

GOOD MORNING

WEATHER

Today: Patchy morning fog. Otherwise mostly cloudy and cool with a 40 percent chance of rain showers. West winds 10-15 mph. High 51. A 20 percent chance of rain showers this evening, otherwise decreasing clouds and cold. Low 32.

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Oh, bats! With Halloween approaching, first-graders at Paul Elementary School have been learning that bats are not evil blood suckers but an important part of the ecosystem.

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Posting the past



Ron James teaches anthropology and is an avid local historian. He has worked with the Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission to place signs around the county detailing the history of the area.

Historic signs go up around Twin Falls County

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - They are signs of the times, old times. One sign sits near the Filer City Hall, briefly explaining the history behind the town - and the man behind the town, Walter G. Filer.

Another sign is dedicated to the Snake River Canyon Gold Rush, when in 1869, gold was discovered in the canyon below Shoshone Falls.

About half of the 22 signs have already been put up - some in front of the former resting place of various historic sites, such as the Desert Station, a resting place for stagecoaches in the

1880s. Other signs have been placed on historical buildings, like the one at the Twin Falls County Courthouse.

But several more are in the works, and looking for homes.

Jim Woods - director of the Herrick Center at the College of Southern Idaho, which sponsored the sign celebrating the gold rush - said a site for that sign is being discussed. The historic sign project, spearheaded by the Twin Falls

Sign time

The Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission will put up another historic sign at about 10 a.m. Saturday at Camptonia Park. Members of the Twin Falls Rotary Club, which helped sponsor the sign, will be on hand.

County Historic Preservation Commission, has moved ahead smoothly.

"At first, we were just going to pay for the signs - with grants, but then we wanted something a little more substantial so we came up with sponsors," said Woods, a historic commission member. "We thought since these signs are distributed all around the valley, it would be easy to find sponsors for them."

And it was. Many signed on after a phone call.

The 2 1/2- by 2-foot signs contain about a paragraph of historical information about the places they represent.

It's not a new idea: The Idaho State Historical Society has placed signs around the state designating historical monuments or arcs, and cities such as Baker City, Ore. and Butte, Mont., have put up historical signs. However, Twin Falls County is one of the first counties to do so.

Commission members began discussing the signs two years ago.

The total bill for the project was about \$7,500 - \$4,850 in National Park Service grants

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Enviros press for changes in roadless proposal

Agency rushes to complete plan

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - With the Clinton administration putting the final touches on a plan for protecting 43 million acres of roadless forests, environmentalists are stepping up efforts to make sure the document reads the way they want it.

Forest Service officials are working frantically to complete the newest version of the plan that environmentalists have described as one of the greatest conservation actions of the last 100 years. The new version is due out in mid-November with the final rule scheduled to be completed in mid-December.

The first version of the plan - released in May - banned road building in more than one-fifth of the 192 million acres of national forests but left it to local forest managers to decide whether to restrict logging, mining, recreation and other activities in the 43 million acres of roadless forests.

Ninety-five percent of the roadless forests covered under the plan are located in 12 western states.

Forest Service officials refuse to divulge details of the newest version of the plan but say parts have already been sent to the printer.

Environmentalists this month have run TV and newspaper advertisements and boosted their letter-writing efforts in a bid to gain last-minute influence with President Clinton and administration officials who are preparing the documents.

The green activists want the roadless plan to include Alaska's Tongass National Forest, which was exempted in the May version of the plan because the Tongass is already covered under a separate forest plan in 1999.

Exempting the Tongass means that 8.5 million acres of roadless areas are being left out of the roadless initiative - a "gaping hole" in the effort, said Matt Zencey, manager of the Alaska Rainforest Campaign in Anchorage, Alaska.

The exemption is significant because more than 80 percent of the road building planned in roadless forests over the next four years is in Tongass, Zencey said. Half of the roadless area timber to be offered for sale in the same period

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President Bill Clinton



A helicopter drops a load of logs on a logging site at a logging operation in the Caribou National Forest near McCammon last spring.

Crippled USS Cole begins long journey home

Knight Ridder News Service

ADEN, Yemen - To the sound of patriotic music, Yemeni tugs pulled the crippled destroyer USS Cole out of Aden harbor Sunday to begin her long trip home, 17 days after a suicide attack killed 17 American sailors and wounded 39 others.

The Cole's departure ends a chapter in the worst attack on U.S. military personnel since the 1996 bombing of a U.S. Air Force housing compound in Saudi Arabia that killed 19 service members. It also brings some closure to the remaining members of the Cole's crew, who will fly home to their

families in the United States this week.

As the American destroyer was towed out of the harbor, her crew appeared proud and dignified. At 9:30 a.m., sailors in blue uniforms raised and saluted the American flag, as the national anthem blared from loudspeakers. For the past two weeks, the flag has been flying at half-mast. As the anthem played, four yellow tugboats pulled the 505-foot destroyer, with a 40-by-40 foot hole in her side, slowly out of the harbor.

The "Star-Spangled Banner" soon gave way to "Cowboy," a rap song by Kid Rock that's about survival and

Budget battle

Deal remains elusive as election nears

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Congress' final budget battle with President Clinton resumed with a rare Sunday session. Republicans vowed to stay until Election Day rather than accede to the president's demands but held out hopes that a deal could be struck in the next two days.

"There are some ideas being exchanged," Majority Leader Trent Lott told reporters after convening the Senate. "There is a mood - that it is time to bring this to a conclusion."

But the Mississippi Republican added, "I'm resigned to being here on Election Day if that's what it takes."

With nine days remaining before the election, negotiations were inching forward, with the two sides mulling new White House proposals on school construction, ergonomics and other issues that have held up agreement on a bill funding labor, education and health programs.

House Appropriations Committee Chairman Bill Young, R-Fla., said it was a "positive step" and held out hopes the bill could be finished by Monday night.

"The White House has laid out a fairly straightforward proposition for ending the divisions at least on the part of both sides," ABC's "This Week" Clinton said earlier Sunday on ABC's "This Week" that Clinton was demanding that Republicans "cave to what his demands are."

Clinton, calling on lawmakers to put aside partisan demands, also said a deal was within reach.

U.S. astronaut awaits ride on Russia's rocket

The Associated Press

BAIKONUR, Kazakhstan - The Russian rocket that will carry up the first residents of the international space station emerged from its hangar Sunday and, enveloped by the pre-dawn desert fog, was hoisted by rail to its launch pad.

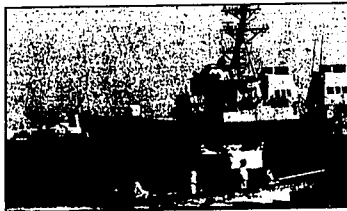
The Soyuz rocket is American astronaut Bill Shepherd's ticket to the new space station. He's scheduled to depart on his four-month mission from the Baikonur Cosmodrome on Tuesday, along with Russian cosmonauts Yuri Gidzenko and Sergei Krikalev.

Shepherd and his crew did not come out to watch their rocket's half-hour train ride across the barren steppes of this Central Asian spaceport 1,300 miles south of Moscow. Shepherd's wife was there, though, to videotape the event.

"It's hard to believe that we're here," said Beth Stringham-Shepherd. "We've waited so long."

On Tuesday, Shepherd, a 51-year-old Navy captain, will become only the second

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A Yemeni police boat passes by Sunday as the damaged USS Cole is towed into deep water by Yemeni tug boats from the port of Aden.

Democrats get message out

Republicans rest for final week

MACOMBE, Mich. (AP) — Democrats Al Gore and Joseph Lieberman blanketed TV talk shows Sunday, rocked Detroit's black churches and motored through Michigan with a loose homestretch message: "George Bush is not ready to be president of the United States." Bush told Latino supporters in California that he is going to beat Gore.

There because he is working to earn every vote while the vice president has taken the state for granted.

Tipper Gore appealed to those who don't see her husband's personal appeal, telling Macomb County's swing voters the presidential election is not "The Dating Game."

"You don't have to fall in love with Al Gore. I already did that," she said before boarding a bus caravan with the vice president, running mate Lieberman and his wife Hadassah.

President Clinton, banished to the wings, preached at two Washington-area black churches, trying to excite likely Gore voters to turn out on Election Day. The latest polls give GOP Texas



Democratic presidential candidate Vice President Al Gore fans his wife, Tipper, with a Gore/Lieberman 2000 campaign poster, as she introduces him to supporters at a campaign rally in East Lansing, Mich., Sunday.

Gov. Bush a narrow but notable edge in a race that has seasawed since the summer conventions. State polls dramatize the historic closeness of the contest: Gore appears ahead in Florida, Bush up in Ohio and other battlegrounds still tight tossups.

With nine days left in the campaign, the rhetoric got even sharper, with Lieberman flatly asserting that Bush is not ready to be president.

"Maybe someday, but not now. Now George Bush is not ready to be president of the United States, the kind of president you need and deserve," Lieberman told a rally on the lawn of Macomb County Community College,

repeating lines he used on three networking morning shows.

Mrs. Gore, who normally keeps her introductions short and sweet, also piled on, saying voters want experience and "somebody who understands foreign policy."

Ralph Nader, the Green Party candidate who is pulling support from Gore among liberals in key states such as Michigan, where Gore has a slight edge, dismissed him as ineffectual.

"If Gore cannot beat the bumbling Texas governor, with that horrific record, what good is he? What good is he? Good heavens, this should be a slam dunk," Nader said on ABC's "This Week."

Clinton implores black voters to rally behind Gore

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (AP) — President Clinton sang along with the gospel choirs at two black Baptist churches Sunday and implored congregants to ponder what he called the stark choices of the presidential campaign and to "make sure nobody takes a pass on Nov. 7."

"When I hear people say this is not really a very significant election it makes me want to go head first into an empty swimming pool," Clinton said at Alfred Street Baptist Church just outside Washington. "We really do have a big, clear, unambiguous stark choice here. We don't have to get mad, but we need to be smart."

Clinton, the White House portly after down on a clear, crisp late-October day, Clinton issued a strong appeal for a large turnout of black voters for Vice President Al Gore in the contest with Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

"There are differences in education policy, in health care policy, in environmental policy, in crime policy and on foreign policy, just a ton of things," Clinton told the early morning service at Shiloh Baptist Church in the nation's capital. "You need to show on Election Day."

Experts say precedent complicates diplomacy

Some terrorist victims claim compensation plan falls short of goal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A new law gives American victims of terrorist millions of dollars in compensation, but some fear it won't achieve its ultimate goal — punishing terrorist nations.

The legislation to pay victims from the U.S. Treasury first, and recoup the money from alleged terrorist states later, is a precedent that complicates international diplomacy, say some international law experts.

The legislation signed Sunday by President Clinton is "a convoluted scheme," says Rosemary Wolfe of Alexandria, Va., whose 20-year-old stepdaughter, Miriam, died in the 1988 bombing of Pan Am Flight 103.

"I'm no saint, but I could not take money this way," says Susan Cohen, whose 20-year-old daughter, Theodora, died in that attack over Lockerbie, Scotland.

"It doesn't punish terrorists, it punishes U.S. taxpayers," says Cohen of Cape May Court House, N.J.

"The American taxpayer is going to pay millions of dollars, and somehow, someday, maybe soon, maybe not soon, the money will be taken from the Iranians?" asked Cohen.

"I think you have to believe in the Easter Bunny to believe that." She and other believe Libya is behind the Pan Am bombing of 12 years ago. One proponent of the law and another with Cuban ties who benefit from it is Stephen Flatow, whose daughter, Alisa, was killed in a 1995 bombing in the Gaza Strip. Others include Terry Anderson, former chief Middle East correspondent for The

Associated Press in 1984 when he was taken hostage and held in Lebanon for nearly seven years, and fellow hostages held for shorter periods, David Jacobsen, Joseph Cicippio and Frank Reed.

Together, eight families who've won lawsuits will receive some \$213 million plus interest.

"When Tehran reads in the papers that the president has signed this law, and people can go after their money, it's going to hit home," says Flatow of West Orange, N.J. "They're going to wake up."

Courts awarded those damages under a 1996 law that allowed American victims to sue countries sponsoring terrorists if those countries are on the State Department's list of seven terrorist states.

The victims had been blocked from getting the payments until now because the administration rejected various plans such as seizing the long-closed Iranian embassy in Washington or taking money from frozen Iranian assets. Officials feared drawing retaliation or ruining chances for future relations with those states, which are Sudan, North Korea, Iraq, Iran, Cuba, Libya and Syria.

Another section of the law gives some \$50 million to the families of three Brothers to the Rescue workers whose plane was shot down off the coast of Florida by Cuban jets in 1996. That money comes from frozen Cuban assets and not the Treasury.

"While the law most immediately addresses cases against Iran and Cuba, lawsuits are pending against Iraq by Americans used as human shields during the Persian Gulf War and against Libya on behalf of the victims of Pan Am's bombing. If those families are awarded damages in court, they too could go to the government to ask for help in getting compensation."

Gore and Bush offer distinct philosophies

WASHINGTON (AP) — Beyond George W. Bush's "compassionate conservatism" and Al Gore's own roots in centrist politics, clear and classic choices are being offered in the presidential election.

Such choices used to fall broadly under the names liberal and conservative. The labels have changed, or taken on some adornment, but underlying philosophies are pretty much intact.

Democrat Gore and Republican Bush agree on most of the ends: better schools, a stronger military, health care for more Americans and more money for retirement.

They differ significantly on the means. Simply put, Gore invests more faith in the federal government's ability to solve a wide range of national problems, offering through programs — or selective tax breaks that resemble programs — to help



Vice President Al Gore and Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

Americans save for their advanced years, put kids through university or make the environment cleaner with energy-efficient dishwashers, cars and homes.

Bush uses broad tax cuts, money to state governments, a reliance on a less-fettered marketplace and individual omph to tackle many of the same problems, while offering, as he hardly ever fails to mention, a safety net.

Boost retirement income? You bet, says Gore: by keeping Social Security as it is and layering on top of it a new entitlement matching the money that people put into their retirement investments.

Absolutely, says Bush: by letting people divert some of their Social Security taxes into the market, in what promises to be the most profound change in the program's history.

Help the elderly buy prescription drugs? Yes, says Gore: by sweetening Medicare.

Yes, says Bush: by giving money to states to look after the elderly poor while setting up a system that uses both the private market and Medicare to give people choices in plans.

Absolutely, says Gore, who'd spend billions to add parkland. Yes, too, from Bush, but with an emphasis on private land

management.

"There is a lot of 'Yes' in this campaign. The huge budget surpluses projected for years to come, a unique feature for today's Americans, are being treated as a gold mine for expensive ambitions.

Gore would use them to advance a largely Clinton-plus agenda: extending reasonably priced health insurance to more children and lower-income adults, turning preschool into a universally affordable program, plowing billions into school construction and teachers' pay raises. He'd sprinkle tax breaks here and there through the middle class to promote popular social goals like college or job training.

Bush would use the surpluses to cut tax rates for everyone from the working poor to the fabulously rich, while going further than Republicans usually do to spend money on social needs.

