal (5-8 middle), jr. Jamie Smith (5-7 setter), jr. Kim Childs (5-11 outside).  
**Outlook:** Experienced and stronger after attending summer camps that coach Fossecco said were "the best we've ever had," the Minico Spartans should show stronger hitting and improved passing.  
**Coach says:** "This team can be successful. I think the team

chemistry is really good this year."  
**Twin Falls Bruins**  
**Coach:** Kelly Youree, first year  
**1999 record:** 15-5  
**Returning starters:** Sr. Keri Coats (6-4 middle blocker), sr. Paige Allen (5-10 setter), sr. Spryke Heithecker (5-7 defensive specialist), sr. Marci Danielson (5-10 middle blocker/outside hitter), sr. Morgan Levings (5-10 setter/outside hitter).  
**Others:** Sr. Shawna Lancaster (5-8 outside hitter), sr. Ashlee Pfeifferle (5-9 outside hitter), jr. Briana Allen (5-8 outside hitter), jr. Christie Deagle (5-7 setter/defensive specialist), jr. Kim Surunk (5-11 middle blocker), jr. Lilly Spencer (5-6 defensive specialist), jr. Lindsey Eldredge (5-4 defensive specialist).

**Outlook:** Five starters return to give the Bruins an experienced level of competitiveness this season. Concerns early in the season will be keeping Coats healthy, ball control and feeding the hitters.  
**Coach says:** "An abundance of height and athleticism will combine to create aggressive net play and scrappy defense."

**Jerome Tigers**  
**Coach:** Mishie Child, second year  
**1999 record:** 4-11

**Returning starters:** Sr. Kendra West (6-0 middle blocker), sr. Andrea Olsen (5-10 outside hitter), sr. Keeley Osborn (5-10 middle blocker/outside hitter), sr. Brandi Escobar (5-6 setter, outside hitter), sr. Patricia Anderson (5-6 defensive specialist), sr. Kathryn Stebe (5-4 setter).  
**Others:** Jr. Lora Hadlock (5-9 outside hitter), jr. Kala Schiffler (5-7 outside hitter), jr. Marjorie Bingham (5-9 outside hitter, middle blocker), jr. Corni Ford (5-7 outside hitter), jr. Melissa

McLimore (5-11 middle blocker, outside hitter), Miranda Turnbow (5-7 junior setter).  
**Outlook:** The Tigers have six experienced seniors including middle blocker Kendra West and outside hitter Andrea Olsen as Jerome looks to rebound from last year's struggles.  
**Coach says:** "We should have strength and hopefully will be able to mix up our offense with some quickness. We have a lot of unity this year, something we lacked in last year."

### BLOCK PARTY



Jerome's Keeley Osborn, left, facing net, goes up for a block in a match against Twin Falls last fall.



Minico senior Kay Story tips the ball over a Jerome defender during a volleyball match at Minico last year.

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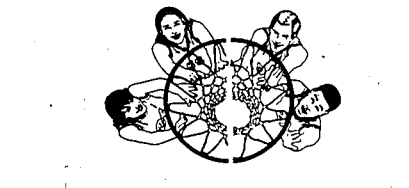
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SPORTS

# Late homer lifts ChiSox over reeling M's

SEATTLE (AP) — Ray Durham hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth and Chicago held struggling Seattle to four hits for the second time this series as the Mariners lost for the 12th time in 14 games.

Durham hit his 15th homer into the right-field stands off American League pitcher Freddy Garcia (4-4). Sean Lowe came out of the bullpen for Chicago in place of James Baldwin, whose start was moved back to Tuesday because of a tired arm. Lowe gave up one run, four hits and two walks in five innings.

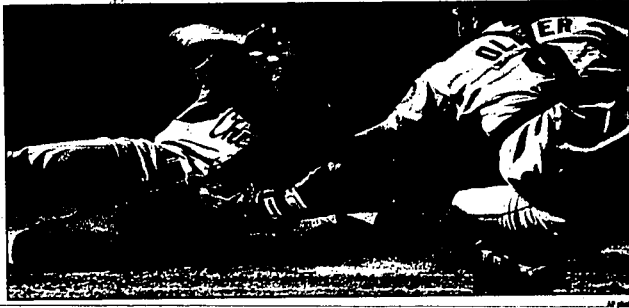
Roberto Lorenzo Barcelo (2-1) pitched three perfect innings of relief for the win. Keith Foulke pitched the ninth for his 24th save in 29 opportunities. The White Sox improved to 23-11 in the second half of the majors. The Mariners dropped to a major league-worst 9-21 in one-run contests.

### Orioles 3, Devil Rays 2

BALTIMORE — Jay Spurgeon allowed two runs in seven innings to win his first big league game as Baltimore defeated Tampa Bay 3-2 Sunday. It was the sixth win in eight games for the Orioles, who won four of four from the last-place Devil Rays.

### Royals 11, Red Sox 7

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Dave McCarty and Jermaine Dye each



Mariner catcher Joe Oliver tags out Chicago's Tony Graffanino at the plate in the sixth inning Sunday.

hit two-run homers and Dan Reichert won his fourth straight decision for Kansas City.

Reichert (6-6) gave up three runs on six hits with five strikeouts and two walks in 5 2-3 innings.

Tim Wakefield (6-9), who began the year 7-2 lifetime against Kansas City, lost to the Royals for the second time this month and fell to 0-4 over his last eight starts.

The knuckleballer lasted five innings and was charged with nine runs — seven earned — on eight hits, striking out five and walking three.

### Twins 7, Tigers 6, (10)

MINNEAPOLIS — Midge

Cummings hit a game-winning RBI single in the 10th and Ron Coomer had three RBIs for Minnesota.

Todd Jones (0-3), after blowing a one-run lead in the ninth, issued a pair of one-out walks in the 10th. Matt Lawton hit an infield single to load the bases. Cummings lined a 2-2 pitch to left to give Minnesota its 30th come-from-behind victory.

Damon Easley hit a two-run homer and Bobby Higginson's sneaky slide highlighted a series of comebacks for Detroit, which lost for just the 10th time in 28 games.

Hector Carrasco (4-3) struck out two in a perfect 10th for the win.

### Yankees 7, Athletics 5

OAKLAND, Calif. — Pinch-hitter Bernie Williams drove in the go-ahead run in a three-run eighth for New York.

Jim McEri (8-3) walked David Justice to start the eighth and Jose Canseco singled. Tino Martinez lifted a routine fly ball to center field, but Terrence Long struggled with the ball in the sun, then dropped it, loading the bases.

With one out, Luis Sojo hit a slow bouncer to third, which Eric Chavez picked up and threw past first baseman Mike Stanley to tie it 5-5.

Scott Brosius was walked intentionally before Williams grounded into a force play, allowing Martinez to score the go-ahead run.

### Astros 7, Expos 3

MONTREAL — Tony Eusebio homered and doubled twice to extend his career-best hitting streak to 23 games and Scott Elarton pitched his second career complete game for Houston.

Elarton (15-4), who also pitched a complete game against Montreal on Aug. 6, allowed six hits and seven walks. He struck out six.

Moises Alou went 3-for-4 with his 25th homer off Trey Moore (1-4), a two-run shot down the left field line as Houston scored four in the fourth.

### Dodgers 7, Cubs 6, (10)

CHICAGO — Kerry Wood struck out 11 for his first double-digit strikeout game in almost two years, but his bullpen failed him as Los Angeles rallied for the win.

With the game tied at 6, pinch-hitter Jeff Branson walked to lead off the 10th against Todd Van Poppel (2-4) and ranced Adrian Beltre's sacrifice and Bruce Aven's groundout. Branson then scored on a 2-0 wild pitch to Alex Cora.

Mike Fetters (2-2) picked up the win with two innings of two-hit relief and Jeff Shaw pitched

the 10th for his 21st save in 28 opportunities.

### Padres 2, Brewers 1

MILWAUKEE — Ryan Klesko's run-swinging single in the eighth inning lifted San Diego past Milwaukee.

After starter John Snyder held San Diego to just three hits in seven scoreless innings, the Padres rallied against reliever David Weathers (3-5) in the eighth.

Woody Williams (9-5) allowed one run on six hits in seven innings. He struck out four. Trevor Hoffman pitched a hideous ninth for his 35th save in 42 tries.

### Marlins 7, Reds 6

MIAMI — Mike Lowell homered with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning as the Florida Marlins overcame five RBIs by Dante Bichette to beat the Cincinnati Reds 7-6 Sunday.

The Reds, who had won three straight, blew a 6-3 lead in the eighth inning a stranded a season-high 14 runners.

Lowell hit his 18th homer on a 3-1 pitch from Denny Graves (10-5) as Florida snapped a three-game losing streak.

## SPORTS IN BRIEF

### Seahawks trim kicker Peterson, 14 others

KIRKLAND, Wash. — Starting kicker Todd Peterson and three other returning veterans were among 15 players released by the Seattle Seahawks on Sunday.

Peterson, a six-year NFL veteran who was third in the league in scoring among kickers last season, was released partly for financial reasons. Kris Heppner, a free-agent rookie out of the University of Montana, also proved reliable enough at training camp to make Peterson expendable.

In less surprising moves, backup tight end Deems May, offensive lineman Greg Bloedorn and cornerback Joey Eloms were also released after finishing the 1999 season with the Seahawks.

The Seahawks also acquired offensive lineman Chad Overhauser from the Chicago Bears in a trade for an undisclosed 2001 draft choice.

### Lazier takes over IRL series points lead

SPARTA, Ky. — Buddy Lazier took charge in the Indy Racing League title chase Sunday with a hard-earned victory in the inaugural Belterra Resort Indy 300 at Kentucky Speedway.

Lazier, a two-time winner this year, took the lead for good 31 laps from the end of the 200-lap event, moving to the front when 19-year-old rookie sensation Sarah Fisher made her final pit stop.

Lazier then kept pole-winner Scott Goodyear at bay in the end while negotiating heavy traffic at times on the 1.5-mile oval.

### Norman bests rival Swede at Hamlet Cup

COMMACK, N.Y. — Magnus Norman beat Thomas Enqvist in the finals of the Hamlet Cup on Sunday, his first victory over his fellow Swede in five career meetings.

The top-seeded Norman won the final five games to win the match 6-3, 5-7, 7-5 and defend his title in the U.S. Open tennis.

The third-seeded Enqvist, who was bothered by leg cramps in the third set, committed 13 double-faults, the last of which ended the match.

### Hakkinen takes win in Formula One event

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium — Finland's Mika Hakkinen powered Germany's Michael Schumacher with four laps left to win the Belgian Grand Prix and extend his Formula One lead.

Hakkinen steered his McLaren-Mercedes by Schumacher's Ferrari on the longest stretch of the circuit and went on to win by 1.1 seconds. Ralf Schumacher, Michael's brother, finished third.

### Vargas pummels Thompson as promised

LAS VEGAS — Now that he's settled some personal business, Fernando Vargas can finally give Felix Trinidad his undivided attention.

Ross Thompson might be glad, considering the treatment he got from Vargas on Saturday night.

