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AFTER THE DRUG BUST

Landlords could face bill for meth lab cleanup

By Mark Helz Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS — Landlords could be the next victims of methamphetamine. As things stand now, when authorities raid a meth lab set up in a rental property and haul away the suspects and evidence they need, the property owner can be left with a horrible mess and possible liability, said Idaho State Police investigator Capt. Clark Rollins. "It's considered a hazardous waste site when we walk in," Rollins said.

That's because the making — or "cooking" — of meth involves a nasty brew of chemicals, including ammonia and red phosphorus, Rollins said. And investigators usually need to take only what they can carry away from a meth lab to use as evidence against suspects, he said. So any chemicals or fumes that have seeped into carpets, walls,

sheet rock or the ground around a rental property would end up being the landlord's problem, Rollins said. "If the next person who rents the place develops health problems because of the chemicals, issue," he said. Technically if things were bad enough, a property could be condemned by the Department of

Environmental Quality, said DEQ inspector Bill Allred. And if enough chemicals were spilled on the ground outside, major excavation could be required, he said. "So far, that hasn't happened in the Magic Valley, he said. But landlords currently have no clear law working in their favor. "Cleanup lands in the landlord's lap, but right now there's no clear regulation stating what 'clean enough' means," he said. "The lack of regulation really hurts landlords." Please see LANDLORD, Page A2

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— Bill Allred, DEQ inspector

Gun battle

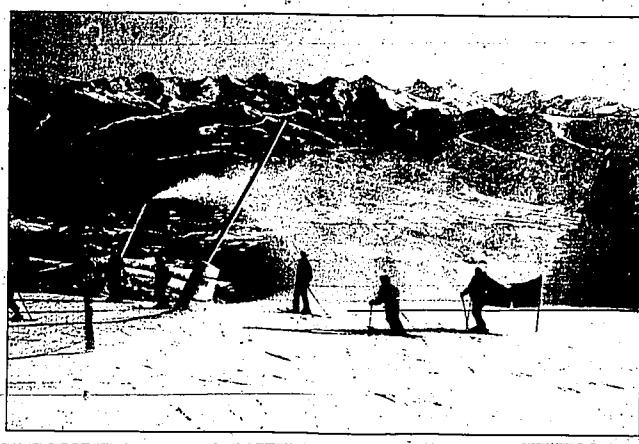
Sun Valley faces opposition to snow-making plan

By Karen Bossick Times-News correspondent

SUN VALLEY — Sun Valley wants to fire up 27 more snow guns next winter to improve safety on the slopes. But the downhill ski resort faces an uphill battle past the U.S. Forest Service and at least eight homeowners to do so.

Sun Valley, whose arsenal of 544 guns already is the world's largest automated snowmaking system, wants to expand it so that it can open up the 31-acre lower Frenchman's area in time for the busy Christmas season. "Not only would it take skiers off some of the busier runs, improving skier safety, but it would increase skier satisfaction because more of the mountain would be open. "I'm always fighting perception," said Sun Valley marketing director Jack Sibbach. "Other resorts like to point out that they get 400 inches of snow each year and Sun Valley only gets 200, so their skiing is twice as good. I'm constantly having to demonstrate that we can provide as good a quality experience because of our snowmaking."

The Frenchman's area lies deep in the belly of the 2,054-acre resort, tucked away in a



Many areas of Bald Mountain, such as Christmas Ridge, would probably not be skiable this year if it were not for snowmaking. Tourists from other ski resorts have reported that Sun Valley's skiing is among the best in the West this year, despite the fact that the snowpack is only about half of normal.

crease in the mountain between River Run and Warm Springs. Accessible from College and Flying Squirrel, it includes Graduate and Undergraduate, French Dip, Can-Can and Janss Pass runs. When it's got enough snow, the area provides a refuge from busy lift lines on other parts of the mountain. It's also a favorite powder stash on powder days. The Forest Service didn't allow Sun Valley to use heavy earth movers to smooth out the slopes when the resort added a multi-million dollar lift in the area, nor did it allow Sun Valley to remove stumps and brush. Consequently, more snow is needed in this area before it can be groomed. "Though it opened for the sea-

son last week, most skiers pass it by because of the brush still sticking up through the snow and the huge moguls that have formed because of Sun Valley's inability to groom the area. The Forest Service allowed Sun Valley to bury snowmaking hoses underground in the Frenchman's area in 1996 when the resort connected the snowmaking system between River Run and Warm Springs. "But officials told Sun Valley it would need to get a consensus from residents who lived near Frenchman's before it put snow guns in the area. Problem was: officials never defined just what a consensus was. In 1999 Sun Valley officials sent 187 letters to nearby resi-

dents, informing them of their desire to expand snowmaking to the area. They got 48 back — 40 of them positive. A few weeks ago, Sun Valley put out petitions at its base lodges and some ski shops to get a list of supporters it can show the Forest Service. More than 1,500 skiers have signed the petition so far, even though most skiers walk by without noticing them. One of those who would like to see snowmaking is Ryan Reed, who has split his time between Keetchum and Lake Chelan, Wash. "I've never skied there much because there's usually not

Critics mull workability of 'safe haven' bill for babies

By Mark Warbis The Associated Press

BOISE — The idea is simple enough: Eliminate the threat of criminal charges, make it anonymous and just maybe a desperate young woman will deliver her newborn to the safety of a hospital or emergency medical personnel rather than abandoning the baby in a Dumpster or at a doorstep. Unfortunately, life seldom is as simple as an idea.

While the proposed Idaho Safe Haven Act is expected to steam through the Legislature with little opposition, some are concerned that it may be ineffective, ignores the threshold problem of unwanted pregnancies and could invite abuse of the adoption process.

"I do not know if this will work. It is very possible that we may have equally as tragic circumstances as the years go by. But if all I have to do is trade the prosecution of abandonment for the possibility of its use once in 20 years or 20 years, I'll take that trade," said state Sen. Bart Davis, an Idaho Falls attorney cosponsoring the bill with fellow Republican Sen. Grant Ipsen of Boise — the acknowledged leader



State Sen. Bart Davis

of the Legislature's powerful Mormon membership. Democratic Reps. Margaret Henbest of Boise and Bert Marley of Pocatello also helped develop the legislation, along with a pediatrician and representatives of the hospital industry. Law enforcement and the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare. Some supporters grew wary, however, when the strident antiauthoritarian group Idaho Chooses Life Inc. endorsed the bill last week. The group's executive director, David Ripley, brings with him the political baggage of having served 30 days in jail for criminal contempt of a 1995 child support payment court order. The Safe Haven Act was prompted in part by two instances of young women dis-

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Bush prepares to sell plan

President focuses on tax cut proposal

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After two weeks of warm-ups in which he pushed education and religious-based help plans, President Bush is ready to launch the sales job for the centerpiece of his economic program — a sweeping \$1.6 trillion, 10-year tax cut.

The White House has a full schedule of activities this week, starting with a meeting Monday when Bush was set to appear with a carefully selected group of American families — much like he did during the campaign — to illustrate the benefits of reducing individual tax rates. He planned to meet Tuesday with small business owners and on Wednesday scheduled a White House reunion with his tax families from the campaign trail. The outlines of his tax program are to be formally sent Thursday to Congress.

One decision the administration is likely to make before sending the plan to Congress is whether to speed up the tax relief by making it retroactive to the first of this year as a way of fighting off a recession. "A tax cut now will stimulate our economy and create jobs," Bush said over the weekend. He pointed to what he called "troubling" economic news of rising energy prices, job layoffs and falling consumer confidence that the president said the government must combat. "He wants to see the tax cut that he ran on, not just because he ran on it, but because it's the best thing we can do for the economy," Bush's chief economic adviser, Lawrence Lindsey, said on "Fox News Sunday."

Whether Bush succeeds could hinge on congressional Democrats and corporate lobbyists, two groups already putting together their own, quite different, versions of a tax cut bill. Attracting Democratic support is crucial for Bush, given the Republicans' narrow control of Congress.



President George W. Bush

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Crisis generates worries elsewhere

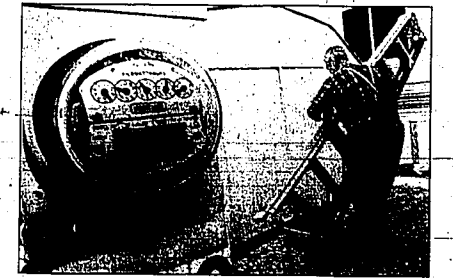
Power crunch isn't just a problem in California

The Associated Press

FLORENCE, Ariz. — Jim Cuvellier has enough keeping him up nights — heart problems, his wife's failing sight, the cost of prescription drugs. The last thing he needs to worry about is electric rates.

Yet when the 84-year-old retired bricklayer received his electric bill in December, a \$17 surcharge was tacked on. Last month, the fee rose to \$22 and now the utility is warning that his \$100 bill could more than triple.

When Cuvellier hears government types refer to the power crisis as "a California problem," the blood rushes to his crinkled cheeks. "We're not taking the whole brunt, but we're taking part of it," groans Cuvellier, who lives on just \$1,314 a month in Social Security. "It's beginning to tighten up on us, and it doesn't help my heart any." California's power squeeze is sending ripples across the country, from this Arizona retirement community to a New Mexico mining town, a Washington alt-



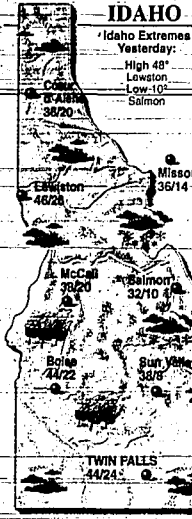
Jim Cuvellier, shown working at his home in Florence, Ariz., has cut back on their electric use since rising rates have begun to hit a portion of the small town.

minum smelter and beyond. Utility bills are soaring. Energy-intensive industries are ready to halt production and lay off workers, while others already have shut down to sell power to California instead. And states from New Mexico to Louisiana are reconsidering their own deregulation plans. The consequences are more immediate in the West, and Energy Secretary Spencer Abraham met with 10 Western

governors Friday to examine the crisis. But economists and energy experts say the problem could swell — threatening an already faltering national economy. One concern is rising costs associated with the production of goods and services in California, a major trading partner to the rest of the United States. Computer makers that buy parts from Silicon Valley may have to pay more if electric rates raise

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FORECAST FOR MAGIC VALLEY



ALMANAC

Twin Falls through 6 p.m. yesterday

High/Low: 47/22°
 Normal high/low: 39/22°
 Highest/Lowest last year: 47/28°
 Record high: 52° in 1995
 Record low: -8° in 1995

Precipitation: 24 hours ending 6 p.m. yesterday: trace
 Month to date: 0.05"
 Normal month to date: 0.05"
 Year to date: 0.02"
 Normal year to date: 1.24"

Humidity: Yesterday at noon: 96%
 Barometric Pressure: Yesterday at 6 p.m.: 30.28 in.

Pollen yesterday in Twin Falls:
 Grass: Absent
 Weeds: Absent
 Trees: Absent
 Mold: Absent

Source: Asthma and Allergy of Idaho

Shows today's weather. Temperatures are today's highs and tonight's lows.

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FIVE-DAY FORECAST FOR TWIN FALLS

TODAY	TONIGHT	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Windy with clouds and a little sunshine. ▲ 44°	Mostly cloudy with snow showers. ▼ 24°	Rather cloudy, colder, snow showers. ▲ 32° ▼ 12°	Cloudy for the most part, may be flurries. ▲ 32° ▼ 16°	Cloudy to partly sunny. ▲ 34° ▼ 22°	A few snow showers possible. ▲ 36° ▼ 26°

REGIONAL WEATHER

Southern Idaho: Cloudy for the most part today with a shower or two in the valleys, but there can be snow at elevations above 4,500 feet. A few more inches of snow can accumulate. A snow shower tonight.

Boise: A morning snow shower will bring no accumulation. Most of the rest of today will be cloudy to partly sunny and windy. Highs in the 40s. Coldest tonight and Tuesday with more snow showers.

Northern Nevada: Breezy today with times of clouds and sunshine, except for clouds and limited sunshine near the Idaho border. Some clouds tonight with snow showers possible. Windy and colder tomorrow with snow showers.

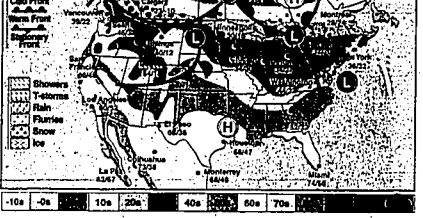
Northern Utah: Clouds and occasional sunshine and mild today. In the Wasatch Mountains above 5,500 feet, a little snow can occur. Coldest tonight and tomorrow with a few snow showers.

Northern Idaho: Mostly cloudy today. Snow may continue at high elevations over 4,000 feet, with several additional inches accumulation possible. Partly cloudy tonight and tomorrow with a snow shower or two.

NATIONAL EXTREMES

High 93° in Santa Ana, CA Low -23° in Berlin, NH

NATIONAL WEATHER



CANADIAN CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Calgary	23	-10	18	1
Edmonton	18	-11	18	1
Kelowna	31	-10	27	-22
Lethbridge	24	-2	22	7
Montreal	10	-8	2	-3
Ottawa	32	20	25	22
Victoria	40	22	34	30
Winnipeg	20	1	6	-2

SUN AND MOON

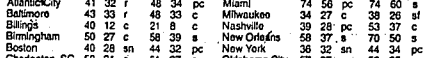
Sunrise today: 7:48 a.m.
 Sunset tonight: 5:57 p.m.
 Moonrise today: 3:04 p.m.
 Moonset tonight: 5:38 a.m.

Full Moon: Feb 8
 Last Moon: Feb 14
 New Moon: Feb 23
 First Moon: Mar 2

WORLD CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Acapulco	90	70	91	69
Athens	59	46	51	48
Auckland	76	82	72	53
Bangkok	31	27	28	19
Beijing	31	27	28	19
Berlin	39	30	49	48
Buenos Aires	57	45	52	37
Calcutta	59	44	64	48
Hong Kong	69	62	72	64
Jakarta	49	38	54	36
Johannesburg	74	60	74	54
London	48	48	51	41
Mexico City	84	41	89	41
Moscow	48	45	27	23
Paris	50	45	50	43
Rio de Janeiro	90	75	96	75
Rosario	47	43	61	49
Seoul	45	37	54	38
Sydney	84	70	78	69
Tokyo	49	46	58	45
Washington	44	37	49	38
Zurich	43	39	50	43

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NATIONAL CITIES

City	Hi	Lo	Hi	Lo
Atlanta	52	32	58	35
Atlanta City	41	32	48	34
Baltimore	43	33	48	33
Birmingham	50	27	58	39
Boston	40	28	44	32
Charleston, SC	59	31	61	27
Charleston, WV	32	28	48	35
Chicago	34	30	36	22
Cleveland	36	27	42	28
Denver	54	18	61	27
Des Moines	40	27	37	21
Detroit	34	27	37	21
El Paso	68	38	61	42
Fairbanks	10	-3	14	-3
Fargo	28	17	28	8
Fort Worth	57	63	78	61
Houston	68	47	72	56
Indianapolis	37	30	43	28
Jacksonville	64	37	68	36
Kansas City	46	30	41	22
Las Vegas	72	48	66	43
Little Rock	50	34	57	39
Los Angeles	60	52	70	49
Phoenix	68	49	72	49
Portland, ME	35	28	38	25
Raleigh	52	27	58	33
San Diego	68	51	67	41
San Francisco	66	51	67	41
Seattle	46	32	44	32
Tucson	80	47	77	47
Washington, DC	44	37	49	38

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tue.
Boise	44 22 c 34 16 c	31 14 c
Bonniers Ferry	43 19 c 35 5 c	
Burley	43 19 c 35 5 c	
Coeur d'Alene	36 20 sn 30 14 c	
Elio	46 19 pc 32 9 c	
Elgin, OR	40 30 pc 44 28 s	
Hagerman	46 22 pc 30 14 c	
Idaho Falls	36 12 sf 26 6 c	
Kalispell, MT	41 18 sn 26 9 c	
Lowiston	46 26 c 40 24 c	
Malad	42 19 c 30 14 c	
Malia	29 8 c 18 2 pc	

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today	Tue.
McCall	33 20 c 31 14 c	
Bonners Ferry	34 21 sn 25 10 c	
Pocatello	40 18 sf 29 13 c	
Portland, OR	48 32 pc 45 30 pc	
Richland, WA	50 22 pc 40 16 s	
Salmon	32 10 sf 29 13 c	
Salt Lake City, UT	46 34 pc 38 20 sf	
Seattle, WA	46 32 pc 44 32 pc	
Spokane, WA	36 20 pc 30 14 c	
Starley	36 4 c 41 2 c	
Sun Valley	38 8 sf 23 5 c	
Yellowstone, MT	28 1 sf 17 13 c	

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Snow

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enough snow, but I would love to," he said. "I like its steep pitches. And you feel as if you're skiing right into town. It's got its own special charm."

But Ketchum City Councilwoman Christina Potters, who lives at the base of Frenchman's, says she's "absolutely against" the idea until Sun Valley comes up with a silent snow gun.

Sun Valley installed a couple dozen new snow guns this year that are much quieter than the older ones because they require less air - the source of the noise. The guns are taller allowing water to freeze earlier before it reaches the ground, producing a better quality snow. And they disperse the snow better so there's less need to push it around with snow groomers.

The closest snow gun to West Ketchum would be 3,000 feet

away - more than a half mile, said mountaineer operations manager Peter Stern. And guns would not run all year. Sun Valley stopped making snow in mid-January last year. And it stopped making snow even earlier the year before.

Potters said she has not seen the new guns. But the old ones, which Sun Valley intends to replace over time, sound like a dull roar, she said.

"It's not that neighbors are trying to be obstructive. We're just trying to preserve our quiet," she said. "The only thing we hear is the river. We don't hear the highway. And we don't want to hear snowmaking equipment, either."

But Ryan Manning, who lives at the base of Frenchman's said he doesn't mind having Sun Valley fire-up snow-guns-in-the-gully.

"The sound of snowmaking is like music to my ears because I

know that it means I'll be able to ski when other resorts might not be so well off," he said. "Heck, they make snow in the winter when our windows are closed, anyway. And, the way I see it: The mountain is in business to make snow and the snow fires up the economy in town."

Ketchum attorney Brian Barsotti, who also lives at the base of Frenchman's, says he changed his mind and signed the petition in favor of expanding snowmaking after Sun Valley gave several residents a demonstration of the new snow guns.

"When Sun Valley first proposed the idea, I wrote a letter of concern. But the new guns are a lot better than the old ones," he said. "My office is at the base of Warm Springs and I can't hear the guns when I'm there."

Ketchum Mayor Guy Coles said he recalled someone filing a noise complaint against Sun

Valley for its snowmaking several years ago. But a subsequent investigation revealed that the noise from the heater coming on in a motel room is louder than the noise from snowmaking," he said.

Potters said residents are also concerned about the snowmaking's effect on the wildlife habitat in the area.

The Forest Service is evaluating Sun Valley's request and will conduct the necessary environmental assessment if it decides to proceed further, said Kurt Nelson, of the Ketchum Ranger District. Key to the process is looking at what Sun Valley envisions doing with its private land holdings in the future, he added.

Nelson said, however, that installing snow guns in time for next year's ski season is not out of the question should the Forest Service decide to approve Sun Valley's request.

Landlord

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Many landlords rely on contractors to clean up a meth lab mess, he said. Some might go so far as to tear out and replace all the contaminated carpet and sheet rock, he said, but others might simply use a little soap and water and call it good.

When the ISP busts a meth lab in the Magic Valley, the South Central District Health Department in Twin Falls is informed, said Dan Kriz, the department's director of environmental health.

About all the department can do for landlords now is send them a list of reputable cleanup contractors, he said.

The DEQ and some of the state health districts are trying to get legislation introduced that would clearly define how meticulous a cleanup needs to be, Alford said.

Meanwhile, Twin Falls landlord Chris Springer said he's concerned about the possibility of a meth lab springing up in one of his three rental buildings. He said he's not sure he could afford to pay for the cleanup.

"I don't think most people are going to tell you they're doing things when they're not," he said. "It's like it's a problem that's getting shifted to the landlords because we all know the federal government has spent bil-

lions of dollars trying to control drugs, and they haven't been able to. It's easy to make at home, and there's a demand for it on the street, then it stands to reason that people are going to do it."