Donations to charities jump to 13 percent

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's leading charities raised more than \$38 billion last year, an increase of 13 percent over 1998, a philanthropy journal reports in its new issue.

The Salvation Army led the 1999 survey of the top 400 charities for the eighth straight year, receiving \$1.4 billion in cash and donations to goods, care of national problems, offering through programs — or selective tax breaks that resemble programs — to help

for about a fifth of charitable giving nationwide, which has steadily increased over the past decade, especially in the last three years.

"Giving flows and grows with the economy," Eugene R. Tempel, director of Indiana University Center on Philanthropy was quoted by the Chronicle as saying.

LAPD police shoot, kill Halloween partygoer

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The police shooting of a Halloween party guest who had a fake gun has left the troubled Los Angeles Police Department in an unwanted spotlight and the victim's friends blaming racial profiling.

Actor Anthony Quinn Lee, 39, died at a Hollywood Hills mansion after he was shot several times by an officer who fired at him through a glass door about 1 a.m. Saturday.

Police say Lee had pointed what looked like a gun at Officer Terri Hopper, and Hopper, who had arrived at the mansion in response to a neighbor's noise complaint, fired in self defense.

"He had no way of knowing it was fake even though people were in costume," Los Angeles Police Department spokeswoman Charlotte Broughton said of the officer Sunday. "If you feel your life is threatened, you react in the way you were trained."

But Lee's friends said Sunday that the shooting was more than a mistake. Some planned to hold vigil Monday night in front of the police station where Hopper is stationed to protest the shooting.

"His biggest fear was getting killed by cops, because he's a tall black man," Mary Lin, a friend of the Lee's, told the Los Angeles Times.

A longtime friend of Lee's, Ramon McLane, said Lee had been a subject of racial profile

before. "One time he was in our neighborhood convenience store and the cops handcuffed him and were rough with him. There had been a robbery but he didn't fit the description at all," McLane said.

It wasn't clear if Lee knew that Hopper, who is also black, was a policeman and not just another party guest in costume.

Some at the party said other guests were wearing LAPD uniforms.

"This is so incredibly shocking that a person would be taken down like this," said Kirsten Blackburn, a friend of Lee's.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Pair of accidents kill one, injures others

TWIN FALLS - A local teenager died early Sunday in a collision east of town.

Jeremy Kienzle, 18, of Twin Falls, died Sunday when the Dodge pickup truck he was driving collided with a Circle A semi-truck. The accident happened at about 1:40 a.m. near the Hansen Bridge on Idaho Highway 50, Twin Falls County Sheriff's Office spokeswoman Nancy Howell said.

Kienzle and the semi-truck were northbound when the Circle-A truck started to pass the pickup. The pickup went off the pavement on the right. The driver overcorrected and came back across the lane. The semi hit the pickup, causing it to roll over, ejecting Kienzle, Howell said.

He was pronounced dead at the scene. The accident still is under investigation, she said.

Later Sunday, a little after 3 p.m., several people were injured in a four-vehicle accident at the intersection of Falls Avenue East and Mountain View Drive.

Twin Falls Police are looking for a green Chevrolet either Suburban or pickup with a camper that left the scene.

Police officials did not release the names of the other drivers or any further details Sunday evening.

Buhl School Board will hold special meeting

BUHL - The School Board will meet in executive session to hold a student hearing at 6 p.m. today at the district office at 920 Main St.

Buhl City Council mulls adopting citizen plan

BUHL - The City Council will consider adopting the Citizen Participation Plan for the Downtown Revitalization Project at tonight's council meeting.

The meeting will begin at 6 p.m. inside council chambers at 203 N. Broadway.

The council will also consider several other resolutions regarding the Downtown Revitalization Project as well as a resolution establishing salaries of appointed officers.

The meeting is open to the public.

Blaine commissioners will meet at courthouse

HAILEY - Blaine County commissioners will consider an ordinance Tuesday that would require the covering of vehicles transporting loose materials at their meeting today.

The meeting will begin at 8:45 a.m. at the courthouse.

Also on today's agenda is a discussion about housing with Scott Hauer of the South Central Community Action Agency.

The meeting is open to the public.

Universal Piano returns to Faulkner Planetarium

TWIN FALLS - The Herrett Center for Arts and Science at the College of Southern Idaho will bring an interplanetary concert hall again next weekend as the Universal Piano program returns to the Faulkner Planetarium.

Boise area concert pianists Paul Sceller and Doreen Betschart have scheduled six performances of the unique concert at the Faulkner Friday through Sunday, featuring the rare two-piano score of The Planets by Holst. As the performers work their way through the various music movements, the audience will see images on the planetarium dome portraying the historical significance of the Roman gods Mars, Venus, Jupiter, Saturn, and Neptune. They'll also see stunning modern-day telescope and space probe images as well as computer-animated flybys of those planets as they're performed.

Twin Steinway grand pianos from Dunkley Music in Boise will be brought to Twin Falls for the performance. The total length of the concert will be under an hour, making it a perfect family-oriented cultural and science event. Audience members will sit in the theater's special folding chairs in the planetarium that allow them to see the images projected above them.

Performances are scheduled at 7 and 8:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday at 7, 8 and 9 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$5 for students of all ages. Tickets can be reserved or they can be purchased at the door. Reservations or special pricing groups of eight or more can be arranged through Mary Ann Bick at 736-3059.

Compiled from staff reports

TF council to discuss Local Improvement District

By John T. Huddy
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - The engineers are gearing up, an ordinance has been written and the North Main Local Improvement District project is almost ready to be launched.

All it needs now is for the City Council to make an agreement with Riedesel Engineering for preliminary engineering services and for the council to approve an

ordinance creating the North Main LID. According to a Riedesel Engineering proposal, four tasks need to be completed before construction work on Main Avenue North can begin.

"The first task would be a survey of the proposed project area," the proposal says. "The second task is to complete preliminary base maps of the project. These first two tasks will better define the quantities and allow us to complete the third task of a new cost estimate. The fourth task would be to hold public meetings."

Engineering fees would cost about \$20,000, the proposal says. The new LID was crucial to a project to replace sidewalks, curbs and gutters

while adding landscaping and other features to the 200 and 300 blocks of Main Avenue North and the nearby blocks of Second and Third streets.

The estimated cost of the project is \$920,750.

The Urban Renewal Agency has pledged \$120,000 and the City Council \$102,000 for the project; \$500,000 could come from an Idaho Community Development Block Grant, which is contingent on formation of the LID. Property owners would pay \$198,750 through LID assessments.

Property owners within the LID would be assessed \$75 per linear foot fronting Main Avenue North and \$35 per linear

foot on Second and Third streets. At least 60 percent of the property owners must sign the petition to form the LID. All but one of the 24 businesses in the LID signed the petition, said Tim Jones, executive director of the city's downtown Business Improvement District.

The City Council unanimously approved the LID earlier this month. But the ordinance officially creating the LID still needs council approval.

Also on tonight's agenda is consideration of a parcel of right-of-way in the 500 block of Filer Avenue. The right-of-way will enable reassignment of the west side of Locust Street North.

Making the change

WALK ON



Hikers trek across the bridge at the Fox Creek trailhead north of Ketchum.

KRISTEN SHALTZ/The Times-News

Not so scary

Students learn to appreciate bats

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

PAUL - Bats get no respect. Their popular image ranges from creepy to terrifying.

But with Halloween approaching, first-graders at Paul Elementary School have been learning that these winged mammals are not evil blood suckers but an important part of the ecosystem.

"I had a lot (of students) who were really scared of bats," teacher Ann Stearns said. Her students believed "they'll bite you and suck your blood and you'll die."

On Friday, Miriam Austin, a biological field researcher, brought slides and information to the school.

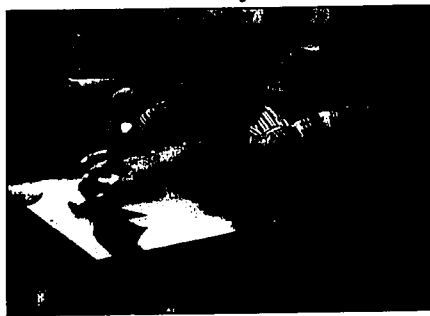
She also brought the sterilized bodies of two bats native to this area, a big brown bat and a hoary bat, from the biology lab at the College of Southern Idaho.

Instead of fear, the first-graders exhibited rapt interest, clamoring to get a close look - even to touch the bats.

One of the things that was stressed about bats is their bug-eating capability. Some species will eat as many as 600 mosquitoes in an hour - one every 10 seconds.

All 14 species of bats that are native to Idaho eat an insect-based diet. Some prefer beetles, while others will supplement their meals by occasionally devouring tiny lizards or scorpions.

Even for the most squeamish students, a bug-eating animal has a certain appeal.



Alicia Trojo, a first-grader at Paul Elementary, pets the sterilized remains of a big brown bat as Becky Pearson, middle, and Teresa Molina, left, look on. Paul first-graders studied bats last week and saw a presentation on bats on Friday.

AARON BROCK/The Times-News

"Do they eat black widows?" first-grader Cody Stewart asked Austin.

They probably would, if they had the opportunity, she replied.

"Then I need one," the student said.

During one exercise, students were blindfolded and paired up - one as the mother bat and one as the baby - and instructed to find each other using a distinctive call. Some calls were more distinctive than others.

"One of the babies in my class said 'Moo,'" Stearns said. With their ability to control insect numbers and pollinate certain plants, they are an important, if often overlooked, part of the agricultural community, Austin said.

But some species are in trouble.

Learning how to reach out

'Youth Buddies' teaches children about friendship

By Loretta Burkhardt
Times-News correspondent

CASTLEFORD - Children at Castleford School are cultivating meaningful friendships through a mentoring program at the school.

"Youth Buddies," brings children in kindergarten through sixth grade together with peer mentors - 70 seventh- through 12th-graders from the school's Civic Club - to talk about things like friendships and the difficulties and risks involved in reaching out to others.

Now in its second year, children and their mentors gather for an all-day retreat once a month to participate in activities that promote trust and respect. The most recent retreat was held Friday.

Advisor Geianne Choate said the program teaches young people about the importance of teamwork and sharing and "how to care and how to be cared about."

Young people get some help with their academic pursuits at the same time.

"Mentors are also called on to help tutor kids who might need a little extra help with their schoolwork," Choate said.

And mentors get that good feeling that comes from helping someone else.

"We bond with the kids and they look up to us," said mentor

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Candy bags go high tech

Tech center students create trick-or-treat sacks for children

By Aaron Brock
Times-News writer

BURLEY - Two classes of students at the Cassia Regional Technical Center put their skills to work for a good cause this week.

They put their computer software knowledge to use by designing and creating Halloween bags for students at the Newcomer Center.

Students in the computer-aided design and drafting (CAD) classes put their skills to the test during four class periods in the hope of seeing some tangible results.

The classes designed Halloween bags with spooky designs. The images had to be designed rather than downloaded. Upon completing the project, the tech center students gave the bags to the young students at the Newcomer Center.

"Our boys and girls were so excited to get them," said Irma Bushman, the director of the center.

There are 45 kindergarten through sixth-grade students at the Newcomer Center. The students haven't been in the United States long and most of them have very limited English, Bushman said.

Part of the school's curriculum is designed to teach students cultural awareness and Bushman's class has been learning about Halloween. The candy bags from the tech center students were a welcome reinforcement for all they've learned, she said, and there was a payoff for the tech center students as well.

"They were very proud and they should be," Bushman said. (The bags) were neat and I saw one of my kids give one of the tech center kids a hug."

The project gave the tech students a break from the tediousness of learning the software. But the project actually helped the students fine-tune their computer skills.

"It allowed them to learn more about the software than they normally would," said CAD teacher Patty Metz.

While the bags are a nice gesture, many people might look at them and think they aren't special and that they could buy similar bags at Wal-Mart, said Kim Seely, the tech center's public relations director.

But, she explained, that is the whole idea. This software exists to create products that can be mass-produced and then sold at such stores.

"There's lots of capabilities with CAD and this was a way to integrate it with another school," she said.

Another benefit of the project is that it sparked some of the Newcomer Center students' interest in the tech center. The students are planning to visit Metz's class to check out the computer programs, Bushman said.

"I really appreciate (tech center students) wanting to do projects and work with my kids," she said. "Hopefully they'll inspire my kids in some way."

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National fire plan doubles efforts, focuses on the West including Boise, Pocatello

RENO, Nev. (AP) - The Forest Service will nearly double its fleet of fire engines to fight forest fires throughout the West, including Boise and Pocatello, as part of a new national fire plan.

Agency officials planned on Monday to announce details of more than \$2 billion in new resources headed to the Forest as a result of the package approved by Congress and recently signed into law by President Clinton.

"It is just about a doubling of our firefighting resources," said Mike Dondero, the forest's fire management officer based in Carson City.

"We're still going to get fires. But the extra resources and communities and provide more resources for the initial attack to keep all

the fires in the West from becoming so large," he said in an interview.

Twice as many engines - 22 of the 750-gallon tankers and 22 of the smaller 150-gallon trucks - are expected to be on the lines in Nevada during the next fire season opens in the spring.

As much as \$200 million in additional funding is expected to help reduce fuel loads through everything from grazing sheep in overgrown grasslands to mowing brush and conducting prescribed burns, he said.

The increased resources for the Humboldt-Toiyabe - the largest national forest outside of Alaska - is typical of a boost in spending throughout the Forest Service's nearly 200 million acres nationally, Dondero said.

Two new large fire engines. each are planned for Las Vegas, Elko and Ely, he said.

Big new engines also are headed for Mountain City, Sparks, Genoa, Markleeville, Calif., and either Tonopah or Austin.

In addition to the engines, the Forest Service plans the addition of five of its elite "hot shot" crews in the Great Basin, including Elko, Salt Lake City, Cedar City, Utah; Boise and Pocatello.

Dondero said it will mark the first time in his 32 years working for the agency that its firefighting needs have been met. More typical is the 55 percent of budget requests that were met last year, he said.

The extra resources would have come in handy this summer, especially in Montana, where he helped coordinate efforts against the nation's hottest hot spots.

Salmon resolution gets bitter reaction

SEATTLE (AP) - Dam politicians.

It started in August, when the Seattle City Council passed a mostly meaningless resolution designed to help salmon: Hey, Eastern Washington, it said, it's time to haul down those dams on the Snake River.

The people of Eastern Washington took the suggestion like a hook in the cheek. At least 11 outraged communities, from Colton and Clarkston to Quincy and Coulee Dam, and two counties passed resolutions or sent letters in response.

Now, it's become a bitter campaign issue. U.S. Sen. Slade Gorton and Rep. George Nethercutt, both Republicans, are fighting off their challenge by accusing them of being led in Seattle, where people want to destroy the dams.

"It's gotten a lot more attention than we thought it would," said

Seattle City Councillor Richard Conlin, a co-sponsor of the offending document.