Vargas knocked Thompson down three times, creased at him and even spit at him in what figures to be his final tussle before a proposed Dec. 2 megafight with Trinidad.

That bout is all but signed, and could be announced within the next two weeks.

Vargas vowed after being hit by Thompson at the press conference that he would make him pay. And he did, giving him a beating that ended only when referee Joe Cortez stopped the fight at 1:07 of the fourth round.

### Ruttman edges Biffie for Craftsman win

CICERO, Ill. — Joe Ruttman held off Craftsman Truck leader Greg Biffie in a two-lap shootout in the inaugural Sears Craftsman 175 at Chicago Motor Speedway.

Ruttman, a three-time winner this year, edged Biffie by 0.330 seconds for the Dodge driver's third victory in the season and 11th overall. Biffie extended his series lead to 200 over Mike Wallace, who finished third.

Compiled from wire reports

# Healthy Hampton looks sharp in Mets win

NEW YORK (AP) — Mike Hampton (13-7) showed no ill effects from the cracked rib that sidelined him, pitching eight sharp innings as the New York Mets, despite being robbed by San Francisco's spectacular catch, beat Arizona 2-1 Sunday.

New York increased its wild card lead over the Diamondbacks to 5.5 games, scoring the tiebreaking run in the seventh on Todd Zeile's RBI grounder.

### Cardinals 7, Braves 2

ATLANTA — Darryl Kile (15-9) pitched an eight-hitter and St. Louis scored three runs in both the seventh and eighth innings for their first series victory at Turner Field since it opened in 1997.

St. Louis took three of four games from the Braves, also winning their first season series (4-3) since 1994. Atlanta's lead over the Mets in the NL East hole to set the smallest margin since July 1.

Atlanta starter John Burkett allowed only two hits through six innings, leaving with a 2-1 lead, but St. Louis thrived against the Braves' bullpen.

### National League

#### Phillies 2, Giants 1, (10)

PHILADELPHIA — Bobby Abreu homered twice, including a game-winning, inside-the-park homer in the bottom of the 10th inning, to lead Philadelphia.

Abreu hit the second pitch from Aaron Fultz (3-2) to deep center field. Calvin Murray made a leaping attempt but couldn't make the catch. The ball caromed away from Murray and Abreu circled the bases.

Ed Vosherg (1-0) worked out of a second and third, two-out jam in the 10th to get the victory.

#### Rockies 9, Pirates 2

PITTSBURGH — Todd Helton homered and doubled to up his average to .394, and Brian Bohannon backed his own effective pitching with a two-run double as Colorado finished a three-game sweep.

Bohannon (8-9) allowed four singles in his first complete game since Sept. 3 against the New York Mets, and had two hits as the Rockies outscored the Pirates 26-9 in the series.

# Woods beats darkness and field at NEC

AKRON, Ohio (AP) — Tiger Woods only had to beat the darkness on Sunday. It was a close call, unlike anything else in the NEC Invitational.

Racing the clock because of a storm delay that suspended the final round for nearly three hours, Woods took his ball to get untracked and then cruised to another landslide victory, this time by 10 strokes.

He probably could have won this one in the dark. In a fitting conclusion, his wedge into the 18th green emerged from the darkness and dropped 2 feet from the hole. Fans saw a silhouette of the best player in the world walk down the fairway, and some flicked their lighters like they were at a rock concert.

He completed his romp over a world-class field with a 3-under 67 to finish at 21-under 259. It was his lowest 72-hole score as a professional, and it broke the Firestone record of 262 set 10 years ago by Jose Maria Olazábal.

It also was the third time this year Woods has successfully defended a title, and he now has won three of the five World Golf Championship events. He earned \$1 million, giving him more money in the last two years than everyone but Davis Love III on the career money list.

Phillip Price of Wales, playing his first tournament in the United States, got as close to Woods as anyone Sunday — five strokes. But he bogeyed three of the last four holes and slipped into a tie for second with Justin Leonard, who had a 66. Both earned \$437,500 from the \$5 million purse.

## Golf

### Webb wins Oldsmobile Classic with record score

EAST LANSING, Mich. — Karris Webb, trying to make LPGA history, sealed instead for winning another tournament.

Webb shot an even-par 72 Sunday for a four-round total of 265, tying the Oldsmobile Classic record of 23-under by Lisa Walters in 1998 at Walnut Hills Country Club.

In the process, the Australian star held on for a two-stroke victory over fast-closing Meg Mallon who shot a 66.

### Verplank's playoff birdie

WINAENO-TAHOE OPEN  
RENO, Nev. — Scott Verplank made an 8-foot birdie putt on the fourth hole of a playoff with Jean Van de Velde to win the Reno-Tahoe Open.

Verplank, who earned \$540,000 for his third PGA Tour victory, closed with a 5-under 67 to match Van de Velde (72) at 13-under 275 on the Montreux course.

### Inkster holds on for Compaq Open

STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Juli Inkster slipped to a 4-over-par 76 Sunday but held on to win the Compaq Open by one shot over Sophie Gustafson.

One stroke ahead after tying the course record Saturday with a 67, Inkster struggled with high winds and dropped three shots on the last two holes at the



Tiger Woods is unhappy with his second shot from the rough to the fourth hole during the final round of the NEC Invitational Sunday. He went on to win with a record 269 total.

Barseback course in southern Sweden.

Inkster finished at Gunder 282 on a course that will host the 2004 Solheim Cup matches between the United States and Europe.

Nelson runs away on back nine for Seniors win  
CONCORD, Mass. — Larry Nelson pulled away on the back nine Sunday to beat Jim Thorpe by four strokes at the FleetBoston Classic for his third Senior PGA Tour victory of the year.

Nelson's 6-under-par 66, bolstered by four late birdies, gave him a 54-hole total of 13-under 203 and the \$195,000 first prize.

## Open

Continued from B4 and I'm ready to win some big matches."

Gambill leads a talented, if somewhat anonymous, group of young players trying to break through with their first Grand Slam title. Russia's Mariya Safina, Spain's Juan Carlos Ferrero, Ecuador's Nicolas Lapentti, Switzerland's Roger Federer, and Germany's Tommy Haas and Nicolas Kiefer all are capable of beating players like Sampras and defending champion Andre Agassi on any given day.

Whether any of them can go on a tear and win seven matches over the next two weeks remains to be seen.

If the women's title chase appears to be limited to a rather select few — Venus and Serena Williams, Martina Hingis, Lindsay Davenport and Monica Seles — the men's title this year seems much more up for grabs.

Neither Sampras nor Agassi have been dominant on hardcourts this summer, and at 29 and 30, respectively, they may be a bit more pressed to cope with the heat and humidity and day and night matches than their younger rivals.

For Gambill, a native of Spokane, Wash., the issue could come down to how well he maximizes his strengths and minimizes his weaknesses.

His fourth round at the ATP Tour event in Los Angeles at the end of July, but had to retire in the third set against Michael Chang after spraining an ankle. He played two weeks later, losing to Kiefer in the quarterfinals at Washington, and fell to Carlos Moya in a tuesday last week.

Although Gambill was part of the American Davis Cup team that got blasted 5-0 on clay in Spain last month, he said the opportunity to work with captain John McEnroe improved his game.

"John helped me a lot on my volleying," Gambill said. "He told me to firm up right before I hit the ball. My volleying has been improving, and it's added a



Jan-Michael Gambill returns the ball during the second set of a Hamlet Cup match in Commack, N.Y., Thursday.

dimension to my game. I'm still not a serve-and-volley player, but I have more confidence now when I come in."

The hardcourts at the National Tennis Center are actually perfectly suited to a player like Gambill. They're quick enough to give him an advantage on his serve, but not so quick that they put a high premium on rushing the net. Agassi won here twice from the baseline. Patrick Rafter won twice by attacking the net, and Sampras won four times by doing everything.

If Gambill is going to join them as a champion, he'll have to emulate Sampras. He'll also have to get past some early trouble. Looming in the second round is Australian Mark Philippoussis, the hardest server in the game, and a finalist here two years ago.









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Monday, Aug. 28, 2000

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SOUTH K 6 3 K Q 10 K Q 8 5 3 K 4

Vulnerable: North-South Dealer: South The bidding: South West North East 1 NT 2 3 4 Pass

Opening lead: Spade ace LEAD WITH THE ACES 08 28 B

South holds: A J 9 7 K 7 2 Q 8 3 A 5 4 3

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ANSWER: Diamond Trey. With either black-suit lead unappealing, it's usually better to lead from an unguarded queen than an unguarded king.

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"Sorry partner," apologized South, "I thought I had one top tricks. Clubs had to be 5-1 for me to lose the game." "Bad luck," agreed North. "But you overlooked an additional chance in hearts."

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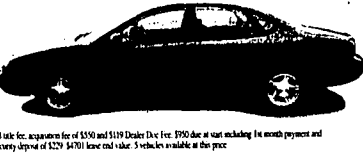
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## Mr. Language Person answers your questions

Welcome to "Ask Mister Language Person," written by the venerable and witty authority on the proper grammatical usagality of English, both orally and in the form of words. In this award-winning column, which appears nocturnally, we answer the grammar and vocabulary questions that are on the minds of many Americans just before they pass out.

Today, as is our wont, we begin with our first question:

**Q.** You have a wozoo?

**A.** Yes, but we comb our hair such that you cannot see it.

**Q.** With regards to the old spiritual song, "Gwine Jump Down, Turn Around, Pick a Bale of Cotton," why is it called gwine jump down and turn around first?

**A.** He is hoping that he gwine pull a hamstring, and somebody else gwine have to pick the bale of cotton.

**Q.** I work in Customer Service, and my co-workers and I are having a big debate about whether we should say that your call is "very" important to us, or "extremely" important to us. We argue about this all day long! My question is, how do we stop these stupid phones from ringing?

**A.** Someone will answer your question "momentarily."

**Q.** I am a speechwriter for a leading presidential candidate, and I need to know which is correct: "integrity OUT the wazoo," or "integrity UP the wazoo."

**A.** We checked with both the Oxford English Dictionary and the Rev. Billy Graham, and they agree that the correct word is "wazoozy."

**Q.** I have trouble remembering the difference between the words "whose" and "who's."

**A.** Should I put this in the form of a question?

**A.** In grammatical terminology, "who's" is an introductory contraction that is used to form the culinary indicative tense.

**EXAMPLE:** "You will never guess who's brassiere they found in the rumbo."

**Q.** "Whose" is the past participle form of "whoever" and is properly used in veterinary interrogations.

**EXAMPLE:** "Whose guinea spay all them wazoozy?"

**Q.** I am a writer for "The Herald" and I've been arguing with one of my colleagues over the correct wording of some dialogue. I think it should be: "Bleep you, you bleeping bleeper!" Whereas he insists it should be: "Bleep yourself, you bleeping bleeper!" So I had him whacked.

**A.** Now he bleeps with the fishes.

**Q.** Are you going to flagrantly pad this column with actual examples of language usage that is in alert readers' as is your wont?