Snider, who is retired, said getting out of the rental business isn't really an option for him because he depends upon the income from his properties.

Rollins said the best thing landlords is to do to protect themselves is to keep as close an eye as possible on their property.

"It's kind of a Catch-22 for landlords because renters expect a certain level of privacy," Rollins said.

Snider said he's tried to keep a closer eye on his rentals, but he worries about breaching his renters' privacy rights.

Having a large rental complex can be an advantage in that sense, said Joan Brawley, owner of Brawley Property Management in Twin Falls.

"We don't have one bit of problem with (meth labs) at the moment," she said. "We have multifamily buildings - there's too much activity around all the time for somebody to get away with that. If something was amiss, other renters would notice and inform us."

Meth labs are not as much of a problem in the Magic Valley as they are in other parts of the state because enough of the drug is being brought in to satisfy the valley's current habits, Rollins said. But as law officers in Boise, Pocatello and other hot cooking spots continue to crack down on cooks in their areas, some manufacturing could be driven into the Magic Valley, he said.

"I really don't want that to happen," Rollins said. "I want us to stay ahead of it like we are now."

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Donors disagree on gift-taking

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Among the gifts that former president Bill Clinton says he is keeping as personal presents he accepted last year are \$28,000 worth of furnishings that documents and interviews indicate were given to the National Park Service in 1993 as part of the permanent White House collection.

The Park Service serves as a steward for the White House and, according to the White House curator's office, is the only unit with the legal authority to accept gifts for the White House. A gift meant for the current White House occupants is routed through the White House gifts

Electric

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the cost of business. Flower shops that purchase poinsettias from California could have to shell out more money to keep greenhouses going.

"It's the 'When California sneezes, everybody gets a cold' kind of problem," says Harvard University energy expert William Hogan.

Hogan likens the power crunch to Chrysler's bankruptcy problem

Haven

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posing of their dead newborns in Idaho Falls trash bins, one last October and another in 1998. Shirley Alexander, a child protection program specialist for the Department of Health and Welfare, said they were Idaho's only abandonment cases during these years.

"These, of course, are the ones that we know about," she said.

Fourteen states have enacted legislation similar to a Texas law that started it all in 1999 in response to 13 infants being abandoned there within 10 months. A number of other states also are considering proposals, but Idaho's law arguably should be the nation's most permissive.

"It represents legislative theft of all of the great ideas that we could find from what other states have done and what each of us brought to the table," Davis said.

Idaho's law would give immunity from prosecution for a custodial parent who delivers a child within 30 days of its birth to a designated "safe haven" health-care professional and expresses no intention of returning.

The parent may volunteer their identity in confidence, as well as such information as the child's medical history. However, the safe haven would be barred from even asking the parent's identity, and proponents argue

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The next layer

Hopefuls jockey for executive positions

WASHINGTON (AP) - It's like building a wedding cake from the top down. Now that President Bush has his Cabinet in place, he has four more layers of government to wedge underneath, filled with hundreds of presidential appointees.

Intense jockeying is under way among interest groups, members of Congress and even between the White House and Cabinet secretaries themselves to see that the jobs are filled with like-minded souls.

"There are a zillion lists of names floating around Washington right now," said Marshall Wittman, a senior fellow at the conservative Hudson Institute. "Each day on the hour, I'll get a phone call that someone else is being promoted for a different position."

Some of the jobs at stake have bewildering titles like "associate general deputy assistant secretary" in the Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The import of others is more obvious, such as commissioner of the Food and Drug Administration, the consumer protection agency that oversees one-fourth of the nation's economy.

Overall, these jobs are "where the rubber hits the road in government," said Calvin Mackenzie, a presidential scholar at Colby College in Maine.

A growing support

President Bush has his Cabinet in place, but there are many more underlying positions to fill. These tiers of the executive branch have substantially grown since the Kennedy administration. Here's a look at the number of such positions.

1961 1993 1998

Total 196 809 774

Cabinet secretary
110
114
114

Deputy secretary
6
20
23

Under secretary
11
32
41

Assistant secretary
58
225
212

Deputy assistant secretary
78

Source: "The True Size of Government" AP

"These are the positions that really matter to interest groups in our country, so they're going to fight like hell."

Initially, at least, most of the potential appointees will have unfamiliar names. They will drift through the appointments process without attracting a second look. But among a few dozen high-profile spots, some inevitably turn into lightning rods.

Lani Guinier and Jocelyn Elders are two examples of Clinton administration appointees who suddenly found themselves at the center of pitched political battles.

Guinier was nominated to be assistant attorney general for civil rights but Clinton withdrew her name after her views on minority voting rights turned her into a cause celebre.

Elders, a target of conservatives for her views on abortion, drug legalization and sex education, survived a bruising confirmation battle to become surgeon general but was fired after saying school children should be taught about masturbation.

Overall, Bush has about 3,000 full-time jobs to fill. But about 600 positions requiring Senate confirmation will get the most attention - stacked in the four bureaucratic layers under the Cabinet chiefs: deputy secretaries, under secretaries, assistant secretaries and deputy assistant secretaries.

Already, there is behind-the-scenes skirmishing over some of Bush's potential appointees.

For example, major pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies are urging the Bush administration not to insist on an anti-abortion candidate to head the FDA, fearing that other medications may become vulnerable to politics if FDA's recent approval of the abortion pill RU-486 is overturned.

Instead, they are promoting a number of well-known scientist-physicians who have not publicly taken an abortion stand.

Police say victim at school was stabbed

WASHINGTON (AP) - A student found dead in his dorm room at Gallaudet University, a school for the hearing-impaired, was stabbed to death, District of Columbia police said Sunday.

Benjamin Varner, 19, of San Antonio, Texas, had multiple stab wounds to the head and body, said police spokesman Sgt. Joe Gentile.

He was found Saturday morning in a fourth-floor dorm room of Cogswell Hall. That is the same

dormitory where freshman Eric F. Plunkett, 19, of Burnsville, Minn., was found beaten to death in a first-floor room Sept. 28.

Police Chief Charles Ramsey said there is no evidence of a link between the two deaths, but

investigators are looking into the possibility of a connection.

Security was tight at the campus Sunday. University police checked student IDs and wrote down the license plates of vehicles entering the campus.

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Chairman says Hillary won't run

The Washington Post

WASHINGTON - Terence McAuliffe, new chairman of the Democratic National Committee and friend of former president Bill Clinton, predicted Sunday that Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, D-N.Y., would not run for president in 2004, despite widespread speculation about her possible candidacy.

"I feel pretty safe saying, making a Shermanesque statement here, that Hillary Rodham Clinton will not run for president in 2004," McAuliffe said on NBC's "Meet the Press."

But McAuliffe, who has been one of the ex-president's biggest supporters, balked when Russert asked whether he would promise to contribute \$1 million to the Boys and Girls Club of America if Hillary Clinton ran after all.

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AROUND THE VALLEY

Council to consider bids for skate park

TWIN FALLS - The City Council will consider bids for the construction of a new skate park at its meeting tonight.

The city opened bids for a new skate park Jan. 26. The low bidder was Stanley Associates at \$169,999. The city will put \$78,687.90 into the project and the rest of the money will be raised by the Magic Valley Skate Boarders Association.

Bolt Construction Inc. submitted a bid for \$173,023.

The council will also have two public hearings at its meeting tonight. One hearing will be a request of NuVu Glass for a zoning district change and zoning map amendment to property at the intersection of Eastland Drive and Fourth Avenue East.

The council will also discuss a request from Norman Skinner and Jim Sorenson for vacation of Debbie Drive, located south of Vickie Lane in the city's area of impact.

The council will meet at 5 p.m. today at City Hall. Public hearings will start at 6 p.m.

Twin Falls students get long weekend

TWIN FALLS - Students in Twin Falls schools will have today and Tuesday off while their teachers participate in workshops sponsored by the Twin Falls School District.

Kindergarten through eighth-grade teachers will attend a workshop to provide them with the third-and-final-credit required by the state to meet new certification requirements for reading instruction. The course is taught by Deborah Glaser of the Lee David Center in Boise.

High school teachers will participate in two workshops. The first, "Class Action," introduces software that allows teachers to track and monitor student achievement as it relates to classroom assignments, quizzes, tests and homework. The second, High Schools That Work, will explain a school reform model being considered for adoption by the high school.

Multiple Sclerosis Society holds MS walk

TWIN FALLS - The Idaho Division of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society will be holding a spring MS Walk in Twin Falls.

Multiple sclerosis is a chronic, often disabling disease of the central nervous system. Symptoms may be mild such as numbness in the limbs or severe - paralysis or loss of vision, according to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

Volunteers and participants can begin to register for the May 12 event now. It will be held at the College of Southern Idaho. The walk will raise money to help local residents with MS.

Fiberplex Inc., an Idaho Internet company, is sponsoring the MS Walks in Idaho. A second walk is planned for May 19 along Boise's greenbelt.

For more information about getting involved, call the National Multiple Sclerosis Society in Boise at 208-388-1998.

TF County looks for commission volunteers

TWIN FALLS - The county is looking for volunteers to serve on the county's Planning and Zoning Commission and Parks and Waterways boards.

The Planning and Zoning Commission needs two volunteers who are county residents.

Three Parks and Waterways board members are needed. First preference will be given to people from the Castelford and Hansen areas.

Volunteers should be able to attend one evening board meeting per month. Those interested may call Jody at the county commission office at 736-4068.

Cassia commissioners hold a public meeting

BURLEY - Cassia County commissioners will meet today in the basement of the Cassia County Courthouse. The meeting begins at 9 a.m. and is open to the public.

Compiled from staff reports

Magic Valley misses out on grants

By Jennifer Sandmann
Times-News writer

TWIN FALLS - Last year the Idaho Children's Trust Fund awarded \$99,000 in "mini-grants" to groups throughout the state involved in child abuse prevention efforts.

Only \$1,000 of that money came to this region - Blaine, Camas, Cassia, Gooding, Jerome, Lincoln, Minidoka and Twin Falls counties.

Carolyn Beaver, executive director of the Idaho Children's Trust Fund in Boise, said the agency typically only sees two or three grant applications a year from south central Idaho.

"We would love to see more proposals from the Twin Falls area," she said.

The Idaho Children's Trust Fund was established by the Legislature in 1985 to offer financial support for projects and activities promoting the

How to apply

The Idaho Children's Trust Fund is accepting grant proposals for projects or activities that aim to prevent child abuse and neglect. The Children's Trust awards individual grants up to \$5,000 to public or private nonprofit organizations, agencies and schools or qualified individuals. Proposals must be postmarked by

April 15. For more information, contact the Children's Trust at 208-386-9317 or at shermel@idhw.state.id.us. Find the grant application online at www.state.id.us/idhwfund.

Source - U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, (Washington, DC: U.S. Government Printing Office, 2000).

prevention of child abuse and neglect. Idaho has one of the highest child victimization rates in the country, an unfavorable distinction supported by the most recent statistics from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Administration on Children, Youth and Families. The agency's report, "Child Maltreatment 1998: Reports From the States to the National Child Abuse and Neglect Data

System," shows that in 1998, Idaho reported 22.6 cases of child abuse or neglect for every 1,000 children. That compares with the national average of 12.9 cases of abuse and neglect for every 1,000 children. Only four states reported higher rates than Idaho's.

The Children's Trust annually has offered what it calls "mini-grants" of up to \$5,000. The

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Idaho looks for lunch volunteers

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Some of the children who eat free and reduced-price meals at school might be going hungry during the summer, the Idaho Department of Education says.

The department is seeking organizations to sponsor summer food service programs for children up to age 19.

In south central Idaho, summer meal programs are being sponsored by schools that offer summer school for migrant children, said Sally Bartlett with the Education Department's Child Nutrition Programs.

Some of those schools might also extend the noon meal to other students who need them as well, even if they are not enrolled in the migrant programs.

The Boys & Girls Club of Magic Valley is the only non-public school agency that is sponsoring summer lunches locally.

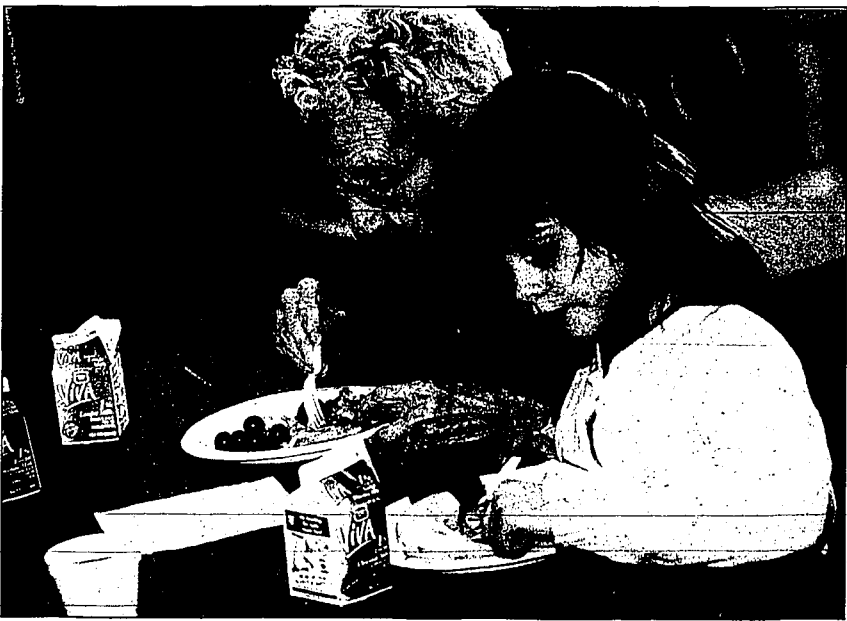
More organizations can apply to be summer lunch sponsors. In the summer of 2000, sponsors in Idaho served more than 480,000 meals to children from low-income families and communities.

That was 40,000 more meals than in 1999.

Organizations that serve neighborhoods where at least 50 percent of the students at the local school qualify for free or reduced-price lunches can provide the summer lunches. The cost of operating the programs are reimbursed by the federal government.

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THE GIVING GENERATION



Alba Amdt, a retired Halley teacher and Blaine County Senior Center member, shares lunch with Kaitlyn Landis, a Bellevue Elementary School kindergarten teacher. The lunch, served up by the Blaine County School District and KidShop workers and parents, was a thank you to the senior citizens who donated \$4,962 raised during December's Festival of Trees to the KidShop day-care program.

Senior citizens help Blaine County preschool

By Karen Bossick
Times-News correspondent

BELLEVEUE - Deuce Bahrenfuss was jumping up and down, looking like the book character Waldo, wearing his white and red-striped shirt with big brown spectacles.

"We're gonna have a big party when they come," he said to anyone within earshot.

Just who they were the 5-year-old Halley boy didn't say, but come they did - about two dozen Bellevue and Halley senior citizens treated to lunch by KidShop preschoolers.

The lunch, served up by the Blaine County School District and KidShop workers and parents, was a thank you to the senior citizens who donated \$4,962 raised during December's Festival of Trees to the KidShop day-care program.

The program, which is operat-

ed by the Blaine County School District and runs from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. year-round, will use the money for snacks, such as string cheese and apples. That's OK by 5-year-old Emilia Lathrop.

"I like having string cheese because we get to sit where we want to sit during snack time," she said. "And I get to sit by my friend."

The menu wasn't exactly what the senior citizens were used to getting at the Blaine County Senior Center: corn dogs, hot buffalo wings and pot stickers, and ham and scalloped potatoes.

But Mary Moore had no problem with loading her plate with children's fare, along with a helping of banana bread spiked with chocolate chips, cashew pieces and cherries.

"This is pretty darn nice," said fellow oldest Craig Rember, taking a bite and then gazing around at a bitwork of snowmen and

mountains the children had made out of circles and triangles.

"When it came time to make the presentation, day-care director Diane Hassall had to shush a chatting School Superintendent Jim Lewis, to the delight of seniors and youngsters.

One of the youngsters presented the seniors with a heart-shaped thank-you card, that opened up to a span of three feet. The seniors, in turn, presented the youngsters with a symbolic check six feet in length.

"I think this will be a tradition. Once something's done one year, we generally do it the next," said senior Barbara Dargatz, as she gazed around at the children who had left their geography work at the computer, their jigsaw puzzles and their Betty Spaghetti dolls to mingle with the seniors.

"This is the most wonderful thing that's happened in Blaine

County," she said. "A lot of these children would be home watching TV if not for this."

Ninety-year-old Alba Amdt, who taught Halley school children for 20 years before becoming a librarian, presented the children with a scrapbook she'd made full of pictures of Dalmatians and children playing at fire hydrants.

Hassall promised the seniors that KidShop would be back next year and the years beyond, helping decorate trees and Christmas cookies for the Festival of Trees.

"The (senior citizen center) board is looking to partnership with other generations," said Brenda Shappee, who heads up the senior center. "Certainly, the foundation is the seniors but the future is these kids."

Times-News correspondent Karen Bossick can be reached in Halley at 578-2111.

Fire levy goes to voters

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

HEYBURN - A Tuesday levy election will be the first time in three tries the Minidoka County Fire Protection District won't be asking for more money.

Instead, it will ask voters to make the existing override levy permanent.

In 1999, the state Legislature approved fire districts to put permanent override levies on the ballot.

Three Minidoka County fire stations make up the district: Heyburn Fire Department, North Side Fire District and the East End Fire District. The district covers more than 300 square miles in the eastern portion of Minidoka County, the southeast corner of Blaine County and includes the cities of Heyburn, Acquia and Minidoka.

On Tuesday, voters in the fire protection district will be asked to make permanent the \$240,000 override levy they approved in 1999. Override levies supplement a district's current permanent base levy. The Minidoka County Fire Protection District's base levy is currently \$75,655, bringing the district's current budget to \$315,655.

The polls will be open between 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Heyburn Fire Department.

"Because of its reliance upon levy elections every two years, it is difficult for the district to maintain adequate equipment at each of its stations," fire district attorney Kent Fletcher wrote in a December letter. "If the election is successful, the commissioners would be in a position to budget for and purchase these items of equipment as well as establish an equipment replacement program."

Voters denied the district's permanent budget request last year on Aug. 1 and Nov. 7. But the difference then was a \$50,000-increase in the amount voters approved in 1999, bringing the request to \$290,000.

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More information

What: Minidoka County Fire Protection District permanent levy election
When: 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Tuesday
Where: Heyburn Fire Department, 901 16th St.

Burley man's sentencing gets postponed until next week

By Ruth Streeter
Times-News writer

BURLEY - A Burley man's vehicular manslaughter sentencing has been postponed until next week.

Donald Westfall, 71, whose misdemeanor sentencing had been scheduled for today, was

postponed until Feb. 15.

In a Jan. 29 plea agreement, Westfall pleaded guilty to a single count of misdemeanor vehicular manslaughter in exchange for the Cassia County prosecutor's dropping two other counts.

Each count would have carried up to a year in jail and a

\$2,000 fine.

Westfall was involved a November car crash that killed three people. The victims were Rafael Silva-Alejos, 32, of Burley, his 23-month-old son Eduardo Silva and Silva-Alejos' wife, Esperanza Silva, 25.

The Cassia County Sheriff's Office said Westfall drove

through a stop sign at 250 E. 100 S. and hit a Buick Regal driven by Rafael Silva-Alejos.

Police said the accident occurred "without gross negligence," meaning the charges against Westfall do not warrant felony status.

The sentencing will take place at 9 a.m. Feb. 15 in front

of 5th District Magistrate Judge Michael Crabtree.

A restitution hearing will take place in March.