Needless to say, the four Snake River dams are a touchy subject east of the "Cascade Curtain," where residents are wary of big-city dwellers telling them what to think. The dams provide jobs and electricity and allow barge travel, the cheapest way to ship wheat, which is among the region's top crops.

Many people believe removing them would help salmon, which can circumvent the dams via fish ladders while swimming upstream, but which have trouble coming back down.

The dams are federal and could not be hatched without an act of Congress. Seattle City Council has no practical say in the matter, and that's one reason the resolution came across as big-city arrogance.

"There's a lot of resentment of

Seattle here in the eastern part of the state, and this just fed into the resentment," said Jim Dorman, Nethercutt's campaign manager. "It just adds fuel to the fire for people who think we live in two different states."

Seattle has spent tens of millions of dollars to help restore salmon, Conlin said, and the council wants the rest of the state to try just as hard.

"We do put our money where our mouth is," he said. Some communities have responded by calling, only half jokingly, for Seattle to remove the Ballard Locks, which link Lake Union and Lake Washington with Puget Sound.

Nethercutt has used the issue to attack his Democratic challenger Tom Keefe. But Keefe, who was born in Seattle and now lives in Eastern Washington, has repeatedly said he wants the dams to stay put.

New program could let first time sex offenders avoid conviction

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - First-time, nonviolent offenders arrested on charges of soliciting sex may have the chance to avoid a misdemeanor conviction if they take therapy classes.

Under a pilot program starting next month in Salt Lake City, offenders can take an eight-to-10-week course teaching them how their crime affects their homes, health, relationships and community. If they complete it, the charge is dropped from their records. Known as John schools, these programs are becoming increasingly widespread in the United States and Canada.

"This is not to shame them," said Candace Newow, a court services manager for the city's Criminal Justice Service, which is working on the program with the 3rd District Court. "There is some of that anyway by being caught. What we really want to do is educate them."

Salt Lake City is following the model established by San Francisco, which became the first U.S. city to offer a John school in 1995. Portland, Ore., Nashville, Tenn., and Vancouver and

Toronto, both in Canada, soon followed. Salt Lake City's six-month pilot John Offender Program will differ from the others in that participants will be required to attend class once a week for eight to 10 weeks. The other programs offer a one-day class.

Salt Lake City Prosecutor Sim Gill says the longer course should be more effective in explaining to men why they turn to prostitutes and what they can do to change their habits.

"I think this is a victimless crime," Gill said. "The other myth is that the prostitute enjoys what is being done to her. John says that all sorts of self-rationalization that they use to explain away their own behavior."

Participants in the course will be confronted by former prostitutes who will explain how the act demeaned them or how they may have contracted HIV or other sexually transmitted diseases. Diversity and is the founder of a center and sensitivity training program.

Yates fails polygraph

SPOKANE, Wash. (AP) - Lie-detector tests did not support the claim that Robert Yates' contention that he murdered no more than 16 people and none outside Washington state, experts concluded in independent reviews. The polygraph test was key to a plea bargain agreed to by Spokane prosecutors under which Yates pleaded guilty to 13 murders but did not face the death penalty.

The tests were administered in June by an independent examiner who concluded Yates was telling the truth about the extent of his murderous exploits between 1975 and 1988. But the tests were at best inconclusive, and prosecutors should not have presumed Yates was telling the truth, the Spokesman-Review of the Spokane reported Sunday, citing three nationally recognized polygraph experts who were consulted separately on the results.

Yates was sentenced Thursday to 408 years in prison, after pleading guilty in Spokane County Superior Court a day earlier to 13 murders.

He still faces trial in two slayings in Pierce County. The newspaper reported that

the Spokane serial killing task force detectives who caught Yates were upset that prosecutors accepted the polygraph results, and that two detectives traveled to Pierce County and met with prosecutors there without the knowledge of Spokane County Prosecutor Steve Tucker.

Yates is charged with aggravated first-degree murder in the killings of two Tacoma-area women, and he could still face the death penalty if convicted. He has not confessed to those killings.

The experts said the lie detector test questions were poorly framed and Yates' physiological readings were abnormal, meaning his truthfulness could not be determined.

"The best these charts are is inconclusive, which means zero," said Larry Peelen, a polygraph expert in Los Angeles. "It certainly doesn't mean he was being truthful."

Frank Horvath, a professor of criminology at Michigan State University, said the results show Yates may have intentionally altered his breathing or taken other steps to change the test results.

Superfund designation remains uncertain; property sells slow

COEUR D'ALENE (AP) - Some real estate agents report having a harder time selling property because more portions of northern Idaho may be included in a Superfund listing expansion.

"We already have people who won't come up here because they think we are all a bunch of Nazis," real estate agent Bob Leische said. "Now, we are going to have a bunch of people who don't want to come up here because they think the water is going to eat their legs off."

Even though an expanded Superfund designation has yet to be legally determined in the Coeur d'Alene River Basin, fall-out associated with listing may have already begun.

"I had an agent come up to a client she had in California," said Carrie Oja, executive officer of the Coeur d'Alene Association of Realtors. "She was closing a deal on waterfront property along Lake Coeur d'Alene and her client read a

news story about the Superfund expansion in the Los Angeles Times. He called her up screaming and accused her of withholding that information."

Oja said the real estate agent lost the deal, and feared the buyer would sue her for not disclosing the Environmental Protection Agency's efforts to list the entire Coeur d'Alene Basin as a potential Superfund site.

"There are really two issues here - ethics and law," Oja said. "Legally, we have to disclose hazardous materials on the property we are selling."

But in many cases, no one knows whether the property is contaminated. Idaho's congressional delegation continues to insist the Coeur d'Alene River Basin is not listed as a Superfund site. The Environmental Protection Agency, however, disputes that.

Until a final decision comes, though, the real estate industry has to conduct business as if it the area is not a Superfund site.

Utah toddler remains missing

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) - The search for a 2-year-old boy who was left in a pickup truck cab while his father scouted an area for hunting Thursday was called off late Sunday.

Searchers from Davis, Weber and Summit counties covered the mountainous area within more than a four-mile radius of the site 12 miles southeast of Coalville, about 28 miles east of Salt Lake City.

Horses, helicopters and police dogs were used in the search. No trace was found of the boy, Gage Wayment of Farr West, and the police dogs failed to pick up the boy's scent, said Summit County Sheriff's Deputy Rob Berry.

The boy was in pajamas and authorities said there was little chance he could survive the rain, snow and freezing temperatures at the 8,000 foot altitude.

Paul Wayment said he left his son asleep as he went to scout the area. There have been differing reports as to how long Wayment was away before he returned to find the boy missing, ranging from 15 minutes to an hour.

Wayment, who has custody of the boy, said the toddler was in a child-safety seat, with only one of the two straps fastened.

Wayment's ex-wife told investigators that the boy had shown the ability to unstrap and get out of the safety seat.

Telemarketing firm agrees to stop with false representations

BOISE (AP) - A New Jersey telemarketer must stop telling Idaho residents that the Attorney General's Office approved its fundraiser.

Civic Development Group agreed to stop making false representations under the terms of a settlement agreement with the Attorney General's Consumer Protection Unit.

Attorney General Al Lance found that the New Jersey company failed to register as a telemarketer as required by law, and made false and deceptive representations.

The Idaho Fraternal Order of Police had contracted with Civic Development Group - doing business in Idaho as Residential Appeal - to solicit donations. Residential Appeal telephone

solicitors told consumers their donations would benefit law enforcement efforts in Idaho. Some consumers contacted the Attorney General's Office to verify the legitimacy of the Fraternal Order of Police. In at least one instance, a consumer was told that the Attorney General had approved the telemarketing scripts.

"I want to be very clear that the Attorney General's Office does not approve business solicitations," Lance said.

Corporate officers Scott Pasch and David Keizer of Civic Development Group agreed to stop making false and misleading statements in telephone solicitations and to register as telemarketers.

Friends

Continued from M and high school senior Carly Hiley.

At Friday's retreat, students and their "buddies" broke up into small groups to share ideas about healthy vs. unhealthy relationships and qualities one has to offer to a friendship.

Peer mentors must get all their school assignments completed in advance to be able to participate in the program.

"They don't just do this to get out of class," said sixth-grade teacher Lanny Schofield. "My hat's off to all of them."

always about serious subjects. In one of Friday's sessions, children were asked if they could be any animal, what would that animal be and why. With Halloween approaching, Spencer Vulgamore said he would like to be a bat "so I can scare people."

Group advisors for Friday's retreat included Haley, Jon Roberts, Katar Atkinson, Rebecca Dahl, Janet Hurley and Angie Guerry.

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SPORTSQUOTE

“The man who just might be the greatest right-handed pitcher of the last half-century has the maturity of a child, the grace of a camel, the class of a mudhole.”

— Rick Vander of the *Chicago Sun-Times*, on New York Yankee pitcher Roger Clemens

TRIVIA

QUESTION:
Who holds the NCAA Division I-A record for most consecutive games catching a touchdown pass?
...answer below

IN BRIEF

Concussion trauma hospitalizes CSI player

TWIN FALLS — College of Southern Idaho center Kostas Arznerinos, 20, was hospitalized Sunday afternoon due to slight bleeding on his brain. He was airlifted to Boise's Saint Alphonsus Regional Medical Center where he is in stable condition.

Assistant coach Jay Cyrac said the condition was not life-threatening nor was there any brain damage. The 7-foot-0 sophomore will miss the first month of the season, however.

Arznerinos suffered a concussion a week ago in practice and had problems with headaches, dizziness and vomiting throughout the week. He was taken to Magic Valley Regional Medical Center early Sunday following more vomiting when a CAT scan revealed the bleeding.

Magic Valley Youth Soccer Association to hold tryouts

TWIN FALLS — M.V.Y.S.A. will be holding tryouts for 2001 spring traveling teams Saturday, Nov. 4 at Ascension Field.

Tryouts for boys ages 11-18 will be held at 9 a.m. and girls' tryouts will be held at 1 p.m.

Fees for the season have been set at \$130 per player. Opportunities will be available to off-set the player fee. For more information, contact Marion VanHofwegen at 734-3225 or Ron Black at 734-9035.

Collision puts Huskies' Williams in intensive care

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Washington safety Curtis Williams remained in intensive care with a spinal cord injury Saturday, a day after he was removed from the field on a stretcher against Stanford.

An MRI at Stanford University Hospital revealed the injury, but its exact nature might not be known for several days, said Dave Burton, Washington associate athletic director of sports medicine. Further tests were planned.

A CT scan showed that Williams did not sustain a spinal fracture or broken bone, the university said.

The 22-year-old senior from Fresno was hurt with 201 left in the third quarter while trying to tackle running back Kerry Carter.

Williams was under sedation while undergoing tests Saturday night. He was conscious after the tests and able to respond normally to doctors, the university said.

Compiled from staff and wire reports

TRIVIA ANSWER:

Randy Moss of Man shall, 12 in 1987.

Super Bowl hopefuls collide in battle of styles

Titans hope George is ready to play tonight

The Associated Press

LANDOVER, Md. — In every game this season, the Tennessee Titans have forced the opposing offense to go three-and-out on its first series. The statement is made: No one is going to score a lot of points on coach Jeff Fisher's team.

The Washington Redskins pride themselves on coming out in fifth gear. No use saving any of the tricks. Coach Norv Turner



Monday Night Football

Tennessee (6-1) at Washington (6-2)
7 p.m. (ABC)



will start games with a reverse or a long fly pattern, and pick on weaknesses right away.

The Redskins have punted after three downs only once to start a game this season, and three times they've marched to a touchdown.

So when these two old friends — Turner was once Fisher's position coach at Southern California — bring two of the hottest teams in the NFL together tonight, look for a tone to be

set early.

“We put a lot of emphasis on it,” Redskins quarterback Brad Johnson said. “We work on it tremendously. We have a certain amount of plays, kind of scripted. The first 10 or 15 plays, we know what's going to come up and in kind of what order.”

Tennessee (6-1) has won six in a row, Washington (6-2) has won five straight. These are also two of the most balanced teams in the league, ranking in the top 10

in both offense and defense. Only Buffalo and New Orleans could say the same going into Sunday's games.

Another statement could be made before the kickoff — and, no, it has nothing to do with the Redskins' problems with their public address announcer.

Tennessee running back Eddie George, who sprained his knee on the first series of last week's 14-6 win at Baltimore, is waiting until the last minute to decide whether he can play.

Tennessee's defense is ranked seventh in the league and has yet to allow more than 20 points in a game this season. The Redskins' offense is ranked sixth, although points had not

been plentiful until last week's 35-16 victory at Jacksonville.

Notably, Washington is 3-0 when scoring on the first drive, and a 29-6 advantage in third-quarter scoring shows a team making the right adjustments at halftime.

In a league nearly overrun by teams hovering near 500, this game offers some superlatives.

Washington's Stephen Davis, who scored the touchdowns on each of those three opening scoring drives, is on pace to lead in the league in rushing, with 802 yards at the midway point. George is the NFL's leading rusher since 1997, and the Titans are 18-0 when he carries the ball 27 times or more.

BUCS SAP MINNESOTA

Tampa Bay rights sinking ship with 41-13 victory

The Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The NFL's last unbeaten team went down without a whimper.

The Tampa Bay Buccaneers ended Minnesota's bid to remain perfect Sunday, routing the Vikings 41-13 to stop their longest losing streak since 1996 and maybe save a season of great expectations.

“It's been so long since we've won a game ... It cures so many things,” safety John Lynch said. “I don't care what you say, when you've lost four straight, the confidence sags a little.”

It was the second time in three years Minnesota brought a 7-0 record to Raymond James Stadium only to leave with a loss. But the Vikings didn't hang their heads.

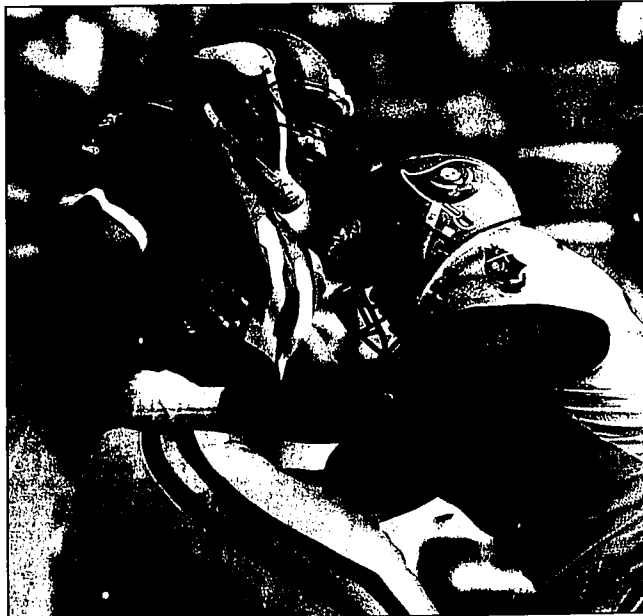
“We're 7-1. We're not discouraging at all. We're disappointed,” coach Dennis Green said. “It's not the first time any of us has lost. That's part of the game. You don't like it. Everybody would love to be undefeated, but it didn't work out that way.”