**A.** Of course:

• David Davidson sent an article from the Tybee News containing this statement about the mayor of Tybee Island, Ga.: "He also said, 'I've been suffering a broken hip when a dog pounced on her and read a long letter from someone supporting the dog ban.'"

• Tim O'Marra sent in an article from the Skagit Valley (Wash.) Herald containing this sentence: "Suspecting the action was suspicious, the officer ordered both of them to raise their hands."

• Chaz Liebowitz sent in an article from the Miami Herald that begins: "Davie police are searching for a man with a 25-caliber semi-automatic handgun to rob a convenience store Wednesday."

• Several readers sent in an article from the Richmond Times-Dispatch concerning a dump truck driver who "dropped more than 53,000 pounds of processed human excrement on Interstate 295" and was charged with "failure to contain his load."

• Sue Colson sent in a "Police blotter" item from the Fort Aransas (Texas) South Jetty, consisting entirely of this fascinating statement: "No goat was found in the trunk of a vehicle when an officer responded to a complaint on East Avenue G at about 1:20 p.m."

**TODAY'S WRITING TIP:** In writing a resume, make sure that it is "up to date" and reflects current economic conditions.

**WRONG:** "I am currently working in the dot-com company."

**RIGHT:** "I am currently living in an average carton."

**WRONG:** "I am currently living in a humer columnist for the Miami Herald. Write to him c/o the Miami Herald, One Herald Plaza, Miami, Fla. 33132."

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# Fat kids aren't born that way



The philosophy of Shapedown is that families with misplaced priorities produce overweight kids. The program aims to change family behavior to an impetus to better exercise and diet choices.

Photo courtesy of Shapedown



## CSI class aims to treat childhood obesity by treating families

By Steve Crump  
Times-News writer

### More about it

**TWIN FALLS** - Nature isn't destiny, Laurel Mellin says.

"The scientific evidence is that family environment is a critical factor in determining whether a person is overweight," said Mellin, a professor of family and community medicine at the University of California at San Francisco College of Medicine. "To change a child's obesity, you have to change the family dynamic."

Mellin, who directs the Center for Child and Adolescent Obesity at UCSF, co-developed a program called Shapedown 20 years ago to do just that. Shapedown, a 13-week series of classes aimed at overweight children and adolescents and their families, is coming to the College of Southern Idaho next month.

"The approach is to take an inventory of a family's lifestyle and find out whether it's healthy," said Jaime Tighe, a faculty member in the physical education department at CSI and a certified Shapedown instructor. "To do that, we look at nutrition, exercise, eating patterns, TV-watching - everything

### The slowdown on Shapedown

The College of Southern Idaho will offer a Shapedown class on Monday nights at 8:15 from Sept. 11 through Dec. 4 in Room 102 of the Shields Building on the campus in Twin Falls. Cost of the class is \$140, and registration is on a first-come, first-served basis and will be limited to 10 families. For more information or to register, call 733-9554, Ext.

that influences the fitness of kids."

This fall's class is for youngsters aged 8-18, she said, but it's not just for kids: At least one parent has to come along to each of the once-a-week classes.

"You're not going to be successful if this is just a class for kids," Mellin and some other faculty members at UCSF developed Shapedown after observing the dismal results produced by diet programs for kids.

"Diets don't work for overweight children because diets do nothing to change what's going on in the family," she said in a telephone interview from her San Anselmo, Calif., office. "What does work is teaching self-nurturing and limits-setting."

Those are kids that go largely unlearned because so many modern American parents practice unhealthy behaviors, ranging from lousy nutrition to overwork, Mellin said. And they learned those patterns from THEIR parents.

"It's a phenomenon of modern society," she said. "In the old days, children were nurtured by a community and an extended family. That's not the case anymore."

The Shapedown curriculum includes problem-solving, assertive and emotionally expressive communication and parenting skills, as well as stress

management and body image therapies. There's also talk about food, activity and television, how overweight kids can react to teasing, and some old-fashioned exercise.

"This is not just for families with overweight children," Tighe said. "Any family can benefit." But families should expect to go home with a diet.

"Shapedown is not about telling children what they can't eat," Mellin said. "It's about teaching them to accept more responsibility for diet and activity. Food becomes less important and activity becomes more exciting. A child's weight begins to normalize."

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*'You're not going to be successful if this is just a class for kids. Obesity is a family problem, and it has to be addressed as a family.'*

- Laurel Mellin, director of Center for Child and Adolescent obesity at UCSF

## America's growing families, by the numbers

27 Percentage of American children who are obese.

80 Likelihood, by percentage, that an overweight teenager will become an obese adult if he or she has an obese parent.

13 Percentage of American kids, grades 9-12, who engage in vigorous physical activity three or more times a week.

3.5 Average number of hours per day that American kids watch TV.

10,000 Average number of food commercials that American kids see on TV every year.

34 Average ounces of soda that American teen-age boys drink daily.

60 Percentage of overweight kids whose obesity is linked to excessive television watching (more than 3 hours a day).

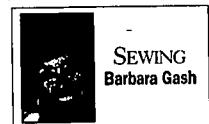
- Sources: National Center for Health Statistics; USDA; Tulane University; Shapedown

## 'Sun-Protective' fabrics remain hard to find; easy patterns are sew simple

**Q.** Do you know of any sources for the so-called protective fabrics? My skin is very sensitive to the sun, and I thought they might help me. I can't seem to find any in local stores, and I'd like to know if there are even available to home-sewers.

A. "Sun-protective" refers to fabrics specially designed to shield skin from UV radiation. They are fairly new, and the market is limited, but a few are available. California-based Solar Protective Factory makes both woven and knit, treated with UV block, in several basic colors. The former is a lightweight nylon called Solar Jersey, and the latter is a cotton jersey called Solar Knit. A midweight cotton ripstop is also made by Durango. All are 60 inches wide and about \$9.50 per yard.

These fabrics feature tight construction and dark colors, important factors in giving consistent protection. (This seems to contra-



SEWING  
Barbara Gash

dict our thinking that white and pastels are best in hot weather, but it's actually the dark colors that block the harmful UV rays more effectively.)

You can order swatches from the Rain Shed at 541-753-8900, 1-9 p.m. Monday-Saturday) or Weather or Not Fabrics, 541-924-1446 anytime. Both companies are in Oregon.

**Q.** How easy are patterns marked "easy"? I'm a beginner. Is that what I should buy?

A. Most companies call their quickest, easiest patterns "Very Easy." They usually have five main pieces, a relaxed fit, limited

details and minimal hand sewing. Start with these. The "Easy" category has a wider variety of sewing procedures and more details.

An "Average" rating means more challenging techniques, and details such as pleats, buttonholes and topstitching. Expect more fitting and some inner construction. Often these are styles from well-known designers. "Advanced" patterns, as in Vogue European and American Couture, are for those who like sewing challenges. Here you'll get more fashion shaping, construction details and hand sewing. A wider variety of fabrics will be recommended, and these styles will duplicate more expensive ready-made clothes.

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## Poll: 'Cyberchondriacs' dominate the Internet

About 98 million adults use the Internet to find health-related material, according to a Harris Interactive poll.

The number of "cyberchondriacs," as Harris describes them, has grown from 54 million since 1998 and accounts for roughly 86 percent of all Internet users.

### BYO gyms: L.A. Fitness says members bring towels

No towel, no workout. L.A. Fitness has begun requiring members to bring a towel.

The gym chain spends about \$800,000 per year to replace towels taken by members. L.A. Fitness used to provide towel service to members for an extra fee but ended it last year.

One reason was that a member sued, claiming a towel she

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was using to wash her car scratched the vehicle.

### Navel battle: City bans bellybutton piercing

You can show your bellybutton in Ocean City, Md. - but you can't get it pierced. City officials in that seaside community have voted to ban the practice, saying they've heard too many horror stories about what's happened in the body-piercing parlors that have sprung up in recent years.

One teen-ager was taken to the hospital after an inexperienced piercer severed a vein in his tongue.

- From wire service reports

# HEALTH & FASHION

## Take daily vitamins? You can't tell the supplements without a scorecard

New York Daily News

NEW YORK - It's a common occurrence these days: A man in relatively good health taking 30 different supplements every day because he feels low on energy. Are the supplements doing damage? Probably not. Are they helping him? It's anybody's guess.

"I hear about people taking 20 and 30 supplements a day. Nutrition does not need to be that complicated," says Keith Ayoub, associate professor at Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

There's no question that we need vitamins and minerals to live and be healthy - they do everything from bolstering our immune system to helping our blood clot and building strong bones and teeth. The question is, where should we get our vitamins and minerals from?

Purists say we should be getting everything we need from food. That's what worked in the past, before refining and processing took away many essential nutrients. But it's impractical for most of us. "Technically, if someone ate 2,000 calories a day and had a diversified diet, they would get everything they need, but that's in a perfect world and most of us don't live in a perfect world," says Dr. Rebecca Jaffe, a spokeswoman for the American Academy of Family Physicians and a practicing family physician in Wilmington, Del.

The next best thing, experts say, is a multivitamin. "There's nothing wrong with taking one to get everything they need, but that's in a perfect world and most of us don't live in a perfect world," says Dr. Rebecca Jaffe, a spokeswoman for the American Academy of Family Physicians and a practicing family physician in Wilmington, Del.

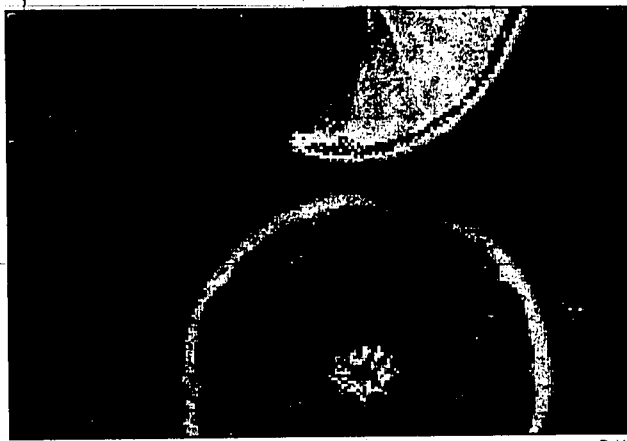
There are even some individuals who are prescribed megadoses of vitamins - received via intravenous drip - to treat a variety of ailments, including asthma, eczema, migraines, cancer, chronic fatigue syndrome, even HIV.

Dr. Guillermo Santos, medical director of the Betances Health Center in New York City, has been giving vitamin drips to HIV patients for six years, since a literature review turned up ample evidence that Vitamin C had an impact on the virus in laboratory, tissue and animal studies.

It appears to be effective: a 1996 study conducted at Betances determined that HIV+ women who received a combination of alternative therapy (acupuncture, herbs, vitamin drips, massage therapy, guided imagery) and standard therapy did much better than women who received standard care alone or alternative care alone.