Times-News writer Ruth Streeter can be reached at the Mini-Cassia Bureau at 677-4042, ext. 109, or by e-mail at rstreeter@magicvalley.com

ON THE AGENDA

CSI TODAY

Today
Acequia City Council, 8 p.m.
Acequia Automotive, 20602 F St.
Blaine County commissioners, 8:45 a.m., courthouse.
Dietrich City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Gooding City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Hansen Community Library Board, 7 p.m., Library, 120 W. Maple.
Jerome County commissioners, 9 a.m., courthouse.
Ketchum City Council, 6 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls City Council, 5 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Tuesday
Albion City Council, 7 p.m.,

city office.
Burley City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Filer City Council, 7:30 p.m., council chambers.
Friedman Memorial Airport Board, 8:30 p.m., courthouse.
Hagerman City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Jerome City Council, 7 p.m., council chambers, 100 E. Ave. A.
Kimberly Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., community center.
Murtaugh City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Rupert City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Shoshone City Council, 8 p.m., City Hall.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County Historic Preservation Commission, 7:30 p.m., Twin Falls Mediation and

Arbitration Center, 163 Second Ave. W.
Twin Falls School Board, 7 p.m., administrative office, 201 Main Ave. W.
Wednesday
Oakley City Council, 7 p.m., city office, 200 W. Main.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Thursday
Bellevue City Council, 7 p.m., City Hall.
Cassia County School Board, 7 p.m., central office, 237 19th St., Burley.
Hagerman Chamber of Commerce, noon, Hagerman Senior Center.
Jackpot Advisory Board, 6 p.m., Jackpot Recreation Center.

Mini-Cassia Chamber of Commerce, noon, Rupert Elks Lodge.
Minidoka City Council, 7:30 p.m., City Hall.
Murtaugh Highway District, 7 p.m., district office.
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
Twin Falls County Planning and Zoning Commission, 7 p.m., 246 Third Ave. E.
Friday
Twin Falls County commissioners, 8:30 a.m., courthouse.
This list is compiled from advance schedules. The Times-News suggests that you confirm the information by calling the appropriate clerk's office before attending.

Today
Greater Twin Falls Association of Realtors new members orientation and training, 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Taylor 276.
CSI Golden Eagle Booster Club weekly meeting, noon, Taylor 277.
CSI Student Senate meeting, 3 p.m., Taylor 276.
Tuesday
Bilingual Education student club meeting, 1 p.m., Shields 116.
'Mingle in the Jungle' reptile revue and discussion, 6 p.m., Herret Center, jungle exhibit. Free admission.
'The Explorers,' 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Wednesday
Idaho Department of Agriculture pesticide applicator exam, 11 a.m., Taylor 276.
Idaho Angus Association show and sale, noon to 5 p.m., Expo building.
Twin Falls gifted and talented students learn drawing techniques, 1 p.m., Art lab.
Thursday
CSI Foundation board meeting, 11:30 a.m., Taylor 276.
Idaho Angus Association show and sale, noon to 5 p.m., Expo building.
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, 2 to 4 p.m., Evergreen C23. Free tax assistance to elderly and low-income taxpayers.
Friends on Campus meeting, 3 p.m., Taylor 258.
Golden Eagle basketball against Treasure Valley Community College, women at 6 p.m., men at 8 p.m., gymnasium.
Twin Falls Water Planning meeting, 6 p.m., Taylor 276/277.
Idaho Dairymen's Association discussion of digester use on

dairies, 7 p.m., Shields 116.
Friday
Idaho Angus Association show and sale, noon to 5 p.m., Expo building.
'More Than Meets the Eye,' 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Narcotics Anonymous weekly meeting, 7 p.m., Desert 112.
CSI Outdoor Program avalanche awareness workshop, 7 p.m., Shields 115. Class moves to mountains on Saturday and Sunday.
Saturday
ACT college entrance exam for high school juniors and seniors, 8 a.m. to noon, classrooms in Shields building.
Industry Conference of Auto Collision Repair workshop, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Canyon 130A.
Certified Nursing Assistant written test, 8 a.m. to noon, Aspen 108.
CSI Outdoor Program ice skating trip to Sun Valley, bus leaves Barnes & Noble at 8:30 a.m., returns at 3:30 p.m. Cost: \$15 per person.
Dental Assisting National Board exam, 8:30 a.m., Aspen 180.
'Freeze Frame' dance camp fund-raiser, 7 p.m., Fine Arts Auditorium.
Idaho Angus Association show and sale, noon to 5 p.m., Expo building.
'The Explorers,' 2 and 7 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
'More Than Meets the Eye,' 4 p.m., Faulkner Planetarium.
Herret Center monthly star party (free sky viewing), 8:30 p.m., front of Herret Center; weather permitting.
Sunday
Magic Valley Bible Church, 9 a.m. to noon, Shields 117 and 118.
Church of Christ, 10:30 a.m., Evergreen A05.

SERVICES

Dorothy Mae Freiberger of Paul, Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. today at St. Nicholas Catholic Church in Rupert; friends may call one hour before the Mass at the church (Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel).
Glady's H. Deagle of Twin Falls, service at 11 a.m. today at White Mortuary Chapel in Twin Falls.
David Marcus Spooner of Twin Falls, memorial service at 1 p.m. today at the Heritage Alliance Church in Twin Falls (Reynolds Funeral Chapel).

Earl E. Walker of Rupert, service at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hansen Mortuary Rupert Chapel, 710 Sixth St.; friends may call from 6-8 p.m. today and before the funeral on Tuesday at the funeral chapel.
Thomas 'Tom' Martin Huber of Jerome, vigil service at 8 p.m. Tuesday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church, 216 2nd Ave. E. in Jerome; Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 a.m. Wednesday at St. Jerome's Catholic Church (Farnsworth Mortuary in Jerome).
Barbara Joyce Thompson Tubbs, 55, of Idaho Falls and formerly of Jerome died February 2, 2001, at her home. Memorial services will be conducted 2 p.m. Wednesday, February 7, 2001 at the Hove-Robertson Funeral Chapel in Jerome.

Blaine F. Hall - Blaine F. Hall, 81, passed away Sunday February 4, 2001 at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center. Services will be announced by Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home in Twin Falls.
Blaine F. Hall follow at a later date.

Investigators rule death accidental

RICHFIELD - Investigators Sunday ruled that the death of a Richfield toddler who was hit by a tractor was accidental, according to a report from the Lincoln County sheriff's office.
Investigators Sunday did not release the name of the boy, 2, who was run over that morning after walking into a blind spot for the operator of the tractor - a family member - who was using the machine to clear snow outside the family's home near Richfield.
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Salt Lake residents protest jail sale

SOUTH SALT LAKE, Utah (AP) - A decade ago, Evelyn Shaeffer and others fought to block the construction of the Oxbow minimum-security jail in their quiet neighborhood.
They lost the fight, but got county leaders to promise never to house felons there.
Now, Salt Lake County wants to sell Oxbow to the state, which will use it as a medium-security women's prison to house forgers, thieves, drug dealers and murderers. Gov. Mike Leavitt has budgeted \$19.5 million for the purchase and renovations, including adding guard towers and fences.
And that has the 80-year-old Shaeffer and her neighbors more upset than ever.
'We fought for years, and fought and fought, and it didn't do us any good,' Shaeffer told The Salt Lake Tribune in a copy-right story published Sunday.
'Most of us here are very old

people. We are just trying to live in peace.'
Shaeffer, South Salt Lake attorney Craig Hall and others said county commissioners approved the handover with virtually no opposition - because they didn't tell anyone about a public hearing.
'The county has never notified us on any of this,' said Kay Snow, chair of South Salt Lake's Millstream Park Community Council. 'It's all money and it's all politics.'
But county real estate director Roger Hillam said the county deal is good faith.
'Hillam and I had been talking about this for months, and it just irritates the hell out of me that he would say that,' Hillam says.
'He knew and he was at the meeting. The mayor knew. They knew.'
In fact, municipalities can generally do little to stop the state from doing as it wishes.

'We don't need their approval, but if they don't want us, we're not going to move there,' said Corrections spokesman Jack Ford. 'We're not going to be unwanted guests in the community. That's why we changed and said only women, and they said they didn't have any problem with that.'
Neighbors said that's not true.
'Having women out there doesn't give me any peace of mind,' Shaeffer said. 'They're worse, as far as I can tell. And when their boyfriends come to visit, they prow through the neighborhood.'

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and Barbara (Doug) Craig of Middleton along with 13 grandchildren and nineteen great-grandchildren.

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Blaine F. Hall

Blaine F. Hall, beloved father and grandfather, passed away February 4, 2001, at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.
He was born March 21, 1919, in Annis, Idaho, to Riley and Mina Bilton Hall. He attended school in Annis, completing the eighth grade. High school was six miles away, so instead he went to work on the family farm. He thinned beans for his dad and his neighbors. He could thin an acre of beans a day.
Blaine joined the Army in October of 1942. He was stationed in Fort Campbell, Kentucky. While on leave he married 'Dorothy' Campbell. He served in France and Germany during WWII, was wounded twice and received the Purple Heart. After the war, he and Dorothy lived in Salmon then farmed near Hazelton for many years. Later they lived in Burley where he worked as a carpenter for 14 years. He was a 4-H leader and worked with the scouts. He enjoyed bowling and going to wrestling, boxing matches as well as fishing. After he retired, he worked in the LDS Boise Temple. He was a wonderful father and his family will miss him more than can be expressed.
Blaine was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy in 1997. He had since resided at 'Bridgewood' Estates in independent living for the last few years, and so enjoyed the friends he made there.
He is survived by three sisters; Dora Jockumsen, and Lorraine Jacobson of Idaho Falls, Harriet Waters of Hunt; his four children, Leta (Wayne) High of Filer, Gary (Shirley) Hall of Buhl, Sandra (Bill) Weaver of Weissenfels, Germany,



Earl E. Walker

Earl Edward Walker, 91-year-old Rupert resident, passed away Saturday, February 3, 2001, at the Minidoka Memorial Hospital Extended Care Facility in Rupert. He was born May 6, 1909, at Berryville, Arkansas, the son of Ed and Nora Denny Walker. He moved to Rupert with his parents when he was 17 years old. He and his parents farmed in the Rupert area for many years. He worked for Rolland Jones Potatoes and Magic Valley Foods until he retired in 1975. He married Jean Mueller on January 28, 1942, in Rupert.
Survivors include his wife, Jean, and their son, Bryce Walker, both of Rupert. He was preceded in death by his parents and four brothers: Earl Walker, Kenneth Walker, Austin Walker and Ralph Walker.
Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, February 6, 2001, at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel, 710 6th St. Burial will be in the Rupert Cemetery. Friends may call at Hansen Mortuary, Rupert Chapel on Monday from 5 to 8 p.m. and prior to the funeral



Neva Elaine Robinson

Neva Elaine Robinson, 56, of Twin Falls, formerly of Hazelton, passed away February 2, 2001, at her home in Twin Falls. She was born on November 18, 1944, in Shreveport, Louisiana, the daughter of Vyrle and Liddy Marie Mountain Petry.
In 1965, Neva graduated from the McKinleyville High School in McKinleyville, California. On July 31, 1966, in Arcata, California, she married the love of her life, Don Robinson. They made their home in California, Nevada and Idaho. She enjoyed reading, genealogy, and nature.
Neva was past president of the 7th Day Adventist Church Community Services, where she served for four years.
Surviving are her husband, Don, of Twin Falls, father and mother-in-law, Leonard and Ethel Miller of Myrtle Creek, Oregon, brothers, Adm. Petry of Columbus, Ohio, Brile Petry of Florida, Sisters Belle Turner of Anglin, CA, Janet Petry of Fairchild, CA, along with a host of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. She will be missed by all who knew and loved her.
An open house memorial service will be held at Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home, 2551 Kimberly Rd., Twin Falls, on Tuesday, February 6, 2001, at 2 p.m. Private family burial will follow at a later date.
The family request memorials be made to the Twin Falls, 7th Day Adventist Church School or to the family to help offset expenses. Arrangements are under the direction of Parke's Magic Valley Funeral Home of Twin Falls.

Nez Perce tribe to receive grant

LAPWAI (AP) - The Nez Perce Tribe will receive \$100,000 as part of a nationwide government program to help prevent youth violence and substance abuse.
More than three dozen Indian and Alaskan Native tribal communities are recipients of nearly \$8 million in grants from the Justice Department's Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention.
The Tribal Youth Program will support training for juvenile court judges, strengthening of family

bonds and other programs.
The Office of Juvenile Justice also said last week that an additional six communities will share nearly \$1 million in grants to improve mental health services for tribal at-risk youth.
Tribal Youth Program funds may go toward activities involving juvenile crime and victimization prevention; interventions for tribal youth in the juvenile justice system; juvenile justice system improvements; and substance abuse prevention.

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Rash of leukemia baffles town

Small population develops cluster of childhood cancer

FALLON, Nev. (AP) — A blur of sagebrush, along what's called the loneliest road in America, leads to this small, farming and military town that boasts of its simpler way of life. A barber is giving \$9 haircuts and there's talk of the annual "Hearts 'O' Gold Cantaloupe Festival.

But soon, the talk turns to the children. To 11 kids, all stricken with leukemia that some fear might have something to do with living in the self-proclaimed "Oasis of Nevada."

For 5-year-old Dustin Gross, it started like the flu. Then came the bruises, and his lips turned translucent.

"You can see it in his eyes," Dustin's father says. "When they really start turning dark."

Acute lymphocytic leukemia is the most common childhood cancer, but still rare. Just 2,000 new cases are diagnosed annually in the entire United States.

What puzzles people is that 11 of those cases since 1997 have been in and around Fallon, a town of 8,300. Eight cases were diagnosed last year.

This is a cluster, the state health department says. A chance occurrence, perhaps? Or something else that may never be known.

The uncertainty has forced the state to ask for help from national experts. While they look for answers, the residents worry.

Mayor Ken Tedford Jr. has lived in Fallon, 60 miles east of Reno, his whole life. His granddaddy was mayor, and his uncle too.

"We're just kind of a small town," the mayor says. "People worry about each other a lot."

At the downtown Ideal Barber Shop, which doubles as a motorcycle parts shop, former police officer Lyndell Smiley mentions the water as he talks to the kids.

"Nothing wrong with the water, Smiley," barber Joe Rando responds.

Water is a common topic in Fallon: It has arsenic levels 10 times the federal standard, and the city has been ordered to clean it up. Arsenic is a naturally occurring chemical that in high concentrations is poisonous. It's sometimes used as an insecticide or to kill weeds, but has never been



Fallon, Nev., residents worry about a rash of leukemia in their town.

linked to leukemia.

A byproduct of the area's soil, the arsenic has been around so long that many doubt it would be making people sick now.

Besides, the children drank from different sources — city water, well water and bottled water.

The arsenic is so accepted that residents don't seem to mind. "Some more arsenic water?" a waiter at Angelica's Steakhouse asks a customer. A square dance club calls itself the Arsenic Swingers.

"It's a known fact that the water's not the best around here, but I don't know," Mike Story, 50, says at Jerry's Restaurant.

"God knows, he knows the problem."

Tammi Boardley has gone over it repeatedly in her mind.

"You relieve those days. What did I feed him? Where did we go? That's what you do when you're a mom and you're desperate."

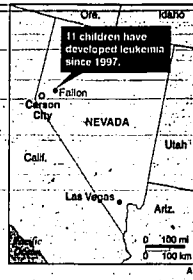
Her 5-year-old son, Zac, was No. 9, diagnosed in November. He is too sick this day to have visitors or go outside. Too much risk for infection.

Zac was born in Canada, but spends summers and part of each winter in Fallon. He never drank tap water, only bottled.

Is something spreading through the community? Or is it a statistical anomaly — just a coincidence, like flipping a coin 11 times and having it come up heads each time.

Often the cause of clusters can't be found because science can not yet identify what triggers them, says Dr. Michael Thun, head of epidemiology at the American Cancer Society.

"It is extremely rare in a community to pin down a cause or to exclude chance with confidence," Thun says.



Of course, Zac's cancer might have nothing to do with what he drank or how he lived. Cancer results from mutant genes. But what causes the mutations? The seeds of Zac's disease could have been there since birth, written into his genetic blueprint.

The survival rate of this type of childhood leukemia is 80 percent. None of the children here has died.

From 1961 to 1982, the federal Centers for Disease Control and Prevention investigated 108 cancer clusters in 29 states and five foreign countries. No clear cause was found. Since the mid-1980s, no CDC staff have been dedicated full-time to investigating cancer clusters.

"At this point, we're not finding things that are strikingly in common," state epidemiologist Dr. Randall Todd says. "We're beginning to look for other sources of information. What has changed in this community?"

Health officials are looking for a link among the children, who were toddlers to age 19 when diagnosed. Each family was asked about their habits and medical history. The only common characteristic: All the children live or have lived in this area.

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The state has asked for help from the CDC, the National Cancer Institute and outside epidemiologists. Legislative hearings and town meetings are planned. Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., is sending top staffers from the Senate Environment and Public Works Committee to investigate.

There's concern about nuclear weapons testing near Fallon in the 1950s. Epidemiologists say ionizing radiation is a risk factor to leukemia, but tests for radioactive substances in the water proved negative.

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Idaho approves loan increase to Twin Falls

BOISE (AP) — The Idaho Department of Environmental Quality has approved a \$500,000 increase in a wastewater loan to the city of Twin Falls. The money will pay for upgrades to the city's wastewater treatment plant.

The increase raises Twin Falls' total loan amount to \$8.5 million, repayable at a rate of 4 percent in biannual installments over 20 years.

In addition, the agency awarded

\$22,500 state wastewater grant to the city of Arco and \$17,500 to the city of Donnelly.

The funds will go toward a study of the city's wastewater treatment system and to develop recommendations for improvement.

State law authorizes the Department of Environmental Quality to provide grants from its general funds to help municipalities improve wastewater treatment facilities.

Former interior secretary calls for community spirit

ELKO, Nev. (AP) — Westerners should restore the community spirit of pioneers and work together to settle the region's environmental battles, former Interior Secretary Stewart Udall said Saturday.

"I hate that the battle lines across the West have been drawn," Udall said after speaking to a packed house at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering.

"I think we need more discussion and less hollering," he said.

Udall, who was appointed to head the Department of the Interior by President Kennedy in 1960 and remained until 1969, was expected to spark controversy in this anti-government stronghold of 55,000 residents. Some of the West's fiercest battles over grazing rights and wilderness have taken place in Elko County.

But the 81-year-old Udall, who grew up in St. Johns, Ariz., at the Utah border, skirted politics, focusing instead on poetry and his own pioneer past.

"I have a limited cowboy heritage of my own," said Udall, a descendant of Mormon pioneers who ran cattle with cowboys on his father's ranch.

"You never heard them whine or complain whatever they had to do, they did it. They were patient and when adversity hit they were strong," Udall told the packed audience of more than 300, most clad in jeans, boots and cowboy hats.

But the West's glory days, he said, were not dominated by the individual cattleman portrayed in the movies.

"The heroes and heroines, in my book, were the people who

dared to get in a wagon with their wife and their children and their belongings and head out across miles and miles of unknown country," he said.

For those pioneers, who worked together to build the region's first communities, "The welfare of the group was more important than the individual," Udall said. ("It was just the opposite of our society today — the emphasis on independence, do your own thing, make all the money that you can and to hell with the rest.")

Modern environmental disputes require the same kind of tolerance and respect, he said, telling reporters after his speech that he would advise newly appointed Interior Secretary Gail Norton the same.

"I sat down and talked with her. I would say 'go carefully,'" Udall said. "Listen to people. Try to bridge the gap. President Bush says he wants to bring people together. Don't begin by creating controversy."

But not everyone in the audience bought Udall's argument.

Lamoille resident Mary Branscomb, the wife of a large animal veterinarian, said Udall's support of Clinton Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt — who angered many in the region by toughening some restrictions on public land — made her doubt his message.

"I don't know if I can believe him," she said, adding that she hopes Norton will do a better job.

Udall acknowledged that the dawn of the automobile and south-west areas of the state to 46 percent in south-central Idaho.

Board official appoints new coordinator

BOISE (AP) — The president of the Idaho State Board of Education has appointed a new Interim Assessment and Accountability Coordinator for Achievement Standards.

Last week, Tom Boyd announced that Karen McGee, a board member from Pocatello,

will serve as the interim coordinator.

Under Karen McGee, the Assessment and Accountability Commission will direct the evaluation and accountability phase of the Achievement Standards process.

The committee reports to the

State Board of Education.

McGee will serve until a permanent coordinator is hired.

"I can assure all the stakeholders that we will be very thorough to look at the current system, best practices from across the country and listen to Idahoans," McGee said.

Seat belt use slowly rises in Idaho

BOISE (AP) — Results of a government survey show that seat belt use in Idaho increased by one percent in 2000, rising slightly from 58 percent in 1999.

The Idaho Transportation Department's Office of Highway Safety reports that more than 4,000 additional Idaho drivers

buckled up in 2000 than in 1999.

In 1999, 237 people over the age of four died in passenger motor vehicle collisions in Idaho; 183 were not wearing seatbelts.