Playing with renewed vigor on defense and breaking out of a month-long offensive funk, the Bucs (4-4) scored on their first five possessions and shut down the high-scoring Vikings to win for the first time since beating Detroit to go 3-0.

Shaun King threw for a career-high four TDs. Keyshawn Johnson had his first 100-yard receiving day for Tampa Bay and Derrick Brooks scored on a 34-yard interception return. The Bucs also ruined a homecoming of sorts for the Vikings' Daunte Culpepper, who grew up in nearby Ocala and played in college at Central Florida.

The victory ended Tampa Bay's longest losing streak since it started 0-5 in 1996. Tony Dungy's first season as coach. The Bucs beat Minnesota to stop that skid and are 5-5 against the Vikings under Dungy.

“Tony made a statement to us (Saturday night). We've played



Minnesota quarterback Daunte Culpepper is hit by Warren Sapp of Tampa Bay Sunday. The Bucs went on to win the game 41-13, dealing Minnesota its 1st loss of the season.

them evenly for a long time and they just don't have any respect for us. They really feel like they're that much of a better ball club than us.” defensive tackle Warren Sapp said. “Tony said he's looked at a lot of film over the years and there's no way you can convince him that that team is better than us. He told us to envision yourself being the one making the play ... I think we all took that to heart.”

Sapp sacked Culpepper, forcing a fumble that set up Tampa Bay's first touchdown. The defense, overworked during the



Tampa Bay wide receiver Keyshawn Johnson fights off Vikings cornerback Chris Dishman for a touchdown Sunday.

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Bengals lose on late field goal

By Idaho Olson
Idaho State Journal

POCATELLO — In a bitterly fought defensive battle, the Weber State Wildcats got a last-gasp field goal late Saturday night to escape with a 16-13 victory over an Idaho State team which squandered multiple opportunities to defeat its old rival from Ogden, Utah.

Mike Minnoch's kick of 37 yards, his third field goal of the game, came with 10 seconds to play and turned back a superb Idaho State effort to rebound from a 62-24 loss to Southern Utah earlier.

The Bengals had taken a 10-6 lead opening the third quarter when Shane Griggs hit Chris Brinaugh on a 13-yard scoring pass. The lead grew to 13-6 as ISU was forced to settle for a 24-yard field goal by Javier Garcia after Griggs had picked up a first down on the Weber 7.

An even greater disappoint-



ment followed after Josh Del Prado picked off Cole Cooper's pass in the flat and rumbled 35 yards to the Weber 5. A delay penalty, a sack and a false start penalty moved ISU back to the 22, and Garcia missed from there.

For Weber, coming off a huge 41-9 victory over Portland State a week ago, it was a different story against the Bengals. Cole Cooper hit receiver John Jefferson with two big fourth-quarter passes,

but had only 247 yards and was intercepted three times.

Griggs, by contrast, had 296 yards on 30 completions. On the ground, the Wildcats limited the Bengals to 131 yards and deployed good coverage in the second half, forcing Griggs to scramble for his life.

The fourth quarter belonged to Weber, winning for the 27th time in 40 meetings with ISU. Trailing 13-6, the Wildcats got an 80-yard touchdown on Cooper's long pass down the middle to wide-open Jefferson. That tied the score at 13-13, and ISU wasted yet another opportunity after a miraculous third-down catch by Deron Finley gave the Bengals a first down at the Weber 47.

Another delay penalty and a false start forced punter Ben Simpson to kick the ball dead on the Weber 13. On second down, Jefferson caught a long pass which was first batted from his arms by ISU defender Lamont

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Duffy steals the show

Waldorf comes back to win National Car Rental Classic

The Associated Press

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. — Tiger Woods wasn't a winner Sunday, just a prophet.

On the eve of the final round in the National Car Rental Classic, Woods warned everyone not to get wrapped up in his pursuit of Steve Flesch. “This golf course anyone can shoot 62 out here without batting an eye,” he said.

He made a believer out of everyone — especially Duffy Waldorf.

Six strokes behind to start the final day, Waldorf polished off a career-low 62 with a 12-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole for a one-stroke victory over Flesch. “I would have to agree,”



Duffy Waldorf sinks a birdie putt on the 18th hole during the National Car Rental Classic Sunday.

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SPORTS

Mighty Ducks' offense ignites to beat Flames

CALGARY, Alberta (AP) - Steve Rucchin's de-breaking goal late in the second period sparked the Anaheim Mighty Ducks to a 5-3 victory over the Calgary Flames on Sunday night. Rucchin broke a 2-2 tie with a power-play goal at 17:13 of the second period. With Calgary's Jeff Goring serving a high-sticking penalty, the Ducks needed just 11 seconds to score when Oleg Tverovskiy passed to Teemu Selanne behind the Flames' net and Selanne found Rucchin open in front. Paul Kariya gave Anaheim a 4-2 lead 42 seconds into the third period, also on a power play. Selanne passed to Selanne in the Calgary blue line. Selanne sent in shot stop low and wide to Kariya at the side of the net and he deflected it. The goal extended Kariya's power-play eight games. Selanne, Tony Hrkac, Jim

Cummins and Vitali Vishnevskiy also scored for Anaheim (5-3-2), but they have lost just once in its last six road games (4-1-1). Tverovskiy had three assists. Jeff Cowan, Dave Lowry and Jarome Iginla scored for Calgary (3-5-1), which is winless in its last five (0-4-1). The Flames are 1-5-10 at home. Blackhawks 3, Wild 2 ST. PAUL, Minn. - Michael Nylander had a goal and an assist and Jocelyn Thiel finished with 24 saves as the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Minnesota Wild 3-2 Sunday night. The victory was the third of the season for the Blackhawks, who have a combined 3-0 record against the expansion Wild and Columbus Blue Jackets, but an 0-7-

1 record against non-expansion teams. Blues 4, Hurricanes 1 RALEIGH, N.C. - Scott Young scored his NHL-leading 12th goal and added an assist as the St. Louis Blues won their fifth straight, beating the Carolina Hurricanes 4-1 Sunday night. St. Louis extended its best start in franchise history to 8-2-1. Carolina's winless streak reached five games (0-4-1). AI MacInnis, Tyson Nash and Pavol Demitra scored for the Blues. Rookie goalie Brent Johnson remained unbroken at 4-0. Rangers 5, Bruins 1 NEW YORK - Mark Messier scored twice and added an assist and Mike Richter stopped 39 shots for his first win of the season as New York beat Boston, and ended

a four-game home losing streak. Theoren Fleury, Valery Kamensky and Jan Havanc scored for the Rangers, who also ended an overall four-game losing streak. Jason Allison scored a power-play goal for Boston, which has won once in its last seven games (1-6-1). Bruins rookie goalie Andrew Raycroft stopped six and stopped six shots, but was pulled by coach Mike Keenan and replaced by backup Jay Whitmore, who made 21 saves. Capitals 1, Flyers 1 PHILADELPHIA - Jeff Halpern scored two minutes into the third period and Olaf Kolzig stopped 30 shots as Washington tied Philadelphia and snapped the Flyers' two-game winning streak. Daymond Langkow scored at 8:41 of the second period for the Flyers, who were 0-for-7 on the power play.



Calgary's Steve Smith looks for the puck after colliding with center Steve Rucchin of the Mighty Ducks during the first period of play in Calgary. Anaheim dropped the Flames 6-3.

FOOTBALL

National Football League standings table with columns for Team, W, L, T, PF, PA, and other statistics.

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Table of NFL game results and scores, including matchups like Pittsburgh vs. Cleveland and Denver vs. Kansas City.

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Summary of key NFL games from Sunday, including Pittsburgh's victory over Cleveland and Denver's win over Kansas City.

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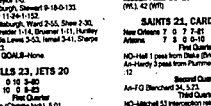
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OTHER VIEWS

Next president could alter abortion aid status

From the San Jose (Calif.) Mercury News

The next president may or may not have enough Supreme Court appointments to alter the status of Roe v. Wade. But he will have the power to determine whether abortions will be made available to many Third World women.

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The deal marks a small victory for abortion-rights advocates, who had been battling presidents and Congresses on the issue off and on for two decades.

Their success may be short-lived, however. The restrictions will stay in effect until February 2001, which means that the next president, who will be in office by then, could reimpose them.

Democrat Al Gore, an abortion-rights supporter, probably would not. Republican George W. Bush opposes federal money for abortions or abortion counseling, whether at home or abroad. He hasn't taken a position on this specific legislation.

Congress has long prohibited the direct use of public money for abortions. But in

1984, President Reagan took this one step further. By executive order, he banned aid for family planning groups that offer abortions, even when they pay for the services out of their own money.

Groups were required to certify that they conformed to receive aid. Nearly all family planning agencies accepting aid complied. The restrictions were an unwarranted

restriction on family planning options in the Third World and an intrusion by government into nonprofit groups.

Clinton rescinded the restrictions in 1993 as one of his first acts as president. But last year, he was forced to reimpose them as part of a compromise in which Congress agreed to fund America's U.N. dues.

This year, Clinton was once again threatening to veto any foreign aid bill that included the abortion clause. Last week's agreement doesn't reflect a softening of Clinton's position on the abortion issue; they simply have gone out of their way to avoid a conflict with Clinton this close to the election, with control of Congress up for grabs. (Having been humiliated by Clinton so many times in high-profile budget confrontations, they finally smartened up.) But come next year, all bets are off.



LETTERS

Tousley shows pride, integrity

I have read many articles, both positive and negative concerning the sheriff's budget. I would like to share a different perspective concerning Sheriff Tousley.

I know firsthand how Wayne Tousley faces obstacles. He meets them head on, with all his energy. I remember one instance that has always stuck out in my mind. One Christmas, when I was growing up, finances were a little slim. Without hesitation, Wayne went and got a second job so his family could afford a nice Christmas. As a child I appreciated that. As an adult, I adore it. He definitely rose to the occasion to meet the needs of others. As far as I can tell, he is still doing the same thing in his position as sheriff.

As a parent and an educator, I am very thankful for Wayne's implementation of the resource officer program in Twin Falls County schools. With all the violence going on in our society, it is comforting to know our sheriff cares about the youth of our area. Yes, some think these positions should be cut from payroll. I am very thankful that Wayne will fight to keep these officers in our schools. This is only one program of many that Wayne has worked hard on to protect the citizens of our fine county.

I personally have been very proud of the improvements Wayne has brought about in the last two terms as sheriff. I think he shows great pride and integrity in his elected position. I feel confident he will continue to do an outstanding job as sheriff.

Good luck, Dad! Love,
KELLY WILKINS
Twin Falls

Letters amount to discrimination

I really can't see what the big deal is about someone's sexual orientation. It impacts my life in no way at all, and I can't see how it affects anyone else's either. Yet, the "gay agenda" is floating around again and it seems a little strange to me. The only "agenda" that I know about is the same one everyone else has and that's to get by today. They want acceptance; why not? Anyone that ever thought with adolescence should appreciate that. Does a person's sexual preference really mean that much to others? It's kind of petty, like discriminating against someone because of the color of their toothbrush.

I have no problem with the Boy Scouts ruling. I don't think that we should force them to accept anyone they are not ready to accept others for who they are and realize that a homosexual is just as dangerous as a heterosexual, then they will have to deal with seeing some of those already with schools and communities pulling their support from their programs. This seems a little unfair to the children, I know, but if those who are pulling out know that to discriminate against difference is triv-

babies ever practiced. (I heard a doctor say this is not necessary to save the life of the mother.)

The Clinton-Gore administration is heading us on a fast track toward one-world government with the United Nations in charge. Al Gore is promising government aid to everyone, and that is hard to beat, but we must remember that the government has no money; it is our tax money and his gifts come with a high price tag.

Government is in every aspect of our lives. There is so much more going on than the liberal press and TV do not tell us. I'm talking here to those who love the Lord. Brothers and sisters in Christ, we need to march in the Lord's army and take back our country so it will be the moral America our forefathers envisioned.

Begin by marching to the polls and voting. I'm told that even if you are not registered, you can register at the polls. Then get involved in your community. I'm always amazed that we Christians are accused of trying to impose our beliefs on others, but it's OK for the liberals and unbelievers to impose their beliefs on us.

I challenge every religious person out there to get involved. If you love the Lord and our country, then vote. Let our motto be "Pray and Act." We can reclaim our country.

RUTH BROWN
Gooding

Athletic volunteer will be missed

After being away from the educational system of Twin Falls for several years, I was interested in the news article relating to the retirement of Mr. Gene Ritchie from his official position as volunteer to the Twin Falls High School athletic program.

I served the school district as athletic director and physical education supervisor from 1977 to 1984. It was during this time that Mr. Ritchie came on board as a volunteer to the athletic program in 1980. As I saw Mr. Ritchie, he was a friend to all, working as a quiet, efficient, behind-the-scenes helper.

In a real sense, he was a mother to the program, setting up prior to a contest, serving athletes and coaches during the contest and cleaning up after the contest. Mr. Ritchie had a great rapport with all the coaches and athletes and gained an essential respect of all who came in contact with him. As athletic director, I knew Mr. Ritchie as an important cog in the success our coaches and athletes enjoyed during these eight years I was administering the program.

Mr. Ritchie, you have done a commendable job for 20 years. You were greatly appreciated by myself and many others. TFHS will miss you, and as you work with the College of Southern Idaho, I am sure they will really grow to know you as a great volunteer in their program.

DUKE WISEMAN
Twin Falls

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LETTERS

Candidate shows fortitude

I would like to voice my opinion about Lincoln County write-in sheriff candidate Carol Boudreau, a woman I have known for 20 years.

It has been my experience that when Carol takes on a job, she goes all out and does a fantastic job. She has tenacity and fortitude. For example, she was given the job of overseeing Art in the Park in Shoshone, and it is better run now than it has ever been. She went out of her way to get people to come to the event.

As a probation officer, when Carol is called - no matter the time of day or night - if she is needed, she is there without complaint. She'll gladly take a Saturday to meet a probationer if that is the only day they can come. She started the job with no experience, and in a very brief time, she showed herself to be very competent.

Carol's family is all grown, so she has plenty of time to donate to the sheriff's job. She is hard-working and when something needs doing, she doesn't quit until it's done. The people of Lincoln County would be very lucky to have her as sheriff.

CAROLE BUNDERSON
Bliss

Fact sheet filled with falsities

After an irate citizen found a "fact sheet" inside his mailbox signed by Wayne Childers and bringing it to me, I am compelled to write my first letter to the editor.

I wonder where these so-called "facts" were obtained. It states that 44 employees and 12 reserve deputies have left the Jerome County Sheriff's Department during Jim Weaver's tenure as sheriff. In reviewing the list, I discovered that seven of those named and the 12 reserves never worked for Sheriff Weaver. One employee is still employed, one passed away (which technically does mean he left), one retired, one was promoted to chief of Hazelton police, another to assistant chief of Hazelton, and several were offered higher-paying jobs in order to better support their families. Sheriff Weaver did have to terminate one deputy that was

hired during the previous administration and no high school diploma who could not become certified as required by law, and three for confidential person's reasons.