Most of us can make do with a healthy diet and a daily multivitamin, but certain people and situations require more. "There are lots of uses for vitamins and there are certain people unable to eat a healthy diet who need emphasis," says Dr. Benjamin Kligler, medical director of the Continuum Center for Health and Healing at Beth Israel. Here are some pointers on individual vitamin use:

Calcium and iron compete for absorption into the body. If you're taking both, make sure you take them at alternate times - for example, calcium in the morning and iron at night. The amount of calcium in a pill or tablet may not equal the amount your body will absorb. Look for the amount of



Some vitamins, like the vitamin C in these oranges, are water-soluble and thus sweated and urinated out of the body. That's why they need to be regularly replenished.

### All about vitamins and minerals

**Vitamin A (retinol)**  
Found in: cod liver oil, egg yolks, dairy products, carrots, sweet potatoes, pumpkin, spinach, green leafy vegetables, and deep-sea fish oils.  
RDA: 5,000 IU  
What it does: Helps maintain healthy skin and vision. It also helps with the absorption of iron and calcium.

**Vitamin B1 (thiamine)**  
Found in: whole grain products, pork, yeast, and legumes.  
RDA: 1.2 mg  
What it does: Helps convert food into energy.

**Vitamin B2 (riboflavin)**  
Found in: dairy products, eggs, and green leafy vegetables.  
RDA: 1.3 mg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Vitamin B3 (niacin)**  
Found in: meat, fish, and whole grain products.  
RDA: 16 mg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Vitamin B5 (pantoic acid)**  
Found in: meat, fish, and whole grain products.  
RDA: 5 mg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Vitamin B6 (pyridoxine)**  
Found in: meat, fish, and whole grain products.  
RDA: 1.3 mg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Vitamin B7 (biotin)**  
Found in: egg yolks, nuts, and whole grain products.  
RDA: 30 mcg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Vitamin B9 (folic acid)**  
Found in: leafy green vegetables, legumes, and fortified grains.  
RDA: 400 mcg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Vitamin C (ascorbic acid)**  
Found in: citrus fruits, strawberries, and kiwi.  
RDA: 75 mg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Vitamin D (calciferol)**  
Found in: fatty fish, egg yolks, and fortified milk.  
RDA: 5 mcg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Vitamin E (tocopherol)**  
Found in: nuts, seeds, and whole grain products.  
RDA: 15 mg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Vitamin K (phylloquinone)**  
Found in: leafy green vegetables and some oils.  
RDA: 80 mcg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Calcium**  
Found in: dairy products, leafy green vegetables, and fortified grains.  
RDA: 1,000 mg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Iron**  
Found in: meat, fish, and fortified grains.  
RDA: 15 mg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Zinc**  
Found in: meat, fish, and fortified grains.  
RDA: 15 mg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Selenium**  
Found in: Brazil nuts, fish, and whole grain products.  
RDA: 55 mcg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Copper**  
Found in: shellfish, nuts, and whole grain products.  
RDA: 900 mcg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Magnesium**  
Found in: whole grain products, nuts, and legumes.  
RDA: 400 mg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Manganese**  
Found in: whole grain products, nuts, and legumes.  
RDA: 2.3 mg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Chromium**  
Found in: whole grain products, nuts, and legumes.  
RDA: 35 mcg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Molybdenum**  
Found in: whole grain products, nuts, and legumes.  
RDA: 45 mcg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Cobalt**  
Found in: whole grain products, nuts, and legumes.  
RDA: 5 mcg  
What it does: Helps with energy production and cell growth.

**Silicon**  
Found in: whole grain products, nuts, and legumes.  
RDA: 5 mg  
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**Vanadium**  
Found in: whole grain products, nuts, and legumes.  
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**Nickel**  
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**Fluorine**  
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**Iodine**  
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**Sulfur**  
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**Sodium**  
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**Potassium**  
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**Chlorine**  
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**Boron**  
Found in: whole grain products, nuts, and legumes.  
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**Strontium**  
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**Barium**  
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**Antimony**  
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**Tellurium**  
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**Cadmium**  
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**Mercury**  
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**Iron**  
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**Calcium**  
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**Vitamin A**  
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# ANNIVERSARY

## THE CAMERONS

RUPERT - Mr. and Mrs. Bob Cameron of Rupert were honored at a reception Aug. 27 at the Rupert United Methodist Church for their 50th wedding anniversary.

Cameron and Margaret Ann Stark were married Aug. 27, 1950, at the Rupert United Methodist Church.

He was part owner of Cameron Sales, a farm implement business. She taught in the Minidoka County schools for a number of years.

To celebrate their 50th anniversary, the Camerons, their children and grandchildren enjoyed a cruise in the Western Caribbean in January.

The couple has three daughters, Kathleen of Fremont, Calif., Patricia (Joe) Seamons of Blackfoot and Roberta (Kris) Nord of Missoula, Mont. They have five grandchildren.



Margaret and Bob Cameron



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HEALTH & FASHION

About the decision surrounding estrogen

Los Angeles Times

Susan Sullivan doesn't know whether her health would be helped or harmed by hormone replacement therapy.

But the 55-year-old artist, who lives in Los Angeles' rustic Topanga Canyon area, is counting on one thing: By the time her 20-year-old daughter reaches menopause, there will finally be some solid, trustworthy medical information about who should be on hormones and why.

Like most U.S. women over age 45, Sullivan has watched with apprehension as studies made public during the last few months have presented disturbing and contradictory findings, leaving many women confused about the risks and benefits of using hormones.

Sullivan is doing her small part to bring some clarity to the confusion. She visits UCLA Medical Center several times a year to participate in the largest study to date of the medical impact of hormone therapy in women.

"When I arrived at menopause, I found there wasn't any good information out there," Sullivan says. "But I have a daughter, and I thought her generation deserves better."

Known as the Women's Health Initiative, the federally funded study involves 161,000 women between the ages of 50 and 79, as well as researchers at more than 40 sites. The 15-year, \$700 million study (which looks at other women's health issues) is considered a crown jewel in current women's health research.

"The Women's Health Initiative is the only (scientifically rigorous) trial that actually looks at the effect of estrogen on bones, brain, heart and other issues, including types of cancers," says Michele Blackwood, a breast surgeon in Stamford, Conn.

A major, long-term study of post-menopausal women with heart disease, called the Estrogen Replacement and Atherosclerosis (ERA) study, showed that hormone use did not slow the course of the disease.

If those results weren't disappointing enough, another study published in March found that soy, a popular alternative to estrogen for relieving hot flashes relat-

Making the decision

Whether it's for her satisfaction or a woman who cannot wait five or 10 years while more studies are under way to decide whether to take hormones or taking the best choice by discussing her history with her physician.

The discussion should cover such areas as family history of all types of cancers, heart disease and osteoporosis; personal history of benign breast disease; personal use of any hormones, including infertility treatments; date of first and last periods; and information on diet, exercise and smoking habits.

Doctors can also use a computerized model that can estimate a woman's risk of developing a particular disease based on her history, age and other factors.

Source: Los Angeles Times

ed to menopause, was ineffective. The spate of discouraging news has so upset some women participating in the Women's Health Initiative, researchers say, that a small number have dropped out of the study.

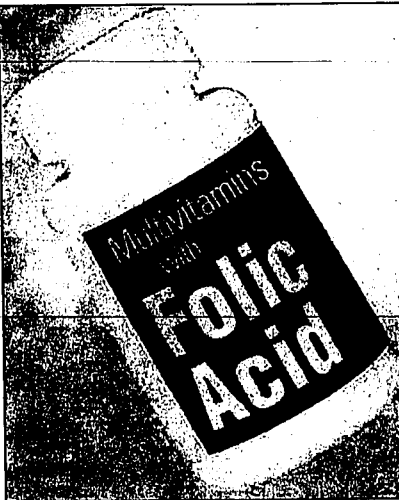
Most doctors acknowledge that women will not be able to make well-informed decisions on hormone therapy until the completion of the Women's Health Initiative. Researchers have said they expect the trial's first major results to be released sometime in 2005.

"I feel we're at the tip of the iceberg in trying to figure out what will make a woman's (menopausal) symptoms go away in addition to making her life better," Blackwood says.

Adds Dr. Howard L. Judd, the principal investigator of the WHI study site at UCLA Medical Center, "We're feeling enormous pressure."

Many major questions remain about the effects of hormone replacement therapy. Estrogen is often recommended to women at menopause to alleviate some of its symptoms, such as hot flashes, vaginal dryness and mood swings.

It is also recommended for women at risk of osteoporosis because replacing the estrogen lost at menopause helps maintain



For most American women over 45, estrogen supplements are a way of life.

strong bones.

"What I tell women is if you have symptoms (of menopause), there is no reason not to take hormones," Judd says. "And, if you are at risk for osteoporosis, take hormones."

Estrogen is also known to increase good cholesterol (high-density lipoprotein, or HDL) and reduce the bad kind (LDL) and maintain the elasticity of arterial walls. These findings have raised hopes that hormones can be used long-term to prevent heart disease.

And some small studies have hinted that estrogen may help prevent the dementia associated with Alzheimer's.

But, so far, there is no clear, convincing evidence that estrogen prevents heart disease or Alzheimer's disease, experts say.

Two large, randomized, controlled clinical studies - the recent

ERA study and a 1998 study called the Heart and Estrogen/Progestin Replacement Study (HERS) - produced disappointing results.

"The two best sources of data (on heart disease and estrogen) are the HERS and ERA studies, and both show the same thing: no benefit," says Dr. David Herrington, a cardiologist at Wake Forest University who presented the ERA study in March at the annual meeting of the American College of Cardiology in Anaheim, Calif. "It's possible that estrogen could be relatively helpful in preventing heart disease while being ineffective once disease has been established."

However, while it is strongly implied, there is no proof that estrogen helps prevent heart disease - an issue that the Women's Health Initiative is attempting to clarify.

Cancer diagnosis deserves getting a second opinion

Knight Ridder News Service

What your doctor tells you could hurt you.

Dr. Jerome Groopman understands that well. After nearly losing his first child to multiple medical misjudgments, the prominent cancer researcher has made it his job to get more patients to question their physicians and ask for expert second opinions.

Improper diagnoses can kill. "No doctor is perfect," says Groopman, whose infant son, Steven, was incorrectly diagnosed by one doctor and delayed proper treatment by another in 1983.

"Medicine, it's as much an art as a science," he says, "so it's very important to seek a second opinion."

Yet additional expert advice - at one time required by many health insurers before patients could undergo surgery - is now under-utilized and under-appreciated in this country, jeopardizing the quality of care patients

receive, many health advocates believe.

According to a 1994 survey, Latinos seek the fewest second opinions - only one in seven. The uninsured and uneducated were also found to very rarely seek an additional opinion.

"Anyone can do it. Everyone should," says Groopman. "But people get very inhibited in asking for a second opinion. We don't want adversarial relationships with our doctors."

Certainly, fear of insulting a physician is one of the primary reasons many patients don't ask for another opinion.

Other patients just don't recognize the benefit of doing so. And some people are simply too trusting of their physicians, experts believe.

But getting another viewpoint can have a greater impact on health and healing than many patients realize. In the most severe cases, it can mean the difference between life and death.