"We are pleased with the steady progress being made, but Idaho is still losing lives due to people not buckling up," said Jo

Ann Moore, manager of the Office of Highway Safety.

The surveys were conducted at 100 sites in 16 of Idaho's most populated counties. Observed use rates varied from highs of 62 percent in Stansbury and southwest areas of the state to 46 percent in south-central Idaho.

Levy

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Two years ago, voters approved the \$240,000 override, a \$90,000 increase from the override levy approved in 1997.

Although the override would be permanent, Eastern Fire Chief Mike Brown said the district reserves the right to decrease its budget if the entire amount is unnecessary. But considering the growing costs of fire trucks and equipment, it's unlikely, Brown said.

According to fire district records, the budget has continued to grow steadily over the years. The budget in 1986 was \$166,642. By 1988 it was up to \$202,275, and by 1994 it was up to \$273,800.

When the commissioners were asking for \$200,000 per year, that additional \$50,000 was going to help replace a 30-year-old tanker, a \$150,000 expense, and other work equipment.

The \$50,000 was going to pay for the truck's down payment and leasing payments, which allowed the district to gradually rotate the trucks out of use every 20 years or so.

Eliminating the \$50,000 difference means the fire district will have to put off buying a new fire truck for another year or two, Brown said.

It also means that property owners will continue to pay 84 cents on every \$1,000 of valuation they pay now. A homeowner



East End Fire Department Capt. Mike Horgan said he supports the permanent levy proposed by the Minidoka County Fire Protection District. The measure, which voters must pass by a two-thirds majority, would eliminate the need to hold supplemental override levies every two years and give the district a more stable source of funding. East End is one of three departments that make up the fire district.

with an exemption on a \$80,000 home will continue to pay just under \$34 a year for fire protection.

Agricultural land will continue to be assessed at 63 cents per acre.

"In fact, many taxpayers may experience a reduced fire district

tax bill as a result of an overall greater assessed value in the county," Fletcher wrote.

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Supervisor limits snowmobile access

STANLEY (AP) — The Sawtooth National Forest has closed eight areas to snowmobiles in an effort to protect skiing and private land.

Sawtooth National Forest Supervisor Bill LeVere implemented the closures after he took recommendations from the Sawtooth Community Winter Recreation Partnership group.

The changes affect the Galena Summit Area down to the Sawtooth Valley floor, the Alturas Lake Ski Area, the Redfish Lake Moraine Area, the Northern Nip and Tuck Area, the Southern Nip and Tuck area, the area known as "Housewife Hill" just out of Lower Stanley, the Crooked Creek Area and the Park Creek Ski Area.

People who recreate in the region have tried for nearly three years to resolve winter use conflicts in the Sawtooth Valley.

The recreation partnership is comprised of representatives from the skiing and snowmobiling communities, private land owners, cabin owners, businesses and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game.

Utah fines Geneva Steel for safety violations

VINEYARD, Utah (AP) — Geneva Steel has been fined \$42,350 for safety violations the state has determined contributed to a worker's death.

Jerry Nelson, 56, of Salem, was crushed on Aug. 17 by about 17 tons of iron-ore pellets.

The 28-year plant veteran was doing maintenance inside an empty skip car, which carries pellets to the top of a blast furnace, when an operator of a scale car dumped the car's load on him. The skip car had been deactivated but the scale car

had not been locked out.

In a citation released Friday, the state's Division of Occupational Safety and Health ruled Geneva committed five willful violations, including failing to lock out the scale car, plus three lesser violations.

The report says managers at the Vineyard plant "knew" work on the scale car was being done, but the scale car was over them.

In some cases, supervisors allowed the scale car operators to bypass a lockout to avoid halt-

ing operations at the blast furnace and to save time.

"These gains were being made at the cost of reduced safety for employees," the division's report says.

On the day of Nelson's death, the division determined, managers of the unit responsible for locking out the scale car didn't know maintenance work was being done in the skip pit.

The citation says Geneva did not have a clear and specific procedure for locking out the scale car.

Lunch

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The following types of organizations may be eligible to operate programs: a public or private nonprofit school; government agencies; a public or private non-

profit college or university; a public or private nonprofit summer camp; or a private, nonprofit organization approved by the Internal Revenue Service as a 501(c)(3) organization.

For more information, an application, or training dates, and locations contact the Idaho Department of Education at 208-332-6821 or by e-mail at sbartlett@sdstate.id.us.

Grants

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grant money comes from donations, which can be made voluntarily by taxpayers on line 57 of their income tax forms.

While the grants are small, Beaver said they have had a grassroots impact.

"I think that really, the impact has been felt in communities," he said.

included South Central Head Start, which used Children's Trust grant money to update and expand Spanish-language materials in its Parents Education of Resource Material Library. Many of the families served by Head Start are deemed high risk for child abuse and neglect.

Kathy Meyer, president of M.E.C.C.A., an acronym for Messenger to End Crime of Children's Abuse, said the \$1,000 has been used to promote at-home cooking for the seven families — being served by M.E.C.C.A.'s three volunteers.

"When you think about it, it's easier when you have five bucks in your pocket to go to McDonald's than to cook for yourself," she said.

M.E.C.C.A. is teaching families that cooking at home is a good alternative — it promotes nutrition and helps stretch budgets. The grant money has helped buy basic kitchen tools such as frying pans and other kitchen supplies.

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MORNING LINE

SPORTSQUOTE

“ I feel uncomfortable. ”

—XFL announcer Matt Vasarian after prolonged ground-up shots of cheerleaders during Saturday night's inaugural broadcast of the new football league

TRIVIA

QUESTION:

The AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am was previously called the Bing Crosby National Professional Amateur. Where was the original site of the tournament?

...answer below

TODAY'S SCHEDULE

Recreational tennis

2001 Singles Tournament, at M.V. YFCA

Girls' high school basketball

SCIC Tournament, at Declo: Wood River vs. Declo, 7 p.m. Canyon Conf. tourney: Wendell at Valley, 7 p.m.

IN-BRIEF

Pomerelle Mountain announces Big Air

ALBION — Pomerelle Mountain will host two competitive events soon. The Third Annual Big Air competition will be held Feb. 10, and March 10 will be Pomerelle's Competition X 2001.

The competitions are open to all ages. A \$5 entry fee and a Pomerelle release waiver signed by a parent is required for all competitors under 18. Trophies and medals will be given to the top three places in each division. Pepsi-Cola will be giving away a snowboard March 20.

Big Air is open to all boarders and skiers, and will begin at noon. Competition X is open to mountain bikers, skiers and boarders. The mountain bike competition will begin at 10 a.m., with the ski and snowboard competitions following at noon.

For more information call (208) 673-5599.

Minico High hosts Legion meeting today

RUPERT — There will be an American Legion meeting regarding the upcoming Class AA state baseball tournament today at 7:30 p.m. in Room 11 at Minico High School.

All parent volunteers and anyone else interested in helping out are strongly encouraged to attend. For more information, call Russ Wright at 436-4721 or 436-6875.

Sign-ups for Filer hoops will be this week

FILER — The Filer Community Recreation District will hold registration for its Filer Co-ed Youth Basketball League from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 7 at the Filer Fire Station.

The fire station is located at corner of Yakima and Main. The Co-ed program is open to third through sixth graders. Cost is \$25 plus insurance, if needed. Call Steve Farnsworth at 326-4258 or Kaye Anne Edwards at 326-5441 for more information.

Idaho Youth Ranch holds basketball tourney

TWIN FALLS — The 21st Annual month-long Idaho Youth Ranch basketball tournament starts on Feb. 22.

Boys and girls in grades 5-8 through 8 are eligible to compete in the tourney. For more information, contact Bob Lopez at 532-4117 ex. 112.

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TRIVIA ANSWER:

Rancho Santa Fe Country Club in San Diego.

North America beats World team in scorefest

Guerin, Amonte steal the spotlight

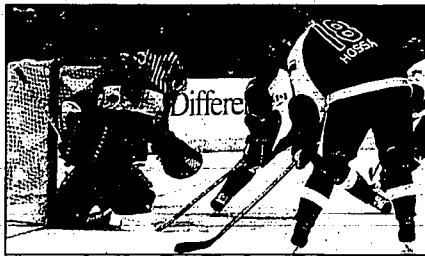
The Associated Press

DENVER — Bill Guerin, Tony Amonte and Doug Weight submitted their on-ice resumes for the U.S. Olympic team during the NHL All-Star game.

They stole the spotlight from their North America captain Mario Lemieux on Sunday in a 14-12 victory over the World team in the highest-scoring All-Star game ever.

Guerin, one of three Boston linemates in the game, had three goals and two assists to win the MVP award.

Alexei Kovalev's goal got the World to 12-11 with 5:32 left and snapped the combined record of 22 goals in 1993. The game was the third penalty-free All-Star



North America All-Star Scott Stevens, center, of the New Jersey Devils reaches to help block a shot by World All-Star Marlan Hossa (18) of the Ottawa Senators. North America beat the world team 14-12.

game. Last year's 9-4 contest won by the World team had one. Lemieux returned to the Pittsburgh Penguins, the team he owns, in late December after a 3.5-year retirement. The 35-year-old center, a three-time All-Star MVP, gave North America a 5-4

lead in the second period with his 12th career All-Star goal and earned an assist in the third period on a goal by Simon Gagne, making his All-Star debut.

Lemieux, who had a game-high nine shots, has played in only 16 games this season, tallying 16 goals and 16 assists.

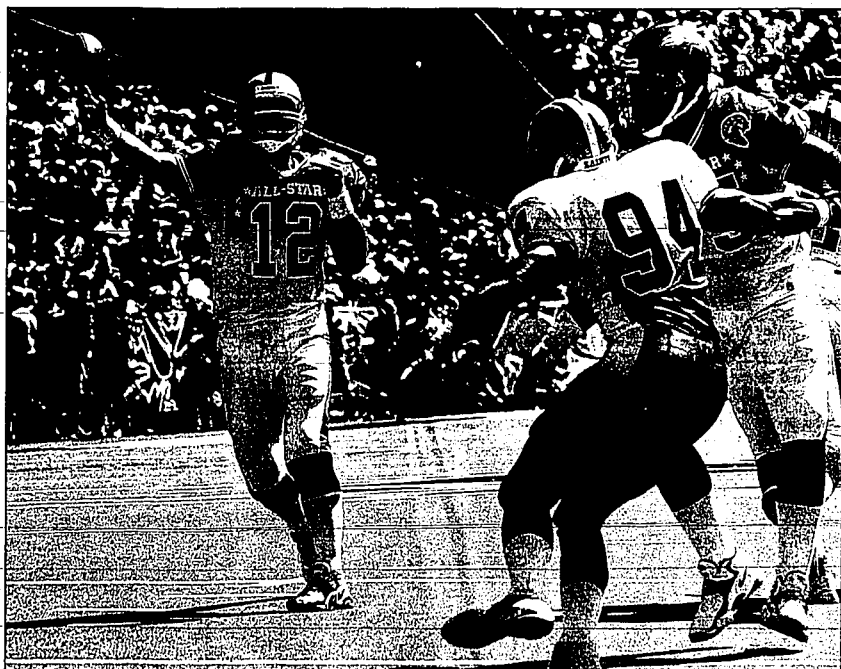
Guerin — a first-time All-Star at age 30 — had the 12th hat trick in All-Star history and the fifth in five years. Guerin, one of 14 first-time all stars, also had two assists — leaving him one point shy of Lemieux's record-setting effort in 1988.

Theo Fleury, who rebounded from his worst season to be an All-Star, had two goals to give him six in seven career games.

North America leads the All-Star series against the World 3-1 in the format adopted in 1998 before the Nagano Olympics — the first that featured NHL players.

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GANNONBALL RUN



Oakland quarterback Rich Gannon throws a during the first quarter of the Pro Bowl Sunday at the Arizona Memorial Stadium in Honolulu. Gannon threw for 160 yards and two touchdowns as the AFC defeated the NFC 38-17.

AFC throttles NFC at Pro Bowl

The Associated Press

HONOLULU — Rich Gannon got a lot accomplished in a short amount of time at Sunday's Pro Bowl.

Soil recovering from a separated left shoulder that limited him to the game's first two series, Gannon passed for 160 yards and two touchdowns to get the AFC off to a superb start in a 38-17 victory over the NFC.

It was enough to earn player of

the game honors for the 35-year-old veteran playing in his second straight Pro Bowl after languishing as a backup for most of his first 11 NFL seasons.

Afterward, the man who led the Oakland Raiders to their best season in 10 years credited his AFC teammates. "I was trying to put the ball in these guys' hands and let them make the plays," Gannon said. "These guys are incredible, you feel like you're driving a Ferrari. I feel like a kid in a candy store today. It's just amazing."

By winning for the fourth time in the last five Pro Bowls, the

AFC trimmed the NFC's lead to 16-15 since the game went to its present format in 1971.

The AFC scored the first three times it had the ball on Gannon's two scoring passes and a 29-yard field goal by Ravens kicker Matt Stover, and led by at least two touchdowns the rest of the way.

Less than two minutes into the second quarter, the AFC had 14 first downs and 231 yards of total offense to no first downs and six yards for the NFC.

Gannon was playing for the first time since Oakland's 16-3 loss to Baltimore on Jan. 14 in the AFC championship game, when

he separated his non-throwing shoulder on a hit by Tony Siragusa. The quarterback completed his first eight passes and was 12-of-14 before taking a seat in favor of Peyton Manning, who also threw two touchdown passes.

"It's OK, and getting better," Gannon said of his shoulder. "It's still not 100 percent healthy, but I was able to get out of there today without getting slammed. So that's important."

Raiders coach Jon Gruden, who coached the AFC, said he wasn't about to take any chances with his quarterback.

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Everything falls in for Love at Pebble Beach

The Associated Press

Golf

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. — A seven-stroke deficit was wiped out in seven holes, but that's where the similarities ended Sunday in the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am. This time, the stunning comeback happened early, and it belonged to Davis Love III.

Love erased that margin by playing his first seven holes in 8 under. He finished with a 9 under 63, and buried his 9-for-62 winless drought on the PGA Tour.

Love, who earned \$720,000, finished at 272 for a one-stroke victory over Vijay Singh and three shots ahead of Phil Mickelson.

Both had a chance to force a playoff until crucial shots went over the cliff and into the Pacific Ocean. Most of the attention was on

Tiger Woods, who made up seven strokes over his last seven holes last year for an amazing victory. Woods was only a spectator on another gorgeous day on the Monterey Peninsula, shooting a 72 to tie for 13th — eight strokes behind.

Love's 63 was the lowest finish by a winner in the 60-year history of the National Pro-Am, topping the 64 Woods had last year.

Singh was one stroke behind when his tee shot on the par-3-17th sailed left of the green and over the cliff. He birdied the 18th for a 69. Mickelson was one stroke back and in great shape in the 18th fairway when he tried to hit driver off the deck from 257

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Davis Love III watches his drive from the first tee of the Pebble Beach Golf Links during final round play of the AT&T Pebble Beach National Pro-Am Sunday.

Hype, Hype, Hooray

High ratings make XFL debut a success

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — The XFL and NBC must be X-cited about the TV rating for the fledgling football league's debut broadcast.

At long last, television tactics and salacious shots of scantily clad cheerleaders with mediocre on-field action, the XFL's inaugural broadcast drew a preliminary overnight rating of 10.3 with a 17 share.

That means an average of 10.3 percent of U.S. TV homes were tuned in at any given moment Saturday night for the game between the Las Vegas Outlaws and the New York/New Jersey Hitmen.

The rating gave NBC a prime-time victory over the other networks Saturday and is more than double what advertisers were told to expect for the league, the brainchild of World Wrestling Federation mogul Vince McMahon and jointly owned by NBC-TV.

"As long as (the rating is) somewhere between 3, 4, 5, we're gold," McMahon said. Said NBC Sports chairman Dick Ebersol: "We're trying to bring Saturday night viewers back to NBC, and last night's game more than doubled the time period."

The network had been averaging a 4.2 rating and 7 share this year by broadcasting movies in prime time on Saturdays.

The premise of the XFL is to appeal to male viewers aged 18-24 — the same audience with which the WWF thrives — and Saturday's broadcast made it clear there will be nothing highbrow or low-key about the shows.

The preliminary ratings released Sunday were based on measuring the 49 largest TV markets, covering about 65 percent of the United States. The full national ratings were expected Tuesday.

By comparison, Game 1 of last year's World Series drew a 14.0 overnight rating on a Saturday night for Fox; NBC's Saturday night broadcasts of NBA games averaged under a 4 rating last season.

The highest-rated single-market for the XFL broadcast was Las Vegas, where the game was played, with a 17.7. Minneapolis — where viewers were drawn to watch their governor, Jesse Ventura, work as an NFL announcer — was next at 14.9.

Davenport serves notice on No. 1 bid

The Associated Press

TOKYO — Pounding her opponent's second serve, Lindsay Davenport beat Martina Hingis and now has every reason to believe she can regain the No. 1 ranking.

Davenport, seeded second, won the Toray Pan Pacific Open on Sunday with a 6-7 (4), 6-4, 6-2 victory in the final over the top-seeded Swiss.

Hingis — seeking an unprecedented third straight Toray championship and fourth overall. Davenport also won this tournament in 1998.

"I'm excited and I decided to come here," Davenport said. "A week ago I wasn't looking forward to it that much just because I was a little bit disappointed. But it's great to win my first tournament of the year in the first week of February."

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Lindsay Davenport

Tennis

SPORTS

Lakers stop Webber, Kings in victory

LOS ANGELES - Kobe Bryant, his shooting touch off, still scored 26 points and added 11 rebounds to lead the Los Angeles Lakers past the Sacramento Kings 100-94 Sunday.

Winning for the third time in five games since Shanille O'Neal went out with a foot injury, the defending NBA champion Lakers pulled within two games of the Pacific Division-leading Kings, who have been the best in the West this season.

Bryant, hampered by a sore right shoulder that he said might keep him out of the All-Star game next weekend, was just 8-of-26 from the floor. But he made 10 of his 11 free throws.



The Lakers' Kobe Bryant gets ahold of Sacramento's Jason Williams during their game Sunday. Bryant finished with 26 points as the Lakers won 100-94.

Knicks 103, Heat 100, OT

MIAMI - Glen Rice scored 29 points as New York won a wild overtime game.

Rice, who began his career with Miami, hit 10 of 15 shots and was perfect from 3-point range (4-of-4) and from the free-throw line (5-for-5).

Miami's Eddie Jones missed a pair of free throws in the final

best start since 1966-67, when they were 23-2 under coach Bob Cousy before losing their last game.

Rutgers 70, No. 22 Seton Hall 64 EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Todd Billet scored 16 of his points in the final 6:45, and Rutgers overcame a 17-point second-half deficit for its first Big East victory of the season.

Women's Top 25 No. 2 Connecticut 75, Villanova 39 STORRS, Conn. - Shea Ralph didn't miss a shot, and No. 2 Connecticut didn't miss a beat without injured star Svetlana Abrosimova.

The Huskies, coming off a loss to Tennessee, scored the first 11 points and cruised to a 75-39 win over Villanova on Sunday.

No. 3 Tennessee 97, Alabama 75 TUSCALOOSA, Ala. - Kara Lawson had 17 points and eight assists as Tennessee shot 53 percent in its 12th straight victory.

The Lady Vols (23-1, 9-0 Southeastern) had six players score in double figures.

No. 6 Purdue 73, Michigan 64 WEST LAFAYETTE, Ind. - Shereka Wright scored a career-high 25 points in place of an

Celtics 103, Cavaliers 82

BOSTON - Antoine Walker scored 19 of his 36 points in the third quarter and led Boston to its sixth straight victory.

The win lifted the Celtics over the Cavaliers into a tie for the

eight and final playoff spot with Indiana, which was idle Sunday. Andre Miller scored 17 points, and Clarence Weatherspoon had 14 rebounds for the Cavaliers.

Nets 96, 76ers 89 EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. - Stephon Marbury scored 34 points and Kenyon Martin and Keith Van Horn added 20 apiece for New Jersey, which snapped a seven-game losing streak and beat a team with a winning record for the first time since Dec. 10.

Allen Iverson scored 32 for the 76ers, but only two in the fourth quarter. Theo Ratliff added a season-high 22 points, 12 rebounds and eight blocks.