As for the jail expense, Mr. Childers should know that we only house prisoners for the county but also for other counties and the state. Those counties do reimburse us and the monies go into the general fund. Yes, the jail expense budget did go over as it was in dire need of repairs due to its age. After repairing pipes, electrical, ceilings and floors, the Jerome County Jail was presented a certificate from the Idaho Sheriff's Association, being the ninth jail in the state to be honored with that certificate.

I am the chief deputy (undersheriff) that Mr. Childers referred to in his implied fact sheet. He states that the sheriff gave me \$11,000 out of the \$20,000 he was allotted for his employees. When I was promoted to the position of undersheriff, I was paid accordingly and still at a lower wage than my predecessor. The \$20,000 that Sheriff Weaver fought for that first year went to the employees' salaries. In closing, I'd like to add that Sheriff Weaver, although not required by state law, has completed the process for his Police Officer Standards and Training certification.

I hope that this has cleared misinformation printed in the bogus "fact sheet."

Please join me in casting your vote on Nov. 7 for Sheriff Jim Weaver. Thank you.
JOCelyn ROBERTS
Jerome

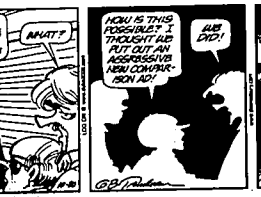
Letters deadline

The deadline for election-related letters is 5 p.m. on Nov. 1. Letters can be submitted in person at our Twin Falls or Burley offices, by mail to P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303, or by email to letters@timesnews.com. Please keep your letter under 400 words. Also include your home address, and home and work phone numbers for verification purposes. We look forward to your letter.

Doonesbury



By Garry Trudeau



By Garry Trudeau



Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

LETTERS

Let's tap natural resource

Twin Falls County has a natural resource that needs to be tapped. His name is Jerry Packer, and he is running for sheriff.

By natural resource, I mean he was born in Twin Falls, stayed in Twin Falls and worked hard for this community for 32 years. All we need to do is vote for him for sheriff, and he will be everything we need and want for our county. He has always been dedicated to his profession. He will work with his deputies, the public and especially children. Jerry believes by working with children, we form standards early in life that will carry through to adulthood. He is retired from law enforcement. He could enjoy his retirement, but he sees a need in our community. So let's not waste a natural resource.

EVERLYN TURLEY
Twin Falls

Missing Siamese kitten

Just because you see a cat doesn't mean it's a stray. We live next to kindergarten in Jerome. This is the second kitten we have lost in the last six months. We take very good care of our cats. We give them plenty of food, water and make sure they are not sick. Even giving them a weekly bath. And teaching them to be gentle. Didn't you think he was a little healthy when you saw him about even asking the neighbors in the area that you found him if they know who he belongs to. The teachers at the Kindergarten Center have been kind to let him stay so they would know who he belongs to. Now my 2-year-old sister walks around calling for the kitten. We have all been out looking. So would you please be a kind person and return him to us? He is a cream-colored Siamese kitten with crystal blue eyes. We miss him a lot.

ELIZABETH, NATHANAEAL,
JAHNAH AND FAITH
JOHNSON
Jerome

Military needs rebuilding

While watching the first presidential candidates' debate concerning our military preparedness, the vice president said we have the best-trained, the best-equipped forces in the world. Gov. Bush said he would rebuild the military. In the event of international crises, our airborne brigades are the first to be deployed.

On July 1, 1997, the Army disestablished the 3rd Battalion of 73rd Armored Regiment. They were the only airborne armored regiment in the U.S. Army. This decision eliminated armored support for the troopers of our military divisions. I had been planned that the 373rd would be equipped with the new "M8" armored system. This system was due to have been in place on Oct. 1, 1997.

Because of the high cost of peacekeeping operations in Bosnia, Haiti and Rwanda, the top leadership of the Army found it necessary to cancel not only the 3rd Battalion of the 73rd Armored but also the new armored gys system. I am the parent of a young man who as his MOS entered the army at Fort Benning, Ga., to undergo the training as an infantryman and training at the 507th Airborne Jump School. He is now serving with the 501st Airborne Division.

Our military preparedness is an issue of national security. What I have written concerning our airborne divisions is, in my opinion, a lack of honor in the Clinton-Gore administration. We need a president who will honor our military men and women and will provide the equipment they need to be able to defend our country. To quote Admiral William Owens in his book, "Lifting the Fog of War," our military is heading for a "train

wreck" if we do not rebuild our military forces.

WILLIAM C. DREW
Heyburn

GOP equates to individuality

The Republican Party is the party of individual freedom, of individual responsibility and of individual accountability. For without individual responsibility and accountability, there can be no freedom. The Republican Party is the party of individual respect. Republicans respect the individual enough to believe that the individual, not the federal government, will make the best decisions for his own life, for the life of his family and for the life of his community. Please remember that philosophy when you go to the polls this November.

When the Republican candidate, George W. Bush, seeks solutions to education, Social Security and the economy, he will care first about the individual. Bush trusts you, not big government.

When our state and local Republican candidates explore ways to solve problems, they will begin with you, the individual, not with the government. They believe the government comes from the local level and goes up, not from the federal level and goes down. Locally, we have some contested races. Gary Grindstaff and Bill Brockman, Republican candidates for county commissioner, care about you as an individual. I hope that you respect you when addressing the issues of Twin Falls County. As you decide upon a sheriff for Twin Falls County, remember the Republican candidate, Jerry Packer, believes in individual responsibility and accountability of the individual.

Our Republican candidates for the nation, the state and the county are good and honest persons who care about you, not about big government.

When you make your choice for our leaders this November, place your trust in the American individual. Choose Republican.

SHARON BLOCK
Twin Falls

Packer packs credentials

Jerry Packer is running for sheriff of Twin Falls County. We think it is time for a change.

Jerry has an advanced certificate from the Police Officer Standards and Training Academy. Jerry has been responsible for large budgets. His experience works with the state Department of Probation and Parole. I like these traits for our next sheriff.

Join us in voting for Jerry Packer, our next sheriff of Twin Falls County.

GENE AND MARTHA
DANIELS
Twin Falls

Swamped with homework

I was reading in my local paper where some town came against too much homework that the teachers send our kids home with.

I have a granddaughter going to junior high here in Jerome. She comes to our house after school until her parents get home from work. She brings home so much homework that she starts to work on as soon as she has a snack. This homework, she is still working on homework; sometimes as long as five hours before she is through. Then Saturday, she has more. She has no time to be a kid. I respect it as a grandmother. I'd like to hear from other parents and grandparents as to why they don't have a study hall to at least do some of this in.

MARY J. TOUPIN
Jerome

Independents straddle fence

I straddled a fence once — quite by accident. The experience commanded my undivided attention. Now when I hear of a so-called

"independent" politician, I think of straddling the fence. When a so-called "independent" politician comes to mind, I think immediately of Twin Falls County Sheriff Wayne Tousey, who identifies himself as an independent, whatever that means.

Now I am not in the position to label Sheriff Tousey, but he sure has some ways that are parallel to that of the Democrats. One is he can solve any problem if you will give him more money. Of course, he can't run as a Democrat in Twin Falls County if he wants to be elected, but who do you suppose the Democrats will vote for? Wayne Tousey, of course.

I urge you to vote for Jerry Packer. He is highly qualified to fill the office of Twin Falls County sheriff and not afraid to label himself. He is a Republican. We are "Packer Backers" and urge you to be the same. Vote on Nov. 7.

DWIGHT SHAW
Twin Falls

Grindstaff displays ability

I am writing in support of Gary Grindstaff for county commissioner. In the short time I have been involved in Twin Falls political activities, I have learned to respect Gary. His ability to take the input of a varied group of interests, carefully consider the information he has at hand and choose a well-measured course of action impresses me greatly. Even though he may not always agree with an individual about issues, he is respectful of an opposing position. Although Gary and I may not agree on all issues, I am confident of his ability as a county commissioner, his sincere concern in regard to community issues and his genuine patriotism, all characteristics of a fine public servant.

I hope that the voters will support Gary. Twin Falls County needs his leadership and maturity.

CHRISTOPHER S.
HARRI MAN
Twin Falls

Bush falls Hispanics

With a sizable Hispanic population here in southern Idaho, I feel it might be beneficial to relay certain facts about Texas under George W.'s watch. All of the facts courtesy of the Hispanic Caucus from the Democratic Convention in Los Angeles this year.

Most Hispanics oppose Bush. According to most estimates, the governor received only one-third of the Hispanic vote in 1998.

Bush has ignored border issues. Since the governor took office, average per capita income in the border region has dropped a point each, relative to the rest of the country.

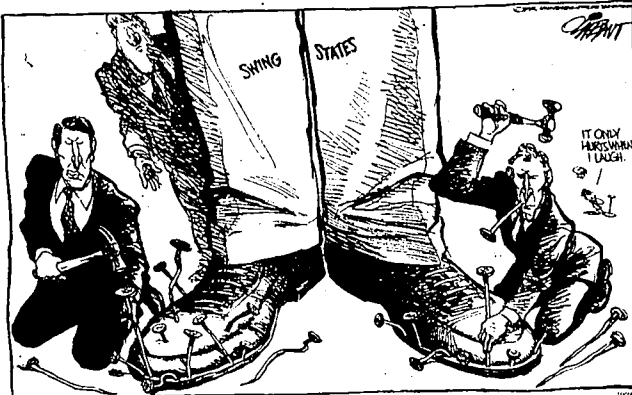
Bush has never visited a single colonia — shanty towns along the border that lack water, sewer service and electricity. These Texans live in Third World conditions, yet Bush has refused numerous invitations to visit these desperate conditions in his own state.

Bush opposed kindergarten expansion. Bush touts his education record, but in Texas, the governor chose tax cuts over expansion of funding and early education for Hispanic children.

There are more examples. Stubborn facts like these shatter the illusion of inclusion and compassionate conservatism. Bush-type compassion and leadership has not been good for Texas — and it won't be good for America.

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Flunking out of Electoral College

Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore are riding a roller coaster in a presidential contest, other. Even with Gov. Bush in the lead on the popular vote, some oddsmakers still give Gore the lead in the projected Electoral College vote. Bizarrely enough, in the case of such a head-on collision, the U.S. Constitution trumps the vote of the people.

That's because with the 18th-century Electoral College, each of the 50 states' presidential races are conducted as individual contests. What's more, since the rules are winner take all and heavily tilted toward the largest states, it means that a presidential candidate need win only more votes than anyone else in each of the 11 largest states to win enough electoral votes to capture the prize.

Not surprisingly, both Bush and Gore are spending more time in large swing states like Michigan, Illinois, Ohio, Florida and Pennsylvania than in smaller states or already-decided states. So George Bush may win more popular votes nationwide, but Al Gore could win more votes in enough key states to become president. If that happens, count on a big disconnect between an already disengaged public and our national politics.

One reform would be for states to allocate their electoral votes differently. Without making any changes to the U.S. Constitution, states could use a proportional allocation like that used to allot delegates in most presidential primaries. With a proportional system, a candidate with 55 percent of the popular vote in a state wins 55 percent of that state's electoral votes, but not all; if the second-

STEVEN HILL

place finisher receives 45 percent of the popular vote, they win 45 percent of the electoral votes, instead of nothing.

If all states adopted this change, the effect would be to downplay the importance of the 11 largest states, and make all states more competitive for electoral votes and more attractive to presidential candidates. This method has a logic and fairness to it that is compelling. But critics of this reform point out that it also could increase the possibility that, in a three-way race, no candidate would receive a majority of the Electoral College vote.

To avoid such confusion, why

not simply do away with this 18th-century anachronism? All other federal elections are by a direct vote of the people. Why not elect the president in a simple, national vote? All voters then would be given equal attention no matter where they lived.

Direct election of the president using an instant runoff would be the fairest and most efficient way to ensure that the nation's chief executive commands support from a majority of voters. That's more than can be said for the antiquated Electoral College. It is time to upgrade the democracy technology we use in electing our most powerful official.

Steven Hill is the western regional director of The Center for Voting and Democracy and co-author of "Reflecting All of Us."

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Expanded rights ruling creates overload of appeals

WASHINGTON (AP) - The Supreme Court is seeing the effects of last summer's groundbreaking ruling which expands jury-trial rights in certain criminal cases: A pile of appeals by defendants who say their sentences are unfair.

The justices ruled that virtually any question that could boost someone's maximum sentence, such as whether a crime was motivated by racial hate, must be decided by a trial jury. Judges no longer can decide such issues on their own during sentencing.

In essence, the court said the constitutional right to trial by jury means what it says, said New York lawyer Gerald Lofcor, former president of the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers. "That's been bedrock U.S. justice since the Founding Fathers."

"There are dozens of cases that have come down the pike already" challenging sentences as a result of the ruling, said Miami criminal defense lawyer Neal Smetner. However, he added, "Whether it has far-reaching effects is yet to be determined."

The ruling, issued in June, did not look at cases of juveniles into a black family's home was entitled to have a jury decide whether he acted out of hate and could be sent to prison longer than the ordinary maximum.

New appeals citing that decision are rolling in to the Supreme Court, and the justices already have ordered lower courts to take a new look at a number of cases. Lower courts have decided some defendants are entitled to a new sentencing.

Many of those cases involve drug cases. The justices have decided such issues as how much cocaine someone sold; more cocaine can lead to a longer prison sentence. But many appeals say those decisions are wrong because the quantity of drug bought is the maximum sentence.

Other appeals say juries must decide such issues as the amount of loss related to public school bonds' use of a gun, if that factor would allow a longer maximum prison term.

Following are the two amendments to the Idaho Constitution that will appear on the November 7, 2001 general election ballot. These amendments have been proposed to the people for ratification following action by the legislature.

The proposed amendments are the Legislative Council's Statement of Meaning and Purpose and Effect of Adoption, and the Statement of Meaning and Purpose Against are published here.

Critics gear up for trade meeting

CINCINNATI (AP) - Police and protesters are getting ready for a visit next month by more than 100 CEOs from both sides of the Atlantic.

Executives from Europe and the U.S. attending the Trans Atlantic Business Dialogue are coming to talk about trade and investment, and to discuss ways of eliminating costly regulations.

But their critics will be out in force, saying the group represents global economic control by the rich and powerful and disregards human rights and the environment.

Police say they're ready for any confrontation, but that most protesters gathering here for the Nov. 16-18 conference will be peaceful.

"They've assured me that they're non-violent and have no reason not to believe that. If not, we're well-trained in these things," said Capt. Vince Demas.

In Seattle last year, tens of thousands of demonstrators converged on the city during a World Trade Organization meeting, some of them looting and vandalizing buildings. Police using tear gas and rubber bullets on more than 500 people. The disruptions cost the city almost \$10 million in extra security.