Secrets to diseases of man could lie in man's best friend

The Dallas Morning News

Some researchers get to spend all day working on pet projects.

They are a small but dedicated group of scientists, scurrying together funding here and there, who believe that some secrets to diseases of man lie in man's best friend.

Of all the world's animals, none has lived closely alongside humans longer than the dog. For more than 12,000 years, dogs have shared people's homes, jobs and, with enough whining, their dinners. They even share some of the same diseases. Only dogs and men,

for example, develop prostate cancer with any regularity.

Inskip and his colleagues are studying illnesses in dogs deployed to the Persian Gulf in 1990 and 1991. Researchers have also looked at dogs to learn more about exposure to secondhand smoke and electromagnetic power lines, and about bone cancer, prostate cancer, lymphoma and many other malignancies.

The handful of scientists interested in this field, many of them confessed dog lovers, say they realize that many of their colleagues think canine epidemiology is barking up the wrong tree.

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To do for you. be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Sept. 5 through Oct. 3, in the Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2500.

Risk profiles offered. Magic Valley Regional Medical Center is offering cardiac risk profile coupons to check cholesterol (LDL and HDL levels), triglycerides and cardiac risk factor. Cost is \$14. For more information, call MVRMC Laboratory Services at 737-2021 or stop by the main entrance lobby at the medical center to receive a coupon.

Free cancer screening. A free breast screening education program will be offered through the MVRMC Outpatient Services, 526 Shoup Ave. W., Suite J, Twin Falls. The program will include facts about early detection, self breast examination and mammography. For more information or to make an appointment, call 736-1675.

Parenting class offered. Childbirth and early parenting classes will be offered from 7 to 9:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning Sept. 6 through Oct. 4, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 215 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. The second class qualifies as a refresher class for mothers who have previously taken the childbirth series. The classes are free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-4301.

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

Check safety seats. Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition will offer free inspections of child safety seats. To schedule an appointment, call 737-2433.

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

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

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HEALTH & FASHION

# Classic boots get colorful makeover

Bright colors appeal to younger consumers

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Two pairs of boots in the private fourth-floor showroom of Dr. Martens' U.S. subsidiary show the new path the Portland-based division is walking.

The boots are Doc's classic "eight hole" variety, the chunky-sole, leather workers with eight pairs of eyelets that remain the company's best seller, 40 years after their introduction by Britain's R. Griggs Group Ltd. It's the same functional design that Pete Townshend, punkers and grunge kings turned into a hallmark of the counterculture lifestyle.

But these eight holes have a twist. One's wrapped in sparkly silver leather. The other's pink, bright, shiny pink.

It's not the standard black or brown that made Dr. Martens famous. But Doc's decided to be driven less by its traditional styles and more by the whims of fashion. Officials hope it will move Dr. Martens from a cult favorite into a brand with mass appeal.

So Doc's is starting to offer new styles and colors from men's shoes with triple accents to studded ladies' sandals with cut-outs in a flower pattern. And starting this year, it will introduce new styles six times a year, instead of the two annual lines it has previously offered.

"What we're shifting ourselves toward is more of a market-driven company," said David Reimann, Dr. Martens AirWair U.S.A.'s new president.

Doc's plan to more quickly offer bright, fashionable shoes mirrors efforts at other shoe companies, including Beaverton-based Nike. The trend is being driven by consumers who want shoe brands and stores to respond to fashion trends more quickly, said Brent Harris, national merchandising manager for juniors' shoes at Seattle-based Nordstrom.

"Doc Martens has been pretty slow to that change," he said. "They realized they've got to be faster. They're putting themselves in a position to be more nimble."

Nordstrom is going to test many of Dr. Marten's new styles at about eight stores before other U.S. retailers get the shoes. The test will include one or two stores in Oregon, starting with the Washington Square store. Harris said — though different locations might be used for future product releases.

Doc's new direction is driven partly by Reimann, 41, who has been in charge of Doc's U.S. operation since May 31.

A Portland native and University of Oregon grad, Reimann sold snack food for Frito Lay and athletic shoes for Avia before he moved to Dr. Martens five years ago.

The U.S. division is in a strange position. It accounts for 60 percent of Dr. Martens' sales worldwide — Reimann won't reveal exact sales. It employs about 250 people, most of them in the U.S. and Canada. That's some of the biggest since the parent company tended to run according to its traditions, which didn't always jibe with the needs of its growing U.S. market.

American department stores need shoes delivered on promised dates, for instance. But Doc had a nagging problem with late deliveries, Reimann said. So for the past year, Reimann has been flying to England monthly, cajoling changes in the corporate direction. The company is pursuing three major reforms, Reimann said. One reform is changing the production calendar to respond to customers' needs. Doc's now finds out the dates of big trade shows and retailers' needs, then figures back to set deadlines for shipping, production and design. The company is also planning to market itself more aggressively as it expands its styles, Reimann said. The U.S. subsidiary will spend more on marketing in the next six months than it did in the past 18 months, he said. Doc's is moving to six deliveries a year to keep up with fast-changing fashions. Retailers generally applaud Dr. Marten's for its plans. "It makes them a fashion thing again," said Sandi Future, president of Worship Shoes-The Future Inc., a downtown Portland retailer. "We had a lot of customers crying for something other than the basic black."



David Reimann, Dr. Martens AirWair U.S.A.'s new president, displays some of this season's new styles. Doc's decided to be driven less by its traditional styles and more by the whims of fashion.

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# Must have been a guy who invented bra straps

Knight Ridder News Service

MINNEAPOLIS — Bra straps were ruining Stephanie Heroff's summer.

"I thought, there has to be a way to wear spaghetti-strap tops with a bra," said Heroff, who, at the time of her epiphany two years ago, was starting up her own graphic-design firm.

Her first client was a construction company, and the assignment had her sketching forklifts and tractors at building sites under scorching sunlight.

"It was so hot," Heroff recalls. "I wanted to wear a tank top, but I couldn't show my bra straps on a construction site."

Like many average- to big-busted women, Heroff, who wears a B-cup, was frustrated by endlessly impractical skimpy summer fashions that don't work with a bra: halter tops with open backs, lily dresses with skinny straps.

"Fashions out there right now are not bra-friendly," said 30-year-old Heroff. "Normal women can't wear those clothes."

It's a point of contention most women have raised with their girlfriends. We complain about fashion designers thinking only of waiflike models. We feel huge and self-conscious. Then we reluctantly move on to the rack of boring T-shirts that provide ample coverage.

Not Heroff. She decided to sew her bra straps right into the straps of a tank top. Just one minor detail: Heroff doesn't sew or own a sewing machine. She asked a tailor near her Minneapolis apartment to do the job.

It worked. To celebrate her newfound freedom, Heroff wore her bra-tanker combo to the Minneapolis Block Party on a particularly sticky summer night and studied the crowd to see how many bra straps she could spot peeking out of women's sleeveless shirts.

Toss Heroff said.

So Heroff, who had no experience with fashion design or product development, hastily found a patent attorney. She half-expected him to laugh. Instead, the attorney showed the bra-sewn-into-shirt idea to his wife, who thought the concept

was "incredible," Heroff said.

Heroff's patent is still pending. She believes — and her patent lawyer's research supports — that hers is the first product to sew an actual bra strap into a shirt strap.

The bra itself is detachable, so women can wear their regular bra size with any shirt size.

Heroff balks at the concept of one size fits all. Other "built-in-bra" designs offer a bra cup but no lift, she said, or they use a "shelf," which is simply an extra layer of elastic designed to hold cleavage in place.

"Shelf bras are not bras," said Heroff, a voice of authority after years of frustrated fitting-room experiences. "They don't look like a bra. They don't feel like a bra. They're not comfortable, and women aren't confident in them."

Heroff began pitching her idea to clothing manufacturers. Several turned her down.

Through a friend in the graphic design business, she found Private Label Industries, a Los Angeles T-shirt maker, which agreed to come up with a prototype. Dozens of tries and more than a year later, Heroff and her L.A. partners hit on a design they believe will work for women of all sizes and shapes.

Bra straps are sewn into shirt straps for extra support. The customized Heroff underwire bra, sold separately, is available in sizes 34A-34C, 36B and 36C. It attaches to plastic hooks built into the shirts, which come small, medium and large.

They are interchangeable — one Heroff bra works with the entire collection of tops. There are 15 shirt styles to choose from in brights and neutrals, like "icy lime" and "heather gray."

"It's really innovative," said Josi Wert, owner of the Minneapolis store by the same name. "Other lines have done some bra enhancing, like a shelf, but it doesn't really help. Most women who are past 18 and not comfortable with their bra straps showing need some support."

# Study finds doctors ignore sign of osteoporosis

Knight Ridder News Service

PHILADELPHIA — Any woman over 55 who breaks a wrist is likely to have dangerously weak bones, yet her physician is not likely to prescribe treatment or even diagnose the problem, a new study shows.

Researchers at the University of Pennsylvania found that of 1,162 postmenopausal women who suffered wrist fractures, only 27 percent within a quarter were given any medication or diagnostic tests for osteoporosis, the progressive bone-weakening disease that raises the risk of fractures.

"Achieving even small increases in bone density can reduce fracture risk," said Kevin B. Freedman, an orthopedic surgeon in Allentown, who led the Penn study. "Physicians and patients need more education about the benefits of osteoporosis treatment."

To some degree, Freedman said, the picture may have improved since he conducted his study, published in the current *Journal of Bone and Joint Surgery*. His data, drawn from medical insurance claims from 30 states, identified women over 55 who broke their wrists between July 1, 1994, and June 30, 1997. Since 1997, two new medications for osteoporosis prevention

Even after broken bones, physicians don't look for or treat bone-weakening disease

and treatment have come on the market, bringing the total to five: estrogen, alendronate, calcitonin, raloxifene and risedronate. Medicare and most insurance plans have added coverage of bone density diagnostic tests. And the National Osteoporosis Foundation, among others, has launched a campaign to make the public aware that the disabling disease can be prevented and treated.

Despite these advances, osteoporosis experts agree that the conclusion of the Penn study remains valid: Too many physicians do not realize that a wrist fracture is a warning sign of weakening bones, and that medication can arrest or even reverse the deterioration.

"For many individuals, finding a doctor who is knowledgeable about osteoporosis can be problematic," the National Osteoporosis Foundation says on its Web site. "There is no physician specialty dedicated to osteoporosis, nor is there a certification program for health professionals who treat the disease."

More than 10 million Americans, mostly women, have osteoporosis, but only a quarter of them have been diagnosed because the

disease progresses slowly and painlessly. While a healthy diet and exercise can help prevent osteoporosis, women are at particular risk because estrogen, a hormone involved in bone metabolism, diminishes after menopause.

Over a lifetime, research shows, white women have a 40 percent chance of breaking a wrist, hip or vertebra; men, in comparison, have a 13 percent chance. Research also shows that a wrist fracture after menopause is a strong indicator of osteoporosis, and raises the risk of a hip fracture. In one recent study cited by Freedman, 91 percent of 106 postmenopausal women who broke their wrists were found through testing to have low bone densities.