Suns 85, Hornets 82 PHOENIX - Tom Gugliotta had 10 points and 11 rebounds as Jason Kidd scored seven points in the last 2.5 minutes, as Phoenix handed Charlotte its third straight loss.

Gugliotta had his best game since major reconstructive knee surgery and his first double-digit rebound game since he had 14 against Dallas last March 4.

Duke rebounds to pound Florida State

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) - Carlos Boozer scored 23 points and Shane Barrier 21 as No. 2 Duke rebounded from a loss to North Carolina three days earlier by beating Florida State 100-58 Sunday.

The victory gave the Blue Devils (20-2, 8-1 Atlantic Coast Conference) their 16th 20-win season in the last 18 years under Mike Krzyzewski and kept them in a game behind the No. 4 Tar Heels in the race for the ACC regular-season title.

No. 5 Michigan St. 72, Purdue 55 EAST LANSING, Mich. - Michigan State used a 2-20 first-half run and a suffocating defense to extend the nation's longest home winning streak to 41 games.

No. 9 Maryland 69, Clemson 54 COLLEGE PARK, Md. - Maryland's Terrence Morris scored 18 points, including three straight clutch drives on the stretch.

Lenny Baxter had 14 points and 13 rebounds for the Terrapins (15-6, 6-3 Atlantic Coast Conference).

No. 20 Boston College 89, Villanova 74 BOSTON - Troy Bell scored 22 points as Boston College extended its best start in 34 years.

The Eagles (16-2, 7-1 Big East), who got a season-high 16 points from Kenny Walls, are off to their

injured Katie Douglas, and Camille Cooper added 24 as Purdue rallied for its 13th straight victory.

No. 8 Iowa St. 92, Nebraska 70 LINCOLN, Neb. - Angie Welle scored 19 of her 23 points in the second half and had nine rebounds for Iowa State.

Iowa State was 30-for-60 from the field and hit 14 3-pointers, just four short of the school record.

Auburn 65, No. 11 LSU 62 BATON ROUGE, La. - Lori Nero had 20 points and seven rebounds as Auburn outmuscled and upset LSU.

Auburn (15-9, 3-7 Southeastern Conference) hit 40 percent of its 3-point shots, and sealed the victory with 77-percent free-throw shooting.

No. 14 Rutgers 69, Pittsburgh 61 PITTSBURGH - Karlita Washington scored 23 points, and Rutgers held off a late rally to beat poor-shooting Pittsburgh.

The Scarlet Knights (15-5, 7-2 Big East) led 66-42 with 4:15 left before the Panthers (9-12, 3-7) went on a 19-3 run for the rest of the game.

North Carolina St. 56, No. 17 Clemson 50 CLEMSON, S.C. - Tynasha Lewis hit a 15-foot jumper to

give North Carolina State its first lead with 33 seconds to go, keying the Wolfpack's 16-0 closing run.

No. 15 Xavier 86, George Washington 84, OT CINCINNATI, Ohio - Jennifer Phillips scored seven of her 11 points in overtime, including a layup with 44 seconds left that gave Xavier the lead for good.

Xavier cut the lead to three by halving as Jerry Tuukkanen scored seven of her 28 points during a 9-3 run.

No. 5 Georgia 78, Mississippi St. 74 STARKVILLE, Miss. - Kelly Miller scored 31 points as Georgia overcame a nine-point halftime deficit to hand Mississippi State its seventh straight loss.

No. 16 Penn St. 65, Northwestern 62 EVANSTON, Ill. - Kelly Mazzante scored 23 points as Penn State won despite being outshot from the field (51 percent to 43 percent) and out-rebounded (36 to 26).

No. 9 Florida 62, No. 19 Vanderbilt 57 GAINESVILLE, Fla. - Florida's Tombl Bell scored 17 points on 8-of-11 shooting while her teammates made just 25 percent of their field goals.

they were very sharp," he said. "Gannon really worked the fight and. We're kind of young, they had the experience."

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Martin J. Brodeur, North America's third-period goalie, earned the victory despite allowing five goals on 23 shots - the most goals against for his team. Sean Burke, the winner of Saturday night's goalie skills competition yielded four goals in 11 shots and Roy Chre, also in 11 shots.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Idaho guard Watson out for the season MOSCOW, Idaho - University of Idaho junior guard Nathaniel Watson sustained a fractured spleen during a Big West Conference game against Cal Poly and cannot play for the remainder of the season.

Watson was injured midway through the second half on Saturday when he and a player from Cal Poly collided. Watson left the game and was admitted to Grifman Medical Center.

"Nate's our best practice player and a tremendous young man with a lot of faith in positive things," coach David Farrar said. "The faith will help him come through this in great shape."

Doctors do not think Watson will need to undergo surgery, but expect to keep him in the hospital until later this week.

Corvette races to endurance win DAYTONA BEACH, Fla. - A Chevrolet C5 Corvette erased a 26:19 deficit Sunday and won the Rolex 24-hours sports car endurance race, as the favored Daytona Racing entry ran into engine problems for the second straight year.

The winning car, shared by Americans Chris Kneifel and Johnny O'Connell, Canadian Ron Fellows and Frenchman Franck Freon, gave Corvette its biggest sports car win ever.

Pole vault great Sergei Bubka retires KIEV, Ukraine - Before a roaring crowd and with praise from his president, Sergei Bubka retired Sunday after one of the greatest careers in track and field history.

The 37-year-old pole vault king was honored at a ceremony at the Pole Vault Stars, the competition in Donetsk he founded.

Bubka set world records 35 times. He won six consecutive world championships and an Olympic gold medal.

He said he will now be kept busy in his role as a member of the IOC's executive board. And there are other duties closer to home.

"There is my club in Donetsk, its work," he said. "And, of course, my family to take my time."

Grizzlies owner to discuss future VANCOUVER, British Columbia - Grizzlies owner Michael Healey plans to meet with commissioner David Stern during the All-Star break to discuss his team's struggles.

"We continue to have serious problems with the team and with the financial aspects of the team," Healey said. "We continue to have attendance problems. The losses continue to mount."

Asked if the team will remain in Vancouver, the usually verbose owner hesitated.

"I cannot honestly answer that question," he said.

Jimmy Buffett ejected at Knicks-Heat game MIAMI - NBA referee Joe Forte isn't a "Parrothead," apparently.

Forte ejected singer Jimmy Buffett from his seat along the baseline at Sunday's game between the Knicks and Heat.

Forte said he tossed Buffett for using profanity.

"He was there with his son," said Heat coach Pat Riley, who had a front-row seat for the commotion. "I don't think it was that bad - I mean, come on, a few words."

The altercation delayed the game several minutes in the fourth quarter. Heat officials said Buffett, whose fans are called "Parrotheads," was escorted to another seat in the arena for the remainder of the game.

"He was using profanity," Forte said. "There was a little boy sitting next to him and a lady sitting by him. He used some words he knows he shouldn't have used, so I asked security to move him to another location."

"We don't have to take that kind of thing," Forte said he did not know the man was the legendary singer until someone mentioned it to him after the incident.

Russell wins NHRA Winter Nationals POMONA, Calif. - Darrell Russell became the third pro driver in NHRA history to win his first start, taking the Top Fuel title Sunday in the season-opening AutoZone Winter Nationals.

Russell, the new driver for retired five-time champ Joe Amato's racing team, beat Mike Dunn in the final with a quarter-mile race of 4.665 seconds at a top speed of 309.77 mph. Dunn, whose machine lost traction, finished in 5.560 at 231.44.

Fury Schebi (Top Fuel, 1997) and K.C. Sprulock (Funny Car, 1994) are the only other drivers to win their first pro starts.

Bruce Sarver, Kurt Johnson and Randy Daniels also won their division in the \$1.9 million competition, the first of 24 events in the \$50 million NHRA Winston Drag Racing Series.

Sarver claimed his second career Funny Car victory, outrunning Tony Pedregon in the final. Sarver powered his Pontiac Firebird to a 4.887 at 308.35 to hold off Pedregon's Ford Mustang, which ran 4.557 at 284.34.

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Americans prepare for Olympic pressures

ST. ANTON, Austria (AP) — With the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City just a year away, the U.S. ski team is using the World Championships as a class-in stress management.

The Americans are learning to handle the pressures of competing in a major international arena by observing the mighty Austrian squad, loaded-down with the expectations and the strain of competing at home.

"You need to train, practice and prepare, you need to think how it will feel at the Olympic Games," said Bill Egan, coach of the U.S. men's team. "Right now in the program you're working on how to deal with the pressure at the Olympics."

Considered the final big test ahead of Salt Lake, these worlds are being used as a measuring rod. So far, the Austrians have fallen disappointingly short, failing to win any of the three gold medals awarded.

The Americans, by contrast have surpassed expectations.

Daron Rahvles won the super-G ahead of Austria's Stefan Eberharter, dropping home hero Hermann Maier to third in what is considered the Hermitator's

Skiing

strongest event. It was only the third time an American man had won a world championship gold.

In the women's super-G, the Austrians failed to place among the top seven, while American Megan Gerety finished an impressive fourth.

The Austrians were again thwarted in the women's combined when Renate Goetschl, poised to win, struck a gate in the final slalom leg. Instead it was German Olympic silver medalist Maruša Erj who won, in a comeback from knee ligament surgery barely a month before.

"The Austrians have plenty of pressure," Egan said. "They're trying to win, but feeling is that they are afraid to lose and when you are preoccupied with your result, your chances of losing go much greater."

Something Egan and the rest of the U.S. staff are trying to teach their skiers.

We preach all the time that it's very important to be able to perform under pressure," Egan said. "In my mind a great athlete

doesn't feel pressure, he's so focused and prepared that he doesn't allow any interference in the task at hand.

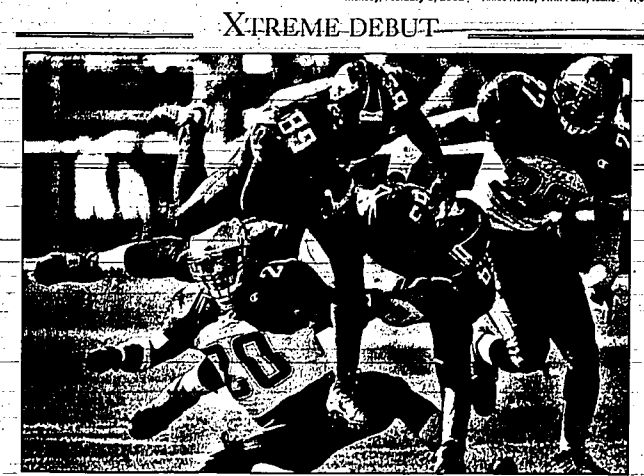
"It comes from practice. You have to be task-oriented and not goal-oriented in this case. The guys who can only concentrate on the outcome, they're in trouble."

While the American men have shown they can climb the podium, the women are still learning what it takes to go from being a great racer to a great competitor to a great winner.

Caroline Lalive surged to the forefront in unexpected fashion in the combined, sitting in a strong position to win before succumbing to nerves and vertigo of course in the final slalom run. Gerety would have climbed the podium in the super-G but for a mistake near the bottom of the course.

"We like to teach them that it's a task-executing process, you don't wish it or want it, you have to perform technically and tactically and the outcome will come later on," said Marjan Cernigoj, the U.S. women's coach.

"They're good athletes, good skiers and then good competitors, now they need to get on the podium."



Gooding resident Eric Johnson (27), right, watches as Demons wide receiver Brian Roberson (89) jumps over Xtreme safety Jeff Russell (20) and teammate Michael Kiselek. Johnson made his debut as a safety for the XFL's Los Angeles Xtreme Sunday.

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College Baseball Scores

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OTHER VIEWS

Fighting porn, rather than ignoring it, can get spendy

From The Salt Lake Tribune

What is the price of moral posturing? Utahns, alas, are likely to find out if comments accompanying Attorney General Mark Shurtleff's announcement of Utah's newest appointed political luminary - the empress of porn - are an indication.

Paula Houston, former West Valley City prosecutor, has accepted the new position in the attorney general's office to oversee legal control over pornography ranging from giving cities and counties advice on how to draft anti-pornography laws to probable high-profile prosecutions.

Her legal job title is obscenity and pornography complaints ombudsman. Popularly, the new job title has been called "porn czar." Since the word czar - the word has a different case ending for feminine gender, i.e., czarina - is Russian for Caesar or emperor, which itself comes from the Latin imperator, which means commander-in-chief, the pop title thus renders Houston the empress of pornography.

Words and fun with words aside, the appointment is ominous along with last year's legislation creating the position and awarding it with \$75,000 of the public's money. Shurtleff, in announcing his newest employee, unfurled the moral banner and rattled the saber of state: "...I, for one, will not allow pornographers to hide behind the First Amendment." This

sounds like good news for a number of attorneys. It promises a lot of litigation and the spending of a lot of public money.

Houston, taking up her boss's cue, pointed out that "everyone has a right to live in a community without being harmed by others." She did not define harm, which is more good news for litigators. Harm is even more subjective than pornography, which is enjoyed and loathed by few, and ignored by most folks.

Shurtleff and Houston's words are bold ones, but from a fiscal perspective they can be scary. They are the sort used by officials who end up in endless battles over what constitutes pornography in an attempt to satisfy the constituent segment that thinks Britney Spears' midriff-baring clothes threaten the moral fiber of the state.

Utahns will not see the end of pornography through Houston's appointment. What they likely will see are protracted legal cases in which they serve as the financial resource that prosecutes cases, defends the state in subsequent civil suits and rewards damages and legal fees to plaintiffs when the state loses.

That's the antithesis of prudent public spending, especially when all the citizens get out of it is to see a few officials strut about in high moral dudgeon, draped in the rhetorical mantle of Utah values.

When the state goes on an anti-pornography crusade, taxpayers become the financial resource that prosecutes cases, defends the state in subsequent civil suits and rewards damages and legal fees to plaintiffs when the state loses.

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LETTERS

Thank you for your support

Jan. 13 was the very worst day of my life. My son, Ryan Steele, died from injuries received in an automobile accident. When the doctors at Saint Al's in Boise told me the news, I went into a state of shock, disbelief and despair.

On the drive back to Buhl, I made a phone call to break the devastating news to a friend. My friend informed me that the news was already being spread throughout the town and everyone would be here for me. I didn't realize at the time how right she was.

I found out that everyone at the Buhl basketball game took a moment out of the game to pray for Ryan. Upon arriving home, I was met by friends, family and Ryan's classmates. People brought food, took care of my other two children and provided me with hugs that I so desperately needed.

I was led by the hand through all the arrangements and planning that had to be done. Everyone at all of the Buhl schools went out of their way to accommodate my every wish. Much of the sophomore class and their parents went to extra lengths to provide dinner for anyone that wanted to come.

* My boss, for whom I am eternally grateful, set up a memorial fund at First Federal Bank in Ryan's name. Out of respect for Ryan's grandfather, Gary Winn, the city offices in Buhl closed for half the day on the day of Ryan's funeral. I, people that I've never known sent me poems, cards and prayers.

In this day and age, the newspapers are full of depressing stories about people that are bad. However, the support that people have given me and my family has

been overwhelming. It takes special people to go out of their way as they have done. On behalf of Ryan's grandparents, Gary and Linda Winn; Ryan's father, Chuck Steele; Ryan's brother, Morgan; and sister, Rachel; and myself, I wish to thank each and every one of these special people from the bottom of our hearts for everything they have done.

JULIE STEELE
Buhl

We won't get our tax money back

I feel it is admirable of you to want to help out the agricultural business where the price of agricultural products fell way below the expected market as I too feel for the farmers. My concern is the means by which you plan to help them.

There was an Idaho tax surplus in the neighborhood of \$348 million and Gov. Kempthorne earmarked some needs which left \$147 million (less than half) to be returned to the taxpayers (the ones who generated the surplus). My question to the Legislature is why not let the need to boost the agricultural economy compete with the governor's list, that is the amount between \$348 million and the \$147 million?

My guess is there could be a never-ending list of good legitimate needs for the taxpayers' dollars. Several years back, I read an article that said most legislators felt the average citizen wasn't sufficiently intelligent to spend his money where it was needed. This adage appears to be true today, as it appears we the taxpayers won't be getting much, if any, of our tax dollars back.

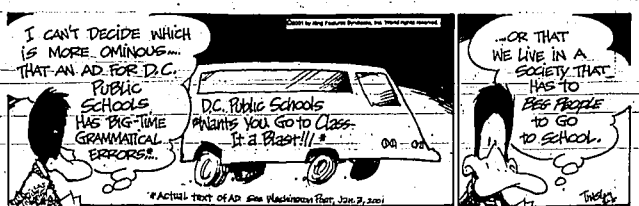
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By Garry Trudeau

Mallard Fillmore



By Bruce Tinsley

Book gives tips for happier marriage

I was like walking in and asking for a copy of "Buxom Bimbos' Bedtime Secrets." "Uh, excuse me," I whispered to the clerk at Borders. "Do you have 'The Surrendered Wife'?"

"The ... um ... 'Surrendered Wife.' It's on Amazon's Top 10. It's a book about marriage, not that I need it, but I thought maybe I'd write about it because I'm a writer, see, and a feminist - of course - and I would never read this for my own sake, because, I mean, 'surrendered' - how Neanderthal, right? - but ... you've got it?"

The clerk excused himself and returned with the object of my desire: a slim volume promising to be "a practical guide to finding intimacy, passion and peace with a man."

Yeah, and losing 35 years of women's rights in the process. I could hardly wait to rip it apart!

Figuring the book would be an upsurge update of "The Total Woman" - that '70s best seller that advised women to greet their husbands at the door, dressed only in Saran Wrap ("What's for dinner? Mei!") - I whipped out my marker and started highlighting away. ... But not in the way I expected. "So true!" I found myself scribbling. "Yes, yes!" Two chapters in, I was making a list of the friends I'd buy the book for. By the end, I was resolving to

LENORE SKENAZY

try at least some of the program - maybe a lot - myself.

And what, precisely, is the program? Simply put: Stop nagging.

Once wives quit telling their husbands what to do and how to do it, husbands unbow their heads and become the competent, confident, kind men they were when wooing.

"Telling him how to load the dishwasher is insulting. You might as well be saying, 'You mean you can't even do something as easy as that?'" writes the (now) happily married Laura Doyle.

And, by golly, she's got a point. I have friends who, rather than thanking their husbands for their help, roll their eyes at pretty much everything the guys do, from shopping ("He bought enough couscous to feed Morocco!") to child care ("He gave the baby a grape!") to dressing ("He can't even buy his own underwear!").

He can? Why'd you marry him? Doyle argues that we choose our mates for a reason: They are our equals. Nonetheless, a lot of us ladies end up treating them like imbeciles. We try to run their lives as well as our own. This is exhausting to us, demoralizing to them. They give up and watch TV.

The solution, says Doyle, is to hand

over some of the very tasks we don't trust our men to handle and watch them rise to the occasion.

"Trusting is magical because people tend to live up to your expectations," she writes.

I was going to congratulate myself on how I personally already knew to trust my man and not nag, when I recalled how last this past weekend I had insisted on which subway we take to dinner ("Not the C! We'll take the A and switch at 59th Street!") and how much to tip the cabbie on the way home ("Not \$21 \$1!").

It's not like my husband was new to the subway system, or tipping. So why was I so shrill? And even if my suggestions were valid, would a nod and a smile have really hurt?

They never do. Now, this might sound like I'm advocating "Marriage for Dummies" or a throwback to the '50s, but I'm not, and neither is Doyle. In the old days, women had to nod and smile. Sex roles were rigid. But today, thanks to feminism, women can be anybody they want to be - including kind, caring wives.

To get the respect we women crave requires giving it - maybe even giving it first. That doesn't sound so bad to me.

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LETTERS

Bush didn't exclude anyone

Professor Dershowitz (Jan. 26, "Bush must remember his savior is not shared by all"), both in his commentary and in a debate on TV, has shown himself extremely prejudicial against Christianity. His attacks on it, and to my knowledge not on other faiths, shows he is refusing to accept it as part of "our glorious diversity" he espouses.

He totally missed the point in his criticism of the references to God in the inauguration. President Bush did not exclude any person or religion; he simply included God and let it be known that the Judeo-Christian Jesus is a vital part of his life as he functions as president. He did not violate the First Amendment; he did not imply that he was going to have the government insist we all hold to a particular belief and imply that other beliefs would not be tolerated. He simply said, as we all have a right to, this is what I believe.