Cincinnati police say the FBI and other law-enforcement agencies are helping and local authorities are ready to work 12-hour shifts. Local reports say they will construct extra security and will whisk the business leaders downtown when they arrive.

"We sure don't want to blow this," said Ted Bushelman, spokesman for the Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport.

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PUBLIC NOTICE OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

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A few words from the demonettes of hell

There has never been a TV series where the animal hero was a bat. Why not? Why couldn't Lassie have been a bat? There could have been an episode wherein Lassie and her young master, Timmy, are frolicking around the farm, with Lassie playfully catching insects for Timmy via sonar, when suddenly...UH-oh! Timmy is caught in the net.

So Lassie flits as fast as she can back to the farmhouse, where she squeaks and hurls her tiny self against the screen door until Timmy's family, realizing that something is wrong, comes running outside and kills Lassie with a rake. Because people generally hate bats. Plus they are getting sick and tired of Timmy falling into the quicksand every other week.

But my central point is that bats have a poor public image. This is unfair, because bats play a vital role in the ecology, as opposed to dogs, who hardly ever do anything except bark and emit puint-peeling puffs of flatulence, which would be a good name for a rock band.

Fortunately, there are people working on behalf of bats - people who study bats, who rescue bats who love bats, who have, on occasion, saved bats. A group of these people met recently in Miami for the 30th annual North American Symposium on Bat Research. On hand to provide retail diversion was a company called Spelobooks ("Cave and Bat Goods"), which was selling a wide array of bat-themed merchandise, including bat jewelry, bat candles, bat shirts, bat ties, bat baby clothes, bat sculptures, bat tissues, bat cookie molds, bat Christmas ornaments, bat hot sauce and bat tea towels.

The symposium itself was a serious affair, consisting of bat researchers presenting scientific papers on such topics as "Feeding Ecology of the Naked-backed Bats"; "More on the Complexities of Water Hole Use by a Colombian Bat Community"; "Community Vampire Bat Management in Nicaragua"; "Is Leptonycteris cursumae an Unreliable Pollinator?"; "Is Myotis lucifugus the Mosquito Hunter of the Night?" and of course the question that is on everyone's mind: "Do Frugivorous Bats Provide Directed Dispersal for a Large-seeded Tropical Tree?"

(For the record, another good name for a rock band would be "Mosquito Hunter and the Unreliable Pollinator.") I talked to several bat scientists at the symposium, and here are some of the bat facts I learned:

- Wherever you live in the world, there are bats nearby. In fact, look out there's one coming to bite you.
- No, seriously, although bats look like evil creepy demonettes from hell that want to swoop down and bite us and give us rabies, in fact, they are generally harmless flying mammals just like us who form colonies, care for their young, go to the mall, etc. Additionally, the average bat is less likely to be killed than a bat.
- Besides catching insects, bats play a critical role in pollinating certain plants, such as the agave, with little bat teeth used as a pestle.
- Even vampire bats have their human side. Researcher Ted Fleming told me that sometimes a female vampire bat will return from a successful bloodsucking trip and share her good fortune by "regurgitating to her roost mates." Awwwww.

- Many bat species are endangered because of humans, some of whom view bats as actual food. A researcher named Tom Kunz told me that in parts of Southeast Asia, bat meat is considered a delicacy. In Guam, people have eaten pretty much all the bats. There's a bat shortage here so could be a drive, with you and get rich although you would need skilled bat wranglers.
- Kunz also told me that the Gubu people of Papua, New Guinea (people that make the Gubu people up), have a big feast wherein they boil up a mess of bats, cook them over coals and then eat them whole, after which they get little bat teeth out of their mouths. Kunz said that, as a researcher, he actually took a tiny bite of this dish.
- Incredibly, he did not say that it tasted like chicken.

So we see that bats have really received a "raw deal" from us humans. I think that from now on, we should all remember that bats are our friends, and we should make every effort to be nice to them while remaining at a safe distance, if, in my case anyway, 14 miles. Also, if we go to a restaurant in Southeast Asia, we should make darned sure we know what we are ordering.

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The most beloved bogeyman

Americans love to lap up sugar

By Steve Crump
 Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Unless you're diabetic, a little sugar won't hurt you.

"There are only a few teaspoons of sugar in a square of milk chocolate," said Marnie Schroeder, registered dietitian at the Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. "But nobody eats just one square of milk chocolate."

Just so. And on Halloween - the high holy day of sugar rushes - wretched-excess is our national obsession.

The average American lapped up 64 pounds of sugar in 1998, the last year for which statistics are available. For the typical teen-age boy, it was 109 pounds.

"I don't think a lot of people realize how much sugar they, or their kids, are really consuming," Schroeder said. "But one can of pop can have 10 teaspoons of sugar in it."

Put that into context: Drinking a can of soda is the equivalent of ordering a cup of coffee and dumping five spoonfuls of sugar into it.

"Drinking a can of pop is like bathing your teeth in sugar for an extended period of time, if you sip it," said Mark Wright, a Twin Falls dentist.

Soda consumption has doubled in the United States since 1974, but that's only the beginning.

"If you're a parent, you're almost better off letting your kids sit down when they come home from trick-or-treating, eat all the candy they can hold, then make them brush their teeth," said Dr. Bart Adrian, a Twin Falls pediatrician. "That's better than letting them chew sticky candy, which is terrible for your teeth, for days on end."

"Sugar consumption is off the charts," said Michael Jacobson, executive director of the Washington, D.C.-based Center for Science in the Public Interest, a public interest group, in a news release. "Added sugars found in junk foods, such as soft drinks, cake and cookies - squeeze healthier foods out of diet. That sugar now accounts for 16 percent of the calories consumed by the average American and 20 percent of teenagers' calories."

In 1978, it was 11 percent of calories for the typical American, according to CSPI.

The federal Department of Agriculture projected in 1997 that added-sugar intake would increase 20 percent by 2005; it's up almost 30 percent since 1983.

All that sugar contributes to obesity by increasing the number of calories that sugar eaters consume, Schroeder said, but it can do worse.

People whose diets are high in added sugars eat lower levels of fiber, vitamins A, C and E, magnesium and calcium. By displacing protective nutrients and foods in the diet, added sugars may boost the risk of osteoporosis, cancer, high blood pressure and heart disease.

So what's the answer to do?
 "Keep track of what your kids eat," Schroeder said. "Read labels."

And keep in mind that not all sugars are created equal.
 "They're ubiquitous in food, but the kinds of sugar found in fruit and in starchy foods can have some dietary value, she said.

The problem is with those added to highly processed products, from lattes to licorice.



Halloween is like a holy day for sweet teeth in the United States, where each American consumes about 64 pounds of sugar per year.

Photo illustration by BRUCE ENGLISH/The Thinker

"And it's not always obvious," Schroeder said. "Fruit-juice drinks, which are marketed as being healthy products, can be loaded with sugar."

From Wright's perspective, sugar is problem in kids' mouths primarily when it's paired with neglect.

"The widespread use of fluoride (in drinking water and toothpastes) really reduced the number of cavities dramatically," he said. "But fluoride and the best dental care aren't going to do you much good if you don't brush your teeth."

That's because sugar is the favorite food of the bacteria that cause tooth decay, and they're no respecters of age.

"He's seen children who still have their baby teeth with a mouthful of cavities," Wright said.

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Kids say the yuckier the treats, the better

Knigt Rider Newspapers

"The very same kids who label broccoli 'gross' will suck candy boogers out of a plastic nose."

Go figure.
 Candy isn't necessarily sweet anymore, in flavor or in demeanor. In fact, what's liable to land in the little ones' Halloween treat bags this year can seem downright disgusting to uptight grown-ups: gummy aliens, candy bones, chocolates that look like eyeballs and hard candy so sour, it's painful.

Exactly the stuff kids love. Traditional Halloween handouts like

chocolate bars and lollipops are still huge sellers this time of year, but they're sharing shelf space with treats that reflect the frightful side of the season.

Stroll down the candy aisle and you're likely to be assaulted by such ghoulish goodies as Creepy Peepers (peanut-butter-filled chocolate balls wrapped in foil that make them resemble disembodied eyes), Bells and Tongue Tattoo Space Alien Suckers (lollipops that are printed with black icing and are supposed to transfer the alien's face to the purtaker's tongue).

Corse imagery is big, of course - Gummy

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Web site offers help with chemo Knitting, crochet enjoy resurgence in popularity

Amgen, a biotech company in California, has created a consumer Web site for cancer patients experiencing side effects from chemotherapy. While the site, at <http://www.amgen.com>, was built around the very common side effect of neutropenia (low white blood cell count), there is a lot of useful information to help patients and their families deal with all of the effects of chemotherapy. The site also provides free support programs and links to other trusted cancer-related sites.

At a loss about floss

As many women probably already know, teeth-flossing simply is not a gut thing. When the American Academy of Periodontology polled 201 of its members, 57 percent reported that their female patients practiced better oral-hygiene habits than their male patients.

Going to decline

Going to med school to become a pediatrician or family

Health notes

doctor isn't a good career move right now. As demand for such doctors has dropped, so has the average annual income offered to recruit them, says physician search firm Merritt, Hawkins & Associates. It ended in March, the Wall Street Journal reports, family-practice income declined by just less than 1 percent from a year earlier, to \$135,000, while pediatricians' incomes dropped 1.5 percent, to \$132,000.

What a body!

"We spare no expense in maintaining that fine-tuned instrument known as the female body." So says Equity magazine, which reports that more than \$15 billion a year is spent on women's skin-and-hair-care cosmetics, fragrances and makeup; an additional \$5.7 billion is spent on contraceptives, estrogens, and drugs that treat breast and ovarian cancer; and about \$8 billion or so is spent by women on vitamins, minerals and supplements.

Uneasy rider

For years, male mountain bikers and cyclists considered pain, numbness and discomfort in the scrotum part of the "I'm-tough-enough-to-take-it" philosophy.
 Then, cycling writers such as Ed Pavelka of Bicycling magazine brought up the unthinkable and unintentionable - the possible link between impotence and saddle-related injuries to a man's private parts. The medical jury is still out on a direct connection, but a new study in the journal Lancet shows that saddles can cause injuries to the scrotum to male mountain bikers.
 Radiologists and urologists at the University Hospital Innsbruck in Austria found that mountain bikers have a higher frequency of scrotal disorders.
 The researchers suggested that mountain bikers should pay close attention to their bike saddle and suspension to reduce injury.
 - Compiled from wire reports

Knitting, crochet enjoy resurgence in popularity

Knitting and crochet are enjoying a resurgence these days. There's evidence everywhere. According to the Globe, a Hollywood gossip rag, "a small circle of top actresses, including Cameron Diaz and Daryl Hannah, get together once a week to knit. The "grandmotherly" craft is a hot trend."
 Claire Daines and Julia Roberts are hooked, too; they frequent a yarn shop in Studio City, Calif. Even the super model Inan is knitting booties for her new baby. It's considered chic to wear a hand-made sweater and hip to be seen knitting in public. At a Knit-Out in New York's Union Square Park last year, more than 7,000 people gathered to knit.
 The Craft Yarn Council, a nonprofit association that raises consumer awareness of craft yarns, states there are 30 million crocheters in the United States alone, and they're using even more yarn than the knitters. The council promotes teaching both of these crafts, especially to children who can benefit from the finger dexterity and direction-following that's involved.
 There's also a growing number of programs and guilds across the country interested in the group between the ages 24-35.
 "I think a lot of younger adults are discovering what core consumers have known all along: it's relaxing, friendly and creative," says Mary Colucci, communications director for the Craft Yarn Council.
 It's also portable, and there are projects for every skill level. Cost isn't a barrier to either people; textual and hand-dyed yarns are popular and they are pricey.
 In next week's column: yarn sources, Internet sites and books.
 Barbara Gash writes about sewing for the Detroit Free Press. Write to her at the Free Press, P.O. Box 828, Detroit, Mich. 48221, or send e-mail to cmgms@atd.com.



SEWING
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HEALTH & FASHION

To do for you Is fiber good for you, or not?

Red Cross training

The American Red Cross is offering a Workplace Training Standard First Aid course at 6 p.m. today and Tuesday at the Red Cross office, 718 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. The five and one-half hour course includes adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first-aid instruction. Pre-registration and prepayment are required. To register or for more information, call 733-6464 or (888) 367-6321, or visit the office.

Bone marrow registration

Bone marrow registration will be taken from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today through Thursday at 8 a.m. Saturday at the American Red Cross, 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls. The process takes about 30 minutes and is free. Donors must be between 18-60 years of age and in good health. For more information, call 737-2441.

First aid training offered

A Community First Aid and Safety course will be offered at 8 a.m. Saturday at the American Red Cross, 718 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. The nine-hour course includes infant, child and adult cardiopulmonary resuscitation. Pre-registration and prepayment are required. To register or for more information, call 733-6464 or (888) 367-6321, or visit the office.

Big Kids Klub meets

Big Kids Klub will meet from

10-11:30 a.m. Saturday in the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls. The program is designed to help prepare siblings for the new baby. To register, call 737-2900.

Learn about childbirth

Childbirth and early parenting classes will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Nov. 7 through Dec. 5, at the St. Benedicts Health Education Center, 215 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. The second class qualifies as a refresher session for mothers who have previously taken the childbirth series. The classes are free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedicts Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-4301.

Refresher course offered

A childbirth refresher course will be offered from 7-10 p.m. Nov. 7 in the Education Center at MVRMC in Twin Falls. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2900.

All about CPR

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

Learning Infant CPR

Infant CPR class will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Nov. 8 in the Education Center at

MVRMC in Twin Falls.

Pre-registration is not required.

Prepared childbirth class

A prepared childbirth course will be offered from 7-9:30 p.m. Tuesdays, beginning Nov. 9 through Dec. 14, in the Education Center at MVRMC. Pre-registration is required, call 737-2900.

Breast cancer screening

A breast screening education program will be offered through the MVRMC Women's Imaging Center, 630 Addison Ave. W. in Twin Falls. The free program includes facts about early detection, self breast examination and mammography. For more information or to make an appointment, call 737-2192.

Get cardiac coupons

Cardiac risk profile coupons are available to check cholesterol (LDL and HDL levels), triglycerides and cardiac risk factor. Cost is \$15. For more information or to receive a coupon, call MVRMC Laboratory Services at 737-2021 or stop by the main entrance lobby at the medical center.

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, Office at 132 Third St. W.

The Dallas Morning News

Lately, fiber has had it rough. Headlines once touted a high-fiber diet as a way to help prevent cancer, heart disease, diabetes and a host of lesser ailments. The latest studies, though, have poured cold milk over fiber's cancer-preventing reputation. Not only does fiber not seem to do much for colon cancer, but one study this month suggested that fiber supplements might actually increase the risk of pre-cancerous growths.

So is fiber good for you? "It seems like a simple question," said Joanne Lupton, a nutritional scientist at Texas A&M University. Yet questions that involve the food people eat can be complicated for scientists to answer.