The Penn study found that not only are doctors missing opportunities to treat such women, but the oldest patients get the least treatment. Among women over age 84, less than 10 percent received any

osteoporosis medication, despite the fact that these women were at the highest risk for hip fracture. Speculating on the reasons for the disparity, Freedman said very elderly women often have health problems that take priority over osteoporosis, and some physicians may mistakenly think bone-building treatment is futile at a very advanced age.

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# YOUTHFUL INDISCRETIONS

Which will come back to haunt you? The answer may surprise you

By Karen Shideleer  
Knight Ridder News Service

Your past probably includes at least one incidence of inappropriate behavior when it comes to health—anything from drug use to loud music to a steady diet of fast food to a summer as a beach bum.

The question is, which ones will come back to haunt you, now that you're the picture of health?

For the answer, we turned to Donna Sweet, a Wichita, Kan., physician who is chairwoman of the board of governors of the American College of Physicians-American Society of Internal Medicine. It's the nation's largest medical specialty organization and the second-largest physician group. Here's what she had to say about past sins.

• You drank yourself through college. "Drinking your way through college probably didn't help your grades any and may have impeded your progress" toward your professional goal, she said.

• But if you then quit drinking or cut back to a drink or two a day, you're probably OK. The average life span is about 76 years, and four out of 76 isn't a big deal.

All those brain cells you supposedly destroyed? "At that age, you probably had enough" to succeed without them.

• Does it matter whether you drank beer or hard stuff? No. "Drinking to intoxication requires about the same amount of alcohol," though you probably consumed more liquid and more calories by drinking the beer.

On the other hand, "you can get more vodka down in a shorter period of time, and that can be dangerous."

• If you're still drinking your way through life, it's time for some self-examination.

• You smoked like a chimney. If you smoked for five years and quit, "you did do some lung damage. Now again, when we're young, in all our organs we have a tremendous reserve," and if you really quit, you shouldn't have a lot of cumulative damage in terms of lung cancer or heart disease, Sweet said.

In fact, new research shows there are health benefits in quitting no matter when you do it.

But if you quit and then pick up the habit again later, "you've already got that five years of damage in the past" and you start affecting your health from that point, not from the point of a non-smoker.

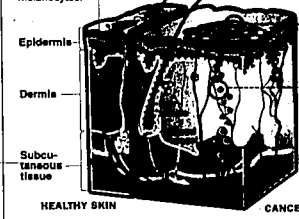
For now, screening tests aren't recommended for former smokers.

And remember, "tobacco is tobacco," whether from cigarettes, pipes, cigars or snuff. People who use snuff or cigars also are at risk for oral cancers.

• You taked. Assuming you never faced criminal charges, you probably escaped. The biggest problems with having smoked marijuana are the law enforcement repercussions and "doing something stupid while you're under the influence," Sweet said.

If you didn't get caught, "a few years of that is probably something that's over and done with." But remember your behavior when it's time to talk to your children, and "talk to them before they do things like that."

Melanoma cells are the pigment-producing cells within the skin. Moles are clumpings of melanocytes.



Source: Dr. Martin A. Weinstock, American Cancer Society

## Dissecting a disease

Melanoma, commonly known as skin cancer, can be one of the deadliest forms of the disease. Here is how it starts and how it can spread.

Melanoma begins when melanocytes grow out of control, forming an irregular mole.

As the cancer cells multiply, the growth can invade the dermis and subcutaneous layers.

One or more cells may break off and travel to another part of the body in the blood, or more likely in the lymph.

Thickness is a measure of danger — If the melanoma is .76 mm thick or less, the cure rate is about 96 percent.

At 3.6 mm or thicker, cure rate falls to 30 percent.

## You spent a summer as a beach bum, or a winter as a ski bum

One summer or one winter probably isn't a huge factor in your long-term risk for melanoma, but if you had a horrid sunburn, skin cancer is something to be concerned about and to watch for. And if you had deep, dark tans several years in a row, you're a candidate for skin cancer.

• You hit the hard stuff — LSD or other hallucinogenics. "There's some evidence that those things can come back to haunt you," as flashbacks and other psychiatric difficulties, Sweet said. Though the probability decreases as the years pass, "if your thought processes or actions at times seem not quite right, you ought to get some psychiatric help."

• You snorted cocaine. More than once. If you snorted cocaine once or twice, it's no big deal. But cocaine is "probably the most addictive substance that we have around. And it's tough for many people to snort once or twice" and then quit, Sweet said.

Continued use of cocaine is one of the leading causes of early heart disease. "People have heart attacks at 30, 32 years of age" and heart disease for the rest of their lives.

"At that point, you just have to get yourself off of it."

• You tried heroin — once. "Clean needles?" Sweet asked. "Heroin — the drug — one time, if that's all you did, heroin is not the issue." Particularly among baby boomers, hepatitis C is the issue, and anyone who shared a needle with anybody at any time should have a test for hepatitis C.

The bulk of those who have it don't know it, Sweet said. Hepatitis C causes liver damage, and "eventually, about 85 percent of the people who have acquired hepatitis C will have significant liver disease."

The good news is, there are treatments. A test that shows virus levels should be done; if the level is low and the liver appears to be functioning, monitoring is all that's required. If levels are higher, a liver biopsy should be done.

• You lived on fast food. "It depends on what your weight ended up being," Sweet said. Five years of fast food is pretty easily undone, assuming you didn't turn into a 350-pounder.

Fast food sometimes unfairly "takes it in the teeth," she said,

adding that a starving college student who lives on spaghetti and margarine (she knows one who did) or a poor person who lives on macaroni and cheese and mashed potatoes may have more health problems.

The real danger in a steady diet of fast food is the long-term habit. And in the long term, it can lead to obesity, heart disease, high cholesterol and similar problems.

• You slept around. "That has more potential for long-term problems." You may have acquired herpes simplex type 2 (genital herpes) or human papillomavirus (HPV, or genital warts), Sweet said, and you still may not know it. And if you slept around after about 1982, you may have acquired the HIV virus.

Men and women are experiencing fertility problems caused by scarring that's the result of chlamydia or gonorrhea, Sweet said, showing that even the treatable sexually transmitted diseases "can lead to long-term problems down the road when you choose to have children."

In addition, the herpes and HPV viruses put a woman at an increased risk of cervical cancer.

If you slept around, get tested. Have regular exams, including Pap smears for women. And if you're thinking about asking your doctor whether you should be tested for HIV, get tested.

• You spent a summer as a beach bum, or a winter as a ski bum. One summer or one winter probably isn't a huge factor in your long-term risk for melanoma, but if you had a horrid sunburn, skin cancer is something to be concerned about and to watch for. And if you had deep, dark tans several years in a row, you're a candidate for skin cancer.

Either way, Sweet recommended seeing a dermatologist and having skin exams on a regular basis.

Even if you never burned, wear your sunscreen, wear your caps

or hats, and protect yourself.

• You played your stereo really loud. "That is a potential problem. Especially if you played your stereo really, really loud and had your earphones in most of the time, because we are seeing some early hearing loss because of noise damage," Sweet said. If you find yourself missing words during a conversation, "go see an audiologist and find out for sure, because there are some pretty good hearing aids and helps right now, and you can miss a lot of life if you can't hear."

Try to get your children to turn their music down a bit and cut back on their attendance at loud concerts. It will protect their hearing and yours — the damage is cumulative.

• You slept every third day. "It's not going to be a problem" as long as you're not still doing it, Sweet said. If you are, "life can't be going very well for you in terms of job and day-to-day activities."

• You pierced your tongue and tattooed your ankle. "All you have to do when you're tired of the tongue is to 'pull that thing out and the hole will heal over,'" Sweet said. The bigger danger is tooth damage and other oral problems. "You need to have your teeth checked."

The tattoo may limit your professional life; if you're a woman in a job where tattoos aren't allowed, you may be forced into dark hose or pants unless you want to invest the time and money to have the tattoo removed.

If you have to have a tattoo, Sweet said, put it somewhere where it's not visible to the public.

• You thought "exercise" was a four-letter word. "Short term, that's probably not an issue. Now if you made that a lifelong habit, you're probably de-conditioned and overweight and you need to do something about that in a hurry."

# It's possible to whiten your skin, but why?

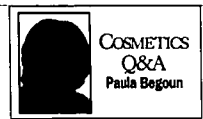
DEAR PAULA: I would like to inform you that whitening products are most often the best-selling products in Asian countries. Unlike any other places, tanning is almost never talked about. But you hear the word whitening everywhere in Asia.

As an Asian, getting fairer skin tone is always my aim. I avoid going into the sun and often go to the extreme of closing curtains in my apartment to avoid sun contact. Is there any trustworthy whitening that you can recommend?

—NOT LIGHT ENOUGH, VIA EMAIL

DEAR NOT LIGHT: Skin whitening is a strange name, at least to those of us in the United States. Even skin lightening (the term used most often here) is equally odd and truly a misnomer. The real name for these products should be melanin-inhibiting, which is what the good ones do. How much melanin inhibiting action the product has determines its effectiveness.

I am aware that the passion for "whiter" skin is big business in Asia. Actually, almost all of the research on new skin-lightening agents has come out of Japan (though the studies have mostly been in vitro and not on real people). The basic facts about skin lightening are that the religious use of a good sunscreen with UVA protecting ingredients (which are titanium dioxide, zinc



oxide, or avobenzene) is paramount, and any skin "whitening" product must contain, at the minimum, 1 to 4 percent hydroquinone. That is the most reliable. But products that contain azelaic acid, magnesium ascorbyl palmitate (at a 10 percent concentration), or kojic acid may also be options.

However, wouldn't it be better for you to find value and self-esteem in your natural skin tone rather than some idealized "whiter" color? Perhaps you don't have to be part of the prevailing beauty mind-set many Asian women have that there is something wrong with their skin color and that white skin is better. It isn't. Caucasian women for years have spent endless days hurting their skin trying to make it darker. The grass isn't greener any where else but right where you are.

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## New drug treats macular degeneration

Knight Ridder News Service

FORT WORTH, Texas — Age-related macular degeneration is the leading cause of blindness in Americans over 60, affecting an estimated 200,000 people each year. A disorder of the macula, an area of tissue near the center of the retina, age-related macular degeneration affects the center of the field of vision, making objects appear dark or out of focus.

Previously, a laser treatment had been available for a limited number of patients whose macular degeneration has not progressed very far, but it carries a strong risk of burning away the center of the retina entirely.

The new photodynamic therapy involves injecting the drug, Visudyne, into the patient's arm by IV, waiting a few minutes for the drug to reach the blood vessels of the eye, and then shining a low-power laser light into the patient's eye for 83 seconds to destroy the abnormal vessels and scar tissue without damaging the retina, said Dr. Gary Cowan, an ophthalmologist with Retina Care, a division of Fort Worth, who directed the study here.