The minister at the end of the function asking people to say "amen" if they believe in Jesus is not wrong. If they agreed, fine; if not, fine. No one was taking down names of people who did not say "amen" and putting them on a black list. Every time the rest of the crew at work are drinking a few beers and ask me to join them, I am being asked if I want to say "amen" to drinking beer. All of us in a free country consistently face challenges

to our beliefs - religious or otherwise. It's part of life and part of being a person of character to deal maturely with such things.

I have noted Professor Dershowitz has a habit of conveniently taking things out of context to make his point. He was glad to point out Washington's letter to a "Jewish community" but somehow failed to point out all the times Washington, while president, publicly called upon the same Jesus President Bush calls upon.

TIM BAKER
Halley

Just print the facts, T-N

I think it would be wise for The Times-News and others to wait until all the information is in from the state investigators with regard to the Eden shooting before we make up our minds if there is any fault of anyone. Why can't we follow the fine example of those officers' families! You don't see wild stories coming from them! Honestly, the flat nothing but rumors going around is ridiculous and so are the stories I have read in the papers. How many times must I read the same old information in the paper, again and again the same old stuff, nothing new! Does this kind of reporting sell papers or what? Let's all wait for the officials at the state lab and others to do their jobs, and then print the truth and facts.

Now for you who write that our sheriff should find other employment, you sound like you know something we don't, or is it that you think you know and know you know not, that man is the definition of a fool! You can take it to the bank that Sheriff Weaver feels as bad as anyone can about this whole mess and wouldn't want anyone else to ever have to experience what he and his staff are going through now, so let's wait for the answers from the powers that be at the state level!

One last thing: why don't you sensationalize the smell at Rock Creek or the dairy odor problem, get a good in-depth story on what the county commissioners are doing for that problem! I don't see much on that of late; write about something that some good can come from your story instead of beating your drum on something no one here has control over.

J.B. KNUDSON
Jerome

TF police handled themselves well

First, I would like to express the way Twin Falls Police and detectives handled the Jan. 26 stand-off. There was no gunfire at all and everything went the way they planned it. Maybe Jerome should take lessons from Twin Falls' Twin Falls has a very good police department. Good job, guys! My heart goes out to you.

GEORGE BAKER JR.
Twin Falls

OPINION

LETTERS

Board isn't educated group

In response to Whitney D. Smith's wonderful letter published in the Jan. 31 edition, I take exception to her phrase describing The Times-News editorial board as "a group of educated men."

I don't think so.
ROBERT NEWMAN
Rupert

Well done, CSI band

I feel compelled to comment about the Jan. 27 Big Band concert by Brent Jensen's College of Southern Idaho Band.

The program was well balanced with beautiful vocal and instrumental features. The band had such good ensemble balance and superb dynamic contrasts—very musical!

What a pleasure to hear and they did it all in an hour and 15 minutes! Perfect timing—no intermission.

WAYNE SKEEM
Twin Falls

Party Time rents reasonably

If you or someone you know is planning a celebration of any kind and need to rent backdrops, tables, nice serving pieces and much more, I'd like you to know that Party Time rents these accessories very reasonably and goes the extra mile to make sure that you are pleased with their service.

I have had the pleasure of doing a lot of business there in the past year and each time has been a very positive experience.

Another business person I have had the pleasure of working with is Tammy Bayles. She is in inside sales at The Times-News and really does an exceptional job.

SUE STROBEL
Twin Falls

Don't let the grizzlies in

It is mind boggling that there is any discussion about a grizzly reintroduction program! There needs to be some serious damage control on the last reintroduction disaster—the wolf. There was obviously some miscalculation of the reproduction rate, and it's not slowing down. What exactly were the results they had intended? Now the wolves are back in full force, but at what cost?

I can't begin to understand the ranchers' and farmers' frustration, but as a hunter, I am disgusted! My family and I encountered two wolves this last season right out of Bellevue.

Although they can be beautiful in pictures, the devastation they left was horrifying. I'll bet the tracking devices on them don't count the unbelievable amount of elk and deer they've killed.

The elk population in Stanley has dropped dramatically, and now the wolves are coming down for more food. Unless Fish and Game does something right away about the wolves, an elk reintroduction program is next. Unfortunately because of their reproduction rate, extinction in this area is highly probable. Maybe a controlled hunt on the wolves or reintroduce them to a

larger area with more food sources. The wolves have already encountered some of the largest herds.

Please don't wait, and do something before it's too late!
JAYNE CARY
Twin Falls

Teachers are accountable

On Jan. 28, your editorial discussed teacher accountability. I have read your publication for seven years since my change of career to teaching in our public schools. I have stood by trying not to answer your continual biting editorials blasting education and educators. I cannot remain silent any longer.

Since the time I have had the honor to be a teacher, I have seen my fellow educators at work being nothing but accountable. They find themselves accountable to many parents who find their child's school nothing more than a convenient day-care center.

Accountable to some parents who abuse, mistreat or neglect their child for 17 hours of the day; then expect learning during the other seven.

Teachers are accountable to the community and to the state, which expect perfection but refuses to provide safe or adequate school buildings and offer pay sometimes at poverty levels. You accuse teachers who devote their whole being to helping children either by simply putting a bandage on their scraped knee or pushing them to be the best person they can be. Teachers

genuinely want every child to succeed but are not given the tools to do so.

We are accountable to the school boards and to the administration that do their best to run districts though being woefully underfunded. They also do their best to implement rules for the safety and well-being of the entire student body but are attacked when they put them into practice.

Teachers sometimes feel they are even accountable to a higher being when their students fail short. We feel accountable for their souls and character when they break the law. In the final analysis we are accountable to each and every student and testing is not the only measure of any person.

Without a doubt, there are problems in our school system that must be fixed. There are also a majority of parents who have great faith in teachers and support them wholeheartedly. It takes everyone's help to solve the serious questions of educational improvement. However, your staff seems bent on creating controversy rather than lifting a hand.

It is time for you to be accountable to your readership. Has your editorial staff ever visited a classroom? Have you ever spent a day or week with a teacher to see the other side? Your staff must also be held accountable or is it easier to muckrake from the outside?

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NATION

Bush meets first foreign leader today

Canada's prime minister makes trip

WASHINGTON (AP) - President Bush has an affinity for Mexico. During the U.S. presidential contest, Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien seemed to have an affinity for Al Gore. Still, it's Chretien who today will become the first foreign leader Bush will meet as president.

The two countries share broad interests as well as an evolving set of disputes, and new presidents usually get to know the continental neighborhood early. Bush's first foreign trip is Feb. 16 - to Mexico - a choice that caused some concern among Canadian officials who scrambled to get to Washington before-hand. Also, Bush dealt often with Mexico as Texas governor and met Mexican President Vicente Fox during the U.S. presidential campaign.

Canadian officials place a premium on being first one way or another with U.S. leaders.

"People can indeed obsess over it," said David T. Jones, formerly a senior U.S. diplomat in Ottawa. Still, he said, "it's smart to get in on the calendar early, before the calendar is full."

The Canadian foreign and defense ministers already have been down to see Secretary of State Colin Powell and Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

Chretien's trip to Washington is low key, in keeping with the style of neighbors accustomed to talking at the highest level without always going through the flash and formality of a state visit.

The leaders will hold a meeting and then a working dinner with 12 to 15 people.

Chretien says it is a "get-acquainted session that will lay down markers on areas of agreement, such as promoting hemispheric free trade, as well as disagreement, such as Bush's wish to open the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska to oil drilling."

Security tightens for terrorist trial

NEW YORK (AP) - Steel barricades that can rise into place to stop up to 7.5 tons of speeding truck and cameras capable of reading a newspaper a block away are just some of the new measures protecting federal court buildings for the city's fifth major terrorism trial in a decade.

Construction crews worked through freezing weather in the past several weeks to finish strengthening security in time for today's opening statements in United States vs. Osama bin Laden.

The Saudi millionaire accused of leading a global terrorism empire is a fugitive believed to be hiding in Afghanistan. But four of his alleged followers are on trial on conspiracy charges in the Aug. 7, 1998, bombings of U.S. embassies in Nairobi, Kenya, and Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, that killed 224 people, 12 of them Americans.

The new security improvements around two adjacent federal court buildings in lower Manhattan are "important substantially and symbolically," said Ray Kelly, whose tenure as New York City police commissioner encompassed the 1993 terrorist bombing of the World Trade Center.

Among the security work:

- Two of the world's largest custom-made hydraulically operated barricades block the ends of a street which runs between the two courthouses. The barricades - thick steel plates that can be lowered to let traffic pass - are designed to stop a truck loaded to 15,000 pounds and moving at up to 80 mph.

- Delta Scientific Vice President David G. Dickinson Sr. said his company has erected barriers protecting 200 embassies worldwide, 50 federal courthouses and 85 nuclear power plants. Among the buildings it protects are the Pentagon, State Department headquarters and the U.S. Supreme Court.

- A line of thick, steel posts known as bollards, set four feet into the ground and rising four feet above ground, stand in front of the columned U.S. Courthouse.

Military operation frees American hostage

MOSCOW - An American worker for the aid group Doctors Without Borders was released unharmed after nearly a month of captivity in rebel Chechnya and said Sunday he would consider going back to work in the war-ravaged region.

"I feel OK," 38-year-old Kenneth Gluck said in brief remarks broadcast on television from K h a n k a l a, where the Russian military operation in Chechnya is headquartered. "The kidnappers treated me quite well. They did not beat me or anything."

Gluck was freed Saturday night in an operation conducted by the Federal Security Service, which directs the Russian campaign against rebels in Chechnya, said a service spokesman Alexander Zdanovich in K h a n k a l a.

Agents of the service, known by the acronym FSB, had been



Kenneth Gluck

Nation in brief

following Gluck's kidnappers for days but had been unable to act "without putting his life in danger," Zdanovich said. "When the moment came, we moved in and secured his release."

"Not a kopeck was paid" in ransom, Zdanovich said, but did not give further details. Gluck did not say who had held him hostage; Russian officials previously said he was being held by fighters allied to a warlord who goes by the name Yakub.

Study finds most stroke victims delay care too long

TRENTON, N.J. - Most patients who suffer a stroke are waiting too long to get to a hospital for care, increasing the risk of serious disability or death, according to a study at 10 New Jersey hospitals.

The study by researchers at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey found only 46 percent of stroke patients came to a hospital within three

hours, when treatment can best prevent permanent disability caused by too little blood flow to the brain.

"Despite multiple national efforts to promote public awareness, more than half the patients failed to (arrive) within that window-of-time," said lead researcher Dr. Clifton R. Lacy, chief of the division of cardiovascular diseases at the university's Robert Wood Johnson Medical School in New Brunswick.

Altogether, 61 percent of the 553 stroke patients studied came to a hospital within six hours of the onset of symptoms, the outer limit, when doctors have a chance of preventing brain damage, paralysis and other severe effects.

Bush administration refrains from input in Israeli election

WASHINGTON - The Bush administration will stay on the sidelines and let Israel vote on a new government this week without input from the United States, top foreign policy advisers said Sunday.

"We will not make a judg-

ment," Secretary of State Colin Powell said on ABC's "This Week." "We believe it's up to the Israeli people to decide who their prime minister will be, and as you've noticed so far in the Bush administration we have elected not to show a preference."

Hardliner Ariel Sharon is considered the front-runner in Tuesday's election over incumbent Ehud Barak, whose support has plunged over his unsuccessful peace efforts with the Palestinians and the recent violence in the region.

"This administration, as well as the rest of the world, has to be prepared to work with the Israeli prime minister, whether it is Mr. Barak or it is Mr. Sharon," Bush's national security adviser, Condoleezza Rice, said on CNN's "Late Edition."

Phillips Petroleum agrees to buy Tosco in oil deal

NEW YORK - Phillips Petroleum Co. has agreed to acquire Tosco Corp. for \$7 billion in stock, creating the nation's second-largest oil refiner and one of the largest gasoline retailers.

The transaction was approved by the boards of both companies on Sunday and is expected to be completed by the third quarter of 2001.

Under terms of the deal, Phillips will assume approximately \$2 billion in Tosco debt.

Valuing Tosco shares at \$46.50, Phillips is offering 0.80 of one of its shares for each share of Tosco. Tosco shares closed Friday at \$34.61 on the New York Stock Exchange.

Report: Continental, Delta airlines discuss a merger

ATLANTA - Delta Air Lines, the nation's third-largest carrier, and Continental Airlines reportedly have begun merger talks in which Continental would acquire the much larger Delta.

The discussions are "very informal" and "in the very early stage," an industry source told The Washington Post on condition of anonymity.

Neither Atlanta-based Delta nor Houston-based Continental, the fifth-largest carrier, would comment Sunday.

- compiled from wire reports

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Franklin could solve California's power crisis

When we consider the serious electricity shortage in California, our reaction as concerned Americans is: Ha ha! No, seriously, we are alarmed. Because history teaches us that whatever happens to California - smog, road rage, tofu, coffee that is mainly air, cell phones, the belief that abdominal muscles are attractive, Shirley Maclaine, post-aging rollerblading seriously, grandmothers sporting new, flagrantly inappropriate bosoms - eventually happens to the rest of the nation. Thus it is vital that we analyze the California electricity shortage and see if we can develop a workable solution before we become bored and change the subject.

Electrons are formed when clouds rub together and become excited. This was proved in the famous experiment wherein Benjamin Franklin flew a kite during a thunderstorm and was almost killed. Encouraged by this success, Franklin went on to conduct many more electrical experiments, until finally one night he was caught

wearing only a bonnet and playing "Mister Potter Rides the Pony" in a thunderstorm, leaving the authorities with no choice but to arrest him and make him ambassador to France.

Nevertheless, Franklin had proved an important scientific point, which is that electricity originates inside clouds. There, it forms into lightning, which is attracted to the earth by golfers. After entering the ground, the electricity hardens into coal, which, when dug up by power companies and burned in big ovens called "generators," turns back into electricity, which is sent in the form of "volts" through special wires with birds sitting on them to consumers' homes, where it is transformed by TV sets into commercials for beer, which passes through the consumers and back into the ground, completing what is known as a "circuit."

But enough technical talk. The problem is that California is running out of electricity. The situation is so bad that in some hospitals, they don't have enough electricity to power the electric shock paddles that get people's hearts started again, instead, the doctors and nurses have to hold hands, scuff their feet across the carpet in unison, then shout "clear!" as they touch the patient's chest.

Who is responsible for California's electricity shortage? You could blame the power companies, or you could blame the entertainment industry, which uses over 750 billion watts of electricity per day just to blow-dry the cast of "Dawson's Creek." But you would be wrong. Because obviously the real cause of the California electricity shortage is college students.

I bet this statement on the widespread observation of my son, who is a college student. If my son is in a room, then every electrical device within 200 yards of that room will be running. My son doesn't even have to turn the devices on; they activate themselves spontaneously in response to his presence. Now take my son and multiply him by the number of college students in California, which according to my research is "(EDITOR: Please insert number of college students in California)" and you see my point, which is "(EDITOR: Please insert my point)."

The question is: What can the rest of us do to help our fellow countrypersons in California? The answer is that we can send them our spare electricity. Just imagine what would happen if all the millions of us in California got out their extension cords and connected them together, forming a giant electrical "chain of helping" across the fruited plain to the Golden State. Millions of people would be turned into generous smoking lumps of carbon, that's what. So maybe we should try the Franklin method. This involves building a really, really, really big kite.

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SURVIVING A BROKEN HIP

Technology offers new hope for the elderly patient

By Joan Bean
Times-News correspondent

TWIN FALLS - For some senior citizens, a broken hip and the surgery that follows can be a life-threatening combination.

But as the progress that former President Ronald Reagan, who broke his hip in December shows, that's not necessarily inevitable for those people anymore.

Successful recovery from a broken hip often depends on the physical condition of the patient, said Dr. Frederick Surbaugh, a Twin Falls orthopedic surgeon.

"Especially patients who are already debilitated - for instance, the ones who have had a stroke and are partially paralyzed, or people who have Alzheimer's or Parkinson's disease, where their coordination and mobility is already impaired," he said. "If they fracture their hip, many times it tips them over to the point that they can't ambulate very successfully."

These folks - and Reagan is among them, suffering from Alzheimer's - may take months to get back to an ambulatory status, compared to those who don't have those conditions at the same age and who break a hip, Surbaugh said. Generally the latter group are up and walking relatively soon.

Still, among the elderly 20 percent of those who fracture a hip die within the first year, he said. That's because of a cascade of events.

Older people generally are starting to develop heart disease and may have an arrhythmia that causes them to fall down and break a hip. Or, they may be developing Parkinson's disease that is impairing their coordination and causes them to fall, he said.

Many of these patients are headed for trouble with multiple system problems like osteoporosis of the spine, emphysema, coronary artery disease with heart attacks and strokes and cancer, Surbaugh said.

"So a lot of the things are starting to affect the same age group, and it isn't always just the hip fracture that's the primary cause of their demise in that first year," he said. "It's a combination of things."

Hip replacement is more often needed by folks in the older population. But not always. Surbaugh said some patients in their 30s and 40s develop hip trouble. "One's who have had congenital dislocation of the hips or who lose the ball part of the hip due loss of blood supply - a problem almost like a heart attack," he said. "The bone collapses and dies and then the joint becomes rapidly arthritic."

Younger patients, he said, may have had fractures of the hip that resulted in



An X-ray taken of a hip joint before surgery. The pivotal role of the hip makes designing and replacing joints tricky.

secondary arthritis, and require hip replacement. For Mike Shenk, 48, of Bruneau, it was arthritis that led him to the operating table six weeks ago.

"My hip had been bothering me for two or three years," he said. "It got progressively worse and I especially noticed it if I would sit too long in one place and it was really aching when I tried to move again."

Gradually he found that if he walked too far or was on his feet too much and put weight on his hip, it bothered him. Finally it hurt no matter what he did. He began using a cane when he had to walk on city streets or in a mall.

After taking pain medication and see-

ing a chiropractor for relief, his family physician X-rayed his hip and referred him to Surbaugh. The orthopedic surgeon told him his hip joint had degenerated to the point where there was nothing that could be done for it other than to replace it.

Surbaugh said the decision to replace a hip depends on what level of symptoms a patient has and what kinds of demands he has. There are some new arthritis medications, such as Vioxx and Celebrex, that are helpful but easier on the stomach than aspirin derivative drugs. They can provide relief for a while.

"The gauge we tell patients is when they have pain that they don't feel that they can deal with anymore, or when



Former President Ronald Reagan

they're getting to the point where they are not community ambulators - where they won't walk in the mall, where they can't walk two or three blocks with relative ease, walk upstairs, they're getting to the point where they should consider surgery," he said.

Surbaugh said he thinks engineering technology has improved, and the long term benefits of this kind of surgery look like they are going to be nothing but better.

For 25 years, the greatest problem with hip replacement surgery has been loosening of the components because of wear in the plastic bearing surface of the cup portion of the joint. Then about five years ago, surgeons began using a ceramic head on the femur. These ceramic hips had less wear, but they haven't been followed long enough to determine whether or not there will be significant long term benefit.

The disadvantage of the ceramic ball is that it can potentially fracture under really high stress, such as a hard fall or a motor vehicle accident, where the knee is hit against the dash. But generally they have not had a significant failure rate.

Since the advent of the ceramic hip, a metal-on-metal bearing surface has been developed which has virtually no wear. Surbaugh said the early studies are extremely promising for completely eliminating the plastic wear problem.

"The original hips we started putting in 1970 had an average life span of about 12 to 17 years," he said. "We think that with the improved wear technology in the metal on metal hips that they may last for the lifetime of the patient, rather than have a finite amount of time that they'll stand the stress of walking and weight bearing."

Surbaugh said there has been another major change in the old-style hips in the metal bearing surface against plastic (high density polyethylene) in the past six months. It was discovered that irradiating the plastic causes increased cross-links in the plastic structure so that it gets stronger and more resistant to wear. The new high-density polyethylene is the same bearing surface that has always been used, and is called a highly cross-linked polyethylene.

"If this bearing surface is as good as the engineers say it is then all we have to do is put-in hips basically designed like we've always used, which have a chrome cobalt bearing surface on the head, high density polyethylene in the cup part - but the cup is made out of this much tougher polyethylene," he said. "Then maybe we're going to eliminate an awful lot of the hip problems that we've seen in the past."