Don't abandon the bran, Lupton said. Even if the cancer hypothesis has gotten soggy, the evidence supporting fiber's other benefits is much crisper. "I think the overwhelming evidence says that high-fiber foods are protective against a whole variety of diseases," Lupton said.

A few examples: Two large studies - one involving 43,000 male health professionals and another involving 68,000 female health professionals - found that fiber decreased the risk of coronary heart disease. One of those studies also found a lower risk of diverticular disease, a painful intestinal condition that often strikes older people. And Dallas researchers recently reported that fiber can help diabetics keep their glucose levels under control.

Fiber is a general name for the parts of edible plants that aren't digested, which is why fiber is often referred to as "roughage." Generally speaking, fiber comes in two types, water-soluble and water-insoluble. The mechanisms behind fiber's health benefits isn't known, but many scientists believe that it affects the way other nutrients in the body are absorbed in the intestine. That's how fiber could tip cholesterol levels, or blood glucose.

The cancer-protection hypothesis emerged in the 1970s, when a British researcher observed that African populations with high-fiber diets tended to have much lower colon cancer rates. Perhaps, the theory was, fiber somehow reduced the colon's exposure to cancer-causing chemicals. Early studies about fiber seemed to generally support the idea, although the results weren't as strong as researchers would have liked. Beginning last year, the colon cancer picture began to get even fuzzier. Researchers from Harvard Medical School reported the results of one of the largest studies of colon cancer and fiber so far, saying that fiber appeared to make little difference.

But the most stunning blow to the cancer hypothesis was reported this year. Government researchers, conducting a large study to see whether fiber could reduce the formation of polyps - the growths that sometimes lead to cancer - couldn't find any benefit. The scientists who conducted the study aren't recommending cheeseburgers. There could be many reasons this particular study didn't work, said Dr. Arthur Schatzkin of the National Cancer Institute. For example, people in the study already had a tendency to develop polyps, and the study was designed



A bran muffin or two in your diet might not ward off colon cancer, but it does have many other health benefits.

only to test their recurrence. But no one can say whether fiber might prevent polyps from developing in the first place.

"I would say that the jury's still out," Schatzkin said.

Studies of diet are maddeningly complicated to conduct, in part because scientists have only a few years to try to measure the impact of a lifetime of eating. "The ideal trial would be to follow people from birth, randomize them to different diets and follow them for 70 years," Schatzkin said. Since that kind of study won't happen - the study would outlast the researchers - science must often rely on studies that typically follow low people for several years, ask them to fill out questionnaires about their eating habits, and

watch to see who develops disease. Usually, this works pretty well. Eight or nine studies like this have all supported the idea that fiber protects against heart disease, said Dr. Eric Rimm of the Harvard School of Public Health. "They have actually been incredibly consistent," he said. Even researchers in Finland, where diets are different from those in the United States, have found that fiber protects against heart disease.

In the case of colon cancer, though, there may be important factors that scientists haven't yet uncovered. Perhaps a high-fiber diet is protective, but only if it's eaten early in life, Schatzkin said. "Maybe it's what you eat when you're 13 years old."

Online auctions help patients cut costs

The Baltimore Sun

WASHINGTON - Atousa Yazdandar wanted bigger breasts, but wasn't happy with the prices quoted by seven or eight plastic surgeons - about \$6,000 for implants.

So the Long Beach, Calif., woman went to a Web site, posted a request for breast implants and held an online auction. Plastic surgeons bid on the procedure, and she eventually chose the lowest bidder at \$3,500. The surgery, in August, was a success, she said.

"I just wanted to go bigger," said Yazdandar, 26, who now has size 34-DD breasts. "I couldn't be happier with the results. It's amazing."

Yazdandar isn't alone in having doctors bid online for business. In a strange twist on the burgeoning use of cyberspace to hawk goods - from cars to baseball cards - people are holding online auctions to find cheaper elective surgery.

So far, the practice involves only a handful of Web sites and is hardly a trend. Yazdandar used Medicine Online, a California site that began offering cyber auctions in March. She gave the site permission to release her name. Normally, the names of clients and

doctors who use Medicine Online are kept confidential.

Early next year, Wisconsin company plans to hold auctions for more serious operations, including open-heart surgery and orthopedic procedures.

The collision of the Internet and surgery was inevitable, said some ethicists and people who run the auction sites. The Internet has become a popular tool to find deals, and medicine has evolved into a high-stakes business concerned about the bottom line, they said.

"I wish I could say I was surprised," said Arthur Caplan, who heads the Center for Bioethics at the University of Pennsylvania. "We've decided that medicine is a marketplace."

Some warn that Internet auctions could be risky.

"You can't price your bodies like a commodity," said Dr. Roger Greenberg, former president of the California Society of Plastic Surgeons. "Who is likely to get the lowest bid, the busy surgeon or the not-so-busy surgeon? Buyer beware."

Medicine Online - www.medicineonline.com - specialized in providing information to physicians and hospitals before it launched its

auction site. The company's officers decided they needed to do something different to save their business from folding like so many other content-based Web sites.

"We really couldn't make money the way we were doing business," said David Puffer, a Medicine Online vice president. "When a physician pitched auctions to us, we thought it was crazy. Now, we're kicking ourselves for underestimating consumers."

In its first three months, Puffer said, Medicine Online linked more than 1,000 patients with physicians through the bidding process, but the site has not kept track of statistics since that period.

More than 350 doctors participate in Medicine Online bidding nationwide, Puffer said, although not every state is represented and some patients have been unable to find a doctor through the site.

Medicine Online doesn't charge any fees right now, Puffer said, because it is hoping to build a name and capture the market. Eventually, the company plans to charge patients a 2 percent fee for each surgery.

The company is surviving on money supplied by its original investors, Puffer said.

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MALTA - Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Harper of Malta will be honored at an open house on Saturday for their 50th wedding anniversary. Friends and relatives are invited to call from 7-9 p.m. at the Malta LDS Church. The couple requests only the gift of love and friendship.
Harper and Marian Frost were married Nov. 28, 1950, in the Idaho Falls LDS Temple.
He served an LDS mission to Canada as she awaited his return. They built a home in Malta, where they have lived all their life. He went the extra mile to help his family and worked hard to provide for them. She has been a homemaker, raising and enjoying her children. She gives endlessly of her time and talents to her family and friends.
They are active members in the LDS Church where they have served in many positions. They have worked side by side in many

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HEALTH & FASHION

Dance and exercise maven says the secret of youth is good posture

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — As they focus on the motor-mouth mantra of Gary Restifo, eight students — some scowls, some just people in love of better bodies — watch themselves intently in the dance-studio mirrors of Steps on Broadway. “Suck in stomach! Squeeze! Open shoulders!” cajoles Restifo, 53.

“Hands on floor, knees bent, straighten your leg, swing to right, left, stay there! Put left hand on right side of body, right arm swings straight, open the body, twist torso, work stomach under — and release!”

“If you want to breathe heavy, I can chase you under a hall with a 2-by-4,” adds Restifo, who is a champion of heavy-breathing aerobic. “But that won’t help. You can exercise everyday and still end up with —”

“Thunder thighs, jelly buns and flabby inner thighs!” the students shout (and gasp) in breathless unison.



Posture is made of small steps, such as correctly aligning the shoulders and hips when you drive.

Hey, don't be a slouch

Restifo is a dance man with a mission: To ensure that his students align their bodies correctly before they even start moving. If they don't, he says, exercise will be too constricted, and they will end up “looking stubby” — they will be the “stubby” without getting enough length.”

Good posture and alignment can make dramatic physical changes in anyone, he says. “The better the posture, the better you look. If you just position your neck and head properly, you can look five years younger.”

- 1. The Wrap LIFT:** Pretend you are tightening a wide belt around your waist. Pull all the stomach muscles, pull back in. Then pull them up toward your shoulders, toward bottom of rib cage. Hold as long as you can. Relax. It's the “On my God” position, how you get the dancer look.
- 2. Squeeze buns:** Clench buttocks from top of your back legs — you should feel it all the way to your stomach. Hold as long as you can. Relax. This “squeeze-tuck under” move puts the pelvis at a right angle to the floor, and stretches the thighs and spine.
- 3. Align legs:** Watching carefully in a mirror as you stretch — on the floor, reaching arms to toes or in bending straight over from waist — make sure there is no twisting in ankles or knees. “The body's center is the stomach and hips. If the pelvis is in line, then you use the leg correctly,” and strengthening exercises.

- 4. On the floor, open up your legs to fit hip sockets.** Extend the arms out and bend toward the left toes, then the right toes. Lower yourself straight to floor while sucking in stomach.
- 5. At a barre or against a chair,** place feet 12 inches apart, rise up on toes, bend knees, lower heels to floor, slowly straighten leg. Do the “flat back” move: Legs straight, lower torso into a right angle to the barre, reach back to the ceiling, release.
- 6. Neck stretch:** Back on floor, bring chin to chest — this lengthens the back. When you stand up, your neck will look longer and you will look five years younger.
- 7. Practice until standing straight is a habit.** Good times to straighten up: “Brushing your teeth, standing at the bus stop.

Cabaret singer Leslie Anderson has taken the class up four times a week since 1995. Restifo doesn't stress diet or strenuous exercise, but “the first year he totally changed my body — I lost 25 to 30 pounds” just by doing the exercises, she says. Standing straight also helps her look thinner, because her stomach isn't sticking out.

Restifo's approach creates a balance by combining stretch

and strengthening exercises. “Thick thighs shorten muscle and pull the top of the pelvis down as the bottom goes back — it's like walking like a duck,” he says. “Stomachs get worked too: ‘If you constantly stick your stomach out, you feel your lower back tighten. That jams all the vertebrae and discs together and locks the spine, so a very quick motion could tear something.’”

Diabetes doesn't have to rule your life

The Gazette

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — A diagnosis of diabetes can be frightening.

Diabetes, after all, is incurable and can lead to heart disease, amputation, kidney disease, blindness, death.

But it doesn't have to. By controlling blood-sugar levels, by exercising, by eating right, the risk of complications can be reduced by as much as 75 percent.

the more prevalent type 2 diabetes.

It's also striking at a younger age; a 70 percent rise occurred among people in their 30s. Earlier onset means the risk of earlier complications; a child diagnosed at age 6 could be facing blindness or be on dialysis in his or her 20s, Meringola notes.

One reason for the spike is the American lifestyle, health-care workers say. Although genetics is a factor in who gets diabetes — Hispanics, African-Americans, Asian-Americans and American Indians face a higher risk of developing type 2 diabetes — inactivity and obesity also play a key role.

people, he wants to warn them; he wants to tell them how he blew it.

“I was way overweight for a long time,” he says. Now he's coping with type 2 diabetes.

He has shed those excess pounds and works out regularly. He also tests his blood-sugar levels four times a day, with the prick of a finger and the use of a hand-held glucose monitor. And twice a day, he gives himself insulin shots.

Although injections are more commonly associated with type 1 diabetes, about 40 percent of type 2 diabetes eventually need insulin.

Often though, diabetes can be controlled through diet and exercise, sometimes with the

use of oral medications.

Like many others, Bloor feared the needle. Most of the time though, he doesn't even feel it as he jabs the needle quickly into a fold of skin around his waist.

“One key word is consistency,” he says. “You've got to be consistent when you take your tests, on when you take your insulin. You can't play games with it.”

Rudy Chavez wasn't surprised when he was diagnosed with diabetes about four years ago. His father had it, and there is diabetes on his mother's side as well.

“I guess it runs in the family,” says the 59-year-old Chavez.

Granted, she says, it can require major lifestyle changes. It's not routine for most to have to check blood-sugar levels several times a day or to have to watch every morsel of food.

But when faced with the alternative, she adds, it's worth the effort.

In fact, the past decade, health-care workers have had to get that message out to more and more people. From 1990 to 1998, diabetes rose 33 percent in the United States — mostly in cases of

Got milk? Don't put it on your face

DEAR PAULA: A saleswoman at a cosmetic counter recommended applying milk to my face and letting it dry as a way to help my dry skin. I did appreciate her honesty and attempt to protect me from buying expensive products, but the milk didn't do a thing for my skin. Does this work for some people? Did I do something wrong? Or was her advice bogus?



COSMETICS Q&A Paula Begoun

— GOT MILK? IN PHILADELPHIA
DEAR GOT MILK: Honest advice can be just as much a waste of time and money as buying useless, expensive products if the advice is faulty.

Food products on the face can be a problem for many reasons.

If you tend to break out, it is like feeding a fire — the bacteria that are causing the problem! If you have dry skin, most food products have no ability to bind water to your skin or to soothe or protect it. The excep-

tion to this is plant oils. Nonvolatile (nonfragrant) plant oils are great for extremely dry skin!

I suspect the milk recommendation came from the idea that milk is the source for lactic acid (an AHA) and that acids can help exfoliate dry skin. While milk is indeed the food origin for lactic acid, the amount of milk that would mimic the effect of lactic acid is enormous.

DEAR PAULA: If a company claims its products are cruelty-free and not tested on animals, how

can they contain animal-derived ingredients such as collagen, squelene, lanolin, and elastin? I really do want to be a responsible consumer. I do not approve of animal testing for cosmetics.

— CATHERINE

DEAR CATHERINE: Basically, what the company is promising when it indicates its line is cruelty-free is that it does not test its products on animals.

Most animal ingredients are a byproduct of the food industry, and to most consumers that is not the same issue as animal testing. It may be to you, though, and you can choose accordingly.

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

Scientists ponder source of dreams

Newsway

If people can't recall a recent event, will they still dream about it? According to a new study, the answer — a surprising yes — is raising a slew of questions about where dreams come from, what they mean and what role they play in learning and memory.

novices with no previous experience and five people with amnesia who had to be retaught the game each time they played it.

After morning and evening playing sessions on the first two days, 17 of the volunteers reported dreaming of falling or rotating Tetris blocks in the first hour of their slumber. To the surprise of the scientists, those dreamers included three volunteers with amnesia who didn't remember playing the game or even the researcher who taught them.

predicts the finding will also hold true for the truly weird dreams we encounter late at night.

“Part of the reason our dreams are so bizarre and disconnected is that we're not filtering that through our episodic memories that hold everything together,” he said.

Dr. Robert Stickgold, a psychiatrist at Harvard Medical School in Boston and the lead author of the research effort, said the findings of the popular computer game Tetris and a group of volunteers, including some with amnesia, has paved the way for future scientific studies of dreams.

“The studies with the amnesias have given us for the first time the ability to look at where in the brain our dreams come from,” Stickgold said in a phone interview. “It's sort of like a ‘Where's Waldo?’ experiment.”

Stickgold said his study results suggest that memories of facts, such as the shapes and sizes of Tetris blocks, were the true source of the sleep-onset visions dancing in the game players' heads. And he

Upon waking from an afternoon nap, for example, one of the volunteers reported dreaming about Tetris blocks in a garden path. The seemingly disjointed nature of the image, Stickgold said, is a hallmark of a late stage of sleep characterized by rapid eye movement and intense dreams.