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## ULCERATIVE COLITIS

Ulcerative colitis is a disease that causes inflammation and sores, called ulcers, in the top layers of the lining of the large intestine. The inflammation usually occurs in the rectum and lower part of the colon, but it may affect the entire colon. Ulcerative colitis rarely affects the small intestine except for the lower section, called the ileum.

Ulcerative colitis may also be called colitis or proctitis. The inflammation makes the colon empty frequently, causing diarrhea. In severe cases, the inflammation has killed the colon lining cells the ulcers bleed and produce pus and mucus.

Ulcerative colitis is an inflammatory bowel disease (IBD). Ulcerative colitis can be difficult to diagnose because its symptoms are similar to other intestinal disorders, such as irritable bowel syndrome and to another type of IBD called Crohn's disease.

Ulcerative colitis occurs most often in people ages 15 to 40, although children and young adults sometimes develop the disease. Ulcerative colitis affects men and women equally and appears to run in some families.

### WHAT CAUSES ULCERATIVE COLITIS?

Theories about what causes ulcerative colitis abound, but none have proven. The most popular theory is that the body's immune system reacts to a virus or a bacterium by causing ongoing inflammation in the intestinal wall.

People with ulcerative colitis have abnormalities of the immune system, but doctors do not know whether these abnormalities are a cause or a result of the disease. Ulcerative colitis is not caused by emotional distress or sensitivity to certain foods or food products, but some people may trigger symptoms in these factors.

### WHAT ARE THE SYMPTOMS OF ULCERATIVE COLITIS?

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The most common symptoms of ulcerative colitis are abdominal pain and bloody diarrhea. Patients also may experience:

- Fatigue
- Weight loss
- Loss of appetite
- Rectal bleeding
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About half of patients have mild symptoms. Other suffer frequent fever, bloody diarrhea, nausea, and severe abdominal cramps. Ulcerative colitis may also cause problems such as arthritis, inflammation of the eye, liver disease, osteoporosis, skin rashes, anemia, and kidney stones.

### HOW IS ULCERATIVE COLITIS DIAGNOSED?

Blood tests may be done to check for anemia, which could indicate bleeding in the colon or rectum.

Colonoscopy by a physician may be done to see any inflammation, bleeding, or ulcers on the colon wall. During the exam, the doctor may use a biopsy, which involves taking a sample of tissue from the lining of the colon to view with a microscope.

### WHAT IS THE TREATMENT FOR ULCERATIVE COLITIS?

Treatment for ulcerative colitis depends on the seriousness of the disease. Most people are treated with medication in the form of pills. Some may need surgery to remove the diseased colon. Surgery is the only cure for ulcerative colitis.

Some people whose symptoms are triggered by foods may need to control the symptom by avoiding foods that upset their intestines, like highly seasoned foods or milk sugar (lactose). Each person may need a different ulcerative colitis diet, so treatment is adjusted for each individual. Emotional and psychological support is important.

Some people have remission periods when the symptoms go away — that last for months or even years.

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**GIFT TAXES**

QUESTION: I intend to give each of my grandchildren five thousand dollars this year. Will I have to pay a gift tax?

Dennis S. Voorhees

No, you can give up to \$10,000 per person, per year and not have to pay gift taxes and not have to file a gift tax return with the federal government.

If you give more than \$10,000 per person, per year you have to file a gift tax return disclosing the donee and the amount of the gift. Even then, you will probably not have to pay any out-of-pocket money for gift taxes unless you have used up your lifetime gift tax exemption amount — currently \$675,000.

If you are involved in a program of significant gifting, you should work closely with your accountant or lawyer to make sure that you are taking advantage of a complicated set of rules that say when you can gift without paying tax and when you can gift without reporting the gift.

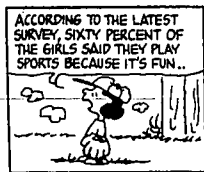
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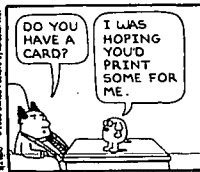
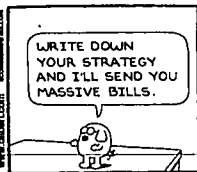
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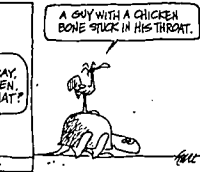
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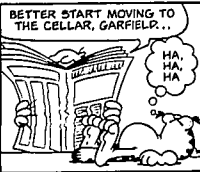
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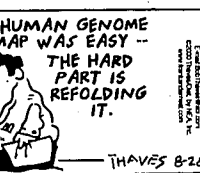
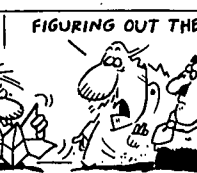
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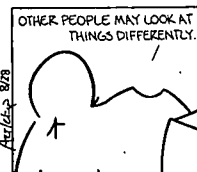
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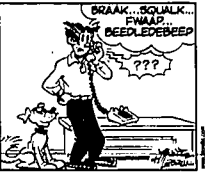
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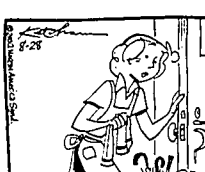
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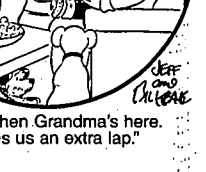
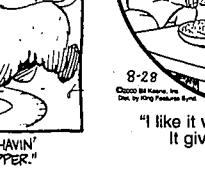
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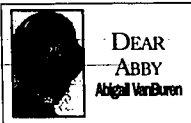
By Wiley

# Planning ahead helps achieve peaceful death

**DEAR ABBY:** It was about a 3 a.m. The call came in as a signal 14. In layman's terms, it means someone died. A 47-year-old, terminally ill woman had succumbed to stomach cancer. The call was close to the station so we beat the ambulance to the scene.

When we arrived, it seemed like her entire extended family was there. As we were about to enter the bedroom, the daughter asked if we were there to pick up her mother. We asked if they had DNR (Do Not Resuscitate) papers. She said yes, but they were at the hospital. Instead of starting CPR (which is what we are supposed to do when the DNR papers are not present), our paramedic called medical control, the doctor in charge of our service. Fortunately, he agreed that CPR should not begin.

Abby, this scenario has happened more than once, and I am getting a little angry. My anger is toward the system that sometimes puts family and loved ones between a rock and a hard place. The hospital and doctor know



**DEAR ABBY**  
Aligail VanBuren

that a copy of the DNR papers has to be with the patient at all times or they technically don't exist. Instead of letting their mother die in peace, that family almost experienced the sight of her receiving advanced care life support. For anyone who is not aware, this is far more than giving chest compressions and mouth-to-mouth. She would have had a tube down her throat to aid in breathing, a succession of body-wrenching shocks would have been given, IV lines, drugs, etc. When my stepfather lost his battle with lung cancer, my mother had worked everything out in advance with the hospice facility. All she had to do was call hospice, and they sent a medical examiner

to pick him up. No ambulance. No fire truck. Just a peaceful, dignified way to deal with a very traumatic situation.

Everyone will have to deal with this situation at some time or another. Please, Abby, tell your readers that when this happens to them, or to someone they know, to make sure they know the right things to do.

-CARING FIREFIGHTER  
IN TEXAS

**DEAR FIREFIGHTER:** You have taken care of that - and graphically, I might add. Although some people want every effort made to be resuscitated, many do not. Those who do not should keep in mind your warning that for their wishes to be obeyed, they must be written down, discussed with family members and doctors, and copies must be readily available. Thank you for your urgent reminder.

**DEAR ABBY:** I have been dating "Bob" for seven months. We're both 25. I am in love with

him. He is changing jobs and moving out of state in four months. I want to get married and start a family, but any mention of the word "marriage" makes him very nervous. He says he loves me - that I am "perfect" for him - but he doesn't want me to move out of state with him. He says he can't ask me to make that commitment because he's not sure what he wants. Do you think I'm wasting my time with Bob, or should I give him more time and hope he changes his mind?

-COLORADO  
LADY IN WAITING

**DEAR COLORADO LADY:** I admire his honesty, and whether this has been a waste of time remains to be seen. Absence can make the heart grow fonder, so give him time to realize how much he cares for you and misses you. If, three months after he moves, you see no change in attitude and he's still nervous at the mention of marriage, start looking for a man who is not afraid of commitment.

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## Emmy ballot mistake omits Chris Rock show

**LOS ANGELES (AP)**—The joke was on Chris Rock: His Emmy-nominated comedy special was left off ballots for next month's television awards.

The error, which the Academy of Television Arts & Sciences scrambled to correct in the days after the ballots went out to voters, is one of several that have blemished entertainment awards shows in 2000.

Oscar statuettes were swiped last spring, videocassettes intended to carry Emmy votes for the sitcom "Everybody Loves Raymond" went missing and a hip-hop music awards show was shut down by an audience melee this week.

"There have been an awful lot of gremlins at the Hollywood awards this year," said Thomas O'Neil, author of "The Emmys."

The glitches reflect the detail involved in the awards process, said John Leverage, Emmy Awards director.

"Anything as complicated as the Normandy landing or the Primetime Emmy Awards is bound to have within it opportunities for things not to go right," Leverage said Friday. Because of safeguards, he said, the voting outcome was not compromised.

The omission of HBO's "Chris Rock: Bigger and Blacker" from the variety, music or comedy special ballot was brought to the academy's attention by one of the 330 academy members eligible to vote in the category.

"We called everybody, notified them there was a problem and got them a new ballot or, if they preferred, let them write it (Rock's show) in," Leverage said.

The ballots, which went out in June and were due back by Aug. 21, are all accounted for and complete, he said. A ballot has to have five nominees listed to be counted, there was no chance for an incomplete form to slip through, Leverage said.

A handful of ballots were affected, he said. In a statement, Rock expressed confidence that the mistake would be rectified.

"I'm not worried. I'm sure the

*"Anything as complicated as the Normandy landing or the Primetime Emmy Awards is bound to have within it opportunities for things not to go right."*

—John Leverage,  
Emmy Awards  
director

## 'Sex and Money': A sure winner

You want to publish a successful magazine? Print one called "Sex and Money." An historian says those are the two subjects that have most interested humans since the invention of the one that came second.

Reconsider dust: No dust, no clouds, no rain.

The Gauls played oh so rough. In one popular story, even his strung up a man, and handed him a sword. Contest was between the hanging man and the tightening rope. The rope didn't break.

It's one lawyer that reads: "Infinity is one lawyer waiting for another."

Am told the largest city on earth 11,000 years ago was Chemi Shandinar in what's now Iraq. It had 150 people.

Q. What's a "commercial"?

A. An outdated name for @, the "at" sign. The old nomenclature was used occasionally before the @ became identified with e-mail addresses.

Antlers grow from the tip.

Russia's Leo Tolstoy said Abraham Lincoln's influence will last thousands of years. He said Lincoln's greatness dwarfed the likes of Napoleon, Caesar and Washington. That impression of Lincoln, left by Tolstoy on Russians, remains today.