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Orthopedic surgeon explains hip surgery procedures

The Times-News

TWIN FALLS - Hip replacement takes about an hour to an hour and a half to perform. About one-fourth to one-fifth of patients may require a transfusion of a pint or two of blood.

Twin Falls orthopedic surgeon Dr. Frederick Surbaugh explained that the ball is cut

from the thigh bone, after taking a bone graft to supplement the fixation both on the cup side and the marrow side on the femur. The surface of the old socket is smoothed and the new socket press-fit into the pelvis.

"And then we drive a shell in that's two millimeters bigger than the hole we've created," he said. "And inside that titanium

shell we put either a plastic or a metal-plastic bearing surface."

Once that is impacted into that shell it stays there and forms a new cup, Surbaugh said.

The new hip stem is press-fit into the head of the thighbone. Then the new ball and socket are joined.

Patients are generally out of the hospital and into a transition-

al care unit or nursing home for extra physical therapy in five to seven days, sooner for younger patients. They are usually walking well in two to three weeks with crutches or a walker, with most of this in six weeks.

They steadily gain motion for up to two or three years after the surgery, but most of the recovery occurs in the first three to six

months.

Surbaugh said hip replacement is generally easy to recover from.

"Studies that are done on patients that have had intensive physical therapy and those that are given none, show that at the end of six months you can't tell the difference in the groups," he said. "So basically you can't keep a total hip from getting well."

Take care before cutting plaid

Plaid fabrics are very popular this season, but some home-sewers are hesitant to work with them. Take the time to learn the basic principles of plaid layout, cutting and matching, and you'll find the actual construction quite easy.

Choosing garment patterns you'll want to position the motif attractively on the body, with color bars matching across seams, so choose a simple style with few pieces. Details will only interrupt the plaid design. Check the back of the pattern envelope to make sure it doesn't say "unsuitable for plaids." Better yet, look for a fashion illustration that features plaid fabric.

Also, see if you will need extra fabric for matching. To determine how much, measure a complete block or repeat and multiply that by the number of major pieces.

Selecting fabric. The size of the plaid should be in propor-



SEWING
Barbara Gash

tion to your body type. (Don't buy plaids from tiny sample swatches or you won't be able to tell.) Avoid inexpensive printed plaids that might be off.

Plaids consist of a series of vertical and horizontal bars that intersect at right angles. An even-plaid has a perfectly square repeat. On an uneven plaid, the lengthwise and crosswise color bars are arranged unevenly.

Layout and cutting. Before cutting, adjust the pattern for fit. If the fabric is folded, pin at frequent intervals to line up the vertical and horizontal bars. Place a dominant lengthwise bar

in the center and try to put a dominant horizontal bar near the hemline.

Matching is done at stitching lines, not cutting lines. Likely match points will be front armholes, and front, back and side seams.

Line the corresponding front and back tissue pattern pieces so the side seams match. You can even trace the color bars onto the tissue on all major pattern pieces. To maintain your matched points, pin generously and stitch a little slower than usual to prevent shifting at the machine.

Add interest to your garment by turning some pieces on the bias grain, especially detailed areas such as cuffs, pockets and yokes.

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Dietary supplement may slow arthritis progression

A dietary supplement may retard the progression of arthritis, researchers in Europe and the United States have found. Osteoarthritis, the most common form of arthritis, is caused by the breakdown of cartilage, which results in pain and swelling. Current medications for arthritis help relieve symptoms, but they may worsen the progression of the disease. Researchers investigated the effects of the dietary supplement glucosamine sulfate on arthritis progression. The researchers randomly divided 212 patients with arthritis into two groups that either received glucosamine sulfate or a sham treatment. X-rays of the participants' knees showed that people who received the sham treatment lost an average of 0.31 millimeters in the space between the joints compared with a loss of 0.06 millimeters for people taking glucosamine sulfate.

Health notes

Cholesterol's red flag

A genetic test gives early warning of high blood cholesterol, researchers in the Netherlands have found. For some people, elevated blood cholesterol levels are due to genetic rather than dietary factors. These people, with familial hypercholesterolemia, or FH, need to be identified as early as possible. FH is identified through blood cholesterol tests and family history of premature heart disease. Researchers - investigated whether genetic screening would be feasible. The researchers screened 5,442 relatives of 237 people with FH and found 2,039 to have a mutation in the receptor gene for bad cholesterol, or LDL - compiled from wire service reports

HEALTH & FASHION

Pills can help the heart

The Providence Journal

The development of cholesterol-lowering medications, particularly the class of drugs known as statins, is considered a major factor in the steady decline in heart-disease deaths in this country over the past 30 years.

These drugs work well with few side effects. Yet a surprising number of people miss out on the benefits because they simply don't take their medicine.

It's a problem gaining recognition, and inspiring additional study. The wonders of medical science can't save people's lives if people refuse or neglect to swallow their medications. Why would someone leave a potentially life-saving drug in the medicine cabinet?

Susan Andrade, a pharmacy professor at the University of Rhode Island, who has studied patients' use of cholesterol-lowering medications, says that about half the people who are prescribed a cholesterol-lowering drug by a primary-care doctor stop taking the medication.

"Most patients drop off medications between three to six months," Andrade says. "You have to do something quick to get them to stay on it."

Just as high cholesterol didn't produce any symptoms, the medication that lowers it isn't going to make the patient feel any better. That makes it hard for patients to remember, or believe, how important such drugs are.

Grace Macalino, a professor of community health at Brown University, who is studying ways to encourage people with HIV to stick to their complicated medication regimens, says that many people don't really believe the medications work. Their doctors may not have explained the drugs' importance, or the patient may simply distrust the doctor. Chances are, the doctor never even asked the patient whether he or she was willing to take pills.

"How a physician approaches a patient about this is oftentimes overlooked," Macalino says. "Providers do have an impact." If a doctor explains the medication and is open and responsive to patients' questions and concerns, the patient is more likely to follow the prescription.

"A lot of times when people are first told they're sick, there's a shock and that's all they're processing," Macalino says. Sometimes it works better to schedule a separate appointment to discuss medication, after the patient has adjusted to an idea of having a chronic illness.

Even those who, intellectually, accept the medication's value may have a hard time incorporating this little task into their daily lives.

"Some people use the excuse they forgot," Andrade says. "They're just not motivated to take it. There are a number of reasons. Some people don't want to take a pill every day of their life. Some don't believe their condition is serious enough to warrant medication. Also, there's the cost."

"I'm not very compliant myself when I have to take anything." The health-care provider could help the patient find a way to remember the pill, Macalino says, by inquiring about regular habits that the pill can be part of. Does the patient drink coffee each

Helpful hints

To help people stay on their cholesterol-lowering medication, the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute offers these tips:

- Ask your doctor what you are being treated for and how each medicine helps.
- Know the side effects.
- Ask your doctor how the medication interacts with your other medications and the foods you eat.
- Ask your doctor what to do if you miss a dose or have problems with side effects.
- Keep your doctor informed of how your medicine is working for you. For help in remembering to take your pill, the institute suggests:
 - Take your medication at the same

time as other daily activities, such as setting your alarm clock or brushing your teeth.

- Set your watch alarm to go off when it's time to take the medication.
- Place a reminder card in a visible place.
- Have a family member or friend remind you.
- Use a medication box that will hold your entire day's supply of medicine.
- If you're still having trouble remembering, tell your doctor. He or she might be able to simplify your medication schedule or put your medication in special containers called blister packs.
 - Source: The Providence Journal

morning. That might be the time to take the pill. "A side-by-side conversation goes a long way in terms of patients remembering to do things," Macalino says.

The act of taking a pill can carry meaning beyond the attempt to ward off illness. It's a reminder, once a day, every day, that you could become severely ill and die. That's the sort of thing one naturally wants to forget.

Even without such psychological factors, it's hard to stick to any routine, especially when there are no apparent benefits to doing so. When you're sick, and you take a pill that makes you feel better, you're motivated to stick with it. But that Lipitor pill? What Lipitor pill?

Studies show, Macalino says, "that more frequent contact with health care is better in those situations. It drives home the fact that this is serious, something that does have to be taken care of."

Side effects from medication can also prompt a person to stop taking it. Here, too, good communication with the physician is critical. He or she can provide a different dosage, a different drug—or in some cases the assurance that the side effects will abate with time.

The class of cholesterol-lowering drugs known as statins—

brand names are Lipitor (atorvastatin), Pravachol (pravastatin), Lescol (fluvastatin), Mevacor (lovastatin), Zocor (simvastatin), and Baycol (cerivastatin)—have few side effects for most people, says Dr. Paul Gordon, a cardiologist at Miriam Hospital and Brown.

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HEALTH & FASHION

Study: Americans need more sleep

Knight Ridder News Service

Here's hoping that you'll find this story a real snooze. Because chances are you could use a good night's sleep.

A study released last year by the National Sleep Foundation in Washington, D.C., found that 40 percent of American adults are so sleepy during the day that it interferes with their daily activities — like work and driving.

Sixty-two percent of Americans said they have problems sleeping at least a few nights a week or more.

And now comes the latest bedtime story: A new study of customers of IKEA, the Swedish furniture retailer, found that the professionals who lost the most sleep over job stress include teachers, nurses and newspaper reporters. (We can verify the last.)

Lawyers, the survey found, slept the best. (No comment.)

When it comes to the lack of sleep, we often have only ourselves to blame. The reasons are too late at night; we down a few brews before bunking down and we insist on initiating heavy, heart-to-hearts with our spouses after we get into bed — big mistake there.

Worse, we don't go to bed at the same time each night.

Insomnia is an inconvenience, it's not a serious disorder. We all experience insomnia at some point in our life," says

Factoids and tips on sleep

Eight hours? Most experts recommend seven to nine hours of sleep a day for everyone. But recent research suggests teens need nine to 10 hours.

Even teens who get to bed at a decent hour have a hard time getting up, and parents think they are lazy and can't get out of bed," says Dorinda Lambert of Kansas State University's Counseling Services.

"But some of the studies have shown that the younger a person is, particularly with that growth spurt in adolescence, they need more sleep."

Really check: A recent Seventeen magazine survey reported that only about 10 percent of teens get their requisite nine hours.

Sleep-walking women Most women ages 30 to 60 sleep only six hours and 41 minutes a night during the work week, prompting some experts to say women are the most sleep-deprived of all.

Women's menstrual cycles, pregnancy and menopause can all rob sleep. Here's the National Sleep Foundation's

advice for tossing-and-turning women (and anyone, for that matter):

- Exercise regularly, but finish your workout at least three hours before bedtime.
- If you have insomnia, avoid foods and drinks high in sugar and caffeine and avoid salty foods and alcohol.
- Consult your doctor, if needed.

What, me worry?

Swedish furniture retailer IKEA recently asked 624 of its customers to name the top five concerns that keep them awake at night. They said:

- Men: fear of aging, personal weight, spouse's weight, career and personal finance.
- Women: personal finance, world issues, their children, their friends' health and fear of aging.

Up and at 'em

Get into bed only when you're sleepy, advises the U.S. Food and Drug Administration's "How to Get a Good Night's Sleep" guide. It can't fix

asleep in 15 to 20 minutes, get out of bed and read a book or do something relaxing. (Save a marriage: Don't toss and turn.)

To nap or not to nap?

Some studies recommend napping, others don't. But if you do, don't nap in the evening; the best time is midafternoon. And don't nap longer than 20 minutes, says Kansas City sleep expert Marilyn Eason. Any longer and you'll sink into a deep sleep and be cranky when you wake up.

Sleep aids

- The National Sleep Foundation, Washington, D.C., an independent nonprofit group that educates the public about sleep and sleep disorders: (202) 347-3471. <http://www.sleepfoundation.org/>
- American Academy of Sleep Medicine, Rochester, Minn., offers information on sleep and sleep-related disorders: (507) 287-8006. <http://www.aasma.org/>

—Source: The Kansas City Star

Marilyn Eason, director of Total Sleep Diagnostics of Kansas in Olathe, Kan.

If, however, your difficulty in falling asleep, or staying asleep, drags on for several months, then there's something to be concerned about," says Eason, who tests patients, at physician request, for problems such as

sleep apnea and narcolepsy. If slumber eludes you, you might not be practicing good sleep hygiene.

"To straighten out a sleep cycle, it's best to dedicate time to getting a regular bedtime and a regular wake time, seven nights and seven mornings," says Eason, who gives presenta-

tions on sleep to local primary-care physicians. "And don't do what a lot of people do on the weekends: They'll stay up late and sleep in."

It's not a good idea, either, to try to "catch up" on lost sleep by oversleeping; doing so might reset your body "clock" to a different cycle.

American Red Cross to offer CPR class

The American Red Cross will offer a cardiopulmonary resuscitation and first aid instructor class at 6 p.m. today through Thursday at the chapter office, 718 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. The class will include adult, child, infant CPR and first aid instruction, and workplace first aid and safety.

For more information or to register, call 733-6464 or (888) 367-6321.

Marrow registry

Bone marrow registration will begin from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. today through Thursday at the Southern Idaho Regional Cancer Center, 656 Addison Ave. W., Twin Falls.

Donors must be between 18-60 years old and in good health. For more information, call 737-2441.

Learning childbirth

Childbirth refresher course will be offered from 7-10 p.m. Tuesday in the Education Center at Magic Valley Regional Medical Center in Twin Falls.

Fee is \$15. Preregistration is required, call 737-2900.

CPR education

A CPR class will be offered

To do for you

from 4-7 p.m. Tuesday in the doctors' meeting room at MVRMC.

Fee is \$11. To register, call 737-2007.

Childbirth classes

Prepared childbirth classes will be offered from 7:30 p.m. Wednesdays, beginning this Wednesday through March 7, at the St. Benedict's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome. The five-week series includes a refresher class on Feb. 14 and a cesarean class on Feb. 21.

The classes are free for those who will be delivering at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center. To register, call 324-4301.

Alzheimer's support

Ashley Manor Care Center in Burley will offer an Alzheimer's Support Group which will meet from 7-8 p.m. Thursday at the Golden Heritage Senior Citizens Center, 2421 Overland in Burley.

For more information, call Peggy Mallow at 431-0871 or Mandy Orthman at 677-5451.

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A CPR class will be offered

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Workplace first aid

The American Red Cross is offering a Workplace Training: Standard-First-Aid course at 9 a.m. Saturday at the chapter office, 718 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls. The class will include adult CPR and first-aid instruction.

Preregistration and prepayment are required. For more information or to register, call 733-6464 or (888) 367-6321.

Parenting education

Parenting education classes will be offered at 7 p.m. Feb. 12, 19 and 26 at St. Benedict's Family Medical Center's Health Education Center, 115 Fifth Ave. W., Jerome.

The session will cover "Parenting Apart" and is for divorced or separated parents. Child care will not be provided during the class.

To register or for more information, call 324-1122, Ext. 3283.

Bereavement support

The Here and Now Bereavement Support Group will meet at 1 p.m. Feb. 15 at Hospice

Visions, 308 Shoshone St. E., Twin Falls.

For more information, call Flo at 735-0121.

Cardiac risk profile 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, call MVRMC Laboratory Services at 737-2021 or stop by the main entrance lobby at the medical center to receive a coupon.

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

Bigger eyelids need darker eyeshadow

DEAR PAULA: I have deep-set eyes and when I follow the directions for eyeshadow in most magazines such as placing a "lighter color on the lid and a darker color in crease," my eyes end up looking almost sunken. I have switched the colors to placing the darker shade on the lid and lighter in the crease bringing the dark color out to the outer corner of my eye to just below the brow bone, and lightest on brow bone.

This looks better, but I would really like a way of using the colors so that my eyes look their best.



ly about someone who has started using baby shampoo as her facial cleanser because it would remove her eye makeup without stinging, and it is much cheaper than most cleansers.

Is this a good idea? If it is, would it be appropriate for someone with oily skin? I just was blown away by this one!

— CINDY, VIA E-MAIL

when was the last time anyone used a shampoo that burned their eyes? Most every shampoo made nowadays follows the basic formula prototype of baby shampoo.

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Experts stress importance of abdomen

New York Daily News

NEW YORK — We have a gut-wrenching ambivalence about our abdominal muscles.

For most of us, the all-important stomach, oblique and back muscles make up the least exercised, most neglected and consistently covered-up part of our bodies. Experts say that as much as 80 percent of all back pain — the most common cause of worker's compensation claims and the second-greatest cause of lost work time in the United States — can be attributed in whole or in part to insufficiently strong back, belly and hip flexor muscles.

Yet with fashion's fetishistic emphasis on bellybutton jewelry, midriff tops and six-pack abs, and an increasing awareness of the importance of a strong structural center, a core group of fashion and exercise buffs have made "core strength" their core focus.

"I have one lady right now whose belly is really out of whack," says Ronald Joseph, a personal trainer in Manhattan. "She just got a bellybutton ring for motivation, to help her lose the weight and tighten her muscles."

"I have clients who tell me, 'All I want to do is focus on my stomach.' They're happy with their butt. They're happy with their legs. They'll do cardio on their own. But they can't do their abs on their own, and that's why they want a trainer."

Even the most ardent exercisers regard gut work as the grunt part of the workout — onerous, unpleasant and slow to show



Many Americans ignore their abdomens in exercise regimens, but experts say abdominal work is the most important.

results. It's true that muscles in the abdominal wall take longer to tone an sculpt than those in the limbs, but they are essential to supporting all the fragile, often-problematic muscles of the lower back. Abdominal work can

also be risky. If a novice attacks a "crunch" machine with too much weight and improper form, for example, he can throw out his back before he has a chance to strengthen it. Fear, intolerance and ignorance

— not to mention the avoidance of discomfort — conspire to make the core the body's most neglected part.

"Most people focus on cardio work and overlook strength and flexibility," says David Upton, an exercise physiologist in Fort Worth, Texas, who heads a company that designs fitness programs. If your only exercise is jogging, you're neglecting strength and flexibility training at your own peril. Such single-activity exercisers, Upton warns, "wind up with injuries because their limbs and core muscles aren't sufficiently strong, and tendons and ligaments aren't sufficiently flexible" to sustain high-impact workouts.

A program that strengthens the body for exercise and activities of daily living — grocery-hauling, baby-sleeping, gardening — offers benefits beyond muscle toning. It has long been known that "apples" — people who carry excess pounds in their bellies — are at higher risk for heart disease and heart attacks than "pears" — people who carry their weight in the thighs and buttocks.

By sculpting the muscles of the trunk, "your risk factor will go down and your percentage of body fat goes down," says Upton, who is also a spokesman for the American Council on Exercise. "The cardio works from the outside and removes the fat. But the strength training works from the inside out: It makes you structurally well-supported, defined and toned. That's what makes you like what you see when you look in the mirror."

No caffeine fear: Coffee popularity booms

The Dallas Morning News

Love it or hate it. Crave it or avoid it. Coffee is becoming more popular by the day.

More and more Americans are guzzling it with abandon — even in the face of some scientific reports that warn against excessive consumption of coffee's most notorious ingredient: caffeine.

Coffee attracted 26 million new consumers in the 1990s, for an all-time high of 79 percent of the adult population, according to a 2000 survey by the coffee industry.

That doesn't count people like 16-year-old Kyle Green, who became a coffee drinker shortly after he got his driver's license last year. "If we're driving around with nothing to do after a play or a football game, we can get a cup of coffee," says the Richardson, Texas high school junior. "It's cheaper than buying a meal at a restaurant."

While 110 million adults were daily coffee drinkers last year, an additional 51 million consumed an occasional cup, says the National Coffee Association, a trade group of importers, roasters and retailers. The fastest-growing group of daily coffee drinkers is 18- to 24-year olds, concluded the association, which surveyed 2,950 people last January.

"This shift in drinking habits among young adults augers well for the coffee industry," says Robert F. Nelson, association president.

However, some medical researchers are not embracing the idea of a younger generation of coffee drinkers. More likely, they say, young-coffee-sippers have not been exposed to the decades of debate over caffeine and the ever-changing list of suspected health problems, researchers say.

"Caffeine is the world's most widely consumed mood-altering drug," maintains Dr. Roland Griffiths, a professor of psychiatry and neuroscience at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. His 1994 research documented a "caffeine dependence" among volunteers who ingested the equivalent of four cups of coffee per day; roughly 350 milligrams of caffeine.