The dream can be explained, he said, by the brain's attempt to link two related topics such as ordered game blocks and the ordered nature of landscape architecture.

“It's like the brain is saying, ‘Wait a minute, guys, I know this is seems bizarre and illogical, but it kind of fits together,’” Stickgold said.

In the study, reported Oct. 13 in the Journal of Science, Stickgold and his team spent three days training 27 volunteers to play the computer game Tetris, which requires spatial reasoning to properly arrange a series of falling blocks. The study, included 10 Tetris experts, 12

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Figuring out what to do with incoming data is “probably the most difficult task that the brain has to perform,” he said, a learning process he says is a critical function of sleep — and dreams.

Estate Shape

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INCENTIVE TRUSTS

Dennis S. Voorhes

Although it is often said that you can't rule from the grave, that's not entirely true. And it's certainly not a good idea to leave a substantial inheritance to a beneficiary who has not developed the maturity to manage it wisely.

With stock market advances and appreciating land values increasing the personal wealth of many Americans, more and more people are looking for some way to assure that inheritances are not squandered and that they don't end up doing more harm than good.

A popular means of assuring that inheritances are used in a responsible manner is through the use of what might be called incentive trusts. These can be as simple or as complex as you wish. They can be managed by surviving family members, by a corporate trustee, or both. They can be of short or long duration.

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CAUSES:

The most common cause of DUB is a hormone imbalance. This is often caused by stress, weight loss or gain, medications, or excessive exercise, or even some benign tumors. Other causes are infectious, thyroid disorders, uterine tumors, cancer, or even pregnancy, regardless of the cause. DUB is a source of worry and often-times can be very disruptive in a woman's life affecting career, schooling, social life, sex life, and home life.

DIAGNOSIS:

The history alone will often suggest the cause, although tests may be necessary. After a physical examination, your doctor may need to per-

form a biopsy, to look at a small amount of tissue under the microscope to rule out more serious causes such as cancer. Hormonal levels may be checked. Ultrasound is often used to evaluate the uterus or ovaries. Hysteroscopy is occasionally used which is a thin telescope like instrument by which we can actually view the inside of the uterus. Laparoscopy is used sometimes to look at the abdominal or pelvic organs. Most of these procedures can be safely performed in a doctor's office, where otherwise performed in the hospital.

TREATMENT:

In most cases, treatment will consist of taking medicine to correct the imbalance. Occasionally simple reassignment is all that is necessary, or even hysterectomy. Sometimes various surgical procedures are useful in correcting DUB.

If you have noticed that your periods have changed, see your doctor. If you are menopausal and notice any bleeding, you should also see your doctor. These changes might well be new problems long ignored that evolve into a more serious condition. Remember, "an ounce of prevention..."

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'Call Police' banner helps driver in need

DEAR ABBY: Years ago, I purchased a "Please Call Police" banner that you mentioned in your column. It was to be used by people in need of emergency assistance. I am 80 years old and all alone. I use two hearing aids and cannot use a car phone because I need a special one with "TTY."



DEAR ABBY Abigail VanBuren

again? I need several more. I would like to order them for my daughter-in-law and granddaughters. Thanks, Abby

-HARRIET M. PHILADELPHIA

DEAR HARRIET: I'm happy to oblige. With the holidays on the horizon, I'm also pleased to remind readers that "Please Call Police" banners make terrific stocking stuffers. Knowing they are in the glove compartment brings immeasurable peace of mind not only to senior citizens, but also to the parents of teenage drivers. Many people order

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DEAR ABBY: I just read your answer to "Carol in Mentor, Ohio," who asked if she should give up her dog in order to marry the "dog hater." As a pastor who has done marriage counseling for 21 years, may I commend you for your flawless advice.

I have studied and observed this scenario and similar others for years. The fact that a man can hate someone's beloved pets almost always serves as a huge red flag for deep problems. If nothing else, it is a revelation of selfishness that might not be exposed until after the "best foot forward" is removed.

Hats off to you, Abby. This pastor gives you two paws-up, along with a paw full of good wishes. -PASTOR STUART SEGALL, BURLINGTON, WASH.

DEAR PASTOR SEGALL: Woof! Woof!

CROSSWORD puzzles with grid and clues for Across and Down.

Sudoku puzzle with grid and clues.

Some medical researchers of strong caffeine in a cup of coffee seems to relax the bronchial tubes better than most asthma medicines.

Riding camels are females. Pack camels are males. Generally, "Etopophobia" is the polysyllabic version of "fear of sex."

Petrarch climbed Mount Ventoux in southern France in 1336. Some say that marked the beginning of the Renaissance, because it was the first time anybody had climbed a mountain just to see the view.

Nobody knows exactly why you laugh when something strikes you as funny. I don't mean what makes you laugh. But the physical action. Why your diaphragm flutters and you emit chortles. Instead of sticking out your tongue maybe. Or fluttering your eyelids. The mechanisms remain most mysterious.

Slowest growth of all cancers is said to be that of the prostate. He-men of early England didn't think much of Richard II. He introduced the lace handkerchief there.

And tripteraud the citizenry. And went around stealing the estates of his relatives. Finally, the he-men tossed him into jail where his death presumably was murder. For more information about it, the Web site is www.wcil.org.

Born today? You could have a place in limelight

IF OCTOBER 30 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: You have marvelous sense of humor, intellectual curiosity, are fascinated with the arts and are more knowledgeable than most concerning politics. Gemini, Sagittarius persons play major roles in your life - could have these letters, initials in names: C, T. U. Emphasis currently is on home, decorating, fixing things. During December, burden not really your own in first place will be lifted.

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individual who takes you for granted. Get tall for principles. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Check details; be sure measurements are correct. Revise, rewrite. Tell others, "I am here to stay." Taurus, Leo, Scorpio get being obsequious. Member of opposite sex expresses love. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): What had been a lost opportunity will remind you to go for it. Attention revolves around home, family, protection of valuables. Libra figures prominently. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Attend secret meeting. Display courage of convictions. You can almost do the impossible. You could be on precipice of fame, fortune. Pisces plays top role. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Power play. Toss aside preconceived notions. You'll be dealing with executive who is temperamental. Cancer native will play instrumental role. Romance is getting hot. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): You'll affirm belief that what goes around comes around. People previously cold will now warm up to you. Aries, Libra individuals express desire to be friendly.

'Blair Witch' sequel rakes in less than original movie

LOS ANGELES (AP) - The witch in the woods cast a weaker spell the second time around. "Book of Shadows: Blair Witch 2" followed up to last year's low-budget surprise hit, "The Blair Witch Project," was unable to knock off reigning box-office champ "Meet the Parents." Those who purport to understand all about liquor trouble claim each alcoholic somehow messes up the lives of at least four people. Pollsters say only one in 20 young women really likes her given name.

'Little Vampire' remains skeptical over star status

NEW YORK - Jonathan Lipnicki, 10-year-old star of the new movie "Little Vampire," knows what it's like to be in the limelight. And he's not so sure he likes it. "People used to be really wild. They would follow me around," he said in Sunday's Newsday. "They thought I had a cell phone in my backpack and stuff. And I was in kindergarten." Lipnicki, who previously appeared in the films "Jerry Maguire" and "Stuart Little" and he doesn't envy stars with heart-throb status. "I've heard when girls meet N Sync and the Backstreet Boys, they throw up on them and faint. I wouldn't want to get thrown up on," he said.

People in the news

Heidi Klum and actors Ashley Judd, Greg Kinnear, Jenny McCarthy and Rosie Perez also created holiday cards. Proceeds from the cards, which go on sale Nov. 12, will go to the Elizabeth Glaser Pediatric AIDS Foundation. Swimming trunks 'save gold medalist uncomfortable NEW YORK - What does Australian swimming sensation and Olympic gold medalist Ian Thorpe do to unwind after stepping out of the pool? "He slips into something a little more comfortable. "Trunks are so small, you feel vulnerable," he said in Sunday's edition of The New York Times. Thorpe, 18, was in New York for the opening of the Giorgio Armani exhibit at the Guggenheim Museum. - compiled from wire reports

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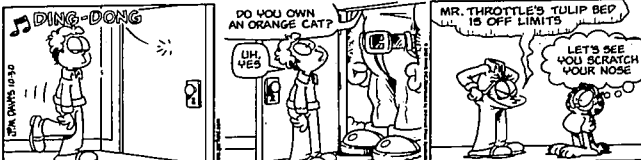
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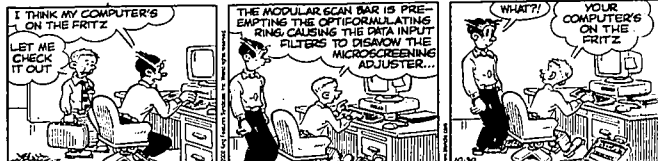
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HOUSE CLEANING
Let me ease your busy life. Joann, 735-0677.
KATIE'S HOUSE CLEANING
Accommodating new clients. Meticulously detailed.

ACCOUNTING/CLERICAL
Evens Grain & Elevator Co./Wheaton Seed Co.
Hayburn, Idaho is looking for an accounting/clerical person.

AUTOMOTIVE
SEARS Automotive is now hiding a full-time battery installer & full-time mechanic.

A JOB TODAY
All Skills Available \$6.00 - \$10.00 per hour
Permanent and Temporary Accepting applications for:

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Rated regional, \$500 sign on. TCT 800-635-5233.
E-MAIL your classified ad to twinned@mcrn.net

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REMEMBER
That birthday ad you placed some time ago in The Times-News? Now is the time to come pick up your pictures. Stop by The Customer Service Dept east of District Court this 30th day of June, 2000.

107 ABORTION ALTERNATIVES
PREGNANCY CRISIS CENTER
FREE TESTING
734-7472 - 800-371-7472

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ATTENTION RIVER FRONT PROPERTY OWNERS
Live your riverbanks with river while the river is down. Reasonably priced. Call 679-9222

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Conduct public opinion polls over the telephone. ABSOLUTE TELEVISION SALES! Strictly research.

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Tell AdHound what you're looking for and he'll search to find a match. Then he emails the ad to you. He can roam right here at home, or through the pages of more than 500 newspapers nationally.

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CNA Classes at MMH
10-15 Students will be accepted for our 6 Week Course to Start Nov. 1st
If you are hired by MMH you will be reimbursed for the training.
General Laborers All Skills - All Trades
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430 Blue Lakes Blvd. N. (208) 735-2200
LABOR READY
1-800-24-LABOR

MEDICAL CNA's, LPN's and RN's, also home health nurses...

MEDICAL TWIN FALLS CARE CENTER... offering various services and shifts.

MEDICAL MAGIC VALLEY REGIONAL... providing medical services in the valley.

MEDICAL RICK LETS TALK!... offering specialized medical services.

MEDICAL TWIN FALLS CARE CENTER... providing care for various medical conditions.

MEDICAL PEOPLE UNITED TO CARE... promoting community care and support.

MEDICAL PHOTOGRAPHY... offering professional photography services.

MEDICAL PURCHASE DEPARTMENT JR. BUYER... specializing in purchasing medical equipment.

MEDICAL SEASIDE... offering coastal and travel services.

MEDICAL BAKERS... providing bakery and catering services.

MEDICAL DISHWASHER... offering appliance repair and sales.

MEDICAL APPLY IN PERSON... providing information on local job opportunities.

MEDICAL NA or CNA needed immediately... seeking qualified candidates for home care.

MEDICAL POWERELLE... offering power equipment and tools.

MEDICAL QUALITY CONTROL... providing quality assurance services.

MEDICAL RECEPTIONIST... seeking individuals for front desk reception.

MEDICAL SALES... offering various sales opportunities in the field.

MEDICAL SHORT-TRAVEL DRIVER... providing driving services for medical appointments.

MEDICAL SOCIAL SERVICES... offering support and resources for families.

MEDICAL HOLIDAY SALES... promoting special holiday offers.

MEDICAL BONA FIDE... offering real estate and investment services.

MEDICAL THE TIMES-NEWS... advertising local news and community events.

MEDICAL ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS... for independent motor route carriers.

MEDICAL IF YOU ARE INTERESTED... provide contact information for more details.

RESTAURANT Hiring waitstaff... seeking experienced servers for various dining establishments.

RESTAURANT JEROME PIZZA HUT... offering pizza delivery and catering services.

RESTAURANT SALES... providing sales opportunities in the food service industry.

RESTAURANT SALES... offering sales positions for various restaurant products.

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SERVICE TECHNICIAN Jerry Lube is now accepting... for various automotive repair services.

SERVICE TECHNICIAN SPANISH INSTRUCTOR... providing language instruction services.

SERVICE TECHNICIAN PRODUCTION OXYGEN... offering industrial oxygen production services.

SERVICE TECHNICIAN MISCELLANEOUS... providing various technical repair services.

SERVICE TECHNICIAN WRITERS... offering writing and editing services.

SERVICE TECHNICIAN THE TIMES-NEWS... providing news and information services.

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TECHNICIAN TV/VC Non-profit organization... for various technical services.

TECHNICIAN EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES... providing job search and recruitment services.

TECHNICIAN PUBLIC SERVICE... offering public service and community support.

TECHNICIAN BURLEY... providing services in the Burley area.

TECHNICIAN ROUTE 400... offering route-based services and support.

TECHNICIAN TWIN FALLS (6)... providing services in Twin Falls.

TECHNICIAN THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS... for independent newspaper routes.

TECHNICIAN ROUTE 810... offering route-based services.

TECHNICIAN ROUTE 821... providing route-based services.

TECHNICIAN ROUTE 822... offering route-based services.

TECHNICIAN ROUTE 823... providing route-based services.

TECHNICIAN ROUTE 824... offering route-based services.

TWIN FALLS (7) ROUTE 718... providing services in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS (7) ROUTE 719... offering services in Twin Falls.

TWIN FALLS (7) ROUTE 720... providing services in Twin Falls.

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TWIN FALLS (7) ROUTE 729... offering services in Twin Falls.

BUHL MOTOR-ROUTE... offering motor route services.

BUHL THE TIMES-NEWS CURRENTLY HAS... for independent newspaper routes.

BUHL ROUTE 558... providing services in the Buhl area.

BUHL ROUTE 559... offering services in the Buhl area.

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BUHL ROUTE 566... providing services in the Buhl area.

BUHL ROUTE 567... offering services in the Buhl area.

BUHL Two homes for one money!... offering home ownership opportunities.

BUHL 305 CONTRACTS & MORTGAGES... providing financial services.

BUHL DRACO INVESTMENT CORP... offering investment and mortgage services.

BUHL DREAM HOME... providing real estate services.

BUHL FAMILY HOMES... offering family home services.

BUHL FORECLOSED HOMES... providing foreclosure services.

BUHL HAGERMAN... offering real estate services.

BUHL ROBERT JONES REALTY... providing real estate services.

BUHL JEROME... offering real estate services.

BUHL A GUARANTEED AD... providing advertising services.

BUHL EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY... promoting fair housing practices.

BUHL REAL ESTATE... offering real estate services.

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