Q. Why is it dominoes are so much more popular in the South?

A. In the Bible, cards were widely regarded as "The Devil's Picture Book." But dominoes were considered genteel.

Q. What do you call people from Quebec?

A. Quebecois. Pronounce that last syllable like "ch."

A. Icefish has colorless blood.

Q. Who was the first American woman to make a living as a writer?

A. Hannah Adams, 1755-1831. She wrote books on matters religious. Plus "A Summary History of New England."

People in the Florida Keys know a hurricane is coming when the poinciana loses its leaves, land crabs head for higher ground, and ants climb straight up walls.



**WHAT'S WHAT?**  
L.M. Boyd

## Born today? Expect a September wedding

**IF AUGUST 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY:** You are an original thinker, possess natural instinct for showmanship, publicity, advertising. You are attractive, fall in love easily and can be hurt as result. Leo, Aquarius persons play meaningful roles in your life - could have these letters, initials in names: A, S, J. Question of partnership, marriage looms large in September.

**Excitement; you might long for those times of inactivity.** Current cycle highlights versatility, travel, investigation, publishing.

**Sagittarius** is in scenario.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Opposition melts. You took test, survived remarkably well. People are drawn to you with their problems. Help them and you also will be aided. Scorpio involved.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Your kind of day. Moon in your Third House. You find out things. Your humor, versatility will attract important people. The key is not to hold back.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** You might be humming. "Everything is going my way." Spotlight on fami-

## HOROSCOPE

Sydney Omarr

ly, home, where you live, what you decide to do with money. Be diplomatic. Don't force issues.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22):** Cycle high. You win by waiting. All facts are not in. Element of deception present. Glamorous Pisces will batter you. Enjoy what you hear, but not too seriously.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22):** Spotlight on promotion, production, financing. You get solid backing. What you seek is almost immediately available. Backstage mutterings are revealing.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22):** You win friends and influence people and also obtain funding. In matters of speculation, stick with number 9. Aries pulls surprise, will be very beneficial.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21):** Stress independence, original thinking. Throw aside the world preceived notions. You discover that miracles still occur.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec.**

21): Pace slows, yet you make solid gains. Focus on proposals - career and marriage. Cancer native will play dramatic role. Property value assessed. You gain as result.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19):** Loosen reins. Burden is lifted. You have more room for travel, romance. Keep resolutions concerning diet, nutrition. Gemini will play delightful role.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18):** Rewrite, rebuild; allow yourself to dream of the future. Spotlight on clash of ideas, legal rumblings, marital status. Public relations expert will prove helpful.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20):** This is not the end of the line. Rewriting necessary; will be accepted. Filtration more serious than originally anticipated. Gemini, Virgo, Sagittarius persons play roles.

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The Replacements 7:00 - 9:45

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Me, Myself & Irene 7:00 - 9:45

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## CALENDAR of EVENTS

- Child Safety Seat Inspection \* Call the Magic Valley SAFE KIDS Coalition at 737-2433 to schedule your child safety seat inspection. To ensure your child is safe, schedule your free child safety seat inspection. Safety seat checks take approximately 20-30 minutes.
- Free Valet Parking Service \* Monday - Friday, 6 a.m. - 6 p.m. Under the Main Entrance Canopy (near ER). For your convenience, an attendant will park your car in an assigned lot and retrieve it for you when you are ready to leave. Attendants and volunteers will also assist you, if needed, to your destination in the hospital. This free service is offered for your convenience and to reduce congestion in our parking areas.
- 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.
- The Facts About Breast Cancer: Free Breast Screening Education Program. Learn the facts about early detection, self breast examination, examinations by clinical specialists, and mammography. This program is offered free to the public through MVRMC Outpatient Services, 526 Shoup Ave. West, Suite J. For more information or to make an appointment call 736-1675.
- On-going Bone Marrow Registration \* Monday - Thursday, 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center, 656 Addison Avenue West. The process takes about 30 minutes and is free. Registration includes filling out a consent form and having a small amount of blood drawn. Donors must be between 18 and 60 years of age and in good health. This opportunity is made possible by MVRMC, the MVRMC Foundation, Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center, Avmore West, United Dairymen of Idaho, and the Magic Valley Marrow Donor Support Group Volunteers. For more information call 737-2441.
- Cardiac Risk Profile Coupons Available \* Check your Cholesterol (LDL and HDL levels), Triglycerides, and Cardiac Risk Factor for \$14.00. For more information call MVRMC Laboratory Services at 737-2021 or stop by the new main entrance and lobby to receive your coupon.
- Attention Seniors: Do you want to live independently? Call 737-2065 for information about Lifeline, a personal emergency response system.
- Childbirth Refresher Course \* Wednesday, August 30, 7 - 10 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration required. Call 737-2900.
- Infant CPR Class \* Thursday, August 31, 7 - 9:30 p.m., Education Center. Pre-registration is not required.
- Prepared Childbirth Course \* Tuesdays, September 5 - October 3, 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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# Deadly virus sickens more New Yorkers

New York Daily News

**NEW YORK** - The potentially deadly West Nile virus has sickened two more people in New York City, both women in their 80s, one of whom is comatose, Mayor Rudolph Giuliani said Friday.

They are the fourth and fifth victims in the city to have tested positive this summer for the viral infection, which is transmitted by mosquito bites. Four of the five are out of danger.

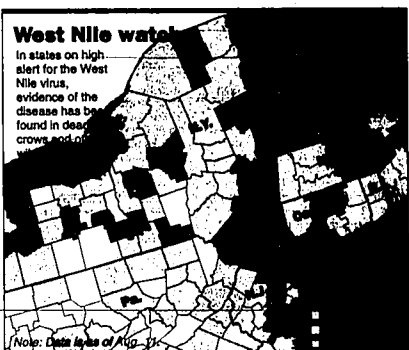
But one of the newly reported victims is critically ill, said Dr. Neal Cohen, the city's health commissioner.

She is an 87-year-old woman from Brooklyn who is in intensive care and in a coma.

Cohen said the woman developed symptoms of encephalitis, an inflammation of the brain, Aug. 15 while in a Brooklyn hospital for an unrelated operation.

He said it is believed she contracted the virus from a mosquito bite while sitting on her patio or walking in her neighborhood. She lives not far from Green-Wood Cemetery, where infected mosquitoes have been found, Cohen said.

The other new victim is an 84-year-old woman from Staten Island, who is hospitalized but improving. The mayor said she is in "serious but not critical" condition.



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; U.S. Geological Survey

Of the five infected people, four live on Staten Island, the epicenter of this year's outbreak.

While relatively harmless to most healthy individuals, the virus can be fatal in rare cases. It was blamed for seven deaths last year - four of them in the city, all in Queens.

Elderly people are more vulnerable to the virus. The people who died last year were older

than 75. The ages of the five people infected this year range from 63 to 87.

The West Nile virus was first detected in this country last summer. It has since spread through much of the northeastern seaboard, as evidenced by infected birds and mosquitoes.

Only New York City has reported human victims this year. Repeated spraying of pesti-

cides in many parts of the city and throughout Staten Island has failed to kill all the carrier mosquitoes.

But Cohen noted that at this time last year, 46 people were ill from what was later diagnosed as the West Nile virus.

"We're satisfied that what we're doing this year is working," he said of the strategy of ground-spraying the pesticide Anvil in a 2-mile radius of any area found to have infected people, birds or mosquito pools.

Giuliani said tests have confirmed 13 new pools of infected mosquitoes - 12 on Staten Island and one in Van Cortlandt Park in the Bronx. All told, 77 infected mosquito pools were found this summer, 65 of them on Staten Island.

Two of the new pools of infected mosquitoes were collected Sunday on Staten Island in locations that already had been sprayed.

New rounds of spraying have been scheduled tonight in Brooklyn around Green-Wood Cemetery and Prospect Park, and tomorrow in the Riverdale and Woodlawn areas of the Bronx and all of Staten Island. Staten Island will be sprayed again Wednesday.

"It's less serious than it was last year, but still a cause of great concern," Giuliani said of the outbreak.

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## NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF HOME PROGRAM FUNDS

Notice is hereby given by the Idaho Housing and Finance Association (IHFA) of the availability of approximately \$3.5 million in HOME Program Funds. Applications must be received at the IHFA office in Boise no later than 5:00 p.m., October 2, 2000. Applications must be mailed to P. O. Box 7899, Boise, Idaho 83707-1899, or hand-delivered to the IHFA HOME Department at 565 West Myrtle, Boise, Idaho, 83702.

Eligible applicants include Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDOs), nonprofit or for-profit developers or affordable housing, units of local government, and local housing authorities.

The application is available on diskette as an Excel 5.0 file for a fee of \$5.00. If submitted on diskette, the application forms must be submitted in the Excel 5.0 format, but the narrative sections of the application may be submitted as Word files. Additional exhibits may be submitted electronically in one of the previously mentioned formats, or as paper documents.

The HOME funds available through this application round may be used for any of the eligible activities described in the Idaho HOME Program Administrative Plan. To receive the HOME Administrative Plan, please contact the IHFA HOME Department at the address above or phone toll free at 1-877-4GRANTS(477-2687), or TDD (800) 545-1833 ext. 400, or fax (208) 331-4808.



# Company prepares smallpox vaccine

The Washington Post

**WASHINGTON** - A Rockville, Md., company has signed on to manufacture a smallpox vaccine for the military, marking the first time in decades that a weapon against the disease will have been produced.

BioReliance Corp., a biological testing and manufacturing company that has specialized mostly in gene therapies, said it will initially make about 300,000 doses of the smallpox vaccine, beginning by the end of the year.

Making the vaccine has become a priority in recent years amid growing fears of a bioterrorist attack using the deadly virus. A vaccine for smallpox hasn't been produced since the disease was eradicated in the mid-1970s, leaving whole populations open to infection in the event the virus is released.

Only two tightly controlled samples of the virus are supposed to have survived the eradication of the disease, one in Russia and one at the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta. But health officials and biological warfare experts say virus samples may have been obtained by other countries, including North Korea, Iran, Syria and Libya.

"The potential for an outbreak is very real," said Michael Osterholm, chief executive of the Infection Control Advisory Network in Minnesota. "It's been so long since anyone has had the vaccine, if smallpox came back it would be one of the most horrible nightmares we could imagine among humans."

The smallpox vaccination is only one part of a 10-year program to make new, more efficient and safer vaccines for the military. The CDC says it has enough vaccine for 15 million people, but scientists estimate that as much as a quarter of the vaccines are no longer effective.

Smallpox, caused by the variola virus, was a major plague through most of human history, killing an estimated half-billion people - more than all the wars and epidemics put together. The last reported case occurred in 1978 in England. Like chickenpox, smallpox is highly contagious and produces a striking, pustular rash. Unlike that disease, however, smallpox kills about 30 percent of people who contract it, researchers said.

There is no drug treatment for smallpox, and the only way to halt an outbreak is to quarantine infected patients and to conduct a mass vaccination campaign, said Donald A. Henderson, the physician who ran the World Health Organization's smallpox eradication campaign and who is now director of the Center for Civilian Biodefense Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

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