Most of his subjects experienced restlessness, anxiety and insomnia, and suffered minor withdrawal symptoms including headaches and jitters, he says. But it was a far cry from the effects of other addictive substances, including cigarettes and hard drugs.

"As far as mind-altering drugs go, it's the most benign," Griffiths says of caffeine's effects. "But it's a drug, and it does have some implications for people with health risks." Such people may include pregnant women, postmenopausal women and people



Coffee has become more and more popular despite scientific reports that warn against excessive caffeine.

with high blood pressure. Coffee, of course, isn't the only caffeine dispenser in the American diet. Caffeine can be

found in tea; soft drinks; chocolate; ice cream and yogurt that contain coffee flavors; and in certain medications, including Excedrin and Anacin.

However, in the United States, the caffeine king is coffee, considering the number of people who consume it and the amount they drink every day. Daily coffee drinkers, who consumed an average of 3.1 cups a day last year, also swallowed 300 to 700 milligrams of caffeine in those cups.

But the hundreds of scientific studies that have tried to link caffeine with various diseases have not made a compelling case for avoiding it altogether. In fact, caffeine studies have gone back and forth over the years. Some are even indicating that caffeine consumption might be a benefit for certain health conditions.

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Many women ignore heart disease risk

The Providence Journal

Many women are oblivious to their grave risk for heart disease. They have no idea what heart-attack symptoms would feel like. They ignore the danger signs and carry on.

They delay going to the emergency room until it's too late. And then, to make matters worse, they frequently receive substandard care.

That's the problem. You would think that Debbie Smith, a registered nurse at Kent County Memorial Hospital, might have been an exception.

But the myth that women do not get heart disease is entrenched in our society.

And Smith, like so many others, ignored her early symptoms. She just went to work one Saturday in the midst of an episode.

She did ask another nurse to check her blood pressure, saying, "I feel like my head is going to blow up. It's like a vice grip, tightening and tightening."

Later that day, when her sudden, severe headache continued along with a drastic rise in blood pressure, she called her doctor. The physician's assistant on duty told her to take Excedrin Migraine, and to call the doctor on Monday.

After suffering all weekend, she did just that.

Over the next five weeks, she had a battery of tests, including an MRI. Doctors hypothesized that she had either multiple sclerosis or a rare kidney tumor.

Her ordeal began with a symptom typical of women's heart disease: a general malaise.

"It was nothing I could pinpoint. I didn't feel great, so I went back to bed, which I rarely do," she says.

She awoke with pain that she thought was indigestion. Later, her symptoms became more traditional. The pain moved from her abdomen to her chest, she became sweaty, and she had trouble breathing.

Smith, 49 at the time, called out to her daughter: "You have to call Daddy and then call 911, because I think I am going to die."

The emergency technicians administered aspirin and nitroglycerin before taking her to the hospital.

By the time she arrived, she was symptom-free and feeling foolish for being there. And because her cardiogram and her blood work were normal, her health-insurance company refused admission. Her physician kept her overnight for observation, and called in a cardiologist.

Smith was also in denial. Even though she lay in the cardiac unit hooked up to machines that monitored her heart, she rejected the notion of a heart attack. She attributed the numbness developing in her left arm to carpal-tunnel syndrome.

Smith was released with instructions to get a stress test, which took weeks to schedule. Five minutes into the test, she had to stop. She was having trouble breathing. The test showed her heart wasn't getting enough blood.

The cardiologist summoned her to his office. Reality was setting in, Smith says: "It's never a good call that the doctor wants to see you."

He told her that she had blockage in her heart, and he had already scheduled her for cardiac catheterization.

The blockage could not be removed. An angioplasty specialist was added to the team, and, three days later, he cleared a small block and inserted a stent.

Smith avoided a heart attack and has no heart damage.

A woman's heart is new territory for many physicians.

Knowledge about heart disease in women simply has not been available because women were excluded from early heart research.

Over the past decade, new studies have revealed that women's heart attacks manifest in unique and subtle ways. Also, it's been learned that women's risk factors are different.

Having received little training in women's heart disease, doctors are unprepared to counsel women on prevention, to monitor them for risks, and to diagnose their heart disease accurately.

Lack of big flu season doesn't reassure health officials

The Dallas Morning News

The annual cold and flu season, despite an ominous beginning, hasn't proved to be particularly memorable.

January and February are typically when hankie-clutching masses overwhelm local doctors' offices and emergency rooms. So far, though, both here and elsewhere, this season appears to be milder than last.

But health officials aren't breathing easier just yet.

Viruses can always hold surprises. Despite more knowledge than ever about the spread of respiratory diseases, the natural cycle of infection, and even the intricate machinery of any given virus,

there's still a lot of mystery to colds-and-flu-say-flu-specialists with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

"You'll never hear people in the influenza branch predicting what the flu season will be like," said the CDC's Dr. Carolyn Bridges.

The severity of the flu season depends a lot on the virus that's circulating and the susceptibility of the population. For example, if one year's flu virus is similar genetically to the next, people's immune systems are already somewhat prepared. Fewer members of the population will be vulnerable.

CDC officials released an update on the flu epidemic on

Jan. 26, saying that flu activity through Jan. 13 was "low to moderate, but increasing."

Exact data for the number of cold and flu victims don't exist. Most people suffer at home without seeing a doctor, out-of-sight of public health authorities. Studies suggest that in any given season, about 10 to 20 percent of the population will get sick. Friday's report said that 2 percent to 3 percent of doctor visits have been for influenza-like illness.

Cold viruses don't necessarily follow influenza's lead, although this year's cold season also appears to be milder than many in years past, experts say. That's partly because one of the most notorious causes of winter colds,

called respiratory syncytial virus, isn't quite as active as usual.

Respiratory syncytial viruses make up some of the more than 100 types of viruses that can cause a cold. The most common and most studied cold culprits are rhinoviruses.

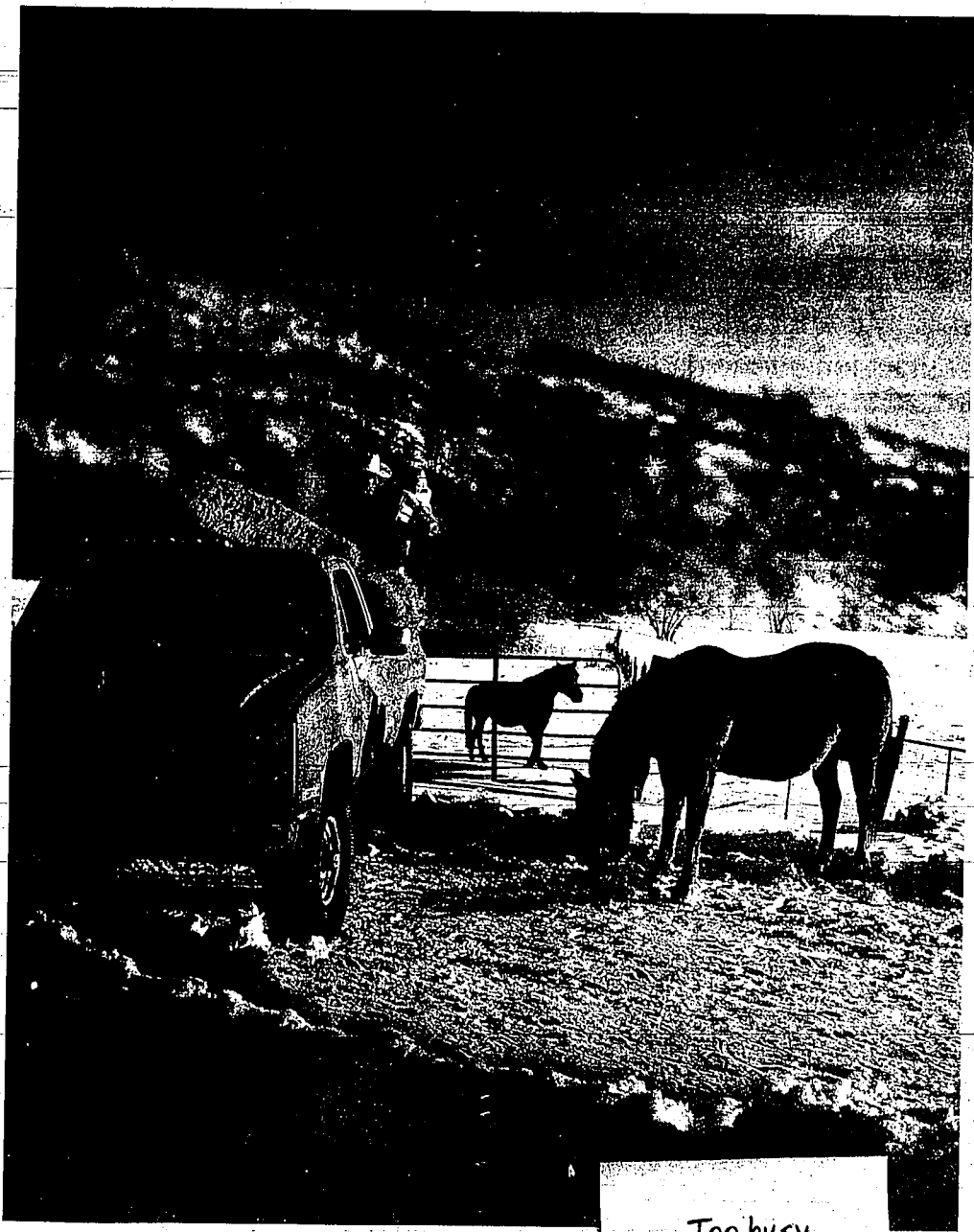
"Rhinovirus lives in the greatest frequency and quantity in noses and throats of children," said Dr. Jack Gwaltney of the University of Virginia, who has studied the common cold for more than four decades.

Parents, fastidiously wiping a child's nose, will pick up the germs on their fingers. They then rub their noses or eyes and end up with colds themselves.

The virus doesn't need a lot of

accomplices, either, to cause an infection. Even a single rhinovirus particle can be enough to cause infection, Gwaltney said. But not everyone who becomes infected with rhinovirus will experience a stuffy nose, sore throat and cough—all consequences of an immune system in overdrive. Why some people develop symptoms and others don't is unclear.

Parents then spread the virus to co-workers and others who don't necessarily have adorable germ factories in the house. While cold viruses live in droplets expelled through sneezes and sneezes, most virus spreads on people's hands, studies suggest.



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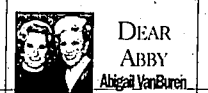
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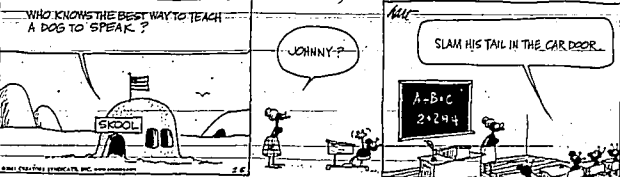
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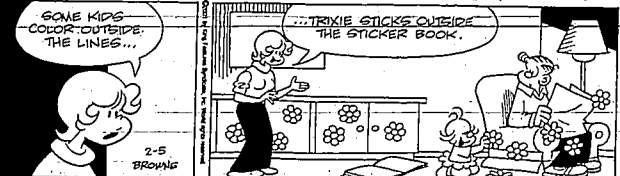
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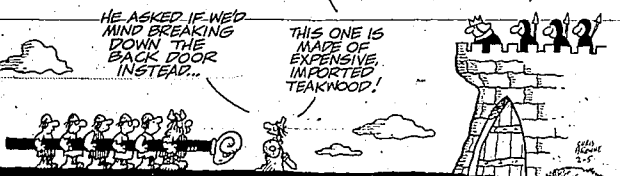
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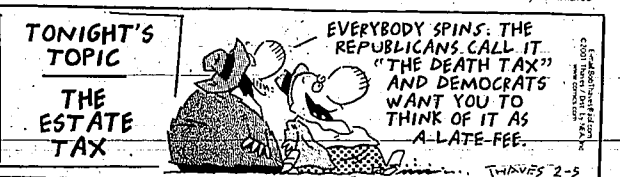
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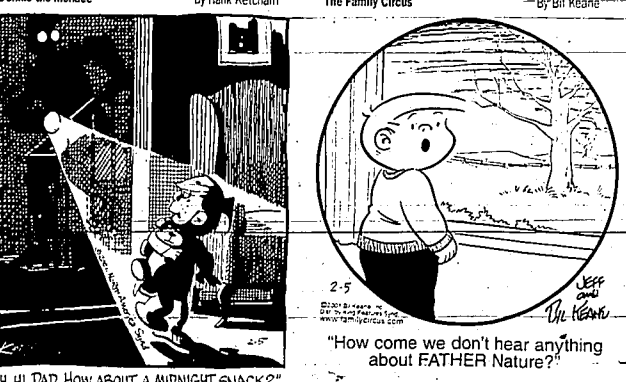


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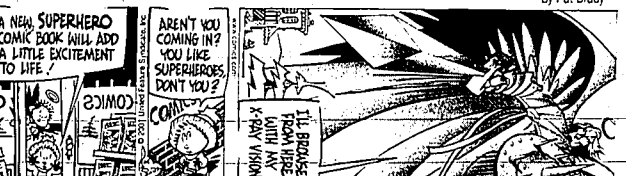
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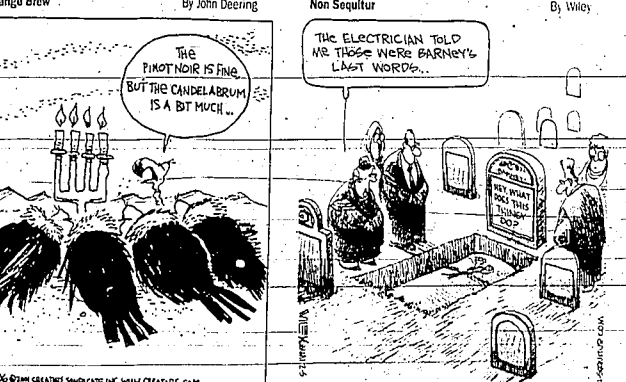


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- 822 Tools & Machinery
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- 905 Specialty Equipment
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Wanted in busy office. Bring resume to office at 12:30 pm only. Salary negotiable. 834 Falls Ave. Suite 1050, Twin Falls, ID 83301.

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ABC Enterprises, LLC is looking for a full time secretary. This individual must know how to use Microsoft Excel and Word. Great phone and organizational skills a must. Please fax resume to: 208-324-9735.

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Dental Hygienist needed in our office. Pay \$2600 per day. Bonus available. Send resume to Box 96517, The Times-News, P.O. Box 548, Twin Falls, ID 83303.

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Migrant Head Start - Emilia's Zappa in Burley is now recruiting applicants for the following positions: Center Coordinator \$16,000; Health Teacher \$10,000; Health/Nutrition Coordinator \$8,000; Family Support \$6,000; South Inland State Certified Teacher \$9,000; Teachers with Degree or Alternative Credential \$9,000; Teacher \$6,500; Teacher Aide with Degree or Alternative Credential \$5,500; Teacher \$5,500; STUDY UNDERWAY. Contact Rose Bliton, Regional Services Administrator @ 454-1652.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee's Sale No. 02-PR-21882
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY is duly appointed Successor Trustee, with May 11, 2001, at 09:00 A.M. of said day, IN THE LOBBY OF THE OFFICE OF FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY, 260 THIRD AVENUE NORTH, TWIN FALLS, IDAHO, shall public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of TWIN FALLS, State of Idaho, to-wit: Lot 4, Block 2, NORTH POINT RANCH SUBDIVISION, Twin Falls County, Idaho, according to the official plat of record recorded in Book 15 of plans, page 47, records of Twin Falls County, Idaho.

The Trustee has no knowledge of a more particular description of the above-described property but, for purpose of compliance with Section 80-113 of Idaho Code, the Trustee has been informed that the address of 562 Cahill Avenue, Twin Falls, ID 83301, is sometimes associated with said real property.

Said sale will be made without covenant or warranty regarding title, possession or encumbrances to satisfy the obligation secured by the above-described property, as conferred in the deed of trust executed by RAMONA WORATSCHE, a married woman, as Grantor, to TITLE-FACT INC., as trustee, for the benefit and security of PUBLIC MORTGAGE CORP., as beneficiary, recorded October 28, 1998, in instrument No. 1998-019333, Mortgage Records of Twin Falls County, Idaho. The beneficiary interest in this Public Mortgage was assigned to PRINCIPAL RESIDENTIAL MORTGAGE INC., an Iowa Corporation.

THE ABOVE GRANTORS ARE NAMED TO COMPLY WITH SECTION 48-1506(a) OF IDAHO CODE. NO REPRESENTATION IS MADE THAT THEY ARE, OR ARE NOT, PRESENTLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS OBLIGATION.

The default for which this sale is to be made is the failure to pay when due, under the Deed of Trust Note dated October 28, 1998, the monthly payments of \$351.20 per month for the month of NOVEMBER 2000 and \$344.02 for the month of DECEMBER 2000, and all subsequent payments until the date of sale or redemption, with a monthly late charge of \$38.20 and prior accrued late charges of \$33.45, together with beneficiary advances in the amount of \$226.50. The principal balance is \$115,895.93, together with interest thereon at 12.50% per annum from April 1, 2000, until paid. All delinquencies are now due, together with unpaid and accruing taxes, assessments, trustee's fees, attorney's fees, costs and advances made to protect the security associated with this foreclosure.

The Beneficiary elects to sell or cause the trust property to be sold to satisfy said obligation.

DATED: December 29, 2000
FIRST AMERICAN TITLE INSURANCE COMPANY
By Cynthia G. Guafre, Assistant Vice President
NATIONAL TRUSTEE SERVICES CORPORATION
720 Seventh Avenue, Suite 400
Seattle, WA 98104 Phone: (206)340-2550
Fax: Info@nationaltrustee.com www.trustee.com

PUBLISHED: January 22, 29, February 5 and 12, 2001

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC COMMENTS SOUGHT ON LOW-INCOME WEATHERIZATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
The State of Idaho will accept public comment on its annual funding plan for the U.S. Department of Energy's Low-Income Weatherization Assistance Program. The public comment for written testimony is February 5 to February 15, 2001.

The plan is available for review at the Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Division of Welfare, Bureau of Benefit Program Operations - Grants Unit, 2nd floor, 450 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

A Public Hearing on the plan will be held at 9 a.m. on Thursday, February 15, 2001 in the Idaho State Capitol Building, 450 p.

W. State Street, 3rd floor conference room.

The weatherization assistance program provides assistance to low-income families through the installation of weatherization measures to their homes. The weatherization measures include insulation, air sealing and heating system improvements that improve the energy efficiency of the home. Program services help eligible families save money on their heating costs, helping them to become more self-reliant, and ensuring their health and safety.

Summary of changes to the plan:
- Add Lead Safe Work Practices plan
- Average cost per unit increased from \$3,150 to \$3,200
- Energy Audit Compliance

LEGAL NOTICE

Designation of "Exempt" subsidiaries
I send written comments to Idaho Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Benefit Program Operations - Grants Unit, 2nd floor, 450 West State Street, Boise, ID 83720. Any person wishing to submit written comments must have them post-dated on or after February 14, 2001.

PUBLISHED: February 5 and 6, 2001

SERINO, Joseph
AMENDED NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
On Thursday, June 5, 2001 at the hour of 11:00 o'clock a.m. of said day, in the lobby of Twin Falls, Title & Escrow Company, 200 Shoshone Street North, Twin Falls, ID, CHARLES C. JUST, Esq., Attorney at Law, Successor Trustee, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder, for cash, in lawful money of the United States, all payable at the time of sale, the following described real property, situated in the County of Twin Falls, State of Idaho, and described as follows to-wit: Township 10 South, Range 16 East of the Boise Meridian, Twin Falls County, Idaho. The West one-half of the East one-half of Parcel 1 of the COUNTRY ESTATES, also being described as the West one-half of the following described and located within the Northwest Quarter Corner of a 1/4 section, situated in the Northwest corner of said Section 8; Thence South 89°51'29" East, for a distance of 440 feet; Thence North 99°51'26" West, parallel with the North line of said Section 9 for a distance of 252.25 feet; Thence North 00°03'00" West a distance of 440 feet; Thence North 89°51'29" East for a distance of 440 feet to the POINT OF BEGINNING.

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